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Rotarians earn highest honours

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International named Alison Turner, Dennis Stewart and Dr Francois van den Berg as Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) at a special Rotary Club of Northcliff (RCN) meeting.

A PHF is the highest recognition from Rotary International, awarded in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given to further better understanding and friendly relations among people of the world.

Turner is the current RCN Ann president and has been an active member of Rotary for four years. She has undertaken many fundraising and special projects for orphans, HIV/Aids, food relief, youth and education.

Fondly known as Mr Mobility, Stewart is the founder member of the RCN/Rotary Club of Rushmoor (UK) wheelchair project, and has convened the project for 18 years. Through it more than 20 000 wheelchairs have been donated to organisations and individuals around South Africa and its neighbours.

Van den Berg is the CEO of the National Eisteddfod Academy (NEA). He obtained his PhD at the University of Potchefstroom, focusing mainly on music education. He joined the NEA 12 years ago as a volunteer to support the performing arts,

and was named CEO in 2001.

Based in Randburg, the NEA is a Section 21 company to develop and foster the performing arts. It focuses on the youth and more than 25 000 participants are adjudicated annually at eisteddfod festivals and competitions.

The uniqueness of the NEA's syllabus is that all 11 languages are incorporated. The deaf and hard of hearing are catered for, as are the blind and partially sighted, disabled pupils (wheelchair dances) and all age groups. The NEA carries a no-limitation policy and is recognised as a blueprint for arts and culture.

The organisation recently introduced a developmental programme that supports and trains vast numbers of underprivileged pupils around the country. It builds self-confidence, assertiveness and helps with transformation. The initiative also builds bridges between cultural groups, communities and age groups through the magic of the stage.

■ RCN also hosted members of the Northcliff high Interact Club at the meeting where Byron Ter Morshuizen was introduced as the new president of the club. Ter Morshuizen takes over from outgoing president Heleen Hofmeyr.

Walk against breast cancer

The Avon Justine iThemba Walkathon will take place on 17 October at the Marks Park Sports Complex.

Walkers need to pre-register and the closing date for group entries is 29 September and individual 6 October.

Those who register will receive goodie bags which can be collected at the venue on the day of the walk. The 8km walk starts at 8.30am and the 5km at 9am.

● Details: 011-844-0419, www.ithembawalkathon.co.za