

The Rotary Club of Sea Point *Sea Breezes*

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Welcome to the *November* issue of *Sea Breezes* – here is a wrap up of the month's events and what's to come in December and the New Year!

November project news...

It was an extra special month at Ilitha! **Ilitha's 2010 graduation** took place on November 20th. Many Rotarians attended the graduation to see the smiling children receive their honors. Our own Gavin Schachat gave a toast to the new class!



The food tent sprouts! Artichokes were in abundance at **Includid** ... and Gavin gave us cooking tips on how to prepare and eat them! In addition, Gavin and Shirley visited Includid on November 15 to assess the Food Tent in conjunction with the Heart Foundation.



Exchange students from across South Africa visited our key projects, including Includid, Ilitha and Nonceba. The team also visited Learn to Earn in Khayelitsha.

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Our November Speakers



As always, **Kristen Thompson's** warmth and energy swept up the room! We learned about her phenomenal work in teaching/tutoring in the townships, her traveling experiences and her perspective South Carolina fish vs. Cape fish... she also taught us that the Cape Doctor wind is equivalent to a Category 2 Hurricane! (Graham challenged her to educate us on this!)



Warm, engaging and fiercely independent, **Nicky Abdinor** energized Rotary with her inspiring story about living as a disabled person, having



been born without arms and shortened legs. Important to her independence, Nicky demonstrated her adapted car which has given her unparalleled freedom. To learn more about Nicky, please visit: <http://nickysdrive.com/>.

It's a woman's world....**Nadjia Moosajee** gave us fantastic perspective on woman in engineering in South Africa. A round of applause for an impressive talk.



The fantastic trio, **Toni Marraccini, Abby Elsener & Erin Koepke**, all ambassadorial scholars in South Africa, presented their micro farming experience to Rotary Sea Point. Our Club is donating R5000 towards the printing of the Abalimi Cookbook *Seed to Table* which these scholars were involved in creating.

Andrea Lewis, Fred Benning and Anthony Abrahamson from **Hear2Day** educated us on hearing loss, which affects almost 4 million South Africans. Please support Hear2Day – visit hear2day@co.za.



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More great news...

Coverage in the Atlantic Sun!... Rotary Sea Point's Top Cop award was covered in the Atlantic Sun—congratulations again to Constable Teboho Moleko, Natalie Coetzee and Normal Pretorius.



■ From, left are, Inspector Normal Pretorius of Law Enforcement, Community Police Forum (CPF) chairperson Heather Tager, Constable Teboho Moleko, field worker Natalie Coetzee, Sea Point Rotary president Farhat Danyal, vocation director Shirley Kellner and Sea Point police station commander Colonel Mkuseli-Nkwitshi.

Crime fighters awarded for hard work

Three people who are at the forefront of contributing to the safety, law enforcement and rehabilitation of homeless people in Sea Point, were honoured by the Sea Point Rotary Club.

During the meeting held on Wednesday October 27, Constable Teboho Moleko of Sea Point police was recognised as the Top Cop while Inspector Normal Pretorius of Law Enforcement and field worker Natalie Coetzee received Vocational Service Awards to acknowledge their dedication and service to the community.

The annual awards ceremony, which is in its 10th year, recognises people who demonstrate outstanding professional achievement and offer exceptional service to the community, said Sea Point Rotary president Farhat Danyal.

She said the recipients are nominated by the Sea Point police Community Police Forum chairperson Heather Tager, Sea Point police station commissioner Colonel Mkuseli-Nkwitshi and ward councillor JP

Smith.

Top Cop Constable Moleko, who joined the police station in 2004 after he completed his training, was deployed to the Crime Prevention Unit for Green Point.

Ms Tager said Constable Moleko was nominated because of his dedication, passion and excellent arrests.

"Constable Moleko has made 120 arrests between February and September 2010, the majority being for possession of drugs as well as drunken driving, theft out of motor vehicle and house robbery. He believes that as a police officer one must perform to the best of his or her ability in order to eliminate criminal activities and make it a safer South Africa for all," said Ms Tager. Constable Moleko said the Top Cop award was an honour that motivated him to work more. "I was so surprised. I want to put more effort into what I do. Being nominated is an honour," he said.

The two Vocational Service Awards were additional categories for this year's ceremony.

Ms Coetzee has been

employed by the CPF for five years to assist the homeless and those in need of assistance.

"She has assisted 2 899 displaced people by providing them with support such as social grants, medical aid, placing them in rehabilitation centres, shelters, frail care facilities, or reuniting them with their families," said Ms Tager.

Inspector Pretorius, who has worked in law enforcement for more than 21 years, has assisted to implement various community operations. He is currently the supervisor of the rent-a-cop law enforcement staff and was responsible for the bicycle and Segway units which patrolled the beachfront during the festive season. "Norman also works tirelessly for the homeless, assisting in placing them into shelters as well as reuniting them with their families," said Ms Tager.

The recipients each received a certificate from Rotary and sponsored two nights stay at any Protea Hotel and Constable Moleko also received a R1 000 in cash.

Ms Danyal said: "They need the acknowledgement."

Dec-Jan Birthdays:

- Mel Soller, Dec, 15
- Carl May, Dec, 20
- Shirley Kellner, Jan 1
- Malcom Roup, Jan 6

Dec – Jan

Induction Anniversaries:

- Graham Gordon, Dec 1
- Dennis Figov, Jan 1
- Rodney Mazinter, Jan 1
- Lawrence Miller, Jan 1
- Gavin Schachat, Jan 10
- Malcom Roup, Jan 10
- George Kauffman, Jan 10

Welcome Visitors!

We are always pleased to extend our hospitality to the international Rotary Family. Our visitors this month came from Sweden and Germany

Swedish Rotarian Catharina Blom with guests Marilyn Markus, Saxon Logan with Linda



Rotarian Dr Ralph Scheffler and his wife Ruth an Inner Wheeler with Gavin

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A round of applause...

Congratulations Lana! The Nomination Committee has nominated *Lana Herman* as President Elect of the *Sea Point Rotary Club* for 2011-2012 (pending board confirmation).

Thank you *Past Presidents Rodney, Graham, Eldred, Lawrence and Gavin* for hosting Rotary Meetings During November/Dec. 2.

Happening at our neighboring clubs...

Rotary Club Tygerberg has started a cricket coaching clinic for schoolchildren in the Fisantekraal township. An assortment equipment is needed, so if you have items lying around the house Tygerberg Rotarians will gladly collect. Contact AG Rick Shuttleworth ricks@gem.co.za

The *Rotary Club Helderberg* presents the World Class Magic of International Entertainer and Illusionist Loedewijk De Widt on 8th January, 2011 at the Playhouse Theatre, Somerset West. Tickets R150.00 from Computicket

Rotary Club Kirstenbosch and Pick n Pay bring Cape Town bring you 'Carols by Candlelight' musical. Date: 16 - 19 December 2010. Tickets available from <http://www.pnptickets.co.za/pages/info/carolsbycandlelight.aspx>

Rotary Trivia!!!

In which Steven Spielberg movie was a character portrayed as a 'lifetime Rotarian'? *email your answer to karenattyah@gmail.com!*

Answers to last months Trivia Questions...

- How many Clubs operate within Rotary International? *33,976*
- What are the official languages of Rotary International? *English, Hindi, Swedish, Portuguese, Italian, French, Spanish, German, Korean, and Japanese*
- Where was the first chartered Club established outside of North America? *London (The Dublin Club was organized before, but not chartered, before London*

Dr. Gordon Speaks...

Graham educates us just a little more at each meeting... who remembers our most recent lesson?

Why is Scotland Yard named... Scotland Yard?(hint: it's a trick)

Email your answer to [karenattyah@gmail.com!](mailto:karenattyah@gmail.com)

Graham also informed us about our fellow members... *Gavin Schachat* knows how to disarm 2 men with 2 knives in 2 minutes ! *Lawrence Miller* has brought MORE guests to lunch and has inducted far more members than any other member in the clubs history.



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Coming Up! Mark your diaries

- *Christmas Party*, Victoria Junction Hotel, December 8. Dr. Tony Davidson will present regarding his GSE trip to Denmark and Karen (who's she?) will be inducted. Please advise Craig if you are attending.
- *Seed to Table* celebration (as discussed by Amb. Scholars on Nov. 24) will take place at Kalk Bay Books on 10 December. Contact Paul Barkley if you are interested in attending before Dec. 8
- *A Day at the Races!* The City of Cape Town has arranged a Horse Race day at Kenilworth on the 21st December to create an awareness around youth at risk and street children. The Sea Point Rotary Trophy will be awarded on the day.
- *Ray's Rotary Reunion* alumni event, February 3-5 (Organizing Committee chaired by our own PDG Rodney Mazinter)
- *Rotary Project Expo*, February 3-5
- *6-8 May*: District Assembly and Conference Hermanus
- *2011 Rotary International Conference*, New Orleans USA. May 21-25

Remember! No meetings Dec. 22 and Dec. 29

