



BAY BREEZES - 6 SEPTEMBER 2011

The Praise Singer's Gazette



I cannot believe how quickly the week goes by, I have dealt with over 25 Rotary email matters since last week. They included advising the Assistant Governors of Hout Bays' projects, its strengths and weaknesses. Last week we had a very successful Business meeting enjoyed more as the dinner was quite delightful. Most of our meeting was about Club Services, membership, venue, speakers, and fund raising. We did identify a desire to "go out" more and David has that in hand. One of my calls was to the Fire Station in Hout Bay, they wish to find who has got the Fire engine that Rtn Cecil Bloch arranged as a matching grant from the UK. So does anyone have any knowledge of where it is, the Fire Department have to remove certain items of Council property on the fire engine. I have as a result of the call also raised the question with the station for the Rotary Club to make a visit, maybe even to allow Bill Kilbride to ring the bell. In the mail bag is a message from an aspiring Ambassadorial student in the USA wanting to set up a matching grant for a project in District 9350.

This coming Sunday is a day for memories, the eleventh of September 2001, ten years have passed by. While on memories As President of the Club in 1999-2000 the meeting on 7th Sept I spoke at the meeting on the passing of Alan Coleman, a Charter Member, President 1993-94 and the inventor and original builder of the Hout Bay Weather gauge. The agenda for the meeting included a talk by Allan Walker on the Playground Project and his visit to the Howden Club in England. It is a sad state of affairs that the playground has been invaded by IY residents and no longer is available for the children. Can I find a Champion amongst the members to help resuscitate this project I am sure that Allan will want to be involved. Please make a note of Tuesday 18th October our DG's visit.

All good Rotary wishes

DON

A DAY AT THE RACES -

Just to let you know that we had a splendid day last Saturday at the Kenilworth Races organised by Signal Hill Rotary Club. This was the 10th year that they had organised it and I thoroughly recommend it to our members for next year.



Apart from myself and Bernadette those attending from Hout Bay were Alison and Athol Rice plus their 8 guests, Bill and Margaret Kilbride and Patrick and Marilyn Flanagan. There were around 200 guests in total who all enjoyed a fabulous view of the races from the top floor lounge and dining room of the Pavillion. The food was second to none. I haven't seen a buffet and carvery like that in ages. Peter Dutton

Rotary in Action and events

Our District has a committee for WOMEN AND CHILD ABUSE and a large number of Clubs have projects dealing with Abuse in differing forms. The Hout Bay Rotary Club participates through its involvement with the Nonceba Centre. As a member of that District Committee I am shortly going to approach James House and have them also included on the list of projects. Sadly woman and child abuse is a fact of life in the Hout Bay communities, all of them. Women and Child abuse is sadly not something that gets the attention it deserves, like AIDS it takes a considerable amount of time before the subject becomes easy to talk about and perhaps we forget that mental illness is a factor. - Those wanting to visit Nonceba - please liaise with Don and he will let you know whe next there is a group visiting.

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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

Sept 6 Brag Geyser NSRI Intro Don Thanks Patrick M^cLaughlin
To talk about NSRI in General but as he is the Hout Bay Station commander obviously about our area.

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.

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

INTERESTING STATS

Some boring stats about Rotary in France. They have 33.637 members within 1.056 clubs. The mode number of members is indeed 35. In Paris the original club founded in 1921 has 244 members the smallest Louvre founded only in 2010 has 16. Interesting that the oldest member of the Louvre club is only 47 and the youngest two are 30.

In these new clubs the annual report for all of France (published with 34000 copies) it does not state whether the person is married or not. Many have partners these days.

Finding - to get younger people into Rotary it is easier for a senior person to promote and start a new club.

The annual report of members (1 kilo. 10 in weight) is greatly in demand by Persian Carpet salesmen, as it gives all the contact details of what are we assume rather bourgeoisie people. - Colin S

WORDS OF WISDOM

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
~Anne Frank

Being good is commendable, but only when it is combined with doing good is it useful.
~Author Unknown

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.
~Mother Teresa

Wherever a man turns he can find someone who needs him.
~Albert Schweitzer

Signals as to Where the Economy is Going - C Sutherland

With all national economies being down rather than up, the Economist Magazine asked the readers to submit their favourite or pet economic indicator to signal where business is going. The August 27, 2011 edition reviewed some of the more interesting suggestions. For Rotarians who do not get/ read this journal, here are some of the standard and more novel contributions, together with the winner.

Classical Indicators

Ease of finding a taxi or a parking space - less action more availability

Adjacent empty retail spaces - Hout Bay or anywhere right now.

Sales of wooden pallets, cartons and plastic stretch wrap. If it's not moving, you do not have to package it.

Indicator by Individual Professions or Businesses

Pharmacies- The sale of suppositories rises as the economies goes "down the pan." Seems that financial worries and austerity cause intestinal disorders, requiring help.

Vets - When time are tough, owners cut back of non- essential surgery and vaccinations and indeed not buying a dog. This can precede a recession by, it is reported, by six months. This must do with the sixth sense that animals have

Hairdressers - Men's hairlines recede faster, related to the stress they and the economy is suffering. Mr Berlusconi was not excluded from this by having a hair transplant.

Women's Retail. Fashion - hemlines of dresses drop when economies are in recession, rise when things are looking up.

And the winner was

Number of Google searches for the gold price - the number of gold-price searches goes up as consumer confidence dives. The value of this indicator is that it is easy to count, immediately available and is a "handy device for spotting turning points in economic confidence". Bay Breezes should have this tracker reported each week.

Rotarians may have their own measure such as the number of times they are offered a drink at the Yacht Club bar on Tuesdays. I will count this for myself when I return to the Cape later this month.

AFTER THOUGHT FROM THE EDITOR - INDICATORS OF A RECESSION

My neighbour got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.

CEO's are now playing miniature golf.

Exxon-Mobil laid off 25 Congressmen.

A stripper was injured when her audience showered her with rolls of pennies while she danced.

I saw a Mormon with only one wife.

My bank returned a check marked "Insufficient Funds," I called them and asked if they meant you or them.

McDonald's is selling the 1/4 ounce.

Angelina Jolie adopted a child from America .

Parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.

My cousin had an exorcism but couldn't afford to pay for it, so they re-possessioned her!

A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico .

A picture is now only worth 200 words.

When Bill and Hillary travel together, they now have to share a room.

The Treasure Island casino in Las Vegas is now managed by Somali pirates.

And finally.

I was so depressed last night thinking about the economy, wars, jobs, my savings, retirement funds, etc., that I called the Suicide Hotline. I got a call centre in Pakistan , and when I told them I was suicidal, they got all excited, and asked if I could drive a truck.