

ROSEDALE SERVICE CENTRE COMMITTEE

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THINKING OF YOU Whether it is in celebratory style (birthdays and anniversaries) or maybe you've been poorly (sick or even hospitalised), perhaps there's some consolation in knowing that you're very much in our thoughts. And to those of you who have lost loved ones, we extend our heartfelt condolences, in particular to Walter Heinen and family on the passing of dear Moira on 24 January; also to the families of Gren Taylor who passed away on 27 January and Betty Amos on 30 January.

WELCOME to Yvonne van Wyngaard, George Leyland's new wife, and they have now moved into # 511R; also to Timothy Reilly who has moved into #402NR and Jean Todd's son, Donald, who has moved into #109R for a few months while selling one flat and arranging another.

GOODBYE to Mike Wheeler who has moved to Tableview to be with his son and family. A true gentlemen ... you will be much missed. Den Marine has also moved – to the frail care facility at Woodside – and we wish her well in settling in.

APOLOGY Yours Truly has two to make: No. 1 is that if your copy of last month's newsletter was out of sync, sometimes there's a blip between systems which results in pics being dropped and/or copy being moved, it's something I'm working on to overcome so please bear with me. No. 2 is for publishing the incorrect name of Lita Gonsalves' daughter, owner/principal of Kaydee (after-school) Educare Centre; it is in fact Odette Leach and not Aletta, which I completely misread when interpreting one of the staffer's handwriting.

OUTINGS – ROSEDALE

It would seem that the call from Angus Buchan to unite and **pray for rain** was in fact a hoax but, like many South African believers who took up the call, we at Rosedale did just that in the dining-room on **Wednesday 24 January** at 13:00 where some 50 of us listened to Stephen Leibbrandt's prayer to God to "open the floodgates of Heaven" and bring much needed rain, as Stephen so correctly pointed out, "which will happen in His own time". This was followed by an entreaty from Allan Ferguson of The Vineyard Church (*r*) to God to break the drought for, as he put it, "This is something only He can do". Individuals were invited to and duly added their appeals to God.

On her album *Wild Horse*, the cut *Praying for Rain* by American singer RaelLynn (Rachael Lynn Woodward) could well have been written specifically for us in mind:

*So I can stand tall in a storm like a live oak tree
No one in this world's gonna ever get the best of me
Running down a dream like I'm chasing a train
Finding who I am a little more every day
Cause I'm just a girl
Talking to God, praying for rain.*



received assistance in making these up from Sue Gow and Sue Bailey, on **Wednesday 24 January**, acknowledged by Hilda Louw in a moving speech.

The wonderful workforce that caters to our wants and needs were applauded and lauded for their sterling efforts and **gift parcels** were handed out to them by Del Davies and Phyllis Webb, who had



The **Nineties High Tea** was held at Chart Farm on Saturday **3 February** where a delicious spread was laid out overlooking the rose gardens and vineyards. It is appropriate to congratulate those who have already attained this milestone – Marge Baard, Beulah Brennand, Kathy Ellis, Pam Hare, Mia Meister, Nancy Moir, Maureen Osler, Yvonne Rosslind, Carmen Villet and Des Wollaston, he being our oldest resident, having been born on 17/12/1922 – and to Monica Baguley and Mavis Hammond who will be turning 90 this year.

As a tribute to these 'Young Ones', let's sing the lyrics of this Ray Bennett song written in 1961 for Cliff Richard and the Shadows:



The young ones
Darling, we're the young ones
And young ones
Shouldn't be afraid
To live, love
While the flame is strong
'Cause we may not be the young ones
Very long

Tomorrow
Why wait until tomorrow?
'Cause tomorrow
Sometimes never comes
So love me
There's a song to be sung
And the best time is to sing it
While we're young

*Once in every lifetime
Comes a love like this
Oh, I need you and you need me
Oh, my darling, can't you see?*

Young dreams
Should be dreamed together
And young hearts
Shouldn't be afraid
And some day
When the years have flown
Darling, then we'll teach the young ones
Of our own

Chorus: Once in every lifetime ...

Young dreams
Should be dreamed together
And young hearts
Shouldn't be afraid
And some day
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On Friday **9 February** we sat down (chicken or vegetarian) followed by entertainment provided by illustrious very own Mike Binedell who proudly only R75,00 residents R85,00 RSC mean ... where can you eat and be to Del and Phyllis and the hard-pulling this one out of the magic hat.



to a **curry 'n rice supper** (beef, dessert and bottomless tea/coffee, with **illusionist Russell Fox**, son of our did the introductions – and all this for members and others R95,00. I entertained for so little? Again, thanks working committee and helpers for

A very appreciative roomful gives Russell a hearty round of applause



← A proud Dad puts the finishing touches to the stage in preparation for the evening's entertainment →



Iris Newton is completely 'foxed' by Russell's sleight of hand →

A memory-jog for those who need it: **St Valentine's Day** is celebrated on **14 February** and to keep your shares soaring (in similar style to the Bitcoin) why not acknowledge it with a Continental breakfast ... a roll in bed with honey ☺

The next **Social Dance** evening will be held on **Friday 16 February** at 19:30 – cost R15 pp. Bring your own XYZ and enquiries to Carmen on 021-6857045 / 079 191 7371.

An **Easter Service**, led by Padre Ian Bernhardt (retired. with his wife Jean), will be held on **Good Friday 30 March** at 09:30 followed by tea/hot cross buns. Choir practice takes place in the Wreck Room every Tuesday evening at 19:00.

The **play-reading** group, led by scriptwriter Ralph Kelly, are hard at work practising for their performance of *Double Exposure*. More about when you can see them accept their Oscars in the next newsletter and watch the noticeboard.

An early reminder to diarise Ralph Kelly's **fun quiz** to be held in the Wreck Room on **Saturday 14 April at 14:30** so start thinking now of the compilation of your team of 4 and watch the noticeboard for further details. There is no charge, but a donation towards the cost of the tea/coffee/biscuits would be most welcome, the proceeds of which go to ToCH, a very worthy cause.

We're planning another participative event to celebrate **Mandela Day** on **Wednesday 18 July**. More about that as the ideas evolve, but pencil the date in your diaries and join us in making a difference.

OUTINGS – OTHER

You are cordially invited to the **MOTH Halifax Shellhole braai** on the lawns leading from the Wreck Room on **Saturday 21 April** at 17:30. The purpose of this event is to raise funds for their annual affiliation fees payable to the Western Province Dugout. Entry costs R30,00 and gets you a delicious boerie roll – salads also will be available – and the bar will be open. Bookings and enquiries to Peter Horsburgh 021-021-6854864 / 072 563 7372.

Then, on **Thursday 10 May** the **Rhodesian African Rifles** ("RAR") will be hosting a luncheon in the Wreck Room to celebrate their Regimental Day. Formed in 1940 in the British colony of Southern Rhodesia, the RAR was a regiment of the Rhodesian Army and were officially declared the successor to the Rhodesia Native Regiment (RNR) which had existed in World War I from 1916 to 1918. The RAR was granted the RNR's battle honours earned fighting in the East African Campaign. The RAR were the second-oldest regiment of the Rhodesian Army, after the Rhodesia Regiment which was raised in 1899.

THE NAMING GAME

I might well be the one producing this newsletter, but it is in fact the property of all residents and RSC members and maybe its present title *Rosedale Service Centre Committee Newsletter* suffices, but I would like to invite you to come up with an eye-catching, appropriate name for it which will be decided on by an outsider and the winner will receive a R50,00 Pick 'n Pay voucher donated by the RSC and a cloak of kudos. Closing date is Friday 23 February and entries, giving your name, address and contact details, including email address (if there is one) to Lucille Byrnes #211R either in writing or email me at lucillebyrnes@gmail.com

Days of Our Lives

St David's Day is a Christian feast day celebrated annually on **March 1** in honor of the patron saint of Wales ("Dewi Sant" in Welsh), who is said to have died on this day in 589, though that date is not certain. A native of Wales, David was a member of the royal family of Cunedda and rose to fame as archbishop and founder of a number of monasteries. On this day daffodils and leeks, the national emblems of Wales, are worn, in a tribute to Saint David who is said to have eaten only leeks when fasting and to have advised soldiers to wear leeks on their helmets in a battle against Saxons so they could distinguish each other from the enemies. Cities and towns in Wales hold parades on the day, flying the Welsh flag (or alternatively the flag of Saint David, a yellow cross on a black field) and displaying dragons, another symbol of Wales. Recitations and choir singing is performed, and the national anthem is played.

The flag of Saint David (*right*) alongside the flag of Wales (*left*) →



Membership Drive

It is very true that the best ambassadors for promoting any organisation are its own associates and we'd like to make use of your skills to join us on a drive to swell the numbers of members of both the **SA Legion** ("SAL") and the **Rosedale Service Centre** ("RSC").

Non-residents please inveigle your family and friends to join. There are many benefits to be derived but, most of all, there's the joy of being part of a network of like-minded folk and the comfort of knowing they're there to help when it is needed. Application forms can be obtained from the SAL and RSC offices or by writing to lucillebyrnes@gmail.com

The aims of the SAL are, inter alia, to help ex-servicemen in need through the distribution of food parcels. Members work to maintain the memory of the fallen and, in so doing, foster a feeling of comradeship and goodwill and SAL members will receive preferential entry into Rosedale.

Being part of the RSC network gives one the opportunity to join in the many activities here (e.g. darts, bridge, carpet bowls) as well as preferential rates to participate in the social events that take place here. And then there's the dining-room where excellent meals are served weekdays (R27 pp) and Sundays (R40 pp) - non-member guests R44 pp and R55 pp respectively.

This, therefore, serves as a gentle reminder that annual subscriptions fall due on 1 April so, non-residents, please use these selfsame forms when doing just that (residents, of course, have their subs. deducted via their accounts).



This is an appeal to all **cellphone-users**: There is nothing more annoying or embarrassing than the noise of a mobile phone either ringing or receiving an SMS in the middle of one or other get-together. PLEASE folks, switch your 'phones to Silent or to Airplane Mode (and if you don't know how to do so, ask for someone's help). If you're in the cinema/theatre, be aware that merely fiddling with the unit lights up the screen and distracts other people so, better still, don't even bring it to the event – leave it at home!

Chitter Chatter

Although the drought is bad in Cape Town the powers-that-be at **Kirstenbosch National Botanic Garden** seem to be doing a fine job of **conserving run-off water** from the mountain. Cherise Viljoen, a senior horticulturist there, has shared their efforts with us – see attached document which is being distributed to all electronically-linked readers; others are encouraged to visit Glen Villet's Water Board to read her comments.

My driver's licence came up for renewal recently and that got me thinking about the soon-to-be-enacted **Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences ("Aarto") Act**. These are some of the questions put by an Arrive Alive spokesperson to and answered by the Road Traffic Infringement Agency (RTIA) which might be of interest to readers:

How will the Aarto Act affect drivers?

RTIA: Motorists will receive their fines fairly quickly through electronic means such as email. The attitude of alleged infringers to ignore their penalties would result in their driving licences, Professional Driving Permits or vehicle licences being blocked on the system. Infringers would no longer escape liability by simply electing to go to court with the intention of flooding the court system and with the knowledge that such cases may not make it to the court roll as these courts have other criminal matters prioritised.

The President has not nationally cleared the law; does this mean that it will not come into effect yet?

RTIA: The Aarto Act is implemented partially in the jurisdictions of Tshwane and Johannesburg. The amendments before Parliament would make the process easier to be implemented by all the law enforcement authorities in the country. The President with the advice of the Minister of Transport will set a date when the rest of the Act will be implemented nationally." (It is likely to be April 2018.)

Are traffic fines but another revenue generator for authorities?

RTIA: The Aarto Act partially deals with the issue of authorities being driven by revenue generation. Once Aarto is implemented nationally there would no authorities setting up roadblock to force motorists to pay their fines or face arrest.

Could driver licences be confiscated by officials?

RTIA: The process entails the suspension of driving licences of drivers who commit more traffic infringements and pass the threshold of 12 demerit points.

Some salient bits of advice:

RTIA: Motorists should exercise caution and abide by the rules of the road. In instances where a fine has been received by a motorist, it should not be ignored but the motorist must act by exercising one of the elective options available, e.g. pay the fine within 32 days from receipt of such a fine and automatically qualify for a 50% discount on the penalty or submit a representation to the RTIA if such a motorist believes that s/he does not deserve the fine.

Do you think this is going to be a successful law?

RTIA: It will be, as the motorists will now realise that there would be consequences for breaking the law if caught.

How will the demerit system work?

Each person starts with a 0 point balance. Every time you are caught committing a traffic offence points are added according to the offence's seriousness. Once you have 13 points your licence is suspended for three months. For every three offence-free months, one point is deducted from your balance. A licence suspended three times can be cancelled.

The good news is that the new AARTO penalty system in South Africa also has higher penalties at level crossings.

Subsequent to the plug (no pun intended) I gave WeePong!™ in January's newsletter, here's another toilet-cleaning tip which, I am told, has a similar effect: after flushing-and-brushing, pour a capful of Domestos into the bowl and don't flush again until you have to.

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We all know Mike Binedell, a man whose cup is always half full, never half empty and who attributes his positive outlook to his deep and unwavering faith. The acronym that he subscribes to is TODAY

Take Ownership, Decide on your Attitude – Yes!

As he says, "How I wake up, what my attitude is sets the tone for how I conduct myself that day. My personal happiness is mine to decide on; my approach to life entirely up to me." We love you, Mike, and thanks for sharing.

Till next time - keep smiling



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