

## PPNHW

Pioneerspark Neighbourhood Watch

Newsletter April 2019

#### Erik Strauss with 1000 shifts!!

Sunday Night, 07 April 2019, marked the 1000th patrol shift for Erik Strauss. We, as PPNHW Committee and fellow patrollers, would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Erik for his commitment and time spent, not only for leading the NHW as Chairman, but also for his effort in keeping Pioneerspark safe as patroller.

Since becoming a patroller in 2015, Erik has made it his mission to improve on strategies of the NHW in keeping Pioneerspark safe. He is a firm believer that a good Chairman should be on the road amongst his fellow patrollers and therefore this impressive stats as patroller:

1000 Patrol Shifts 2000 Patrol hours 40000 Patrol Kms

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## **ERIK STRAUSS - 1000 SHIFTS**

Thank you for your enthusiastic leadership and support, Erik! We have no doubt that this neighbourhood watch would not have been the success story it has been so far, without your active involvement and guidance.

We salute you!!!















## **NEW VICE-CHAIRPERSON OF PPNHW**

Gerrit Koekemoer resigned as Vice-Chairperson of the PPNHW, due to work commitments. But he is not lost to the neighbourhood watch and will still be active as patroller and help to keep our neighbourhood safe.

Odette de Kock has in the meantime taken over from Gerrit.



Odette started patrolling in October 2015 and has completed over 560 shifts to date.

After relocating from South Africa in 2010, Odette and her husband, struggled to adapt to the life in Windhoek. They have left all their family and friends behind and did not know many people in Windhoek.

It took them several years to settle into their respective jobs and life in general and although they have made wonderful friends in Windhoek, there was always a longing for something more. That was when they decided to become involved with PPNHW.

After a few months of patrolling, Odette volunteered to become involved in a project to recruit more members, but soon felt it was still not enough. She has a passion for administrative work and when the opportunity came her way to assist with the membership documentation & record-keeping, she decided to become even more involved in PPHNW and after a few more months, accepted the position as Secretary of PPNHW.

"Becoming more and more involved in the daily operations of PPNHW helped me to connect with others. It not only gave me a sense of belonging, but also made me realize that there is so much more I can do. I have been blessed throughout my life, sometimes more than what I deserve and now the time has finally come for me to start giving back. Time is precious...and time is all I have!"

It is for this reason that I accepted the position as Vice-Chairperson.

Although I have a full time job, my main priority and responsibility as Vice-Chairperson will be to assist Erik Strauss in the day to day operations in running the NHW and provide him with the necessary support system.

"To all my fellow residents of Pioneerspark, please consider becoming involved in PPNHW. I truly believe that becoming involved in this initiative improves lives and it strengthens the community, and by being part of this family, gives you a sense of pride, identity and accomplishment."

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## "Shake-a-Can for Cancer"

A huge THANK YOU to all members, non-members and residents of surrounding neighbourhoods for the contributions the morning of 5th April 2019 for CAN's (Cancer Association of Namibia) "Shake-a-Can for Cancer" initiative. We cannot be more proud to be a part of and in service of this wonderful community.

We were up and about since 05h15 and the generosity and warm friendliness of people was really a heart-warming experience.

Our team managed to raise N\$ 11,039.75 for CAN.

We would also like to thank our team, Stoffies, Christa, Hannelie, Willem, Derrick and Wouter for assisting Erik and Odette that morning with fundraising. We could not have done this without you.

YOU GUYS ROCK!!

The PPNHW Committee.







## Patroller Awards - March 2018

Congratulations To All The Patrollers And Thank You For Your Dedication.







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Lorenz von Somnitz- 200 Patrol Shifts

Philip Oberholzer - 100 Patrol Shifts





Eckardt Rechholtz -200 Patrol Shifts

Fanie Becker - 100 Patrol Shifts

## A Huge Thank You To Our Generous Sponsors!!

The PPNHW would like to wholeheartedly thank all sponsers, donors, advertisers, supporters, friends and members of the neighbourhood for their continuous and generous financial support. Without your assistance, we could not operate as we currently do. Most of the funds are used to purchase surveillance cameras and to service and maintain these. Should you wish to support the PPNHW, please send an e-mail to the address found below each page. Thank you for your support.







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To report anything suspicious or any emergency, please call our emergency number for quick response.

Do not send a SMS or WhatsApp after 23H00 -Urgency is a call away!

PPNHW Emergency no: 081 229 8888 / 085 229 8888



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#### **PPNHW STATS**

#### Know your patroller: Duimpie Bassingthwaighte

#### April 2019 Crime Statistics

1: House Break-Ins (10/04)

0: Attempted House Break-in

0: Armed Robbery

2: Robbery (08/04,29/04)

2: Vehicle broken into / Smash and Grab

(18/04,29/04)

1: Fence cut (26/04)

0: Lift E Gate

1: Lights/Numbers stolen

0: Theft Out of yard

1: Theft of Water Meters: (09/04)

0: Unlawful Entry

0: Dagga Bust

0: Car Jammers

1: Number of suspects caught

#### **Patrol Statistics**

528 Shifts

1056 Patrol Hours

**Top Patrollers:** 

15 Odette De Kock

15 Hannelie Nel

15 Peter Engelsmann

14 Gerhard De Kock

14 Terry Cooper

14 Wouter Strauss

12 Steini Steinfurth

11 Stoffie Stofberg

11 Christa Stofberg

11 Erik Strauss

10 Andre Du Toit

10 David Smith

10 Lorenz Von Somnitz

10 Steven Nel



Theo Bassingthwaighte, better known as Duimpie amongst the patrollers, was born in Windhoek. He was raised in Swakopmund, where he also completed his school career.

After school, Duimpie attended his compulsory time in the army and was stationed in Bloemfontein. After his army service, he started at Correctional Services, where he was for 15 years. He then left for a position at Namib Mills, where he is employed for 25 years in the stock department.

Duimpie likes to interact with people and always has a joke ready. A hobby that interests him is knives and firearms and he even owns a small collection of knives himself and dreams of making his own knife one day. "Before I'm too old for this" he says.

Duimpie started patrolling on the 2nd of June 2015 and has completed 313 patrol shifts to date. "The brotherhood of PPNHW is highly valued by me, therefore I will continue patrolling until I'm a senior in years."

Duimpie's message: "Nobody can tell you how it is to be a part of Erik Strauss' winning team at PPNHW if you haven't been part of it yourself. It does not take a lot of time or effort to patrol 12 hours a month. It is after all for the safety of our community. It is all about giving and not receiving."



#### Sosaties For Sale - Order Now

As part of our fundraising efforts, PPNHW is selling sosaties on a monthly basis to our community.

The sosaties are packed in 10's and cost N \$15.00 each - (N \$150.00 / pack).

#### PLEASE NOTE - ONLY CASH PAYMENTS ACCEPTED!!

Should you be interested in placing an order, kindly contact Odette de Kock on 081 631 7330 via Whatsapp or SMS directly.

Details for collection and the address will be given when the order is processed.



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There are certain things which we all know we should do, but somehow between trips to the shops, transporting kids and important things on TV, we never quite get around to doing them. Take just one Saturday morning to make some changes that may help you sleep more soundly at night.

#### SAFETY IN THE HOME



Test your alarm system every six months and have your security company test the battery and back up battery annually.



Ensure you have security bars and gates installed – it is the most common home security measure.



Add some security lighting. Adding lights with sensors at strategic points on your property is a good crime deterrent. In particular, focus on areas around entrances such as your garage and front door.



Do some strategic gardening. If you have a small jungle growing around your property that intruders could

easily hide in, use as a climbing aid, or that obscures your view when pulling out onto the road, now is a good time to do some trimming. Particularly look at the front of your property at the main entrance.



Save important contact numbers in case of an emergency. Make sure you familiarise your family with an action plan, should an incident occur.



Get a fire blanket and extinguisher. As many household fires start in the kitchen, these are important tools for extinguishing a fire before it gets out of control. Fire extinguishers should be serviced once a year to ensure they are in working order.

Ticking off even just a few of the risk checks we've just explored will help you sleep more soundly tonight. And remember, when risks do become a reality, all the solutions you need are only a call away.

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