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Newsletter – March 2020

Dear fellow members,

The months come around so quickly - it's March again and it's the month of our Annual General Meeting. The talk by Annemarie on the Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary will follow.

The AGM will include, as usual, the Chairman's report on the performance of the club and the way forward, as well as the Annual Financial Statement presented by our Treasurer. Our Income and expenditure will be disclosed, and a copy of the audited statement will be available for those who would like to study it. You will also have the opportunity of asking questions. You will also have to decide on the office-bearers for 2020/21.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the AGM of 2019 – to be read & confirmed
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. General
7. Election of Chairman & Committee for 2020/21

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We enjoyed a warm and sunny day for our trip to Franschoek to see the Farm Sanctuary last month. Unfortunately we were delayed in finding the farm, despite an assurance that it was easy to get there! As a result, time was too short to have the talk and see more of the place. Joanne Lefson, the owner, was called away and left her young assistant to host us. A charming young lady from Germany who answered our questions. The entrance was also a hazard for our driver, resulting in a longer walk for us. However, as a scenic drive, the trip could not have been better. We drove over the pass to Stellenbosch and Somerset West to our lunch venue.

Once again a problem – the bus had to park in a designated bay some distance from the entrance. Happily, after the lunch some savvy members hailed the service “golf cart” and came back to the bus in style (and in comfort).

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There were four of our members & two from Pinelands SAARP on the 5-day trip to Graaff-Reinet (2-6 March). We spent the first day exploring this historic town and then ventured into the country to see the Camdeboo National Game Park with its many buck species & the fascinating Owl House in Nieu Bethesda. The area was green, having had some rain and good roads gave us a comfortable ride through stunning mountain scenery and passes. The Valley of Desolation was “awesome” as our young people would say! The statues created by the late Helen Martins at the Owl House are made of cement, wire and crushed glass – most creative and arresting! The lady was truly a mystic and obviously spiritual.

Our last stop-over was on Day 4 at Calitzdorp, the “Port Capital” of SA, and we then followed the R62 to Worcester, joining the busy N1 in the final stretch to Cape Town. Altogether a most enjoyable and informative trip – full marks to Eric Palmer and Fairview Travel.

FOR YOUR DIARY

This month's General Meeting – Monday 16th March - Annual General Meeting followed by Speaker: Annemarie – the Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary.

Venue: Rosebank Methodist Church Hall. Doors open at 09h15.

Next month's General Meeting - Monday 20th April. Entertainer: Gordon Rocker, Musician. Venue & times as above.

BEST WISHES

Congratulations and best wishes to those who will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Our condolences to those who have lost loved ones. To those in hospital or ill at home, we wish you well.

THEATRES (Info supplied by Gaby Saurma)

Artscape: Fidelio in Concert (Celebrates 250 years of Beethoven's only opera) 50% discount on highest price R280. Any performance. Show ID – at Artscape or any Computicket. Normal prices: R100 – R280. Note: Only 2 performances – Thurs 27th 7.30pm and Sunday 3pm 29th

St Petersburg Russian Ballet: 8th to 18th April Pensioners Sundays 3pm R540 – R150 otherwise R250 to R690

Swan Lake – 17th May

Sounds Cape (Orchestra) R70

Pirates of Penzance G&S production - July 11th to 26th

Theatre on the Bay (Camps Bay): The Producer (Mel Brooks)

- a hilarious Musical. R100 to R380 till 28th March

(Always ask for a Senior's discount)

OUTINGS

Tuesday 17th March: Wellington - the Redemption Leather factory with lunch at Dunstone wine estate. R150pp (lunch at own expense) Bus leaves at 09h30 from bus stop opp the Church on the Main Rd.

Tuesday 21st April: Peninsula Circuit - lunch venue being arranged. R150pp
Coffee stop in Hout Bay. Bus departure as before.

INTO OUR KITTY: (February 2020)

Bring & Buy – R133; Tea monies – R40; Lucky Draw – R32

GENERAL

Please support our Bring & Buy table. Special request for cookies, etc
Donations of clothing items, wool, materials etc are gratefully accepted. Collection bag at the attendance table. ToCH distributes to the needy.

A warm welcome to new member: Mrs NJ Marryatt