

This month, by way of a departure I have included photos of some of our contributors with their lovely ladies.

I was hoping to review some of the salient points of the Judy Feedback Report but as everybody said it will need a lot of space, so next month.

There are lots of useful bits of information contained in the body of Chatter this month, so I will leave you to find the content and I hope it is both interesting and informative.

Did you know 63% of men read magazines starting from the back page!

Cheers, Chris



Dear Evergreeners,

So, the festive season is upon us and at this time of the year we have such mixed emotions. Indeed, looking back, it has been an eventful year bringing many memories from the times spent together over 2017. Major developments especially the Lifestyle Centre go down as significant in the year.

With that in mind we wish to complete the naming of the Life Style Centre.

The building will be known as the **Lifestyle Centre**.

The upstairs area will be known as the **Care Centre**.

The downstairs area will be known as the **Clubhouse**.

But living in this harmonious village filled with really lovely people in stunning surroundings, we can be thankful and look forward to a special 2018.

My hope and prayer for all is a Blessed Christmas and a really healthy New Year filled with amazing new experiences and developing new relationships and memories.

Your ResCom will continue to strive to meet the expectations of the adopted slogan for the village...

"Together let's make this the village of our dreams"

Cheers and best wishes

Graham Langmead, Chairman of Evergreen Broadacres ResCom

➤ OUR ENVIRONMENT by Hennie Du Preez



In September I reported that in 3 out of the 5 years I've been in Evergreen, our first decent rains only arrived in October. And so, it happened again this year. I recorded 74 mm, the last good precipitation being on the 21st, but then the rain stopped. Magically, the village turned green! But then, for nearly a month we had nothing but sunshine and temperatures in the late 20's and early 30's and the beautiful green turned back to brown. Happily, as I write this it is raining, with promises of more to come, so let's hope the village will stay green for the rest of summer!

Our efforts in the latter half of October and early November were directed at beautifying the planters and shrubberies around our new Lifestyle Centre. We had hoped to plant a whole lot of new and different plants, but Amdec projects had blown their budget on our wonderful new centre so we didn't have any other choice but to transplant flowers from our existing gardens.

I end with 2 appeals.

Before the work on the new Lifestyle Centre intervened, we had started renewing some of the pavement garden in Phase 2. We're ready to continue and my first appeal is for any transplantable flowers, shrubs or trees that have overgrown your garden. Rather than destroying them, please let me know and we'll see whether we can use them on the pavements.

The second is as much a challenge as an appeal. You're all familiar with the berm, or kopje, or rockery that has been created between our new centre and wetland. This berm is in a very prominent position and I'm sure you'll agree that it should be as attractive a landscaping feature as possible. The challenge is to succeed and to that end my second appeal is for anybody who has any ideas on what we can do there, to let me know. I already have a team of ladies, who advise me on the gardens, and they'll certainly be involved, but we don't have a monopoly on ideas and I'm sure there are others who can make a valuable contribution.

For either appeal, contact Hennie on ext. 172, or on my mobile 083 325 7302, or by e-mail on Hennie@leobeck.co.za .

➤ SOCIAL MATTERS (as always thanks to Kiloran for the brilliant photos)

Kiloran Townsend (No 63) is looking for some more sponsors for R40 donations towards the plastic covers for her A3 photo albums. We need them to protect and preserve the village photos which are taken by Kiloran at most of our functions. These will form a future record and a history of this place and where we have come from.

Let's say 'Welcome' to Sandy De Villiers at No 121. She was from the Fair Cape originally and has a passion for painting and will be looking at teaching Art in the future.

We also met John and Shelia Schulkins walking their poodle (Inspector) Clouseau, over the weekend. They have just moved into No 99 and we would like to say welcome to Evergreen Broadacres.

We have new residents at No 112. Hello, and nice to see you, Philip and Lilian Hartsliel, and at 118, Brian and Nora Quinn, welcome to you both.

Remember, Remember, the month of Movember.

We have officially moved Movember judging to the 6th December Xmas Social. Your Judges await in eager anticipation of checking your magnificent growths for the previous 5 weeks. So, book early with Hendra on Ext 209.

We have 5 categories:

1. Shaggy Sheep
2. Bum Fluff
3. Most Original - (I think we are comparing these to Idonea's dog!)
4. Sexy - (Daphné is offering to Test the Tickle Factor for entrants)
5. Vintage - (For those with moustaches before 1st November)

Prizes are on offer so make sure you bring your moustache along in its finest condition.

The Staff Christmas Appeal

This was initiated in 2013, with the objective of giving some Christmas cheer to **all** staff working in our village. It was seen as a means of offering a cash gift to everyone who, in their own way, work to provide services to all of us here at Evergreen Broadacres.

As the village house rules preclude the tipping of staff, the Appeal created an opportunity for all residents to donate to a fund for distribution to the staff. Donations to the Appeal are, and always have been, entirely voluntary.

Village management and Evergreen employees, contracted services such as security, bistro, garden maintenance & healthcare, will all benefit from a gift donated as a measure of appreciation by residents.

The criteria for determining who gets what is based on a process that primarily evaluates length of service (anyone working for less than a year receives a pro-rata amount) and seniority.

To level the playing field, the gift to Evergreen management staff is capped in order to make more funds available for the contracted staff.

Of course, the amounts given are entirely dependent on how much is donated. For interest, these have previously amounted to:

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| 2013 | R14 900 |
| 2014 | R21 150 |
| 2015 | R23 250 |
| 2016 | R23 500 |

The number of staff receiving a gift has consistently been about 30 and it is allocated confidentially and handed personally to each person at their Christmas lunch.

At date, donations for 2017 amount to R15 350, and your ResCom appeals to residents to help achieve or better the generosity you have shown in prior years.

to Chris and Sue Edwards

Dear Friends.

We acknowledge the receipt of the sum of R1 200.00 from you and the club. It has made a huge difference in the life of the school.

I, Yandisa, the acting principal of MSOBOMVU school together with the school community send our sincere thanks to you for your love. There is also an amount that My School/My Village has deposited. The last time we checked it was R95.00.



Thank you for your love and care. Stay blessed and receive our token of love

(For new residents, the above is a note from the School in the Eastern Cape near Ugie, which we have been supporting for the last 3 years and our wonderful Evergreeners helped to give books and various items when we visited there in March 2017. The R1200.00 was the amount given to us on our 50th wedding anniversary in August by our friends who wished us to donate funds to the cause of our choice. The My School monthly amount is what Woolworths pay to the school from their schools programme and we have several ladies who have offered their sponsorship and it does not cost them a thing. We will visit again in 2018, probably March or April to take amongst other things nearly 90 woollen beanies and scarves for the children for the coming winter. These have been knitted by Elske and her ladies (you know who you are!) over the last few months. Thanks to you all, Chris and Sue Edwards)

A life (well...23 days) on the Ocean Wave(s) or Something a bit Special
by Chris and Sue Edwards



For most of October we managed to get away from the rigors of life in a lifestyle village and embark on a cruise from Venice to Durban. We wanted to mark our 50th Wedding Anniversary and my 75th Birthday with something a bit special. The GRAND VOYAGES was MSC 's (the cruise company) way of repositioning the 'MSC Sinfonia' into South African waters after a European summer in the Mediterranean.

We flew to Venice and boarded the ship after a night in a hotel in Mestre (which is the solid land bit of Venice). The boarding was rather chaotic as they had told all the 2 000 passengers to be at the **Venezia Marittima Termini Passeggeri** at 12.00 ! The predictable queues advanced slowly under the rather hot sun and the first queue was to deposit your luggage. However, the conveyor which was meant to load the many suitcases into luggage trolleys had broken down. The result was a small mountain of cases piled on top of each other; not an auspicious start to our experience.

We moved on to a huge shed where most of the 2 000 people had been corralled. People just milled around looking forlorn and hopeful. We joined another queue and were given a card with 'Priority' printed on it. However no explanation was given as to what this was for by a rather hot and steamy MSC lady. She then led us away from the queue (we protested that we wanted to stay in the queue) and plonked us in front of a counter lady who checked that we had valid tickets. Lady No. 2 then waved vaguely over there and we wandered in that direction. By now we were also getting hot and steamy and looked for something to drink. Queue No. 3 was moving quite quickly to a cold drink fridge manned (ladies ?) by two more H & S ladies. We hung around, watching fights breaking out amongst some passengers and a drama unfolding of a wife who refused to go any further after the suitcase fiasco and wanted to go home ! (we never saw her again)

After what seemed an eternity we discovered an entrance/exit marked 'Priority' and proceeded very quickly onto the ship and up to our cabin on the 9th deck. It turned out that because I was walking with a stick, the 'Priority' card meant we should have been shepherded after the suitcase station straight onboard, but, hell, we would have missed the fights and the drama.

'MSC Sinfonia' was built in 2002/4 and refitted in 2015 to hold about 2500 passengers and 720 crew/staff. It weighs 65 000 tonnes and has a top speed of 21.7 knots (nearly 40 kmph) Our 2000 was made up of 1200 English speakers (mainly SA and Poms), 650 German, Italian and Spanish guests and 150 others.

We had a wonderful trip from Venice onto Katakolon in Greece, Heraklion in Crete, through the Suez Canal, to Eilat (Israel) and Aqaba (Jordan). That is where we went to Petra , it is two hours coach trip away from Aqaba and quite spectacular. It is the 2nd most visited World Heritage site after the Great Wall. We carried on through the Red Sea round the Horn of Africa and onto Seychelles, Mauritius, Reunion and Durban.

We met some wonderful people on our trip and saw the most interesting places. I took lots of photos but we also met a photographer called Harold Moses who took the most evocative shots I have ever seen and thanks to him I show them below. This man and his wife are on their 9th cruise this year !!

(Ed: No passengers were hurt in the telling of this story, hang on, what about the missing lady?)



Above: Dolphins
in the Red Sea.

Below: A
European Robin
hitching a lift to
South Africa





Flying Fish in the Arabian Sea

from Cyril Rabinowitz (Unit No 123)

Sue Jackson's article in the October 2017 Evergreen Chatter targeted insurance premium or other subscription savings if one specifically asks and also the necessity of having AA breakdown assistance.

There is an ongoing debate as to whether there are actual premium savings by taking your insurance cover out via a broker or going direct.

"Cutting out the middle-man" sounds like a viable option to reduce costs, and in some instances, could in fact be the case. Generally speaking brokers try and find the most viable and competitive options having regard to the clients' profile. In many cases services similar to the AA breakdown cover are included in the premium. Going the broker route allows you to have access to a specific port of call and brokers generally have access to a range of facilities and insurers.

Being a senior citizen as well and living in a secure estate, greatly reduces your risk exposure and you are an ideal candidate for a broker to assess your requirements and propose a personally targeted cost-effective insurance solution.

Good day to all the Evergreen book-lovers,

It's the last Book and Coffee Morning for the year, so let's make it a bumper edition! All are welcome; we enjoy greeting the familiar faces and welcoming those new amongst us. Order yourselves coffee or tea from the Bistro and settle back to enjoy a book-filled morning of library matters and book reviews.

We'd also welcome your comments and suggestions. Then to end the year on a high note, join us for a scrumptious Christmas lunch. Please book for the lunch directly with the Bistro by Thursday 7 December 2017 Looking forward to seeing you there.

Warm wishes, Libby

Evergreen Broadacres Book and Coffee morning
12 December 2017 @ 10.30am



Agenda

- Welcome
- Library matters
- Reviews of their best reads of 2017 by Pat, Isabel, Elske and Libby
- Comments and suggestions
- **Christmas lunch – *please book with Bistro by 7 December 2017***



Christmas and books should be the closest friends.
What better time to turn to beautiful words?
And what better time to read books?

Libby Library and her Ladies

100 club draw on 22nd November 2017

At the 100+ Club draw at the clubhouse on Wednesday 22nd November the following were the lucky winners:

R100 each Heather Mutch, Cynthia O'Connor, Felicity Morgan, Rod Matheson, Kathy Möhlig, Anna Haselum, John Parrott, Judy McLaren, Sally Branson and Dave Powell.

R200 each James Campbell, Judy Stuart and Rosemary Baird

R300 each Henry Dobrowolski, Erika Barton and Irene Carroll

R500 each Ian Stuart, Adi Gough and Henri Postema

The R1000 prize went to Elaine Gladstone.

The next draw will take place in the clubhouse at the end of February 2018.

Kind regards

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After "the wedding" reception

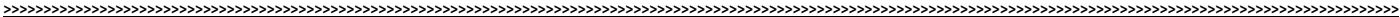
After the reception we had quite a lot of food left over. Taffy Davies (No. 62) came the next morning and collected all the leftovers and took them to Cosmo City. These were the lucky recipients.



What happened to Dick and Catherine after they got married? They went on the London to Brighton Vintage Motorcar run (as you do)!

Here are some pictures:





➤ RAIN NEWS FROM Cecil Fann



November's rainfall is disappointingly lower than expected, and we all look forward to an improvement in future months.

We now have records for 5 years of rainfall at Evergreen, with readings measured since October 2012 when the first residents arrived to start their new lives here.

The national drive to conserve water remains a priority so we all need to continue using water carefully.

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| Nov 2016 | 130.3 |
| Dec 2016 | 101.1 |
| Jan 2017 | 173.4 |
| Feb 2017 | 205.6 |
| Mar 2017 | 16.8 |
| Apr 2017 | 116.4 |
| May 2017 | 27.0 |
| Jun 2017 | 0.0 |
| Jul 2017 | 1.0 |
| Aug 2017 | 0.0 |
| Sep 2017 | 3.6 |
| Oct 2017 | 68.2 |
| Nov 2017 | 55.4 |

For comparison as you can see above, the previous year's reading for November was 130.3 and the average for November since 2012 is 96.9

HEALTHCARE by Atholie Preacher

- 1) If any residents have a problem with their TeleCare system it needs to be reported to Jackie at reception (Ext 200)
- 2) The yellow button on the TeleCare system, once activated, will be responded to by our Evergreen nursing staff. This is available 24/7.
- 3) Sister Linda's hours are now 7.00 to 16.00 Monday to Friday.
- 4) We have an appeal from Sr Linda for the following items for the Frail Care. They need Children's Puzzles, Board Games, and wool along with Needles (wooden if possible)

HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

These are the villagers who enjoy and celebrate Birthdays in December

- 2nd Judy McLaren
- 4th Elske Fann
- 5th Carole Saayman
- 11th Jill Bronner
- 14th Gloria Boswell
- 18th Brian Morgan
- 25th Elizabeth Davies
- 26th Felicity Morgan
- 28th Corrie Cartwright
- 29th Lilo Kauzil
- 29th Graham Brickett
- 29th James Green
- 30th Chris Sleigh

May each of you enjoy a wonderful day  and have a Blessed personal year ahead.

And these couples have an anniversary during the month of December

5th Derek & Grace Schuurman
15th Colyn & Lyn Turner
23rd Steve & Carole Saayman
28th Cecil & Elske Fann
29th Andrew & Norma Johnston
30th Barry & Dorothy Forbes

May you have a great day and good start to your next year together.

➤ **HAVE I GOT WHAT YOU WANT????**

This section was requested by a few of the residents. So have you got something you no longer want, or a contact you want to recommend, whatever.....send to Chris and it will go into the next Chatter

To prove the power of 'Chatter' does work both reletting the Timeshare at Umhlanga and the DSTV Explora for sale were successfully concluded.

➤ **LAST WORDS**



Laugh, and the world laughs with you;



Weep, and you weep alone.....

Would You Marry Again?

A husband and wife are sitting quietly in bed reading when the wife looks over at him and asks the question....

WIFE: "What would you do if I died? Would you get married again?"

HUSBAND: "Definitely not!"

WIFE: "Why not? Don't you like being married?"

HUSBAND: "Of course I do.."

WIFE: "Then why wouldn't you remarry? "

HUSBAND: "Okay, okay, I'd get married again."

WIFE: "You would?" (with a hurt look)

HUSBAND: (makes audible groan)

WIFE: "Would you live in our house?"

HUSBAND: "Sure, it's a great house.."

WIFE: "Would you sleep with her in our bed?"

HUSBAND: "Where else would we sleep?"

WIFE: "Would you let her drive my car?"

HUSBAND: "Probably, it is almost new."

WIFE: "Would you replace my pictures with hers?"

HUSBAND: "That would seem like the proper thing to do."

WIFE: "Would you give her my jewellery?"

HUSBAND: "No, I'm sure she'd want her own."

WIFE: "Would you take her golfing with you"?

HUSBAND: "Yes, those are always good times."

WIFE: "Would you let her use my clubs"?

HUSBAND: "No."

WIFE: "Why not"?

HUSBAND: "Because she's left-handed".

An Arab Sheik was admitted to Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to have some of his blood type stored in case the need arose. As the gentleman had an extremely rare type of blood that couldn't be found locally, the call went out around the world.

Finally, a Scotsman was located who had the same rare blood type. After some coaxing, the Scot donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery the Arab sent the Scotsman a new BMW, a diamond necklace for his wife, and \$100,000 US dollars in appreciation for the blood donation.

A few months later, the Arab had to undergo a corrective surgery procedure. Once again, his doctor telephoned the Scotsman who this time was more than happy to donate his blood. After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of Quality Street chocolates. The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated. He then phoned the Arab and asked him:

"I thought you would be more generous than that - last time you sent me a BMW, diamonds and money, but this time you only sent me a lousy thank-you card and a crappy box of chocolates?"

To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in me veins".

A mother of three brings a paternity suit against a well-known cricketer. "On what grounds?" asks the judge. "Newlands, Kingsmead and the Wanderers" she replied.

My thanks as always to all the contributors...have you got something to share? e-mail to me at :- chrisandsue291@gmail.com

Cheers for now.

Chris

Bestest wishes and warm regards to you all for the forthcoming Christmas.