



**SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS
SAARP SOCIAL CLUB – GEORGE
c/o P O Box 2415, George, 6530**

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Dear Members and Friends



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Here we go again - I am calling this time of the year the “countdown to Christmas”! Any minute now the Jingle Bells song will be filling our ears when we go shopping. Stop the world, folks – I want to get off!!

Have you heard? The Royal Family are a baby richer! The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have just brought a healthy baby boy into the world! Seems life just goes on, huh!

I hope you all enjoyed the voting experience this time round. By the time you get this newsletter, we will all know what government will lead us for the next 5 years – and I just hope that you all voted for the continuance of the good life for our children, grandchildren and great*grandchildren! I know I did!!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

No new members to welcome during this period, but we are looking forward to at least one new member in June! She just needs to sign on the dotted line, World of mouth advertising is on the cards.



REPORT BACK

Thursday 11th April - Breakfast at The Arts Cafe, Langenhoven Street

16 Breakfast Club regulars took the plunge and tested this new café on the block. The food was very good, the company, as always, of the best quality but I am sorry to say that we sort of overwhelmed the hostess and her staff when we all walked into the venue and

gave our hosts a bit of a shock. The service was slow and spasmodic. However, for a smaller group, highly complimentary. The SAARP Social Club welcome members extended to me on Hand Maria Least which was Tuesday 16th April - annual general meeting at Emmaus - have had a strong effect and 30 members signed the attendance register and 3 “apologies” were recorded which number was sufficient to realise a quota for the AGM. The agenda was followed with good results and anyone who would like a copy of the chairperson’s/membership secretaries and treasurer’s reports are welcome to request them from me and I will email them to you. The election of office bearer resulted in the following elections –

Chairperson and Membership Secretary – Pam Hodgson received 5 nominations, was duly seconded and elected for another term
Treasurer – Dick Cullingworth received 3 nominations was seconded and duly elected;
Secretary – Ann Ellis received 1 nomination after having volunteered her services, received 1 nomination, was seconded and elected *in absentia*;

Scribe – Anne Pipe, who also volunteered, received 1 nomination, was seconded and elected *in absentia*’
Social co-ordinator – Peter and Gillian Orlet were jointly nominated, seconded and elected into this position.

Unfortunately, we appear to have a problem with the elections *in absentia*, as neither volunteers signed their nomination forms. I am working on this!
Please join me in wishing all the new committee members a huge welcome into their positions.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Tuesday 21 May 2019 – Very special birthday party! Emmaus Community Centre at 14:00 for 14:30

You are cordially invited to attend the celebration of the 99th birthday of Florence Alexander, our favourite Mum, Gran, Great-Gran, etc. etc. but especially wonderful oldest member of the George Social Club.

Please bring a **small plate of snacks** and we will provide the rest!

Sound a bit formal?

Well, why not!!

I reckon when you celebrate your 99th year, you have earned a formal invitation! Please join us *en masse* and make this a party to remember.





SALLY'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Thursday 13th June – Meadest81, situated between Albert and Victoria Streets o Meade Street – 09:00 for 09:30

I was introduced to this quaint venue a few weeks ago and found the ambiance and host/hostess reception wonderful. We have been offered a basic breakfast of eggs, bacon, tomato, chips, toast with marmalade or jam and tea or coffee at the price of R70 including tip. For more information, contact Peter and Gillian Orlet on 044 873 4780 or me at the usual email and telephone addresses.



P-J'S HIKING GROUP

P-J is away for seven weeks or so and his leadership has been taken over by Sharon Drake, who sent me the following email.

We have had 3 amazing hikes in April.

On the 11th 32 of us hiked at Isibindi Lodge in Hansmoeskraal. The owner

Marcelle led our hike through a forest and then along the cliff edge

Overlooking the sea. On the property were zebra and Wildebeest. We ended

The hike on a deck where we were served home baked muffins tea and coffee.

On the 18th 24 of us hiked at Arendsrus in Geelhoutboom.

Beautiful views. Waterfall. Fungi growing out the ground. Followed by scones and tea.

On the 25th 27 of us hiked from Leentjiesklip to Victoria bay

Sadly the railway bridge over the Kaaimans is becoming a bit dangerous so

We will need to change the route a bit. We had coffee at Victoria bay.

For more information, contact Sharon at sharon@gardenroutehousesitting.co.za



10 PIN BOWLING GROUP

The bowling group is back to normal again and doing exceptionally well. All reports are very positive and, again, thanks to Gerard for running a tight ship. Should be interesting! Contact Gerard Roozendaal at 044 874 4505.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Badges are again available at the old price of R20 each and can be ordered from me in the usual way! Hallelujah!

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Finally, a HUGE thank you to Barbara Magill for the years of dedicated, efficient and painstaking service she has given to this Club. Barbara has finally taken the decision to resign her position of treasurer, which she has held since 2004 and to give her own life a chance! I am going to miss you, Babs, but know that you will never be too far away and that I will be able to yell for help every now and again! You are a very bright, shining star!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 21st May 2019 – birthday party at Emmaus – Beetle Drive – 14:00 for 14:30

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Stay cool folks!

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