

Rotary Club of Hout Bay

Bay Breezes



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ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

Meeting time: Tuesdays 6.30pm for 7.00pm
Location: Atlantic Boat Club, Hout Bay Harbour tel: 021 790 2930 [next to and above the LookOut Deck Restaurant]

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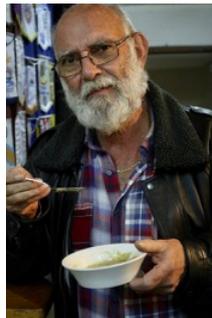
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Mandela Day – E-pap evening

Rotary Club of Hout Bay celebrates Mandela Day 2017

On Tuesday 18th July the The Rotary Club of Hout Bay proudly hosted an evening to celebrate Mandela Day with guest visitor, Chloe De La Harpe. Together, all members donated the cost of their dinner into a fund which was then used to purchase stationery goods, including sweets, colouring pencils, pens, erasers and more. Chloe, who is an Early Intervention teacher, thanked the Rotary Club for supporting her literacy work in the community for 3 years and joined the club members in packing 90 Gift Bags with the school goodies. These stationery packs will be given out to the children of Siluncedo Creche in Imizamo Yethu in early August to honour the life of Madiba.

Foregoing our usual haute cuisine from Zoe, we decided [or it was decided for us] that we should partake of e-pap as our staple diet for the evening. In all seriousness though, this was a practical exercise in learning and understanding the needs of the little ones. This e-pap provides all of the nutrition they need in one day and while, to most of us, it was a little [shall we say] unappetising, the kids love it. The choice of flavours [banana, vanilla, chocolate and strawberry] were on offer to taste. The photos below might give an idea of what the Club population thought of the offerings.



CLUB DUES

It was agreed by the members present at our 18th July meeting that Club Dues to R.I. would rise to Rand 1,800 per year [Rand 900 payable half yearly]. This rise simply reflects the Dollar equivalent [exchange rate set by R.I.] The additional burden imposed by the poor exchange rate is recognised by the Board and the dues have been kept to an absolute minimum.

For those who have not already paid, please do so now. The dues are supposed to be paid by the end of July.

THE BOARD 2017/2018

President: Joelle Searle; President elect: Keith Bull; Past President: Hans Kuhn; Secretary: Alison Rice; Treasurers: Denise Hopkins;
Club Services: Harriet Purser; Vocational/Educational: Keith Bull; International: Colin Sutherland; Community Services: Butch Liebenberg; Youth Services: Hans Kuhn
Membership & Development: Strategic Committee; Communication: Peter Dutton; Foundation: Don Peters

25th July meeting

We were proud to host SAFM's Nancy Richards as our speaker, her topic not unnaturally was "Woman Zone".

As many will know, Nancy hosts the "Otherwise" show on SAFM and gave us an illuminating history of her career.

Don Peters was Sergeant for the evening and presented Nancy with two of the Nonceba dolls knitted by the ladies at Nerina House.

Also, PP Hans handed over a replacement laptop to Phumlani, a previous Bursary student whose final studies were completed with financial assistance from Butch, Alison, Athol and Butch's Australian contacts. Phumlani's last laptop was regrettably stolen and this is a much appreciated replacement.



EYEWITNESS NEWS INTERVIEW FOR THE EYETHU SKATEPARK

On Saturday 22nd July, Eyewitness News came along to our Saturday skate clinic to interview, Vicki Scheffel, Gill and myself along with MJ and the young skaters about the proposed park. A link to the result is below. As you will note, Gill and myself did not "make the cut" but we had fun and the message has got across.

<http://ewn.co.za/2017/07/28/watch-uniting-hout-bay-through-skating>

VISIT TO CAPE OF GOOD HOPE ROTARY CLUB

Gill Siebert and yours truly attended the RC Cape of Good Hope last Tuesday as a trial run for our Eyethu Skatepark presentation which has been devised largely by Vicki Scheffel but with quite some input from Gill to make it workable for me. The presentation includes a powerful video hosted by Lawden Holmes [our architect] and really powers home the need for community cohesion through the Skatepark project.

RC Cape of Good Hope have proposed helping us with our project with a substantial donation. In return [and in lesser financial measure] we are proposing helping them with their Dragon Boat Race project which they hold every year. This is one of their main sources of annual revenue. More on that in a later edition but getting together a ten man/woman/Rotactor team and participating in this race should be a deal of fun.



Harriet collected 100 colouring books (English Xhosa and English Afrikaans) from Redisa (www.redisa.org.za) with crayons which she, Butch and Lyn delivered to Silungedo creche with the stationery packs.

photo and collage courtesy of John Routley

THIS IS A HUGE REACH OUT

One of our newest members, Mhinti Pato has been associated with our Club for quite some time. Her involvement with Don Peters and providing marshals for the Cape Argus and Two Oceans races was perhaps a catalyst.

Mhinti is one of those very actively involved people who genuinely is striving for the benefit of the less advantaged of the Hout Bay community. She is part of the Imizamu Yethu community and is entirely in tune with its needs and aspirations.

This is not a begging bowl. This is a serious request for serious money to generate a serious improvement in the future of the youngsters in IY. Mhinti knows the direction to take and I believe that we should help in every respect that we can. The Crowdfunding is a huge step forward if it can be attained. At our Club we should all be embracing Mhinti's efforts.

Please see her Crowdfunding video link below:

<http://www.thundafund.com/project/sakhisizwe>

IMPORTANT DATES TO DIARISE:

Please diarise the following very important Date Changes as I would love you to attend if at all possible.

- **Tuesday 19 September 2017 :**
RI President Ian Riseley and Juliet Riseley visit to D9350 - Cocktail Event at Kelvin Grove, Newlands (Invitation to all)
- **Wednesday 20 September 2017 :**
RI President Ian Riseley and Juliet Riseley visit to D9350 - Lunch Event at Royal Cape Yacht Club (Invitation to Club Presidents)

and

- **Saturday 21 October 2017 :**
District 9350 - Mini Conference with theme "Foundation & Citation" (note date change from the previously published 4 November 2017)

PDG Peter Hugo and I are busy updating the e-version of the District Handbook and Directory for 2017-2018, which will reflect the new dates.

Let us welcome our RI President in numbers at the Cocktail Event on 19 September 2017.

With warm Rotary wishes

Lynette Stassen

District Governor : 2017-2018

COOLAMON NEWS

The latest news bulletin for the Rotary Club of Coolamon can be found at:

[Coolamon Rotary News Bulletin #17-18-1](#)

[Coolamon Rotary News Bulletin #17-18-2](#)

[Coolamon Rotary News Bulletin #17-18-4](#)

WOMEN'S DAY EVENT - President Joelle

Our Rotaractors are once again celebrating Woman's Day by preparing and distributing Feminine Hygiene packs to the young girls in the communities. For those of you who were involved last year, I'm sure you'll agree it was a wonderful initiative which is definitely worth repeating.

To make the project a success, they need our help, so please can I appeal to you to make any contribution you can no matter how small and if you have any 2 litre ice-cream tubs {with lids}, they would be very gratefully received to be used as containers for the packs.

Please see below and the attached letter which lists the most important requirement.

Please bring your contribution to the club meetings or if it's easier, contributions can be dropped off at my home.

OUR UPCOMING CLUB PROGRAM BELOW:

please note that it is subject to change but plenty of notice will be given if that occurs.

	<i>August 2017</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Sergeant At Arms Rotation</i>
1	1 st	n/a	Avenue of service breakaway after supper		Patrick McLaughlin
2	8 th	Anya Hollands	Underdog	Raid by RC Kromboom	John Routley
3	15 th	Sandy Adams	Trans-Africa travel		Denise Hopkins
4	22 nd	n/a	Club Assembly		Peter Dutton
5	29 th	n/a	No meeting at ABC		n/a
	31 st	Raid to RC Am Kap	District Youth Activities by Pam Rawbone from RC Blouberg	Thursday 6pm at Winchester Mansions	n/a

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY - Courtesy of Rodney Mazinter of RC Sea Point

It is hard to believe that the emancipation of women had its beginnings just a century ago. Until that time at the turn of the 20th Century, women did not have the vote, certain occupations were forbidden to them and the frustrations, indignities and pain our life's partners had to endure would today shame us. Rotary was illegally opened to women as members in 1983 after a celebrated case in California where a Rotary club wanting to bring women into their club came up against Rotary's constitution that stated that membership was open to men only. The club decided to challenge RI by claiming that such a ruling was contrary to the United States constitution and took the matter to court. After a series of lower court findings the matter was taken to and challenged in the American Supreme Court, where it was won.

Here is the history:

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary. "My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world," said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed the decades-long efforts of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs. This failed time and again after several close votes at previous Council meetings.

The response to the decision was overwhelming: By June 1990, the number of female Rotarians had skyrocketed to over 20,000. By 2010, the number of women was approaching 200,000.

Timeline of women in Rotary

1950

An enactment to delete the word "male" from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary club in India for the Council on Legislation meeting at the 1950 RI Convention.

1964

The Council on Legislation agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary clubs. Delegates vote that it be withdrawn. Two other proposals to allow women to be eligible for honorary membership are also withdrawn.

1972

As more women begin reaching higher positions in their professions, more clubs begin lobbying for female members. A U.S. Rotary club proposes admitting women into Rotary at the 1972 Council on Legislation.

1977

Three separate proposals to admit women into membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation for consideration at the 1977 RI Convention. A Brazilian club makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, admits women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club's membership in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978. (The club was reinstated in September 1986.)

1980

The RI Board of Directors and Rotary clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States propose an enactment to remove from the RI and club constitutions and bylaws all references to members as "male persons."

1983-86

In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club, the California Superior Court in 1983 rules in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the lower court's decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in California. The California Supreme Court refuses to hear the case, and it is appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

1987

On 4 May, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issues a policy statement that any Rotary club in the United States can admit qualified women into membership.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise, California (formerly Larkspur Landing), is chartered on 28 May. It becomes the first club after the U.S. Supreme Court ruling to have women as charter members.

Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, becomes the first female Rotary club president.

1988

In November, the RI Board of Directors issues a policy statement recognizing the right of Rotary clubs in Canada to admit female members based on a Canadian law similar to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

1989

At its first meeting after the 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision, the Council on Legislation votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into Rotary clubs around the world.

1990

As of June, there are about 20,200 female Rotarians worldwide. The Rotarian runs a feature on women in Rotary.

1995

In July, eight women become district governors, the first elected to this role: Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W. Holland, Reba F. Lovrien, Virginia B. Nordby, Donna J. Rapp, Anne Robertson, and Olive P. Scott.

2004

June Webber becomes the first woman district governor in South Africa.

2005

Carolyn E. Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of The Rotary Foundation.

2008

Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors.

2010

More than 199,000 women are members of Rotary clubs worldwide, with an increasing number serving as district governors.

2012

Elizabeth S. Demaray begins her term as treasurer of RI, the first woman to serve in this position.

2013

Anne L. Matthews begins her term as the first woman to serve as RI vice president.

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Here are what a few women spanning the world's cultural and political divide had to say about women:

Malala Yousafzai: "Extremists have shown what frightens them most: A girl with a book."

Mother Theresa: "I, woman, alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."

Golda Meir: "Whether women are better than men I cannot say – but I can say they are certainly no worse."

Eleanor Roosevelt: "A woman is like a teabag – you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water."

Margaret Thatcher: "In politics if you want anything said, ask a man – if you want anything done ask a woman."

EDITOR'S NOTE:

in respect of the above and at the likely peril of being labelled a chauvinist..... I can't wait for Man's Day

THE PASSING OF A LOVELY LADY

Once again it falls to me to impart the sad news of the passing of a dear friend of our Club. The untimely demise of Marilyn Flanagan this past week.

Patrick's devoted wife of many years died of cancer. It has been a short while since we have seen her and Patrick so I am sure that this will come as a shock to many.

Marilyn always had a happy smile and charming welcome. She will be missed and we give our heartfelt sympathy to Patrick.