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Quotable Quotes

- *Good people use things and love people;
Bad people use people and love things.*
- *Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again..*
- *When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away.
When, however, someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone, where no wind can ever erase it.
Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone.*
- *Do not value the things you have in your life, BUT value who you have in your life.*
- *Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. You never know how you can bless someone else with a smile, kind words, or a hug.*

On the lighter side:

- *How do you make an egg laugh?
Tell it a yolk.*
- *They call our language the mother tongue because the father seldom gets to speak.*
- *When I told my doctor about my loss of memory, he made me pay in advance.*
- *There are two kinds of secret. One is not worth keeping and the other is too good to keep.*
- *Forbidden fruit has caused many a bad jam.*
- *Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.*
- *Did you hear of the fellow who parked his car in front of a sign which said...*

"FINE FOR PARKING"

Club Matters.

- Our Vice-president, (and president designate for 2008/2009), George Donaldson, passed away on Tuesday 13 November. George was still at the October meeting, when he was full of plans for 2008, so his death was a shock to many. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family.
- Arising from George's death Louis Lourens will identify a "willing" vice-president who can take over from him after the AGM in March 2008. Speaking of the AGM, our meeting for March was scheduled for the 21st. This is, however, a public holiday (Good Friday) so it has been suggested that our March Meeting/AGM be re-scheduled for the 14th March.
- Probus meetings for the first four months of 2008 will, therefore, be on:
 - 18 January
 - 15 February
 - 14 March (AGM)
 - 18 April (President's Luncheon)

Please diarize!

- Those of you who read the first page would have noticed that Dennis Owen has agreed to handle the secretarial duties after Loock van Zyl had to relinquish the post because of poor health. Loock, we hope that your medical team get you sorted out soon and we look forward to your attendance at our meetings in the near future. Thank you for your inputs into the management team over the past couple of years.
- Just a reminder from our new secretary: Please remember that if you cannot make it to a luncheon meeting, please make your apologies personally (NOT by e-mail) to John Maynard, Dennis Owen or Louis Lourens (in that order) by 12h00 on the Wednesday BEFORE the luncheon.
- Also, with respect to the AGM, please note that there has already been a notice of a motion to effectively increase the maximum number of members from 45 to 50. If there are any other proposals re: our constitution, general matters or proposals/offers for participation in our committee, please present these to Louis so that we can ensure that they are dealt with in the proper/legal manner.
- Many of our members often participate in Bowling Get-a-Ways in the Drakensberg. You might want to attend a Probus meeting at the Cathkin Peak Club, which meets on the 1st Friday of each month at The Nest Hotel at 18h00. Their president is Bruce Carte (036- 468 1041) while Denise Preiss (yes it is a mixed club) (082-379 1536) is the secretary. Visitors are welcome, so if you are down there give them a call.
- Our meeting on the 16th November took the form of an open end-of-year function, graced by our spouses (or should we say spiced by our spouses). Louis was in the chair and after words of special welcome to our partners we silently remembered George, who had passed away just three days earlier. The majority of members made it to this function and the relaxed, informal M/C ensured that it was enjoyed thoroughly. With a 2 month lapse before our next meeting in January there was quite a list of birthdays and anniversaries. These included:

Loock van Zyl	17 November
Fanie Spies	26 November
Maureen Erasmus	28 November
Walda van Niekerk	28 November
Elizabeth Gevers	30 November
Jopie Webster	8 December
John van Niekerk	22 December
Gerrit Botha	3 January
Lesbury van Zyl	7 January
Willem Klooster	8 January

as well as the following anniversaries –

Dave and Leslie Bryant	26 November
Vincent and Phyllis Mathews	30 November
John and Walda van Niekerk	8 December
Andy and Innes Anderson	10 December
Hank and Jerice Doeg	13 December
Bill and Margaret Aucamp	1 January
Louis and Jean Lourens	10 January.

- Our organizer of speakers, Mervyn Emms, also gave notice that in the current spirit of political awareness in SA (with the ANC leadership controversy under the microscope at Polokwane in December) Jannie Geldenhuys will be talking on a political theme at our luncheon on the 18th January.

IN CONCLUSION.

OLD WORD IS NIE VIR SISSIES NIE.

- *Alles pyn. Wat nie pyn nie, werk nie.*
- *Die glinster in jou oog is die sonlig op jou dubbellens bril*
- *Jy voel soos die oggend daarna, maar jy was nêrens nie.*
- *In jou afspraakboek begin al die name met Dr.*
- *Jy raak uitasem van kaartspeel*
- *Jou kinders begin vir jou middeljarig lyk.*
- *Jy sluit aan by 'n gymnasium, maar jy gaan nooit.*
- *Jy ken al die antwoorde, maar niemand vra jou die vrae nie.*
- *Jy sien uit na 'n vervelige aand.*
- *Jy het 'n bril nodig om joune te soek.*
- *Jy skakel die lig af om te bespaar: nie omdat jy romanties raak nie.*
- *Jou neus loop maar jou bene wil nie.*
- *Jou rug gaan meer uit as jy.*
- *Jou huis raak te groot en jou medisynekas te klein.*
- *Jy vat 'n lekker hap aan 'n biefstuk en jou tande bly daar.*
- *Jou verjaardagkoek sak inmekaar onder die gewig van al die kersies.*

THAT'S MY STORY

We all get heavier as we get older because there is a lot more information in our heads. So I am not fat, I'm just really intelligent and my head couldn't hold any more so it started filling up the rest of me.

That's my story and I'm sticking to it.