

nkonki talk

THE “AMAZING RACE”



Ernst & Young (E & Y) who are our joint-auditors for Telkom Audit invited the Nkonki and Telkom Managers to an exhilarating team building at Gold Reef City. The day started off with a brief Telkom audit update meeting at EY offices, they then proceeded to the Gold Reef City Theme Park for lunch.

The Managers were so excited to produce and direct their own Amazing Race similar to the one broadcasted on television. They split into teams where clues were given for the race. They adventured on adrenaline

boosting rides including Jozi Express, Golden Loop, the wet rides on the Raging River Rapids and the skyline Giant Wheel where one enjoys the view and absorbs the beauty of Johannesburg. It was not long before they were drawn to the squeals and screams of panic and delight that accompanied the rides.

The winning “Purple” team included three of Nkonki managers, Nyarai, Sarurai and Brian. All our Managers walked away with movie tickets. What a breath-taking day it was! ○

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ROLLER COASTING

Who knew that Brian and Salome are adrenaline junkies? They braved themselves and adventured on the heart-stopping Tower of Terror where one feels one’s heartbeat rise and the adrenaline pump through ones veins. Brian had this to say after the ride, “The ride is awesome and definitely not for the faint hearted.” ○

Editorial:



August is regarded as the women's month as we celebrate our Women's Day on the 9th of August in commemoration of outstanding merits of the South African women who took part in a national march against apartheid and inequality. We reflect and mark these women's big contributions, strength, heroism and selflessness at the front of our struggle for equality.

Festivities around Women's Day have now taken a different direction. In some events the human rights and political flavour has died out and the issue of equality is no longer as strong as it used to be. Maybe this is a good sign and it shows that finally women are being taken seriously and respected by their male counterparts.

Women should not forget their history or rather where they come from even if they were born in 1994, and apartheid is just a tale which they never experienced. On such days political and social awareness of the struggle for women worldwide should be brought out and examined in a hopeful manner. I do not mean women should sit around and harp on the ills of the past, but they should at least show some interest in knowing how their fore runners fought for them to enjoy life

There is nothing that excites me like watching the SABC 2 Women of the Year Awards or reading stories of women who work hard to make a difference in their communities. The only way in which we can honour such women and the likes of Lilian Ngoyi and Helen Joseph is through working hard to empower other women in every possible way.

A lot has to be learnt from people like Madame Sindi Zilwa who take pride in improving the lives of other people, particularly women.

I would like to congratulate Sindi Zilwa on her achievement as she will be honoured on the 28 of August by the African Women Chartered Accountants Forum (AWCA) as the Woman of Substance for 2008, for her contribution in developing women Chartered Accountants and the active role she has played in the accounting profession.

Regards

Lindi Dlamini
PR & Marketing Manager

Profile



SIVUYILE MYATAZA

Sivuyile Myataza is our Time Management System – Manager, he is responsible for managing time for all professional staff and providing reports to management. Sivuyile completed his BCom Accounting at UNITRA, thereafter he studied for a Postgraduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) at the University of Cape Town. Sivuyile joined Nkonki in 2005 and he left the firm in 2007.

Being away from the firm has given Sivuyile an opportunity to explore what systems other firms use for managing time and billing clients. Before joining Nkonki, Sivuyile has worked in other firms which are bigger than Nkonki managing time. On the whole Sivuyile has discovered that the principles of managing time in accounting firms are the same regardless of the size

of the firm. The difference lies only in scales as some firms are smaller and some are big.

Sivuyile is quite passionate about his work, and he feels the firm gives everyone a comfortable platform to expand. When asked what he likes about his work, Sivuyile had this to say "The whole system is my baby. I get to be the part of decision making, and it makes me to feel good that whatever little input I provide, it contributes to the management in making good decisions".

Sivuyile's hobbies are music, reading, playing soccer, gym, politics and current affairs. He cares for issues affecting the youth in our country and how young people can participate to make things better for everyone. ◊

WELL DONE

Congratulations to Mirriam Kapinka on passing 5 modules for her Bcom Degree in Informatics.

Initially Mirriam had been studying BSC Degree in Computers, and then she switched over to Bcom in Informatics. She finds BCom quite manageable and the process is shorter as she writes exams after 6 months as compared BSC which had yearly exams. After receiving her results she had this to say "I like BCom and it's more businesslike, the concepts and terms are becoming more interesting." ○



Mirriam Kapinka: IT Support & Network

BON VOYAGE LUNCH

At the beginning of the month Madame Sindi invited the outgoing Managers (Tebogo Selao, Lufuno Makhuba, Marinda Waddicor, and Bongani Manzi) to lunch at one of Sandton's finest restaurant Pigalle. The Managers had a relaxing afternoon and scrumptious meals. They also shared their dreams with Madame Sindi and the type of cars they would be driving in five years time.

Madame Sindi thanked the Managers for their commitment and respecting her request to stay and service the clients after they had completed their articles.

It was encouraging for Sindi to see her CA's who were once trainees being ready to take the world head on. ○



**Front: Madame Sindi, Marinda Waddicor, and Bongani Manzi
Back: Lindi Dlamini, Tebogo Selao, Lufuno Makhuba and Thabile Themba**

What's on?



KPMG Spring School	25 August 2008
Wits University Presentation	25 – 30 August 2008
Training for first years	28 August 2008
Month end drinks	29 August 2008
Spring Day	1 September 2008
Investec Golf Day	5 September 2008
UNISA Study School – CTA	1 – 4 September 2008
Natal Classes	11 – 12 September 2008
UNISA Study School for Second years	15 – 16 September 2008

CAREER DAY IN SOWETO



Nkonki Team: Kamal Govind, Thuthani Ndlovu, Ntsoaki Mosala and Sonwabile Landzela

On the 16 August Nkonki was invited by Wits University to Bona High School in Soweto to make a presentation to matric students for their career awareness day. It was surprising to note that most of the students were not aware of the chartered



Thuthani Ndlovu and Kamal Govind addressing students

accountancy profession. Nkonki staff had to sit down with students and explain to them which subjects they need to take or are regarded as a prerequisite for students who want to become chartered accountants. ○

MONTH END DRINKS



Bongani Manzi, Vincent Mteshane, Mthokozisi Sibisi, and Thuthani Ndlovu



Resignations

We would bid farewell to Tebogo Selao and Bongani Manzi who would be leaving us at the end of August 2008. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

On the lighter side

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."

Clay P. Bedford

"A group becomes a team when each member is sure enough of himself and his contribution to praise the skills of the others."

Norman Shidle

"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes."

Mark Twain