



BAY BREEZES - 14 FEBRUARY 2012

The Praise Singer's Gazette



It is not often that a Rotary Club can claim to have scored a first, Hout Bay Rotary did last night when it listened to Muriel Hugo and Freda Ochse talk about their work at the Rotary District Office. Their invitation to speak was our Clubs' way of recognising two most important behind the scenes organisers of District 9350. The scope of their work and the amazing list of items held to assist Rotarians to perform was fantastic, how many Rotarians in District 9350 were aware that Chocolates were an item ? It was a particular pleasure to welcome with our speakers their partners, PDG Peter and DGE Mike.

I did take an opportunity to say a few words of reassurance to Rotarian Harold Allsop and to thank him and the Luton Chilterns Rotary Club for their continuing support of our projects. Harold was accompanied by Rotarian Ken Hardie also visiting from Luton Chilterns.

Our attendance was reasonable and I do hope that some of those missing will use the opportunity before next week of doing a make-up.

In the publication, "The Big Issue" this week there is an article by Kim Saulse entitled Funding dries up for NGO's as EU's hard times hit home. This has to be a warning to Rotary Clubs, for some time we have casually talked about a number of European Countries being awash with money and ready to help projects in Africa.

Our Club in the past has been fortunate with the assistance it has received from overseas Clubs and individuals but the writing is on the wall for us to tighten our belts, be more innovative and reduce costs where ever possible. The tragic part is that the economic climate worldwide is changing and this will also have an effect here at home as the Government will reduce expenditure.

Reduction in Government spending often means cuts to areas "not considered high priorities" and often this has meant, education, welfare, health and infrastructure. Less money being spent sadly often means more crime. Fund raising has always been difficult but in hard times its super difficult, innovation and change of direction will help but it does require commitment to succeed.

Don Peters,

NONCEBA UPDATE - PRESIDENT DON PETERS

There is to a degree a satisfactory ending, Nonceba staff established that there was an Aunt in Eastern Cape and following checks both the children have been adopted by her, the mother has not been found, either she has abandoned the children or more likely she has been killed in a road accident. The perpetrators are being prosecuted.

Cheers
Don

My story mainly deals with the picture on the right. When we arrived at the Centre there was an eleven year old boy, his head buried in the corner of the wall of the play area, crying his eyes out and with a caring member of the staff holding him and trying to console him, his crying continued for over an hour. The story that unfolded, lets call him Sam, he has a seven year old sister who is also at the Nonceba Centre.

Their mother some months back went to the Eastern Cape to attend a funeral. The children were left with relatives, Sam was sodomised and his sister was raped by one of the relatives.

Social welfare and the Police came to hear of the crimes and removed the children and took them to Nonceba. Sam was OK for the first week or so, probably still in shock, but now he cries, he wants with his sister to go home to their mother.

There is no mother, she has not returned and there is no home and his distress is manifested by his continual crying. Do you know how inadequate one can feel? I am sure you do.

Thank you for your support., thank you for caring.

With exception of the first picture enjoy the other ones.

With all good wishes

Don Peters



February Birthdays

Neville Morris	5
Roy Graham	5
Natalie Mercer	10
Joyce McLaughtlin	19
David Heath	21

February Anniversaries

Steyns	7
Liebenbergs	14



Valentine Poems

A local newspaper ran a competition asking for a poem with the most romantic first line, but the least romantic second line. Here are some of the entries they received:

I thought that I could love no other.
Until, that is, I met your brother.

Roses are red, violets are blue,
sugar is sweet, and so are you.
But the roses are wilting, the violets are dead, the sugar bowl's empty and so is your head.

Of loving beauty you float with grace.
If only you could hide your face.

Kind, intelligent, loving and hot;
This describes everything you are not.

I want to feel your sweet embrace
But don't take that paper bag off of your face.

I love your smile, your face, and your eyes
Damn, I'm good at telling lies!

My darling, my lover, my beautiful wife
Marrying you screwed up my life.

I see your face when I am dreaming
That's why I always wake up screaming.

My love, you take my breath away.
What have you stepped in to smell this way.

My feelings for you no words can tell,
Except for maybe "go to hell."

What inspired this amorous rhyme?
Two parts vodka, one part lime.

Programme

14 Feb Marilyn Thomas - Bridging the Gap Between Gorilla and Man - This meeting is a Ladies night - so please remember to let Mick know for catering purposes if your partner is joining us for this meeting

21 Feb Colin Sutherland - The Euro Crises: Twenty Minutes to Solve and Save Europe

23 Feb Rotary's 107 birthday

26 Feb Club Birthday

28 Feb TBC

MEALS AND ATTENDANCE

Please would all members advise Attendance Officer Mick Feuillerade prior to the Tuesday meeting if you will not be attending or not dining or bringing your partner or guests by 5:15pm on Monday at the very latest, Mick's details are:- email: annmick@webafrica.org.za - Cell: 082 550 1654

Comment - Assistance with Bay Breezes required

Wow some big news Mr Badmington is leaving Pick n Pay and there are all sorts of stories as to why, his was one of the first major appointment that was I suppose non-family so can the resignation have the Ackerman family connections. Of course Pick n Pay are very special for Rotary District 9350 and particularly in respect of the cycle tour . But the departure of someone as important as Badmington also reminds us all of the importance of a team not just team leaders a real team.

So in respect of the team that YOU are a member of, that is the Hout Bay Rotary Club, can we each, and everyone have a look at our contribution firstly to the organisation we belong to, Rotary International, our Rotary Club, our differing communities and to those less fortunate in our communities.

I suppose the main difference between each of us and Mr Badmington in respect of helping our fellow citizen is a fairly large sum of money that the latter earns. Surely its all just academic, not of particular relevance. But let me give you an example, we have a member of our Club, no names needed, who is going on a trip shortly but remembers to advise us that he, his wife and their handyman will be available to help marshal on March 11th, its nothing very special, but, that is being the member of a team

Hout Bay Rotary is without doubt unique, forgiving and generous. In pursuance of our policy of avoiding personal identification can I mention another incident of team work. This member obviously impressed, as we all are at the bursary development by our Club which is providing such wonderful help has choosen to help a young man who has recently matriculated. Its another of the wonderful policies of the club, I refer to mentorship. Its not charity its counselling and the really exciting part is that not only will the young man benefit, the mentor will and the Rotary Team will.

Of course there are many more wonderful attributes of our Club that I have not the space to write about today, what is happening is that members of Hout Bay Rotary are contributing and are self examining their personal efforts to perhaps do just that little more so that we all can shout Viva Rotary Hout Bay, Viva Rotary International.

Wheelchair beneficiaries - PP Butch Liebenberg

I delivered a wheelchair on behalf of Rotary Hout Bay during the last week of January to Louise Blankenberg of Hangberg. Louise has sugar Diabetise and has lost both legs. She was in tears when trying to thank Rotary .I must say it is very disturbing making these deliveries.

This week I delivered a chair to Aubrey Plaatjies of Hangberg who has no use in either legs. A further chair was delivered to Catherine Montoor who was also very tearful in her thanks to Rotary.

