

Rotary Club of Hout Bay



Bay Breezes

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Raid on Claremont last Tuesday

Twelve of us made the trip to Kelvin Grove on Tuesday for the “raid” on Claremont where we were warmly welcomed by President Suzie and her members. I always find it very interesting to see how other clubs organise themselves and their meetings.

Notwithstanding the noisy intrusion of a party taking place in the main room below, the speaker was able to present a very interesting insight into capturing the attention of the young with the use of social media tools, giving the example of

how a failing museum in Chicago turned around the low level of public interest by these means. Engaging the public in following the life of one young teacher living in the museum for one month through the Facebook, LinkedIn, Website and Twitter channels totally revived the museum.

For those of you who may not be aware, President Suzie and her husband Alain run a French cheese and pate stand at the Biscuit Mill on Saturdays.

Pres. Peter

My Say - by the President

Now that summer is getting underway and our swallows are almost all home, I feel that the our Club is “coming alive”. We need now to all be fully involved in our projects and in fellowship with each other. Attendance at meetings is still as important as ever as is our involvement in the community. We need new ideas, new members and a new effort. We have a pretty full speaker program just at the moment but we need another club brainstorming session and in the meantime get to some ideas going. So let me know. We also need to organise some “day trips” for our own fellowship. More ideas please.

Car Classics Event

Sadly, it looks like the Car Classics event is not going to take place this year given the hurdles now required to jump in order to obtain a liquor licence and thereafter to obtain the event permit having complied with all of the terms of the Safety at Sports and Recreational Activities Act. David Heath and others have been working like Trojans on this but it is really just a Sisyphean task and no real prospect of this happening well before 9th December which was the intended date.

Car Classics is, in fact our only fund raising “event” and while it always proved to be a lot of effort for only a reasonable profit, we do rely on this income. I am therefore throwing it out to all of you to put heads together and come up with another event to generate income. It doesn’t have to be fancy [in fact the simpler the better] but we cannot sit idly by and rely on the Rotarian sitting next to us.

When you read the article from Keith about what Totnes Devon Rotary can do at short notice it is clear that it is only a matter of will and determination. We have some of that don’t we?

Letter from Ashley Newell - All Out Africa

Please take time to read Ashley's letter below. For the benefit of swallows just returned or returning, Ashley has taken over from Shelby Stapleton and works with All Out Africa. She is also our liaison with the IY Health Forum and a very important link for us with the IY and Hangberg communities.

WORLD AIDS DAY – 1 December 2012

To whom it may concern,

The IY Forum consists of a group of Non- Profit Organisations working in the community of Imizamo Yethu, Hout Bay. It was established in 2011 through the need for Organisations in the Community to work more cohesively towards service delivery and to avoid duplication of services. The IY Forum also provides guidance and support to each other and newly established Community Based Organisations. Since its inception several successful community events have been hosted together.

The IY Forum is planning to host a World AIDS Day event on the 1st of December 2013 at Ikhaya le Themba in Imizamo Yethu. The event will attempt to bring all the families and children involved in the IY Forum Organisations together to celebrate the work done in the community, to remember those who have passed away from HIV and to educate the families and children on prevention and testing. We had over 100 families attending our 2011 World Aids Day event and hope to improve this amount.

We would like to invite you, your business, and staff to become involved and join us on World AIDS Day. We require sponsorship for food, beverages and treats for the children. Donations can be either in cash or fresh food items included on our wish list. We need R5000 to adequately feed all the families and children who will be attending. Your kindness would be greatly appreciated. In return for cash donations you will be issued with a Public Benefits Organisation Certificate, which holds tax benefits for you Company or business.

Wish list:

- 1.R5000.00 – allows us to purchase all the food below.
- 2.Fresh Vegetables
- 3.Salad ingredients – lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, cheese.
- 4.Rice
- 5.Chicken or Meat
- 6.Hot dog rolls.
- 7.Vienna's.
- 8.Cooldrinks.
- 9.Snacks for children.

Please let us know if you are interested in getting involved in the wonderful initiative by contacting either mhinti.pato@hotmail.com from Ikhaya le Themba or Ashley Newell at Ashley@alloutafrica.com.

Monetary Donations can be made through Ikhaya le Themba's account:

Account Name: Ikhaya le Themba Project

Name of Bank: First National Bank

Branch Code: 204009

Bank Account Number: 62267677395

Bank Address: Hout Bay

Cheque Account

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Rotary Totnes in Devon are at it again!



Keith and Alison were on duty early morning on Sunday 21 October with Totnes Rotary. After a gap of some 10 years, Rotary set about rejuvenating a raft race over 13 Kms of the River Dart in Devon. The race was once a popular event and when last run had some 200 entries raising a small fortune for local charities! This year, the event was organised at the very last minute, and was subject to adverse weather conditions leading up to the race. Heavy rains on Dartmoor, which feeds the River Dart, threatened the event due to high water levels and dangerous conditions over the treacherous course. In the event, the weather was kind and whilst there was plenty of water, the course was deemed safe to run the race. Each participant had to pay an entry fee of R500 with profits going to charities. Over 100 entries were made with 20 rafts.....a promising start after such a long layoff and minimal publicity.

Some R25,000 was raised from the event. However, as can be seen from the photographs, there was a great spirit of fun and adventure with teams really entering into the spirit with fancy dress and much hilarity! It was a tiring day (the last raft took over 5 hours to cover the 13 kms - many rafts having to be carried over rocks and rapids!) but very worthwhile and also great fun for Rotarians who could only admire the enthusiasm and effort that the teams had put into the day. By the way, the water was very cold!

The race, the only white water raft race in UK, was featured on the BBC evening news see www.totnesraftace.co.uk This augers well for next year's race where teams are already clammering for entry forms!

Candles on the Beach

Notwithstanding Ashley Newell's invitation and my exhortation to attend the Candles on the Beach event last Thursday was not very well attended by Rotary Hout Bay. In fact, I believe that John Routley was the only one of use there. He took this photo though to mark the event. Due to weather conditions prevailing this event had to be re-scheduled so perhaps that was partly the reason for the poor turn out. Shame but next time...!



Contribution from Don

Remember the one about the husband who goes home and gets clouted by his wife with a frying pan?

"Hey what's that for ?"

"I found a note in your suit pocket with a number and the name Fanny May on it."

"Oh, that's just a horse I bet on last week."

Two weeks later he gets clobbered again this time with a rolling pin.

"Whats that for ?"

"Your horse phoned...."

Tuesday's speaker - Amanda Engelbrecht

This Tuesday we have Amanda Engelbrecht coming to speak to us. She is the temporary head at Sentinel School and was reportedly sent in there at the specific behest of Premier Helen Zille to sort the place out.

She will speak to us about the special needs of the school and how we CAN help and CAN make a difference.

I know that there are some among us who might feel that, given the drug and other substance abuse as well as the high crime rate prevalent in Hangberg, there is no point in trying to help. Amanda will present another side to this.

This is an important section of our Hout Bay community. We must listen and learn from Amanda so please make the effort to be there.

Speaker program

30th October

Amanda Engelbrecht. Principal at Sentinel School to talk on Hangberg and Sentinel issues.

6th November

Colin Sutherland to give another of his highly insightful and educational talks. This time on how the French run their Government owned institutions.

27 November

A talk by Annette Jahnel the first female to navigate the circumference of the world in a car on her own, she will also be offering her book on sale "my year of beds" at R250.00.

Legacy of the Miroshga disaster

Following the tragic death of John Roberts and a British Tourist on the Miroshga, I was contacted by Sophia Mortakis-Lasker and asked if Rotary would join with her in organising a charitable fund to help John's family and others in Hout Bay who find themselves in difficult straits following bereavement and to further assist the NSRI in their valuable work.

Sophia was a pupil at Camps Bay High and was secretary of the Interact Club

I immediately passed this over to Don who contacted the NSRI before then speaking with Sophia to discuss any possible way forward.

Sophia has already enlisted the help of Simon at Spar in a food gathering exercise.

Unfortunately, it is very difficult for us as a club to become involved in the many personal tragedies which occur more frequently than we would like. Don's response to her is posted opposite.

Dear Sophia,

The President of the Hout Bay Rotary Club, Peter Dutton, has forwarded to me the transcript of a conversation he had with your good self in respect of the pleasure craft disaster on Saturday. And now we have had the chance to speak to each other and for us to learn that you were at one time a member of Interact makes you very special.

Firstly we as Rotarians join with many others in conveying to the families of the two deceased our condolences.

Our Rotary Club is like many other organisations that provide that extra service to the communities at large in many differing forms. But, it was the NSRI and the many rescue, trauma and security services that so swiftly and successfully dealt with the tragic occurrence on Saturday. Like your self we at Rotary are full of admiration for the parts played by the forementioned.

The NSRI is a volunteer organisation as is Rotary and as are many others; of course a number of the services reacting to the incident are employees who even though receiving remuneration provide a often life saving service.

The NSRI, both nationally and closer to home in Hout Bay and Cape Town is recognised and a recipient of Rotary Internationals assistance. All of the volunteer and charitable organisations are dependent on the general public for support, but more so, they are dependent on the members of the public taking an active part.

Sadly the loss of life often initiates demands for collections and the setting up of funds, it is an immediate reaction to want to help and to offer financial assistance. At the same time as sadly lives were lost on Saturday there were many lives lost in car accidents around the country with innocent victims whose families are as deserving of help.

Rotary International through its Rotary Clubs recognises these tragic incidents and in the case of the incident off Hout Bay Rotary will undoubtedly address the NSRI. In the case of the crew member deceased we are sure that the company employer will be offering all assistance. Your plan with the help of SPAR is so very commendable and we will most certainly advise our members and encourage them to place useful articles in your box.

We would sincerely hope that this tragic incident might well help to attract more members of the public to join the NSRI and indeed any other voluntary organisation. There is no doubt that personal participation in helping those less fortunate is most rewarding.

Please keep me informed of your project and in the near future we would like to invite you to a Rotary meeting. Thank you for sparing the time to speak with me this afternoon.

Yours in Rotary,

Don Peters

solution to the cryptic crossword published in
BB of 13th October

| Across | Down |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 HACKSAW | 1 HERESY |
| 5 JACKASS | 2 CALLOW |
| 9 RULER | 3 SCRIPTURAL |
| 10 GATECRASH | 4 WIGHT |
| 11 SHOTPUTTER | 5 JETSETTER |
| 12 WEED | 6 COCO |
| 14 RUNOFTHEMILL | 7 ACADEMIA |
| 18 PHILANDERING | 8 SCHEDULE |
| 21 LIED | 13 BEANSTALKS |
| 22 INVESTMENT | 15 ORDINANCE |
| 25 ABSTAINER | 16 SPILLAGE |
| 26 LUIGI | 17 LICENSEE |
| 27 EYESORE | 19 GEMINI |
| 28 TASTING | 20 STRING |
| | 23 EGRET |
| | 24 SAGO |

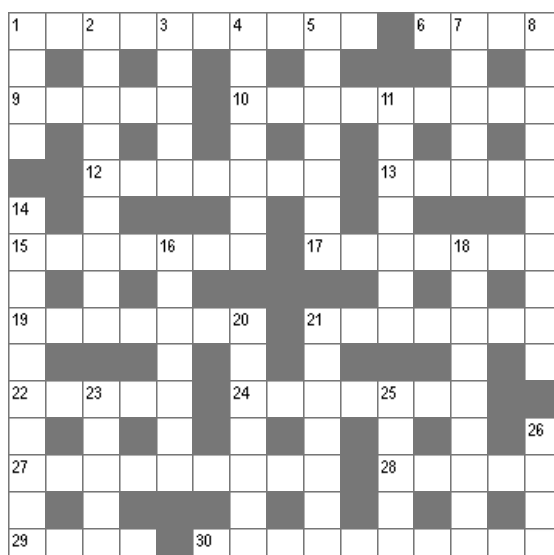
solution to the cryptic crossword published in
BB of 20th October

| Across | Down |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 5 TAPROOM | 1 SPUN |
| 7 ASHES | 2 SOLECISM |
| 9 FIANCE | 3 PANTRY |
| 10 INTHEWAY | 4 WHEELIEBIN |
| 11 ADMONITORY | 5 TRIAD |
| 13 IAGO | 6 MAIDOFORLEANS |
| 14 UNCOMFORTABLE | 8 SPANGLE |
| 16 FACE | 12 ORCHESTRAS |
| 17 CALLCENTRE | 14 UNAIRD |
| 19 CRITERIA | 15 TICKOVER |
| 20 ODDSON | 17 CARTER |
| 22 DRAKE | 18 ROOST |
| 23 SLEIGHT | 21 DIGS |

Southern Hospitality-Airplane Style

Two ladies are sitting next to each other on a plane. One is a Yankee and the other, a Southern Belle. The Southern Belle turns to the Yankee and asks, "So where y'all from?" The Yankee turns her steely gaze to the Southern Belle and replies, "I am from a place where we do **not** end our sentences with a preposition."

Silence ensues and the flight continues until a few minutes later when the Southern Belle again turns to the Yankee and asks, "So, where y'all from, bitch?"

**Across**

- 1 Commercial centre with mail having special delivery (10)
 6 Injury in thigh restricting run (4)
 9 One place seen when looking across lake? (5)
 10 Cue bridging a rest (9)
 12 Is legendary bird seen around about a Mediterranean island (7)
 13 That's not proper ice stick (5)
 15 Revolutionary time has to be right, with commander leading (7)
 17 To accommodate dead, the underworld widens out (7)
 19 Two games in Hants town (7)
 21 Sung part 'notedly superior'? (7)
 22 A mostly boring time makes you blue? (5)
 24 Unfavourable bit from chapter of the NT, say? (7)
 27 Person at end of line misconstrued language (9)
 28 Motorway lane cut short in city (5)
 29 Dreadful day I recall with no phone (4)
 30 Fantastic actor, I star as one of the landed gentry maybe (10)

Down

- 1 Girl upsetting her best friend, not half! (4)
 2 Adopts a different position as elector suffering (9)
 3 There's place for sacrifice -- change is being mentioned (5)
 4 English bishop involved in row is an eager person (7)
 5 Old doctor entertained by fat Italian citizen (7)
 7 Mountains within American desert (5)
 8 Something in steel that makes main street look awful (10)
 11 Wild animals naughty child sits on unfortunately (7)
 14 Part of what coin counterfeiter must do to speed up successfully? (5,5)
 16 Something absorbing in the writer's study? (7)
 18 For me level tar may be spread on top of road (9)
 20 Coach is means of transport taken with hesitation (7)
 21 I have risen in party -- American playing dirty (7)
 23 Superior meal but without starter (5)
 25 This person in love repeatedly kept under by right lover (5)
 26 A negative word being spoken is a difficulty (4)

solution next week

*That's all for this week.
 thanks to those who have contributed. makes my life easier!
 noteworthy news, tips or whatever are most useful. what's going on where or suggestions.
 keep it coming in.*

*thanks
 Ed.*