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Next General Club Meeting on Wednesday, the 10th February 2010 from 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. Harold Theunissen will give a talk on the new Woodoc products.

Next Turner's monthly meeting is on Monday, the 1st February 2010 at 18h00 at the WWA clubhouse at REEA. Bring items that didn't work out (flops) to show and share your experiences.



News

From the committee:

Toymakers – Please note that the last meeting for 2009 was 16th November. We restart on Monday, the 1st of Feb 2010.

Wednesday Workshop – Please note that the last meeting for 2009 was Wednesday, the 2nd December. We restart on Wednesday, the 20th January 2010.

Tree walk. As consumers of wood, you must be curious about the trees that grow it? Here is a chance to learn more about some of our indigenous trees on a guided walk in the Melville Koppies on the 17th April 2010 with a well-known tree expert Walter Barker. More details to follow.

Annual Braai. Clive Stacey (WWA Chairman) wrote:

Our annual braai always requires a great deal of effort, not only on the day of the event but in preparation too. It is a pleasure to offer thanks of all our members to all those people who selflessly gave of their time to make this happen.

The number of volunteers helped enormously with contacting potential donors and securing their support. The list of these people includes Alistaire, a long-time stalwart in this regard, as well as Lara, Dries and his team at work, George (Simpson), Steven and Annette. It is a tough job asking for contributions. Rick Florence made a significant contribution also by helping with collections. We should not forget Dave Fincham whose administrative skills position us to send out the initial e-mails requesting donations. This is also a major contribution.

As theatre people say "It will be okay on the day" hoping that it really will be so. It turned out that on the day everything fell into place, or rather more precisely, was put in place by people who did what they had committed to do. Costa, Rick and Ivor took charge of the cooking and then produced delicious meat for us to eat while the Jackson brothers and their families (was there not a band with a similar name?) did great work behind the bar. Team Bullivant did sterling work in prising money out of members' pockets for the raffle. Trevor was the guide in distributing the prizes across the spectrum of raffle ticket values and was willingly assisted by the Glenn and Richard. John Con (what a name for a guy who runs a raffle?) with Peter at his side to keep him honest, managed to reward us all for our generous contributions to our charity.

Of course we must applaud the many fine contributions of the toy makers. Eddie and his team presented the toys a few days after our event and were warmly thanked. The copy of the letter of thanks appears in this newsletter.

We must also thank our sponsors with sincere appreciation because they gave so generously in these times of great financial difficulty. It works like this. Sponsors make the donations; members cover the cost of the food, contribute food such as salads and deserts, purchase beverages and buy into the raffle. What is left over is donated to charity together with the toys made by the members. The success of our effort is catalysed almost exclusively by the generosity of our sponsors. A list of our sponsors will be published in a future news letter. Finally we should offer our thanks to other committee members who participated and contributed to creating this event.

I hope all of you taking holidays and celebrating the season will do it in peace and safety and thank all those people who must work during this time to make this possible.

The toys donated at the braai were taken to the Westview Clinic the following Wednesday. Eddie Marchio reports that the Westview Clinic recently divorced themselves from SANCA. They were paying affiliation fees and getting little in return relative to the work they did. Otherwise nothing has changed and they continue as before with drug rehab, etc, and community work. Once again they were most thankful that we again patronised them and they were most appreciative of the toys we donated.

Pictures taken at the handover of the toys: (Unfortunately, the quality is poor, hence the small size shown.)



Here are some of the toys displayed at the end of year braai:



The three trucks were made by Ken Bullivant and his team of Saturday workers and the two trains were made by Barries.

For Sale:

To let: Parktown North from February 2010. A 72 m² two roomed apartment (double bedroom and open veranda) with garaging for one car. Best suited to a (non-smoking essential) single person, preferably a lady, working in the Sandton and Rosebank areas. Call Clive Stacey on 011-447-2969 during working hours
Stanley (No 45) hand router plane with all the blades (over a dozen). My grandfather was a carpenter on Crown Mines and I think it belonged to him. Would anyone be interested in a tool like this, either to buy or perhaps swap for other tools? Contact Malcolm Black on 072 203 1450

Please Note:

Toymakers. The toymakers meet on the first and third Mondays of every month, at 09h00 till 12h00 at the clubhouse. Contact Eddie Marchio on 011-678-8062 or [renato AT pixie.co.za](mailto:renato@pixie.co.za) for more information. The last meeting for 2009, was 16th November. We restart on Monday, the 1st of Feb 2010.

Wednesday Workshop. The Wednesday evening workshops are on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, from 18h00 till 20h00. Contact Winston Klein on 011-674-1513 for more information. The last meeting for 2009 was Wednesday, the 2nd December. We restart on Wednesday, the 20th January 2010.



Westview Clinic

Alcohol & Drug Rehabilitation
(Formerly known as Sanca West Rand Alcohol & Drug Clinic)

01 December 2009

To Eddie and the Team

It is with great joy and delight that we receive these wonderful toys for the children. We are indeed grateful that you have chosen us to be the hands that deliver your beautiful works to the less fortunate, giving them a reason to smile regardless of their circumstances.

We at Westview Clinic extended our warm, sincere gratitude to all of you. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and the very best wishes for 2010. May you receive over and over as you have given and continue to give.

Thank you again for helping us touch the children's lives.

Gratefully yours

Daphne van Staden

Westview Clinic
Daphne van Staden – iThemba Project Manager

Having recently moved house, and having to balance all the requirements of the house, workshop and garden, I thought that this cartoon was worth repeating...

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