



MIDRAND TOURISM

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From the Chair...

Dear Friends

Like all of you, (I am sure) I cannot believe how time flies! I believe it is probably due to so much activities happening within our country, the World Soccer we are facing, the absolute ridiculous traffic we are enduring. Don't tell me I am wrong, when only this morning I sat in a traffic jam at 05h20 on the N1 heading for Midrand. Unheard of - isn't it just so crazy?

As I am writing this I can hear a certain radio station just 'gaaning on' about the power struggle within the L.O.C. – how, I at this late 'stage of the game' - people are still 'jokinging for position'.

Well, Midrand Tourism seem to have a much happier 'bunch' of people serving office! I am pleased to report that we have a new management committee formed, people with renewed interest and enthusiasm (you know the proverbial new brooms that sweep clean, etc. – I of course am an **old broom** with a V8 engine attached!) – seriously though, I am so pleased to have so many committed people 'on board' that I believe will make a difference. I know there are going to be areas that we don't 'manage to cover' but we are indeed going to do our very best, that's for sure!

Thank you again to all the good folk that turned up at our Annual General Meeting. It was great that so many representatives from a number of hotels and guest houses, that were 'absent' for far too long turned out for the meeting! Such nice people,

thank you – your attendance was much appreciated.

Please allow me on an 'administrative note' – to mention that all MT statements were sent out at the end of January. Could I make a friendly appeal to everyone who has not yet paid their membership fees for 2010, to kindly do so as soon as you are able. And to so many of you who have renewed your membership – a huge big thank you for your ongoing support!

You will soon be advised about the Tourism Enterprise Partnership (TEP) Management workshop – which is very cost effective. Please give this your support. We are really loathe to cancel any of their workshops this year – due to a lack of interest and support. Come on guys, let's grow as an organisation and empower our people!

We will soon have a new web site, and again when we 'call on you' to provide certain information, please give Evelyn Osmond your utmost support in her role as MT Web Liaison Representative.

Though it was not my intention to single out people, I do want to introduce our new Admin/Secretary to you. Wendy Sandilands took up this portfolio recently and now that we have 'more of our own tools at our disposal' – the secretarial job is perhaps now a lot easier and already Wendy is doing a fine job. Please make use of contacting her when you need information and/or assistance.

Did you take up the offer of the touch screen iPoint Free Listing? If you missed out, or misplaced the info, the contact person is Lynni Beck at

072 607 5457 who will gladly send you the free brochure specifications as well as other relevant information.

I was recently invited as a special guest of the JCCI – Midrand region to a luncheon held in Ebony Park. Well, what an amazing experience held at the fabulous IMBIZO RESTAURANT – run under the personal supervision of the proprietor Rita Zwane. I can wholeheartedly recommend this place. What a delightful person she is, with a fascinating success story behind her that I would love to share with you someday soon!

In the meantime, please be well ... I hope you all had a lovely Easter *If you are headed in wrong direction – remember God does allow for U-turns!*

With sincere good wishes to you all

MARLENE

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome is extended to the following members who recently joined .
We wish them all a happy association with MT and every success for the future.

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UP-COMING EVENTS AT GALLAGHER CONVENTION CENTRE

29th-30th APRIL 2010:

THE GREEN BUILDING CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

South Africa's largest Green Building Conference and Exhibition.

29th-30th APRIL 2010:

THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

A sustainable transport and mobility conference and exhibition.

13th-18th JUNE 2010

THE BEST OF AFRICA LEGACY PROJECT

The Best of Africa Legacy Projects 2010, an initiative of the African Union and NEPAD in partnership with PRAFRICA International Ltd have as its core, the aim to showcase Africa as a business and investment destination.



NEXT NETWORKING EVENT

MT AND JCCI (MIDRAND REGION)

Member - meet - Member

DATE: 20th April 2010

TIME: 16h00

VENUE: Constantia Hotel, 546-16th Road, Constantia Park, Midrand



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

You have been sent an invitation regarding the forthcoming TEP courses.
Please make every effort to send your appropriate staff and make use of the free offer.



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