

BUFFET SUPPER AT THE SUNNYSIDE PARK HOTEL IN HONOUR OF
THE WORLD CHIEF GUIDE, LADY BADEN-POWELL.

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This year is the 60th anniversary of Guiding. How fortunate we are that Lady Baden-Powell accepted the invitation of the Girl Guide Association of South Africa to pay a six-week visit to this country to give Guides and Guiders an opportunity of meeting their Chief, and we are glad that we, too, are being given this opportunity of meeting her.

Since her marriage to Lord Baden-Powell 57 years ago, Lady Baden-Powell had identified herself with the Founder's life work, and has devoted her considerable talents to the creation and growth of Guiding. There are some 6 million Guides in 87 countries, and one of her particular interests

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has been the forging of links between Guides all over the world. In Cape Town, on February 22nd, Lady Baden-Powell's 81st birthday, will be celebrated THINKING DAY. This is the day every year when throughout the world Girl Guides and Girl Scouts think of their sister guides and guide scouts, exchange greetings, and make contributions to a special fund used to promote world Guiding.

When one thinks of these Guides and Guiders throughout the world with like thoughts and ideals, when one thinks of other organisations such as the Red Cross, Rotary, the Lions and other organisations with ideals of goodwill, good citizenship and service to their fellows, it gives one hope for a better world, especially at this time when so much publicity is given to other aspects of life such as hooliganism, drug addiction, and drop outs who feel the world owes them a living. How stimulating is the knowledge that there are in this world leaders such as our honoured guest, whose lives are dedicated

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to developing and sustaining a worthwhile movement, where trust is fostered amongst people, and where the aim is to remove man-made barriers between nation and nation, between people of all races and colours. It is people such as this that give us hope and inspiration to play our part in whatever niche we fill.

No one must ever feel that the Scout and Guide Movements are sombre and dreary. An essential of guiding is a spirit of adventure, where fun plays an important part, and where the development of the spiritual, mental and physical aspects all play a vital role.

Let us just for a moment think of the Guide Law:

A Guide's honour is to be trusted
 A Guide is loyal
 A Guide's duty is to be useful and
 to help others

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A Guide is a friend to all and sister
 to every other Guide no matter of
 what social class the other belongs
 A Guide is courteous
 A Guide is a friend of animals
 A Guide obeys orders
 A Guide smiles and sings in all
 difficulties
 A Guide is thrifty
 A Guide keeps herself pure in thoughts,
 words and deeds.

what an ideal, and how this Law has stood the test of time.

This afternoon it was my pleasure to receive from the Boy Scouts Association of South Africa an historic collection of scouting material. I then spoke of the long and valued association between the City and the Scouts and Guides. I believe the City has been helpful to these Movements, recognising the worth of their contributions, and I am quite sure that the most recent lease of the camping areas at Delta will further assist in the provision of facilities which are

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so essential in giving our lads and lasses opportunities for camping and training.

As one who has taken an interest in the Scouting Movement as a lay-member for some twenty-five years, I would like to take this opportunity of paying tribute to the Scouters and Guiders who have given of their time and talents to sustain scouting and guiding in South Africa. I know a heavy burden is placed upon them because of the shortage of Scouters and Guiders: I know they get a lot of fun and companionship, but I want them to know that the parents of the children in whom they are fostering the spirit of scouting and guiding, are deeply grateful for what they are doing for our young people.

To all of you who have honoured us with your presence this evening, may I say thank you for joining us to share with us our great pleasure in meeting the World Chief Guide,

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Lady Baden-Powell, and her family, and I would ask you to stand and drink with me a toast to a grand young lady, the companion, helpmeet and inspiration of the Founder of this world-wide Movement, which has done, and is doing, so much for so many - Lady Baden-Powell.

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