

## ResCom Chatter October 2019



## Welcome to Chatter, it's a New Dawn, it's a New Day.....

From Chairman Hennie

Dear fellow residents,

October's big event, and it will still be fresh in many memories, was Ernie's spring walk. The autumn walk had been cancelled because Ernie was ill. ResCom had decided to organise a spring walk anyway, even though Ernie was still not well at that time and Norma Johnston kindly stepped up to the plate to organise it - thank you Norma!

But a few weeks back, Ernie announced that he was well enough again and took over the lead from Norma. She stayed on and with further help from Heather the preparations proceeded. The rest is history: Ernie, in his inimitable manner 'motivated' a record 104 residents and guests to participate. Even the weather played its part: on cue, backed by lightning, thunder and wind, down came the rain delaying the start by 30 minutes!

Welcome back Ernie and a big THANK YOU to you and your whole team! You put on a great event that was thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of participants.

Also making a welcome return was Eddie Simpson. He'd also been very ill for many months, but there he was on the day, directing operations around the braai fire preparing the wors for the wors rolls that traditionally rounded off the walk - welcome back Eddie!

A second thank you this month to Basil Bold, Henry Dobrowolski and Dave Nesbitt for their on-going work in keeping the pumps and fountains running. It seems to be an endless task and without all the effort they put in, we simply wouldn't have the nearly pristine pond and dancing fountains that we have.

A third and final thank you this month goes to Andy Johnston. On Arbor Day he put up his hand to organise tags to identify some of the many lovely trees that we've planted over the past 6 Arbor Days. With help from Dick Sheppard, the trees have been identified and the name tags ordered and they'll be making their appearance shortly. The tags have been funded from ResCom funds.

## Ask Dr Ashleigh!

So I've noticed that there is a lot of confusion about what numbers to phone for an ambulance when one is in an emergency. Here are some numbers and tips I learnt on a CPR course I did with regards to who to phone and who not to phone in an emergency situation. Maybe save these numbers to your phone to help in case you need them one day. Keep in mind that there are other smaller ambulance companies in certain areas in JHB so you should also be aware of those

Good emergency numbers to phone (depending on where you are located):

082 911 (Netcare)

084 124 (ER24)

0860 100 101 (Hatzolah emergency services- this is a Jewish run company that works mostly in Jhb east. They are the best in the business and offer free services. They have all the latest equipment and are highly recommended if you are in an emergency around that area)

112 (international number that can be used anywhere in the world - great for traveling)

Please DO NOT use these numbers:

10177 (have to use a landline to phone this number and you will wait a million years)

1022 (this call line is being phased out now and you will also wait forever)

I hope this helps, feel free to share with anyone you know.

Dr Ashleigh Sent

Waterhole Pool and Snooker night.

Every 2nd Tuesday Ladies are invited to join our regular group of lady Snooker & Pool players for lots of fun and laughter.

Waterhole has now had very successful Tuesday's of Snooker & Pool evenings. We now have 8 enthusiastic ladies and welcome any new players. Some of the ladies have never held a cue in their lives. Everyone has had lot's of fun and laughter.

Henry, Chappy and Dave Nesbitt are there to help all beginners.

Enjoy a sherry and join us next Tuesday

"Two Daves"

It was our Village's 7th Birthday on 2nd October 2019

So what did we do? We had a party, with Gypsy doing his music, Wilma baking a beautiful cake and Helen giving it the Tai Chi Chop.



## OKTOBERFEST

16th October 2019



A bit of Entente Cordial



Hansel and Gretel came in again from the Black Forest



Beer Tasting Sub Committee



# HOUSEKEEPING

Important Telephone Numbers for your phone from Graham Brickett

Important Village direct telephone numbers, other than the Telecare unit which is to be used for personal emergencies whilst in the unit:

- a) Reception desk - 087 809 3366
- b) Guardhouse - (Thorburn Security) - 071 173 2406

## Rainfall Report for October 2019

The absence of anything more than a few splashes was becoming worrisome. We have had 3 months without any rain.

Then.... Hallelujah! Could this be Ernie at work?? This is not the first time the Fun Walk has caused the heavens to open.

Major work has restarted on the implementation of the borehole irrigation system. Hopefully we will see the results soon.

**Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.**

Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2018/2019:	
Nov '18	29.6
Dec '18	84.3
Jan '19	147.5
Feb '19	217.0
Mar '19	14.8
Apr '19	108.9
May '19	3.0
Jun '19	0.0
Jul '19	0.0
Aug '19	0.0
Sep '19	3.5
Oct '19	4.0
12 Months	612.6

Rainfall for October by year:	
2012	65.0
2013	52.1
2014	21.4
2015	13.7
2016	40.3
2017	68.2
2018	54.7

The average for October since 2012 is 39.9 mm.

# ERNIES BACK !! (FOR FUN IN THE RAIN)

No downpour was going to keep our Ernie from his Fun Walk on 26th October. So we waited and waited and at last the go ahead was given for the fleet of motorised perambulators to lead and head on out into the unknown. They were swiftly followed by two and four legged participants, 104 in total, as we now know and a new record.



Ernie checks on tot sizes and for any modified helmets or motors



Come on Mary-Ann!



OK Cyril, we get the point.  
the just rewards for  
a Walk Well Done.



**Summary of ResCom transactions for September 2019**

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Cash on hand at 31 August 2019</b>			<b>24480</b>
<b>Arbor Day: Net expenses</b>		<b>5926</b>	
<b>Gifts Presentations &amp; Donations</b>		<b>430</b>	
<b>Waterhole contribution to ResCom funds</b>	<b>2000</b>		
<b>Cost of functions</b>		<b>879</b>	
<b>Bank interest &amp; charges</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>62</b>	
<b><u>Cash on hand at 30 September 2019</u></b>	<b>2058</b>	<b>7927</b>	<b>19211</b>
<b>Reserved funds:</b>			
<b>Hospitality Portfolio Budget</b>			<b>2 000</b>
<b>Library Expenses Float</b>			<b>200</b>
<b>Lyn Huddy Memorial Fund</b>			<b>2 157</b>
<b>Top Pond Pump Cost Recovery</b>			<b>(1 667)</b>
<b>Total Reserved</b>			<b>2690</b>
<b>Cash available at month end</b>			<b>16521</b>

Please excuse the type face above, we are working on it

I hope you like the newer look Chatter?

I am still playing around with file sizes and layout, but the DTP software makes a huge difference with layout and colours.

I am so proud of all your contributions so keep them coming.

Thanks also to Sue the Sub Editor and Wilma and her busy bunnies for getting this to you.

Chris Edwards - 084 58 29129 or [chrisandsue291@gmail.com](mailto:chrisandsue291@gmail.com)



I have repeated last months report as Robin Davey had originally requested the pics to be near the text (plus also I can play around with the DTP software!! Chris)

## BIRD REPORT - EVERGREEN BROADACRES - SPRING 2019

For several months Wally and Robin Davey have watched in awe as Basil and his dedicated team have laboured away, moving heaven and earth to remove the duckweed and clear the water in the two top dams. Bravo to all of you - you have been so successful!

In the course of daily visits with his camera to both of these dams, Wally became aware that there were no perching branches close enough to the water from which the birds could fish. He noticed a returning Malachite Kingfisher inspecting the wonderful clean water but flying off without being able to fish. So one morning Wally, Hennie, Graham B and Mandla scoured the Evergreen property looking for dead branches. These branches were successfully installed at the water's edge of the top dam.



On the very first morning two grateful Malachite Kingfishers took advantage of the perches, and on the second morning Wally was able to take photos of a successful catch - a tadpole which the Kingfisher took back to its perch before devouring it.

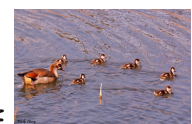


As a matter of interest, Pied Kingfishers are the only species of Kingfisher in Southern Africa which are able to fish by hovering. Here is a pic taken at Evergreen of a female Pied Kingfisher which has been attracted to our clean water. Beautiful White Throated Swallows are also perching before swooping over the water to pick insects off the surface.

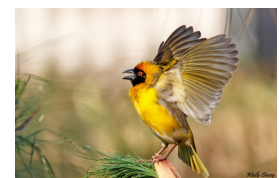


The clearing of the bush and the building activities across Frederick Road are currently making that property very unattractive for birds, and it is quite possible that a few new species could visit Evergreen looking for new pastures. Why would they not be happy here with our beautiful gardens, our bird feeders - yes, we do know we are not supposed to feed - and now we have clean water too!!

It would appear that Mrs Egyptian Goose who arrived from across the road with her six chicks, all of which she is so far successfully rearing.



The resident Mrs Common Moorhen hatched four chicks, two of whom have survived. Hopefully both families of chicks are now mature enough to escape the clutches of the greedy Legavaan and the resident Slender Mongoose. The Southern Masked Weavers are also very busy nest building on the pampas grasses.



It is not only the water bird species which are increasing. For the last couple of days the Daveys have been visited by a male Mountain Wheatear who has been insect gleaning on the bricks outside our garage. Wally took a pic for the record, but we are still hoping for a better photo. Mountain Wheatear is definitely not a common species in Gauteng suburbia.



## CHESS FOR SENIORS

Good morning, from: Karabo N. Mabela [mailto:knmabela@gmail.com]

Slovas Chess is a company that sells chess equipment and renders chess development programmes such as coaching chess lessons, chess sessions and chess tournaments. Our aim is to use chess as an interactive sport, recreational and social activity for our senior citizens. We would like to offer the following services to your residents:

- Chess coaching, training and playing sessions: 1 hour 30 minutes.
- Develop and coordinate the administration of the chess club.
- Organise matches with other old age homes that play chess and an internal chess tournament.

Chess has a positive benefit for seniors:

- Reduces the rate of Alzheimer's disease
- Slows down dementia (forgetfulness)
- Both size of the brain are exercised
- Improves memory
- Expands dendrites

We have experience in developing chess programmes:

<https://tembisan.co.za/74674/learners-have-all-the-right-chess-moves/> Implement a Chess Club Committee: To encourage leadership development in learners.

We would like to offer our chess services to your old age home for a fee of R250 per session. We offer our coaching once or twice a week. Our chess coach will come to your premises at a specified time and day for coaching, training and playing session.

On behalf of the Slovas Chess team, I would like to thank you for the time you have taken to look at our proposition. We hope to hear from you soon.

Reference:

- Jadean Naidu. District 9 Chairperson (Chess). Jadean.naidu@gmail.com 083 219 9128
- Helenne Ulster. United Church School Principal. principal@ucs.org.za 011 648 4727
- Lungisani Ntuli. Community Development Officer at Makhulong A Matala. lungisani@jhc.co.za 010 593 0200

Kind regards

Karabo

081 352 6817

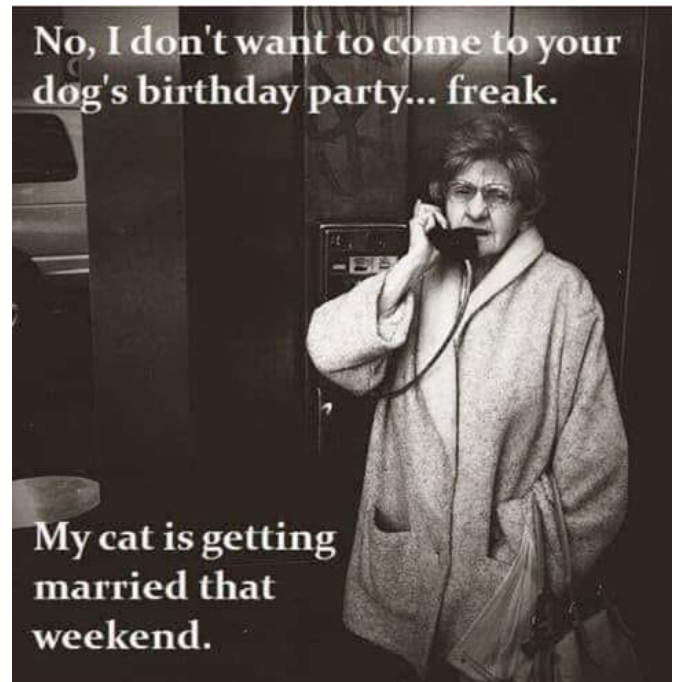
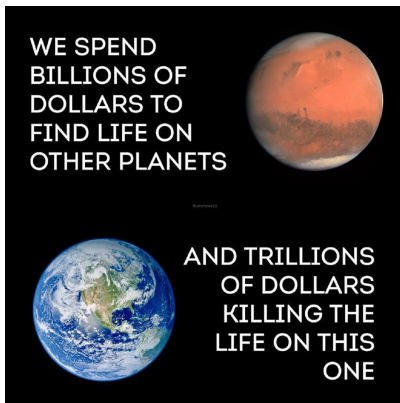
# Just Like That.....

When you are bored just think about a few things that don't make sense ...like ;

1. If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
2. Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
3. Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
4. Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
5. Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and It just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
6. Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
7. The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims"
8. 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
9. If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When", you get the answer to each of them.

Four great confusions still unresolved

1. At a movie theatre, which arm rest is yours?
2. If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
3. Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
4. Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?



### Why you shouldn't wait until retirement to travel



From a 23 year old expat teaching in China....

I miss home so much. You only realise how much you actually miss home when you realise that the smoke you smell isn't from a braai, and the cashier at the store doesn't ask you, "plastic?!"

I miss the little things...

I miss hearing the "howzits," and "yeays."

I miss the casual conversations with petrol attendants.

I miss the fact that you can fall and someone will help you up, or hold the door open.

I miss walking in a mall and hearing the different languages being spoken. I miss green grass and walking barefoot.

I miss the sense of humour, where you say something and the person replies with something even funnier or more offensive.

I miss the African spirit.

I miss being in a place where you can talk to anyone, and laugh about anything.

I miss seeing moms with babies on their backs.

I miss TV Bars and Milo. I miss boerewors and eating steak off the board. I miss All Gold.

Heritage day without a braai was tough...

I miss the wide open space.

I miss "just nje," and "sommer."

I miss the fact that everyone back home knows the difference between "now," "now now," and "just now."

I cry like a baby every time I hear "Scatterlings of Africa," because I finally understand what it means.

I miss a place where we can be happy just because...why not.

We take our country for granted, even though there is a ton of stuff that needs to change, we forget that it is a lot better in many ways.

I thought it would be easy. I am one of those boys who was raised to only cry for something worth crying for. Guess who cries openly everytime he thinks of home. Its difficult not to cry while typing this.

**BRYAN ANDREWS**  
Managing Director

The Barefoot Traveller

+27 (0)72 148 9099

/andprom

bryan@andprom.co.za

/bryanwandrews

P.O. Box 18, Cresta, Johannesburg, South Africa

[www.andprom.co.za](http://www.andprom.co.za)

After a very interesting quiz and talk by Bryan Andrews on the 15th October, I thought it would be an idea to publish his contact details in case anyone had won the Lotto between then and now.

# Happy Anniversary



- 7<sup>th</sup> Wally & Rosemary Ross
- 12<sup>th</sup> Eddie & Ann Simpson
- 14<sup>th</sup> Trevor & Heather Morgan
- 15<sup>th</sup> James & Heather Allan
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pierre & Moira Theron
- 28<sup>th</sup> Keith & Sue Coombe
- 28<sup>th</sup> Cecil & Elske Fann

# Happy Birthday

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Coombe
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ada Rebelo, Neville Savage & Aletta Lutz
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rosemary Ross
- 14<sup>th</sup> Basil Bold & Elaine Gladstone
- 17<sup>th</sup> Taffy Davies
- 18<sup>th</sup> Shirley Lombard
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Graham Hall
- 27<sup>th</sup> Roger Boden
- 28<sup>th</sup> Rod Matheson
- 29<sup>th</sup> Adi Jough
- 30<sup>th</sup> Henri Postema & Brian Quinn

