

nkonki talk

Thanks Giving Dinner

On the 20 September 06, the Housing Project Team hosted a thank you dinner at Nkonki for their client the National Department of Housing.(NDoH).

Siphiwe Sithole gave a concise brief on the whole project and a 10 minute "housing" show reel was played to give the client more insight about the project.

Zola Saki, Mvume Sihele, Humbulani Mmbadi, Siphiwe Sithole, Director General (NDoH):Itumeleng Kotsoane, Sindi Zilwa, Dinah Mooketsi (NDoH), Nomsa Binitie (NDoH), Mzi Nkonki and Lulama Madini



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Cultural Day



Humbulani Mmbadi, Winnie Leagile, Khumo Ramokhothoane, Bulelwa Mhlugulwana and Thabile Themba



Editorial:



October is a breast cancer awareness month. I hope we all know that we should give support to anyone we know who is suffering from this illness. We should also take care of ourselves by taking the necessary tests to detect whether we are cancer free. The gift of life is a miracle which we often forget unless something drastic happens to us or to someone closer to us. I would like thank all those who participated in Nkonki wellness day. It is important to take care of ourselves and check our levels of cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure and adopt healthy living habits.

I must commend Sindi Zilwa in spite of her hectic schedule she finds time to do the firm's branding from inside to outside of the company relentlessly. The internal branding and employee engagement is crucial, we cannot sell a brand that we do not know or fully understand. Apart from the individual sessions that Sindi Zilwa holds with the new staff, she personally hold workshops on "Living our vision" with her staff at all levels from junior accountants to the most senior partners in the firm to ensure that we all sing from one page or rather understand "Living our vision".

According to Terry Behan, MD of The Fearless Executive, a company's brand is nothing more than the promise made to its market and once all of its people are acting in accordance with that promise - the business will be in perfect alignment. Only then will it be possible to enjoy business leadership and an increased bottom line that comes with owning a powerful brand.

On 18 September 06 Sindi Zilwa held an inspiring motivational session with all the staff members who would be soon writing the Board examinations and also played a Les Brown movie called "Live your dreams not your fears". After watching the movie Bongani Manzi said "one needs to rise above fear and build oneself to succeed" and Tshilidzi said "You need to have a way of dealing with fear and overcome it"

To all those who are writing examinations Sindi said you should bear in mind the following:

- You do not have the luxury to fail.
- Everything is important when writing your papers.
- Be calm and collected for fear can cost you a lot.
- You have the potential to succeed within yourself and you are sitting for the examinations to demonstrate that you know.
- If you are really hungry to pass no one is going to stop you.

We wish you all the best of luck! We know that you are going to make it, and this time Sindi will not hug and congratulate only a few people but you are all going to dance on the table with Sindi the Nkonki style.

Regards

Lindi Dlamini
PR & Marketing Manager

Profile Thuli Mashanda

Thuli Mashanda is our new External Audit Partner, she joined Nkonki in September 2006. Thuli works half day in the morning only and in the afternoon she gets involved in setting up her own company called Njapa Consulting.

Thuli obtained her Bachelor of Arts in Accounting Studies honours at Thames Valley University in the United Kingdom. She further completed her Chartered Accounting (SA) at Unisa.

Prior to Thuli's appointment at Nkonki she worked for MTN in Nigeria as Head of Internal Audit Department, Transnet (Housing Unit) as Executive Corporate Finance Manager, Multichoice Africa as Finance Manager (Africa), and she has been with Nkonki Sizwe Ntsaluba which is now Sizwe Ntsaluba as a Supervisor to Audit Manager.

Thuli is a mother of two, she is humble yet dynamic and strong willed at the same time. When Thuli was asked about what she attributes her success to, she said "In order to achieve in life you do not have to be from a rich or a fancy background. All you need is self confidence and tell yourself that you can do it. It does not matter what situation you are in, but if you keep on telling yourself and say it loud that you will make it, and live it in your subconscious mind you will really make it in life."

Although Thuli came from a wealthy family, she had to learn to take responsibility of herself at an early age. At a tender age of 3 years Thuli lost her mother, and when she turned 15 years old her father passed on as well, however she did not let that mishap derail her from achieving her goals in life. Thuli



worked hard and after completing her matric at Inanda Seminary in Durban, she went straight to further her studies in the United Kingdom.

Thuli is into yoga and she relaxes through meditation, and reads the Bible. Thuli is currently reading Angels Vision 2 by Doreen Virtue, Feng Shu Bible, and Praying the Psalms. Apart from that, Thuli has the support system of her Christian friends and she draws her inspiration from Louise Hay motivational material. ●

Nkonki Wellness Day



Signing up a Virgin Active contract Thuli Mashanda and Sydney Meso



Our Chairman, Mzi Nkonki checking his blood pressure

What's on?

Boss's Day – 16 October 2006
 Month end drinks – 3 November 2006
 Nkonki Day of Giving – 24 November 2006

Month end drinks



Gerald Motadi, Lulu Madini, Sipiwe Sithole, Humbulani Mmbadi and Imane Chakir dancing after the presentation



Sipiwe Sithole presenting the housing show reel



Our song bird, Thabile Themba dancing and singing at the month end drinks

The housing team battled a little bit before they got their DVD right, and everyone was beginning to doubt that they were really working hard in Cape Town. Some people

thought they were just sipping cocktails at the beach, but after Sipiwe's talk Gerald Motadi and Imane wanted to join them in Cape Town. ☺



Shirley Martin and Cindy Croning doing the "siking dance".

Welcome

A hearty welcome to our new staff:

- Mthunzi Dwanya – Senior Audit Manager (External Audit)
- Mziyanda Ntswahlana – Director: External Audit

Resignations

Good Bye!

We would like to bid Stephen Hlophe and Charlene Wilson a farewell as they are leaving Nkonki and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

On the lighter side

"If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking."
 George S. Patton

"Self-praise is for losers. Be a winner. Stand for something. Always have class, and be humble."
 John Madden

Queen's stork party

We wish Queen Ngcobo all the best as she prepares for motherhood.



Khumo Ramakhothoane, Winnie Leagile and Queen Ngcobo



Queen Ngcobo looking like a clown after one of those stork party games.



There is nowhere to hide for Queen Ngcobo