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Dear Members and Friends



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Spare a thought for all those who do not live in Eden, Paradise! Particularly those who live in the area of South Africa which has GP in the motor vehicle number plate! We are so fortunate and blessed, are we not. At least we can close our eyes at night and not fear to be awakened by the sound of gunshots, or fire engines, I feel we should all go on our knees and just say a fervent “thank you” to whomever we trust in. I know I do.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Still no new members. Guess we are going to have to think a few positive thoughts and encourage friends into joining us. Over to you, folks. Even with the economy being at an all time low, I am sure that R45 per person or R70 per couple per annum will not break the bank!



REPORT BACK

Thursday 8th August – Breakfast at Augusta Grill

16 curious breakfasters gathered at this “first time visit” venue and thoroughly enjoyed an extremely good and filling breakfast at the cheapest price this year! Not only was the food good, the staff were top notch and we were all very impressed. A good venue to place on your “places to go” list!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
 A warm and friendly gathering was held on Monday 26th August at the Wildernis hand joints felt after participating from 11:30 to 12:30. The talk and slide show presented by Tanya Methu was very poorly attended by 16 members who, fortunately, were blown away by her enthusiasm and professionalism! The talk was informative and colourful – full of excitement and pathos. Tanya has offered to take us on an outing to the Wilderness NSRI station in the new year where she will give us more of the same!

Tuesday 20th August – General meeting at Emma's
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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Tuesday 17th September – Outing to Redberry Farm – 12 noon

I warned you in my August newsletter that the breakfast group would not be meeting in September as we will be going to Redberry Farm (the Strawberry Farm) on an outing instead. Activities will, I hope, include trying the maze out, picking strawberries, a railway ride and food, glorious food! PLEASE make every effort to join us – I am negotiating a low price for the maze visit, but I do not think they will do anything for a small group! I have made sure that the bowling group will have plenty of time to get to the venue – and I hope the hikers will try out a different adventure, for a change! And yes, you are right – I AM GROVELLING!



BREAKFAST GROUP – Chino's Restaurant, St. Georges Square – 10th October - 09:00 for 09:30

The next date and venue for this group is Thursday 10th October at Chino's Restaurant. Eggs, bacon, tomato, cheese griller, chips and toast with jam or marmalade, plus tea or coffee at a price of R65.



SHARON'S HIKING GROUP

We have a new roving reporter from the hiking group this month and so my sincere thanks to Mienie Ellis who as kindly sent me the following email on the activities of the walkers!

"We had a great month of hikes:

1 Aug: *Herolds Bay to Maalgate river mouth. We were 34 hikers. Had a picnic at the beach afterwards.*

8 Aug: *Kouma Trail in Robinsonpas. 37 Hikers did this beautiful trail. We started at the back end. Hiked in for 3 kms. Beautiful mountain views.*

15 Aug: *Buffalo Bay: 47 Hikers enjoyed this 5 km part beach, part Sand dunes hike. Ended with coffee and refreshments at the restaurant.*

22 Aug: *Breakwater Bay : 36 hikers enjoyed the spectacular views from the cliff tops above the sea. We had a picnic at the bird hide in Oubaa. Some went down to the whale deck for extra sea /cliff views.*

29 Aug: *Jonkersberg: Uitsig West: 29 hikers enjoyed this mild hike, great views over the Geelhoutboom area. We walked in for 1,5 hrs and after rest and refreshments returned the same way. Afterwards the majority hikers had refreshments at DIS TYD in Blanco.*

Thank you.

Mienie (for Sharon)"

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



10 PIN BOWLING GROUP

I have been told that this group is growing in numbers and they are having a ball (or two)! I am hoping to see many of them at the outing on the 17th! Contact Gerard Rosendale 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!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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Thursday 10th October – Breakfast at Chino's – 09:00 for 09:30

Just heard that it is going to RAIN tomorrow!!! Fingers are crossed.

Blessings and love
Pam