

# Fairseat Foundation



## Fairseat News – 06 May 2020

- **Resident News** – we have 4 birthdays in May with Chip (on 8/5), Barbara F. (20/5) & Edna (27/5) all turning 91 within the next three weeks. In the middle we have Yvonne S. who has a marginally special birthday (ends a "5") on 13<sup>th</sup> May. **Chip and Yvonne have kindly offered to pay for all drinks at Pub Nite tonight for their birthdays** – so it could be a big one.
- **Fairseat lockdown** – We are now a month since our staff first moved into Fairseat. We presently have 13 tents with over 77 staff living in. We are very careful to follow the Kenya Government advice and heed their warnings. Since my last update, Carolyne from the office has moved into Fairseat and Alice, our nurse, is currently sitting out her isolation period before she starts work again. Shortly we will have Leonard, our gardener, moving back in after his isolation period.
- **No-go areas** – Our tent for receiving supplies is now located 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 accounting staff (Anne and Eric) will be coming and going rather than living-in at Fairseat so their offices are a "no-go" area for residents and live-in staff. Please see Ben for any office issues.
- **Link** – the residents' committee coordinating social activities have been very successful. Our first quiz for a number of years went off well. Mike's "Clock Golf" has a great turn out, is very competitive and is popular with the non-playing residents. I hear that last week the winners were John G and Yvonne M-S. The staff have started practicing and getting the feel of swinging the putter on Monday afternoons. It has been interesting witnessing the change in the characters as the contestants step up to the circle. Most surprising of all is 97 yo YMS who is a different person with a putter in her hand! Although Mickey has also revealed a competitive spirit not to be trifled with. We were recently promised a darts board but it never materialized – until I followed up on a complaint about late-night noise coming from behind the staff changing rooms. An investigation revealed that there has been a darts competition running amongst the staff for the past fortnight well into the wee hours and without any formal rules at all. We might need to buy a second darts board. Boules has also proved popular and if anyone has an unwanted set that they can donate to us it will be gratefully accepted. Please check your Menu & Events schedule to confirm the correct times for activities as there have been some changes. Any questions then speak to Yvonne, Mike or Fiona.
- **Fairseat Provisions** – the shopping expeditions for essential stuff for the residents is proving increasingly challenging. Can I please request residents to order in greater quantities so as to reduce the number of transactions, trips and accounting required. You can submit your list to Carolyne in the office any morning before 11 am. If you have urgent items please clearly indicate so that they can be given priority.

- **Pub Nite** – on Wed, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30 pm on B & F's verandah with Andy, Neil & Debs. No money required as Chip & Yvonne are treating us all in honour of their birthdays
- **Maths games** – every Friday (except when we have Copa Cabana Club) in the Widgery Room with John G. at 11 am.
- **Crossword** – every Monday morning at 11am with Shirley in the Widgery Rm
- **Scrabble** – every Monday afternoon at 3pm with Shirley in the Widgery Rm
- **Copacabana Club** – our next Copacabana Club is scheduled for Friday at 11am on 15<sup>th</sup> May in the Widgery room. John promises us a morning of “Light Classical Music”
- **Monthly quiz** – our next quiz is scheduled for 5.30 pm on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May at the manager's house.
- **Fairseat Bridge** – at Ben & Fiona's house every Saturday morning from 10.30am. There is also a session for learning bridge every Wednesday afternoon at 3pm
- **Clock Golf** – with Mike is available for the staff from 3.30pm on Monday. Residents can play at 11am on Wednesday and Sunday mornings.
- **Boules** – with Anja played on Monday mornings at 11am & Friday afternoons at 5pm
- **Fairseat Rainfall** – the first quarter of the year continues to be blessed with rain – unless of course you are living in a tent on the Fairseat Top Acre where it feels that it has never stopped raining and with the rain comes the cold weather!
  - 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
  - Apr – 52mm over 6 days in the first week of the month.

**Year to date** – 824.75mm over 67 days Vs Ave of 585mm over 45 days until end of May.

- **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May @ 5.30pm** – Pub Nite with Andy, Neil & Debs on B&F's verandah
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May @ 11 am** - Exercises with Yvonne on the Big Lawn with music now
- **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May @ 4.30 pm** - Video “The Best Exotic Marigold hotel” in Widgery Rm
- **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Happy Birthday Chip
- **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am** – Math's games with John G in the Widgery Rm
- **Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May @ 5pm** – Boules with Anja on the Big Lawn
- **Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.30 am** - Bridge with Fiona at the manager's house.
- **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May** – Mother's Day
- **Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May @ 11.00am** - Clock Golf with Mike under the Terminalia Tree
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 11 am** - Crossword with Shirley in the Widgery Rm
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 11 am** - Boules with Anja on the Big Lawn
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 3 pm** - Scrabble with Shirley on the Widgery Rm Verandah
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 3.30 pm** - Clock Golf for staff with Mike under the Terminalia Tree
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 5 pm** - Croquet with Debonnaire on the Top Acre lawn
- **Tuesday 12<sup>h</sup> May @ 11 am** - Exercises with John on Big Lawn, under Terminalia Tree
- **Tuesday, 12<sup>h</sup> May @ 4.30 pm** – Video “Grantchester” with Debs in Widgery Rm
- **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May** – Happy birthday Yvonne S
- **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 10.30am** - Bingo with Jane in the Widgery Room.
- **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 11.00am** - Clock Golf with Mike under the Terminalia Tree
- **Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May @ 3 pm** - Bridge Lessons with Fiona at the manager's house.

