



The Weaver

December 2019 & January 2020

(I was suppose to send this out in December but well time got away)



Chairlady Report:

Dear Ladies

This is the last weaver for this year. I must say it was a great year. I'm proud of all committee members and of all member. We did a lot and we achieved a lot. We made a lot of people happy with food donations and other kind of donations, you will read about in the charity report and we had fun too, during coffee mornings, evening events and during our Christmas brunch. And that's what it is all about.

Advent is starting and I suppose everybody is getting ready for Christmas by now, although here we had Christmas decorations since October in the malls, bit weird to me.

As there won't be any Weaver for January, I start informing you about happenings of beginning next year.

Coffee Mornings will start on the 14th January.

The IWAN annual general meeting (AGM) will take place on the 11th February 2020, during of a normal coffee morning. I will make a presentation of IWAN's major achievements in 2019,

including a short overview of our finances. And, most importantly, we will present and vote in your new committee.

Very important: In order to be able to vote, you will need to have paid your membership fee for 2020 of NAD 300 by the 11th of February (you can also pay at the beginning of the AGM). At least half of the members plus one who have paid up by then need to be present at the AGM so that our new committee can be legally appointed. If we are fewer than that, the voting will have to be repeated, so please make a special effort to come to the AGM.

Current committee members Marianne and Janine won't be standing anymore for 2020 and Sylvia and Daria will leave us during 2020. Three members (Tuey Murdock, Alex Parrs, and Ashley Joseph) have already expressed their interest to join the committee, but we still need more help, so if you would like to join us, please let me know as soon as possible, and of course I or any other committee members will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Survey we got 38 Ladies in total who submitted the survey, that is 33%.

Come on Ladies, can't we do better! It was truly an effort from the Committee to put it together and for Janine to work it out on line.

YOUR VOICE is important to us so that we can plan and organize according to the majority and not just according to 33 %.

Be ACTIVE and tell us what YOU THINK. You even can tell what you don't like.

**So now it's time to wish you all a wonderful Festive Season and a Happy New Year.
Where ever you go and whatever you do, be safe.**

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CHARITY REPORT (written by Daria Ivanova)

First of all, I would like to thank all of you, IWAN ladies, for all the support and help during this year. Bio-market, Clothing Sale, Clash and OAH outings, Charity Projects, etc. Without you all of that would not be possible. Thank you so much for all the contribution! This was an amazing year and your input was incredible!

And now a bit about the results of this month...

Food Delivery

In December the deliveries will be done only to OAH as Clash is closed till 15.01. The first deliveries to Clash will be done on the 23^d of January by Sue.



If you would love to volunteer, feel free to write any of the Charity Coordinators or sign up at the coffee mornings.



Bio-Market

The next Bio-market will be held on the 4th of April, 2020.

Clothing Sale

The last clothing sale of this year was held on the 16th of November at Mammadu. I would like to thank all the volunteers! This was a great event as always! And special thanks to those who came to sort the clothes the day before. Great job!



Projects

This month two new projects were approved.

Franziska Breuer: Garden Project at the Cocoma Primary School up North.

Cocoma Primary school is a community school for learners Grade 1-4 opened in 2014, located in the bush, far away from every infrastructure. The school offers 141 vulnerable children (orphans, HIV/AIDS infected, some with leprosy, some from the San community) to attend school. Now the community is struggling for everything, mostly for food. The school gets milie flour from the government, but it is often not enough.

Garden Project aims at the self-supply of the Cocoma hostel with vegetable and fruits to improve the nutrition situation and diversify their diet.

IWAN will help with buying trees, seeds, tools. As well we will provide the training of the community leaders which is of vital importance for the sustainability of the project.



Lyndsey Shafiei: Garden Project at Amateta Primary School.

Amateta Primary School is located in Oshikoto region. Lyndsey is a Peace Corps volunteer and she works closely with one of the elders in the community, Meme Petrina.

The idea of the project is to enlarge an existing garden to provide mainly tomatoes and spinach to both the school kids and the community. Moreover, garden produce will be sold and the money created then will be reinvested into the garden. Lyndsey herself will be at Amateta for another year and will be able to monitor the project.



IWAN will help with buying shade netting, a wheelbarrow, a water tank, pipes and garden hose.

WATIF:

There were 11 ladies chosen to receive IWAN'S support/reimbursement. IWAN's support is important for further studies and/or business development of these ladies. The next step is to follow up with the recipients. Thank you so much to the Whatif committee members! Amazing job!

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