

Rotary Club of Hout Bay

Bay Breezes



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LAST TUESDAY

We had another of those rather quiet evenings with limited attendance but with a TED lecture up this engendered another rousing debate after which had to be called to a halt if we weren't going to miss out on fellowship downstairs. The TED lecture was concerning Human Trafficking which, in my opinion tended to veer more toward exploitation but perhaps a fine line if you are the one being exploited.



THIS TUESDAY

Is a special evening and a LADIES/PARTNERS evening when we shall be focusing on a project which has attracted renewed interest from our club. We have in the past, been involved with Little Angels, mostly through the fostering of one Keith Bull and did have a small feeding program which fell away, leaving the crèche in desperate straits. Some 90 toddlers plus some 20 youths are helped by Liezel Matthews, her husband Jacobus, the few almost unpaid teachers. Liezel is doing her best in a highly drug affected situation to bring nutrition and education to these little ones. Our Board has agreed to reinstate our interest and include Little Angels as one of our newest registered projects. Through the efforts of Keith and Totnes RC Devon, the Garden Route Children's Trust have donated funds for epap feeding at Little Angels which is now underway.

Working with Tim Smith, Oceana, Breadline Africa and Totnes Devon, Little Angels are about to embark on a transformation. The rotting shacks that Liezel has been working with are about to be replaced with fitted containers. One for a toilet set up, one for a kitchen and one for a classroom. With the feeding program we are introducing, the epap and the shelter this is something which is going to be a landmark improvement in the community.

Liezel is such a dedicated and delightful member of the Hangberg community. How anyone can manage to make it through the adversity she has to endure and still does, is testament to her faith and determination. She deserves to be heard.

As a very close and special working partner with Liezel, we welcome Maria Montgomery who will also speak to us. Maria is adopting two young Hangberg twins and is inexorably joined with Little Angels. She is a Board member of the recently inaugurated Little Angels organisation and fully involved with all aspects of this project.

I understand that Maria will be showing a short Breadline produced video of Little Angels to be followed speech and discussion.

I have spent a fair bit of time now up at Little Angels delivering clothes, toys and books donated in the community and collected by my wife, Bernadette. Some of those mornings have been bitterly cold and damp. But there they are, Liezel, her small band of teachers and the little ones all sat backs against the hut eating breakfast. Getting on with life as best they can. Then often classes held outside in the cold. We have to do something. We ARE doing something.

MANDELA DAY

Only once a year are we asked to emulate, in some small way, the good works of Madiba and, in his honour, perform some good work in the community for a period of 67 minutes.

Little Angels saw a painting party comprising, Ria, Harriet, Maria, myself and Harriet's friend Rosemary as well as Jacobus [Liezel's husband] and the little band of helpers. The session went on a bit and unfortunately Harriet had to leave before the Group photo but I have captured her here in painting mode.



DON'S MANDELA DAY

Peter - Hi

I spent the day at Nonceba and Learntoearn but didnt take any pictures... sorry

However, I have introduced a contact from GROWTHPOINT to Nonceba last year and they gave us blinds for the windows. Yesterday they sent a rep and an agent from a company that identifies to corporates needy projects for them to assist with decorating repairing etc obviously using the service providers that GROWTHPOINT use. I am going to get more info and then for the rep to come and speak at Rotary with the obvious aim of getting them to help at our projects - Little Angels etc. We had lots of fun and 'Ted' the teddy bear that Ria gave me was a great success.

Cheers

Don

CHRISTINE AND HANS

I got an email from PP Christine to say that she was spending her Mandela Day 67 mins with Hans and the Interactors in IY. pics just as yet but maybe some will be forthcoming for next week's BB

COOLAMON WEEKLY BULLETIN

[Coolamon Weekly Bulletin #02](#)

Plenty of news.

Levies 2015/16.

Rotarians

Levies Rand 1.000.00

Levies for the year July 1 2015 to June 30 2016 and now due. Members can pay this in one or two installments by EFT to our bank.

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First National Bank (FNB)
Hout Bay Branch – 204 009
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The prize for paying first has already been won jointly by Joelle Searle and Fedde Renkema

TOTNES DEVON DOES IT AGAIN.

Hi Peter

The Totnes fund raiser last Sunday.....see press article below.....despite very poor weather probably raised £10,000

See also [Totnes Canoe Festival](#)

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The Rotary Club of Totnes stages the event as part of their campaign to raise funds that can be...

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Preview by Yahoo

Best wishes

Keith

It is a slow day in a little Greek Village. courtesy of Keith Bull

The rain is beating down and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt, and everybody lives on credit.

On this particular day a rich German tourist is driving through the village, stops at the local hotel and lays a 100Euro note on the desk, telling the hotel owner he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one room in which to spend the night.

The owner gives him some keys and, as soon as the visitor has walked upstairs, the hotelier grabs the 100Euro note and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the 100Euro note and runs down the street to repay his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the 100Euro note and heads off to pay his bill at the supplier of feed and fuel.

The guy at the Farmers' Co-op takes the 100Euro note and runs to pay his drinks bill at the taverna.

The publican slips the money along to the local prostitute drinking at the bar, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer him "services" on credit.

The hooker then rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill to the hotel owner with the 100Euro note.

The hotel proprietor then places the 100Euro note back on the counter so the rich German will not suspect anything.

At that moment the German comes down the stairs, picks up the 100Euro note, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money, and leaves town.

No one produced anything - No one earned anything - However, the whole village is now out of debt and looking to the future with a lot more optimism.

And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is how the Greek government hopes to fix its economic problems.

Another Name-to-Drop.

Before the Editor of Bay Breezes (now our President with greater powers), bans name- dropping, I hurriedly include one more. My first name (BB July 5) Mr. Sepp Blatter subsequently resigned as President of FIFA and may no longer count as a worthy name-to-drop. My second, Mr. Omar Sharif the film actor who sadly died this last week, must qualify.

On one Wednesday winter morning around 06.30 away back, I found myself at Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport 1, gate number something, sitting waiting the arrival of Dagmar off a flight from South Africa. Alone except for Mr. Sharif who as I, wrapped up, but recognisable.

We agreed that either the flight was very empty or we were the only persons who cared who arrived or not. He was waiting for four, I only one.

Silently we watched the automatic door open and close, must be a cat making it do that, still no arrivals. Then they all came, his, mine and a jumbo-jet full of others with no relations or stars to welcome them.

Colin Sutherland

ATTACHMENTS to BAY BREEZES EMAIL

Tim Smith's Breadline Africa Mandela Day

invitation to HET [Hangberg Educational Trust] annual Dinner Dance