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CLUB NEWS

LADIES BUFFET LUNCH

The Annual Ladies Buffet Lunch will be on **Wednesday** 10th November at the Rivonia Sports Club at 12:00 for 12:45.

Ticket prices for members and guests will be R85.00, please pay at the door.

Please bring along donations for the raffle



The guest speaker will be Karl Jensen who will give an illustrated talk of his life as an airline pilot.

Members will remember his previous talk on running a flying safari around Southern Africa.



IMPORTANT : As usual we ask you both to let us know that you **WILL** be coming as well as send apologies if you are unable to join us

The September meeting was attended by 22 members and 4 guests and the talk by Mike Johns on the Sandton Fire Department Volunteers was instructive and well received. Many members said that they had not realised that the Volunteers existed.



What an opportunity for other members to talk about their special interests. Please volunteer and contact Rodney Frances and give him details.

DECEMBER : As customary, there will not be a meeting in December, the next meeting will be on January 13th 2011.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON TO ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES

NEW MEMBERS REQUIRED

We urgently need new members as our numbers continue to dwindle. We are now down to 35 members of whom about two thirds attend each meeting. The Committee ask that all members should search among their friends and acquaintances for men who would enjoy a monthly chat, lunch and speaker. Unlike some organisations we do not make a charge for visitors on their first visit although we hope that they will subsequently join as members.

BIRTHDAYS *To these members and wives:* *Have a good one!*



October
07 Edgar Droste
07 Patricia Pell
08 Harry Guest
08 Henk Voet
18 Norma Johnston
21 Caryl Sampson
21 Peter de Walder
26 Mike Johns
30 Herbert Atkins

November
01 Trevor Ruile
02 Duncan Fincham
04 Heather Jackson
06 Alan Duffet
11 Daphne Atkins
20 Lindsay Balfe
22 Helen Fincham



TRIVIA

PURCHASE CONDITIONS

I have just bought a kettle that includes the "Important" note "Do not allow liquid to come into contact with any part of the kettle"

Last year in England I bought a packet of nuts with this note on the outside : "This packet may contain traces of nuts"

COLLECTIBLES

In his book *THREE MEN IN A BOAT* written in **1889**, Jerome K Jerome commenting on how yesterdays everyday objects become today's art treasures wrote:

"Will the prized treasures of today always be the cheap trifles of the day before? Will rows of our willow pattern dinner plates be ranged above the chimney piece of the great in the years 2000 and odd? The sampler that my eldest daughter did at school will be spoken of as 'tapestry of the Victorian era' "

Written 120 years ago but still true.

By the way the K stands for Klapka which is from his father's original name of Jerome Clapp who renamed himself Jerome Clapp Jerome. JKJ changed the Clapp to Klapka apparently after the exiled Hungarian general György Klapka, probably thought it sounded more literary.

Examples from the book were used in my English grammar books, so obviously a respected English writer.

REGARDS: *Brian Davis*
Hon. Secretary

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