



BAY BREEZES - 13 SEPTEMBER 2011

The Praise Singer's Gazette



It was a long meeting on the 6th, problem with the catering and Brad's presentation was a little long but it was both interesting and important to be aware of the NSRI activities in Hout Bay and elsewhere. There was some discussion about whether I should share the complimentary remarks about our Treasurers' participation with NSRI – I will, well done Roy, hope you enjoyed your break up the West Coast.

Many thanks to the partners who joined us together with Lizette Swanevelder a Hout Bay resident. Butch returned from his travels as did Suzie who had done a make-up in Blantyre, Malawi. News of other members returning is that the swallows are already packing so soon we will be up to strength.

Patrick gave us a brief up-date on Operation Medical Hope and advised that there will be a small presentation next Tuesday at the Clinic of some equipment.

There has been no news from Sharon but I did speak with Chris Adams and he has been sick but now on the recovery road. Kurt and Hazel according to David's report back are still struggling medically.

Our Sgt quite rightly commented that summer is approaching and with it longer evenings. I hope that this change in weather patterns will also be reflected in a little change in punctuality by members at our meetings.

Natalie had some serious computer problems and as a result the Bay Breezes was circulated late. Can I ask for members to make just a little effort in offering to Editor Natalie some material to publish and as Bay Breezes reaches our Swallows can I thank them for their contributions.

With all good Rotary wishes
Don

LADIES NIGHT

Good Day Good People



Tuesday 20th is a Ladies night at the Alpenstube 28 Victoria Avenue. Pure fellowship, we will not try to battle with a speaker this time.

If your name is not on Uncle Mike's list, please ping him your desires, or whisper in his ear next Tuesday.

We are negotiating for no corkage.

Thanks
DAVID HEATH
Club Services

Malawi Rotary in Action

Our own Suzie Kidd recently returned from her travels to Malawi and whilst there attended the Blantyre Rotary Club meeting.

The club membership is 30, similar to our club, the projects that they are working on or in the process of planning are as follows:

Those projects I can remember are:

- Sinking of Shallow Wells in Zomba-Domasi area (status: in progress)
- Building a School block at Mpapa Primary School in Blantyre (status: planning)
- Pollution Clean-up of Mudi River in Blantyre City (status: planning)
- Rehabilitation of Maternity Wing at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre (status: planning)
- Wheelchair Donation Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre to (status: in planning)
- Bicycle Ambulance donation at Bvumbwe, Thyolo area (status: in planning)



In light of the extended speaker times over the past few weeks, we will now implement a twenty minute speaker time. If you are the invitee of the speaker, please make this known to them and Club Services will reinforce the point on the night. A member, who wishes to remain anonymous, (first name Peter second name rhymes with Button) has complained about the speaker time given to NSRI last week. Whilst the subject was interesting, very well presented and important, he,(the bloke in brackets) has a point and speaker time that goes beyond 8.00pm is impacting on the Clubs fellowship time.

To reinforce the above, the call to order will now be 6.50pm and the meeting start at 7.0pm sharp. If you are late, you will have to tell a joke, pay a one Million Rand fine or listen to Uncle Roy talking Club accounts. We suggest the muster time should be 6.15 for 6.45.

By Order SAA (Seconded by Club Services)

THE BAY BREEZES - BUY, SELL OR SWAP

CAR NEEDED - Colin and Dagmar Sutherland are tired of paying AVIS just to drive around Hout Bay. On their return in September they are looking for a small to medium, used (but not too-much used) car. Sound a horn if you have or hear of one, going for sale and knows its way around Hout Bay. email Colin on CSuther1@aol.com

Programme

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| Sept 13 Douglas McClure | Intro Don | Thanks Ali Rice |
| Douglas has spoken before at the Club and his talk will be this time on where human life is going. | | |
| Sept 20 Ladies night | David to advise - this is to be a night out at a restaurant in Hout Bay | |
| 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 Ross Johnson Amambush | Intro Don | Thanks Natalie Mercer |
| Ross is MD of a company that makes marimbas, he will be playing one at the mtg and the intro of marimbas to the HB schools is a future project. | | |
| Oct 11 Glynis Jennings Western Province Blood Transfusion Service | Intro Don | Thanks Butch |

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	16
Rainer Jahn	21

Points to Ponder

The following were selected by PP Patrick from the Coolamon Rotary Website:

Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

We live in a society where pizza gets to your house before the police.

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back.

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

Rotary in Action - events and projects

ROTARY SOMALIA FAMINE RELIEF - I have been receiving enquiries from various quarters on what our District is doing regarding famine relief to Somalia. Our District is already deeply involved in ShelterBox assistance and I am in discussion with my fellow DGs in Southern Africa regarding other means of rendering assistance. I shall keep the District posted. In the meantime donations can be made to the Rotary Foundation Account stipulated in the attached letter from Zone Co-ordinator Nick Phillips.

Sincerely in Rotary
DG Deon van Zyl

NONCEBA - The late Sir Winston Churchill was a special man when it came to speaking, my quote of something he said has no bearing on the incident he was referring to, but, it is so significant in respect of what Rotary International's involvement with the Nonceba Centre is.

"This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps the end of the beginning."

So that is where we in Rotary International stand today in respect of the Nonceba Centre and the wonderful work carried out by caring and loving staff and helpers. It is not the end because the scourge of child rape and abuse tragically continues.

Rotary had recognised the work of Nocawe Mankayi, Hazel Black and Dr Georges Tsalacopoulos from the early stages of the creation of the Nonceba Centre. It was Hazel Black, the current Chairperson of the Nonceba Trust that introduced one of Rotary's junior partners, Interact to the tragic stories of child rape and abuse. The result of that introduction of the Interact Club from Herzlia School was the identification of a very special pupil, Ashley Kaimowitz, whose inspirational story was highlighted after her tragic passing.

It was a group of Cape Town based Rotary Clubs that established the Ashley Kaimowitz Memorial Fund with the aim of assisting the Nonceba Centre create a new facility but also to honour Ashley and to complete the dream she had had of a new Centre. Rotary was successful and our contribution was used to equip the new Centre. We were proud to be part of the Nonceba Centre and particularly as it allowed us not only to continue to help but more so to publicize the Ashley Story. Bringing young and old Rotarians to the Centre where they could after even a short visit understand how Ashley and indeed many others have been inspired by the work done at the Nonceba Centre.

During the year a large number of Rotarians together with Ambassadorial scholars, Rotaract and Interact members, visiting Group Study Exchange programme teams from far and wide have been to Nonceba, watched the DVD, met the staff, toured the facility and lovingly interacted with the children. One of the ongoing projects has been the Rotary Comfort Boxes, the box which is given to the child after their initial counselling session. Many have helped with this project and to make it more meaningful we added to the Comfort Box a doll. Our dolls came from America initially from Global Sojourns Giving Circle following an introduction by a fellow Rotarian who runs the business Uthando. There was a wonderful contribution from the couriers D H L when they carried from the USA a box of dolls. Later we established with a Rotary GSE Team from Denmark a plan to have dolls manufactured locally at the NGO "Learn to Earn" nearby in Khayelitsha.

A major contribution from the Ashley Kaimowitz Memorial Fund during the year went towards the upgrading of the security systems at the Centre but the real strength in Rotary International's contribution is the continuing desire to help. Articles about the Centre and Ashley Story have appeared during the year in a number of magazines and newspapers and then a highlight was the second programme aired by the Television programme Carte Blanche on the Nonceba Centre and Ashley.

Rotary has also created the Ashley Award scheme, using Ashley's inspirational story about her involvement with the Nonceba Centre Rotary is identifying young people who are making amazing contributions to differing communities and emulating Ashley's story. One such award has been to five young Cape Town school girls who using their own pocket money were providing care packs to the survivors of crime at a local Police Station. This same team having had the opportunity of watching the DVD that identifies Ashley's story now assist the Nonceba Centre with material for the comfort boxes.

Rotary International will continue through its many mediums to help the Nonceba Centre.
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