

# Fairseat Foundation



## Fairseat News – 09 April 2020

- **Fairseat lockdown** – As life under lockdown starts in earnest, we are all having to learn to live with new neighbours and a different buzz around the place. As I type, we are 40 residents and 72 staff living on site so we are going to need to practice the virtue of tolerance. With everyday that goes by, we identify new unforeseen issues to be resolved but they are decreasing in number and I am very appreciative of everyone's cooperation and understanding. Lydia has set up a little hairdressing salon in the laundry on her day off for those needing a smart new hair-do – see Ruth Mumbi or Lydia herself to make an appointment. We are still looking to find a safe way for everyone to have their toe nails cut if they need a pedicure but I have already vetoed the suggestion that we simply cut two foot-shaped holes in the green gate. I believe that Ronald is pretty good with the shears and one only needs to look at Burns or John for a good advert of his barber skills.
- **No-go areas** – Our tent for receiving supplies from the outside is being moved down to the carpark in front of Ben's office window. This is to avoid a potential mixing area for our staff and the delivery staff from outside. The office staff (Anne, Carolyne and Eric) will be coming and going rather than living-in at Fairseat so their offices are essentially a "no-go" area for residents and live-in staff. Any staff/resident dealings with the office should be conducted through Ruth, through Ben or through the window. Please do not enter their offices at all.
- **Link** – the residents have a small committee coordinating social activities and so far they have been very successful. Mike Lee's "Clock Golf" had a great turn out and I gather was very competitive. The winner of the inaugural competition was a bit of a dark horse – Mickey Shaw, I don't remember seeing anything about his golfing prowess when he applied to move into Fairseat! Anyway, he is apparently a dead-eye dick with his putter. I was a little worried when I heard that Yvonne M-S had asked for her full set of golf clubs to be sent over from Karen for the clock golf – but I gather she eventually settled for a pitcher and putter. Boules has also proved popular, so much so that I gather there is insufficient space for both boules and croquet on Top Acre so Anja's French lot have had to move onto the Big Lawn under the Terminalia Tree. Please note the change in time slot from 5pm to 11 am on Monday for Boules. Please check your Menu & Events schedule to confirm when new activities will start. Any questions then speak to Yvonne Stephenson or Fiona.
- **Easter Weekend** – there will be a non-denominational church service at 11 am on Easter Sunday led by Yvonne and Joe for all residents and staff who wish to attend. Due to the lockdown we do not have any clergy coming in but our lay staff will do an excellent job and I am sure the Good Lord will understand. If the weather is good, the service will take place under the Terminalia Tree. If the weather is inclement, then it will take place on the manager's verandah. The office will remain closed from Friday to Monday, both days inclusive. If you have any problems during this period please contact Ben.

- **Building program** – Our builders have all left Fairseat and will only return to finish their work once the coronavirus situation is sorted out.
- **Fairseat Rainfall** – the first quarter of the year has given us good rains at Fairseat - in fact it does not feel that it has ever really stopped raining.
  - Jan** – 132mm over 20 days Vs Average of 66mm over 4.9 days
  - Feb** – 110mm over 8 days Vs Average of 48 mm over 4.1 days
  - Mar** – 206mm over 14 days Vs Average of 105mm over 8.6 days
  - 1 st Quarter 2020** - 448.75mm over 42 days Vs Average of 219.8mm over 17.5 days
- **Neighbourhood charity** – there are at least two charitable fund-raisers that I am aware of with reputable people behind them seeking to raise money to support penniless families affected by lay-offs due to businesses closing down. One is under the auspices of the Naivasha Rotary Club aimed at flower farm workers who have been laid off which appears to be a major problem and they are working with their local chiefs to distribute food hampers. The second effort is by the Rosslyn Lone Tree Estate Residents Association who have a similar initiative, also working with our local chief and aimed at families in the local neighbourhood and Nairobi slums. If you wish to support either of the causes feel free to talk to Ben and we can make it happen: Kes 1,500 will really help.
- **Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April – Public Holiday, Easter Monday, Office Closed**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 11 am - Crossword with Shirley** at the manager’s house.
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 11 am - Boules with Anja** on the Big Lawn
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 3 pm - Scrabble with Shirley** at the manager’s house
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 5 pm - Croquet with Debonnaire** on the Top Acre lawn
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April @ 11 am - Exercises with John** on Big Lawn, under Terminalia Tree
- **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April @ 4.30 pm – 2 short Alan Bennett plays on video** - in Widgery Rm
- **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April @ 10.30am - Bingo with Helen** in the Widgery Room.
- **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April @ 11.00am - Clock Golf with Mike** under the Terminalia Tree
- **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April @ 3 pm - Bridge Lessons with Fiona** at the manager’s house.
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April @ 11 am - Exercises with Yvonne** on the Big Lawn
- **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April @ 4.30 pm - Video “Wall Street”** in the Widgery Room
- **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April @ 11am - Copacabana Club with John** – a Spanish Theme & big screen
- **Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> April @ 10.30 am - Bridge with Fiona** at the manager’s house.
- **Saturday, 18th April @ 5 pm Boules with Anja** on the Big Lawn
- **Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April @ 11.00am - Clock Golf with Mike** under the Terminalia Tree