**RESIDENTS ANNUAL REVIEW MEETING JULY 2017**

**Social Portfolio Report**

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. They have now served for three and a half years and having resigned are not available for re-election. We wish the new incumbents of this Portfolio every success and will be available in a handover capacity.

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. Our numbers have now swelled to 166 and we look forward, as do all residents, to moving into the spacious new Clubhouse across the way.

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 60 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 2016 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.

We have arranged several social braais which are always well attended and enjoyed by all and during the year Rescom purchased a fire pit which we have used on two occasions for pre-dinner drinks on the lawns.

New Year’s Eve 2016 was another party arranged by the residents for the residents, which was enjoyed by all, with residents dancing well into the early hours of 2017.

We have to give a huge vote of thanks to Hendra and her 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 Annie, West Side Story, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Jonathan Roxmouth in Concert, as well as going to the Linder Auditorium for Last Night of the Proms

and Songs of Praise.

The Craft Morning held in November 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.

The regular Thursday movie evening in the Clubhouse continues to attract up to 25 residents and we sincerely hope this number will grow. Fibre optic cables have been installed in the Clubhouse and we now have both Showmax and Netflix available from which to choose movies for viewing.

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, paid for by funds collected from our annual Durban July draw, after prizes had been distributed. The remainder of the funds were given to Rescom for future events.

A big vote of thanks needs to go to Ivar and Pat Skanke for organising the 200 Club draws every quarter, which raises R20,000 per annum for Rescom.