

# Rotary Club of Hout Bay



## Bay Breezes

30th June 2013



Pres Peter signing off:

Tuesday was my last meeting officially as President for 2012/13, although I had handed over the symbols of office to John the Thursday before at the induction dinner. With John being secretary as well, it means that for the first time in three years I shall be free from having to sit on the top table. Not a big point really but now I can sit with the ruffians. Just have to find a table that will have me!

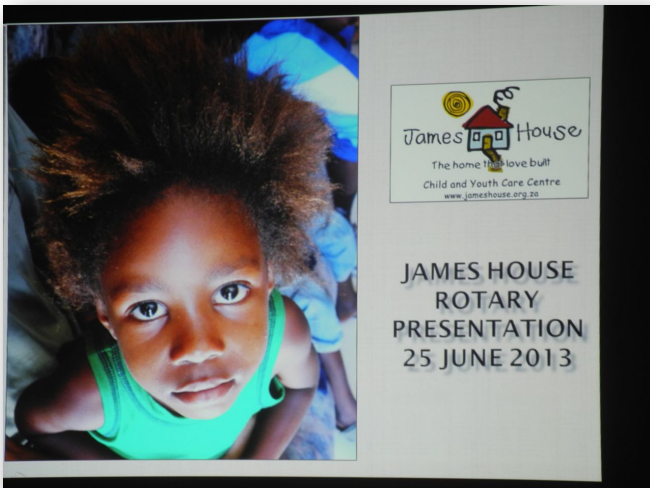
I shall, of course be continuing Bay Breezes and therefore hounding you for contributions as usual. I also remain on the Board of Directors.

Good luck to John in his year ahead. I know he has the energy and vision to really make a difference. I would ask you all to stand fully behind John and support him in all of his efforts.

Don't forget that we need a President Elect. We cannot allow the Club to go through the same turmoil as last year in that regard. There is nothing to say that the President Elect cannot be drawn from the rank and file members. The rule book says that the appointee must have served on the Board but that can be sorted out, no problem. So please, anyone who has not served as president, put your name in the hat.



We had a very low attendance for my last meeting but then this is mid-winter and many of us have taken off on well-earned holidays. For those of us there we enjoyed a wonderful talk from the irrepressible Christo then retired to the bar for some fellowship and libation. I think Fedde is the only one missing from the photo. No idea where you were Fedde.



## Anyone still have any doubts?

Keth Bull received the email below from Abigail Blaauw following her qualification. Keith sent it on to me with an understandably emotional response.

I say that this is what it's all about. This is Rotary Hout Bay getting the results it strives for. Thank heavens for people like Abigail. Rotary only fed the ambition but the rest was up to her.

**To Keith, Fedde and the bursary scheme...so well done. And well done Abigail.**

From: Abigail Blaauw <abigailblw@gmail.com>  
To: Fedde Renkema <renkema@iafrica.com>  
Cc: Keith Bull <keithbull007@yahoo.co.uk>  
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2013, 16:32  
Subject: I am a Graduate through Rotary Hout Bay

Good day Rotarians

I am so proud today to finally see what I could never ever have had if it was not for you my fellow Rotarians. A Diploma passed with distinction is what I possess two years after matric which is unbelievable for me because I nor my parent spent a cent on it. I am speechless, thank you for allowing me and giving me that foundation which no one can ever rob me of, which is my education. I am the first in my family to complete FET education. now I can motivate a whole other people with this achievement.

I have delayed writing to you because I never seemed to find the correct words to describe, to thank you for this great gift but today I have realised that it is beyond words it's something much greater.

Attached is my Diploma

Thank you  
God Bless You.

## Rotary Family Health Day Follow up.

Patrick has sent on the statistical summary from District concerning the Rotary Family Health Day workings **which I include as an attachment to BB**. Of course, we are a particular case [so to speak] and simple figures belie the true value. Patrick's comments below:

*Although we were 10th out of the lot in 9350 for services provided, little Hout Bay was 5th in patients seen.*

*Punching above our weight again.*

*Our referrals were non-existent because what services we had were fully capable units. (In fact we actually had seven referrals for blood pressure who were sent round the corner to the Hangberg clinic who had a doctor)*

*Liz Huckle is to let us know when she has dealt with the over one hundred eye cases with an incoming unit to the valley. One of the two Rotary students, I think Ncedo, got their cell phone numbers from the registration forms in each case.*

*regards in Rotary*

*Patrick McLaughlin*

## Thursday 11th July meeting - from Pres John Routley

Hi All

I suggested at the last meeting that we cancel the Tuesday 9th July meeting to Raid as per request below, if you would like to do this please let me know, also if you want to keep to the Tuesday meeting please let me know, I will be going either way. As there were only nine of us the last meeting I thought I would send this to all. **see invitation below**

PLEASE REPLY

We at Signal Hill have been fortunate to be having some exceptional speakers to our weekly club lunches. Like other clubs – our numbers are small. We now have another good speaker – Robin Hammond who has spoken to us before on “The Phoenicians”. His return visit is on the subject of “The Oases of the Desert”. He however requires more time for his talk than what we can give him at a lunch meeting so have decided to have an evening meeting on Thursday 11th July. Besides wanting to bolster the evening meeting with more folks we believe this is an ideal opportunity for our clubs to meet up and socialise and communicate. Not so long ago we met up with the Sea Point club and it was a most successful get together. We always talk of “doing a Raid” on other Clubs but it rarely happens so let's give it a try with Signal Hill being the host to Cape Town and Kirstenbosch and Hout Bay clubs.

A thought did strike me that this is an excellent recruiting opportunity. We have folks we want to invite but just do not get down to it. For example – Beresford Williams and his wife Rene (President of the WPCA). I have been wanting to invite and recruit him but the opportunity and timing has not been there. This an ideal opportunity (backed by numbers) to have them join us and see what the spirit of Rotary is all about? Just a thought!

The program will be as follows:

Venue: Royal Cape Yacht Club in Cape Town Docks with secure parking.

Time: 18h30 meet for welcome & drinks.

Dinner: 19h15

Speaker: Robin Hammond – Subject- “The Oases of the desert”

Cost: To be advised once we have an idea of numbers attending.

Menu: To be confirmed.

This could make for a good social evening. Can you please confirm your club's acceptance and the good thing about it is that no big numbers from clubs required.





Athol and Ali Rice are on their travels again and could not make it to the induction dinner. They did however, manage a make-up while in the USA at New Haven, Connecticut.



We are blessed with make-ups at the moment. Great stuff, not just for the club attendance figures but more for the input for Bay Breezes. Thanks All.

Colin Sutherland's make-up:

Peter,

Last week I presented " South Africa, Place People and Projects" to the Rotary Club here in Montceau-Les Mines. Its one the banner clubs in our meeting room.



Butch and Lyn's road trip

Hi Peter,

Just to let you know the Transkei is still there in its full glory. Roadworks over the two day drive from Cape Town delayed us overall by 6 hours. So the 17 hour trip over two days took us 23 hours to Richards Bay .We will be driving home via Harrismith and Bloemfontein. The good news is that the temperature here is 23 degrees and I am in a tee shirt this morning. I hope the talk with Christo went ok with your compliment of 7 or 8 members.

Regards  
Butch

## Keith has been making up as well

Hi Peter

Firstly you can count me in as a 'make up' this week.....I attended the Totnes President's handover meeting last Monday with Alison. They now have 54 Club members.....and nearly all of them were at the meeting. They meet in the ballroom of the oldest hotel in Totnes.....the old coaching inn.....The Royal Seven Stars.....and have a two course meal at R185 each!

We have been to Portugal for 10 days so have missed some of the Rotary action here, but two days after we arrived home Alison attended a meeting with a local school for autistic children, where they are to benefit from some of the proceeds of the local 'Duck Race'. The ducks are sold at £1 a time, are all numbered and then some 3,000 are turfed into the river Dart at the same time (this is not easy!) over a bridge, usually by the Mayor, and then the first three across the line are the winners! If you do the sums you will see this is quite a fund raiser.....some R40,000 + for no real outlay (the ducks live to fight another day after being chased downstream and netted!).



Last Sunday we attended a concert by a well known String Quartet, in the home of a friend of ours - someone Hout Bay Rotarians will know - the Queen! (OK don't get too excited, it was Rosalind Spears who did the excellent rendition of HM at the Christmas dinner!). Rosalind and Johnny live about 10 miles from us here in Devon. The concert was held in aid of the Hout Bay Music Trust and raised some R4,500. The photograph shows Rosalind with her husband Johnny (they live in Pondicherry Road, Hout Bay as 'swallows'), together with the Quartet, a neighbour from HB who had come across especially for the concert plus yours truly. Rosalind and Alison are organising a Gala 'Black Tie' Evening, with gourmet food prepared by well known chef, with entertainment, later in September, in aid of James House. Rosalind can seat about 70 at her small barn!

OK that is all the news from Devon.....Rotarian greetings to all HB Rotary members!

Best wishes

Keith

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"What time do those kids go to bed?"