

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON 19 OCTOBER 2023

AT KELVIN GROVE AT 10H30



PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT – GROUP LEADERS

VICE PRESIDENT – AREA REPS

TREASURER

ADMIN SECRETARY

SPEAKER CHAIR

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

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JUDY CHANG

MILA SLAVKOVIC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2023

The chosen motto for the year was "IWC - The Family We Choose Ourselves," with the emphasis firmly placed on friendship. At the beginning of 2023 we did not have a full board and I am extremely grateful to those who stepped up and gave their time and effort to help me and the Club. If ever there was an example of "a stranger is simply a friend you have yet to meet" then this was it. A heartfelt Thank You to you all!

To continue the friendship theme, we introduced a "Friendship Table" for the post meeting lunch at Kelvin Grove, for those who would like to stay, but perhaps do not yet know enough members. This has proved so popular that next year they are likely to need two.

I am very proud of my team. This year's Board members were all new in their positions, some were even very new to the club, yet they performed their roles exceptionally. They really did embody the "IWC Team" ethos. Due to the success of the Recruitment Committee, they have processed over 70 new memberships, quite likely a record, certainly in this century. However, it is quite an admin challenge for all concerned, especially Dotti, who often must chase up the prospective members for paperwork. If you have been listening to Dotti at the General Meetings, you will be aware of the high calibre of our new recruits, and I am sure you will welcome them all in the spirit of friendship.

One of the achievements of this year is the success of both the Theatre and Jazz Group WhatsApp groups which have proved a remarkable success in coordinating like-minded women to organise spontaneous trips to jazz nights, theatre, and ballet performances. The Late Shift Dinners were my contribution to the after-hours mission, and this proved very successful in bringing younger, working members to IWC events. I do hope provision of evening and weekend events will continue in the future, to cater for a younger demographic.

I can only hope that you have all enjoyed our speakers as much as I have. Some were more challenging than others, but unless we open ourselves to other points of view, we remain stagnant. Many thanks to Helen for sourcing such a varied range and bringing her corporate negotiation skills to the fore for our benefit. I know we should not have favourites, but Miguel Oliviera, I hope, will return.

Thank you all once again for your generous support of Claudia's chosen charities this year. We hear a lot these days about donor fatigue but that was certainly not evident from the Philanthropy Table at Kelvin Grove on General Meeting mornings, for which we are so very grateful.

2023 has not been without its challenges but I feel that the Club will benefit from having these issues dealt with in a manner that was firm but fair. I once again thank the Board for their support.

I am now time barred from serving longer, for one year at least, but I will, of course, continue to contribute to the Club, and I wish the 2024 Board all the very best for the coming year. I have every confidence that the Club will go from strength to strength during their tenure.

Victoria Dickerson
President 2023.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

The Club's finances end the year in a healthy position; this is mainly due to the strong recruitment drive that we had during 2023. Targeting Internationals to join the Club has enabled us to invite several South African born individuals, some of whom had been on the waiting list for up to a year, to become members; all of which paid joining fees that increased the income to the Club. There was still a great deal of time spent following up on subs that were overdue, some as late as March 2023, therefore the Board agreed to propose a change to the payment deadline date to 15th November and charge a re-join fee of R100 for those that pay after this date. As the payment deadline is detailed in the Constitution, this change needs to be ratified by a vote at the AGM.

With rising fuel and utility costs we have received increases of between 7% and 25% from some of our providers this year, obviously some of these increases have been more impactful than others. Badges have gone up 15%, courier charges 8% and web design and maintenance 7% to name a few. Kelvin's charges have also increased e.g., security (14.29%) and teas and coffees ((10%). Having said that, overall, we have managed to reduce this year's average General Meeting costs by no longer streaming them online and reducing the speaker costs; this was due to the delicate negotiations by our Speaker Chair, Helen Reynolds, who was able to source speakers that would, on occasions, either donate their time for free or sell their books in lieu of a fee. Considering the rising costs and offsetting this against predicted membership numbers for 2024, the Board decided to raise both the joining fees and subs fees for the forthcoming year to R825, respectively.

The larger expenses this year came from PC upgrades and repairs, however, it has now got to the stage where we need to replace both the Membership and Treasury laptops and purchase ones that are fit for purpose. This year we had to replace the IWC banner that was stolen, although this cost was reduced significantly by having the framework kindly donated by Margi Biggs. Finally, we have had to move to an online software programme for our accounts as the previous desktop package has now been discontinued. The transition unfortunately has not been particularly smooth, although hopefully it will be an improved system once fully functioning. This updated version will incur a monthly charge, currently set at around R410 per month.

Money has been saved in other areas this year, bank charges have been reduced, as was the cost of printing the Directory. We have cancelled our Zoom account subscription and are in the process of changing over our PO Box to a 'shared' address at PostNet that has no charge associated with it. Income from bank interest payments has increased this year, partly due to rising rates in general, and partly because we have switched one of our accounts to one paying a higher interest rate. The interest payments will likely not be as high next year as we are currently considering retaining our 32 Day Notice account as a reserve account, and the interest received on this one will be capitalised to counter inflation, therefore may not be recorded as Club funds. Having said that the new Money Market Call account still has a healthy balance that can be utilised if needed.

Although there was no 'official' fund raising event this year, R1,064.30 was raised by holding a King's Coronation High Tea, and these profits were split with philanthropy.

In respect of philanthropy, members have been as generous as always with their donations in kind each month. Members have been voting for their four favourite charities to receive additional funds that have been processed through the IWC accounts. These funds have predominantly been raised by the hard work throughout the year of the Book Stall Ladies, the Red Hat Ladies and Group Leaders, the latter of which have deposited extras from "no shows" and other events that they have held. R30,000.00 of Club funds have also been transferred to the monies already collected, and this will make the final philanthropy pot for dispersal at R78,000. Claudia will provide more detail in her report.

Finally, I would personally like to thank my fellow board members for their support to me this year in my new role. In addition, I am extremely grateful to my predecessor Susan Fernandes, for always being available for advice, and special thanks go to former member and 2017 IWC President, Lorraine Mewett, for both conducting and helping guide me through the annual audit of our IWC Financials.

Alison Formolli
Treasurer 2023

THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

Income Statement for the year ended 30 September 2023

	2023	2022
INCOME		
Membership/Joining Fees	316800	206484
Membership Fees - subsidy		45000
Visitor Fees	17600	15700
Sales & Other Income	1100	3248
Badge Fines	1415	
Uncategorized Income		
Collections for charity	66860	108792
Interest on Investment	26756	11661
Club Fundraising	532	28696
	<u>431063</u>	<u>419581</u>
EXPENDITURE		
45th Anniversary Party		9812
Bad Debts		5
Badges	7878	3509
Bank Charges	3300	4115
Board Lunch	5600	2445
Computer Expenses	13244	1845
Depreciation	259	
Functions & Meetings	156206	149918
Group Leader's Functions	6712	9211
Hospitality, Flowers & Gifts	9779	9331
Merchandise & Promotional Items	8150	
New Member's / Carer's Teas	6712	7390
Payments to Charities /Donations	96860	108717
Printing, Postage & Stationery	8662	8528
Professional Fees	100	7025
Speakers Fees	20792	19441
Speakers Lunches	2163	1728
Web Page / Internet, Tel & PO Box	2399	7406
Year End Function	80817	68864
	<u>429633</u>	<u>419290</u>
NET INCOME	<u>1430</u>	<u>291</u>

THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB OF CAPE TOWN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance 1 October 2022	169884	169593
Add Net Income	<u>1430</u>	<u>291</u>
	<u>171314</u>	<u>169884</u>

Represented by:

NET ASSETS		
Money Market	249805	201226
Investment 32 day	142670	132619
Bank	7258	29994
Cash Float	4872	140
Equipment	1036	1295
Accounts Receivable	<u>-1150</u>	<u>-22270</u>
	404491	343004
Less Accruals	-233177	-173120
Less Creditors	<u>171314</u>	<u>169884</u>
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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

I have reviewed the annual financial statements of the International Women's Club which comprise the balance sheet as at 30th September 2023, the income for the year then ended and other explanatory notes.

Board's responsibility for the Financial Statements

The board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these annual financial statements, which includes implementing and maintaining internal controls. The Board also selects and applies appropriate accounting policies and makes accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these annual financial statements based on my review. The review was performed to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. The review also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Qualification

In common with similar organisations it is not feasible for the organisation to institute accounting controls over cash collection and expenditure of monies relating to activity groups prior to entry of receipts in the accounting records. Accordingly, it was impractical for me to extend my examination beyond the receipts actually recorded.

Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effect of the matter referred to above, the financial statements are a true and fair reflection of the Club's finances.

Lorraine Mewett

Cape Town - 6th October 2023.

VICE PRESIDENT - GROUP LEADER'S REPORT 2023

It's incredible how quick the year has ended. We are already gathering together to share once again our thoughts, ideas and experiences. We have said goodbye to some members and welcomed others.

IWC started the year with 27 Groups and along the way we have welcomed 5 new groups which are:

- Amazing Eastern Kitchen with Judy Chang,
- Bridge Club with Dotti Ulmenstein,
- Cultural Cooking with Mariam Varacchia,
- Perspective Unleashed with Maureen Collins, and
- The Late Shift with Victoria Dickerson.

We welcome these Group Leaders, who are trying their best to organise their activities.

One group changed name from What's The Conversation You Are Not Having, to Finding Your Mojo with Maureen Collins.

There are two groups that are no longer active as IWC Events: The Supper Club led by Eve Levinsohn and The Great Journeys led by Liliana Carter. We thank them very much for their participation in putting together those activities and we wish them luck with their private events

There are two groups that will not be continuing next year 2024: Sunday Lunch with Julia Haldane and Garden Group with Margaret Abbott; unless we find new Group Leaders who are willing to take over these activities. We are still looking for them! We say goodbye with sadness to you both, and we appreciate your efforts from the bottom of our hearts.

Finally, there are two groups that have changed Group Leaders:

- Mahjong was led by Melanie Roberts, and it is led by Mary Tomlinson now. We thank Melanie very much for her work, and we welcome Mary as a new Group Leader.
- The Late Shift led by Victoria Dickerson now, it will be led by myself in 2024! We appreciate very much your support to the Club, Victoria!

The Board had one meeting with the Group Leaders during the year. We talked about the old rules and made some adjustments to them. Hopefully these rules will get everyone on the same page.

Looking Back On 2023, Here Are Some Of My Personal Highlights Of The Year:

Mahjong, with Mary Tomlinson.

I learnt to play this game with Cindy Taylor between 2021 and 2022. Very interesting game, it keeps your mind busy, busy, busy!

Art & Design, with Geraldine Jacobs.

All the outings were very interesting! We had a very exciting morning with Nicci Tyers, a renowned Cape Town Interior Designer and members enjoyed Dylan Lewis Sculpture Garden.

Tennis Group, with Tory Elshove.

They have some problems in getting together this year. Hopefully next year will be better. If you fancy a friendly game of doubles, please get in touch with Tory.

Tourist Around Town, with Marianne Lovell:

Late Summer Fling at Drumstruck! Music and Party Time.

An evening under the Stars at South African Astronomical Observatory
Visiting the Attic in the Cape Town City Hall.

Coffee around Cape Town, with Wendy Coetzee and Sue Galloway.

We had fun at "Our Local" Restaurant in Kloof Street.

Sunday Lunch, with Julia Haldane.

We enjoyed ourselves at:
Scala Restaurant in Church Street.
Club Kloof Restaurant in Kloof Street

The Late Shift, with Victoria Dickerson.

We had fun at:
Ouzeri Restaurant and At Bodega Ramen Restaurant, both in Wale Street.
An amazing performance: "Mama Mia Dinner" at Stardust Dinner Theatre.

Movie Club, with Barbara Van Heerden.

The Movie Club at the Labia Theatre. Some of movies: The Master Gardener, Past Lives, Indiana Jones, and A Good Person; amongst others.

Zumba Group, with Leigh Kretzmar.

Fun way to shape up and keep it going!

Music Appreciation, with Elizabeth Handley.

Lovely "Valentine's Time".

Theatre Group, with Suzette Raymond.

We enjoyed very much:
Summersnow, Cinderella, Nutcracker, Carmen, Don Quixote, and We Will Rock You.

Hiking & Walking Group, with Tory Elshove.

A few outings were cancelled because of the rain. But they managed to do Cecilia Forest, Silvermine Nature Reserve and Lion's Head Path, among others.

Garden Group, with Margaret Abbott. Every time I wanted to join them, something happened! But some of the highlights, Sonia Gouws' Private Garden in Stellenbosch, and the Arderne Gardens.

International Cuisine, with Liliana Carter.

We enjoyed "Magical Mauritius" courtesy of Mohini Ramdenee

Friday Lunch, with Carolyn Herrick and Claudia Rocca.

We enjoyed ourselves at:
Dunes Restaurant in Hout Bay
Lord Charles in De Waterkant

Jazz Club, with Elena Piatti.

Always sharing information and videos in their WhatsApp chat.

Wine Appreciation, with Di Back.

Lovely Wine Estates, One better than the next one. Some of the outings were Tokara Wine Estate and Chocolate & Wine Pairing at Groot Constantia.

Hotel Confidential, with Wendy Coetzee.

Some of the interesting places: The President Hotel and Ellerman House, both in Bantry Bay.

Amazing Eastern Kitchen, with Judy Chang.

A few members learned and enjoyed Chicken Chow Mein and how to make Korean Barbecue (BBQ).

One Dish Club, with Marina Baptista.

Lovely way to get together in different homes and meet some of the new members as well.

Cultural Cooking, with Mariam Varachhia.

A lovely way to get together to cook, share recipes, eat, and laugh.

The Board Members and IWC members appreciate all the Group Leaders' commitment, responsibility, participation, and passion in organizing all the activities, outings, gatherings, and lectures. It has been a pleasure for me to connect with you all, being part of the amazing outings, and getting to know all of you a bit more. Thank you very much!

I take this opportunity to thank the Board Members 2023 for their support and friendship. We have done a great job together.

Marcela Solis
Vice President – Group Leaders 2023

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT 2023

It has been a busy year for Membership.

We started the 2022/2023 year with 368 members and lost 50 due to resignations, but thankfully had no deaths. At the beginning of 2023 we had a waiting list of 17 South African (SA) born applicants.

After the worrisome sharp decline in membership numbers, a Recruitment Committee was formed. The Committee was tasked with finding new ways of recruiting International members for the Club to re-establish the correct ratio of 33.3% South African to 66.6% International members as, at that time, we had an excess of 14 South African born members. In addition, our SA waiting list was getting progressively longer. We convened in March and compiled a list of suggestions, which included contacting International Schools and Clubs in Cape Town and approaching the Dean of the Consular Corps via his wife, Isabel Verwey, who is an IWC member, to suggest adding a short paragraph with information about IWC to the new consuls' "Welcome Letter". In addition, the Committee recommended, and the Board agreed to waive the guest fee at the April meeting to entice International guests. Developing an IWC Instagram targeted marketing campaign was also put forward.

The recruitment drive proved so successful that no further meetings were necessary. During the 2022/2023 financial year we added 60 new members, ending with a total of 378 on 30 September 2023, comprising 43 International and 17 SA born members. Among the "new members" were two SA born members who rejoined after resigning previously. We have added 10 additional members so far in October, 7 International and 3 SA, ending with a total of 70 new members and a ratio of 66.8% International and 32.2% SA. Another 4 applicants have been approved and will probably be members before the 2023 AGM. Our SA waiting list now stands at 16.

Other matters that kept us busy this year included obtaining members' ID or Passport numbers and permission to share their details with Kelvin Grove's Security company that is in the process of creating a QR code security clearance for IWC members.

The Application Form was revised a few times this year, including improving the formatting, inserting an explanation regarding the importance of volunteering for Club services, and adding a paragraph on the signature page to comply with Protection of Personal Information (POPI) Act.

The purple covered 2023 Directory was printed in March this year and was distributed to members and Area Representatives at the April IWC meeting. By compiling the data on an Apple Mac, the format of the entries was improved without cutting off email addresses.

We introduced alphabetical registration by first name in February this year with the wholehearted support of the Registration team, thereby streamlining the registration process.

The processing of new applications was significantly accelerated by using new systems, including sending new application forms by email to Board members and registering approval by a voting poll on WhatsApp, instead of waiting until the following Board meeting. The IWC members were notified of proposed new members by an IWC Broadcast message instead of publishing the information in the following Newsletter. Those without Proposers and Seconders were interviewed by at least two Board members prior to being put forward for Board approval.

Another first has been the creation of a very successful Friendship lunch table after the monthly IWC meeting to allow new and established members to feel welcomed, and to mingle and forge new friendships. The hosts are Christine Paulson-Lines and/or Maureen Collins. The booking numbers are increasing every month.

My heartfelt thanks go to all the Board members for their assistance with various membership matters, to our very enthusiastic and reliable Registration Team and to volunteers who kindly stepped into the role of welcoming new members when needed.

Dotti von Ulmenstein
Membership Chair 2023

VICE PRESIDENT – AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORT 2023

This year has been relatively uncomplicated with very few changes but plenty of activity!

Area lists were sent out and quite a few Area Reps started the year off with coffee mornings in February.

In March we had an Area Rep meeting at Kelvin Grove which was well attended. A few minor issues were raised, and solutions discussed. We went over the POPI Act, movement of members to different areas and how we can help members experiencing difficulties with attending events.

April and May were filled with many more Teas and lunches arranged by our Reps. and well attended by new and old members of The Club.

I hosted a 'thank you' tea for all the Area Reps in June. It was a well-deserved treat for everyone.

July, August, and September were very cold months with plenty of rain, but our determined Reps got us out of our hibernation and into some cosy venues! It was also a period of welcoming many new members to The Club and the respective Areas.

The main changes regarding the Area Reps have been as follows:

Area 7 (Kenilworth and Surrounds) was amalgamated with Rondebosch (Area 4) as there were only four members in Area 7. This was a great success and Lerma McLeod is now helping Jane Fairlie with Area 4.

The Area Rep for Simon's Town, Sue Allanby, resigned from The Club and Jude Inggs stepped in to help Janice Page.

Claudia Rocca is moving from Area 13 (Northern Suburbs) and Julia Haldane will be taking over from her next year.

Nidia Fontanot-Svensden would like to step down next year and hand over the Newlands area, Area 5, to someone else as she has held this position for some time now and travels for a large part of our active year.

Our combined end of year breakfast for all Area Reps and Group Leaders was held in October before we end our IWC year in November. A way to show our appreciation for all the time and effort given to the Club by our volunteers.

Wishing the next Board member who takes over this position a very successful year and I hope they enjoy it as much as I have.

Mohini Ramdenee

IWC Vice President - Area Reps 2023

PHILANTHROPY REPORT – 2023

It has been a great pleasure for me to serve as IWC Philanthropy Chair this past year supported by the ladies of the **Philanthropy Committee**, i.e., Anna Maria Delle Donne, Lorraine Dex, Lindsey Kann, Lerma Macleod, and Anita Hornsby, who staffed our philanthropy desk every month, collecting, sorting, and bagging up for collection all the donations made by our members. Special thanks go out to them.

The Red Hat Ladies under the leadership of Barbara Smith have had another fabulous year raising **R21,650**, as have the **Book Stall Ladies** Thilo Naidoo and Jan McGill under the leadership of Antoinette Pendrea-Noye, who added an amazing **R8,580**. The efforts of all these ladies are really appreciated.

Managed by Geraldine Berry we also collected 55.5kg of milk bottle tops etc., raising **R111** for the Operation Smile organisation (performing cleft palate surgeries,) and 10 litres volume of bread bag tags contributing to a pool to provide wheelchairs for those who cannot afford them.

While 2023 has been quite a busy year for Philanthropy, it has also been rewarding with many positive encounters with people in the various charities, that the IWC supported in 2023, which are as follows:

Name of Organisation/Institution	Target group (s)	Items donated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ST. ANNE' S HOME 	Home for women and their children, who have become victims of gender-based violence by their partners / fathers.	Toiletries and clothing for ladies, babies and children.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several schools, homes and a crèche in CT 	Children from disadvantaged backgrounds.	Easter Items.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> THE HOMESTEAD 	Home for former street children.	(Used) Boys' clothing.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIKHULA SONKE 	Community-based organisation addressing the need for early childhood development (ECD) in Khayelitsha.	Basic food and hygiene as well as stationery items, backpacks, warm children's winter clothes incl. gumboots etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUR-GET-ME-KNOT 	Animal organisation catering for dogs and cats suffering, e.g. from abuse and neglect.	Items for cats and dogs including two kennels.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOAH Khayelitsha (neighbourhood old age home) 	Khayelitsha branch of NOAH catering for social pensioners with an income limited to social pension.	Food and clothing for elders.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MHANI GINGI 	Women's Empowerment programme providing skills for sustainable agriculture and business initiatives.	Gardening tools, vegetable and herb seedlings, compost, fertilizer.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATER DOMINI 	Home and treatment centre for pregnant women in crisis.	All kinds of non-perishable groceries and baby items/food.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary school at RED CROSS CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL 	Providing educational continuity for hospitalised children.	Stationery items for needy young patients from very poor backgrounds.

It has also been a successful year for Philanthropy, considering the economic challenging circumstances affecting everyone due to price rises across all areas. Members have, as always, been most generous with their donations in kind and money to causes that the Club has chosen to support this year. These donations were received with a lot of gratitude by the respective organisations.

In total we have raised **R71,010**. This figure does not include late funds from one Group Leader and the One-in-Four fundraiser that were received after the 2021/2 Year End, as these deposits were redirected back to last year's charities. In addition, as some members requested tax certificates, which we were unable to provide, the decision was taken to ask members, who wish to pay by EFT, to do so directly to the charity themselves. This means we are unable to establish how much was donated in this way. Due to this, the monthly monetary collection figure was less than last year. All cash funds donated at the General Meetings were banked and sent directly to the monthly charity by EFT.

On Mandela Day a group of IWC members, together with hundreds of other volunteers, got together at a venue at the Waterfront to do their 67 minutes of voluntary work, putting together the ingredients for a warm soup.

Apart from that, our member Anna Maria Delle Donne initiated the IWC's involvement in an NSRI campaign, aimed at cutting down the yearly number of drownings in rural areas, by providing swimming lessons for these children. To support this initiative our members were asked to donate used swim gear to enable these children to attend their swimming lessons.

Although we have not held any specific fundraising event this year, our 2023 IWC president Victoria Dickerson did organise a **King's Coronation High Tea, where R1,064.30** was raised. Half of this amount was donated to Philanthropy and half went to Club funds.

With respect to the **end-of year donations to charity**, I am pleased to report that we have raised **R78,000 to donate**. This is made up from the Raffle Ticket sales, Book Stall purchases, Group Leader contributions as well as other ad hoc donations. In addition, the Club has donated **R30,000** from funds to boost the pot to reach this total and members have been voting online as to the **4 causes** who should receive these funds, which will be split equally. The vote closes directly after the AGM.

While this has been a demanding year, it has also been a privilege for me to serve the IWC membership and the greater Cape Town community. I thank all those whole-heartedly, who have supported all our endeavours and I wish my successor great success.

**Claudia Scherer-Scheltema,
Philanthropy Chair 2023**

SOCIAL MEDIA & COMMUNICATION AGM REPORT - 2023

Thankfully I was given the opportunity to do IWC Social Media Chair in 2023, so I had a chance to fully understand the IWC. It was a hard for the first 3 months. I had to learn everything from the beginning. Today I would like to express my special thanks to Victoria as she is like my teacher & older sister, although she does not like me to call her older sister.

Website www.iwccapetown.co.za

Our website has gone through several changes and has become more concise and direct. It is a window for more International and South African women to know more about IWC. We are pleased to see some young members join this year.

Earlier in the year there was also a page error caused by all the members using the same login password. The webmaster recommended us to set a different login password for each member. But using the simple login password for all the members, it is wise and feasible, as there are some members who could not remember this login password and tried to change it. If any member is having difficulties to login in or your email address has changed, please send an email to media@iwccapetown.co.za

Instagram & YouTube Channel

We no longer record our General Meetings due to the cost of recording becoming prohibitive, and more speakers not wanting their presentation distributed freely onto the internet. We do not currently use Instagram as a Club tool, but the photos posted will pull through to the Gallery page on the website. It is anticipated that it will be utilised more next year.

WhatsApp

The "IWC WhatsApp What's On " Broadcast service continues to operate successfully. These 2 months a few members could not receive the IWC Broadcast message, so I recommend creating List 3 to solve the problem next year.

If any member has the problem of not receiving the WhatsApp Broadcast Message, please first check that you have the IWC WhatsApp Number 079 0440821 saved into your phone. If you upgrade your phone, please remember to check the number has been transferred across. If you are still having issues, please send an email to media@iwccapetown.co.za.

Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/iwccapetown

The IWC Facebook Community has over 200 registered members and continues to function as an effective communication tool and a central hub for photograph albums of events. We will only approve the IWC registered members being IWC Facebook members, and we will only approve IWC related event posts & albums.

Once again thank you to IWC for the opportunity to serve on the Club's Board this year. Thank you to our president Victoria and all my fellow Board team members, I have enjoyed working with all of you. Thank you for all the IWC members' support.

Judy Chang,

Social Media & Communications Chair 2023

SPEAKER CHAIR REPORT 2023

My objective this year was to provide stimulating, varied, and interesting speakers. In order to address the balance of obtaining good speakers while keeping our costs low, I gave them the opportunity of selling their books or donating their fee to charity. In the end, some speakers did not charge us! Therefore, this process worked well.

February

Alan Committie, well known South African comic actor welcomed us into our new year with his wacky humour. A good time was had by an interactive audience.

March

Dr Dean Alans's topic was called "The Eastern Frontier" and his fully illustrated talk took us on a fascinating journey, meeting the people, and visiting the places in the heart of the Eastern Cape. A true showman!

April

Lois Strachan, a young woman who is blind, gave us an incredible account of a different way of travelling as a blind person. It gave her perspective to able-bodied people as to just how versatile and incredible blind people can be.

May

Professor Mike Burton told us the famous story of Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer and her role in the discovery of the Coelacanth and important discoveries related to human evolution. Fascinating!

June

Paul Myburgh, an anthropologist and cameraman, who documented the excavation of "Little Foot," looked at the ancient race of the Bushmen, our relationship with them and the fall from the Spiritual world. Mixed reviews!

July

Stefan Hundt a curator gave an independent perspective on the SA Art Industry and Art investment. Very worthwhile!

August

Nic Proust was delightful as he took us unto the heart of the Okavango Delta and shared his experience as a conservationist and guide and the issues that he encountered. The ladies loved this talk.

September

Margaret Abbott, our very own member, gave an intriguing talk on the "History of the Rose" which greatly enhanced the mood of Spring even though it was still winter. Our ladies made a huge effort by wearing the most creative hats designed by themselves.

October

Miguel Oliveira wowed the audience with his talk on Artificial Intelligence and told me he loved every moment of being with the audience and that he would return given the right time. Perhaps a question answer session for a change.

Thanks to Victoria and the rest of the team for their great TEAM participation in making our time a success!

Helen Reynolds
IWC Speaker Chair 2023

APPENDIX I

Proposed Amendment to Article VII – Finances of the IWC Constitution.

The following Proposed Constitutional Amendment to subsections b) and c) has the effect of bringing the subs payment deadline forward from 31st December to 15th November. This gives the incoming Board the benefit of knowing their budget prior to the summer break while still giving members three meetings and six weeks to pay. Wording has also been added to advise that any bank charges incurred by the Club for credit card payments may be added to the subs charged. Given that the vast majority of members pay via EFT, it is felt that it will not cause members any inconvenience, but it will remove the burden of chasing unpaid subs from the busy January/February period. This amendment will be put to a vote at the AGM on Thursday 19th October 2023

- “b. The joining and yearly subscription fees shall be payable prior to admission to membership. Thereafter, the yearly subscription fee may be paid at the A.G.M., the general meetings held in October or November of each given year, or by EFT prior to ~~December 31st~~ **15th November** each year. Members whose yearly subscriptions are not fully paid up by ~~December 31st~~ **15th November** each year automatically relinquish their membership. **Payments made by Credit Card may incur additional charges to cover the transactional fees associated with the payment concerned.**
- c. Members who fail to comply with their obligations as set out in (b) above shall automatically relinquish their membership. Any member whose membership is relinquished due to non-payment by ~~December 31st~~ **15th November** of any given year may apply to rejoin upon payment of a fee as determined by the Executive Board.”

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AGENDA

1. President's Welcome & Apologies
2. Synopsis of 2022 AGM Minutes – Proposed & Seconded
3. President's Address
4. Proposed Amendment to the Constitution
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Auditor's Report
7. Questions on Financial Reports - Accounts Proposed & Seconded
8. Vice- President's Report – Group Leaders
9. Membership Report
10. Vice-President's Report – Area Reps
11. Philanthropy Report
12. Social Media & Communications Report
13. Secretary & Speaker Chair Reports
14. Q&A Session
15. Nomination Committee Chair introduces 2024 Board
16. Close of Meeting