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Editorial

OUR AMAZING FIREFIGHTERS

Cape Town – Families forced to evacuate their Fish Hoek homes on Thursday night, fear they may have to do so again as a fire continues to burn on the adjacent mountain.

Residents on Mountain and Contour roads were told to leave on Thursday afternoon as the then-uncontained blaze burnt dangerously close to their homes.

Albie Whitehouse said a "scary scene" greeted him as he rushed to his home at 13:00 on Thursday.

"I had been redirecting traffic to stop inquisitive eyes coming up here and getting in the firefighters' way when we got the evacuation instruction. The fire was so close that as I made my way up, it appeared my house was alight," he said.

Whitehouse removed his four dogs, two birds and important documents.

"I also had four cars I needed to get off the property. From my home, I could see huge flames that were too close for comfort. It was very frightening."

Residents, who had been directed to the local community centre, were allowed to return home at 21:00.

"Everything is covered in ash. But I am relieved I still have a home to come back to," Whitehouse said, taking a short break from cleaning his home.

His neighbour, who asked not to be named, said she rushed home after receiving a call from another resident while she was visiting her ill mother in Mandalay, Mitchells Plain.

"I grabbed anything I could lay my hands on, threw it in a suitcase and ran. It was a horrible experience."

She said she was grateful to the firefighters that she still had a home to return to.

By midday on Friday, fire trucks were parked further down Contour Road as firefighters continued trying to extinguish the blaze.

City of Cape Town Fire Services spokesperson Liezl Moodie said resources were scaled down after midnight.

City firefighters, Table Mountain National Parks, Working on Fire and Volunteer Wild Fire Services were on the scene on Thursday night and were monitoring hotspots.

Firefighters were called to the Fish Hoek railway station, where a train carriage was on fire, shortly before 10:00 on Thursday.

Submitted by Lina Howard

Duty Roster

	January	Feb	Feb
	28	4 (Bus. Mtg.)	11
Sergeant	Todd	Schreiber	V Eeden
Wynpress Editorial	Van Wyk	Vivian	Barnard
Wynpress Minutes	Smith	Cleveland	Maunder
Door Duty	Danckwerts	Cleveland	Dessington
Grace	O'Driscoll	Overbosch	Schonegevel
Loyal Toast	Dessington	Dietrich	Gowdy
International Toast	Lidgley	Maunder	Munday
Speaker Intro	Michalowski	N/A	Vivian
Speaker Thanks	Vivian	N/A	Lidgley
		Cleveland, James, O'Driscoll, van Eeden, Overbosch	

Minutes

21st January 2016

Compiled by Lina Howard

Attendance	76%
Visitors	<p>Faldiela Chotia, Achmat Chotia, Dr Muavia Gallie, Eugene Daniels, Dr Corvell Cranfield, Chris Freddy</p> <p>Alan & Christine, Jean & SanMarie, Philip Munday, Debbie Scott</p> <p>Rotaractors Robyn, Morne, Rai, Kerri, Jessica, Monique</p>
Slots	<p>.Justin: Bookshelves to be put in at Lotus River – please try to be there on 6th Feb.</p> <p>Graham Todd: Proms – all the Bays in the City Hall are sold</p>
Fellowship Announcements	Birthdays: Lina's on 26th and Biffy's on 28th Jan
Guest Speaker	<p>Dr Muavia Gallie from Education Moving Up</p> <p>Education Moving Up is an organisation specialising in Turn-Around strategies in schools in South Africa. They have had significant success in Limpopo, and have now started working extensively in the Western Cape. Inter alia, they have been contracted by the Rupert Foundation to implement their strategy in 21 schools in the Winelands.</p> <p>Dr Muavia is well respected in educational circles with Prof Jansen putting him in the top 10 educational thinkers in the country. He was introduced to the club by Mrs Chotia of the WCED, for whom he is working on schools in the Grassy Park / Lotus River area.</p>
Swindle	<p>Graham pulled the card but sadly did not win. Aaah shame!</p> <p>Christine won the R30.00 consolation prize.</p>
President's Quote	<p>Quote 1: Open letter to Pres Zuma from Prof Jonathan Jansen (taken off the Internet)</p> <p>To signal your seriousness about this crisis, Sir, I propose you appoint an "Education Crisis Panel of Experts" to guide you and our government on how to resolve the education standoff as a matter of urgency. Please do not appoint activists to this panel, unless they are also experts; and do not see these appointments as ways of rewarding loyalty in the past or present; there are other commissions that can and have achieved such objectives.</p>

I propose, if I may, the following names: Linda Vilikazi-Tselane, Muavia Gallie, Anita Maritz, James Letuka, Brian Isaacs, Sibusiso Maseko, Nontsha Liwane-Mazengwe, Stephen Lowry, Sharon Lewin, Itumeleng Molale and Margerida Lopez. These are some of the most hardworking principals and education thinkers I have ever known.

Quote 2: Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.

George Washington Carver

George Washington Carver (c. 1860[2][3] – 5 January 1943), was an American botanist and inventor. The exact day and year of his birth are unknown; he was born into slavery in Missouri, either in 1861, or January 1864.[3]

Going Forward

Dates To Diarise

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28 Jan	Thelma Naude of Huntington's Association of South Africa
4 Feb	Business Meeting
6 Feb	Library Corners at Lotus River
11 Feb	Meeting at Hotel Verde
18 Feb	Youth meeting: Gavin Schachat
25 Feb	Fellowship evening: RI
27 Feb	Wynberg Rotaract fun day(Constantia Primary)
6 Mar	Cycle Tour
19/20 Mar	Last Night of the Proms
3 April	Rotary Family Day, Sea Point
28 April	District Conference



"Okay, you can have freedom of speech,
but watch your language!"



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