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NEWSHEET - DECEMBER 1996

We extend a warm welcome to all our new members and hope that you will find this an informative update of recent events within the SAVE FOUNDATION's activities in Zimbabwe.

NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on 13 June and the following **Executive** committee was elected: **President - Nicholas Duncan; Vice President - Marion Bowers; Secretary - Ken McDonald; Treasurer - Kevin Judge; General Duties - Guy Tristram**

Nicholas Duncan was made an **honorary life member**, "in appreciation of his untiring efforts and determination to make a difference in the preservation of the black rhino in Zimbabwe".

GREAT EVENING WITH BRYCE COURtenay - \$38,000 RAISED

On Tuesday 23 July, 356 guests attended our very special "Evening with Bryce Courtenay", one of our patrons, at the **Hyatt Regency Ballroom**. This proved to be a spectacular event with the staff of the hotel excelling in the decor of the ballroom, an excellent meal and drinks and an exhilarating presentation by Bryce. It was both witty and stimulating and the entire audience were in raptures with Bryce's turn of phrase and cheerful presentation. No wonder he is in such demand and makes approximately 140 guest appearances each year! Bryce particularly emphasised the need to follow your dreams, persevere with them and have a positive attitude for their success. There is no point in getting in a rut and staying in it! Thank you so much, Bryce, for donating your services for this incredible evening and we really do appreciate you being the cornerstone for our fund raising at this gala event.

Special thanks must go to our major sponsors: **Qantas Airways** for Bryce's flights; **Tucker Seabrook** for the tasty South African wines and **Tomahawk beer**; **Swan Brewery**; **Hartley's Safaris**; **Lesedi cultural village**; **Wild Geese Lodge**; **Imire Game Ranch**; **Chifungulu Safari Camp**; **Tongabezi Camp**; **The Hide**; **Adventure World** and **Afro Ventures**; **Musango Safari Lodge**; **Victoria Falls Hotel**; **Meikles Hotel**; **Leopard Rock Hotel**; **Twin Springs Rhino Ranch**; **Santina Stransky**; **Pam Barbour**; **Bill Adams**; **Helen Playford**; **Patrick Mavros**; **Justin Tew**; **Chris McClelland**; **Eve Arnold**; **James Lavin**; **Brinkhaus Jewellers**; **Fred Shilton**; **Silver Creations**; **Phone Forward**; **The Body Shop**; **Rhino Auto Alarms**; **Tech-One**; **Accent Gallery** and **Puma Australia**.

As with most functions of this type the main money came from the after-dinner auction. We were blessed with two safaris, a number of lovely stone carvings, some delightful pictures, some wines and beers, autographed cricket bats and a variety of other interesting items. The total profit for the evening was **\$38,000** thanks mainly to generous bids by **Hogan and Partners** and **Judge Constable** for the two safaris, and many other generous cash purchasers.

BLACK RHINO SUPER EIGHTS CRICKET SERIES - 29 SEPTEMBER

The second SAVE FOUNDATION cricket fundraiser was played in **Harare** in late September and featured 3 teams of former cricketing stars, one representing the **World**, one from **South Africa** and a local **Zimbabwean** team. The latest form of cricket, **Super Eights**, was played for the first time in Africa and proved to be a tremendous crowd pleaser. Each side played each other in the preliminary rounds and then the final was between the Zimbabwe team and the World team, with the **home** side narrowly winning in the last over. A total of 1,420 runs was scored in the 4 matches and the crowd had their money's worth by seeing legends such as **David Gower**, **Allan Border**, **Graeme Pollock**, **Mike Procter**, **Deryck Murray**, **Collis King**, **Carl Rackeman**, **Vince Van Der Bijl** and many other former cricketers, all of whom so very kindly donated their services for this carnival event. This was only made possible due to some magnificent sponsorship from **Zimbabwe Sun Hotels** (**Monomatapa**, **Victoria Falls Hotel** and **Bumi Hills**), **British Airways**, **Zimbabwe Express Airlines**, **BHP Minerals Zimbabwe**, **Delta Gold**, **Comair**, **Musango Safari Camp** and **Malindi Safari Camp**.

25 corporate packages were sold for the cricket. The guest speakers at the pre-match dinner were **David Gower** and **Vince Van Der Bijl**, both of whom made very witty and entertaining speeches and provided tremendous enjoyment for the 250 guests. An auction was conducted to raise more funds and this netted in excess of **Z\$130,000** (**A\$17,000**). Our thanks go to the donors - **Dave Simpson** and **Stewart Robinson** (house boat); **Victoria Falls Safari Lodge**; **Ulusaba Game Reserve**; **Zimbabwe Express Airlines**; **Qantas Airways**; **Novotel Perth**; **Novotel Twin Waters**; **Nick Price** (autographed golf putter) and **Steve Rhodes** (limited edition print).

It would seem that the total proceeds from the dinner and the cricket would be in excess of **Z\$300,000** (**A\$40,000**) and this was a magnificent project for which our thanks go to all the players and all the generous sponsors, without which this could not possibly have taken place. Congratulations to **John Traicos** and his victorious Zimbabwe team, who received the silver **Patrick Mavros** trophies.

The match was played at Harare Sports Club and their Cricket Committee, under the chairmanship of **Matthew Streeton**, is to be congratulated for making the ground look so splendid and for taking care of all local matters.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

The SAVE FOUNDATION office in Perth has a number of delightful presents for your family and friends, including our T Shirts, stone carvings, black and white prints, African jewellery (ear-rings and bangles), woven baskets and framed pictures. All of these represent great value and start from as little as \$6 and there is certainly something for every price range. Please visit the office between 9 a.m and 5 p.m Monday to Friday up until Friday, 20 December. As well as finding something unusual, especially the carvings, you are also helping with our ongoing fund raising. For purchases over \$50 you will receive a special stone rhino valued at \$10 or a little wooden elephant. For our interstate members we'd be happy to post your purchases to you, at no charge!

GENERAL MEETING FOR PERTH MEMBERS

On Tuesday 21 January, 1997 there will be a General Meeting at 7.30 pm at the Boardroom, Loftus Recreation Centre, Leederville for all members and their friends who would like to come along for the latest update on the events and activities within Zimbabwe. It's a good chance to meet the Executive and find out the plans we have for the future and also to ask questions about the rhino situation and find out information that might not necessarily be printed in one of our newsletters. We really hope as many members will come along, particularly our new members, and perhaps you could ring 444 1545 to make a booking, so that we can make adequate catering arrangements.

"FLIGHT OF THE RHINO" BY HELENA COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Year 10 drama students of Helena College, under the guidance of their teacher, Jamie Cant, performed their version of the "Flight of the Rhino" at the Awesome Children's Festival on Wednesday 4 December. It was their own original words, music and choreography and the performance was the result of 3 months practice and dedication. It told the story of the rhino's decimation due to man's greed and corruption and the need to bring rhinos to Australia for breeding programmes. Afterwards, they were treated to a special zoo visit, hosted by Colin Wallbank, Chief Mammal Curator, who introduced the students to Memphis, the white rhino, and the newly born baby giraffe. Thanks, students, for all your interest and efforts- it was a great day.

QUEENSLAND NEWS

On Saturday 5 October, 80 people gathered at the QPAC - Auditorium overlooking the Brisbane River for a memorable evening of food, South African wines, music, fun and laughter and some great specials from the auction. We were honoured to have in attendance the Zimbabwe High Commissioner to Australia - Prof Hasu Patel and his assistant Mrs Dumisani Nhongo.

Thanks must go to Deeny Kohler-Caporale for her beautiful solo performance during dinner, and afterwards to Jim Poulos who hosted a most enjoyable auction, raising approximately \$10,000 - a brilliant result.

Sunday 10 November was the "Walk for Wildlife", a co-project with Elefriends Australia, held at Kurilpa Park on a delightful sunny day. There was tremendous support from the public and a total of \$1,600 was raised to be divided between the Queensland branch and Elefriends. Congratulations everyone for such a successful venture.

Congratulations also go to Cheryl Davenport, now a member of the Queensland branch, who on Sunday 29 September completed her climb to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. This was a tremendous effort and involved the last 1,000 feet of climbing in very strenuous physical conditions, namely a lack of oxygen and freezing cold wind. To Cheryl's great credit she achieved what most people had failed to do, including many on that early Sunday morning. The whole climb took six days and went for 107 km and the SAVE FOUNDATION have been rewarded with a total sponsorship of \$7,245 - a brilliant performance. If any other members would like to make a donation in honour of this effort then would you please send it to the Queensland branch at Box 146 Coopers Plains, 4108.

The Brisbane branch is really making progress and well done to Andrew O'Hara and his committee.

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

The Sydney branch held their Summer Safari Party at The Officers Mess, Victoria Barracks, Paddington on Friday 1 November and much fun was had by all those who attended. Fund raising included raffles, an auction and other events and over \$800 was raised on the evening. Congratulations to the NSW committee for all their hard work.

Their membership is soon to be transferred to the Head Office in Perth in order to facilitate the administration of their branch and we look forward to welcoming our colleagues from the east in the next few months.

VICTORIA NEWS

Sue Pennicuik is organising a quiz night on Friday 21 February and invites you to organise tables of 8 for this action-packed evening! There will be plenty of good prizes and raffles and it is the first fundraiser in Melbourne for quite some time so let's have a big turnout and make a great show of it all. Please call Sue on 9531 7309 for details of venue and time, etc. etc.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

A pair of binoculars was recently presented to Ngoni Chiweshi, a research ranger in Matobo National Park, who also uses a motorbike donated by this branch. Ngoni is monitoring the endangered black eagle

The "Walk with the Zoo" was rained off and will be held next year - John King will keep you informed.

The Christmas Dinner will be held on Monday 13 December and full details are available from John on 331 3294, 337 5615 (A/H).

The officers and men of Zimbabwe's National Parks join the Executive of the SAVE FOUNDATION in sending to all our members, supporters, sponsors and friends their best wishes for a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.