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NEWSLETTER

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A very happy new year to all Probians from myself and your executive; may it bring you and yours all that you wish for yourselves and for others.

1. NEW CLUBS/MEMBERSHIP

Johannesburg Rotary were eager to start a new Probus club at Randjies Estate Retirement Village. Peter Alexander and I attended a meeting there but unfortunately we were unable to constitute a working committee. Perhaps it will be possible to revisit this project again. Talks were given to Rotary Clubs (2) on how to form Probus clubs. Please remember that a Probus club can initiate the formation of another club and then call upon the local Rotary club for assistance. We all know that renewing membership is the lifeblood of Probus; as I said at the AGM, we need to garner the 'young' newly-retired into Probus.

2. SOCIALEVENTS

After the dismal failure to organise a bowls day for the past two years, has anyone got suggestions for social events where we can meet and enjoy one another's company? Items such as a music section, inter-club quizzes, computer training, a book club section and, indeed, bowls or visits to Suikerbosrand nature reserve. One firm favourite is the visit to the Marievale Bird Sanctuary organised by Stan Madden. This will take place on February 28 2008. Stan has organised braai fires but we need to bring camp chairs, binoculars, something to braai and liquid refreshments. Can you please notify Stan before February 14 2008 regarding attendance.

3. GAUTRAIN

Joe Grobler is attempting to organise a talk on this subject by a super speaker; Details from Joe on 011-894-3972.

4. AGM

Laurie Grobler is already making arrangements for this event. It has been strongly suggested that the AGM should be extended by 30 minutes to allow for one or possibly two Probus topics proposed by members to be discussed. Feedback on this a.s.a.p. would be appreciated.

5. SPEAKERS DIRECTORY

We hope all clubs have assisted Charles Rogers in updating this important document. Does anyone know of speakers who are prepared to travel down to the Vaal Triangle? Free lunch and a donation to travel costs.

6. Bob Goebel

We had the pleasure of the attendance of Bob Goebel, chairman of the Western Cape Association, at our last executive meeting. He is also the Council's webmaster and he reminds us that he wants all clubs to send him their newsletters

7. Once again we would welcome comments and suggestions for the benefit of Probus and Probians.

My very best wishes to you all



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