



***BAY BREEZES - 13 MARCH 2012***

## **The Praise Singer's Gazette**

Its amazing the build up to the day of the "Argus" as we affectionately call the big day. Last night at our meeting there was the normal interaction which is so healthy as we share our personal comments on who is best at doing differing tasks. Whilst there is structure at a meeting often there is a need to break ranks and allow for free flow. The harshness of a rigid procedure is not part of a voluntary organisation such as ours and we do have our Sgt who is watching for any abuse of the latitude allowed. In respect of the Argus organisation there is a considerable build up with numerous meetings, emails, phone calls together with concerns and worries prior to last nights meeting. It has reminded me of some famous words from Sir Winston Churchill when he was speaking about "Their finest hour" and perhaps it sums things up nicely :

"When I look back on all those worries I remember the story of the old man who said on his death bed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which never happened."

I sincerely hope that our Clubs efforts for the 2012 Argus are trouble free and enjoyable.



News of the floods in Australia prompted correspondence from Patrick and myself with John Glassford at the Coolamon Rotary Club and the following was his reply.

*G ' day Don and all in Hout Bay Rotary*

*Wagga Wagga is having a tough time right now but it looks like the levy banks will hold. We are in good hands in Wagga as the mayor of Wagga is a Rotarian so is the head of the State Emergency Services in the area. Wagga CBD was evacuated and the residents of North Wagga which is under water no levy bank there. 60,000 people live in Wagga so far 8,000 have been evacuated.*

*Coolamon had 12" of rain but as there is no river close there have been zero problems, just bloody wet mate. Craig Corrigan had water in his home but no problems.*

*Ganmain where Susan and I live has a creek which turned into a river and we had one of our buildings go under about 2' to 3' of water lost a few items but nothing serious. The hardest part was the clean up yesterday and today and for the next couple of days. Our straw bale buildings are on the other side of town but only one was inundated with water and as it has a slate floor was easy to clean up.*

*So all is well here and we thank you for your kind thoughts and good wishes.*

*I did post a video on the club web site the dog is having a lot of fun chasing rabbits who have left their burrows, she has not caught one yet.*

**PRAISE SINGER CONTINUED...**

<http://club.coolamonrotary.com/?p=2267>

Not sure if you can view this story from our ABC on the floods in Wagga. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-03-06/state-of-emergency-declared-in-wagga-wagga/3871866>

All is well here.  
Yours in Rotary  
John Glassford

Our Editor, Natalie had also been in touch with Mary at the Tempora Club.....  
*ED - On speaking to Mary, who at the times of the floods was safe in Melbourne with friends, she did let me know that an area she had passed through only two day prior to the floods was seriously affected with the water level reaching above some roofs. Its a breath of fresh air speaking to the dynamo that is Mary, she is in the throws of preparing to come back to Africa to go back to Uganda, which has had a phemnominal effect on her life and it is where she belives she can make a difference - Mary I salute you - you are a towering example of what it means to be a Rotarian.*

Of course we will keep a watching eye on the situation but currently things are improving. All of us send to our Australian friends in Rotary our best wishes for a speedy return to normal times.

We are reminded of the assistance at James House on the 17th March and the Bowls Day on the 18th.

Patrick has burst into the field of promotion and his first class brochure on OMH has been launched, we are all encouraged to share this excellent publication with friends and business associates. The long term support of the OMH project is vital.

Colin and John spoke briefly about the Youth Orchestra show on 22nd April, there is a shortage of funding and the matter will be discussed by the Board but let not that comment mean that members not involved do not give some thought and help to this worthy project. Any prospective donor has two choices always, a positive one and a negative one, let the donor make the decision, lets not be

ROTARY has to be a little like our seasons, there is a quiet, even dormant period – WINTER where we have consolidation and of course inductions of new leaders.

SPRING follows as our leadership blossom and new growth points flourish

We are well into assisting our fellow man and women as SUMMER arrives.

Its AUTUMN that really excites Rotarians not just because of the fruits of the tree, scrub and our beloved vine, but the fruits of our endeavours to help. It's a highlight period for Club fund raising efforts and guess what – for all the Hout Bay Rotarians its ARGUS time. Its our autumn "showing" to the community of Hout Bay that ROTARY CARES.  
~ Pres Don

## Programme

March 13 Board meeting at 5pm.  
Club Assembly  
Argus debrief

March 20 Kelly Kaimowitz – Loss of a sibling

## 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](mailto:annmick@webafrica.org.za) - Cell: 082 550 1654

## March Birthdays

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|-------------------|----|
| Christopher Adams | 3  |
| John Camplin      | 3  |
| Tim Smith         | 8  |
| Ralph Tobergte    | 15 |
| Terry Eldrid      | 23 |
| Butch Liebenberg  | 29 |

## March Anniversaries

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| Tobergte | 15 |
| Walkers  | 25 |
| Peters   | 27 |

## Points to ponder

If a book about failures doesn't sell, is it a success?

Do cemetery workers prefer the graveyard shift?

What do you do when you have an endangered animal that eats only endangered plants?

Do hungry crows have ravenous appetites?

Is it possible to be totally partial?

What's another word for thesaurus?

If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

Why do steam irons have a permanent press setting?

Can you be a closet claustrophobic?

Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?

Why do people who know the least know it the loudest?

If the funeral procession is at night, do folks drive with their lights off?

If a stealth bomber crashes in a forest, will it make a sound?

If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?

When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?

Should vegetarians eat animal crackers?

If the cops arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

Why is the word abbreviation so long?

**PRAISE SINGER CONTINUED...**

protective for any reason or pre-judge.

Shelby has raised the issue of children going to school in IY hungry and because the Government are only supplying funds for two days per week to feed children Shelby is asking if we can help. Community Services and the Board of your Club will discuss, but, if you have a contribution to make please tell David Walker.

*Don Selek,*



**GUESS THE ROTARIAN** - No one got it right - Keep guessing

As a bit of fun I have asked the members to send me pictures of themselves when they will still young and innocent. Thanks to those who have sent me stories and pictures of their childhood - Last weeks story for those of you who guessed - was yes none other than our intrepid adventurer from down under PP John Glassford. This week's one is a bit harder and I have decided to not give any clues on this as there is a prize for the first rotarian to email me the correct answer to who the beautiful child on the right is. Those who have pictures that they still would like to submit - please keep them coming - Scribe

Who is this nurd? -

This is a 30 second commercial on early Rhodesian Television circa 1963 when transmission was black and white. There was no video in those days, so you were paid to go up to the studios, sit and wait and do your 30 second presentation live.

"Lustro" was a local opposition brand to "Vim" made by Rhodesian Industries, and which never really made, probably because of the presenter.

I once had to do an ad for 5kg Buttercup margarine bars, which, as we went live melted under the studio lights and all I could show the viewer on camera was sticky paper, which I held up and then collapsed. It was easy to make a mistake. As you fired the button on a tin of Doom Flydi Spray (to show how easy it was to kill flies) inevitably the spray was pointing at your face.

Viewers used to watch the ads primarily waiting for the entertainment when things went wrong. But it all helped me as an insurance guy.

Also in early television, you went up to the studios in the evenings when you were hired to do fifteen minute programmes called "ad-mags", a mixture of live 30 second presentations with two presenters alternating the ads and with the odd 35mm film ads interspersed from the big guys like coca Cola and Shell. It was hair raising stuff. No rehearsals.

Television was still banned in South Africa in those days. I found straight news broadcasting subsequently much easier, which I also did part time. Usually there were two presenters and you alternated stories whilst the other presenter sat there and look interested. All "live" again, no video, just the occasional 35mm from overseas. The station also broadcast such series as Dallas, Naked City, Big Country, Two Ronnies, Lucille Ball and Flintstones. Remember them? Circa 1970

