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Dear Valued Shareholder

It almost seems as though time goes by faster and faster as the years go by. This year is no exception. It feels like we just celebrated the Festive Season and New Year's ... yet here we are with Valentine's Day, RCI OSCAS Award Ceremony, Easter, Mother's Day and a whole range of special days ticked off of our calendars. It's been a busy but good year for Monateng; allow us to get down to business and let you know what's been happening at your home-away-from home.



CREATING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERLASTING HOLIDAY MEMORIES



Your Managing Agent, VRS, is a member of Uni-Vision and as such, embraces the Vision of "Creating the Environment for Everlasting Holiday Memories" unequivocally. That's why your Monateng Safari Lodge Team is all about creating an environment where you and your family can make timeless memories and we aim to do that through on-going hard work and dedication and continually challenging ourselves to create and innovate.

Speaking of the hard work and dedication of our staff – **Monateng has once again attained Gold Crown status at the 29th RCI Annual OSCAS.** This is an awesome feat as Gold Crown status is the highest grading a Resort can achieve.



With the abundant rainfall received this year, Monateng has seemingly blossomed overnight. If you haven't stayed with us yet this year, then you are in for a treat – the bushveld is greener than ever and the Resort gardens look great.

On the topic of stays... it's so important to us, to ensure you only have the best stay with us. We understand that a visit to Monateng isn't just another holiday – it is a place where you set aside time - to cherish your loved ones, or reminisce about the memories that you made over the years - at your home-sweet-home. It's a safe place you can escape the demands and stresses of everyday life; it's the place where your heart lies. For these reasons and more, we always look into how we can improve your Monateng experience – so whether we add something to the units or upgrade something on the Resort grounds, we do it with you in mind. With that top of mind, let's get into the latest happenings at your slice of Monateng paradise.

YOUR MONATENG “ON THE DOUBLE” REPORT!



Besides the beautiful lush greenery of the bushveld greeting you as you arrive at the Monateng Entrance, you will be greeted by the newly painted Main Gate and the lovely new garden at Reception. After all, first impressions are lasting ones.

From Reception, to the Resort grounds! You may remember we previously reported the refurbishment of the pond and sprucing up of the gardens in this area. The pond now sports colourful koi fish and the younger guests really love this latest addition. Also being well received by the younger guests, is the newly built mini-golf course, the mini- tennis court, as well as the recently established mini-basketball/netball court.

As we mentioned before, one of our main focus points is creating an environment that ensures you and your loved ones make everlasting memories. Consequently, we have put a lot of time and effort into our new Recreation Programme, as well as sprucing up the entertainment areas at the Resort.

With this at the forefront of our minds, we have introduced live entertainment at our Meet-and-Greets, established high teas,

soup evenings, weekly specials, “potjie” nights and a new Sunset/ Sundowner Drive. For the younger guests, we have introduced lazer tag, mobile planetarium talks, sand art, penguin dances and more. All of which is to ensure that you have every opportunity to create the best memories at your home-sweet-home!



Besides the newly established Recreation Programme and other additions already mentioned, we have:

-  Renovated the Games Room;
-  Added new snack and refreshment vending machines and sweet dispensers (at the Games Room);
-  Plans to implement additional giant-sized board games later on in the year (we will keep you posted); and
-  For even more smiles and fun, we added sweet dispensers at Le Fera Shop.

On the topic of Le Fera Shop... do you remember we mentioned African Blessings in the previous newsletter? Allow us to refresh your memory... African Blessings is a Non Profit Company and a Public Benefit Organisation on a mission to uplift, educate and empower communities of South Africa. Their focus areas include an Early Learning Centre, sustainable community Food Gardens, Community Critter Care, Environmental Conversation, and an Equine Rescue Centre. Monateng is so impressed with what African Blessings is doing to uplift communities that we thought we should do our bit, by supporting them. Consequently, we purchase firewood from them, to sell in Le Fera Shop. Now guests can buy good quality braai wood from the Shop and at the same time support a worthy cause!



Staying with Le Fera. All Le Fera staff are sporting brand new golf shirts and all Monateng Staff have new uniforms and are looking great. What else does the not so distant future hold for Le Fera? Well, several exciting changes/additions actually:



More exciting campaigns and specials like the popular Mom's Night Off promotion; where every Tuesday since April, mom (and dad) can get a yummy three course meal (at a set price) and we take care of, entertain and feed the kids! Don't miss out on something tasty and affordable (like the Mom's Night Off Campaign) - visit Le Fera Restaurant, the next time you stay with us.



A new pool table at Le Fera Bar. Now you can test your skills and see who has what it takes to claim the pool champion title!



The creation of a herb garden – to supply the Restaurant with garden fresh herbs.



And finally... an updated menu at Le Fera Restaurant. More yumminess, specials and exciting additions to come! We look forward to you experiencing all of these things first-hand as they are installed/established! As always, we will keep you updated.

Monateng will continue to invest time and effort in making your stay special. Where possible, we'll implement suggestions you have and ensure that you keep falling in love (over-and-over-again) with your home-away-from-home.

MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME!



“The best things in life are the people we love, the places we visit and the memories we make along the way.”

Family – where life begins, and love never ends, the gift that lasts forever and not the most important thing – but everything. Yes, family is precious and the moments that eventually become cherished memories are priceless. Monateng Safari Lodge is so pleased to be your home-away-from-home, the facilitator and host of your family’s annual family tradition and your slice of paradise. You work incredibly hard throughout the year and deserve to, at least one week a year, kick up your feet and enjoy your family. We look forward to your next visit with us and being the place you relax, take a breather and make the most unforgettable memories.

TELL US WHY YOU LOVE MONATENG SAFARI LODGE!

What are the best things about the Resort? What do you love the most? **Tell us your Monateng story** and you could be featured in the December and future newsletters. Email us your stories and/or pictures to:

yourResortstory@oaks.co.za



MONATENG’S SECRET LOADED CHEESEBURGER-BAKE RECIPE

If you are in need of something yummy and you’re at Monateng it’s easy – Le Fera Restaurant makes absolutely tasty food, at reasonable prices. But for the times when you aren’t, we would like to share one of our secret recipes with you. Let the yumminess begin!



What You Need:

- 3 slices bacon, cooked and chopped (V: fried mushrooms)
- 700g beef mince (V: sliced aubergines, soya mince or tofu)
- 2 tbsps. oil
- 1 medium onion, finely diced
- 8 cups stale ciabatta or herb bread, tear in 3 cm pieces
- 3 cups cheddar cheese, shredded
- 5 large eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- Tomato sauce, mustard and pickles (condiments for end)

How Do You Make This Yumminess:

1. In a large pan, add the oil and brown ground beef/ fry vegetarian substitute. Add the onion, cook until translucent and drain.
2. Spray a 23 x 33 cm (9 x 13 inch) oven dish with cooking spray. Then place half of the bread at the bottom of the dish and sprinkle it with 1 cup of cheese. Top this with beef/vege mix and another cup of cheese. Finally, add the rest of the bread on top, then the bacon (sliced mushrooms) and the remaining cheese.
3. In a bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, salt and pepper together and evenly pour this over the top of the bread/meat etc. layers. Place it in the fridge for an hour (or overnight).
4. Preheat the oven to 200° C. Bake the layered yumminess uncovered for 30 – 40 minutes (or golden brown and crisp). Serve it with the condiments.



THE ESSENCE OF MONATENG



Monateng is all about the friendly warm smiles and hearty reception you receive from our staff. It's about the picturesque views of the South African bushveld, the sunsets and sunrises. It's about sharing delicious food with your loved ones at Le Fera Restaurant. It's about the nature and animals that surround the Resort – from the visits of tame antelope and Saartjie the Ostrich at the units, to the cry of the Fish Eagle during the day and the screech of Horton, the Barn Owl at night. It's all about the smell of the dew on the grass and freshness of the bushveld in the morning and the laughter of your family. This is the essence of Monateng Safari Lodge. Until we meet again... take care.

NO GOODBYES – JUST “SEE YOU SOONS”

We might be at the end of this newsletter but we don't want to say goodbye...so we'll say “see you soon”. May the rest of your year be full of blessings! Keep well and remember this bit of advice: “Having a rough day? Place your hand over your heart. Feel that? That's called purpose. You're alive for a reason. Don't give up!”

Warm regards

Marjorie Forssman

VRS Managing Director



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Checking-in Procedures: In the interest of safety, security and ensuring that only confirmed guests are allowed access to the Resort, you will be required to produce both the Reservation Confirmation / Guest Certificate and your ID, and also to complete the indemnity form when checking into the Resort.

Guest Certificates: In the event that you are allowing a guest to occupy your timeshare week, the guest must be in possession of a valid Guest Certificate which is obtainable from Head Office prior to the guest's arrival.

Levy Payments: Levies must be paid in terms of the Use Agreement and no occupation or usage of any form is allowable until the levies have been paid. This applies to usage, spacebanking, renting etc. of the timeshare week.

Spacebanking and Rentals: Please note that a request for spacebanking or rental, must be submitted to Property Admin a minimum of five months prior to the occupation date, to enable us to process them. Please contact Property Admin at: propertyadmin@oaks.co.za.

Communication: To enable us to communicate effectively, please ensure that you keep us updated regarding your current contact details, and most importantly, your email address.

Occupation Dates: Please note that Resort Calendars are linked to school holidays, and it is therefore vital that you check the annual calendar to ensure that you occupy the correct week. Please refer to the 2018 calendar available on the following link: www.monateng.co.za/docs/MonatengSafariLodgeCalendar2018.pdf



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