

2011 December Newsletter

Firstly a reminder that the AGM will be at the Wilderness Beach Hotel at 5.30p.m. for 6p.m on Monday 19th December – a mere week away – so come and join us for a glass of wine and finger snacks to celebrate our 40th anniversary. If you have not already received it, the 2011 Chairman's report can be found under "Minutes" in the Main Menu. The report will be taken as read at the AGM, although there will be an opportunity to ask questions relating to it.

If members using the municipal contact list in the “members only” section of our website discover a change in personnel or contact details, please let us know so we can keep the data up-to-date.

With our economy in the doldrums, please also consider supporting local business by setting a new tradition in gift giving this festive season. Our thanks to Philip Parsons for forwarding the following suggestions. Rather than your purchasing what could well be an imported product, how about a gift certificate from your local hair salon or barber, and what about a gym membership? Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car valet'd or receiving a gift certificate for an owner-run restaurant or a beauty treatment. A busy mom, for example, would love the services of a local cleaning lady for a day. The job you save might be that of your own family member or friend, so remember that “local is lekker!”.

Radio Algoa, sponsored by Eskom, will be setting up a promotional unit at Leentjiesklip from 09:00 – 12nn on Tuesday 20th December to promote the extension of their airwaves into the Garden Route, hopefully combined with some publicity for Wilderness. The promo team will wear Eskom mascot costumes, and hand out Eskom kiddies CDs, booklets and activity packs with crayons.

A spectacular sight will be the George Lakes Yacht Club New Year Regatta from 30 December 2011 to 1 January 2012. The S.A. Sailing Southern Cape Inter-schools Regatta will take place on 25 / 26 February 2012.

“Friends of The Choo-Tjoe” are looking for volunteers to assist in manning the display of their newly renovated mechanical trolley at the Knysna Waterfront in 3 hour shifts from 09h00 to 18h00 on 17th to 23rd December. Interested members can contact Fraser Howell on 044-382-4012 / howell@telkomsa.net, or Colin Burgess on 044-343-2387 or colin.burgess@global for more information.

After a brief and welcome respite from criminal activity, we regret to report on recent break-ins once more, particularly along the beachfront and dune areas. We suggest that laptops, in particular, be kept out-of-sight as far as possible. Flat screen T.V.s are also targeted.

We wish all our members a happy holiday season, safe travels, and a new year filled with fresh ideas and opportunities. We look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM.