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NEWSLETTER

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REPORT ON OUR TRIP TO WELLINGTON

Our visit to Wellington at the end of September dawned with a 'clearish' day. However, by the time our coach had arrived at **Welvanpas** there was a change in the weather.

Dan and Retha Retief welcomed our group to their estate. Retha had prepared tea, koeksisters and orange tart which was enjoyed by all. Dan's mother seemed very happy to share her home with the group, despite the fact that her husband is very ill at present (Oh well maybe she enjoyed the company of the other ladies!)

Then it was on to **Grand Dédale** - presently the only 5* Guest House in Wellington. The grand old house on Doolhof Wine Estate has been re-modeled into a very swank establishment. They decided to set the tables on the verandah outside, and the views are fabulous on a clear, hot day.

Pity the weather turned a bit cold as this had it's challenges. In fact, the **day had many challenges** - the 'long' hike up the hill because JP felt he didn't have enough clearance - (I have decided that, in future, when I do my reccies I will stand on the top of Brian's vehicle with a broom stick to measure.) It certainly didn't seem a 'problem when we initially went out to the estate. Second challenge for me was the price of the wine, and more importantly the water. This has been addressed; read Angelo's response on the back page!



THURSDAY
28TH
OCTOBER

Coach leaves

Constantia

Village Centre

at 08h45 &

Tableview at

09h30

Bookings by
Monday 18th

October &
payments by

Friday 22nd

October

TIME TO HEAD WEST!

The West Coast is a unique area. It is very unsophisticated, and **Jacobsbaai** is more relaxed than other towns on the West Coast, I've been to! I have heard rumors that in the future it will be the new "Paternoster" so come along and explore the peace of this little seaside village. We will get to meet one of the local artists. Denis Hilton Lees is a man passionate about his art; he is the vice chairman of the West Coast art guild and he has previously run an art school in Knysna. Wonder why he now calls the sleepy village of Jacobsbaai 'home'? *"Life is about balance and I feel balanced living on the West Coast. I have enough quiet time here to paint what I feel, my own interpretation of this beautiful part of South Africa I live in"*

We also meet Erica Waso who has started **Wille Magrietjie**. She advertises it as the "Best Gift Shop" in the area. It is **THE ONLY** gift shop in Jacobsbaai, and a better shop you will battle to find anywhere else on the West Coast.

Lunch will be at **WESKUSPLEK**. Steve Hofmeyer has shares in this basic restaurant in Jacobsbaai. (No, Heather, I don't think you'll see him!)

Their motto is "**THE DEAFENING SILENCE SOOTHES THE SOUL**"

(What will happen when Time Out descends on the tiny dorpie!).

COST for the day which includes your transport and lunch is R280 per person for members and R310 for guests who are very welcome!



I am always aware of the rising costs of everything we are faced with on a day-to-day basis, and I will endeavor to try to bring you more affordable days out!

One such day is Weskusplek, where they have offered us a very reasonable luncheon. This has resulted in a decrease in the overall cost for the day.

THURSDAY

25TH

NOVEMBER

Coach leaves

Constantia

Village Centre

at 08h45 &

Tableview at

09h30

CHRISTMAS LUNCH @ THE CASCADE COUNTRY MANOR

I have changed our venue to the **Cascade Country Manor** just outside Paarl. It is in a very beautiful setting, with a waterfall on the property that adds so much to the ambience! We will eat our lunch on their vast patio overlooking the waterfall, (or if weather changes we will move indoors). This property is situated on 23 hectares and is in such a beautiful area of Paarl that it might just **'take your breath away'**. Come with me and enjoy a short stroll for a pre-lunch drink at the waterfall and then enjoy the last lunch for 2010 in an amazing setting.

COST for the day is R330 per person. Members & guests enjoy the SAME PRICE TODAY - so please bring a friend along!

Bookings by
Friday 12th
November &
payments by
Friday 19th
November

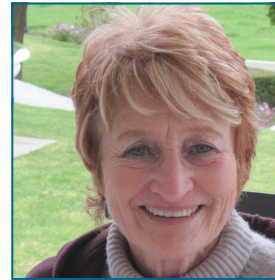


INA PAARMAN OPEN GARDENS

Ina Paarman opens her garden to clubs on **Friday 12th and Saturday 13th November**. The Time Out Ladies Club has, once again, been invited. I will be in the Nuy Valley, but will co-ordinate and book with her office. Please let me know by 11th October, and specify whether you wish to go in the morning or afternoon on either day!

Will you fill a
Christmas
bag again?

I have been approached by **Goedgedacht** again to fill their Christmas bags. If you are willing to help fill a Christmas bag for a needy child, you will be given the name and the personal request for this child. You are not expected to spend more than R75 and from past experience I know the children love getting the bags.



Meet **Diana Avery** who lives in Bothasig.

Diana, we warmly welcome you as a member of the Time Out Ladies Club. I trust you will thoroughly enjoy forthcoming outings with us and get to meet everyone over the coming months.

AUGUST TRIP TO HILDEBRAND RESTAURANT - We visited the Waterfront in August. I was quoted upfront for our 2 course luncheon, and imagine my shock when my eagle-eye spotted that they had a special two course luncheon advertised on the board outside, at less than what we had been charged. After many phone calls, and e mails **I finally got us a refund**. The manager would not budge on the coffee which he said was part of our meal AND NOT PART of the special. **I feel very strongly about getting what I call 'ripped-off' and always negotiate on your behalf.** The 32 ladies who were on that outing will each get a refund of R15 off your next coach tour.

Please feel free to deduct this off your next payment, with the compliments of the Hildebrand Restaurant!



REPORT BACK ON DISCUSSIONS WITH GRAND DÉDALE (Wine prices)

Angelo owner of Grand Dédale: "I probably should have brought this to your attention in advance and sent you our wine list, so the ladies could have had an idea of the beverage prices; Our prices on the Doolhof range are well below what any other 5* property would charge"

Carol: I will try to be more diligent and get prices from future 5* establishments up front. But at the end of the day might I suggest you ask prices beforehand. This might just solve any problems afterwards when the bill arrives!