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### **NEWSLETTER – JULY 2013**

Dear Members,

My sincere apologies for the absence of a Newsletter since April but I haven't had a chance to write them and can only try to keep you informed in good time every month from now on.

In May we had Mother's day lunch which was so well attended that we had to use the big hall instead of the restaurant. They got spoilt with a chocolate and a lucky draw ticket at the entrance and a menu fit for special ladies.

June was the month dedicated to Portugal Day and our Poet, Luis the Camões.

Our usual Arraial on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June was a success with the presence of our Secretary of State and all the Portuguese organizations that together with APN served tasty food, displayed Folkloric Dances and supplied entertainment for the kids in the restaurant. There was also a Rottweiler Dog show, Durban Girls High Drum Majorettes and the Police Brass Band.

We would like to thank those who attended and contributed towards this successful day and the organizations' fundraising.

Most of you have seen few improvements in the bar and entrance to the Club which without the donations of labour or equipments from our members it would have depleted our funds even more. Well done and Thank you once again to all.

Our Bar is now Smoke Free but, smokers don't despair, there is a designated area outside under a nice awning to protect you from the sun and rain while you sit, play cards and chat with your friends.

The lighting in the parking area has been upgraded for your protection and 2 parking bays designated for quadriplegics has been added and it will be appreciated if it can be used for that purpose only.

#### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

It is time to officially inaugurate the Bar area with a "Fun Music Quiz Evening" which promises to be just that, FUN. As it is a new concept, why not give it a try and give us your feedback. Please make your bookings as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Details are on the attached poster.

25<sup>th</sup> of July is APN's Birthday but we will only be able to celebrate it in August when our friends from the Folkloric Group Terras do Norte will be gracing us with their presence on the weekend of 10/11 August 2013. Details will be given on the next newsletter.

The reason for the postponement of our Birthday celebration is because our Folkloric Group "Regiões de Portugal e APN" has been invited to go dance and sell our lovely food at the Mariners Festival in Port Edward on the weekend of 27 and 28 of July. It will be hard work but we will try having fun at the same time especially when we are going to have two of our own, Eddie Jorge and Tó Almeida, to keep us entertained sometime during the day. We will give you more information when the program is available from the Festival's organisers of the event.



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### SOME INFORMATION FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS

First of all, Welcome to APN and we hope that we will see you often in our "Little Corner of Portugal".

- APN is closed on Mondays so that our staff can recharge their batteries.
- Wednesday night, we serve a 3 course meal for R50 with Soup, dish of the day and dessert.
- Saturday, you can come for a 3 course meal lunch in the Games room or from our tasty Bar menu. R60 for members and R.... for non-members.
- Sundays we serve a Buffet lunch with basic menu consisting of Soup, Chicken pieces, Fish fillets, salad, chips, veggies, vegetable rice and an extra dish which changes every week. To finish off, you will get dessert and instant coffee or tea which is available for free. Members R70 and if you bring family or friend/s who are non members, they pay R80. Please book for Sunday lunch to help us with catering.
- On your membership card you have APN's telephone number and you can always phone to ask about the Menu to help you make up your mind.
- Lunches are served from 1pm onwards and dinners from 7pm.
- We sell Rissóis (prawn cakes as most South Africans call it), either cooked or frozen to take home. They make lovely snack meals and are the best in town!

I'll tell you more next month so watch this space!!

### CHARITY HELP

We have been collecting clothing, blankets or any unwanted items to donate to underprivileged or old aged homes. A few bags have already been donated to an Old Aged home which was well received and you can read the 'Thank You' letter posted on the Notice Board. Please think about the less fortunate and help us help them.

### RANCHO – FOLKLOR DANCE

Our group has 2 young new dancers whom have already made us proud at our latest functions. We need some male members as Michael is feeling a bit overpowered by all the females and needs some backup. Come on Gentlemen!! It's great fun and even better, great exercise FOR FREE!!! Help us keep this tradition alive!!

### TABLE TENNIS

We have a beautiful Table Tennis table which is looking very sad and lonely in the boardroom. Zeca Teles is trying to start a group to come on Friday nights or any other time to make use of with intention of having tournaments from time to time. If there is anyone out there interested to join, he can be contacted on 083 234 5261 during office hours.

Until next time, keep smiling, safe and healthy and see you soon!!!

*Cristina Pegado Wellov,*