

Rotary Club of Hout Bay



Bay Breezes

4th Aug 2013



Annette Jahnel - speaker last Tuesday

Last Tuesday saw a good turnout with partners and guests swelling the usual minimal numbers in order to welcome and listen to Annette Jahnel, our speaker for the evening.

Many of us will recall Annette's last talk to us when she recounted her experiences of "100 beds" in her trip around the world in a ridiculously small, French made car.

Tuesday's talk was altogether of a different nature as Annette explained to us, in her customary animated style, how she came to realise that the brain and the mind are two different things. That changes for the future are made through thought not production of fancy inventions. Somewhat esoteric in parts but I think we all got the gist of it.

I don't know if anyone else noticed, but the subject matter of her talk at any given moment perfectly matched the video background and she wasn't using a remote control. Perfect timing.

Annette is planning another trip in search of "the mind" and we can expect another book by her [and another talk] at some time in the not-too-distant future.

A letter from Nicole - our bursary recipient

Hi Fedde, Jane, and Rotary Club

I am so happy with everything that is happening in my life. The education, the push-start with a career, I have been given so much.

I am working full-time (5 days a week) as a beauty therapist for a company called ManiPedi at Constantia Village. I am able to afford sharing a 2-bedroom place in Grassy Park with a colleague of mine and help my parents financially every month. It is working out so well for me and it is also easy for me to travel.

I am very grateful for what Fedde, Jane and the Rotary Club have done for me and my family. Without you it would not have been possible for me to have a tertiary education.

I have graduated in March 2013 as a qualified Beauty Therapist.

Again, I can't be happy and thankful enough for everything, it has been an honour and a privilege to work with the Rotary Club. Thank you with all my heart.

With love,

Nicole Saunders



ROTARY AT WORK

Phumlani - bursary recipient

Most of us are aware of Phumlani having been one of our most prominent and indeed successful bursary students. He is still sponsored by a number of individuals including Butch and Lyn. Phumlani is now supported also by the Tomorrow Trust and Butch was kind enough to send me a copy of their latest mid year report. I am attaching this to our BB this week and really do most strongly suggest that you open and read it. The organisation's efforts and results are clearly set out. Something we don't often see after injection of sweat and cash.

Welcome back to Ria from her UK travails. Nothing like home is there?! We shall look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. One more back to swell the numbers as well.

Food and beer pairing

On the last Thursday of every month our resident chef, Zoe sometimes has a pair of free tickets to her "Beer and Food" pairing evening at the Newlands Brewery. With no takers from the last offering I claimed the prize and went along.

It was a really fun filled evening with a free wet bar and then sit-down with each dish explained by Zoe in its pairing capacity with the sample beer for that course. The beer quality and process also explained by the resident brewmeister.

IPP - Peter



Child Labour – A Jolly Good Thing - Colin Sutherland

In an E mail last week one of our club members mentioned that as a young teenager he was paper delivery boy. This reminded me that I also, but even younger, had a paper round and on Saturday was butcher delivery boy.

Praising and encouraging child labour as such would not be part of Rotary beliefs. Carrying eighty newspapers at the start of the round was not light work and light it was not when I got up early in the morning to do it. However I was not forced, exploited and kept the money – the main concerns with child labour.

Delivering their newspaper to sixty householders before eight was really paid community service and getting the occasional extra penny tip was great. For those Rotary members who go back that far back, local rather national papers predominated, with the Radio Times and the Picture Post at the weekend. On Thursday older ladies awaited even at their door for that essential weekly read - The People's Friend.

The challenges were to remember what each household ordered, where the paper was to be dropped and the most efficient delivery route. This was excellent memory and logistic training for later life.

Keeping the papers and yourself dry (it rained a lot) was another battle.

"Here boy, my paper's wet".

"Yes sir, it's raining out here".

"Cheeky brat, I will report you".

In these days the ink ran when wet, making the pages look like Picasso drawings.

Dogs were never a problem; only farmers had dogs just after the war. The ordinary folk had no spare meat or much else for such luxuries as pets.

The butcher delivery service gave me/us a free allocation of meat each week when it was rationed for others, plus five shillings. However with one small wheel at the front with a heavy basket on top and really no working brakes on the bicycle, on icy days (many), you pushed not rode.

Overall I was happy with what I was paid, enough to buy my own first bicycle, a Robin Hood –three gears and brakes!!

On reflecting my child labour days were a jolly good thing. Sad it's got out of favour, indeed anymore not permitted in most places.

Something for seniors to do to keep those "ageing" grey cells active! - Patrick McLaughlin

- 1.. Johnny 's mother had three children. The first child was named April. The second child was named May.
....What was the third child 's name?
- 2.. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall and he wears size 13 sneakers
.....What does he weigh?
- 3.. Before Mt. Everest was discovered,
...what was the highest mountain in the world?
- 4.. How much dirt is there in a hole
....that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
- 5.. What word in the English language
....is always spelled incorrectly?
- 6.. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer.
.....How is this possible?
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg.
....Why not?
- 8.. What was the President 's name
...in 1975?
- 9.. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place,
...what place would you be in now?
10. Which is correct to say,
... "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
11. If a farmer has 5 haystacks in one field and 4 haystacks in the other field,
....how many haystacks would he have if he combined them all in another field?

Here are the Answers

1. Johnny 's mother had three children. The first child was named April The second child was named May.

What was the third child 's name?
Answer: Johnny of course
2. There is a clerk at the butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches tall, and he wears size 13 sneakers.
What does he weigh?
Answer: Meat.
3. Before Mt. Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain in the world?
Answer: Mt. Everest; it just was 't discovered yet. [You're not very good at this are you?]
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that measures two feet by three feet by four feet?
Answer: There is no dirt in a hole.
5. What word in the English language is always spelled incorrectly?
Answer: Incorrectly
6. Billy was born on December 28th, yet his birthday is always in the summer. How is this possible?
Answer: Billy lives in the Southern Hemisphere
7. In California, you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg. Why not?
Answer: You can 't take pictures with a wooden leg. You need a camera to take pictures.
8. What was the President 's name in 1975?
Answer: Same as is it now - Barack Obama [Oh, come / on]
9. If you were running a race, and you passed the person in 2nd place, what place would you be in now?
Answer: You would be in 2nd. Well, you passed the person in second place, not first.
10. Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?
Answer: Neither, the yolk of the egg is yellow [Duh!]

Speaker this Tuesday - Damien Feuilhaide

This coming Tuesday our speaker is Damien Feuilhaide, Mick Feuilhaide's son who will be speaking to us on the Soil for Life project. This was the project which benefited from Mick's inaugural golf day and it will be a pleasure to welcome Damien and listen to him.

As usual partners are always welcome as well as guests you may care to bring along. Please though, give notice of any extra meals [or indeed absences] to the attendance officer before 5.30 pm on Monday.

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by Jim Unger



"Think back ... two years ago ...
you sold me a gerbil."

Bed and Breakfast



See you all
on Tuesday