

CHIT – CHAT
FROM WAKKERSTROOM
19 SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Wakkerstroemers,

SPRING IS HERE! I'M SO EXCITED I WET MY PLANTS

- 1) **HERITAGE DAY** - on 24th September – LOTS of happenings on Saturday!
 - a) Die Meelsak is hosting a braai day events and an ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL. This starts at 9:00am until late. There will be live entertainment during the course of the day and something for everyone. Fires will be lit at 14:00 and braaipacks will be sold at R65 per pack. To book a stall, you will need to contact Thea on 073 617 5836
 - b) Wakkerstroom Walks and Trails is having a Heritage Day walk on Saturday at 14:30 in conjunction with Die Meelsak. Meet at Die Meelsak to stroll around the village. (about 5 kms – should take approx. 60 – 80 minutes). Make sure you bring a buddy! Kids and dogs (on leashes) welcome.
 - c) The committee will also be selling raffle tickets at R10 each for a lovely food hamper to raise funds for printing costs of the WW&T booklet. The raffle will be drawn at 18:00.
 - d) DANA Heritage Day Fundraiser Raffle – R1000 a ticket gives you a 1:55 chance of winning a 65" Samsun UHD curved TV valued at R42,999. The draw will take place at Wakkerstroom Country Inn on Heritage Day at 7pm. The raffle is going to a very good cause. R10,000 will be donated to Dana for special beds for the frail care centre.

- 2) **FOR SALE** –
 - a) Mongoose Bicycle with helmet, spare saddle and pump, R1700. Please contact Wendy Cloete on 072 774 0402.
 - b) Second hand washing machine and virtually new tumble dryer. Contact Maisie at Dana on 017 730 0779
 - c) 3 double bed mosquito nets (Out of Africa). Very good quality and brand – new! Offers of over R300 will be accepted. They are still in their original packaging. Contact Twice as Nice in the old Grosvenor Gallery Building if interested.

- 3) **WACKY KNITTERS** - Thank you to the ladies who have dropped off donations of wool at the charity shop and WTA office. The knitting ladies are busy with ongoing projects of knitted toys for Penny Fox's orphans, jerseys for CMR, beanies and scarves for the Hildebrand Children's Home etc. and the wool is sorely needed.

- 4) **TWICE AS NICE** – Men!! Please go through your cupboards and toss out all your unwanted clothing. There are people desperate to buy men's clothing! Clothes, shoes, jackets, socks and even underwear will be acceptable. Ladies!! It is Spring – time to spring clean those linen cupboards and toss out the old towels, blankets, curtains etc. The ladies at Twice as Nice are

waiting with bated breath.

- 5) **COMPUTER COURSE** – Don't forget Computers on Mondays 14: to 15:00 at the Crowned Crane. A must for many people including myself!
- 6) **CROWNED CRANE** – a number of functions coming up here!
On WED there is a dance evening with DJ Eric from 18:00 until 20:00. Dig out the old dancing shoes everyone – this could be such fun.
On THURS there is comedy evening with Morecombe and Wise from 18:00 until 19:00. Come and sit in front of a lovely big fire and have a good laugh.
And on FRI the Wakkerstrummers will be having an evening of music and song from 18:00 until 20:00
- 7) **BRING AND BRAAI** – The Bring and Braai at Crowned Crane last Sunday was most successful. Quite a number of people came along and we all had a very festive afternoon. The weather was lovely and the view of the vlei while we were eating was awesome. The next braai will be on Sunday, the 9th of October. Diarise it and hopefully we will see even more people next time. Please contact Howard and let him know you are coming as they supply the salads, rolls and potatoes and obviously need to prepare accordingly.
- 8) **ARTISTS** – Please be reminded of the next Wakkerstroom Central Gallery exhibition. The theme is "WATER AND COLOUR". Please let your imaginations. Go wild, with anything from water colours to waterscapes, to sculptural representations of water and/or colour. Submission is from Monday the 26th September at Wakkerstroom Central and the opening will be on Saturday 1st October at 4pm. For any queries please phone Carol Preston.
- 9) **WAKKERSTROOM BIRD CLUB** – Norman Dennett, capably assisted by painter, Shorty, has done a splendid job of painting the three gates at the Drummond Hide, two at the WOW/Beck Hide entrance and the two benches under the poplars, together with the surrounding poles. Thanks guys!
- 10) **FUN ANDGAMES EVENING** – Wednesday, 21ST September, one of Kristi's fun and games evenings in celebration of the Spring Alive Campaign. This should be loads of fun and we hope that many support her. It starts 5.30 for 6.00 pm.
- 11) **BUS TO VOLKSRUST** – The next Dana bus to Volksrust leaves from the Library on 23rd September at 8.30. If you are wanting a lift, please phone Maisie at 017 730 0779.
- 12) **DANA BAZAAR** – Dana Retirement Village would like to invite you to their Dana Tehuis Senior Burgers Annual Bazaar on Saturday 8th October from 9h00 until 16h00. Come and enjoy a lovely breakfast. There will be high quality meat for sale, lots of music, beer and a tea garden etc.

- 13) **SPRING LUNCH AT DANA** – What a successful lunch! The Dana Dienssentrum was full - the atmosphere was happy and the food was divine. What a lovely way to start off spring. I hope it went a long way to raising funds for beds in Dana frail care.
- 14) **THANK YOU** – a) Wakkerstroom Interest Group – Thank you to these guys and the Fighting with Fire members for cleaning up the remaining wreckage and bits from the vlei after the horrific accident a couple of Sunday evenings ago. There was a lot of wreckage lying in the vlei and it was unsightly. They removed two trailer loads of rubbish.
- B) Thank you to the WAG members for all their love and care for the dogs of Wackersroom and e Sizameleni. I spent a morning a while back with Bronwen and I was amazed how many dogs they watch over and ensure that these dogs have water and are being fed. The dogs recognized Bronwen's vehicle and all came out happily to greet us.
- C) And last but not least, thank you to a very special lady at the local municipal offices. I personally have always found Lesley welcoming, helpful and cheerful. She goes the extra mile which is really appreciated by the villagers of Wakkerstroom.
- 15) **THE LIBRARY** - Good news! Starting on Friday, the interior of the Library is being refurbished. Don't know how long it will take, but it definitely is a step in the right direction.
- 16) **WAKKERSTROOM GENERAL** -You should try this little shop in Engelbrecht Street. Ibrahim and Fatima have a wide range of everyday supplies at competitive prices, ranging from fabric, wool fishing supplies and general groceries. I even found paraffin lamps and handbags! Their children are fifth generation Wakkerstroomers and the shop has been around for over 100 years.
- 17) **CRAZY FLINTSTONES** – We are getting a new and exciting business venture in Wakkerstroom. Gary Lavarack is building and opening the Crazy Flintstones between The Bistro and the Mucky Duck. It is going to be a beer garden with a play area for children. He is going to be encouraging bikers every weekend to Wakkerstroom and will have camping facilities for the bikers as well. The children's play area sounds very adventurous – with water slides and putt-putt involving hitting the ball with knob-kieries to follow through with the Flintstones theme. I think we will all be following this venture with great interest. It's always nice when someone comes up with new ideas to get people into Wakkerstroom!
- 18) **SNOW** – My first Wakkerstroom snow! Awesome – pity it's so cold!!
- 19) **CITIZEN SCIENTIST DAY** This was a great success with excellent attendance. We were treated to a variety of expertise by people who enjoy sharing it freely and answering any questions. The ringing exercise, despite the cold and rain, went very well with something like 150 birds being measured and ringed. Many thanks to Peter Greaves for coordinating the day and especially the ladies who sumptuously fed the inner birder.

20) **COMPOST** – Now it's Spring you may need compost! Rorie Wilkie has bags at R60. He will deliver. Contact Kate at Bits and Pieces

Ta -ta for now

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