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LAST TUESDAY

Not to be overshadowed by the advent of the Cape Argus Tour 2014 on Sunday, last Tuesday's talk was one of those seminal events which reflected so completely the value of Rotary in its international colours.

Keith Bull took the time and opportunity to coalesce into one presentation the recent and diverse work of John Glassford at our sister club, Coolamon, New South Wales, Australia. Particularly though, the R.A.G.E.S. [Rotary Action Group for Endangered Species].

JG's work and his emails regularly feature in Bay Breezes [he is as



prolific with his emails as he is with his projects] but Keith's presentation neatly put this all into perspective.

For those who had not already signed the membership roster for R.A.G.E.S. a form went round and I believe some 15 extra signatories were listed.

John Glassford is desperate for this project to gain Rotary International endorsement and signatures are needed for this.

Once again, anyone who has not signed up [free of charge] is encouraged to do so at the site below:

<http://www.endangeredrag.org/>

this site will give you all of the information you need on this and really is a "must read".

Just at the moment I am having trouble attaching a copy of the powerpoint presentation to this edition. Keith and I are working on it and I shall come back to you.

THIS COMING TUESDAY

Sees the induction of Joelle Searle as our newest member.

Joelle is entirely new to Rotary but having attended many meetings and undergone her fireside chat she has been invited to join our ranks.

Some of us might forget after some years of our own membership, that this is an invitational club. One has to be invited not just sponsored. And that invitation does not come lightly. Nor do the obligations of membership. It is a special thing to be invited to join Rotary and I think if some of our oldest members think back they will recall that sense of pride at that time.

We shall welcome Joelle into Rotary on Tuesday and giving this occasion the importance it deserves, not just for Joelle but for our club I believe that ALL members present in Hout Bay and environs must attend. Please notify Allan Walker of guests.

FROM TIM SMITH – ARGUS RIDER

Dear Supporters

This is to thank you most sincerely for the generous donation which you gave to sponsor me for the Cape Argus Cycle Race on Sunday. The race was held yesterday in the Cape Peninsula, in warm but windy conditions, and over 35,000 people took part, men and women and children of all ages, sizes and colours. It was a memorable occasion. Because of the wind many of us took longer to finish than we had hoped. We had fifty riders for Breadline Africa, and have still to find out how many finished the race.

In total through your generosity I raised R 11,700 in South Africa and £ 637.94 through the UK website Justgiving, which makes a total of over R 23,000.00 The funds will be used towards a new pre-school for the children of Zoleka in Philippi, and we will keep you informed of the progress of the project.

Many thanks again

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FROM JOHN GLASSFORD- *response to Keith's talk*

G ' day

There has been a lot of activity in the past few days with the Rotary Club of Hout Bay in Cape Town showing the presentation on RAGES. Hout Bay and the Rotary Club of Kenton-on-Sea through Jo Wilmot have also been having a chat.

As a result we have had 15 new registrations arrive in my in box overnight.

A very warm welcome to you all and I promise that we are not here for a chat but to engage Rotarains in the preservation of endangered species.

Rtn. Keith Bull from Hout Bay did the presentation and was asked this question on the burning of blood ivory:

"If we burn all the 'legal' stockpiles of ivory surely that will inflate the market price for ivory and put even more pressure on poaching?"

I have written a short story with some links to a web site or two here:

The Burning of Ivory

My advice on this issue of burning blood ivory can be answered by the Law of Supply and Demand. If we increase supply we increase demand only where the demand is so high that the supply can never exceed demand. This is the case in China as the middle class is getting wealthy day by day as their economy grows.

1.2 billion Chinese represents a mighty demand centre.

So we need to stop the supply completely and to do this several things have to happen:

1. ALL stock piles must be destroyed
2. Trade in ivory must be banned in every country in the world no matter how old or how new that ivory is.
3. The 35 ivory carving factories in China must be closed.
4. Heavy sentences for any breaches at those getting the ivory to market for the end user. That is poachers, middle men, the carvers and the outlets, the shops.
5. Every country that have elephants can without too much trouble close down the poachers. In the case of Kenya all President Uhuru Kenyatta has to do is to declare the elephant and rhino a National Treasure. Then defend them with the army and the armed rangers from the Kenya Wildlife Service.

In the short term arresting and imprisoning poachers can have a slow down effect. Reeducating them and training them to be rangers does work.

I am against shooting poachers as for every one that drops 10 more will take their place.

Easy? I don't think so.

Anyhow my thoughts only; once again welcome to all of our new members we are now 126 in number.

Please join us on Facebook, if you are up to Facebook.

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Yours in Rotary
John Glassford
Chair 2013 -2014
Proposed RAG for Endangered Species
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RAG Endangered Species

Mount Kenya 2015 ANZAC Day

Coolamon Rotary Club

THIS WEEK IN WYNPRESS

I shall be forwarding this week's edition of Wynpress which interestingly covers us being the "extinction capital of the world". Please read and email on as you see fit.

CAPE ARGUS TOUR 2014

Were it not for the overriding club business which has been happening and due to happen, this event would have had headline billing. It is our annual "big effort" in terms of getting members off behinds and standing on their feet for 10 hours, variously waving flags, shouting warnings and instruction at riders, shouting even louder at mammas with shopping bags crossing the road from Checkers, chasing feral dogs away, rounding up misbehaving IY street urchins and more.

This year we had the wind to contend with. The Terry's doing their bit at Sandblast Alley [roundabout at the bottom of Victoria Road certainly got it but the prize for wind endurance has to go to Rainer, Thomas and Rolf at the Chapman's Peak bend.

As the resident gadget man I had my wind meter with me and in the morning it was averaging around 50 km/hr. later when I returned to visit in the afternoon it was around 60km/hr and that was an average.

The wind did not let up all day.

On my rounds as official paparazzi I could see the enthusiasm turn to pain then simple endurance. It is long long day and we should all give ourselves a pat on the back.

This was the first year that we had the involvement of IY residents and I was amused to see how they took all of this in their stride. I felt that they took away a sense of fulfilment and enjoyment. Some of my photos reflect this.

Hopefully we can build community spirit and responsibility with this imitative. I think we shall. On more that one occasion I saw our IY helpers helping others. Notably helping the elderly or less able across the road when rider gaps allowed.

I also witnessed one helper give a stern dressing down to a local pedestrian who saw no reason to obey the crossing instruction of our own official. Interesting.

I am sure that there are anecdotes by the plenty from the day. Please do send them in for next week's edition.

i have posted the photos on Dropbox and you should all have invitations to view the folder coming in your email. you can always try the link below but for some reason Dropbox seem to have changed their setup and this may or may not work.

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/rotary/Cape%20Argus%202014>

Many thanks to Don Peters whose tremendously hard work and "generalship" makes this happen. It is a supreme show of organisation and with precious little help from anyone else in the club.

Dear All,

On behalf of President Menno and Team Newlands Cycle Tour Management, a really big Thank You to you all for a great day yesterday!!! Not bad, considering over 34,000 cyclists started with +/- 1,500 withdrawals for various reasons.

Generally, it was easy in the JOC, except for some challenges on the Sweeps after lunch, due to the high number of withdrawals on the back-end of the Course. Possibly as much as 1,000 were taken off the Course by Sweep Busses, which equals +/- 20 bus loads.

We hope you too enjoyed the day, albeit a bit windy. We really hope you can all join us again next year for a repeat. A pat on the back to you all would not be amiss J

We welcome any reports for the debrief and to assist in any possible improvements.

Yours sincerely, Graham F

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The Cycle Tour 2014

What a great day again, how lucky we are to have to get up early, to be wind and sun burnt for nothing just to earn a few rand. But it wasn't that, it was a fun day, with the good, the bad and the ugly and we all know what was ugly, that wind.

Thank you all for helping to make the day such a success that it was, for sharing with the IY Team who I believe were great and they have topped it by asking if they can help again.

Thank you to Lyn, Margaret and Sylvia for helping at the "Rotary Office" and to Keith and his team at the refreshment station.

There were some hiccups and we managed to do some quick repairs but special thanks to those that were pretty stretched. Our photo man will be releasing some interesting pics I am sure shortly.

Planning for the 2015 starts this week at the Cycle Trust, we will wait a while but will have a good look at changing some of the members around for more experiences.

On the Club's behalf I have written, to the Rotary Clubs of Helderberg Sunrise, and Gordons Bay for their helpers, to the Cycle Trust, Newlands Rotary, and to Mhtini of the IY Team thanking all.

Thanks again everyone

Cheers

Don

Dear Rotarians,
So honoured to share that one of my photographs printed on canvas will be auctioned off at IKhaya le themba Project's Fundraising Auction! Get dressed for a STUNNING evening at Nova Constantia Estate - Wine from the Constantia and Roberston Valleys, delicious snacks and awesome items for auction - photo courses, artwork, wine, 4-ball at Westlake Golfclub, jewellery and more... 28th March!
Please come join me for an exquisite evening.

Auction: <http://ow.ly/ubw6x>

(invitation attached)

Hope to see you there!
Ashley

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www.facebook.com/ashleynewellphotography



Evening

It has been a long day however we now have the Mount Kenya web site working well. I have uploaded stories to all the drop downs and will now add stories to the main page as they happen.

Your feed back is very welcome as this is a team effort. I want to thank Mark Rosendahl from Canada who built the web site and to Les Millis for his help along the way. Les did a wonderful job with the original ORK site which this one follows on from.

Over time I would appreciate your story and if joining the team in Kenya then some photos and why you are joining us in Kenya next year.

Web site:

Mount Kenya 2015 ANZAC Day

Please share the web site with your friends who may become involved.

If there is anything that I should delete,change etc please do not hesitate to ask me.

We will change the donation levels and keep tweaking it as needed.

Talk soon.

JG

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RAG Endangered Species

Why honour anyone.....

With thanks to Tim Stanley of the Daily Telegraph Nov 2013

It was in the middle of November 2013 that the elite of American politics gathered in Washington DC to unveil a bust of Winston Churchill at the Capital Building. The rotunda where he now sits immortalised in bronze, and looking a little perplexed, was renamed the Freedom Foyer for the occasion. John Boehner the leader of the House Republicans gave a passionate speech of dedication.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said Mr Boehner, " this is one of history's true love stories. Between a great statesman and a nation he called 'The Great Republic'. The crowd listened to a recording of Churchill addressing the Congress following the attack on Pearl Harbour in 1941. Afterwards, Roger Daltrey of 'The Who' sang, Stand by me – a tribute Mr Boehner said, to "the best friend the United States ever had"

What a wonderful way to honour Sir Winston Churchill.

So why the title 'Why honour anyone'; last week not in the USA but in England a very special service was held and attended by Royals, Political leaders and august members of society in the United Kingdom to honour Nelson Mandela. An invitation to our own President to attend and indeed to say a few words didn't transpire for his personal reasons or was it that he was busy. Archbishop Tutu didn't let South Africa down and he spoke with that style of passion, excitement, love and appreciation of Nelson Mandela. Following the Archbishop's address and unlike the American style of recognition, a poignant hymn from the hymnal was sung with great gusto.

Big or small, whatever, the recognition and honouring of our fellow woman and man for deeds performed in many differing ways is part of our way of life.

DON PETERS

KUHN'S CONES

While touring on my paparazzi mission I came across Hans Kuhn and his cones. Hans was immensely proud of his cone arrangement. Perfectly positioned and in perfect line [except for one errant cone blown 5cm out of line]. I concurred with Hans that this definitely deserved a prize.



AND FINALLY FROM ROY GRAHAM

About 24 months ago I gave the club a simple puzzle to work out.

Going through some unanswered emails I found out much to my surprise that nobody in our club was smart enough to have worked out the answer.

So to simplify matters I will do so again only this time to make things easier we will use sterling.

A farmer goes to the market with 100 pounds and is expected to return home with 100 skulls, or head of cattle.

The market costs of cattle is 5 pounds each

Sheep are priced at 1 pound each and fowls are priced at 1 shilling each

Sheep and fowls are regarded as cattle for the purpose of this exercise.

How many of each did he buy ? come on fellows this is a grade 10 problem - a bottle of good wine awaits the first member to get the answer within ten days.