

SAARP SOCIAL SERVICES GROOTE SCHUUR

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Newsletter – February 2020

Dear fellow members,

Last month's meeting was special for many – it featured a talk on Guide Dogs for the Blind. The owner of the dog gave us a truly memorable account of his life as one who went blind and what it meant to have the protection and companionship of this special dog – a German Shepherd. The uncanny awareness of potential dangers shown by this animal is truly remarkable.

The owner had a problem once when he was told that dogs were not allowed to enter the place he was visiting.

“But it's a Guide dog!” he ventured.

“The breed doesn't matter!” replied the man at the door, who clearly knew nothing about this special animal.

The meeting was not as well attended as we had hoped, but numbers will surely improve.

Vicki Paterson, our Chairman, is putting together a good selection of speakers and entertainers. Much appreciated! Please give us your support.

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The need for more members continues to be a major concern. We had four newcomers last month, very encouraging – and we look forward to welcoming more. Joining Groote Schuur SAARP Club is an opportunity to meet others of our age group and make a friend or two. The speakers /entertainers make meetings interesting and enjoyable, and many of us look forward to the monthly day-outings.

These excursions are becoming increasingly more expensive. We need at least 35 bookings for each in order to pay our way. We urge every member to bring in one or two newcomers. The regular trippers should try to promote each outing and encourage a friend or two to join the club and join us on the outing.

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The 5-day trip to Graaff-Reinet and surrounds, including the Owl House at Nieu Bethesda, the Valley of Desolation and the Camdeboo National Park, leaves on Monday 2 March. There are still 2 places available. If you would like to join the group please contact Eric Palmer – 021 701 7131

Tour Price: R7200 pp (Single Supplement R950)

Included: Home pick-ups, travelling, dinner, bed & breakfast.

FOR YOUR DIARY

This month's General Meeting – Monday 17th February. Speaker: Janet Perrot on "Goodgedacht" Venue: Rosebank Methodist Church hall. Doors open at 9h15. Next month's meeting - Monday 16th March: Annual General Meeting followed by Speaker: Annemarie on Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary.

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.

OUTINGS

Tuesday 18 February: Farm Sanctuary, Franschoek & lunch at the Somerset West Spur. R140pp (Lunch own account). Bus leaves 09h30 opp the church on the Main Road. Returning approx 4pm. A new destination with a conducted tour.

Tuesday 17 March: Wellington – the Redemption Leather factor with lunch at a restaurant in the town. R150pp (PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE)

Excursion to Graaff-Reinet: see overleaf

INTO OUR KITTY

Bring & Buy – R144; Tea monies – R50; Lucky Draw – R10

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 members: Mrs MH Wilson; Mrs RC Mizon; Mrs GBP Oosthuizen; Mr EA Mizon

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Please use one of the following methods of paying subscriptions:

- Cash at monthly meeting (R50 per member annually)
- EFT at ABSA Account – Number 9172732609 Branch Code 632005
Providing your full name and membership number.
- CHEQUE payable to SAARP Social Services Groote Schuur, but add R50 to cover bank charges. Submit to Membership Secretary. Also add R40 if you receive newsletters by post

Payments for Outings: CASH only at meetings