

ROTARY CLUB OF BRITS HARTEBESPOORT
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Letter from President Roy

FROM THE BRIDGE

Our voyage is well under way, each of our avenues of service has been busy and it would be unfair to single any one in particular as each has done so much. Our major fund raiser, the plant sale is just over the horizon, so it will be all hands on deck. Dave reports that that is the case, its really great how we are all pulling together. The same can be said for the golf day, Mike and his team are doing equally a great job.

Annetjie has been up in the crow's nest sighting possible projects for us. Presenting the Kuierkidz School as our main project for the 2011/12 year. It's also really good that the Colchester Forum is still maintaining their support for us and will be coming onboard with this project. However we are still maintaining our involvement with the projects that have been with us over the years. Jenny has sourced two sewing machines from Bernina Brits to fulfill the request from Sonop Old Age home. Josh as well as handling the Foundation portfolio has stepped up and got involved with Sonop School. Dave reports that our major project from last year, Jedidiah Safe Haven is reaching its conclusion with just two items needing completing. Our International team, JC ably assisted by Arina; have organised a fantastic itinerary for our visiting Danish Vikings. Mike has awarded the first of many vocational citation to Ms. Bouwer of Harties High for her dedication to teaching and her continued support for our Interacts. Johan W and Estelle have been at the fore front of navigating our Interacts, who have inducted Dewet as their President for 2011/12. Their first project will be at the Plant Sale. John and his team have completed the first stage at the Vulture project with the next stage well in the pipe line. With so much happening John has made sure the community is kept abreast of everything. Even our web page is up to date. While all this work has been going on our club fellowship officer, Rod, has made sure that it's not all work and we have had some fun as well. I have it on good authority that we are in for a special treat at our Christmas function.

Our voyage has progressed steadfastly with John making sure that all the T's are crossed and our Master sergeant has organised our venues faultlessly. I said at the start that I wouldn't single any particular avenue out but have gone ahead and done so, just seems that so much is being done. Please forgive me if I have left any one out. We can all be justly proud of what we have and are achieving.

The month that was - By "the Snippet Master"

About 12 Rotarians enjoyed a Sunday afternoon at the Barnyard enjoying the music that went with the many bottles of wine. I am told that details of the afternoon were not available and it is not because no one can remember!!! It was just a great mellow enjoyable afternoon and Rotary Ann Sue was the official driver home!!!

22 August saw an serious evening with the Interactors Debating Team - They spoke with such confidence and commitment even though some of the Rotarians did not understand much of what was said. A big round of applause to the debaters of the evening – very entertaining, on a serious note. Erica Boucher was awarded a Citation acknowledging her commitment to her vocation of teaching as well as supporting the running of the Hartbeespoort High School



Debaters in action



Erica Boucher receiving her award from Pres Roy Pics JW

Xanadu Eco Park Meeting

Johan Leach did a great job in providing the food and braaied the meat at a very interesting evening at the Xanadu Club House – it was a great turnout of Rotarians and Anns. Our guest speaker was a motivational speaker Annette Jahnel who had travelled the world literally in a little Renault and found it a great life changing experience. (I wonder what the experience would be like in a Landi?) She lived with the people and experienced their lives. It is all in her book My Year of Beds which is worth a great read. I did see some very wistful Anns during and after the talk who I think would seriously be tempted to join her in the search of self at the next opportunity. Julia Roberts does it again in a very charming glamorous way in one of her recent movies! I guess we are always asking who are we and what we have I become in own personal search for the truth! Soul searching and thought provoking! It was the day that Alta Edwards hobbled in with a very painful foot. (What, was the really the message from the Universe to Alta – Alan had some very bright ideas so I heard!)



Guest Speaker-Annette Jahnel



Attentive audience

Pics-JW

International Vulture Awareness Day

International Vulture Day was celebrated early in September as the spring was beginning to peep through the winter. Rotarians, Harties Bird Club members and other interested parties went to the Ngoya Ridge for a late afternoon braai and fellowship and possibly to study the vultures. We were however all in awe of the great viewing pavilion, designed by Alan Newton-Perry, built & sponsored by Ian Weldhagen with a donation from the Harties Bird club. It was officially opened as the Upper Deck by Paul Bartels and John Wesson. A great project well executed and I am sure will add value and interest by our community in the environmental understanding of the world around us. By the way the vultures were on the Ridge, and some of us even noticed!



Upperdeck Viewpoint



Members celebrating the opening

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The following Monday saw us all back in Harties at the Biltong Blues Jenny Wesson was the guest speaker after supper and tried to demonstrate that the Titanic sank not because of a design fault but by irresponsible management who appointed a Captain who had a history of destroying large state of the art sea faring liners at the time, a sponsor who encouraged high risk sailing speeds and where management / owners ignored many safety precautions and procedures. The romance of the Titanic faded into the past ----- are we much better now?

The Must Attend Functions or Fundraisers not to be missed which are coming up:

29 September

Plant Sale - Get your name down on Dave Marshall's list fast! It is great fun even if you do not know the difference between a daisy and a rose!

14 October

The DG Visit is a Friday Lunch Time Affair – if you can make it will really be great if you can support the committee.

21 October

Rotary Golf Day – Book your fourball now and don't forget to get the donations of great prizes and T and Green sponsorship. Lets make this a great event.

Attendance for the year July & August 2011

	KNOWN BY		04-Jul	11-Jul	18-Jul	25-Jul	29-Jul	%	08-Aug	15-Aug	22-Aug	29-Aug	%
CROSATO	VITTORIO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	x	x	x
BEUMER	CORNELIS	1	1	0	1	1	0	60	1	0	0	1	50%
A COSTA	HELDER	2	0	1	1	0	1	60	0	0	0	0	0%
EDWARDS	ALAN	3	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	1	100%
GERTH	ULI	4	1	1	1	1	0	80	1	1	1	0	75%
GERTH	TRUDI	5	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	0	75%
GRAY	ROD	6	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	1	100%
HATTINGH	JOSHUA	7	0	0	1	0	0	20	0	1	0	1	50%
KING	MIKE	8	1	1	1	1	1	100	0	0	1	1	50%
LEACH	JOHAN	9	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	1	100%
MACLEAN	MAUREEN	10	0	1	1	1	1	80	0	1	1	1	75%
MARSHALL	DAVE	11	1	1	1	1	0	80	1	1	1	1	100%
MEYER	ALICE	12	1	1	1	1	0	80	1	1	1	1	100%
MEYER	FRANS	13	1	0	1	1	0	60	1	1	1	1	100%
MOJA	THEBI	14	1	0	1	0	0	40	1	0	0	0	25%
NEWTON PERRY	ALAN	15	1	1	1	1	0	80	1	1	1	1	100%
PALM	ARINA	16	0	1	0	1	1	60	1	1	1	1	100%
PEAKE	CLIFF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
SCHOONRAAD	JAPIE	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0%
SCHWEBEL	HANS	17	1	1	1	1	0	80	1	0	1	0	50%
SEEWALD	FRANK	18	0	1	1	1	0	60	1	1	1	1	100%
SMIT	GLEN	19	0	0	1	0	1	40	0	0	0	0	0%
STIRK	RON	20	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	0	1	75%
TOLFS	ROY	21	0	1	1	1	1	80	1	1	1	1	100%
TROLLIP	STEVE	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	50%
TSHIFULARO	BB	23	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0%
TSHIFULARO	MASHUDU	24	0	1	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0%
TUNMER	MARGE	25	1	1	1	0	0	60	1	0	1	1	75%
VAN DER WESTHUIZEN	ESTELLE	26	1	1	1	1	0	80	1	1	1	1	100%
VAN GAALLEN	ANNALIES	27	0	1	0	1	0	40	1	0	0	1	50%
VAN RESNBURG	JC	28	0	1	0	1	1	60	1	1	1	1	100%
VAN ZYL	ANNETJIE	29	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	1	100%
WALKER	JOHANN	30	1	1	1	0	1	80	0	1	1	1	75%
WELDHAGEN	IAN	31	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	1	100%
WESSON	JENNY	32	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	1	100%
WESSON	JOHN	33	1	1	1	1	1	100	1	1	1	1	100%
ATTENDANCE			21	27	28	24	17	117	24	22	24	25	95
PERCENTAGE			58	75	78	67	47	65	73%	67%	73%	76%	72%
KEY	1	attendance											
	1	make up											
	0	apology											
	0	no apology											
	0	accepted absence											

FAMILY NEWS

The Gerth's continue to spend a delightful holiday touring in Canada and USA visiting old Rotarian Friends. They are due back late September.

Steve Trollip is being seen again at our Brits Hartbeespoort meetings this last month!! He and Lelanie are giving their all to the Plant Sale again this year. Great to have you back Steve!

