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NEWSLETTER : NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019

Hello, again 

Welcome to this bumper edition of our newsletter – three months in one! Please remember to make a note of dates/events that interest you before throwing it into the recycling bag.

REFLECTIONS: Before looking at what's to come, let's take a quick look at what's behind us. (a) From comments the Committee has received, it look as though Juan's quiz morning was very popular. There was a good turn-out and enthusiastic participation. A new member, Bill Dunlop, won the overall prize with a score of 19 out of 22 correct answers (I do hope he's found the book interesting), and another newcomer, Jackie Pittman, was second with 18; the Lucky Draw was won by Irene Meintjies. Strangely, all three of them were sitting at the same table. Many thanks to Juan, Cecilia and their son, JP, for a splendid team effort; we'll look forward to repeating the exercise in due course. (b) More (very personal) thanks to Juan for stepping in to distribute important club information to e-mailers before the General Meeting last week. (c) Thinking of which, I was delighted with the splendid attendance at the meeting and I hope you all found Zelda Mycroft's talk as uplifting and inspiring as I did. I first met her shortly after The Chaeli Campaign was launched and, since retiring, have kept a close watch on their Facebook page over the years – what an astonishing journey it has been! The winner of the Lucky Draw was Sharon van der Walt.

LOOKING AHEAD:



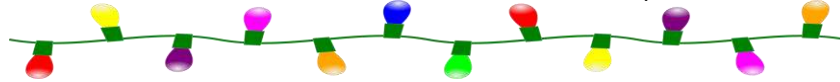
Wed 28 Nov: The bus leaves The Oval at 09:00 – please don't be late! A leisurely drive to Riebeeck West Hotel for a splendid lunch, followed by a shopping spree at Het Vlok Kasteel – your chance to buy a special 'something' for family & friends' Christmas pressies! They have such a wide selection of wines, olives, preserved fruits, sauces and other delectables to choose from, they won't be disappointed.

Wed 12 Dec: Christmas Buffet Lunch. Doors open @ 11:30. Members R100 each, guests R120.

Thurs 17 Jan: Mad Hatter's Tea Party, starting @ 09:30. By popular vote at the General Meeting, we'll have a Beetle Drive instead of an entertainer for a change.

Please remember to bring a small plate of nibbles for the half-time break – and don't forget a fancy hat!

Thurs 21 Feb: Our first General Meeting of the New Year. Fouriesburg Country Tours will give a 1-hour presentation of their tour offerings for 2019, followed by refreshments (we may need to adjust our starting time and/or tea/coffee before the meeting starts – details to be confirmed nearer the time).



FUN THINGS TO DO DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

- (i) ARTSCAPE Opera Bar Theatre: 26 Nov. 19:00 and 21:00. **Monday Night Magic** – a variety show featuring members of Cape Town Magic Club magicians & entertainers; 75 minutes of wonderment and fun. No U-13s, and strictly no U-18s for the Late Show. Tickets R170 – R200. Book on line at Quicket - magic.capetown/tickets, contact info@magic.capetown for wheelchair access; no phone bookings.
- (ii) COOL RUNNINGS TOBOGGAN PARK: These bobsleds run on a stainless steel track with 17 corners, S-bends and a tunnel. You're pulled up to the top of the hill but when released, you're in control of your speed by pushing a lever in front of you forward to increase (up to 40 kph!), or pulling back to brake. Ideal for adrenalin junkies. Prices range from a single ride (about R50) to a Combo ticket for 15 rides – about R345 (could be different people sharing), or even an all-day pass – the more you ride, the cheaper each ride becomes. A shaded grandstand view, café and bar for non-participants. Wonderful fun!

Remember – theatre tickets for grandchildren may introduce them to a lifelong interest in theatre, ballet, films and the creative arts in general.

(iii) ARTSCAPE OPERA HOUSE:

21 – 25 Nov: **Boogie's Gonna Get Ya!** A musical romp down memory lane to the Motown era, disco floors and the ballads of the 70's and 80's. Local live band, singers and dancers, 2hrs 20 mins duration. Tickets R145. Wed – Sat evenings 20:00, Sun 18:00; Sat & Sun matinees 14:00.

11 Dec – 13 Jan: **Matilda the Musical** – the multi-award winning production from The Royal Shakespeare Company inspired by Roald Dahl's much-loved book. Duration 2hrs 45mins. Prices R100 – R520.

20 Dec – 5 Jan: **SWING TIME** – Sean Bovim's ballet set to the music of the swinging 1930's; 2 hrs of bliss! Thurs 20 – Sat 22 Dec 19:30; Fri 28 – Sat 29 19:30; Sun 30 18:00; Wed 2 – Fri 4 Jan 19:30; matinee Sat 5 14:00. Prices R180 – R220.

Sunday 23 Jan: **SWING TIME IN THE PARK, Maynardville**. Duration 110 mins. Prices: R130 – R220

17 Jan – 9 Feb: **The Michael Jackson HIStory Show**: A musical tribute by multi-talented impersonator, Dantanio, covering the King of Pop's greatest hits from his early Jackson 5 days onwards. International band, choreographed dancers, authentic costumes & brilliant effects – a show not to be missed! Evenings @ 20:00; matinees Sundays 20 & 27 Jan @ 14:00. Prices: R190 – R390.

(iv) ARTSCAPE THEATRE:
23 – 24 Nov: **NEXUS** – Jazzart’s Junior Company + UCT dance students. One price only R100. Fri 23 19:30, Sat 24 15:00 & 19:30. Duration 110 mins.
28 Nov: **RIPPED GENES** – a musical fundraiser for Retina SA Western Cape. An exciting 2-hour mix of music, dance and fashion. Prices: R80 – R150.
2 Dec: **HEAVENLY QUARTEZ** – 10th anniversary concert of 4 young men whose voices harmonise beautifully in renditions of songs ranging from operatic masterpieces to modern pop. 16:00 (4pm). 1hr 30mins. Prices: R100 – R150.
6 – 9 Dec: **SHOWCASE OF DANCE** – an annual event featuring dancers aged 8-23 from local dance schools. 2hrs 30 mins. Prices: R90 – R115.
14 – 16, 22 – 24, 29 Dec; 4 – 6 Jan: Ballet **THE LITTLE MERMAID**. Matinees 14:00 (2pm): Sats 15, 22, 29 Dec; Mon 24; Fri 4 Jan. Matinees 15:00 (3pm): Sundays 16, 23; 6 Jan. Evening 18:00 (6pm): Sat 15 Dec. Evenings 19:30 (7:30pm): Fri 14 Dec; Sat 5 Jan. Prices: R150 – R200.

(v) ARTSCAPE ARENA THEATRE
19 Dec: **ELLA FITZGERALD – A CENTURY IN SONG**. The Jazz world recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of Ella’s birth. Enjoy this swinging tribute by SAMA winner Anna Davel & Sima Mashazi (the star of Miriam Makeba: The Musical) as they sing some of the songs Ella made her own. Duration 75 mins. Price: R120.

(vi) FUGARD THEATRE (021 461 4554)
From 20 Nov: David Kramer’s latest musical **LANGARM**, a story of love and intrigue set in Cape Town’s ballroom dance culture in the 1960s. Tues – Fri 20:00; Sat 15:00 & 20:00; matinees Sun from 16 Dec, 15:00. Prices R160 – R260.

STUDIO THEATRE

27 Nov – 15 Dec: Pieter Dirk Uys’s latest monologue, **WHEN IN DOUBT SAY DARLING**. 1hr 30 mins with no interval. Tues – Fri 20:00; Sat 16:00 & 20:00. Prices: R150 – R170.

BIOSCOPE (in the theatre): Sundays @ 10:00. Tickets R100; 20% discount for Friends of the Fugard and 15% for pensioners; discounted tickets only available through the box office. Foyer bar open from 09:00 serving a range of light snacks, coffee & selected drinks.

2 Dec	Romeo & Juliet (Royal Shakespeare Company)
9 Dec	Ballet: Mayerling (The Royal Ballet)
16 Dec	Cyrano de Bergerac (Comedie-Francoise) – English subtitles
23 Dec	The Nutcracker (Royal Ballet)
6 Jan	The Madness of George III (National Theatre Live)
13 Jan	Julie (National Theatre Live)
20 Jan	Ballet: La Sylphide (Bolshoi Ballet)
27 Jan	Merry Wives of Windsor (Royal Shakespeare Company)

(vii) **BISHOP'S CHAPEL, Sat 8 Dec @ 7pm (book at Quicket)**
Gilbert & Sullivan concert with songs from musicals and Christmas theme. Adults R150; Pensioners, students & scholars R120, under 14 R80.

I hope you'll find something from the above to share with friends and family during the Festive Season.

A REMINDER OF OUR NEW BANK DETAILS:

Nedbank Pinelands Savings account number 2012078737
For EFT payments the name of the account is SAARP Pinelands Social Club

THINKING OF OTHERS

Congratulations and best wishes to all those celebrating birthdays (23 members) and/or anniversaries over the next few weeks – enjoy the warm good wishes of friends and family!

To those who have lost loved ones recently, may memories of happier times help to heal the pain of loss.

And those who are recuperating from surgery or illness, whether in hospital or at home, may you soon be on your feet again and ready to join life's journey again.

Not much space for funnies, I'm afraid, but here are a few Great Truths About Life that Adults have learned:

- Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- Wrinkles don't hurt.
- Families are like fudge – mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- Laughing is good exercise – it's like jogging on the inside.

Best wishes to all for a merry Christmas filled with Blessings and good cheer, and may the New Year bring good health, happiness – and some lovely surprises!

Ruth



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