



BAY BREEZES - 27 SEPTEMBER 2011

The Praise Singer's Gazette

OK so you didn't miss me and I will get over it. The report backs were interesting some musical critics comments were included. Well done for Chris Adams to appear after his illness, Rotary meets once a week we need you to keep the percentages up !! Gabrielle and Robyn were welcomed, Robyn preparing for the return of the wandering John who has done a make-up with Terry Eldrid at the Fareham Club. Next week David is bringing Paul Tingley an Old Hout Bay resident now living in the States and a member of a Miami Rotary Club. Tuesday I met some visitors from Scotland at Nonceba and we were joined by our Assistant Governor Tony Davidson and PP Gavin Schachat both from Sea Point Rotary and I did a make-up at Sea Point on Wednesday lunch time.

Remember the Shelter box we paid for to go to Haiti ? I saw a programme on Haiti this week and its still a complete disaster but what was disturbing was that a lot of goods donated by charities and the UN were now appearing in spaza type shops for SALE. I will speak with Dave Moss and Tracey Wilson of Shelter Box SA and see what they have heard of progress in Haiti and where "our" box is.

The crime stats released by the Government again show how vulnerable children are to abuse and the Hout Bay Communities are not left out. Still the problem in ALL communities, rich and poor, is the reporting and follow up of crimes of abuse and rape.

I had a phone call the other day from a mother in Hout Bay, she has a child that she wants to send to a "good primary school" so that the child can flourish. The conversation then moved quite directly to Rotary and the fact that this mother would like a bursary for her child and how did she achieve this. I have scant information on the financial status of the mother but she has a job in the valley and the school she wishes her child to go to is the Valley Pre-primary school. That school does offer a few places to non-fee payers but they are all taken up. My question to you all is how do you help ? Why is there an expectation that Rotary will just hand out bursaries ? Is there a need for better publicity on the bursary scheme and an explanation which can be understood ? Can we involve the Department of Education and what can they offer to parents like this mother ? Of course there is a simple answer, no funds available, its not something we are doing, etc etc. It doesn't seem fair that just a few benefit and how did they get into a bursary programme. So yes its back to telling the REAL story about Rotary involvement because as it is our organisation is going to get a very negative vibe. The skill here is not just "throwing" money at it, its educating, explaining, developing and empowering those less fortunate to help themselves improve their lot. For those members who are not engaged directly in these areas please give this matter some thought and lets make some contributions to the those who are always active in the education area.

One of the tasks recently was to report on activities in Hout Bay to District, did we have an EARLYACT Club, sadly no; did we have an INTERACT Club, sadly no; did we have a ROTORACT Club, sadly no. They didn't ask if there was a PROBUS Club but we do have connections there, firstly one of us is a member and secondly the presence of the PROBUS Club is very apparent when we arrive on Tuesday and find the room in disarray. Amongst the members of PROBUS are some with brilliant minds why can we not ask them to help, OK immediately we are told they don't do projects and that is not then what we asking, its asking them to use their minds to help Rotary with ideas and suggestions. PROBUS maybe needs to be reminded that its start was because of ROTARY not the other way around. The Hout Bay communities and all its problems are for EVERYONE to assist with, some with their hands, some with their brains and sadly some with their feet. Would we consider a joint meeting ?

Don



Heritage Day 2011

Heritage - anything that is or may be inherited, a nation's historic buildings, monuments, countryside etc, especially when regarded as worthy of preservation. Well like many of the members of our Rotary Club we have adopted South Africa as our home and with it South African heritage. Of course we understand the privilege of being able to share the country of adoption with those born here. Living in Hout Bay, one of the most beautiful places with amazingly some fantastic historical relics, of course I am not referring to any of the octogenarian members of Hout Bay Rotary, or indeed those nearing that milestone.

My own situation is slightly different, each week I journey to Hout Bay, my drive takes me through the Newlands Forest to Constantia Nek and then down through the wooded road to Hout Bay. I suppose I have driven that journey about two and half thousand times but still I never find it boring or unpleasant, there are magnificent trees, birds the odd wild animal and beautiful homes. They are all worthy of preservation.

Sadly the time before my family and I settled in South Africa we lived in what was often referred to as "God's own Country" formerly Rhodesia and then Zimbabwe. We lived surrounded by the most amazing beauty created not only by a supreme being but by the toil of Pioneers and their successors who recognised the true value of "heritage".

Like you all I hope that the next generations are able to "inherit" what we all celebrate on Heritage Day.



HOUT BAY SUPERSPAR LOYALTY PROGRAMME

Hout Bay SuperSpar is honouring the members of the Rotary Club in their support of them and the community by creating a loyalty card, which when used every time you shop with generate points which in turn will be a cash value refund to the club. In other words for every Rand we spend at Hout Bay SuperSpar they will give a percentage back to the club, which we can use towards our fundraising efforts.

This is similar to the My School Card - in which a percentage of the value of the shop goes back to a school of choice - this programme will give money back to Rotary instead.

The advantage is not only limited to your grocery spend, but also extends to your purchases of wine or any other liquor.

Those interested in receiving a Loyalty Card - please let Natalie know - so that they can print the necessary cards for us.

Programme

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| Sept 27 PDG Humphrey W-Smith | Intro Don | Thanks Peter Dutton |
| Humphrey is an amateur actor as well as PDG 1989-90 and his subject will be titled "Something interesting" | | |
| Oct 4 Colin Sutherland | "To Be French. Ten Words that Portray the Nation and its People." | |
| Oct 11 Glynis Jennings Western Province Blood Transfusion Service | Intro Don | Thanks Butch |
| Blood will be the subject and the great work done by WPBTS, Glynis is a Rotarian at the Waterfront Club | | |
| Oct 18 District Governor | Intro Don | Thanks Athol |
| The annual visit to the Club of the DG, Deon is a retired Judge and also the Inspector of Prisons. | | |
| Oct 25 Ambassadorial Scholar - Samuel | | |
| Nov 1 - TBC | | |
| Nov 8 Ross Johnson of Amambush speaking about Marimbas. | | |

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 - Cell: 082 550 1654

September Anniversaries

The Schuchards	01
The Bulls	16

September Birthdays

Chris Schuchard	15
Keith Bull	18
Rainer Jahn	21
Alison Bull	25

ALZHEIMERS

Three mischievous old Grannies were sitting on a bench outside a nursing home.

When an old Grandpa walked by.

And one of the old Grandmas yelled out saying,
"We bet we can tell exactly how old you are."

The old man said,
"There is no way you can guess it, you old fools."

One of the old Grandmas said,
"Sure we can! - Just drop your pants and under shorts and we can tell your exact age."

Embarrassed just a little, but anxious to prove they couldn't do it, he dropped his drawers.

The Grandmas asked him to first turn around a couple of times and to jump up and down several times.

Then they all piped up and said,
"You're 87 years old!"

Standing with his pants down around his ankles, the old gent asked, "How in the world did you guess?"

Slapping their knees and grinning from ear to ear, the three old ladies happily yelled in unison...

"We were at your birthday party yesterday!"



Deaf Awareness Month - 2011

It's hearing awareness month – I wonder how many of you knew that?

To be honest I didn't, and let's face it, deafness isn't very high on most people's list of urgent priorities particularly when they are asked to consider it as a genuine disability.

This is quite odd really bearing in mind the high number of people suffering from a hearing defect of some order or other.

It is estimated that in any gathering of people for whatever, at least 30% will have some defect in their hearing. I know from my talks about hearing, that when I ask the listeners to admit to some hearing loss, that 30% is easily confirmed. Just like the group reading this paper now. – Yes ??

So let's take a look at this word Awareness literally. Are YOU one of those 30 %? Are you aware of your circumstances?

Are you doing ANYTHING about it?



We will now examine the circumstances of Mr & Mrs Albert Ramsbothom, a typical Lancashire couple in their mid 40's.

Albert is recently getting very annoyed that he has to ask people to repeat themselves- always talkin too soft - he would say to his missus, and why has she got the TV volume too low, why does she keep turning it down when I'm watchin Everton play, I can't hardly hear that bloke on the news. What's up with all these people, ave they got summat with em, they all seem to be mumbling, he keeps tellin his missus.

Albert is at the beginning of his hearing LOSS but won't fully accept it. He will just not acknowledge it.

Getting angry now, having to ask others to repeat themselves.

Feeling frustrated that others expect him to hear normal.

He is experiencing a myriad of emotions; he begins to resent those who have normal hearing and comment on HIS loss.

He has started a period of DENIAL – His wife and others have mention Hearing aids which is ridiculous, he thinks.

The DENIAL stage now brings on – sadness – fear – frustrations – anger - resentment.

Periods of DENIAL can last 5-7 years before people start doing anything about it. He is oblivious of what frustration he is causing to those close to him.

The prospect of wearing a hearing aid hurts his pride – his vanity – fear of ridicule.

Final acceptance of HEARING LOSS. - HL

Accepting that the HL is affecting his QUALITY OF LIFE.

Decides to learn all about HL and GO FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF TREATMENT.

THE ROAD TO A BETTER LIFE HAS BEGUN FOR ALBERT RAMSBOTHOM.

Do YOU know any one like Albert?

Do you see that person in the mirror?

DONT GO INTO A DENIAL STAGE – YOUR NOT BEING FAIR TO THOSE WHO LOVE YOU

Bill Kilbride did the 7 yrs of denial – the stupid man. He was lucky - he had Margaret.

Seeing is believing – Hearing is knowing.

Bill Kilbride Sept 2011



CLASSICS IN PARROW - Hout Bay Rotary Club will once again be assisting with the Cap Classics Car Show on November 6.

We joined forces with the Multi Motor Club for the first time two years ago on a year-about basis, when we manned the gates at Jan Burger Sports Complex. We will be doing the same duty this year, from about 8.30am until about 4pm, so now is the time to diarise this important fundraising venture. (Last November they came to us, organising the cars for our show.) Needless to say, we need all Hout Bay Rotarians to help out. Last time we went over to Parow we earned just short of R20,000 for our efforts, so it's a very worthwhile event.

John Camplin will circulate a sheet for members to put their names on in a couple of weeks, when most of the swallows will be back in South Africa.

Don't forget the date Sunday, November 6 from about 8.30am.