

# Bright Sparks

Vonke Park News: November 2011



## 2011 and beyond...

Once the Christmas raffle starts doing the rounds, the proverbial writing is on the Vonke Park walls! We hope the sparks are flying in a good way with all our residents. But what exactly is left of the year? Appointments with family and friends, year end functions, a few additional shopping trips to tick off all the present requests and treats... in other words, basically wrapping up the year with all the gifts that are starting to collect under decorated trees.

Before we start bombarding you with decorations and Christmas quotes (and before summer hopefully arrives!), we'd like to share a few wise words on the past as well as a few funny quotes and jokes... we hope you'll enjoy it!!

## Looking back...

'Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.' Buddha

'If we open a quarrel between past and present, we shall find that we have lost the future.'  
Winston Churchill

'The past is prophetic in that it asserts loudly that wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows. Martin Luther King, Jr.'

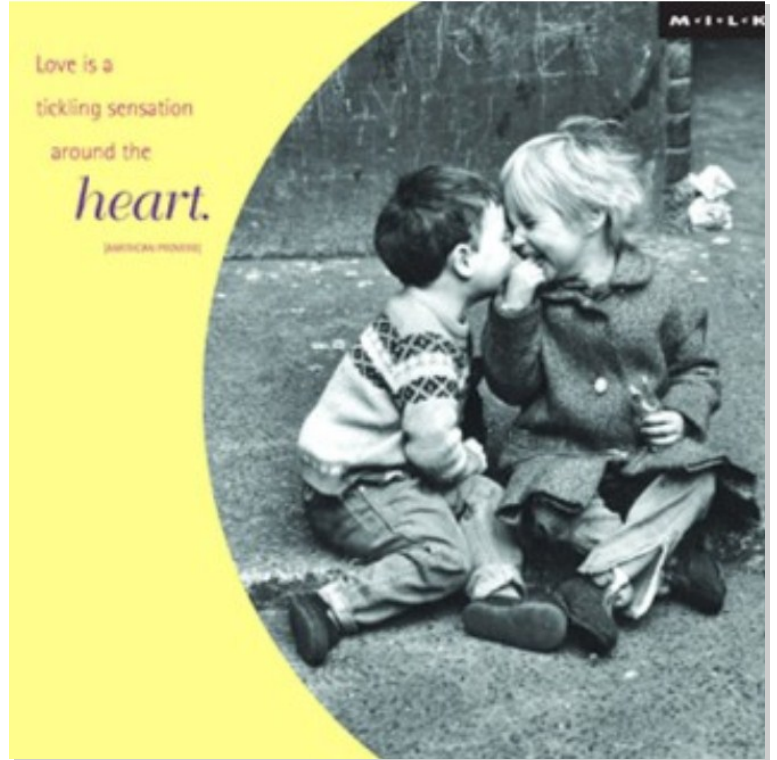
'I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.' Thomas Jefferson

'No man is rich enough to buy back his past.'  
Oscar Wilde

'Pick the day. Enjoy it - to the hilt. The day as it comes. People as they come... The past, I think, has helped me appreciate the present - and I don't want to spoil any of it by fretting about the future.'  
Audrey Hepburn

'Once I knew only darkness and stillness... my life was without past or future... but a little word from the fingers of another fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness, and my heart leaped to the rapture of living.'  
Helen Keller

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## Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to the Residents residing at Vonke Park who will be celebrating a birthday during November: we hope it is a special day and a year filled with joy, good health and great friends!!

Mrs J Serdyn  
Mrs R Lindner  
Mr N Kotze  
Mrs M Scheepers  
Mrs S Fagg  
Ms D Klopper  
Mr C Moller  
Mrs H Irvin  
Mr J de Wet  
Mrs A MacDonald  
Mr P Stelzmann  
Mrs C vd Merwe  
Mr R Downie  
Mrs I Fenn  
Mrs A Pienaar  
Mr H Gonin  
Mrs G Woodland  
Mr W Knott  
Mrs M Speres

Mrs J Doidge  
Mrs A Kleyn  
Mrs I van Minnen  
Mrs D Davidson  
Mrs S Smit  
Mrs D de Kock  
Mrs A Dix-Peek  
Mrs I Horton  
Mrs D Greffrath  
Mrs A Colesky  
Mrs H Smit



# Words of Joy and Laughter!

Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before. Mae West

Cleanliness becomes more important when godliness is unlikely. P. J. O'Rourke

Drawing on my fine command of the English language, I said nothing. Robert Benchley

Electricity is really just organized lightning. George Carlin

Every man's dream is to be able to sink into the arms of a woman without also falling into her hands.  
Jerry Lewis

Everybody knows how to raise children, except the people who have them. P. J. O'Rourke

Fashions have done more harm than revolutions. Victor Hugo

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope. Bill Cosby

Food is an important part of a balanced diet. Fran Lebowitz

Food, love, career, and mothers, the four major guilt groups. Cathy Guisewite

Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please. Mark Twain

I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food. W. C. Fields

I distrust camels, and anyone else who can go a week without a drink. Joe E. Lewis

I don't need you to remind me of my age. I have a bladder to do that for me. Stephen Fry

I have never been hurt by what I have not said. Calvin Coolidge

I have six locks on my door all in a row. When I go out, I lock every other one. I figure no matter how long somebody stands there picking the locks, they are always locking three. Elayne Boosler

I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her. Rodney Dangerfield

I intend to live forever. So far, so good. Steven Wright