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NEWSLETTER & PROGRAM FOR JUNE 2017

THE DATE: 13 June 2017

VENUE: KwaMuhle Museum, Bram Fischer Road [Ordnance Road] Durban.

TIME: Meeting commences at 17:15; Refreshments will be served from 16:30. R20 pp.

PARKING: Off Bram Fischer/Ordnance road [next to the Museum]; security person is present

FEATURE: **Graphic Propaganda During the Great War Prof Franco Frescura**

Prof Franco Frescura is an inveterate collector of ephemera and postcards; items that are frequently able to add value in our desire to comprehend history. So using items from his collection of Great War ephemera and propaganda postcards we will be entertained by Franco at the June meeting. It promises to be entertaining and enthralling and all the more welcome as Franco is a longtime member of our society.

REPORT BACK: **Denis Hurley – what lessons can we learn today from his life and mission?**

Raymond Perrier may be from London but he has demonstrated a great understanding of the life of the late and much revered Archbishop Denis Hurley. We were entertained, for that is truly an apt description, by the splendid story of the ways in which the Archbishop's values continue. The word ecumenical is often wrongly used but there can be little doubt that it applies in the truest sense to the activities of the Denis Hurley Centre.



Raymond covered so much ground during his presentation that rather than précis his presentation we have decided to implement a new idea; an idea which has enjoyed a lengthy gestation period. A transcript of his presentation will be placed on the SA National Society website for everyone to share – but only by mid-June.

Meanwhile here are a few of the highlights of what is being achieved by this remarkable centre.

World Religions in Concert was both a musical as well as an actual reality



In Concert



African Music



Jewish



Muslim



Buddhist



Hindu



Christian



And a shared blessing from all the religious groups present at the opening

We heard that the work performed at the Centre helps improve people's lives in a great many ways. More than 100 people a day attend the Clinic.

Sewing groups teach people new skills.



Refugee Pastoral Care

During the recent Xenophobia crisis these are the figures of what the centre achieved.

- Families seen 187
- New arrivals 1,875
- 248 students in 46 primary schools in PMB and Durban
- 78 students in 28 secondary schools in PMB and Durban
- 30 students each day in isiZulu and English classes
- During Xenophobia: emergency accommodation for 190;
- 334 Reintegration packs

A permanent exhibition on the life and mission of Denis Hurley 'Guardian of the Light' has been opened recently by Durban Local Museums at the Denis Hurley Centre. To visit the exhibition, park behind Emmanuel Cathedral and walk across the courtyard to the Centre. Accessible 7 days a week 8am to 5pm.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE 2017 KILLIE CAMPBELL BURSARY

Following the major changes to the constitution last year the 2017 bursary is now being advertised. The rules allow your society to offer the bursary to any student enrolled at a recognised tertiary institution in South Africa. SA Museums Association has circulated the invitation to all its members. Head Librarians at Tertiary Institutions are likewise being informed. Various academics and individuals have also been asked to circulate the invitation.

The Committee has allocated R16000.00 for this year's award – payable in two tranches – but the highest amount to date and hopefully the first of ongoing annually increasing amounts.

A copy of the advertisement letter has been posted on the society's website and we encourage members who may know of suitable applicants to encourage these students to apply by sending details of their post grad enrolments.

Applications to Ian Smith (jiansandra@mweb.co.za) or to the Society's post office box. Please note these must be received by 30 June 2017.

President Ian Smith

Chair of the KC Bursary Selection Committee

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly two staunch and formerly active members of the Society have passed away this month. The first was Wendy Baumann and we extend our heartfelt sympathies to all her family at this difficult time.

Just one day later Barry Burton passed away after a long illness and we share the grief of his passing with his loved ones too.

Hardy Wilson