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Reflection on very fulfilling 2010 ... a year of hard work, achievements and great spirit

Year end frovility and celebration



Laetitia and Bronwyn, organisers deluxe!



Our very own Santa Elf hands out gifts!



Deans speech – Prof Zinn



Staff enjoying the scrumptious spit braai and geselskap...



Bill and Carmel thrill us with their rendition of 'The Faculty Song' (written by Bill!)

John Edwards and his band members provided soulful jazz background music – wonderful!



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Faculty Farewell Function

A Farewell Tribute to five of our colleagues who are leaving the faculty was masterminded by Bill. The tribute took the form of a deliberately lengthy poem (with two brief musical interludes).

Part 1 honours Johann McFarlane who has worked in the Faculty of Education for 18 years (1993-2010), Part 2 pays tribute to Jeff Ilsey (1996-2010), Percy Sepeng, Melissa May and Michelle Myles.

The poem was composed and read by its author, Bill Holderness, and the final musical singalong was led by Bill & Logan Athiemoolan, Nonnie Botha and Alette Delpont.



From left: Jeff, Alette, Melissa, Noluthando, Percy, Denise, Johan, Michelle, Nonnie and Siya



Singalong excerpt (with Scottish accent):

You take the high road; and we'll take the low road
And you'll be retired before wee
To thee and Marikee, we bless you on your weey
And your bonny, bonny twins – Mc-Fa-la-ni

'The Human Race'

Several members of the faculty took part in the mini marathon co-hosted recently by the EP Athletics Association and CANRAD.

The faculty team even had their very own mascots in the form of Johan's two pooches, Kleintjie and Cheeky. They arrived in their limo, *ahem Spar trolley*, ready to be 'driven' around the North End Lake! As it turned out, only Cheeky finished the race; Kleintjie missed his lift!

Well done to Christina who won a PADI Diving Course in the lucky draw!

Johan with Kleintjie and Cheeky, who proved to be very popular amongst the younger participants.



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Community Outreach & Ubuntu Project

MANY THANKS to everyone who supported the ACVV Newton Park Kersfeesboom/Christmas tree initiative, thereby making a difference in the life of a disadvantaged child in our metro this festive season.

The children that will benefit from the involvement of the Faculty were identified by two Social Workers based on their intense involvement with the families. The children all reside in a poverty stricken environment where hunger, fear, violence, crime, abuse, HIV, alcohol and drug abuse and illiteracy is rife. Many of these children have lost parents that were HIV positive and are now left to the mercy of extended families, also exposed to poverty and the ravaging effects of AIDS on the family. In most cases, caregivers or guardians are mostly illiterate and unemployed. The children attend schools within Missionvale but struggle without resources. The homes are often one-roomed shacks with no running water or toilet facilities. Multiple family members share this small space.

The children receive a warm cooked meal at Sita's Soup Kitchen, which is supported in kind by ACVV Newton Park. Blankets, clothing and shoes are supplied when donations are received. The Child Support Grant of R250.00 per child, per month also brings some relief to the families.

Despite all the 'doom and gloom' these children are very resilient and have the potential and determination to reach their dreams. All we can do is provide or link them with the necessary opportunities to make this possible, and believe that they can.

Tanya Eales (Senior Social Worker)

ACVV Newton Park was founded in 1954 by a handful of volunteers and serve the areas of Missionvale, Algoa Park and Young Park where they render social services to families experiencing any social problem.

*** thanks Annaline for organising ***



Annaline with 15 of the recipient children who were brought by the social workers to the 'handover'



Wow! What have you got there?

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