

CHIT-CHAT

FROM WAKKERSTROOM

7 JANUARY 2017

Dear Wakkerstroemers,

Welcome to 2017! Can you believe that it is 17 years since the millennium!

- 1) **MUSIC FESTIVAL** - One of the highlights of Wakkerstroom. This is approaching fast. It will be held from 17-21 March. I believe that is a long weekend. The Tuesday is the public holiday - it is human rights day so we should have plenty of visitors as it is a 4 day weekend. I think we need to really spruce up the town and all try to look as welcoming as possible. Properties in town - you have time to get your gardens looking stunning - and maybe neaten up verges etc! I know it's a pain but if you see any litter - maybe you could pick it up so by March we have managed to keep any unsightly spots looking neater.
- 2) **FROGGING EXPERIENCE** - this will be held on the weekend of 13th and 14th Jan at Bird Life. Kristi invites you to all go and get crazy about frogs with her!!! Nick Evans, Richard and Candice McKibbin will help you find incredible frogs, learn about frog identification, frog calls and help you to have a great time! Sounds good! Gum Boots probably a good idea !
- 3) **PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION** - The 3rd Sandy Twomey Memorial Photographic Competition is on the go. Select photos taken in and around Wakkerstroom. Email your photos to wakkersbirdclub@gmail.com with your name, category entered and your camera make and model. Entries must be received before 3rd Feb. Entry is free and professional photos will not be permitted. Winners will be announced on 4th March at the Bird Clubs AGM. The prizes look really good.
- 4) **PERSONAL GROWTH** - Libby Lamour will be hosting a PRH information morning at 10,00 on Thursday 9th Feb at Dana Dienssentrum. Tea and cake will be provided. The title of the presentation is "Making the Most of

Growing Older "PRH (Personality and Human Relations) is an international school of personal growth, based in France. Libby is a licensed PRH educator and will be offering workshops and one-to-one accompaniment in Wakkerstroom during 2017.

- 5) **MUCKY DUCK** - Welcome to the Mucky Duck guys Shane and Doug. Hope you will settle in at Wakkerstroom and be very happy here. You started off well with a wonderful Christmas Eve function. For those of you that didn't attend you missed a lovely evening. The atmosphere was cheerful, the music was awesome and the potjie was divine.
- 6) **OSSEWA KOP** - I have heard little rumours that the knot on Ossewakop should be painted this year (probably between 8th and 12th May), I hope so as at the moment you can't see it at all. The working on fire team will do the clearing around the Ossewakop Knot those few days.
- 7) **GARDEN SERVICE** - Wendy Cloete would like us all to give commendation to Patrick's Garden Service. He is truly a likeable, honest and dedicated hard worker. She was wondering if we could perhaps try and raise some money to help him buy a second hand, small bakkie which would ease some of the difficulty he experiences regarding transport. Pushing his lawnmower all around Wakkerstroom is tiresome and incurs damage to the machine which is difficult to fix because of lack of transport to Volksrust.(Perhaps if you have some ideas about this you could get hold of Wendy).She believes that this would be a good cause to help someone who is truly trying to uplift himself. Not only does he provide for his family by being courageous enough to run his own business while still having a full time job, but he also provides work for others. Amid all his difficulties, he always has a smile on his face and tries to work through the challenges as they present themselves, without complaining. I would also like to thank Jane from Wakkerstroom Central who has taken it upon herself to pay him monthly to keep the gardens in Badenhorst Street neat and pretty. The whole street benefits greatly from the well kept verge on the church side. THANK YOU Jane!
- 8) **QUIZ** - The next quiz at The Crowned Crane will take place on Friday 27th January. This really enjoyable event will be hosted by our very own Wakkerstroom Quiz Master Richard Mc Cabe! The last one was such fun

and I have no doubt this one will be just as good. Either phone in your own 4 table group or just give us your name and we will put you in a group of 4. Please phone Sue at 0823785637 or Peter at 0832778738.

- 9) **CAR BOOT SALE** - The first car boot sale for 2017 will take place on Saturday 28th Jan. Start the new year off with a big clean out ! Pack your boot - park for R50 for the morning. Bacon rolls will be sold! It is a lovely atmosphere with lots of bargains!
- 10) **GOLF DAY** - A date to diarise! DeKotzenhof are holding a charity golf day on the 2nd September. The charity they are supporting is Reach for a Dream. Watch this space for more details.
- 11) **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** - Thank you to everyone who put up some sort of decoration this year. It was so nice to see even some private homes put up lights and bits and bobs. Thank you very much to the person or persons who put up those lovely red bows in town. They looked really festive and made a real difference.
- 12) **COFFEE AND CAKE** - The first Coffee and cake morning for 2017 is to be held on Monday 30 Jan. Please book 083 452 3363. This takes place at DeKotzenhof and is a very pleasant morning.
- 13) **DANA HERITAGE FUND RAISER**. Thanks to all who participated. DeKotzenhof really appreciate your support. The draw of the 65" Samsung UHD Curved TV was done on Christmas eve at Mucky Duck. Johan Swanepoel was the lucky winner. Congratulations Johan!
- 14) **ART AND CRAFT RAMBLE** - Another date to diarise - This will be held on 16th - 18th June. All you artists and craft people have lots of warning now to get your creative juices flowing.

If anyone has any news or details of an event please e mail me at peter@ironcrown.co.za so that I can include your info.

Thanks

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