

# RESCOM CHATTER

## DECEMBER 2019



Welcome to Chatter,



I hope you all had an enjoyable time with family and friends over the Christmas and New Years holidays. Make sure you return safely from your venues and remember to watch out for the crazy people who unfortunately we have to share the roads with.

New Year resolutions abound and maybe stuck with (well at least for a month)

Health and Happiness for 2020

Chris

### FROM CHAIRMAN HENNIE - A Year in Reflection

Dear Fellow Residents,

As the year draws to a close we can look back and reflect on another very enjoyable and successful year in our village.

On the Evergreen management front, a reorganisation into EPI (Evergreen Property Investments) and ELV (Evergreen Lifestyle Villages) was announced. EPI would be responsible for the development and maintenance of the properties while ELV would be responsible for running the villages.

Garry Reed was appointed managing director of EVL and soon made his presence felt. Additional duty-managers were appointed to provide 24/7 management cover; requested projects and service that had been stalled for many years were brought to life; village management was given additional authority to play a much more pro-active role in the running and development of our village and in August Wilma Swart was appointed manager and Roy Martin graciously agreed to stay on as her assistant.

And soon we reaped the benefits! Village management increasingly took over the planning and organisation of social events, a role long - and indeed very well - played by ResCom's Hospitality portfolio; the quality of the Bistro's meals improved; a bus service to local shopping centres was introduced; a golf cart to provide internal transport for management and staff, and professional quality gym equipment was procured to mention just a few of the new services that we're enjoying now.

The projects that came to life were the long-awaited borehole project; the removal of the detested circle at the Loerie Lane- Heron Drive intersection and the construction of additional speed calming measures around it and the completion of Phase 1 of the bin-wash and garbage handling project and the replacement of all broken fence panels.

In the Lifestyle Centre an outside door to the pool area was installed as was sound attenuation to the fan in the pool area; a water supply to the Bistro area; a plumbed-in ice machine and air conditioning to the meeting room and salon.

Apartment Block A was completed and the first residents arrived in August - a special welcome to all of you and the other new residents who arrived this year. Work has progressed well on Apartment Block B and all 60 apartments are due for hand-over by March 2020. That means that the road around the lifestyle centre will be reopened and Loerie lane will change back into a one-way lane once more!

A year ago both ponds were disaster areas. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of a team led by Basil Bold and including Henry Dobrowolski, Dave Nesbit, the FSG gardeners and money from ELV, the ponds are today features we can be proud of! Where once smelly water, bulrushes and duckweed dominated, the eye is today greeted by near crystal clear water, dancing fountains and water lily pads and their flowers! The water level in the top pond has been raised, the volume of water circulating between the ponds has nearly trebled and fountains aerate the water. All that has allowed us to stock the pond with a selection of fish species that will in-time control the plant growth, mosquitoes and frog numbers and attract many more birds to our ponds.

On the social side 2019 soon got into its swing with the normal, ever enjoyable Wednesday evening socials; the special occasions around Burns Night, St Valentine's day, St Patrick's day, St George's day, Christmas-in-July, special birthdays, an Oktober fest with draft beer, a number of ELV organised social evenings - thank you ELV - a very successful Xmas market and early Christmas dinner with record attendances at many. 'The Waterhole' has become a well-established feature of our social scene, now with a third Pool table with regular gents and ladies Pool and Snooker evenings.

Thanks are due to many! To name all will take up more space than the editor allows me, so collectively:

- To all the members of ResCom, and their spouses, my sincere thanks! Without your selfless support and commitment none of this would have been possible!
- My sincere thanks also go to all those residents who have taken the initiative to start and run all those other activities that make life in our village as wonderful as it is.
- And finally, on behalf of all the residents, our sincere thanks go to the management and staff of Evergreen for creating the environment where all this to happen.

And collectively, you all play an important role in making this:

'The village of our dreams!'

## Housekeeping and Healthkeeping

### Donations for Tom Hammond

Dear Chris ...I have had so many people ask me for the details of where to send a donation in memory of Tom Hammond (Jen Hammond is away overseas with her daughter in France) Please could you put this in Chatter ...as its such a shame for Alzheimers SA to lose out . They are so grateful for any donation , no matter how small.

Their details are :

ALZHEIMERS S.A.  
Bank : ABSA 632005  
Account number : 405 540 2536

Please email deposit slip to : [info@alzheimers.org.za](mailto:info@alzheimers.org.za) with your name and say 'In memory of Tom Hammond'

Many thanks

Marilyn

### Plastic bottle tops.

On a regular visit to the recycling centre I noticed that in the plastic wheelie bins a lot of bottles still have the tops left on.

Please, I urge you, think of the benefits which will occur if you bothered to save these for a Wheelchair. Another source is from daily staff who I am sure will collect from their own communities on our behalf.

We have a collection point in the library and also Atholie at No 24 will take them in.

I would like to thank all those who participated in the Computer courses which I ran in October and November. We had 3 sessions involving 22 people and good feed back on problems and solutions concerning Hardware and Software.

In the New Year, I will be running more specific programmes on Word, Excel and Powerpoint with examples being worked out in class. After that, in depth use of emails and Internet tips.

see you soon, Chris Edwards

### Donations to Staff

We had a distribution of the monies collected from our residents to show our thanks for their efforts over the year. Hennie and John Parrott organised the occasion which was appreciated by all.

Thank you Residents!!



## Summary of ResCom transactions for November 2019

|   | Income | Expense | Balance       |
|---|--------|---------|---------------|
| <b>Cash on hand at 31 October 2019</b>  |        |         | 11217         |
| Sundry Income & expense                 |        | 269     |               |
| Gifts Presentations & Donations         | 523    |         |               |
| Staff Christmas bonus contributions     | 24910  |         |               |
| 100+ Club donation                      | 6300   |         |               |
| Waterhole contribution to ResCom funds  | 1000   |         |               |
| Bank Interest & charges                 | 48     | 14      |               |
| <b>Cash on hand at 30 November 2019</b> | 32781  | 283     | 43715         |
| Reserved funds:                         |        |         |               |
| Hospitality Portfolio Budget            |        |         | 2 000         |
| Library Expenses Float                  |        |         | 200           |
| Lyn Huddy Memorial Fund                 |        |         | 600           |
| Staff Xmas bonus contributions          |        |         | 28260         |
| Top Pond Pump Cost Recovery             |        |         | <u>(2026)</u> |
| Total Reserved                          |        |         | 29034         |
| Cash available at month end             |        |         | 14681         |

Things to do when load shedding. (A bottle of wine for Sharyn)

Go to Monte Casino - They have generators! (Adi)

Chat to your loved ones about the old days..... Being at Evergreen I have loved the stories people tell. If you live on your own make a point of chatting to other lone villagers and others via whatever medium you feel comfortable with.....my favorite story is from a friend in Hermanus who went to the edge of a cliff and shouted across the sea....sometimes in anger and other times in love ..... we have lost the ability and time to learn from others experiences and share our own. (Sharyn)

Pay a visit to Life Hospital - Reception Area, they have lights, aircon, coffee and cake and comfortable seating!



# Have we got what you want??

## Panasonic Digital Cordless Phones



Our Telkom landline was linked in the bundle together with to our wireless internet connection through Telkom. When we upgraded our Internet to the new system we were unable to keep our landline, consequently it was cancelled.

We now have three Panasonic Landline Cordless Phones. The set consists of a Base Station phone and two satellite phones. All three phones can be used in three separate rooms and can be used in conjunction with your current Telkom phone (and your Vox linked phone)

The complete set is available at R40 to anybody who is interested. There is also an Operating Instruction Manual provided.

Dick & Kiloran.  
Unit 63

### December 2019 - Rainfall Report

More good news for this month! And again another monthly record - the most rain in December since 2012.

Hopefully this pattern will continue as dam levels, in Gauteng, are still lower than this time last year. Spare a thought too for the huge drought-stricken parts of our country.

Work continues sporadically 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 December over the years |       |
|-----------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Jan '19   | 147.5 | 2012                                | 116.8 |
| Feb '19   | 217.0 | 2013                                | 182.1 |
| Mar '19   | 14.8  | 2014                                | 154.9 |
| Apr '19   | 108.9 | 2015                                | 66.1  |
| May '19   | 3.0   | 2016                                | 101.1 |
| Jun '19   | 0.0   | 2017                                | 126.0 |
| Jul '19   | 0.0   | 2018                                | 84.3  |
| Aug '19   | 0.0   |                                     |       |
| Sep '19   | 3.5   |                                     |       |
| Oct '19   | 4.0   |                                     |       |
| Nov '19   | 153.7 |                                     |       |
| Dec '19   | 230.5 |                                     |       |
| 12 Months | 882.9 |                                     |       |

# IT WAS MASKED BALL TIME 6th November 2019

(apologies for the delay in including these pics, but  
you will agree that the decor and outfits were rather spectacular)  
(thanks as always, Kiloran, for these and the other photos included in this issue)



The Lady in Red  
who started it all  
with a Very Elegant  
Table





Who's that??





CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET  
9th November 2019





# How to Dismantle a Crane (in 46 easy steps)

(Take two fearless mountaineers, lotsa trucks, numerous visits by a dedicated and pony tailed photographer and then the next day not a sign that it had ever been there?)



Get an even taller crane



my stomach turns over just watching these guys







# New Years Eve special social





## Pensioners Discounts

Interesting info - might save you a few bucks.

Property Rates - As a pensioner, you qualify for a rebate on your property rates of between 40% and 100%

SABC TV licence rebate - If you are over 70 years of age, you can apply for a rebate on your TV licence. People under 70 who are eligible for a government pension or disability grant are also able to apply.

Hertz - If you are 55 years or older, a hire car from Hertz's 'A group' fleet can be as little as R200 per day. Rates include theft and damage waivers, airport surcharge, VAT, tourism levy and 200 kilometres free per day.

Mango flights on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday come with a 10% discount for those over 60 years of age.

Sanparks - Enjoy the delights of any of the many parks under the Sanparks umbrella at a discounted tariff, if you are 60 years or older. This applies only to certain months of the year and excludes Fridays, Saturdays and long weekends. The discounts are for camping or staying in accommodation and can be up to 40% off the normal rate.

Ster Kinekor - Over 60s are offered a 50% discount for all movies at Ster Kinekor on weekdays and weekends, up to and including the 5.30pm shows.

Nu Metro - Again, over 60s can enjoy up to 50% discount on movies, providing you bring along ID. This is not applicable to Wednesdays as on this day everyone qualifies for a special rate.

Game - Over 60s can qualify for a Senior Citizens' Discount Card which can be used only on a Wednesday in all Game stores, countrywide. The first R1 500 spent will qualify for a 10% discount, though this does not apply to groceries, liquor, insurance products cell phones, airtime and contracts.

The V&A Waterfront in Cape Town boasts their "Especially For You" seniors campaign, which offers South African pensioners free parking anywhere at the V&A from Monday to Friday between 09h00 and 12h00. City Sightseeing's Pensioners Special is a wonderful opportunity to see the glories of Cape Town at reduced rates. Park in the Portsworld Parking garage and take a short stroll over the road to the City Sightseeing Tour Office situated outside the Two Oceans Aquarium - here you can purchase the phenomenally well priced City Sightseeing pensioner's tickets for half the normal price. You must register with the V&A Waterfront at their information centre to access the "Especially For You" special offers. Also remember to bring along your ID book when you register.

For pensioners who prefer to leave their cars at home, Metrorail runs a pensioners' special on Tuesdays, where over 60s can travel free by train, from any station to any destination within the Metropole area. This discount applies only on weekdays during off-peak times (09h00 - 14h00) and remember to bring your ID book.

Pick 'n Pay - The management of Pick 'n Pay hypermarkets, family markets and supermarkets are free to decide their own pensioner policies as regards discounts - some of them issue special booklets with discount coupons every month for pensioners, for meat, dairy, fish and other foods. Some have a pensioners' day once a week where a 5% discount is offered, and others have a Pensioners' Tea once a month. Senior citizens need to be 60-plus - bring along your ID.

Clicks - If you are 60 years or older and a ClubCard member, you can opt for Clicks' ClubCard Seniors programme and earn Double Points on the second Wednesday of the month on their exclusive Double Points Days. On these days, you get one additional ClubCard Point for every Point you earn.

Intercap - This 'sleepliner' offers a 15% discount to all senior citizens over 60 years, and they are guaranteed a seat on the lower deck so there is no flight of stairs to negotiate and the toilet is nearby.

AA (Automobile Association) - Over 60s get a substantial discount for an annual AA Membership on the AA Alliance option. This includes three call-outs per membership year.

Dion Wired Stores offer senior citizens and pensioners over 60 a 10% discount on Tuesdays. The purchase amount must not exceed R1 000 and excludes specials.

Dischem treats pensioners to a Double Points Day twice a month, and there is a 60+ Pensioners Tea once a year, where senior citizens are given a hamper of products.

Torga Optical offers free eye testing and discounts on frames and lenses, nationally, to pensioners 60 and above.

Tsogo Sun Hotels, which include Southern Sun hotels and resorts, The Palazzo, Suncoast Towers and Beverly Hills to name but a few, offer a 50% discount to those who are over the age of 63 on the Best Available Rate of the day, subject to availability. Phone 0861447744 to secure your booking.

Weighless - Ladies over 60 and men over 65(discrimination?) qualify for a discount. Pensioners who belong to Vitality Discovery pay qualify for an additional discount.

Shosholoza Meyl - This rail service offers pensioners and senior citizens a 25% discount on all their trips.

Greyhound - All over 60s travelling on the Greyhound bus service at any time of the week receive a 5% discount.

Orion - This hotel group offers pensioners over 60 a 40% discount on B&B rates.

Subscribe to Car magazine and save 30% on your annual subscription of 12 issues.



Subscribe to *Getaway* magazine and save 30% on your annual subscription of 12 issues

Subscribe to *Leisure Wheels* and save 30% on 12 issues.

Selected *Spur Steak Ranches* offer a *Seniors Menu*, especially for their customers aged 65 plus.

*Shoprite* and *Checkers* stores offer all senior shoppers a cup of soup free of charge on Wednesday mornings, to thank them for their loyal support through the years.

*Tiger Wheel & Tyre* - In-store discounts on tyres / selected products and services for customers over 60 years old every Tuesday!

## Just Like That.....

This was only 109 years ago...Amazing!!

Here are some statistics for the Year 1910 and apply to the USA

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.

Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.

Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower !

The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,

A dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year,

And a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births took place at HOME.

Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION!

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as 'substandard.'

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo. There was no such thing as under arm deodorant or tooth paste. Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhoea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

The population of Las Vegas Nevada was only 30!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A. ! (yes, people have changed)

Try to imagine what life may be like in another 100 years.....



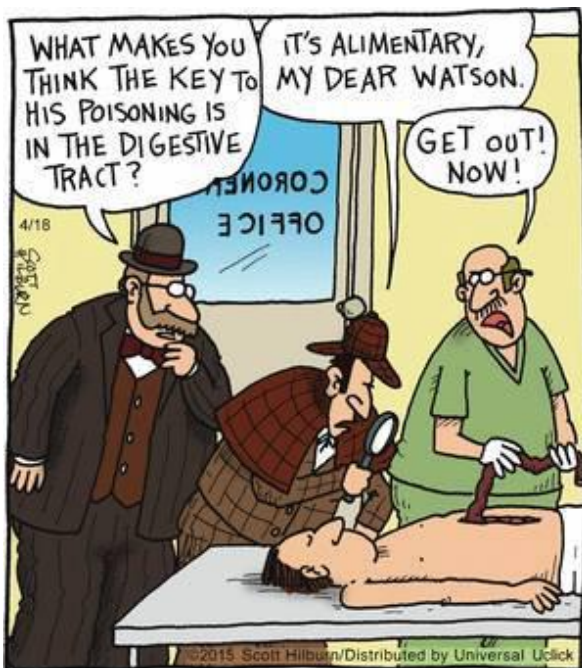
ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY 2020







## WHEN NURSES HANG THE TINSEL





**It's a five minute walk from my house to the pub.  
It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house.  
The difference is staggering.**

