

nkonki talk

MONTH END DRINKS

Month end drinks at Nkonki it's that time of the month for staff announcements, meeting new colleagues, catching up with friends, munching, drinking and dancing. ☺



Back: Weddington Masawi and Vincent Mteshana
Front: Nozipho Gumede, Lekgolo Lepulana, Maxwell Setati and Lufuno Makhuba.



Catching up: Zanele Ramabele and Bathabile Shezi.

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From left: Honest Maqwara, Moira Anthony and Portia Harvey



Happy guys: Tshepo Leboko, Lekgolo Lepulana and Melusi Mthembu

Editorial:



It is unbelievable that we are in June, and halfway through the year. It has been quite hectic 6 months with load shedding, high interest rates, escalating fuel prices, crime, high food prices, xenophobic attacks and scary headlines that we should all tighten our belts.

I was quite amused to find out that this weakening economy breeds some type of people who are "disaffected" by all what is happening around them. They simply bury their heads in the sand. Be it the bond rates are high or low, they enjoy life and nothing will stop them from spending their money.

The "disaffected" forge ahead and play CD's instead of listening to the news, and scan through the newspapers to create an impression that they know what is happening out there while reading only positive articles.

This attitude reminded me of David Bullard's article in the April issue of Maverick, in which he says "toss out the motivational books, own your mediocrity and be free...". In a nutshell he says people should be realistic and accept themselves for who they are, work hard and live their lives the way they please. Not all of us were meant to be super successful. On a serious note how can you go through life

everyday repeating the "I can do it mantras" in the mirror like a lunatic or carry on imagining a red Lamborghini in your drive way when you are heavily in debt.

It's like how in marketing we tend to put people in boxes and channel their thinking to be the same, for instance we know very well that a one colour toothpaste washes one's teeth the same way as a four coloured toothpaste does, but we will create adverts that demonstrate that a four coloured toothpaste washes teeth even better.

I would like to thank all the people who contributed in assisting the victims of xenophobic attacks at the beginning of this month.

I would say during these tough times we need to carry on and live our lives the way we want and work hard as Nkonki brand builders and not forgetting our three 3P's and give our ultimate performance which is *productivity, profitability and patriotism*.

Regards

Lindi Dlamini
PR & Marketing Manager

Profile



LUFUNO MAKHUBA

Lufuno Makhuba grew up in Venda, but now stays in Centurion. He is married with one little girl. Lufuno studied BCom Accounting at the University of Pretoria., thereafter he completed his CTA at the University of South Africa.

Lufuno joined Nkonki in 2005 as a trainee, and on completion of his internship and Part 2 Qualifying Examinations, he was promoted to Audit Manager. Lufuno is quite thrilled with the recent developments in his career as he says "I am happy with my achievements, and I can see where I am going in life".

Lufuno decided to become a Chartered Accountant because he wanted to help his father to run a family business. Lufuno finds auditing quite interesting and he considers

himself fortunate to be doing something that he has a strong passion for as he says "as a CA you learn a lot about business and how to deal with different people in business".

According to Lufuno people need to be committed and not give up easily if they do not pass their Board Exams. "It is important to look back and take note of what they can do differently in order to succeed, work hard and be focused" he says.

Lufuno relaxes through listening to reggae music. He likes to read financial, accountancy, economics, and leadership magazines, newspapers, and also listening to business talk shows such as money web.

SAICA TRAINING

On 5-6 June SAICA training was held at Nkonki to train the Managers on the assessing process so that they understand all the dynamics that are involved in assessments. ◯



From left to right: Thabile Themba, Kumenderi Pillay, Jeremaya Muza, Marinda Waddicor, Karien Coates from SAICA and Sarurai Nyazika.

SIPHIWE SITHOLE'S FAREWELL

Siphiwe Sithole-Mataboge's farewell dinner was held at Boleros in Sunninghill. It was heartrending to see Siphiwe leave and hear her relating the firm's history and how she has seen it grow at a rapid speed from a small firm in Mthatha in the 90's to a big business that it is today.

Siphiwe thanked the firm and everyone for the opportunity that was afforded to her, and she mentioned that she grew within the firm and gained a great deal of experience. Siphiwe said she hopes that whenever we are in Cape Town we will take every opportunity to keep in touch with her, and she shall lose no chance to renew her acquaintance with us.

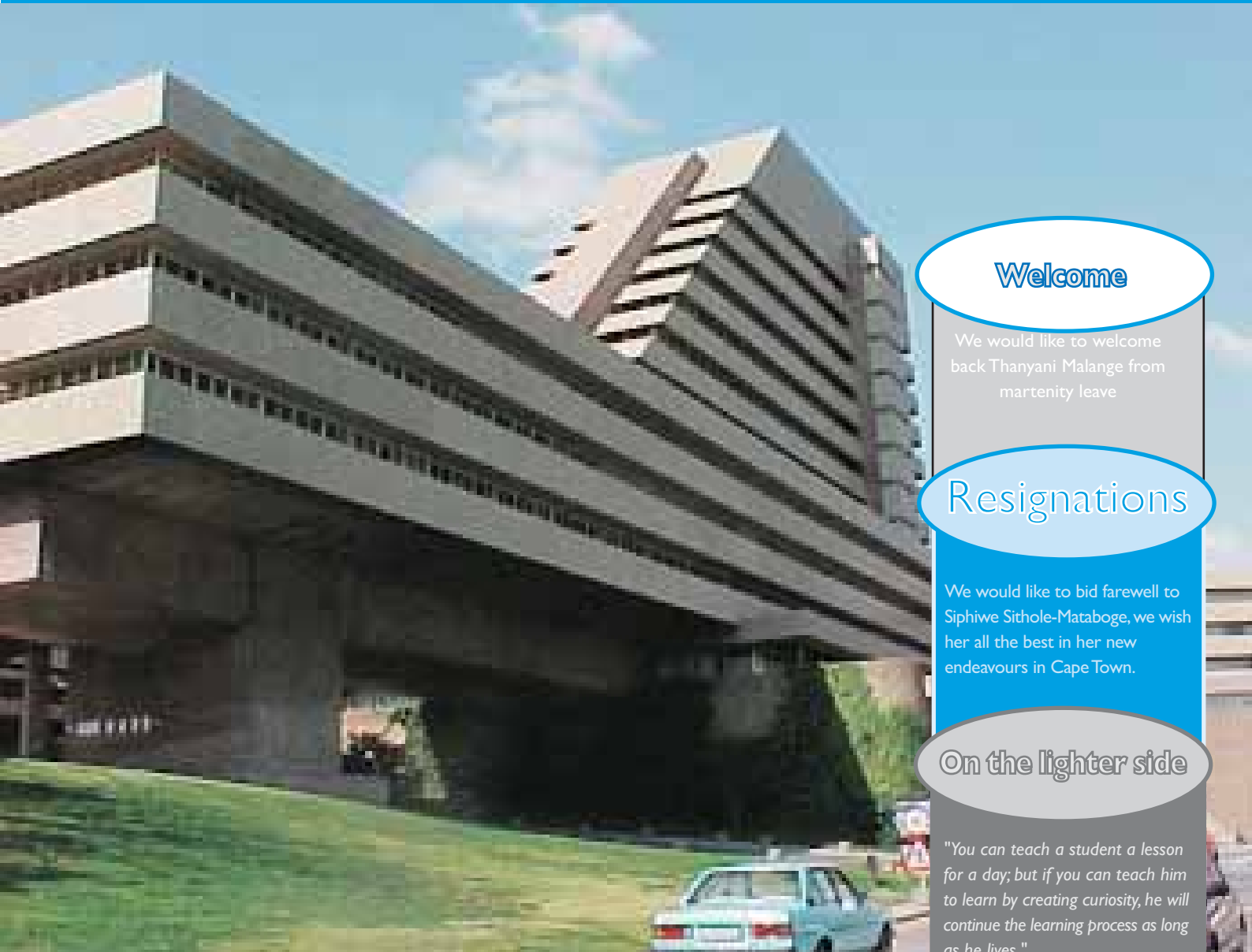


Lulama Madini, Siphiwe Sithole-Mataboge, and Simbongile Manzi.



Siphiwe Sithole-Mataboge receiving her gifts.

What's on?



Welcome

We would like to welcome back Thanyani Malange from maternity leave

Resignations

We would like to bid farewell to Siphwe Sithole-Mataboge, we wish her all the best in her new endeavours in Cape Town.

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

UNISA-CTA - Test 3/ UNISA - 2nd Year Test 2/

Natal Test 3

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Part I QE Results & Braai

27 June 08

KPMG Audit

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