

Rotary Club of Hout Bay

Bay Breezes



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LAST TUESDAY

Butch Liebenberg was our Sergeant At Arms and got the meeting underway suitably on time.

The first "spot" was taken by Raymond Yosimbom with an important notice that his email address seems to have been hacked. Those in his contact list are being emailed from his account with a request to open an attachment. Any of you who have received such an email please do not open it. Raymond has taken steps to resolve the issue.

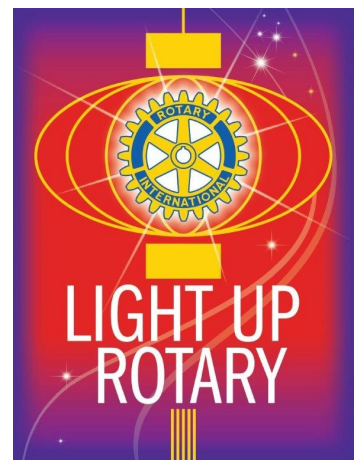
President Christine reminded us that there is a RAID on the Rotary Club of Constantia on Tuesday 26th August. They meet at Steenberg Golf Club which, as some will know, is rather swanky.

Our guests for the evening were welcomed. These were:

Matt Mercer
Paula Geldenhuys
Liz Huckle
Karen and Denis de la Cruz
Mike Schroeder [RC Am Kap]

Our speakers for the evening were:

Tina Gray and Marguerite Schroeder from HET [Hout Bay Educational Trust]



SPEAKER

Marguerite Schroeder briefed us on a truly ambitious but totally worthwhile project ongoing in Hangberg which heavily involves the Sentinel School. This, as we are aware is run by past Rotarian, Paul Harris recipient and head of Sentinel, Amanda Engelbrecht.

Marguerite provided a video presentation and spoke to us with quite some energy and purpose on this project which involves the building and operation of a pre-school for the Hangberg district which is planned to be built in the grounds of the Sentinel School. The previous and original site for the project was not workable but through sheer bloody determination Marguerite and her colleagues have pushed through planning permission for Sentinel School grounds and can get this underway.

The value of pre-school attention and care should not be lost on us. Those of use who attended District Conference two years ago will know from the key speaker engagement at that time that it has been proven beyond doubt that a neglected and unloved child is going to be a massive drain on society. That love and attention needs to be given during the vital first three to five years of a child's life and this is why this pre-school is so absolutely vital.

After years of hard work the project is now a reality, albeit on the first rung of the ladder with only 9 boys right now increasing to 24 very shortly. This is balanced against an operation planned and geared for to look after 1,000 in the future.

Marguerite is the Director of Governance while Tanya Gray is in charge of Operation. Dear Liz Huckle [who featured so prominently in last week's BB] is a team leader and Trustee.

Marguerite's video presentation showed the architectural plans for the school as intended. Very impressive and well designed with economy of build balanced against functionality. The only problem is that, economic as it may be, the school will cost Rand 4 million. A basic school will cost Rand 2.7 million and she is certainly not unaware of the problems in finding this kind of money. A modular built plan has helped them get started but funding now is a priority.

Following a spirited Q&A session Butch Liebenberg had to tap his watch and draw the meeting toward its close. He was also due to thank the speaker.

As Butch pointed out, nothing is gained without determination and Marguerite has this in spades. As Butch said, one can have the greatest brain and the greatest backing. One can have the situation laid out on a plate for you but without determination the project will fail. Conversely, the type of energy and determination which Marguerite has will undoubtedly ensure success.

THIS COMING TUESDAY

Our very own Butch Liebenberg will be giving us a talk [and I believe a presentation] on his 70th Birthday 7 week celebration travels around Europe. His extraordinary exploits at St Andrews and Wimbledon as well as the White Hart, Kings Arms, The George and many other pubs [judging by his photo album]. It certainly seems to have been an amazing journey which will bring back memories and longings for many of us non-swallows of European background.

It is hoped that we shall have a good turn out for Chilli Butch and his talk but.....

DON'T FORGET TO TELL JOELLE IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING.

G ' day - From John Glassford

Currently away from Coolamon with limited Internet and no mobile phone either!

Here is our bulletin for the week:

[Coolamon Weekly Bulletin #06](#)

I encourage our members to scroll down to the Footnote a surprise from Paris the city of love!

Yours in Rotary

John Glassford

Foundation Director

Past President 08/09

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HBVEMS

The Hout Bay Volunteer Emergency Medical Service is vital to the community. We have strongly supported them in the past and shall continue to do so. Their newsletter is very worthwhile reading but too large to include in the weekly BB edition. However the link below will take you to it . I really do recommend that you have a read.

<http://www.houtbayems.org.za>

Some good advice.

The August 2014 Rotary Africa carries an article by PDG Anne Botha the Regional Rotary Foundation Co-ordinator of Zone 20A South, her article is titled, 'Some good advice'.

Now comes the questions, did YOU read it ? Were you prepared, as was suggested, to take a moment to reflect of the fellowship, goodwill, the friends, the personal growth and what impact "doing in the world" had on your life, because is that not what Rotary does and is it not just to YOU but to many less fortunate. Or is your Rotary just Tuesday evening and nothing more ? If it is such a simple answer for you then what are you missing ?

The Rotary Foundation is a much misunderstood discipline of our Organisation. Whilst our Club felt 'wounded' by certain actions we should not ignore the benefits that were received by our Club and particularly for Operation Medical Hope. The rules and regulations of the Foundation when dispersing large amounts of money are complicated but essential. I sincerely believe that our Club after having guidance respected the role of the Foundation in respect of the application of their rules.

Can we surely now enjoy and apply the saying, 'water under the bridge' and with full appreciation recognise the Foundation and become again a very active participant. HBRC's support for the Foundation goes back to the Charter year, 1986, when 'your' Club was one the first Clubs in District 9350 to make its contribution to the Foundation for the Polio Plus programme. For many years thereafter the contributions to the Foundation annually came from our 'earnings' from the Cycle Tour marshalling.

Future contributions will be determined by the Board with I hope active participation from ALL members. Let us not forget what good the Rotary Foundation has and is doing for the World. How many of us will use a computer to read further about the work of the Foundation, it will be an eye opener for many, and when you do share with us what you find.

-Don Peters-

Ria Gibb handing over to Sister at the IY clinic, the catheters she obtained in the UK



Hi Peter

Well we have just returned from the very successful Duck Race organised by Alison. Some 2,000 tickets were sold meaning the same number of ducks were launched off a bridge to float downstream with the tide. The first prize winner collected R3,500 and some R35,000 was raised for charities, including Shelterbox this year. We spent every evening this week on hands and knees counting the ducks and ensuring the ticket numbers matched those that were being launched! Alison and others dressed as large ducks spent hours in the High Street waylaying unsuspecting pedestrian shoppers, to solicit a £ coin off them! The weather was kind on the day and after the Mayoress had launched the first duck.....which actually was the first to arrive but disqualified because it was painted silver.....crowds waited anxiously for the first sign of the mass of ducks passing under the Georgian bridge! Musicians played, children played games and refreshments were had by all!

A great day adding significantly to the fun and community of Totnes and to the coffers of the Rotary Club of Totnes!

That's all for now from your intrepid reporter!

Best wishes

Keith



