



Bay Breezes

Meeting Time: Tues 5.30pm for 6pm & on Zoom
Location: Atlantic Boat Club, Hout Bay Harbour
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President: Ralph Tobergte | m: 082 080 3662
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Important dates to diarise:

Sat 16 th September 2023:	District 9350 Health Outreach Day in Hout Bay
Sat-Sun 14-15 October:	District Mini-Conference weekend in Riebeeck Valley
Sun 15 th October 2023:	Cape Town Marathon – marshaled by Rotarians
Sun 10 th March 2024:	Cape Town Cycle Tour – marshaled by Rotarians

1st August 2023 – Dee Winsper’s Life Talk

By Alison Bull



On 1st August Dee Winsper presented her interesting and slightly risqué Life Story with the assistance of her daughter Jessica.

Dee was born in Jo’burg, the oldest of four siblings. She had a happy childhood in a creative environment, her grandfather was the author Norman Hunter and her mother an artist. She was educated at the Holy Cross convent school.

Her first job was as Editorial Assistant at Your Family magazine where her other talents were discovered, and she became a cover girl on magazines such as Farmers Weekly and Scope magazine! She was married at 21 years and her daughter Amanda was born in 1981. She continued working and became Account Manager at the Advertising Agency DMS Direct with Accounts such as National Lotto and Lever brothers, based in Durban. Her hobbies included yachting and scuba diving.

Then came a second marriage and the birth of her second daughter Jessica in 1999. Dee continued working as a Client Services Director for Synergy Africa. However, the tragic death of her older daughter Amanda at the age of 20 years changed everything. Dee gave up her career to focus on the important things in life – her family.

After the move to Hout Bay, Dee met Carolyn last year who invited her to Rotary and the rest you all know! Dee has already become involved with the e’Pap programme and the SSS as a mentor. Welcome Dee, and thank you for sharing your story.

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Inter-Country Committees
Comités Inter-Pays



Inter-Country Committee for South Africa / Canada

By Carolyn Herrick

Inter-Country Committees (ICCs) cultivate and build peace, fellowship, and long-term relationships between Rotarians and non-Rotarians in two countries. Within District 9350*, there are Inter-Country Committees for South Africa and: Germany, France, USA, UK, Portugal, Romania, Austria and Canada.

Past President of RCHB, Carolyn Herrick, has recently been named Chair of the South Africa/Canada ICC for Districts 9350 and 9370 (Eastern Cape & KZN). As a Canadian “swallow” who resides in Hout Bay and Stratford (Canada), Carolyn is uniquely positioned to bring Rotarians from the two countries together. Two Canadian Districts are participating from Southwestern Ontario and Atlantic Canada.

The inaugural SA/Canada ICC meeting was held by Zoom on 31st July at which Committee members were introduced to one another and a potential Global Grant Project supporting a home for people with mental disabilities near Saldanha Bay was discussed. This project is sponsored by Melkbos Rotary Club and we hope to secure funding or donated medical goods from at least one Canadian club for this very worthwhile project. The home is in dire need of equipment to provide a reliable electricity supply and a vehicle to transport patients to the hospital when needed. Also needed are feeding tubes, hoists for the bath and hospital beds.

The SA/Canada Committee will meet monthly with the aim of identifying further projects within South Africa which could benefit from partnership with Canadian Rotary Clubs.

** Rotary District 9350 covers clubs in the western half of South Africa, Namibia and Angola*

Fellowship Dinner at the “Indian Oven”



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15th August 2023 – Restoration of Notre Dame Cathedral

Rotarian Colin Sutherland was the guest speaker at our meeting on August 15. Colin gave an illustrated talk about Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, its history and the devastating fire that damaged the building extensively in 2019.

Colin worked in and out of Paris for almost thirty years and was very familiar with this most famous Gothic cathedral of the Middle Ages, built in the 12th century. Colin's son Anton and daughter Joanna have a personal connection to people participating in the ongoing restoration work.

The cathedral is distinguished for its size, antiquity, and architectural interest. Colin described the wonderful experience of attending concerts in the cathedral, particularly organ recitals. The grand organ is the largest in France.



On 15 April 2019, just before 18.30, a fire broke out in the roof space. By the time the fire was extinguished, the 19th century wooden spire had collapsed, most of the roof had been destroyed, and the upper walls were severely damaged. Smoke and dust were everywhere, affecting the grand organ. Its many pipes had to be taken down, cleaned, reconstructed and the whole organ re-tuned.

The stained-glass windows, several statues and 22 large-format paintings from the 17th and 18th centuries have also been sent for restoration.

Anton, who is an engineer in Paris, has a friend who is very involved in the restoration work and thus was able to share many photos. The restoration process has also given some young people the chance to gain a new skill and add a superb item to their CV.

The wood to replace the spire and roof structures came from Burgundy. One of Joanna's closest friends owns a timber sawmill and was chosen to supply and manufacture some of the roof structures. As with many suppliers, they treated this as an honour and gave their services freely.

This massive and complex project is due to be completed by the end of 2024, as President Macron ends his second term.



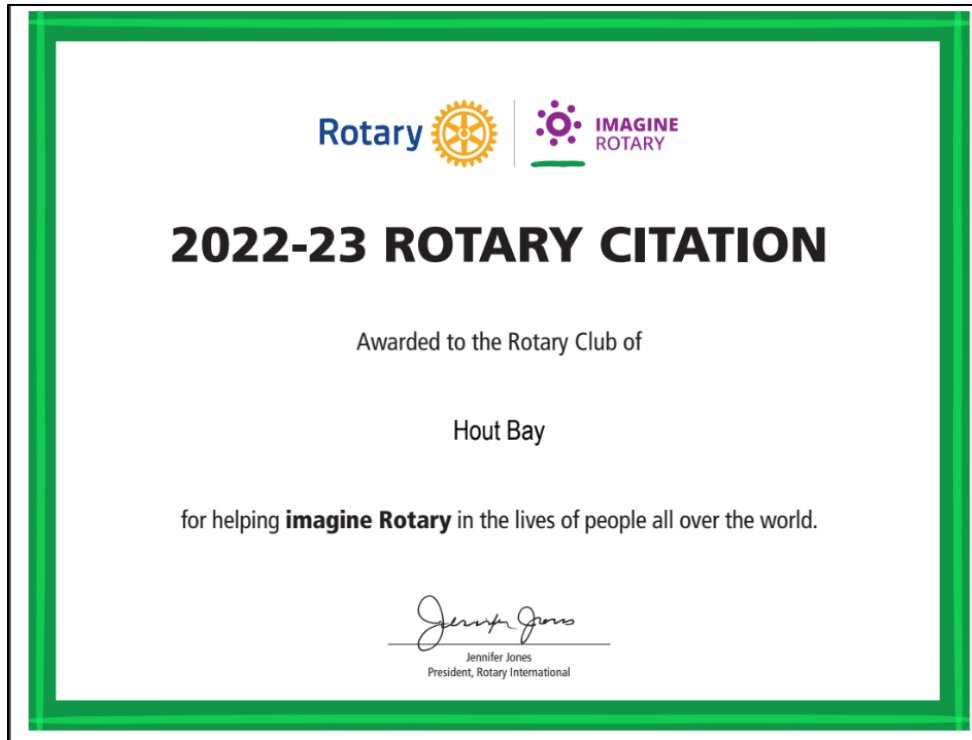
Left: The cathedral in flames on 15 April 2019.

Below: The interior of the cathedral before the fire (left) and afterwards (right)



Rotary Citation

By Carolyn Herrick



Congratulations! Rotary Club of Hout Bay has earned the Rotary Citation for 2022-23. The Rotary Citation is not just an honour for our club to receive, it is an important tool to help monitor the health and growth of our club.

The Rotary Citation is an award that recognizes the hard work clubs do throughout the year. Taking action toward achieving the citation goals helps clubs engage their members, stay relevant in their communities, and run more efficiently. A welcoming and engaging club also reflects the values of Rotary. When clubs work to achieve these goals, they also contribute to the overall health and culture of Rotary for generations to come.

To be eligible for the Rotary Citation, club leaders select the goals they wish to apply toward citation achievement. RCHB goals for 2022-23 focused on club membership growth, participation in service projects, Rotary Action Group & Rotary Fellowship participation, District Conference attendance, Rotary Foundation contributions, Rotaract Clubs, Interact Clubs & RYLA participation, strategic planning, and social media & public image presence.

This past year, our club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately helps strengthen Rotary and shape our future.

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RCHB Programme for September 2023

N.B. Calendar is subject to change

Sept 2023	Time	Venue	Speaker / Event	Sergeant
5 th	6pm	Zoom	'Maximising Potential for a Successful Rotary Year'	tbc
9 th	10.30am	Beach	Beach Clean up	
12 th	-	-	No meeting	
15 th	10.30am	Delish	Coffee Morning	
16 th	8am	Sports Centre	District 9350 Health Reach	
19 th	6pm	ABC	WYNBERG ROTARY CLUB RAID ON RCHB. Speaker Tony Elvin on Ikhaya le Langa	Adele
26 th	-	-	No Meeting	
29 th	10.30am	Delish	Coffee Morning	

Club members are asked to please give Adele their apologies before each Tuesday meeting so that she knows how many people will attend meetings in person or online.

Zoom Meeting link for 2023:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86584529487?pwd=TzFoSW9KNUtQWkZvRFlydmlBaXRNZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 8452 9487

Passcode: 332850

September Birthdays:

7th Sept – Charles

9th Sept – Ludwig

RCHB Vision Statement: *We unite to take action that contributes to lasting change in our Hout Bay community and beyond, and in ourselves.*

RCHB Mission Statement: *We focus on improving lives in our Hout Bay community, primarily by providing programmes for youth from early childhood through to young adult, and other support for those in need.*

“I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

— Maya Angelou



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