

Ron Smith Care Centre @ Elphin Lodge



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Bumper
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heritage and
spring
edition

The Ron Smith Care Centre community gathered outdoors in their numbers to celebrate **Heritage Month** and **the beginning of spring on Friday, 22 September**. The beautiful Woodlands garden and recreational area were awash with the vibrant colours of flags from around the globe – to represent all residents' heritages. Residents and staff were beautifully attired in traditional dress or flowery outfits. DJ Frans van Aswegan and singer Shams Muller and the Rodeo Girls (Lientjie and Christine) kept everyone entertained and residents and staff were inspired to move to the lively beat. The staff proudly showcased their cultural dances and a few dances from other genres. The entertainment was followed by a delicious South African braai, which included chicken, pap tart, Greek salad, and pumpkin fritters – nicely finished off with a peppermint crisp tart.



Colourful spring



Highlights from the 22 September Heritage Month and spring celebration enjoyed by residents and staff members:

The ladies were offered a flower crown, while the gentlemen were given a SA flag headband to wear.

Soft rock, country and western, Afrikaans and popular songs from the 60s, 70s, and 80s were on the playlist and created a festive vibe.

The Rodeo Girls taught the staff a few fun line dances and danced with some of the residents.

The staff, representing SA's rainbow nation, danced to *Waka Waka*, *Achy Breaky Heart*, *Jerusalema* and *Vulindlela*.

Their message was:

We are a rainbow nation
We are noisy; we are colourful; we are bright
We are proudly South African!

Comments on WhatsApp family groups:

- My mum had the best time! Thanks so much to everyone who made this time so special!
- This is incredible, thank you to all involved. It just lifted my heart to giant big smiles!
- Amazing and so appreciated. You went to so much trouble. Thank you!
- What a fabulous event! Well done to all involved and thank you for making it so festive for the residents.



heritage celebration



Birthdays

RESIDENTS

01 October	Maria Dal Lago RL2 (98)
04 October	Schalk Grobler RL3 (85)
04 October	Cecily Ryder WL (94)
06 October	Dorothea Ferri WL (94)
06 October	Walter Serebro RL2 (86)
11 October	Isobel Peddie LS (95)
15 October	David Scott RL3 (80)
17 October	Megan Weeks LS (93)
20 October	Barbara Welsh RL3 (86)
23 October	James Wight CP (81)
25 October	Joyce Royal CP (95)
25 October	Brian Russell WL (95)
25 October	Myra Forfar RL1 (79)
27 October	Vernon Mitchell RL3 (83)
30 October	Rieter Sandler WL (92)
30 October	Taffy Thompson RL2 (91)
31 October	Pearl Porter WL (91)

STAFF

02 October	Ivonne Mogoru
03 October	Lindiwe Hlophe
03 October	Mapula Morudi
03 October	Marle Eloff
05 October	Lehlogonolo Manaka
06 October	Leanie Bessinger
07 October	Phindile Radebe
08 October	Siziwe Manyamalala
08 October	Nomagugu Ncube
09 October	Nontobeka Mdolo
10 October	Etrinah Ndlovu
10 October	Raisibe Ledwaba
13 October	Kedisaletse Maodi
13 October	Esmeralda Rusike
13 October	Elliot Masina
20 October	Sihle Mashai
22 October	Raesibe Bodila
24 October	Prudence Mokoena
26 October	Motsebore Sehlola
26 October	Debbie Beech
28 October	Fulufhelo Mukwevho
28 October	Obuiseng Sekia
29 October	Emily Tshabalala
29 October	Mamoipone Maluka

Staff members must please remember to collect their birthday chocolates from reception.

Fondly remembered

Mariana Duvenage RL1
Irene Droste RL3

Welcome to...

Ruth Cole WL
Anne Raats LS

Myra Forfar RL1
Irene Simon CP

