

CHIT-CHAT

FROM WAKKERSTROOM

21st October 2016

Dear Wet and windblown Wakkerstroomers,

The farmers must be over the moon with all the rain we have had in the last 3 days. I am still mumbling and muttering about the black frost a few days again that killed all my new shoots and buds!

- 1) **CAR BOOT SALE** - The last car boot market for the year will be held at DeKotzenhof on Saturday 29th October 2016 from 9am -1pm. Anything can be sold from the boot of your car and table; at a cost of R50 per parking. This is a lovely social event. Hope we see you all there.
- 2) **ANNUAL ALPACA SHEARING AND OPEN DAY** - This will be held (weather permitting) on the 5th November OR Saturday 12th November. It will be held at Mystique Alpacas in Laag Street from 9.00am until 3.00 pm Entrance fee is R20 per person and kids are free. NO dogs please! There will also be a shop under the willow tree selling Alpaca goodies!
- 3) **BRING AND BRAAI** -After the first few very successful Bring and Braai's Crowned Crane have decided to hold two Bring and Braai's a month - on the second and fourth Sunday, with the next one on Sunday 23rd October. All you need to bring is your meat and it even gets cooked for you!! Please contact Crowned Crane to make a booking so that they can make enough salads and have enough rolls.
- 4) **LIBRARY** - I see the library renovations are steaming ahead. Lots of activity is going on there so hopefully we can soon use a beautifully clean and functional library. Security is going to be really tight!!!!
- 5) **CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Ronelle from Forellenhof is organising a Christmas party for the children from the Louis Hildebrandt Children's Home in Volksrust. The Christmas party will be held at Die Meelsak on 11th November at 14h00. The Children will be given gift boxes from Father Christmas. Volunteers who would like to sponsor a gift box can call Ronelle on 083 463 7561. So nice to make a little kiddie happy at Christmas.

- 6) **SMILEY'S** - This group meet at a church in e Sizameleni on a Friday afternoon for children to meet and play. The idea was to keep the kids off the streets. The children play, sing gospel songs and get sandwiches which are donated by kind and generous folk. About 60 kids meet on Fridays between 3.30 and 5.00. Wilna Forbes says that, acting on a suggestion from one of her supporters, Smileys will give each child a Christmas gift this year. Smileys children are e Sizameleni residents aged between 2 and 17 years. The list of children's names and ages is on a board in the Info Centre. Wilna invites you to provide, wrap and label a gift, second-hand in good condition or new, for a specific child on the list. Soft toys, balls and other play equipment, educational toys, school equipment would all be suitable. Alternatively the Smileys team will allocate donations, wrap and label it. Please contact Wilna at 083 705 9278
- 7) **THE SOCIAL WEAVER COUNTRY LODGE** is now open. They advertise *luxury accommodation * hot and cold beverages * There is now a small food menu available (correct me if I'm wrong, Hannes) coming soon * Liquor licence pending * Trading hours are Sunday - Thursday 8.00-20.00 . Friday and Saturday 8.00 - 21.00.
- 8) **NEW POOL TABLE** - Crowned Crane now boast a new pool table for those who like to knock a few balls around. Pop along and have fun.
- 9) **TWICE IS NICE** - Are desperate for clothing and linen. This little shop is doing so well and the ladies from both town and e Sizameleni are shopping up a storm. I was thrilled to buy myself and Peter a jersey each last week and I only paid R80 for both. What a bargain. So come on Wakkerstroomers have a BIG spring clean and donate some items that are just gathering dust in your cupboards.
- 10) **MOZAMBIQUAN ROCKTOBER FEST** - On 29th October - an event NOT to be missed. The Spilliages are back by popular demand and the food looks yummy! Put on those dancing shoes everyone and get in the festive mood.
- 11) **FREAKY FRIDAY** - on 28th October at The Owl and Hare - What a weekend we got coming up - Come to Owl and Hare and celebrate Halloween in style - with live music, themed food and drinks. DRESS UP is a must. Be there by 18h00 and you can look as creepy as you like!!!
- 12) **ADVANCED COMPUTER COURSE** - At Crowned Crane. Monday afternoons at 14h00 for 6 weeks. Probably a must for most of us!

- 13) **AUCTION** - Op Die Koppie Museum will be having an auction on the 4/5 November at 10h00. Registration starts at 9h00 and the registration fee is R1000. If you want any information please contact Roelf at 082 444 3734
- 14) **POTJIE COMPETITION** - This is going to be a WAG fund raiser and will probably take place on 26 November. More details to follow - but while you are waiting search out some recipes and a potjie pot and start practising!

Hope I haven't left out anything important! Sorry about the board in town with details of happenings in town. Every time it rains the dratted thing gets washed clean!!

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