



# ST AIDANS HOSPITAL THE VOICE NEWSLETTER SPRING EDITION

## PHARMACY WEEK CELEBRATION AT ST AIDANS

National Pharmacy week was celebrated from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2009.

The theme for this year

was to promote the vital role that the pharmacy profession plays in Health Care and also to promote the safe disposal of unwanted, unused and expired medicine. In keeping with the



Mrs. S. Naidoo (Principal Pharmacist) with Mr. Nyamasve (Pharmacy intern) giving fruits to patients.

theme, we visited two schools and gave talks on both topics. Thanks to the reps that gave us reading materials which enabled us to give to students for

interacting purposes during the talks. We also left some reading material with students so they may be well educated on the topics. Internally we went around all the wards and clinics

use of paraffin. There was a positive response from the public & various schools. We as Pharmacy staff are hoping that our efforts were well appreciated and the theme was well depicted.



The Pharmacy team also visiting St Augustins Primary School



Mr. B. Nyamasve and Mr. T. Dhlamini our pharmacy interns visited Orient Islamic School.

giving out fruit and patient information leaflets (PIL) on various conditions such as Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia and Dry Eyes. Posters were displayed around the hospital promoting healthy eating and the safe



Mr. T. A Dhlamini and Mr. B Nyamasve preparing their stall for pharmacy week

# Woman's Day Celebration!!

## St Aidans Hospital – Woman's Day Celebration

The Health Promotions committee of St Aidans Hospital hosted a talent show on the 05 September 2009 to commemorate Woman's Day. Sister Honey Ali, from McCords Hospital was the guest speaker.

In her speech she outlined the importance of being a strong woman as today's woman are faced with a number of challenges ranging from domestic violence, unem-

ployment, and the daily pressure at the workplace. She emphasized that women should unite in order to fight all these challenges. The celebration was held at the St Aidans Church Hall, the following wards and departments competed in the contest:

- Pharmacy Dept
- Eye Clinic
- Rehab Dept
- High Care
- The Parish of St Aidans

Entertainment was at its best as different wards and departments competed for the best performance on stage. There was a dance by the eye clinic staff, singing by Pharmacy staff member and more entertaining activities.

Woman's Day celebration brought about unity and enjoyment of each others cultures. At the same time embracing, the power of South African woman . The event was enjoyed by everyone who attended.



From left Premilla, Rani, and Maya looking beautiful.



Sister Honey Ali our guest speaker



Ladies were well dressed



3 Males dress in Saris . Don't they look good?

It was a Day to Celebrate.



Dance by the eye clinic staff

# Awards Day Celebration.

The Urology clinic and Eye clinic held an Awards Day celebrating Batho Pele principle number nine, which is Encouraging Innovation and Rewarding Excellence. The event took place on 23 September 2009 at the eye clinic Visual Field room.

The hospital choir entertained by singing our favorite tunes which made the event even more exciting for the attendees.

The criterion which was used to select the winner was clearly explained by Assistant Nursing Manager Mrs. F. Hlongwa who was working with a team to identify deserving candi-

dates.

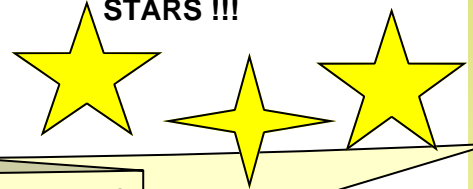
In order to get a "Good Attendance Certificate" a staff member should have less than 5 days of being absent and must have produced a doctors note. In order to get a "Best Attendance Certificate" you should have less than 3 day of being absent and must have produced a doctors note. In order to have an "Outstanding Attendance Certificate" a member should not be absent.

We as an institution are striving to uplift the moral of all staff members who are giving their very best towards providing the best service delivery to

our patients.

The Eye clinic staff received a certificate for the "Best Team Work" as they launched the first glaucoma support group in South Africa.

We would like to congratulate those who received those certificates and certainly hope that it will motivate them to maintain their dedication towards service delivery. **U ARE OUR SHINING STARS !!!**



## FEAST YOUR EYES TO OUR AWARD WINNERS

No 1



E/N Z. Chili awarded for outstanding attendance. Presented by Mrs. F. Hlongwa

No 2



Second place was E/N N.R Mlondo for best attendance. Presented by

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Prof Nurse M. Matabhere was awarded for best attendance. Presented by Mrs. B. Nhdlovu

Mrs. L. Munthree was awarded for best attendance. Presented by Mrs. B. Nhdlovu

# Continuation of pictures from the Awards Day!!!



Third place was E/N M. Govender for good Attendance. Presented by Mrs. L Munthree



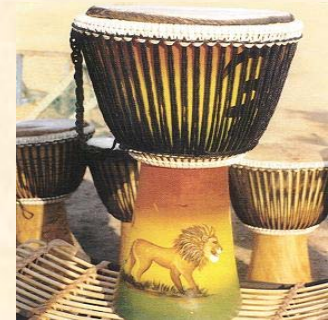
Third was E/N A M. T. Lawrence for Good Attendance. Presented by Mrs. L. Munthree



Third was E/N P.Z. Dlamini for good attendance. Presented by Mrs. L. Munthree



Mrs. B. Nhdlovu received an award for the Best Team Work as the Eye clinic staff Launched a Glaucoma Support Group



Urology Staff took a picture after receiving their certificate.



Attendees of the event.



## World Retina Week

World Retina Week was commemorated on the 23 September 2009, staff members had their eyes tested as part of commemorating world retina week. The main focus was to identify retinal pathologies that can interfere with the vision which is important for our staff members. The theme of the day was **“EYE THE WINDOW TO THE WORLD”**

This was initiated by the eye clinic staff to ensure that our staff members vision is protected from any eye diseases.

Staff members fully supported this initiative as they came in numbers to get themselves tested, 86 staff members were screened and given their visual history. All staff members who participated were given the necessary support as they were diagnosed with different conditions which require urgent attention.

On the day staff members checked



Mrs. Moses get her eyes tested.

their blood pressure, blood glucose as well as anterior and posterior eye segments.

Another objective of this initiative was to give attention to our own staff member who are always giving attention to our patients. We saw the need to give our staff the necessary screening and refer them according to the referral pattern. It is important to take care of our staff members as they are the ones who ensures excellent service delivery to our cli-

ents. It was a fruitful initiative as we were able to diagnose some staff members with different conditions.

We hope that those staff members who were diagnosed with any condition are taking necessary steps to ensure the safety of their health and we will support them in any way possible.



A Staff member getting her blood pressure checked.

## Batho Pele Ambassadors In-Service Training

On the 15th to 16 September 2009 Ms N.C Sosibo the QA Co-ordinator together with the P.R.O Mr. M.M Dlamini conducted an In- service training to 17 Batho Pele Ambassadors.

We targeted Batho Pele ambassador in order for them to cascade the information to their different departments. On the first day we concentrated on the Implementation of Batho Pele in the work place , Origin, Vision and Mission of Batho Pele. Ambassadors had a chance to voice their views on the organisational culture of the institution and its impact on service delivery.



A picture of all attendees

Ambassadors outlined things which has a great impact on service delivery and are sometimes overlooked by supervisors and managers.

On the day ambassadors promised to stop doing things which have a negative impact on the

institution and promised to start doing things which will help in improving service delivery of the institution.



Candidates listening attentively to the facilitator.