Social Portfolio Report July 2016

Jean Spurr and Sue Jackson have been involved in organising various social activities both within the Village and without, since the date of the last Residents AGM when they were elected for a further term.

We would like to begin this report by welcoming all the new residents who have moved into Phase 3 and we are pleased to see that many of you are joining into the various Village activities.

The weekly activities continue, with increasing numbers at Knit & Natter, Monday afternoon social bridge and Tuesday afternoon Scrabble. The social evening every Wednesday is well supported by over 50 residents weekly, rising to over 90 residents on several of the monthly “themed” evenings. These have included Burns Nicht, St. Patricks, St. Davids and St. Georges Day events as well as the very popular pre Christmas dinner early in December and other functions. We introduced a table and diner numbering system during the year making our social evenings exactly that by “mixing up” residents by seating people at drawn tables. This has been very widely appreciated.

We offer our thanks to Judy McLaren who has become our “resident” pianist for our various themed evenings where we have introduced sing alongs. Judy also accompanied our Christmas carol renditions which were heartily sung.

The social portfolio were asked to organise two farewell events, for Jill and Sr. Linde, and these were well attended with Rescom funds being utilised for these two occasions.

New Year’s Eve 2015 was another party arranged by the residents for the residents, which was enjoyed by all, with residents dancing well into the early hours of 2016.

We have to give a huge vote of thanks to Reef Caterers in the form of Wayne, Eugene and their team for all their hard work and the delicious food they provide for us on these occasions. They always enter into the spirit of these evenings.

Theatre outings continue to be popular excursions out of the Village and there are now up to 50 residents joining in the group booking for shows such as Singing in the Rain, Joseph & the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat as well as going to the Linder Auditorium for Last Night of the Proms and Songs of Praise, both Richard Cock productions.

Four street braais have been held this year and are always thoroughly enoyed by all who attend. Towards the end of summer we organised drinks and snacks on the lawn around the newly acquired braai which was used as a “fire pit”.

The Craft Morning held at the end of November 2015 has now become a favoured annual event and was enjoyed by all who came to browse and shop.

Arbor Day has also become an annual event with residents enthusiastically gathering in the clubhouse for coffee and rusks before their labours and a braai in the afternoon.

Other activities within the village include Pat du Toit’s visual music presentation on the second Thursday of each month, from 14.00 and a Christian Fellowship gathering at the home of Trevor and Heather Morgan on the first Wednesday, also in the afternoon.

A small group of residents have joined the Cedar Lakes Garden Club which holds meetings on the first Friday of every month. All residents are very welcome to join.

The regular Thursday movie evening in the Clubhouse continues to attract some 20 residents and we sincerely hope this number will grow. We were very pleased to receive a projector from Amdec and a drop down screen has been promised. Fibre optic cables have been installed in the Clubhouse and we will soon have Showmax available which will enable us to have a greater choice.

Saturday afternoons in the winter months see enthusiastic rugby supporters gathering in the clubhouse, with the requisite beers and biltong, to shout loudly at the television. Tennis enthusiasts enjoyed an afternoon of Wimbledon finals, replete with strawberries, cream and sparkling wine.

A big vote of thanks needs to go to Ivar and Pat Skanke for organising the 100+ Club draws every quarter, which has since inception raised R37,000 for Rescom funds.