

# Rotary Club of Hout Bay



## Bay Breezes

14th July 2013



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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Week Two as President of Hout Bay Rotary Club, and what a strange week it was, Tuesday's meeting was just drinks and fellowship, we met at the ABC. Present were Athol & Alison (Welcome back from your holiday), Roy, Davids H and W, Hans, Bill and myself and after a few drinks we went to the new Pub in Hout Bay the Woodcutters, a very pleasant venue, where I almost got to eat their Pork Belly Special, but that's another story!

Thursday saw the 'other half' of the club go on a 'Raid' to the Royal Cape Yacht Club. It was a combined club meeting with Signal Hill, Cape Town, Kirstenbosch and Hout Bay Rotary Clubs, I was joined by Don P, Peter D, Patrick McL, Raymond Y and an ex member of our club Mike McNair. Thanks for the support.

The after dinner speaker, Robin Hammond gave a fascinating talk on the "Oases of Egypt and the Western Desert".

So, great venue, bangers and mash, lots of fellowship and an eloquent speaker. All in all, a good night for Rotary.

### England Win!

With 14 runs needed Australia's Brad Haddin was caught behind. Almost to be expected, the end was controversial with the Third Umpire deciding that there was contact with bat. So close. So close. Commiserations to our Aussie mates. Come on the second Test.

### Meeting with DG Vyv Deacon

On 12th August [which is a Monday] we are asked to attend Kelvin Grove along with Kirstenbosch Rotary Club and at least one other, to meet and greet our present Governor, Vyv Deacon.

I expect that this will replace our regular Tuesday meeting but further news on this will be given by President John in early course.

Evidently, it would be appropriate that we have a full turnout for this so please keep the evening free.

### President John confirms our Board of Directors

At this point I would like to introduce you to ..... not "**my**" .....but "**your**" board for the coming year.

This is a work in progress but we will get there

**President** - Yours truly

**President Elect** - No change there, we have not got one, have been quietly wondering what would happen to the club if no-one stood for President, maybe we'll find out .....next year.

**Secretary** - here I have the best most willing person I know - Me.

**Treasurer** - Colin (Frenchie) Sutherland who is doing an amazing job from afar

**Sergeant-at-Arms**, M.C. (Call him what you will)- David Heath, has agreed to do it again, thank you David, I would also like to take this opportunity to invite David to become a Board Member. I'm in charge. Are there any objections? All those in favour say "aye". AYE. Passed unanimously.

**Club Services** - the dynamic duo - Alison and Athol Rice, just hope their business trips can dove-tail a bit better in the coming year.

**Vocational Services** - Fedde has agreed to carry on until Keith Bull gets back later in the year at which time Keith will take over.

**Community Services** - a bit of a grey area as is Events Director (we do not have either)

**International Services** - I.P.P. Peter Dutton, ...who has also agreed to carry on producing Bay Breezes

**New Generations** now renamed by Rotary International I believe to **Youth Services**, (I wish they would make up their mind) - is still in the very capable hands of Hans Kuhn

**Membership Development**, which includes the sometimes thankless task of organising speakers, thus helping us, the members, to enjoy Rotary, Butch Liebenberg.

**Public Relations** Director and generally wonderful Rotarian - Patrick McLaughlin

And last but not least our **Rotary Foundation Board** member and aficionado - Don Peters

We have one other Rotarian on the Board - Raymond Yosimbom, Raymond our newest member has expressed a wish to be on the Board so he will be a **shadow board member**. I do not want to throw him straight in the deep end. Who knows? A future President? ..... just a warning Raymond, when they say "who wants to be President, please step forward" be quick and step back or you find yourself in a straight line.

President John

## Eve and Mike Saxby

Photos herewith of our splendid evening at the Royal Yacht Club. Our “bangers and mash” night. There was a choice of that or Calamari or Pizza but I reckon 99% went the bangers and mash route. Not a bad choice.

Apart from the talk highlighted by Pres John, the other highlight of the evening came with the presentation of a Paul Harris award to Eve Saxby, current President of Signal Hill Rotary Club. As many of us are aware, Eve is suffering through chemotherapy at the moment and her continued work and effort throughout such a difficult time simply underscores the dedication which wholly entitles her to this award. Well done Eve!

Not one PH award but two. Peter Hugo also invested Mike Saxby with his **third** sapphire to his PH. No stopping the man. The work that Mike and Eve have been doing among the residents of the Cape Flats was recognised, as well as their continued work to set up a Rotary Club in the district.



### Input from Don

Hi

Very enjoyable evening, those in HB who didnt make the effort missed out.

Rotary Africa arrived to day and our Patrick is mentioned in dispatches on page 40 and our AG Gavin is mentioned in an article about teddy bears, perhaps the Nonceba Dolls can have a meeting with them.....

Totally unconnected, my lap top was stolen from the house by the Malawi worker employed by the GOODLUCK team so if you hear of one going at a reasonable cost please think of me. What is very annoying is that there was no back-up of the lap top and whilst some Rotary and Nonceba stuff was on the home machine it was not all. My excuse therefore for any lapse of memory is available.

See you Tuesday

Cheers

Don

Following a recent visit to District office some badges and pins were obtained along with a small supply of Rotary district baseball caps. These are available at cost price if anyone is interested. The caps are R50 each.

Several clubs seem to have their members fully decked out in Club wear. This was evident at the recent District Conference. Nearer the time of the next conference, which will be in Knysna, I think we should consider making a better job of representing ourselves in RCHB habit. They have some pretty smart looking fleeces and jackets so, in the meantime, if you are looking for some appropriate wear why not pop in to the District Office in Rondebosch?

Keith did a make up at Totnes Rotary Club and attended a Board Meeting in Cornwall  
Apparently, Board meetings in Cornwall look like this:



## And from Ria in the UK

Dear Rotarians,

Patrick and Marilyn visited Thame.

We had a lovely time having lunch, with some good beer.

Enjoying the great weather, but soon, the Pommies will say there is a drought.

Regards

Ria



## Adele Mare - HIKEFOR

Annual Hikefor AGM for 17th July, will be at the Italian Club in Rugby as the Restaurant at MGC has closed. It will be 6.30pm for 7pm and will consist of 3 course meal, salad, main and a dessert for R80.00 and a cash bar for drinks

It was decided that the Hikefor funds would provide two bottles of wine 1 white and 1 red, for each table. Our Speaker will be David Lotz's Son in Law Andre, who will tell us about their family annual men's trips in South Africa. Next time Colin W can tell us about his hiking the Trans – Pacific Trail in USA.

Joe Schwach has agreed to be our next Chairman. We will need to know numbers so if those interested in coming, to please RSVP Adele as soon as possible. ASAP PLEASE!!!!

I need the final numbers by end of next week. Please!!!!!!!

## Contribution from John Camplin

This is a wonderful, one minute clip  
Full of wisdom. . . . and very brief.  
It's not a joke, it's not religious, it's not political.  
It's just . . . special.  
I think you'll agree.  
Please enjoy this one minute clip.  
It has a meaning for all of us.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=Hzgzim5m7oU&vq=medium](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Hzgzim5m7oU&vq=medium)

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04 Jul 2013, p.10

## Staff saved my life

MY STORY started on Friday June 28. I was on my way to a business meeting at San Marco Restaurant in the V&A Waterfront scheduled for 11am.

I had parked my vehicle close to the Mugg & Bean and proceeded to the meeting venue.

The next thing I can remember is waking up in the Durbanville Mediclinic Intensive Care Unit.

I had had what doctors call a "warning stroke", at the Mugg & Bean, fallen and passed out.

The effective response from the V&A Waterfront Security personnel saved my life and I cannot be grateful enough. They stabilised me, phoned my wife, got an ambulance and transferred me to a hospital closest to my home.

The heroes of the day were Neil Rank, Xolisa Qhekeka and Nceba Tabasa. They secured my personal belongings and safeguarded my vehicle, until a friend collected it the next day.

I will thank them in person as soon as I have recovered fully.

But the story continues. I was transferred from Durbanville – to Panorama Mediclinic for a procedure on Monday July 1 and upon arrival I found a flower arrangement for me from V&A Waterfront Security. This was followed up with a personal visit by Deon Sloane (Senior Security Manager) to meet me and wish me a speedy recovery.

I have worked in many different countries and have met wonderful people along the way. I had to defend South Africa on many occasions regarding our violent crime culture and our previous political dispensation and I also started to doubt our society and the morals of my fellow South Africans.

But this incident has restored my pride and belief in my fellow South Africans. This is the country Nelson Mandela wished for:

I also need to thank my wife Benetta, friend Faffa Geldenhuys, ER 24, Dr Wouter Basson, Mediclinic staff and friends and family that supported me.

God Bless South Africa.

**Jannie Engelbrecht**  
Stellenbosch

## Hangberg Educational Trust Annual Dinner-Dance Suikerbossie Restaurant on Friday, 19 July 2013 from 7pm



"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see." Neil Postman

Hangberg is situated on the idyllic slopes of Karbonkelberg and is home to the vibrant fishing community of Hout Bay. Sadly, it is plagued by the darker side of unemployment, substance abuse, prostitution, poaching and gangsterism, all leading to high teenage pregnancies, HIV/AIDS and low parental engagement. For more than 1,000 pre-school children in Hangberg, there are only 2 registered playschool facilities, with capacity for just over 200 children.

**Hangberg Educational Trust (HET)**, established in May 2012, believes that the best way to break the cycle is by supporting pre-school children; showing them that their life-stories can be different.

HET's main focus therefore is the development and support of quality, registered pre-school infrastructure for 300 young children over the next 3 years. We currently also support ancillary activities such as training for pre-school teachers, IT classes for parents and youth football events.

To celebrate the ground work done over the last year, and to support our planned project for the next year, we invite you to our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual dinner-dance event on **Friday, 19 July 2013 at Suikerbossie Restaurant, Hout Bay from 7pm.**

Contact *Marquerithe Schreuder* to book your tickets (R300 per person, tables have 10 seats) or to find out more. Hope to see you there! [Marquerithe@mweb.co.za](mailto:Marquerithe@mweb.co.za) or 082 418 9802.

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**Sexist comment of the week**



**All together now.....Aaaaahh!**