

Fairseat Foundation



Fairseat News – 16th November 2020

- **Fairseat Board meeting** – there will be a meeting of the Fairseat board on Tuesday 24th November at 12.30pm at the manager's house.
- **November & December Birthdays and Wedding anniversaries** – In November we have 7 residents celebrating birthdays with **Joan's birthday on 14th** and then **Gay** on 15th, **Mike C.** on the 16th, **Yvonne M-S** on the 17th, **Diana & Fiona** share a birthday on the 20th and **Delphine's** birthday is on 26th. Then in December, we have **Jeanne** on the 5th, **Rosemary** on the 12th and **Edwin** on the 30th. Also, of importance, and certainly worth celebrating, we have **Steve & Yvonne's 56th wedding anniversary on 7th December**. So, with all that in mind, we are planning a combined **celebration lunch on Friday, 27th November**. If the weather is good enough, we will have a garden lunch otherwise it will be in our new dining room.
- **Quarantine - Residents in quarantine cannot go into the dining room, cannot go into the Widgery Room for videos or other meetings, and cannot sit near or together with non-quarantining residents whilst watching clock golf or boules. They must wear their masks when outside their residences and they must not go inside residences of other residents. Any uncertainty, please speak to Ben.**
- **Covid-19** – there seems to be a significant resurgence of viral infections world wide and Kenya is no exception. Whilst earlier I knew a few people who had been confirmed with the virus from testing, they had all been asymptomatic and none had suffered any ill effects. However now I know a number of people who have the infection and who have been really quite unwell. I now know of people who have actually died and I am not alone. When I talk to my staff, they all tell a similar story with the threat of the virus definitely much closer to home. The newspapers are full of gloomy tales that we need to take cognisance of. Essentially, I urge residents and staff to avoid going out into public uncontrolled areas if you can help it. Do not attend weddings, funerals, church services or any other gatherings with a lot of people. Wear your masks when you are out & wear them correctly. Be careful about maintaining social distancing when you are out & about
- **Track & Trace** – we are not controlling outside visitors as before but we do need to keep a record of who visits whom and when. This is in case we have a positive virus infection and we need to know who has been in recent contact for track & trace purposes. Please ask your visitors to let the office or Ben know about visits. Likewise, whenever residents need to go out of Fairseat it is important to know where you are going. Simply indicating that you are going to Muthaiga will not assist us if we have to follow up a positive case – more detail is required please.
- **Staff** – Stephen, our driver, is on 2 weeks sick leave so **Francis** will be driving. **John Kamau** has agreed to return from annual leave to look after maintenance issues until the situation returns to normal. **Ruth Mumbi**, is still away on her annual leave but should be back mid-next week.
- **Copacabana Club with John G. – Friday 20th November @ 11am featuring "The Good Life"**.
- **Pub Nite** – the next one is scheduled for Wed evening, 25th Nov @ 5.30pm with Neil, Andy & Debs. Rumor has it that it could be an economic evening to attend – if you get my drift.
- **Films** – **"The Crown"** series appears to be proving popular with residents and continues to be shown on Tuesday afternoons. On Thursdays we have the **"Flame Trees of Thika"**, which we have just discovered is a series in 7 parts so we will continue to enjoy it until Thursday, 3/12 after which we will watch the film **"The Greatest Showman"**.
- **Past residents** – we remember **Betsy Crowder** who died on 26th November 2017 and our founding chairman and patron, **Mike Shaw**, who died on 29th November 2015. In December we remember **Vijay Shah (3/12/2017)** and also **Pam O'Hagan (4/12/2016)**.

- **Guest Apartment** – our guest apartment is available again – either for respite or visitors coming to see residents. It will not be as much fun as usual due to quarantine restrictions in place but if anyone is interested please contact Ben. December was fully booked but the worsening situation of the virus in Europe, America and Kenya has resulted in a few cancellations.
- **Fairseat Rainfall**
 - Jan to October** – 1305.25mm over 131 days Vs Average of 743.8mm over 70.15 days
 - November to date** – 114.5 mm over 16 days Vs Ave of 169 mm over 15.3 days for the month
 - Total yr to date** –1,414.75mm (55.7”) over 131 days Vs Annual ave of 1,017.5mm (40”) in 94 days
- **Dogs** – I apologise for my noisy dog but Jack cannot contain his excitement at the opportunity of playing with Elizabeth’s new kittens. Fiona and I think we might have lost him forever.
- Monday, 16th November – **Happy Birthday Mike C.**
- Tuesday, 17th November – **Happy Birthday Yvonne M-S**
- Tuesday 17th November, 11am – **Exercises with John G. on the big Lawn**
- Tuesday 17th November, 4.30 pm – **Video “The Crown”** in Widgery Rm
- Wednesday, 18th November, 10.30am - **Bingo with Jane** in the Widgery Room.
- Wednesday, 18th November, 11am - **Clock Golf with Mike** under the Terminalia Tree
- Wednesday, 18th November, 3 pm - ~~Bridge Lessons with Fiona~~ Fiona is in quarantine
- Thursday 19th November, 11 am - **Exercises with Sara Shaw** on the Big Lawn
- Thursday 19th November, 4.30 pm – **“Flame Trees of Thika”**
- Friday, 20th November – **Happy Birthday Diana & Fiona**
- Friday, 20th November, 11 am – **Copacabana Club with John G. featuring “The Good Life”**
- Friday, 21st November 5pm – **Boules** on the Big Lawn
- Sunday, 22nd November @ 11.03am - **Clock Golf with Mike** under the Terminalia Tree
- Monday, 23rd November @ 11 am - **Crossword with Shirley** in the Widgery Rm.
- Monday 23rd November 3 pm - **Scrabble with Shirley** in the Widgery Rm
- Monday, 23rd November @ 5 pm - **Croquet** on the Top Acre lawn
- Tuesday, 24th November @ 12.30 pm – **Fairseat Foundation board meeting at manager’s house.**
- Wednesday, 25th November, 5.30pm – Pub Nite with Andy, Neil & Debonnaire.
- Thursday 26th November – **Happy Birthday Delphine**
- Thursday 26th November – **Remembering Betsy Crowder** who died on this day in 2017
- Friday, 27th November 12.15pm – **Bitings & Drinks on the veranda before Celebration Lunch**
- Sunday, 29th November – **Remembering Mike Shaw** who died on this day in 2015
- Thursday, 3rd December – **Remembering Vijay Shah** who died on this day in 2017
- Friday, 4th December – **Remembering Pam O’Hagan** who died on this day in 2016
- Saturday, 5th December – **Happy Birthday Jeanne**
- Monday, 7th December – **Happy 56th Wedding Anniversary for Steve & Yvonne**
- Friday, 11th December, - **Happy Birthday Rosemary**
- Saturday, 12th December – **Jamhuri Day – public holiday and office will be closed.**
- Monday, 21st December – **December solstice**
- Thursday, 24th December - **Christmas Eve**
- Friday 25th December – **Christmas Day**
- Saturday, 26th December - **Boxing Day**
- Thursday, 31st December - **New Year’s Eve**
- **Then we start 2021 and we will all be hoping that it will be better than 2020**