

Rotary Club of Hout Bay



Bay Breezes



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LAST TUESDAY

Was an interesting evening [as is usual for us].

We had a plethora of visitors to swell our numbers on a beautiful Hout Bay evening.

Peter and Lois German joined us again on their annual pilgrimage to our fair land. Peter is a member at Marylebone RC in the United Kingdom and it was good to see him and Lois back and in such fine form.

Fedde's brother [he shall always be known as Fedde's brother I think as he is never introduced in any other manner] was again welcomed to our club. As most of us know and we all should know, he is a solid contributor to the Bursary Scheme we have running so successfully.

Tony and Sue Cove from Terry Eldrid's Fareham RC joined us for the evening. Some of us will recall Tony's "speaker" talk from last year.

John Connor from Chester RC and a good friend of Allan Walker was in attendance again. John should be familiar to us from previous years when he has come over, which he has been doing for the past 10 years.

We also welcomed back Rolf Schnaufer who is regular at our meetings when he is in Hout Bay and not in the Ukraine. Being the smart man he is, he is not there at the moment.

Our Sergeant At Arms for the evening was Patrick McLaughlin, standing in for our David Heath and a fine job did Patrick do. With no designated speaker for the evening Patrick, in consultation with President John decreed a "round robin" of the guests to tell us of their projects and club activities thereafter having some of our directors of service give a little information back across the table, so to speak.

John Connor from Chester RC stood to tell us that his Chester RC is 99 years old! Since Rotary itself was only founded on 23 February 1905 [109 years ago] that is a heck of an accolade.

Chester RC has 32 members but there are two other local clubs which have been set up by them.

Current projects of note are in respect of Syria charities. They have sent 8 shelter boxes to Syria! Eight! So well done.

John's club is also actively involved with prison welfare and they support a scheme whereby bikes are repaired in local prisons and shipped to South Africa.

While here John is supporting the Opera in the Convent Garden which I shall report further on later.

Feede Renkema then gave a quick run-down of our Bursary scheme operation which has now been running some 5 or 6 years. We have 8 students enrolled at the moment all of which take quite some mentoring and cost around R65,000 each per year.

Fedde mentioned some of our great successes including Nicole Saunders who, while not a university graduate applied herself equally hard under her circumstances to obtain her beautician qualifications and is now supporting herself and her family.

Cynthia is another heartwarming success story. She is in the final stages of her studies to qualify as an accountant. She has been accepted on KPMG's own support scheme. She has work study placement with them now and has employment terms with them when she qualifies.

Hans Kuhn was asked to say a few words on Education and he obliged with quite a few! As Hans told us, Education is used as a "weapon" in local and National politics which inevitably detracts from the real job at hand. With the focus on political point scoring there is less actually being done on the ground from that direction. We have to fill the void and to intervene to make the difference. How we go about this is complex and demanding but we will make a start with Interact which is what Hans is working on at the moment. His plan is to integrate learners from different schools rather than have an "after school" club at one learners establishment.

Patrick McLaughlin gave us a brief resumé of the Operation Medical Hope scheme which, having completed the building of the IY clinic some time past is now in Phase 3 which constitutes the work to prevent the spread of AIDS / HIV through education, testing, treating and feeding. This last element is vital since the treatment programs fail if the dietary needs of the patient are not met. To this end we are rolling out special care boxes and including E Pap in the feeding program. To learn more about this food supplement go to:

http://www.epapfeeding.co.za/what_is_epap.html

and follow the links.

Colin Sutherland, our Treasurer, gave us a summary of our finances reminding us that although we had a healthy balance in long term account that was largely accounted for already and, although we are now entirely clear of debts [particularly to RI] we have only R65,000 in the account.

We have however, been able to afford two shelter box donations, one of which went out to the Philippines and the other we believe is going to remain on standby awaiting immediate despatch to the next disaster.

Colin also reminded us that, taking on two more bursary students this year adds a financial commitment for the club of R65,000 for each.

Could I, as editor, take this opportunity to give a special thanks to Colin for his inestimable contribution to the Club in his capacity as Treasurer? I know from past experience that it is not an easy task and pretty thankless most of the time but here and now I would like to extend those thanks not from just myself as member and Editor but from all of those who have privately mentioned to me that they appreciate Colin's hard work and above all the clarity he brings to club finances.

There were many other inputs to the conversations with questions and responses from guests and members alike. It was a really good airing of what we are about, not just as a club but as Rotarians the world over.

THIS COMING TUESDAY

We have Edwin Corbett, the new MD of James House attending and speaking to us.

James House is one of the greatest success stories in Hout Bay, giving love, guidance and education to the neediest and brightest in our troubled shacklands. We have supported James House through the earliest years to the present and is a particular project for Keith Bull [co-head of our Bursary program] and his wife Alison.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

4th February	NickyLloyd of ikhaya la themba with Ashely Newell
11th Feb	Rainer Jahn, Living in Australia for 9 years
18th Feb	Gavin Schachat talking on his recent trip to Finland with a group of exchange students

BILL KILBRIDE

As some may have noticed, Bill Kilbride has been a little absent of late. The reason being that he has been undergoing some fairly major changes to his life.

Some of our readership may not know that Bill is completely deaf. It is something that happened to him in his early adult life and he has given us some quite spellbinding talks on how his deafness affects him and how he gets by with his cochlear implant. You can't ask him to "turn it up" and shouting at him doesn't help. Putting it as simply as I may [and hope I don't get this wrong Bill] he has to "rewire" his brain to interpret the "sounds" he is "hearing".

Well, making a long story a little longer, Bill's recent absence has been because he is undergoing the insertion and post-training of an entirely new implant. He has three more fine-tuning sessions according to my source and the word is that he will no longer have to lip-read once this is all sorted out.

This all coming with a warning from my same source who tells me that Bill will now be able to hear what people are saying behind his back as well as his front. So watch out. Rumour also has it that he will also be able to leap buildings in one bound and turn you to stone with one ice stare.

A HUGE THANK YOU.

Hi John and Patrick

Happy New Year to you both. If you remember I email you last year telling you that our Rotary Club would like to donate some money to the project Operation Medical Hout Bay. We have budgeted to send you Aust \$ 5000.00. I am a South African and have been living in Australia for 28 years. I was born and brought up in Jhb and did all my schooling there. I married in 1977 and in 1978 we were transferred to Cape Town where we lived for 7 years before coming to Australia. My two sons were born in Cape Town.

You also sent me the cd of your work in Hout Bay and we thin its certainly deserves this contribution.

Please could you sent me you bank a/c where we can sent the money including the bsb no and also your swift code. We will then get this money transferred to your a/c.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours in Rotary
Penny Miller

ROTARY FAMILY HEALTH DAY

Patrick and Ali Rice are working together on this year's RFHD which, if anything like a repeat of last year, will be a huge success.

Valuable lessons were learned, not just by us but from us and June Webber and her team can count on us to give our full support again. Everything is in planning stage at present and Patrick will keep us informed. Bulletins will be issued in BB as the time approaches but, as with all projects which involve us a club in toto, please be ready to help when asked.

IN THE WARS

So while Butch and Keith are recovering from their respective operations, pp Don Peters has also had to undergo the knife. Another hernia job.

I just hope it's not catching.

For those of you interested, there are some really interesting/bizarre statistics to be encountered on the website below:

<http://asheepnomore.net/2013/12/29/40-maps-will-help-make-sense-world/>

Dear Club Presidents

We would like to let you know of our annual fund raising event "Opera in a Convent Garden". This is a very popular event and I am therefore asking you to please circulate this to your members, as I know that our many regulars would not like to miss out. Full information is provided below, or you can also contact me. Thank you for your help.

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"Opera in a Convent Garden" takes place on Sunday, 2nd February 2014 at 5:30 pm at Springfield Convent School in Wynberg. This is a major event on the Cape Town calendar and all profits from this show are shared between the Rotary Club of Kromboom and Springfield Convent School, to support community projects.

This year will be our eleventh performance and has featured some of Cape Town's finest young singers who have gone on to make their name universal. Relax on the lawns while having a picnic in beautiful surroundings and enjoy a programme of popular opera arias and songs from the musicals.

Other additions to the concert include the Springfield Marimba Band, the popular Opera Café which provides a selection of wines and bubbly as well as other delicacies, while the Children's Corner offers entertainment by a magician, face painting, a bubble machine and other attractions. There is something for the whole family to enjoy.

Gates open at 3:30 pm, parking marshalls will be on hand to assist and the Springfield girls will lead you down to the lawns. For those who need it, a golf cart will also be available to take you to the seating area.

Bookings: 021-797 9637 (ext 200) during school hours.

or 079 6533 497

or email operainaconventgarden@mweb.co.za

Tickets: Adults R120, Scholars R40, Children under 10 are free

Also see attached flyer



