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Dear Forum Members

At last! It looks as though we will be able to have a whole year of meetings – and celebrate 50 years of Forum as I have been hoping we could. So, there it is a lot to look forward to. First though, greetings to all of you who have been patiently waiting for this, hoping that you are managing and keeping safe and well. I had my booster shot yesterday and trust that you are doing the same as soon as you are eligible.

We shall begin our year on **Tuesday 1 February** at Skuilkrans. Doors open at 9:15 for 10:00. Please will you sign in, as we are going to follow normal procedures again – the November meeting was a once off occasion. And please remember to wear your name badges. It makes such a difference to know everyone's name without having to delve into the memory bank to find a name to fit a familiar face! Keep it in your glove box so you don't have to remember where you put it. If you have mislaid your badge, kindly contact Linda (linda.r.parkes@gmail.com) so that she can make a new one for you in time for the meeting.

During the Covid lockdown period, we changed our financial year from September-August to January-December, which is much easier to work with. Most of you paid R300 for 2019 and only had half a year's worth of meetings, i.e. September to March. So, this year, you pay only R150, as we didn't refund the R150 for the months we could not meet (it would have been very difficult to do that). Those who did not pay before we had to close down are liable for the usual R300. If you are unsure about this, please contact Wendy (tel. numbers given above).

If possible, please EFT your subscriptions to our account, making sure that you give YOUR NAME as the reference, NOT Tuesday Forum. Every year Wendy gets a few of these, and it is difficult to follow up on anonymous deposits. If you do make a direct deposit, please email a copy of the transaction to Wendy (her address is above) or bring proof of payment to a meeting. Of course, if you prefer, you are welcome to pay cash at a meeting, as the cost of cash deposits at the bank are exorbitant. Payments should be made by April 2022. Our banking details are as follows:

Account Name: Tuesday Forum
Branch code: 011245

Bank: Standard Bank
Account number: 011803282

Guests remain at R50 for a meeting and are welcome to attend three meetings in the year but no more than that. If they wish to attend other meetings, they must join the Forum.

A reminder about our Covid regulations: We ask that only vaccinated people attend, wear a mask and make use of the space in the church for social distancing. Please will anyone who has a problem with this contact me personally.

At the committee meeting, we discussed how best we would celebrate our golden anniversary, so be prepared for a few different things during the course of the year. We did a lot of talking about balloons and cake, which made us think of being children again! Why not? That's the fun of it. The major celebration will be in June, our Joy in June meeting. Former chairman, Caroline van Niekerk, has already pencilled in the date in her diary. I spoke to our founding chairman Joy, two days ago. She is now 97 and living in Somerset West, so will not be joining us. But we hope she will be able to send us a message.

We welcome Gill Walters onto our committee this year and wish her a happy tenure.

We are still finalising the list of speakers for the first half of the year and will send it to you as soon as it is complete. Our speaker for February is **Neal Dunstan**, who was due to talk to us in April 2020. His topic is:

Design with Nature – the Origins of Landscape Architecture

Neal was Principal Landscape Architect at UP for some years and, *inter alia* was responsible for the Rain Harvesting Garden on the campus. It certainly has had a lot of rain to harvest lately!

Regards and best wishes
Jenny

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