

Rotary Club of Hout Bay

Bay Breezes



27th October

Last Tuesday's guest speaker was a friend of Athol and mine – Fiona Lunt. The reason we asked her to talk to the club was because she recently returned from a life-changing experience – participating in the Put Foot Rally in Africa. What I purposefully neglected to mention in my introduction was that Fi lost her husband last year, and I think that this adventure was a very cathartic one for her.

Put Foot was originally inspired by some of the charity and CSI work that Bob Skinstad has been doing. The purpose of the rally – which Fi was quick to point out, is a social rally, not a competitive one – is to distribute South African made leather shoes to children along the way. What is interesting are some of the legalities involved – for instance, only 15% can be 'exported' due to the NGO being South African.

Fi was one of 4 women taking part in a fantastically well-rigged Landy, which apparently is no novice when it comes to African terrain, and was, in fact, the only vehicle (out of 58) not to break down or cause problems. Her talk was a very visual one – showing us every campsite and photos of all of her new friends, whose ages ranged from university kids to

people in their 70's (any takers for next year guys?).

The journey was 8000km in 18 days with no real rules and no specific route outlined, only prescribed checking-in pitstops. Occasionally, a diversion had to happen, especially with uprisings in Mozambique, but it seems that nothing stopped this team from having fun and experiencing the true outdoors of Africa. What a privilege!

The highlight of the journey was the actual dropping off of the shoes to children, who had never seen leather shoes like this before (all sponsored by Buccaneer Shoes). One girl, apparently, refused to put them on – she was so happy with them that she clung on to them tightly and resisted anyone's attempts to try and see if they actually fit her!

I loved hearing about this uplifting experience – and, you never know, maybe in 2015? - **-Alison Rice-**



Speaker this Tuesday

Our speaker this Tuesday is Rudi Louw who will address the membership on issues in the Hangberg community. Something we all need to be kept informed about.

Dear president Pip and Rotarian George Taylor-Hunt [Rotary Club of Totnes, Devon]

We all had a lovely surprise this week when Rotarian Alison Bull handed over a cheque for R10,000 from RC Totnes and it was with great ceremony that the cheque was received with the grateful thanks of our president John Routley and all members of Rotary Club of Hout Bay.

We are so pleased to have not only our Rotary Keith Bull back in the fold but the hard working Alison as well. Both make a wonderful contributory effort and are a superb unit, always representing your interests here in South Africa, I am sure.

Hangberg has a very special place in our hearts here in RC Hout Bay. It has seen great suffering, not only through the evils of apartheid in years gone by, but through years of suffering, poverty and the partial collapse of the fishing industry. In fact, as Alison well knows, family structures have broken down and we are seeing generations of youth in a vacuum of unemployment, idle hands and lack of structured upbringing through family break up and educational shortages. It is a "lost community".

Much of our focus has been on the far larger structure of Imizamo Yethu where there are 30,000 encamped black folk living in shacks and tiny houses but RC Hout Bay has need for months to turn its focus on Hangberg where so much of our attention was given in earlier days. Sentinel school is indeed supported in small ways and we give bursaries but this is just cherry picking. The real underlying problem lies where Alison and James House have indentified it. Education and the lack of it is South Africa's problem.

As one of the founders of James House, this donation not only brings us back into better contact with James House but the Bulls will be able to work through Boystrust ensuring that your funds are used to create the extra classroom so badly needed. Please rest assured that your funds will be used wisely and with good effect.

President Pip and Rotarian George, please convey our grateful thanks to all and assure RC Totnes that your two "disciples" in Hout Bay in South Africa will have the club's full backing.

regards in Rotary

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Swag from the Radisson Hotel



The Radison Blu Hotel Waterfront in Granger Bay has undergone a major refurbishment in the past few months and has filled storage units with hundreds of redundant items .

These include 170 King Size and 50 Single Duvets , many dozens of lined curtains, 170 plus Kettles , chairs , lounge cushions, large patio umbrellas and a miscellany of items that one would find in a Four Star Hotel Room , including 360 pairs of slippers, why am I telling you this, because, after a tip off to Don ,from Mike Saxby, Hout Bay Rotary Club has been offered everything , lock stock and both smoking barrels ,provided we remove it within the next two weeks and free up space in their storage facilities .

To this end Don , Ashley Newell and myself met with Marcel Eichenberger the Executive Assistant Manager at the Hotel and then on to the storage facility to assess the scale of the exercise , which is enormous, and we are now in the process of organising transport and finding a place to store this huge donation, prior to distribution which will largely done through Ashley and her many varied and widespread connections. So watch out if you have any spare space in your garage ,it may soon be FULL !



Pres. John Routley

Dear EarlyAct Colleagues, Teachers, Rotarians, Rotaractors , and Interactors

Reminder:

Thanks to all who have submitted their nominations for the work done by your Early Actors , their teachers , and schools this year and the Rotarians involved.

If you have not nominated anyone , you still have time as we have extended the nomination date to Wed 30th Oct .

Please read the attached award criteria and send your nominations to rotary9350youth@gmail.com

Attached please find:

- i) Your invitation to the Award ceremony
- ii) The process for nominating students, teachers ,Rotarians and community members for the various award categories .
- iii) Nomination forms , which must be in by Wed 30th October.

Note to those interested Rotarians, new Rotarians and especially those who attended the October Youth Services workshop.

Those Rotarians wishing to start EarlyAct clubs through their Rotary clubs in their local primary schools, will find the EarlyAct Award ceremony gives them a very clear idea of the way in which Early Act clubs operate and what kinds of projects the EarlyActors get involved in and will help you be able to start an Early Act through your club , so do join us for a morning full of exciting projects.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Award Ceremony

Date: Saturday 2nd November 2013

Venue: Bishops Preparatory School Hall

Time: 9.00 a.m. to 12.00

Address: Corner of Belmont and Fir street , Rondebosch

Please confirm your attendance by 1st November for catering purposes by phoning 082 8577044 or emailing me on geraldinicol@global.co.za.

Yours in Rotary

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Geraldine Nicol

Rotary District 9350 Youth Services chairman

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I have had a very busy month most of the time away from home base. We are back now for November.

I will prepare a bulletin for October and would appreciate any stories from any of you who have one re endangered species.

In the mean time here is a video sent in by Lynn Johnson of Nia's friends.

Please watch it and share it on Facebook and with your friends in Rotary.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Oj7OVZTFII>

Yours in Rotary

John Glassford

Chair 2013 -2014

Proposed RAG for Endangered Species

Rotary Club of Coolamon District 9700

New South Wales, Australia

Difference between “Complete” and “Finished”

No dictionary has ever been able to define the difference between "complete" and "finished". However, in a linguistic conference, held in London England, and attended by some of the best linguistics in the world, Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese was the clever winner.

His final challenge was this. Some say there is no difference between "complete" and "finished". Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand. His response was:

When you marry the right woman, you are "complete". If you marry the wrong woman, you are "finished". And, when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are "completely finished".

His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

The BAYEUX TAPESTRY and the connections with HOUT BAY ROTARY – Don Peters

The name given to a famous panorama of sewn work, representing the conquest of England by William the Conqueror. It is sewn on a band of linen about 231 feet long by 20 inches wide and is divided into 72 scenes which are generally separated from each other. Most of the scenes are described by latin inscriptions sewn along the upper margin of the tapestry. The drawing is vigorous and spirited and no attempt is made to show realistic colour; horses, dogs etc are blue, green, red or yellow, as may have suited the convenience of the design. There is a border at the top and bottom worked with figures of animals, scenes from battles, husbandry and the chase, the colours used being black. Grey, yellow, red, dark and light blue and dark and light green. The method of sewing has been to cover the object with threads laid side by side and to cross-stitch it at intervals, the face, hands and, where bare, the legs are simply outlined in the coloured worsted.

The work ranges over the story of the conquest from the Confessor's alleged message to William of Normandy to the crushing defeat of the Anglo-Saxons at Hastings, the death of Harold and the flight of the English, with which the narrative finishes

The connections with Hout Bay Rotary are perhaps a little sinuous but with a lot of make believe it might have been possible that the Bayeux tapestry needed to have a twin some where, and where better than Hout Bay. Our very own tapestry would follow the diplomacy of the United nations and not be about a war, it would avoid religion and particularly that Malaysian version of those that follow Allah. The tapestry would be the story of the major achievements of Rotary Hout Bay with as many artistic extras to delight the eye that follow the fantasy, romantic imagination of the Rotarian members partners who will in the main be those whose nimble fingers will complete each scene.

The completed tapestry will grace the wall of the Rotary meeting venue, and will of course travel to the annual conference of our esteemed organisation.

There is no record of the maidens who created the Bayeux tapestry but this will not be the case with the Hout Bay Rotary tapestry as all who contribute will be recognised along the borders of this wonderful work. The identification of the scenes portrayed will however not be in latin but the narrative will need no words as the skill of our seamstress's will clearly show what is meant.

In the event of any uneducated member not knowing who Harold was we wish to make it clear that there is no connection with the visiting Rotarian from Luton Chiltern. Like wise the William mentioned has no connections with Margaret Kilbrides husband.

All materials have been donated and it only remains for the seamstressers to come forward.

Editor's note

My apologies for the late issue. By way of explanation I blame AppleMac [something I do not do often unlike my frequent lambasting of the late Bill Gates and his crew]. Given a lovely looking upgrade to my operating system they failed to tell me that they were so completely revamping Pages [the software I use to produce BB] that I no longer had a clue how to use the b****y thing. And of course no help unless you go online [which in itself is usually a problem in France where I am at present]. So, excuses and blame to one side.....enjoy the issue.