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Greetings to all!

WELFARE

Aubrey Miles sadly lost his wife Shirley recently. Please fold him in warm and comforting thoughts – give him a ring.

Dave and Mac went to visit Athol Fisher who is in good spirits. He battles to walk long distances but was full of beans and appreciated the visit. As long as he only has to walk from the lounge to the fridge to fetch a beer he is OK, but has to get someone to go to the store when fridge is empty.

Ralph Coombs had a bad fall and is in hospital for the treatment of a leg fracture. We believe there are complications, and will keep all informed. Please wish him well.

FUND RAISING

At National level the SMS project is still running. So if you have a spare R10, dial 48949 and text "saafa" The coffers are swelling!

We have bought 100 of the SAAFA 2013 Calendars. Please buy one! They cost R100 each, and of that amount we pay the costs to Pretoria Branch, and a hefty R600 goes into the East Rand account! Cool.

At Branch Level

General Hugh Paine designed it. He is a Chopper Chap (retired), but we won't hold either of these facts against him.

Entertainment

Leon and Chris have asked for numbers as soon as possible for the lamb braai. Even though this is our family day event, all will be welcome.

It will be held on the 27th October at Springs Airfield, Hangar 27 North. The cost is R130 per person and can be paid into the Branch Bank account, or in cash to Chris, Mac or Dave.

Membership

Mac returned from the Far East and was tested for accent aberrations. Hardly a trace of Kiwi, so he passed the test. He will now get into the swing of establishing membership numbers and making sure the non active members are eased back into the fold, if possible. The point was again made at the last NEC Meeting that recruitment is important for the present and future well-being of the SAAFA. If you find someone that qualifies for membership, try bending his or her arm just a little. We have a lot of East Rand Branch hospitality to share!

Functions attended

Dave and Judy Tayler were accompanied by Tom and Carmen Allison to the Pretoria Branch Annual Banquet on Friday 12th October. A delicious meal and some old friends met. At this function, a framed service memento was handed by our National President Neville Greyling to Brigadier General Derrick Page, who is retiring at the end of this month. This gesture is a “thank you for your support” from the SAAF Association. This memento was skilfully fettled and assembled by our Vice Chairman Chris Boshoff – well done that man!



The smiling General after having received his award

Best Regards from Dave Tayler East Rand Branch Chairman