

KZN-DRAK CHRYSAL

Emanate God's Love

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So as time has flown and many fourth days have passed, I hope that you lovely butterflies have had time to sit back and reflect on your Chrysalis weekend. I read something today that really made a lot of sense to me. In this modern, stressful lifestyle we have to actively

find moments of quiet. We are all so very busy and it's so easy to get all our time accounted for, minute by minute. It's in those quiet times, just like the ones that were given to you, on your Chrysalis weekend, that you can hear, listen and talk to God. It's in the busy moments of life that we are challenged to keep our thoughts on God. Remember God often speaks in gentle whispers, which we can only hear in stillness.

What made my Emmaus walk so special was exactly that - quiet times to listen to God. As crazy as it sounds, I did hear his gentle whisper. I asked Him how can it be that he can love us all so much. His answer was that He loves us all like we are His only child. How awesome is that thought? That is how special you are to God. He loves you like you are His only child.

Chrysalis never ceases to amaze me. God takes a group of such normal, different, happy, sad and even grumpy people and he puts them together to make a team. He chooses the speakers, gives them the words, chooses the caterpillars and puts it all together for His glory. We see lives changed, love shared and hope given. The common threads in the talks, that were prepared individually, speaks of His presence. Yes, we all have a divine purpose, a God given mission. It is through the real testimonies and stories that people share that so much is learnt. It is through our faults, hurts and disappointments that we can encourage others. It is through our hurts that we can reach out to help others. Yes, Christ is not interested in our happiness but he is interested in our character. He is interested in how we deal with our hurts and how we reach out to people around us.

A special thanks to our wonderful team who were willing servants and truly Christ's hands and feet. Thanks for your openness and willingness to serve.

And our beautiful butterflies, this opportunity to serve is open to you. Next year you could work on team, in support and even sponsor a friend. We encourage you to be a part of this awesome ministry.

Fly with Christ, Lara Wells

FROM THE LAY DIRECTORS

Hi to all you good people of Kzn Drak Chrysalis

I can't believe that it is almost two months ago that we had flights 38 and 39, and what a blessing it was to see how many of you new Butterflies shared on what this awesome weekend meant to you. To see young folk as yourselves fired up for our Lord and Saviour is just what this world needs.

Hey, what fun it was the Saturday afternoon, the weekend of the gathering. I wish I could have stayed for the whole weekend, but I had an 18th birthday that Saturday night and had church duties on Sunday. I must say I really enjoyed the horse races. It was great to see so many from the flights, and to catch up on how everybody was doing.

Guys, as I mentioned at the gathering, if you think that it was a blessing to have been on Chrysalis as a Caterpillar, it is a even bigger blessing to work on team, as you can give back to others what you received.

In closing I would like to encourage you all to keep doing God's work. I know that at times you may be mocked and teased by others, but as we read in Romans 8:35-39 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, For your sake we are being persecuted all the day long. However in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loves us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to sepa-

rate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

So keep the faith and keep your eyes on Christ our Lord, and I look forward to working with you guys on further

Fly with Christ, Vic Rencken



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There were no watches or phones . It just shows how the Chrysalis family wanted us to spend our time having a closer walk with God because he will always be with us. This experience was beyond anything I could have imagined or asked God for.

This weekend was great, fantastic and amazing. I made so many friends from different backgrounds and walks of life and I learnt how to speak Afrikaans and my, oh my the songs "I am a C", "I just want to be a sheep", "My redeemer lives" and "De Colores "still keep on playing in my mind today.

God met me in so many new ways during this fabulous weekend. He spoke to me through others. He gave me such boldness. I know it's him, I know it's him. He gave me the greatest feeling and awareness of peace.

I had so much going on in my life. I could not forgive myself but David and Lisa – Claire Garden made me realise that God had forgiven me . He is a bigger judge than I am and because even He has forgiven me I need to forgive myself. I had this guilt—it felt as if the walls were closing in on me. But God gave me my life back. Jesus has given me my courage and has replaced that doubt in me with faith. He changed my thinking and thoughts. I now have the courage to be the person inside me. To help others like I did before, but this time not to forget about my own happiness and what I believe in.

am forever changed; even though there will always be that someone to make you angry . What I have learnt is that I should let go and let God. Turn around, walk away and pray # our motto the Beauty flies

I'm excited to show the world the real me without fear and worries about the future. God changed my life and moved my mountain.

I believe, actually I know, that God has given me new birth and a fresh beginning. My journey with Him has just begun. I believe there is still more to come. To my Chrysalis family thank you all for the prayers, talks and not to forget the Agape love you'll showed me. Stay Blessed love you all.

Winnona Danielle Cedras

The weekend was very fun, I really enjoyed it and made some great new friends. The talks touched me a lot and they taught me a lot of things. I also liked all the songs we sang and the food was very nice. I liked when we worked as a group together and I liked all the things we did. - Ruben Kenchenten



Before Chrysalis I was a floater. I was doubtful of my faith and had bottled up many hurts over the years. I was a person who held on so tightly to the burdens of my past, that I practically lived there. It was as if I was asleep, stuck in the nightmare of the past. At Chrysalis however, I was shown a story in the bible

that mentioned my name. I always knew my name was in the bible, but had a very vague understanding of the story. When I read it that day, it brought tears to my eyes because of this verse: "Talitha koum!" (Which means little girl, I say to you, get up!). A little further on in the story it reads "He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep."(Mark 5:39). God was telling me to wake up. He was calling me, slowly pulling me out of my past. I discovered the depth of Agape love that day, and throughout the weekend during the various activities we took part in. I discovered His amazing grace as well. I got taught that the cycle of sin has been broken in our lives. It was broken the second Jesus was nailed to that cross. We just need to accept that grace and forgive others, as well as ourselves. Today, I live in the present. I try my best to participate, not anticipate. I have taken a keen interest in a leadership position at my church, and I am planning on creating a Be-YOU-tiful drive in my community, handing out clothes and little girly goodies with verses on them to help girls realise their own unique beauty. I have God to thank for the blessing of Chrysalis and the battles He has helped me conquer in my life. I will be forever grateful for the experience, and have encouraged many of my friends to partake. My life was changed in those three days, and I can only pray that many more lives are changed through the experience of Chrysalis and the miracle of salvation through Jesus Christ. May God bless you. Talitha Rabie Xxx

*TESTIMONIES *

Hello kind friends. Just thought I'd share my Chrysalis Experience with you.

So, when I first heard of Chrysalis, I wasn't all that excited about it. It didn't seem like something that I would attend. (I was so wrong).

Our drive was long and exciting, we couldn't wait to get there and see for ourselves what this whole Chrysalis thing was all about. As we arrived, we got out our car, (this is where my first sign of LOVE was shown). I got out the car, opened the boot and there were already three other people beside me, offering to carry my bags, bedding, and anything else that I had with me. This was very special for me as I have never had people that I don't even know offer their help with something as simple as carrying my bags.

As we approached everyone who had already signed in, they were all filled with joy, love, and excitement.

Our dorm rooms were awesome. What was most awesome about them was the fact that I was put with about six or seven different people that I didn't know. Now for some, this might be frightening. But if you think about it, it's such an opportunity to meet someone new. To make new mates.

The whole weekend was filled with spiritual talks that were given by all the ministers and table leaders which was awesome. The worship was great - different in its own unique way which was nice to experience. By the end of the weekend everyone knew most of the songs. Lots of fast jumpy songs which got everyone keen and amped to just be. And of course awesome worship songs that brought you to a place of peace, and awe. We really did meet with Christ in an awesome spiritual way over the course of the weekend.

The part that really stood out to me the most was the people. The spiritual directors. The leaders and each and every individual who attended the Chrysalis Experience. Each person had their own story, their own experiences to share, and it was so inspiring to hear where they have come from, and where they are now on their walk with Christ.

The amount of LOVE that was shown to each individual person was beyond words. Chrysalis will give you the experience of love. The love that Christ had put in everyones' hearts is amazing, and that love is transferred over to each individual person that attends

I now live my life to be a better person, to my friends, my youth, my church and most importantly my family.

I live my life with the mind set of love, to reach out to those who need it. To those that might be going through tough times.

The only way I know how to explain love is Jesus Christ. That is love, and for me, I try and be Christ LIKE every day. To shine the light of Christ in the dark places and to help light up the already lit up places. See, Chrysalis shows you so much love that the only thing you wanna do with your life is show that love to everyone else.

This is my Chrysalis Experience, and I hope that by reading this, you feel inspired to attend a weekend of spiritual love and peace and acceptance.

Fly with Christ.

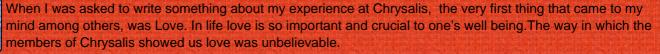
Jean Gerber

JEAN

When I left on the bus for Chrysalis early Friday morning, I really didn't know what to expect. I had the idea that it might be just like other Christian camps, with fun and games but no real meaning behind all of it. However, after those incredible three days I didn't want to leave, I had made such amazing new friends, had a great, fun time, and more importantly I had learned what it really meant to be a Christian. I have honestly never felt so special, especially after finally realising how strong God's love for me is, for us. If I could give one word of advice to all young adults, it would be to go to Chrysalis, your lives will never be the same again. Mikyla Wilson







God created us with love and for love and the members of Chrysalis certainly lived up to that. They showed us real, unconditional love the way God had shown them, and its amazing to see how Jesus Christ is working in their lives. Chrysalis was without a doubt a life changer for me. It answered questions to so many things and opened my eyes as to the direction my life is now headed. The people I met and the bonds I formed through this time are incredible and without a single doubt in my heart I will be seeing my new found friends for many years to come. I would encourage any one of you reading this right now, not to let the opportunity slip by if you are given the chance to attend Chrysalis. Chrysalis will answer so many questions you have, and it will certainly be beneficial to your future walk with Christ

I would like to leave you with a verse to read in your own time, 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

You were created with Love, for Love and by Love, so go out and Love :)

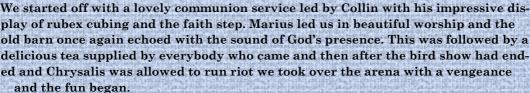
God Bless, Brad Yeo



Its so hard to put some things in to words. All All I can say is that the gathering this year was by all accounts a thundering success! It was just so much fun! And there



a million photos to prove it! Some of which are in here, but most of them we've put on Facebook. So go check them out there and tag yourself if you were there!







With Uncle Mike officiating the veterans started us off in a most uncontrolled fashion, squabbling over who got the best horse and then a totally uncontrolled parade with much kicking, biting and shoving! Finally they managed to get to the start of the race and one might have

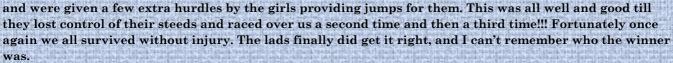
of upstanding Christian leaders in our community (some of them even board members) proceeded to crook like anything. Marius managed to break ahead of the crookery and thundered passed the finish posts closely followed by a giggling bunch of veterans falling over themselves and each otheramazingly they managed to get over the finish without any serious inju-

hoped that some decorum would have been displayed at this stage but this group



With the tone having been set, things could only go downhill which they proceeded to do. In the filly's race uncles Vic and Greg thought they'd be clever, hide behind the grass and jump out and spook the horses! They weren't counting

on the stalwart spirits of the girls though who simply charged on after pelting them with dung. Unfortunately, they all collapsed just before the finish line. The lads were up next





Then came the chariot race (three-legged race). Once again the veterans were involved so the level of sportsmanship just plunged into the dirt! Along with several of the chariots and charioteers! Much chaos later we all managed to cross the finish line in one piece - bruised and battered. The horses were then given a brief breather while the arena was trans-

formed once more from the Chrysalis August (think about it) to a first class show jumping arena, including a combination jump, and a water jump. Some impressive jumping and also horsemanship was on display for all to see, commentated by Shan and, ahem, "assisted" on the course by uncle Mike. Sadly, fading light put an end to our shenanigans on the track, so after the trophies had been awarded to the winners we headed inside for the remainder of the activities.



First off was the racing hound auction. Some amazing prices were reached by auctioneer Mike although I think we gathered a grand sum of 50 bucks in total! But by

the end of it we had 7 proud owners and handlers along with the good doc and his mouse. Soon the handlers were lined up and had their dogs in the starting gates. With a holler they were off in a streak of orange/pink and brown. The only problem was that some were streaking forward while others streaked backwards!!! And others still just sat there yapping with their eyes flashing and their tails wagging! It seemed a serious lack of training! However there was finally, at the end of five laps a winner, which was pretty exciting!

The next item on the agenda was pretty important. Craig was cooking the meat! So a brief interlude was had for the munchies,. This was very simple, but most delicious -wors rolls! After we had all had our fill it was on to the next item! The namesake of the whole event - the much anticipated BARN DANCE!!! Some of the folk attending had gone to a great deal of trouble to look the part with some lovely outfits-many cowboys and an Indian squaw.

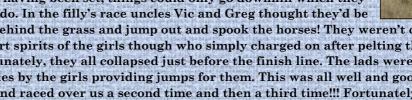
Dee had very kindly agreed to call for us so we all lined up dutifully and listened obediently to what sounded like some extremely complicated instructions, which she insisted were simple! I had warned her that most of our gifting lay in areas other than dancing which soon became apparent! But we all tried our best and had a grand time doing so! I had the extreme misfortune of standing next to uncle Greg, who despite the fact that he is actually a

surprisingly talented dancer, keeps up a running commentary on the situation which totally ruined any small chance I stood of getting any of it right!!! So I blame uncle Greg! After a few hours of dismally uncoordinated spinning and stamping and clapping and lots of laughing, we finally finished off with last years old favourite, Cotton-eyed Joe and then collapsed into the chairs to attempt to recover. By far the cutest on the dance floor, though, were the three little Combrink cowboys and dancing their hearts out! I'm not shy to admit that Bernard, coming up to my waist was getting the steps much better than I was!!









Chris



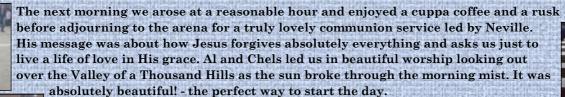
Then came a more tender and deep interlude in the program as we all headed to the arena in silence for the midnight service. pointed out how all the sky's



darkness couldn't smother the star's light and then handed around the candle, asking us to recommit out promises to God—We are counting on Christ and Christ is counting on us! We then headed back to Urny the urn and enjoyed a bit of a relax while some

played football, and Al and Chels and then Jean tonkled away on the guitars and we got the famous old bonfire going.

The old classic games came out and much giggling and irritation along with the marshmallows and burned toes as always. I finally retired at 2.30am and am reliably informed that a few brave souls kept watch all night!



Afterwards we all trundled back for a delicious bacon and egg roll for breakfast followed by watching the raptor show which was really lovely and informative as always. The birds seemed none the worse for sharing their beautiful venue with a bunch of rowdy butterflies and veterans. The Sanctuary and staff could not have been more kind and

accommodating if they had tried and we really appreciate that and say a HUGE thanks to Shan and everyone. We so appreciate you putting up with us each year and are eternally grateful that Chrysalis has found a home here.

After the show we did the traditional goodbye hug line up thing. And then sadly we all went on our respective ways. I don't think anyone will argue with me when I say what an amazing time it really was. Thank you to EVERYONE who made it happen - everyone who helped set up, who provided food, who helped cook food, who simply rocked up and everyone who brought butterflies Without each of you it would not have been the same! Here's to you guys and here's to the next one which we are already planning!

Most of all thanks to GOD for blessing us and looking after us and giving us a fantastic weekend of fun and fellowship in His presence and for His cause. GOD IS GOOD!





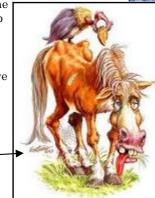


Our 2014 flights and post flight gathering have come and gone – how sad!! Flights 38 and 39 were great, resulting in super new butterflies becoming part of our Chrysalis/Emmaus family. It is such a privilege and a blessing to meet and spend time with people that ordinarily we wouldn't have a chance to meet, let alone chat, to. As for our gathering – to my mind it was the best yet. It was well attended by quite a few of our new butterflies and lots of folk from previous flights. What a combination of reverence, love, fun, hilarity, joy, sincere praise and worship and just wonderful fellow-

ship. Speaking as probably the oldest, wrinkliest butterfly in the flock, I had an awesome time. The races were such fun—although I have to say that I didn't think it was very christian of Mark to tip Scotty and I down the bank where we lay with out three legs in the air unable to right ourselves!! Quite sad that you had to choose the most decrepit of the field, Mark. ;) Just glad I didn't croak noting the picture Kirsty has chosen but beware next year I might be tempted to put my horse through the spokes of your wheelchair!!! I just love the fact that our Chrysalis family is so inclusive – from our littlest, handsome cowboy to those of us who had to leave our walking sticks tied up at the hitching post in order to attempt to kick up our heels!! Thanks so much from the bottom of my heart to everyone who shares in making our Chrysalis family the wonderful, loving, God-driven ministry that it is.

With lots of love and much anticipation for our next gathering.

(the oldest mare on the track) (please note the vulture, we were at a raptor sanctuary after all!)



Patriarch's Ponderings—Greg Conolly

Greetings to all our readers in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Let me share a message from my daily devotion

The Lord loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. Psalm 37 vs 28

This is a psalm of wisdom in which the poet encourages the faithful to turn away from evil. The

So how the whole newsletter works is really very simple. It comes out every two months and I have a few regulars who write each month for me, Di and Chris at the moment, then there is a slot for the CLD (community Lay Director), currently Uncle Greg, and those are the only regulars. Otherwise I fill it with anything that I can find. Anyone is absolutely welcome to send in anything, either that you've written or just found and liked. Articles, poems, thoughts, pictures, jokes ... anything. We have a mailing list of over 300 folk and it gets posted on our Chrysalis Facebook and also on the Emmaus one. So if you have a thought that you want to share it is a good way to go about it. Please consider sending stuff to me, I'd love to read it!

reason is that the Lord loves the just and He rewards those who live righteously. He adds that the righteous will acquire wisdom if the law of God is in their hearts.

Most of us experience times when it seems as though everything is too much for us. We might experience one disappointment after the other and are tempted to wonder whether God has forgotten about us. Possibly there is illness, or problems that have to be handled, and we cannot see the road ahead.

Sometimes we ask the Lord something specific and He withholds it. Let us remember that if He has not approved our request, He has a reason. We must look up into the loving countenance of our Master and remember our Scripture verse for today. When we arrive in His glorious presence one day and are with the Lord forever, we will understand everything and express our stammering thanks for every step of the way that He was by our side.

I would like to extend this message to all who are hurting, in pain, confused, doubting. Stay strong in your faith and know that God will always be there for you no matter what the circumstances or obstacles you are facing. To all those with family members that are suffering with sickness, we as a body in Christ will continue to uphold you in our prayers.

GATHERING, wow what an awesome time had by all, thanks to all those who were involved in making it another special occasion. Was I relieved waking up on Sunday morning with no shaving cream in sight. To those butterflies that attended, it was wonderful to see you guys again and I would like to throw a challenge out there to the Toti crowd (Brad, the Yeo brothers etc), how about our next gathering being down there with you guys. I will sponsor a caterpillar for the next flight if it happens.

Talking about flights, please watch the website for application forms to work on team. Get them in as soon as they are on the site.

Guys and girls, I have a mouth full of teeth now so let me end off by saying, take care and may God continue to bless you richly.

Tons of love to one and all GREG



RETURN CUSTOMER - Chris Kenchenten

Well there we go... another epic flight and awesome gathering and what an awesome year it has been with more excitement to come, as always. I have been involved with Chrysalis for a while now and I must say, it is always an amazing experience. The friends we make, the lessons we learn and the fun times we will always remember, make it all the more memorable.

It reminds me of the closing ceremony with the 2 questions we are left with... what did this weekend mean to me and what will I take away from this experience. Obviously we all have our own answers and experiences. Every experience with Chrysalis gives me the opportunity to add a little bit more to my answers to these questions... every meeting, training, flight and gathering brings new lessons and memories.

Chrysalis has brought a fresh exciting approach to our fellowship that we can share in outside of our regular fellowships and I think I will be a "return customer" for a long time to come.

FEEDING SCHEME

It all started with a good idea, some wonderful people and the wintery chill of Dundee. Every Thursday evening from 5

to 7pm, Dundee Methodist Church hosts a feeding scheme to feed, clothe and in general, just give a spiritual boost to the poor and homeless in and around

Dundee. Our minister, Willem, spends the Thursday morning cooking a seriously large pot of vegetable soup. The soup is later served with pap made by the ladies from the local security company, Mbube. From around 5:45pm a whole bunch of people, from all walks of life, start to gather and wait not so patiently for their share of the hot food. Street children, the homeless and even "ladies of the evening" come together

> with prayer and join in songs sung by the hostel boys' choir. The challenge is for the local community and businesses to assist in running the scheme in conjunction with the church to keep it going on a weekly basis.





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SPECAIL THANKS THIS **EDITION TO WIN-**NONA, TALITHA, BRAD, RUBEN, MIKYLA AND JEAN FOR THEIR TESTIMONIES,AND TO LARA, VIC, GREG, SARAH, CHRIS AND DI FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS! MUCH. **MUCH APPRECIATED!**



Faith is like Wifi. It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need.



In the lead up to both the flights and the gathering various members of the family and friends were roped into performing various random tasks and it just secretly tickled and delighted me. It delights me how God uses absolutely anyone and everyone for His purposes. Grandma (part of the Emmaus/Chrysalis family) 86 years old and still going strong), Mom and I spent an afternoon sitting in the sun with the mutts making the little caterpillar pins, giggling and having fun.

Sarah thought she was visiting for a holiday but ended up helping chop down half a forest and cut out 66 horse heads and drawing on cheesy grins. And then the hard part of trying to think of names for them all! Then with that done, Rob, Amy, Chris, Dad, Mom, Gram and I spent an evening putting all the pieces together. Amid the usual mockery, teasing and chuckles we completed the whole stable of ponies and had a really enjoyable evening doing one of the more obscure pieces of God's work on this earth. But as always we were totally blessed by it.

In the process of gathering all the bits and pieces for agape and horses, Mom, being the chatty soul she is, chatted to so many random folk about it, and all of them were left smiling. This just by an effortless

act of being open and friendly. It really made me realize how easy it all can actually be! And how truly blessed we are by any small thing we do when we actually get off our butts and do something for anyone

other than ourselves.

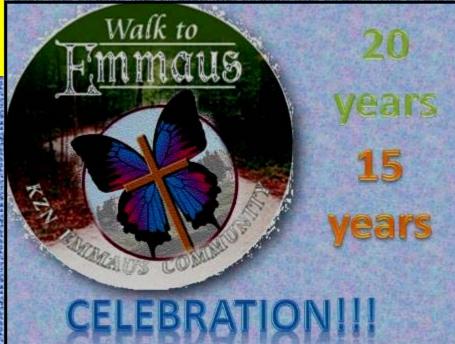
The flights were absolutely amazing. I refrained from writing about them because I

needed to leave room for other folk to write too, but they really were incredibly blessed flights with just amazing butterflies! ALL glory to God for just the most breathtaking display of His grace and His awesomeness in creating such unique and incredible people.

And then the gathering, there I did write a bit, haha, but ja, could have gone on for a lot longer. And each photo deserved a chirp too—sadly a newsletter can only be so long after all. All I can say is what a privilege it is to be a part of this ministry and this "family". I am SO excited about the new girls

and guys keen to join the team - two things are guaranteed! We are BLESSED to have you, and you will be BLESSED by joining in the cause! More and more I firmly believe, the more you put in, the more you get out! Love you all and thanks for an amazing last 2

Till next time. Kirst oxox



Dear Emmaus and Chrysalis Family,

You're invited to join us to celebrate 20 years of Emmaus and 15 years of Chrysalis in KZN!

Date: 20 September 2014

Africa Bird of Prey Sanctuary, Camperdown Venue:

Programme:

14H00 Bring & Share tea (optional Chrysalis Chaos!)

15H00 Bird show

16H30 Worship & communion

18h00 Supper (please bring your knife & fork, drinks & glasses (& money!)

19H00 Entertainment

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