



BAY BREEZES - 31 JANUARY 2012

The Praise Singer's Gazette

One of us shortly will celebrate their seventieth birthday, a number of us have already reached that milestone and its a wonderful time to look back on ones life's achievements. Rotarians do this often, and not just those who are seventy, that is they look back on their achievements and for most of us there is a sense of fulfilment. Rotary has for a number of years sought "eternal youth" in respect of membership but obviously has not fully achieved its objective.

What has happened is that we of senior status have denied age and confirmed our belief that we remain young. We enjoy each week, for example our very own Peter Pan, a Sgt who never fails to find a suitable piece of humour which has his fellow members on their seat edge as we near the punch line. Who will forget the door handle?

But our speakers, Richard and Itai were part of that wonderful group of young people, that is, in actually years, who help to make our country special. How easy it was for those Rotarians young at heart to recognise, respect, enjoy and share with our speakers the amazing course these two young men have followed.

We have enjoyed at our Rotary meetings of late a number of young people capable and able to stand and speak with conviction and real feeling and Richard and Itai certainly achieved that last night. We have asked Richard to stay in touch as we firstly look for suitable candidates from IY to be trained not so much in farming but in gardening in the informal settlement environment.

The OMH future project of nutritional foods, particularly fresh vegetables, for HiV/Aids sufferers comes to mind. Past enquiries in the field of tunnel/greenhouse vegetable growing have been thwarted by the identification of high costs now we have a situation where truly we can start a mini programme with minimal costs. We are aware of the failure of earlier projects in the vegetable field but, "the secret of success is to do common things uncommonly well – John Rockefeller".

All of us were so impressed with the confidence of our speakers it reminded us of the recent Australian visitors who had the same attitude to climbing a mountain. What is exciting is that the younger generation is certainly beginning to be more forceful and vocal and that must bode well for the country's future. The presentation of beautiful and very tasty tomatoes, not impregnated with CO₂ as they are in the shops was a bonus.



PRAISE SINGER CONTINUED

Mike Hornby was again with us prior to his return to Holland and we hope he will keep in touch with us. Richard's parents, Francis and Adele joined us and we hope they enjoyed the evening. What a pleasure to meet again Garnt Renkema and to thank him in person for the contribution made by himself, Fedde and the Renkema family to the bursary project

It was sad to hear of Mike Gie's heart attack but encouraging to also hear of his immediate recovery and we all wish him well.

I have sent to the President of the Kirstenbosch Club a letter of condolence in respect of the passing of PP David Porter of that Club, David was a very long serving Rotarian and a dedicated member of the Kirstenbosch Club.

Patrick will be contributing to this edition of Bay Breezes on the very exciting and enjoyable visit to !Khwa ttu , and next weeks programme organised by Patrick is to recognise Hout Bay individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community.

On Saturday Hout Bay Rotary will be represented at the Mini Conference, part of the programme will be on Membership, will you, as a member of Hout Bay Rotary who are not at the Conference, just give a little thought to new members from the Hout Bay Community on Saturday – maybe your positive “waves” will reach us in Somerset-West.

Don Feiler,

Rotary in Action, Events or News

To record that the Rotary Club of Hout Bay via sponsors, request to host a performance give by the Cape Town Youth Orchestra on Sunday April 22, 2012, in the afternoon at the concert hall at Kronendal School here in Hout Bay."

Colin Sutherland will take the lead in managing this event, but will look for support from fellow Rotarians for various inputs in planning and hosting activities.



Programme

Jan 31 AWARDS EVENING Celebrating the successes of the people in our community and acknowledging them for the difference they have made.

7 Feb Muriel and Freda – The District Office
14 Feb TBC
21 Feb TBC
23 Feb Rotary's 107 birthday
26 Feb Club Birthday
28 Feb TBC

MEALS AND ATTENDANCE

Please would all members advise Attendance Officer Mick Feuilherade 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

January Birthdays

Atol Rice	1
John Steyn	7
Fedde Renkema	13

January Anniversaries

Morris'	11
Kuhns	14
Smiths	28



POINTS TO PONDER

Why they are called apartments when they are all stuck together?

If con is the opposite of pro, is congress the opposite of progress?

Why they call the airport "a terminal" if flying is supposedly so safe?

Why the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of coconut, but can't he fix a hole in a boat?

What do you call male ballerinas?

If blind people can see their dreams? Do they dream??

That if Wile E. Coyote from the Road Runner had enough money to buy all that ACME crap, why didn't he just buy dinner?

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

DISCOVERING THE SAN - PP Patrick McLaughlin

The trip to !Khwa ttu turned out to be a happy, rewarding and most informative occasion and full of great fellowship as Hout Bay Rotarians learn of the wonderful work being done by Hans Kuhn and the dedicated staff at the centre, 70km up at the West Coast just before Yzerfontein. There is nothing else to be “near to”, which is why the location makes !Khwa ttu so perfect for what this project is trying to achieve; that is to be a rallying point and lifestyles training centre for the few remaining San bushmen people from all over the Southern portion of Africa.

Firstly we learnt of the five “clicks”, two of them “borrowed” much later by newer, more modern cultures to lives besides the San such as the Xhosa people. We were all told wonderful stories by our San guides of the relationship of the San to their icons, the eland and the mantis; how to survive in the desert-bush and the values of these wonderful people whose scarcity is only matched by the scarcity of interest by the present government for their survival. !Khwa ttu is working towards offering a safer, self determined future for these Bushman people.

But !Khwa ttu as a working model, thanks to Hans, is more about contacting these people and selecting groups, from as far afield as Angola, Botswana and Namibia, for lifestyles training and introduction to the modern world to ensure that this culture survives and that the fabric of this wonderful story is woven into the region’s history. All the staff, from guides, to waiters to workers in the agricultural projects, are in fact trainees not only learning an income-earning skills but learning about modern life, habits in eating, modern day behavioural issues, cooking, travel, inter-relationships and, most of all, tourism.

Tourism and “understanding the tourist” is perceived as the future industry for the San people when it comes to hosting peoples from the rest of the world and, as Hans Kuhn said, “bringing back the voices of the San from the past” to tell us about our continent, from the days when all there was were hundreds of San tribes. As Michael, the training head with 12-years experience, said, “In this vast area a tourist can offer from 50 cents to US\$50 for a bow and arrow, and some of standardisation and understanding of sale, income and development possibilities have to come about in the region and how to handle the invasion of 4x4 vehicles tearing about in the region over the thousands of kilometres, the home of simple, ignorant folk”.

In the museum we were able to see San rock art from as far afield as the Drakensburg (Sani Pass?); we saw pictorial set-ups of survival techniques which are long-forgotten in today’s modern expeditions, and learnt the culture of long-forgotten peoples as old as the Maya and Incas. All rounded off with a superb three-course luncheon in the beautiful luncheon room built in the style of the San people yet retaining a kind of modernity that brought the feeling of a high class restaurant. A wonderful day and thank you Hans for the work you do and the opportunity to enter the San world of !Khwa ttu.

You have our every support.

