



PROBUS CLUB OF JOHANNESBURG

NEWSLETTER for February 2011

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Forthcoming Birthdays

For February we wish the following members and wives each a Happy Birthday: Monty Morris on the 5th, Jake Crompton on the 7th, Mary Mellish on the 8th, Mike Dunningham on the 9th, Edna Bailey on the 10th, Denis Maxwell on the 14th, Dianne Charles on the 15th, Margaret Moore on the 16th, Sylvia Barone on the 20th, Ernie Atkinson and John Woods on the 26th and John Page on the 27th.

Past Events **Theatre**

On 15th December 37 members and wives attended the theatre at Montecasino to see a "Handful of Keys" which was preceded by 23 enjoying supper.

Bowls

Eight members enjoyed a morning of bowls at Bryanston Sports on Thursday 20th January.

Luncheon

The luncheon on the 25th January was attended by twenty members and two guests from the Johannesburg North Probus Club. John Page was introduced by Stuart and spoke on "A Century of Aviation." John started with the Wright Brothers and the Bleriot Monoplane. In the early days low engine power was the major problem but the Schneider Trophy led to designs by Avro, Vickers, the Bristol Scout, De Havilland and the Sopwith Camel. Alcock and Brown flew the Atlantic in a Vickers Vimy which was followed by the Spirit of St Louis in 1927. The DH Tiger Moth was built in 1931 and the Hawker Hurricane, Dakota DC3 and Supermarine Spitfire in 1935. Heinkel produced the first jet in 1938. The Avro Lancaster DH Vampire Boeing Flying Fortress and Lockheed Constellation were built

in 1943 and the Vickers Viscount in 1948. The DH Comet first flew in 1949 (John's first flight to Singapore on a Comet). The Hawker Hunter (1951) was followed by the first delta wing Gloucester Javelin and Avro Vulcan. The Vickers VC 10 (1962) was followed by Boeing 727, 737 and then 747, the BAC Concorde, the Airbus A340 and now the A380. There were photos of all these and many others. John was thanked by Melt.

Future Events **Visit**

Jake Crompton will schedule a visit to the James Hall Museum of Transport in Rosettenville.

Theatre

Leon is planning a visit to the theatre at Montecasino on Tuesday 15th or Wednesday the 16th February to see "Fascinating Aida". Please contact Leon on 012 667 1248 to arrange your attendance.

Luncheon

NOTE: THE COST OF LUNCHESES FROM FEBRUARY WILL BE R110 DUE TO INCREASES AT THE BRYANSTON COUNTRY CLUB.

The speaker at lunch on Tuesday 22nd February will be Kevin Owen who will talk on "Skydiving"

Luncheon bookings: Luncheon bookings or apologies are to be communicated to **Renaldo Naudé at 073 811 8674 by Thursday 17th February 2011.**

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