

Ron Smith Care Centre @ Elphin Lodge



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Residents go wild on safari

Residents & staff enjoyed a bushveld experience when they attended a safari-themed event on either the 24th or 25th January. The guests were surrounded by large & small animal cut-outs, and rustic table décor made from tree bark, hessian, foilage & miniature animal figurines, and relaxing background sounds from the bush added to the ambiance.

On arrival, the residents were offered a welcome cool drink and invited to snack on fresh biltong and chips. The programme began with a presentation of interesting facts about the wild animals of Africa, followed by a picture slideshow which showed only a partial image of a particular animal & the residents were challenged to

name the animal shown. Next was a virtual game drive, where the residents were asked if they could 'spot' various animals which were 'hiding' in the bush. Each person who was first to answer a question correctly received a chocolate and the team that got the most answers right was awarded the grand prize. The last activity was a lucky draw. Residents drew an animal card from a bucket, with the person drawing a card with the picture of a baboon being rewarded with a lucky prize!

Throughout the morning, the residents enjoyed reminiscing about all the bush holidays they had in the past and it seemed like the Kruger National Park was a favourite holiday destination for many.



Get to know me

JOYCE ROYAL: CEDAR PARK RESIDENT

I was born in England, in 1928. My father forbade me to accept the scholarship I had won to Oxford University, so I had to go to work to bring in money for our family. My first job was at a civil engineering company & at this time, I qualified as a Pitman Shorthand typist & then as a Pitman Shorthand teacher. My husband, Arthur, and I were married in 1948 & our only son, Malcolm, was born in 1949. In 1951, Arthur left England to take up employment as a switchgear engineer at a British company in Joburg. Later that year, my son and I began the 3-week ocean journey to SA. We set up our home in Sydenham. In the late 60s, I qualified as a chartered secretary & was eventually admitted as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, which is equivalent to an Honours De-



gree. I received many accolades for being the top female student in the world. I eventually became the Company Financial Director of Protea Electro Medical. I have 3 wonderful grandchildren: Christopher, Andrew & Tracy & 3 great grandchildren: James, John & Emma.

Passing thoughts:

I enjoyed visiting Europe, Hong Kong, China, India, Nepal, USA, & South America. I enjoyed baking pies & have been told that my pastry was excellent! I played 1st League hockey well into my 30s. Arthur and I were married for 58 years until his death in 2006. In 2007, I was one of the first people to take up residence at Inyoni Creek & had a very happy time there. I made friends with all the residents on my street & we had a daily cocktail hour. Wednesdays was shopping at Greenstone & Saturday afternoons were reserved for movies at Rosebank.

MOSIMA MOJELA: CEDAR PARK CAREWORKER

I was born in 1989 and grew up in Mokopane, Limpopo. My dad was a taxi driver and mom worked, so I stayed with my granny. She planted & sold vegetables and expected me to help her sell on the weekends. She taught me the importance of hard work & to be independent. After matric, there wasn't money for further studies, so I worked as a cashier at a butchery and later as a sales person in a clothing store. In 2018, I started working for Rand Aid in the kitchen at Thembalami & Elphin Lodge & then in the care centre as a cleaner. In 2020, I went for careworker training and in 2022, was promoted to careworker at RSCC. I enjoy helping & caring for others, especially the elderly and frail. I met my partner, Charles when I was paying for my shopping &



discovered I was R100 short! He was in the queue behind me & offered to pay the shortage! We have now been together for 4 years and are engaged to be married.

Passing thoughts:

I like reading stories about families, people & history; gospel music; and dancing to wedding songs. I enjoy making samp and beef or stew and rice. I also enjoy baking muffins. Charles and I like going to watch action movies and sometimes going out to eat. I support Pirates and Charles supports the Chiefs, so we never watch soccer together! My simple pleasures are going shopping, watching TV or listening to music. My happy place is when my family gathers together at home in Limpopo. My motto: Always have hope, never give up and put your trust in God.

LEE MORAWITZ: CEDAR PARK RESIDENT

I was born in 1927 in Pretoria, but grew up in Joburg. Life was difficult because of the Great Depression and then with the outbreak of war when I was 12. We grew up poor. Our family of 7 moved around a lot as my father, who was a chef, was constantly in search of work & I often changed schools. At the age of 16, I left school to find work. I was trained in all aspects of hairdressing at the Maison Charlotte Beauty Salon. I learnt how to do shampoos, haircuts, pin curls, perms, manicures & even how to make wigs! I worked there for 4 years until I married my husband, Adalbert (Paul). Our first date was at the ice rink & right



then and there, Paul decided I was to be his wife! We met in February, 1947, & got married in November the same year! We were married for 49 years until his death

in 1996. Our family home was in Linbro Park & we had 3 children: Paul (Australia); Fred (JHB) & Terri (Plettenberg Bay). I now have 8 grandchildren & 12 great grandchildren, who all unfortunately live overseas.

Passing thoughts:

I enjoy romance novels, word searches and TV (game shows, nature & travel programmes). We used to do a lot of camping with the children and when our nest was again empty, my husband and I travelled widely (Kruger, the Cape, KZN, Zim & Namibia). I especially loved visiting game parks. I enjoy watching SA rugby & support the Springboks. My favourite local team is the Bulls. I lived at Tarentaal for 23 years & it was my happy place. I enjoyed my independence, car, friends & the staff there. I am thankful for my wonderful family & proud that they all have had long & happy marriages.

Birthdays

RESIDENTS

03 Feb	Olive Jew LS (99)
04 Feb	Geetha Hiran RL3 (61)
06 Feb	Maria Volschenk LS (86)
08 Feb	Stella Thomas RL2 (92)
09 Feb	Dulcie Iris Gribble RL2 (94)
13 Feb	Pamela Mintz WL (92)
14 Feb	Emilia Oliveira RL3 (89)
25 Feb	Arthur Nortjie CP (85)

STAFF

06 Feb	Mpho Rasidumelo
17 Feb	Motsatsi Moilakgomo
23 Feb	Caroline Mucheka

Fondly remembered

Clyde Herman	CP
Hilda Lacy	CP
Henrietta Oosthuizen	WL
Patricia Graham	RL3
Louise Newman	LS
Gail Harmer	RL2
Joe Rosen	RL3
Pam Talbot	RL2
Romano Ceretto-Giannone	RL1

Welcome to

Carol Murphy	CP
Pieter Sandler	WL
Gavin Brister	RL3
Ada Lieberman	LS
Irvine Sinnett	WL
Angela Brister	RL1
Maureen Wollenschlaeger	RL2

Picnic at the dam



Dave Mtshali, Julia Molotsi, Ansie Oberholzer and Emilia Oliveira enjoy themselves at the summer picnic that was recently held at the dam.



Relaxing at the dam are Vito Rebuli (back) and Cathy Basterfield, Annabelle Lucas, Ellen Quinn and Kedibone Shongane.