

CHIT - CHAT

FROM WAKKERSTROOM

30 AUGUST 2016

Dear friends of Wakkerstroom.

Please note the date this week!!! I can't count and made mistakes with the numbers the last two weeks- so I decided the date was much more reliable!! Blame it on old age!

1) SPRING LUNCH - Hurrah!!! Spring is here! Dana Tehuis is going to celebrate with a Spring Lunch on Sunday 12.30 for 13.00. Hope to see everyone there. I have seen the menu and the lunch looks really yummy. Think, lamb pie /pumpkin pie/ chicken thighs/ garlic potatoes! etc. No more said!

2) MAGIC SHOW - On 10th September at 16h00 at Papillon. I believe it is R100 per person and booking is essential. It looks like a very pleasant evening of fun magic at a spectacular magic show, where you will be taken on a magic carpet ride. There will be a cash bar available. Maybe you could be the one picked to be cut in half!!!!

3) BUS TO VOLKSRUST - Dana bus to Volksrust will be leaving on 9th September at 8.30. Should you want a lift please phone Maisie at 017 730 0779. There is a slight charge for this!

4) LEN'S PORK ROAST - Are you missing Len's pork roast on Sundays? Great news! Hannelie and Len are starting Sunday boerekos lunches again but this time at Hunt Essential from September. What better place to enjoy your lunch while the buffalo, eland and springbok are roaming in full view. Dates coming soon.

5) COFFEE AND CAKE MORNING AT DEKOTZENHOF - Have your cake and eat it! Pensioners can enjoy a cake and coffee or tea for R25 per person on the first and last Monday of every month, beginning 5th September. 10% discount off any other items purchased from the deli! Wow! That sounds good!

6) ALPACA MANURE - Now that spring is finally here you need to start priming up the old garden. Alpaca manure is just the thing. Our dogs love it and have dug nice big holes in our pile of manure. Pity they don't know how to spread it properly!

7) COMPUTER COURSES - These start on Monday 5th September at 14h00 for just an hour. They are to be held at The Crowned Crane. The first subject is "How a Computer's Internal and External Hardware works" I am sure these are going to be really helpful for the boffins and also the ignoramuses like myself!

8) ART & CRAFT FESTIVAL - This will be held at The Meelsak on 24th September. It starts at 9h00 till late. There will be all sorts of things for sale - from Great quality paintings to Grandma's baking & Home-made beading. For the kids --- Quality sweets & play pin

For mom ----- lots including exclusive clothing

For dad ----- Beer & sports on the big screen

Live entertainment all day. Fires from 14h00 and braai packs available. To book a stall you need to contact Thea ON 073 617 5836.

9) SPEEDING - At last the speeding through Wakkerstroom has been curtailed a bit by the humps. You may or may not like the speed humps on the main road but they do seem to be calming the traffic, although many drivers have taken to using the back roads for their nonsense! We heard of a fatal hit and run incident near the bridge a

couple of weeks ago. However, we had another horrific accident on the bridge over the vlei on Sunday evening. The Wakkerstroom Bird Club are looking into the Council placing 3 humps at certain positions along the bridge to try and avoid a similar event befalling anybody else. Unfortunately even if they are successful in the application, it will take time. Our sympathies go to those whose families were involved in the accident.

10) TWICE IS NICE CHARITY BOUTIQUE - A huge thank you to Twice is Nice for its generous donation towards Louis Hildebrandt Children's Home in Volksrust to contribute to the children's reading abilities. The Children's Home also appreciated the visit from the Twice is Nice ladies. They think that it is very important for people to see the centre and to meet . Well done ladies!

11) CAR COUNT 30 July - There were only 5 teams to cover 7 precincts. But they managed! The preliminary result shows that 883 individuals of 18 species were counted. Interestingly the highest count was of Southern Bald Ibis, followed by Helmeted Guineafowl. Highlight of the day for 2 teams was recording Black Harrier, a mega sighting these days. You lucky guys!

12) CITIZEN SCIENTIST DAY - weekend of 17/18 September. This should be one of the highlights of the year and bookings are essential. This is a golden opportunity to listen to speakers who are leaders in their field and to be able to talk to them face to face. And don't forget the ringing demonstrations. Booking is essential - phone Norman Dennett on 083 537 9092 / 017 730 0523.

13) VLEI WALK - On Saturday 3rd September. The Bird Club does this once a month on the 1st Saturday of each month to check on the bird species present at the time. With the migrants beginning to

return this could produce a nice list of sightings, 7h30 on the bridge. Tea & Coffee will be available.

14) BIRD CLUB OUTING - Tuesday 13th's outing to the Myburgh farm has had to be cancelled due to a conflict with monkeys. The club is considering alternatives.

15) WAKKERSTROOM CLINIC -We have our own Public Health Clinic and the doors opened for business on Monday 1st June 2015. The clinic is open from 7.45 until 16.15 from Mondays to Fridays. However, as the demand grows the hours will be increased. The Operations Manager is Sr Madelaine Van Aardt. There are a total of 17 staff members of professional nurses, assistant nurses, general assistant nurses and 2 data capturers. The Outreach services currently available are Dentistry every Wednesday, eye services every second Monday, mental health support every second Thursday, occupational and physio therapists once a week. To beautify the area around the building a garden has been started with about 50 trees and shrubs and roughly 200 plants. Rosmarie, however, needs the support of the townsfolk and farmers. Any donation of trees, shrubs and plants can be dropped at the boom at the clinic. There is also a mobile clinic that goes out most days to surrounding farms and this has been met with delight by the farmers.

16) LITTER - Both Carol Preston and Anton Muller at Ye Refill shop are involved in anti litter programs. This is a sterling effort and is going to need plenty of support as dropping litter wherever you want has become a "right" by many people. Anton is taking a different slant to Carol as his vision is to rehabilitate the dump. He already has 5 volunteers who are sorting stuff in the dump. He is hoping to get the Seme municipality to put tips at the dump so that you can dump things in the correct tip rather than just dumping a pile of

mixed up stuff. Keep up the good work you two. Hopefully some like minded persons from Wakkerstroom can help.

17) VOTING - Congratulations need to go to Anton Muller and the DA. The voting district for which the town hall is the voting station was the only one in which that the DA gained the most votes. Unfortunately, the ward 5 which included e Sizameleni was not won but was retained by the ANC. Unfortunately, that party does not seem to follow the rules and remove all their posters as required and done by other parties.

18) NURSERY - I was asked a good question the other day. Why doesn't Wakkerstroom have a plant nursery? A very good question seeing as so many people love gardening and we have some beautiful gardens in Wakkerstroom. It was one of the first questions I also asked when we first arrived here. I have had to buy most of my plants in Haenertsburg and Howick. A bit ridiculous if you think about it. Come on everyone - there must be some entrepreneurial person who would like to start one.

19) WEAVERS NEST - Hannes and Leonie head for Weavers Nest on Thursday to start a new venture. We wish them well. It will be wonderful to have another place in Wakkerstroom to while away a few hours in the sun or in front of a welcoming fire.

20) COMPUTER REPAIRS - NK Computer Repairs has opened in Wakkerstroom. Nathi will be operating from Ye Refill Shoppe in Badenhorst street. He will be installing Ram, Windows 7,8,10, Delux. He can do all updates on software and can do a virus scan. He also offers a 6 months guarantee. Good luck Nathi I hope you get a busy business going.

Regards

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P.S. If you have any news or events you want in the *Chit-Chat* please make sure you send it to me so that I can mention it.