



Bay Breezes

NEWSLETTER | AUG/SEP 2025

Meeting time : Tuesday 5:30pm for 6pm
Location : Atlantic Boat Club, Hout Bay Harbour

President : Adele Hayden | 082 807 0087
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SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL EMS

Our Rotary Hout Bay club was proud to assist with the service and repair of the Hout Bay Volunteer Emergency Medical Service stretcher. This vital work will extend the operational life of this crucial piece of equipment for many years, helping the team continue their lifesaving work in our community.



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SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

AUG 2025	Time	Venue	Speaker / Event	Sergeant
2 nd	6pm	ABC	ADVENTURE INTO CITIZENSHIP STUDENT FEEDBACK	TBC
9 th	-	-	NO MEETING	
12 th	10.30AM	DELISH RESTAURANT	COFFEE MORNING	
13 th	7.30AM	SENTINEL PRIMARY SCHOOL	FAMILY HEALTH DAY	
16 th	6PM	ABC	BUDGET PRESENTATION	TBC
20 th	9AM	MORAVIAN SCHOOL	ABC FOR LIFE CLASSROOM PAINT DAY	
23 rd	-	-	NO MEETING	
30 th	6PM	VENUE TBC	FELLOWSHIP DINNER (PARTNERS INVITED)	

Calendar subject to change

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2025: CALGARY & BEYOND

*By Carolyn Herrick,
with excerpts from RI Convention press releases*

John and I had the pleasure of attending the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada from 22–25 June. Over 16,000 Rotarians from over 140 countries gathered for learning, cultural exchange, fellowship and networking.

There were thirteen of us attending from District 9350, including District Governor Stephen and Jackie Young, DG Elect Pam Rawbone, Chris and Trish Pargiter (George), June Pettitt (Melkbos), Frank and Martina Schwardmann (Windhoek Valley), Rudy DuPont (Paarl), plus Honorary Members Randell and Dianne Barclay (Hout Bay and Blouberg).

Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick kicked off the festivities by leading the crowd in a hearty “Yahoo!” – the exuberant greeting traditional in the city known for the annual Calgary Stampede rodeo.

We attended general sessions with talks focused on topics such as membership, peace and polio eradication. At the convention Rotary and the Gates Foundation renewed a multimillion-dollar commitment to eradicate polio. The convention also featured notable speakers such as Nobel Laureate Tawakkol Karman and Academy Award winner Geena Davis.

Breakout sessions held every afternoon were a great way to connect and learn from other Rotarians and experts on how to take action to address issues in our communities. We attended sessions on Harnessing AI for Global Impact, Achieving Awesome Friendship Exchanges, and Impact Building Blocks – How to Measure Project Results. A particularly interesting session was “Getting to Know Your Rotary Leaders” with President Stephanie, President-Elect Francesco Arezzo and Trustee Chair-Elect Holger Knaack, where Rotarians had the opportunity to ask them questions. We learned more in that session than in some of the more formal sessions!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2025: CALGARY & BEYOND

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We had fun in the evenings, attending a dinner hosted by the Calgary Chinook Rotary Club where we met Rotarians from clubs across Canada, US and Australia, and a Canadian rock concert called "Rock the Nation". Randell and Dianne hosted a breakfast for all those partnering with District 7870 on projects in South Africa and elsewhere. It was great to see our friends from Vermont again! In the closing session, President Stephanie urged members to recognise the power of their relationships. "Rotary's most powerful asset has always been you, our members. But we are only as strong as the people who stand beside us," she said. "We talk a lot about goals and strategy. But without friendship, without encouragement, none of it takes hold. Rotary works because we belong here. ... This is our community, and it matters."

President-Elect Francesco described his commitment to the 2025-26 presidential message, "Unite for Good". It means involving all members, but not only members, in our service. It means involving partner organizations ... local administrations, other voluntary associations. "Let us create one great shared dream that unites us, that excites us, that changes the world and changes our lives, too."

We left Calgary feeling motivated to do more in our club and our community...and ready for a holiday after four non-stop days at the convention! We look forward to our next convention, but not next year!

The 2026 RI Convention will be in Taipei, Taiwan followed by Dubai in 2027 and Minneapolis, USA in 2028.



8th Annual End Polio Event
Africa Unite
A Gala for Peace and Polio

Rotaract District 9350
END POLIO NOW
Head Heart

HOST A TABLE AT THE AFRICA UNITE GALA

Celebrate. Give Back. Make a Difference.

Looking for a special way to bring your friends, family, or work team together before the year ends?

Why not do it for a good cause?

Join us for a night of purpose and elegance by hosting a table of 10 at our upcoming Gala Dinner for Peace and Polio.

Whether it's your year-end function, a family night out, or just a chance to dress up and do good — this is your moment to shine.

Table for 10: R6500
Contact us directly for more info or special packages

All proceeds go towards the Rotary Foundation and our Polio Awareness Campaign.

SAT. 8TH NOV, 2025
5PM - RED CARPET
6PM - MAIN EVENT
Kelvin Grove Club
END POLIO NOW

For tickets, sponsorship and inquiries contact:
Rex: 0731250398
annualendpolioevent@gmail.com

Congratulations to Elie and Preferee!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Elie and Preferee on their wedding! They celebrated in beautiful style with both their traditional and formal ceremonies, each filled with joy, love, and wonderful celebrations. We wish them a lifetime of happiness together.



MANDELA DAY SANDWICH PROJECT



For Mandela Day this year, a group of our Rotarians – Tim, Janine, Linda, Paola, and Marianne, together with volunteers from the neighbourhood, prepared 38 loaves of sandwiches filled with cheese, polony, jam, and peanut butter. Half were distributed on the day, with the rest being delivered to the Rotaracts the following morning.

Alongside this, we collected 19 blankets and some beanies, which will also be passed on to the Rotaracts. While the blanket drive was smaller than hoped, every donation will bring warmth where it's needed.

All in all, it was a successful day of service, and a heartfelt thank you goes out to all our generous sponsors who made it possible!



ABC FOR LIFE CLASSROOM REFURBISHMENT

by Adele Hayden

On Saturday 23 August we held the first refurbishment morning. We were joined by Rotary, Rotaract and Interact members for a morning of fun. Refreshments and pizza's were enjoyed as well.

Rotary Club of Hout Bay are partnering with ABC for Life, a registered NPO to help open a Literacy Centre at the Oranjekloof Moravian Primary School in Hout Bay, to not only transform classrooms but give struggling learners the focused support they need to catch up and thrive at school.

They provide literacy support to the Foundation Phase learners that are currently failing or falling behind in Grade 1 and Grade 2 and who are not coping in class. <https://www.abcforlife.org/>

This is ABC for Life's 5th school, and the learners are mostly from the neighbouring Imizamo Yethu. The Principal of the School (Mr. Ryan Crouse) has allocated 2 classrooms to ABC for Life, and we aim to refurbish and fund materials for 1 classroom as the Literacy Centre.

Jack Hammers Hout Bay have kindly donated 10 litres of paint, Peninsula Glass have donated glass to replace the broken windows and Hide Flooring has donated 36 square metres of carpet.

Next session to be on 20 September.





Guest Speaker: Kim Worrall from Amoyo Foundation



At our recent meeting, we had the privilege of hearing from Kim Worrall, who spoke to us about the inspiring work being done at the Amoyo Foundation. Amoyo is a dynamic NGO dedicated to empowering children and youth through the performing arts, life skills development, and mentorship. Their vision is to give every child who walks through their doors the tools, confidence, and opportunities to build brighter futures.

Kim shared heartfelt stories of the difference Amoyo makes in the lives of young people – offering not just creative outlets, but also vital guidance, structure, and a safe space to grow. She also reminded us of the very real challenges NGOs face, particularly the need for sustainable funding to continue and expand their work.

Her presentation was both moving and inspiring, reinforcing the impact of community-driven initiatives and the importance of supporting organisations like Amoyo.

We thank Kim for sharing her time and passion with us, and we look forward to exploring ways in which Rotary and Amoyo can collaborate to uplift and empower more children.



ROTARACT CLUB OF HOUT BAY CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY

by Tariro Namawa

In celebration of Women's Day, our Rotaract Club hosted a special event dedicated to empowering women and creating a safe, supportive space for open expression. The programme explored practical entrepreneurship ideas tailored to women, alongside thoughtful discussions on using social media in a positive and balanced way.

Participants also reflected on the meaning of womanhood – asking whether it is rooted in collaboration or competition – and explored how women can lift one another up through encouragement, partnership, and shared opportunities.

It was an inspiring and meaningful gathering, reminding us of the strength found in unity and the importance of creating platforms where women's voices are heard and valued.

Thank you to everyone for the sponsorships and donations that made this day so special and possible.



Rotaract 
Club of Hout Bay

July/August 2025 Photos



Birthdays

August



4	Linda
10	Ingrid
16	Patrick (honorary life member)
23	Jeannine
31	Matt & Geert

September

7	Charles
9	Ludwig
18	Keith

NEW ZOOM LINK FOR 2025 FOR WEEKLY MEETINGS: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82462683356?pwd=2TYjUfplzKzN6uOzVU7W3hUeAg6b4K.1>

Meeting ID: 824 6268 3356
Passcode: 569941

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 believe every human has a finite number of heartbeats. I don't intend to waste any of mine."

Neil Armstrong

**Thank You
For Reading!**



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