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HERMANUS SOCIAL CLUB - February 2019

*Love is friendship that has caught fire.
It is quiet understanding, mutual confidence,
sharing and forgiving.
It is loyalty through good and bad times.
It settles for less than perfection
and makes allowances for human weaknesses.*

~ Ann Landers ~

Happy
Valentines Day



13th February (Weds) - Social Club Meeting
20th February (Weds) - Club Monthly Outing
1st March (Fri) - Social Bowls

THE STORY OF VALENTINE DAY

In the third century, the Roman Empire was ruled by Emperor Claudius II Gothicus. He was nicknamed Claudius the Cruel because of his harsh leadership and his tendency for getting into wars and abusing his people. Claudius believed that recruitment for the army was down because Roman men did not want to leave their loves or families behind, so he cancelled all marriages and engagements in Rome. Thousands of couples saw their hopes of matrimony dashed by the single act of a tyrant. And no one seemed interested in standing up to the emperor.

But a simple Christian priest named Valentine came forward and stood up for love. He began to secretly marry soldiers before they went off to war, despite the emperor's orders. In 269 A.D., Emperor Claudius found out about the secret ceremonies. He had Valentine thrown into prison and deemed that he would be put to death. As Valentine was awaiting execution, he fell in love with a blind girl who happened to be the jailer's daughter. On the eve of his execution, with no writing instruments available, Valentine is said to have written her a sonnet in ink that he squeezed from violets. Legend has it that his words made the blind woman see again. It was a brief romance because the next day Valentine was clubbed to death by Roman executioners.

St. Valentine gave his life so that young couples could be bonded together in holy matrimony. They may have killed the man, but not his spirit. Even centuries after his death, the story of Valentine's self-sacrificing commitment to love was legendary in Rome. Eventually, he was granted sainthood and the Catholic Church decided to create a feast in his honor. They picked February 14 as the day of celebration because of the ancient belief that birds (particularly lovebirds, but also owls and doves) began to mate on that very day.



SOCIAL CLUB MEETINGS

Please can we ask that **ALL members show their membership cards at the registration table when attending the club meetings.** There has been a little resistance to this ruling which is implemented by SAARP Head Office. It also assists you, the member, as a possible reminder that your annual subs may be due.

SPEAKERS FOR OUR CLUB MEETINGS



13th February - Leanne Dryburgh - "The Fisherhaven Horses" – Fisherhaven, Hermanus has the awesome gift of being home to a herd of wild horses which were separated by nature's circumstance from the original large herd roaming the Rooisand Nature Reserve. You can expect to encounter these beautiful self sufficient creatures anywhere between the residential houses of Fisherhaven, chewing the flowers off someone's favourite plant or pulling out a mouthful of lush grass, and wading in the Bot River Lagoon.

Remember to wear red and white to the club meeting.

13th March - Vic Hamilton Atwell - Spiders in Fernkloof - "We have spiders in Fernkloof that you find nowhere else, possibly due to the age of the fynbos, which is one of the oldest plant species on the planet"

SOCIAL BOWLS - Friday 1st March



Join our SAARP players for a morning on the greens. Please ensure that you wear flat shoes. If you are a beginner there will be experienced players to assist and bowls will be made available .

VENUE:- Hermanus Bowling Club **TIME:-** 09h30 **COST:-** R30pp. To cover green fees.

MONTHLY SOCIAL OUTINGS

20th February - The Singing Cook (Rivendell Wine Estate). TIME noon for 12h30. Join us for a fun Valentine party not forgetting to wear something red & white. Cost R130 per person.

20th March - Mystery tour ?????



Booking has already opened for our annual mystery tour. This is going to prove to be even bigger and better than our 2018 adventure. I am almost sure that more than 90% of you will never have been to either of the places that we shall be visiting. COST R300pp fully inclusive of travelling, visiting and lunch. This is going to be a full day outing returning in the late afternoon, tired but exhilarated.

Place your names on the list as soon as possible so as not to be disappointed as there were a number of people who were sorry that they had not joined us last year.

LUCKY
DRAW

Prizes have been increased
as from February, as follows;

1st - R250; 2nd - R120;
3rd - R80; 4th - R50.

The winners from our January meeting:-

1st - Isabel Schrade 2nd - Una Sterne
3rd - Ina Bezuidenhout
4th - Martie Reyneke

For ONLY R1 you could be the next lucky
winner of one of the four cash prizes.



SUPER RAFFLE

A new initiative to spoil you the member!! Committee has agreed that this raffle will take place on a quarterly basis, the first being at our February club meeting. It will only apply to paid up members. As you know, we are all expected to sign the register when attending a meeting. At the end of the meeting a lucky draw of a number will take place. The corresponding legible name in the register next to that number, will be the lucky winner of a meal voucher to the value of R300 at a local restaurant. You will be asked to show your membership card to qualify for the prize.

The February give away will be at VB's restaurant in Sandbaai.

An aged farmer and his wife were leaning against the edge of their pig-pen when the old woman wistfully recalled that the next week would mark their golden wedding anniversary. "Let's have a party, Homer," she suggested. "Let's kill a pig." The farmer scratched his grizzled head. "Gee, Ethel," he finally answered, "I don't see why the pig should take the blame for something that happened fifty years ago."



Teacher: "Now, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"

Teacher: "Kids, what does the chicken give you?"

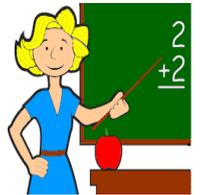
Student: "Meat!"

Teacher: "Very good! Now what does the pig give you?"

Student: "Bacon!"

Teacher: "Great! And what does the fat cow give you?"

Student: "Homework!"



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Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us if we can be of assistance to you.



From the news desk until our March 2019 edition - Ingrid