

ROTARY CLUB OF BRITS HARTEBEESSPOORT SNIPPET

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From the Bridge

We have swung the bows to head for our home port so that we can have a change of Duty Watch. The wind is to our backs and we are really flying. Since my last log we have done so much that I am having trouble remembering all. A senior moment maybe. We donated wheel chairs to Meerhof School and also to Sonop Old Age Centre; we have also donated a new sewing machine & a reconditioned old one, and 20 walkers to the Sonop Home. Frank, Rod, Ron and Annetjie showing their technical skills in helping with the assembling of them. The meeting in early April had the "walker assembly team " teaching the rest of the Club members how to assemble the rest of the walkers.

In Feb, Rod organized a Valentine's picnic at the Xanadu nature reserve which John lead and displayed his very extensive knowledge of the environment.



Pic John



Our Ann's held the mini District conference at Caribbean Beach resort and the feedback has been very positive. From the pictures it looks like the conference was lots of fun. It seems that all that attended really enjoyed themselves.

Our youngsters that are part of the STEP have attended their first weekend orientation training, and are about to go for their second one in May. Our President Elect and her team made the long trek to attend POETS.

On the same day Dave served as the Officer of the Day and organised a very successful team at Steve's annual Cycad Auction. Breakfast and lunch was prepared by the team and again only very positive feedback. Income from this work party was donated to RI Foundation.



Pics John



Cycad sale Pics John

To celebrate April fool's day Rod organized a Braai at the Cheese Farm, were I had the honour of presenting a number of well deserved Paul Harris awards to a number of our members. Johan Leach, Alan NP, Estelle VD West, Sue, Alta, Jenny W and Annalies. Well done to all. Also thanks to Annalies and Eric for supplying the venue salads and fires. We were entertained during the evening by The Dam Buskers alias Alan and Alan.



Pics John



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Johan W had a group of us put on some funny looking shorts and silly hats and join 35000 other similar looking people to par take in the Argus cycle tour. The only saving grace was the very attractive cycling shirts that Estelle organized for the team which Johan managed to obtain sponsorship for. Funds raised from this ride will be going to the Vulture project.

The vulture project has gone ahead in leaps and bounds, we have just had a champagne breakfast there, where a rescued vulture was released. A large crowd witnessed as Ian Weldhagen opened the cage and the vulture took to the air and joined his friends. Unbeknown to Ian, I was very proud to present him with his fourth Paul Harris Award at this function for his tremendous support for this project.



Picture John

Picture John & Alan E

We have received the Wish List from Meerhof School and Dave is busy helping to put together a proposal to present to the Club.

Concern was beginning to rise as to the future funding of the Genesis centre, while Trudi and Uli were in Canada they presented the project to Etopicoke Club and they have now presented C\$12000 to us, for this project. Well done Trudi and Uli.

We also received several thousand disposable wind breakers from Hartbeespoort Marathon Club which have been distributed to numerous centres in our community. Uli is at present having the blankets that we purchased last year silk screened with the Rotary logo and once finished, we'll be giving them to the needed before the real winter cold arrives.

Here's hoping that the winds remain favourable to allow us to complete the remaining the planned projects for this journey.

Announcements

Our webmaster has changed : Cornelia Raath Lotter takes over from Darren Burke. All contributions to the Website (It is **OUR** website so lets all contribute) are to be channeled through Dave Marshall (Secretary for 2012/13) John Wesson (PRO for 2011/2013). Our web address stays the same www.rotarybrits.org



Blyde River Canyon on way up to Mariepskop near Hoedspruit Pic John

Our members have been on the move -

Judging from Facebook - some of our members have been travelling around Southern Africa - Arina and JC have been living it up on the western cape red wine in Cape Town, Estelle and Johan have been attending a wedding in Mozambique The stunning wedding dress was designed and made by Estelle. Mike has been enjoying cold beer in Cintza and Dave and Louise have had a great time in Kruger. Alta and Alan enjoyed their golf prize from the golf day on a long weekend in Hoedspruit at Steve's Amafu Lodge. It must be noted the Alta and her partner won first prize at the Rotary Brits Hartbeespoort Golf day!!! Ron & Sue bought their weekend at Amafu Lodge at the auction at the Golf Day and were down in Hoedspruit in early March. Steve donated these two great Weekends to the Golf Day Fundraiser. Thank you Steve for these great donations. Joshua has returned for a short while from Kenya - It was great to have you back again albeit for a short while. Thanks for all the Rotary Foundation work you continued to do and follow up on while working in Kenya. The Gerths' went further afield - and have returned from a great holiday from Australia. Now Uli can concentrate on his project which is still waiting for lots of action from Uli, in the aeroplane hanger on his farm!!!

A big welcome to Jenny Bouic our new member for this year who joined us in March 2012.



Pic John

ATTENDANCE

SURNAME	KNOWN BY	05-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	31-Mar	%	16-Apr	23-Apr	%
BOUIC	JENNY	1	1	1	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
A COSTA	HELDER	1	0	0	0	1	40%	0	0	0%
EDWARDS	ALAN	1	1	1	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
GERTH	ULI	1	1	0	1	1	80%	1	1	100%
GERTH	TRUDI	1	1	0	0	1	60%	1	1	100%
GRAY	ROD	1	1	0	1	1	80%	1	1	100%
HATTINGH	JOSHUA	1	1	1	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
KING	MIKE	1	1	1	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
LEACH	JOHAN	0	1	1	1	1	80%	1	1	100%
MACLEAN	MAUREEN	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0	1	50%
MARSHALL	DAVE	1	0	1	1	1	80%	0	1	50%
MEYER	ALICE	0	1	1	1	1	80%	1	1	100%
MEYER	FRANS	0	1	0	0	1	40%	0	0	0%
MOJA	THEBI	1	0	1	0	0	40%	0	0	0%
NEWTON PERRY	ALAN	1	1	1	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
PALM	ARINA	1	1	1	0	0	60%		1	50%
PEAKE	CLIFF						N/A			N/A
SCHOONRAAD	JAPIE						N/A			N/A
SCHWEBEL	HANS	0	1	1	1	1	80%	1	1	100%
SEEWALD	FRANK	0	1	1	1	0	60%	1	1	100%
STIRK	RON	1	1	1	1	0	80%	1	1	100%
TOLFS	ROY	1	1	1	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
TROLLIP	STEVE	0	1	0	1	0	40%	0	0	0%
TUNMER	MARGE	0	1	1	1	0	60%	1	0	50%
VAN DER WESTHUIZEN	ESTELLE	1	1	1	1	1	100%	1	0	50%
VAN GAALLEN	ANNALIES	0	0	0	0	1	20%	0	1	50%
VAN RESNBURG	JC	1	1	0	0	0	40%	0	1	50%
VAN ZYL	ANNETJIE	1	1	1	0	0	60%	1	1	100%
WALKER	JOHANN	1	1	0	1	1	80%	0	0	0%
WELDHAGEN	IAN	1	1	1	1	0	80%	1	1	100%
WESSON	JENNY	1	1	1	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
WESSON	JOHN	1	1	1	1	1	100%	1	1	100%
ATTENDANCE		21	25	20	21	20	107	20	22	42
PERCENTAGE		30	30	30	30	30	150	30	30	60
							69%			72%

*Names in red are 100% attendance for the year.