

# Rotary Club of Hout Bay



## Bay Breezes



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### LAST TUESDAY

We had David Heath back as Sergeant at Arms. Our erstwhile SAR was in full flow and engaged us all in his inimitable fashion.

David introduced our guests, who were numerous courtesy of a return Raid by Constantia Rotary Club. Too many to mention here by individual name but thank you to Constantia for coming along and providing mutual company and friendship.

We had a few spots, one of which was from Bronwyn from RC Constantia to tell us about a Blindfolded Dinner. Exactly that. This dinner will take place in Salt River and, clearly in support of an appropriate charity, seeks to have diners appreciate the experience of being blind while engaging in a full repast. If my notes are correct, the dinner costs R120 pp and will take place on 29th October. Would anyone interested please contact Bronwyn through the RC of Constantia.

Also noted as a "MUST ATTEND" was the Constantia wine Festival on 31st October.

Ria mentioned that the Mercy Ship is in port at present and is available for visits by the public on 10th, 11th and 12th October. Personally, I have to mention that I went on it once and had to go back the next time it came in to port. It is an amazing experience and to be taken around on a tour by some of these incredibly generous and talented people is an honour in itself.

The Mercy Ship serves the indigenous and desperately poor throughout Africa who suffer from debilitating conditions. They put in to ports and offer their surgical team experience to anyone who can make the journey. And some of them journey overland for days if not weeks to be there. Some of the tales are incredibly touching. It is truly a humbling experience and I believe that we shall be organising a club visit. It would be a perfect opportunity.

President Christine mentioned that the Skateboard Park project is coming along well. More about that later. But funds are needed!

Also Pres Christine mentioned that the Hout Bay Volunteer Emergency Medical Services are celebrating their 21st anniversary on 11th October.

This is an organisation which we continue to support and we wish them well in the same measure as we thank them for their total dedication and service to the community.

President Christine also made note of a correction to last week's Bay Breezes in that I incorrectly mentioned that the Interact Club which she and Hans Kuhn are setting up is not in Hangberg but Imizamu Yethu. More on that I am sure as the project unfolds.

### SPEAKER

Our speaker was Dave Cowley of Hout Bay Heritage Trust who, as some of us may know, is the fountain of all knowledge Hout Bay related.

Dave took us through Part 1 of the history of Hout Bay from the days of Dias and Da Gama through to the Battle of Saldhana. Francis Drake in 1580 and John Chapman in 1607. Too many facts, Battles and events to list them all. A veritable romp through the very earliest days of Hout Bay and how it came to be.

As a matter of interest Hout Bay is the third oldest settlement in South Africa.

Part II of this enthralling march through our own little piece of history should bring us up to date. We await confirmation of when that will be.

### THIS COMING TUESDAY

Our speaker this Tuesday coming is Bronwyn Maree who will be talking to us about African Penguins. Bronwyn will be introduced by Raymond, being Sergeant at Arms in the absence of Don Peters.

Again, please advise Joelle if you can't make it on Tuesday, or aren't eating for any reason or if you are bringing eating guests. Just a matter of getting the all important meal numbers correct.

## SKATEBOARD PARK

A further meeting was held last Tuesday evening [prior to our own meeting] with Lawden and MJ who are the young people helping us in our efforts.

Lawden is a design engineer and has come up with some very impressive plans and artist impressions. He is fine-tuning the quantum on the intended plan which should come through shortly. Once we have that we shall take the next step which is to engage local government assistance [contact in respect of which President Christine already has].

I have no doubt that the costs are going to far exceed any funds we have access to and we should therefore be ready for a blitz on the local community to raise the necessary.

Lawden and MJ have their own sources and reckon that there is so much interest not just in the local community but beyond, that we should be able to do it.

I find it an exciting proposition which I hope and expect will draw communities together and, most importantly, provide an activity monitored by the older youths, which will keep the youngsters out of trouble and steer them away from such for good.

### From: Richard Sharp, RC Luton Chiltern

Good evening, Peter. Many thanks for continuing to forward editions of Bay Breezes which I install on our notice board at our weekly meetings.

My main purpose for emailing you was to respond to your email to our treasurer in respect of our recent donation to Hout Bay which Harold was good enough to deliver by hand. Your generous thanks for our donation are very much appreciated. It was good of you to provide a little more information on this funding together with your gracious comments which will be passed on to our Rotarians. Luton Chiltern Rotary Club continues to be delighted to be associated with your Club and trust that this arrangement will continue to prosper.

Kind regards to you and the members of Hout Bay Rotary Club.

Richard Sharp IPP  
Luton Chiltern Rotary Club

## STEPHANIE'S WAKE

Athol, Ali and myself attended Stephanie's wake last Tuesday before our own meeting. It was held at Spiro's and a fine spread was laid out. A rolling photo album of Stephanie was displayed on one of the large screen displays while we were all free to mingle and chat.

I learned an awful lot about Stephanie from Ginny [her daughter] and others who knew her well. She was quite a firebrand in her day and highly active in helping others less fortunate than herself although she joined the ranks of those very unfortunate herself when she suffered a devastating stroke in 2004. A cruel irony for someone who seems to have suffered more than her fair share of misfortune throughout her life.

## HBRC WEBSITE

Patrick has worked so hard to get our website up to date and running. The proof of success is in the click. Go to:

<http://rotaryhoutbay.org/>

you can access past issues of Bay Breezes among other things. Please also note the link to the club eulogy for Rainer Jahn.

## FROM DON PETERS

One of the really lovely memories of our recent holiday was the driver of the "golf cart" at London Terminal 5, his name was David, and he was an East end of London Jewish lad ( aged 55 ) it was his kindness and thoughtfulness that helped to make things so much easier for us and particularly Marilyn in her wheel chair. Just wondered what his parents went through.

Marilyn and I are off this afternoon to the local "wedding" as Ibiza's doesn't seem to count outside of the island. We both still have such lovely flash backs of Ibiza, and of the party and Chorleywood with Justine. Leaving Saturday for a week at Plettenberg bay with a night stop on the way back at a lovely wine estate.

Love to all  
Don

## MEMORIAL EVENT AT THEATRE ON THE BAY FOR CHRIS ADAMS

We would like to contact you about a Memorial Event we are holding for Chris Adams. Chris Adams was one of the founding supporters and trustees of Cheetah Outreach – an educational and conservation cause close to his heart. He always supported the Cheetah Outreach Theatre on the Bay event – and this year, on Nov 20th, we are dedicating the theatre evening to him. All funds raised will go towards the Chris Adams Bursary Teacher Award to send a local teacher on an educational scholarship to our partners, the Smithsonian in the USA. We would love to try and encourage members of the Hout Bay Rotary Club to attend and support this event in memory of Chris.

Harriet Nimmo / 079 437 6079 / Cheetah Outreach

NB. Ali Rice is working on this with Harriet and we shall be in touch with more info. but it should be a good evening out and one which we should support.

From Colin Sutherland

Dear Peter.

With the swallows returning to the Cape this month , a poem for Bay Breezes to remind the resident members why they return.

### October

The summer is over, the trees and all bare,  
There is mist in the garden and frost in the air,  
The meadows are empty and gathered the sheaves,  
But isn't lovely kicking up leaves.

John from the garden has taken the chairs,  
It's dark in the evening and cold in the stairs.  
Winter is coming and everyone grieves -  
But isn't lovely kicking up leaves !

## Swallows don't only fly . . .

Neville & Joyce have just completed an extensive, enjoyable road round trip during September from their home in Napa CA with turn-a-round being Oklahoma.

On the return journey, they stopped off for a few days with family in Pahrump, s-w Nevada, a little known town of some 35 000 population in the desert, some 50 miles west of Las Vegas ("The Meadows" in Spanish).

Great opportunity to visit spectacular Hoover Dam, which tamed the Colorado River many years ago & is a major source of water / hydro-electricity to four adjacent States, together with vast Lake Mead, a popular recreational area.

Thursdays are Rotary meetings, so, having arrived on the Friday, they missed out on that.

Saturday, tho', brought them to the annual county fair at which the local Rotary Club, seemingly, invariably has a beer tent – sound familiar ?

They enjoyed interacting with several Rotarians there, including Dave & Anita, all in good spirit & doing a brisk trade !

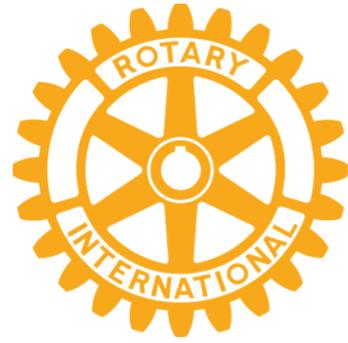


Upon departing Pahrump, they entered nearby Death Valley National Park with it's fascinating desert scenery, multiple vistas, dry heat, all the more interesting by tales & ruins of former borax & other mining.

At "Badwater", so named because of an expansive salt pan & river with minimal water flow, one is at elevation - 83 m below sea level, lowest point in the contiguous USA.

Greetings meanwhile from Northern California & "a bientôt".

# THE ROTARY CLUB OF DURBANVILLE



Presents

## Zanne's Secret Pleasure's



Join **Zanne Stapelberg** accompanied by **Elna vd Merwe** on a journey looking for loves answers, revealed in the world's most beautiful music. A breath-taking mixture of new Stapelberg compositions with songs from the opera, musicals and cabaret.

Music from the street café's to the opera house! Enjoy the worlds favourite music from La Vie en rose, Les Miserables, Karoonag, Maria de Buenos Aires and many more.

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This production is not to be missed.

*Zanne is a recipient of SA's Best Young Opera Singer Award, Zanne Stapelberg also won the Cosmopolitan Awesome Woman Award. Zanne was nominated for a SAMSA this year for her CD Soul of Fire, won a KANNA for best classical production at KKNK 2014. She has been called 'mesmerizing', 'enticing', 'cajoling' and 'captivating'. She remains one of South Africa's most prolifically talented and engaging artists. (Jeff Brukman, Cue) Zanne was chosen by SARIE magazine as one of the Top Ten Most Stylish Women in South Africa for 2014*

**Venue:** Die Boer (Durbanville)

**Date:** 25th October 2014

**Starting Time:** 18h30 for 19h00

**Ticket Price:** R 125

**Contact Person:** Jurg Human

**Booking Tel No:** 021 979 1911 / 083 406 0111

**E - mail booking:** navrae@dieboer.com or jurg@dieboer.com

**Full Cash Bar and a la Carte Menu with prices ranging from R50 per meal**



## ODDS AND ENDS

Wine drinkers pour 12 per cent more wine into a glass they're holding than one sitting on the table.

When having their photograph taken, Victorians said 'prunes' rather than 'cheese' to make themselves look more serious.

Nachos were invented by a man named Nacho.

The human brain has the same percentage of fat as clotted cream.

Instead of 'Snap! Crackle! Pop!', Rice Krispies in Germany go 'Knisper! Knasper! Knusper!'

Humans speak more languages than there are species of mammal.

A cheetah that sprints for more than 30 seconds can suffer brain damage.