



# INDABAYETHU

1st Quarter

KZN Health Department  
DC 23 - Uthukela

## TIME FLIES, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S 2007

### *Editor's Message*

Just yesterday, we were busy buying Christmas presents, decorating Christmas trees, collecting fire works, you name it. That period seems to have vanished within a blink of an eye. Some of us have just returned from Holiday and the festive mood has not died out within us, at the same time we all have to find our feet and get on with our work, ask anybody, they'll tell you its not a nice feeling at all. Hey!! but let us positively look forward to 2007 and make the best out of it. Let us collaboratively work to give as much health education and best service to our clients as possible. Through hard work and dedication we will definitely recognize the difference between 2006 and 2007.

***This is a brand new year***, forget about last year's faults and blunders. We all make mistakes and learn from them. Like the saying goes "even monkeys fall out of trees". We need to just make sure that we do not repeat the same mistakes and showcase improvement in our working-environment.

To the Batho Pele committee members and the Complaints Handling Committee, we have a huge challenge ahead of us this year. We are called "ambassadors" not for nothing but to collaboratively lead the role of implementation of Batho Pele principles and to work-out strategies and to strive to minimize complaints in our institution. Again, we need to make sure that there is a difference between 2006 and 2007

There is not too much time left before we commemorate World Cancer Day (4 February), STI/Condom Week and Pregnancy Awareness Week (mid-February). All these relevant departments should commence with the necessary preparations and be part of the health promotion initiatives. Always remember your inputs are always welcome and fruitful.

Those who have set goals for 2007 (*myself included*), we need to work hard to accomplish them - hard work pays at the end of the day.

Remember, we all are leaders of this institution, Innovation is expected from each and everyone of us. We are all expected to bring about changes in our institution. We are all here for one goal, "to provide optimal health status to all our clients".

Let the spirit of Batho Pele live among us throughout the year. "May all the success be with you in 2007!"

*Nqobile Gamede*

## 2006 HAS SOME GOOD MEMORIES FOR US.....TAKE A LOOK...



**Dr E. Nambassi handing a certificate to L.M. Hlomuka (ENA)**

*The 20th of December 2006 marked commemoration of World Aids day. The purpose of the day was to salute all our loved ones who passed away as a result of the Aids pandemic. The event was inclusive of activities such as, candle-lighting and prayer, a nurses attribute perspective, and awards certificates to the Health Promotion Committee Members for their good deeds in 2007. Our Guest Speaker Mrs T. Mahlalela whose speech was based on the theme, “You are HIV Positive and so what?” and I must compliment her, the speech did certainly make a difference in many people’s lives. See below pictures for more details:*



**The Health Promotion Members were not left out in the award certificates**



**Candle lighting by Matron T.M. Buthelezi**

## A SURPRISE VISIT FROM UKHOZI FM DEE-JAYS

*Ladysmith Hospital in-patients and staff were so lucky to receive an unexpected visit from Ukhozi FM DJ’s Linda Sibiya (Mr Magic) and Dudu Khoza (Lady-D). The two Dee Jays together with Uthukela District Municipality staff visited admitted patients in different wards. The patients were so delighted to finally meet these idols in-person. This was surely a day never to be forgotten in 2006.*



**Staff mingling with “Mr Magic” and “Lady D”**



**Theatre staff with “Lady D”**

**We asked a few staff members, what their New Year's resolutions are and this is how they responded.....**



*Katlego Mampai - Lay Counsellor*

“I do not make resolutions because, it is sometimes not easy to make them reality. So, I cross every bridge when I get to it”.



*Nkosiyapha Qwabe - H.R. Practitioner (Staff Relations)*

“My resolution for this year is to resolve as many outstanding misconducts and grievance cases as possible within the hospital so as to harmonize the working conditions between employer and employee”.



*Christina Stuart - F.S.O. - Revenue Department*

“I plan to broaden my horizon and knowledge, career wise. I also want to study so that I can empower myself and be a worthy asset to the organization and to myself as well”.

.....And “NO PARTIES!”

## STAFF NEWS

### NEW STAFF

- ◆ *Dr Huang (Dentist)*
- ◆ *Samukelisiwe Mthembu (Pharmacy Assistant)*
- ◆ *Gugu Bimritch (Pharmacy Assistant)*
- ◆ *Busisiwe Mbonane (Ward Clerk - Ward 1)*
- ◆ *Dr S.E. Kubheka*
- ◆ *Dr S.J. Kubheka*
- ◆ *Dr Reddy*
- ◆ *Dr Dlamini*
- ◆ *Dr Oosthuizen*
- ◆ *Dr Ndlovu*
- ◆ *Dr van Rensburg*
- ◆ *Dr Rattan*
- ◆ *Dr Khumalo*
- ◆ *Dr Sithole*
- ◆ *Dr Loot*
- ◆ *Dr Govender*
- ◆ *Dr Kunene*

### STAFF DEATHS

- ◆ *Mr Qinisani Magubane (Pharmacy Assistant)*
- ◆ *Ms Nomaphelo Nteyi (H.R.O)*
- ◆ *Ms Simangele Gamede (E.N.A.)*
- ◆ *Ms Sithole M.C. - Staff Nurse*

“Sebelele Ngoxolo”

### STAFF PROMOTIONS

- ◆ *Nkosiyapha Qwabe - has been promoted from H.R.O. to Human Resources Practitioner*
- ◆ *Mr B.L. Msibi has been promoted to Assistant Nursing Manager (OPD\Emergency and PHC)*
- ◆ *Ms Buhle Khumalo - has been promoted from messenger to Records Officer Position*
- ◆ *Mrs Ngwenya - has been promoted from Chief Human Resources Officer to Assistant Manager (H.R.D.)*
- ◆ *Mr D. Ngcobo - has been promoted from Principal Human Resources Officer position to Chief Human Resources Officer*

Well done!!

### RETIRED STAFF

- ◆ *Karla Rashid - S.E.N.A.*
- ◆ *N.B. Kunene - General Orderly*
- ◆ *M.M. Zwane - General Orderly*
- ◆ *D.O. Nene - General Orderly*
- ◆ *Mr Nkosi - General Orderly*
- ◆ *D.J. Mnyandu - E.N.*
- ◆ *T.C. Mabaso - E.N.A.*
- ◆ *V.J. Frazer - S.E.N.*

### HINTS ON HOW TO SURVIVE JANUARY BLUES

- ◆ Never visit a friend during this time of the year they might not be as friendly as they use to, don't blame them.
- ◆ Always bring your own food when going to see friends.
- ◆ Never call anyone with number on cell phone "private" I bet they won't answer they might think it's Edgars or Morkels looking for some money.
- ◆ Avoid conversations that relate more to money, they might borrow from you.
- ◆ Avoid relatives during this time of the year, it's trouble.
- ◆ Never buy new clothes this time unless it's for your kids to school.
- ◆ After your shopping you should not walk around with plastics, because I'm telling you in the township, next door neighbors come knocking with a big cup to get some cooking oil from you.
- ◆ Be careful with your money next time in December save for January.

### TAKE A LOOK AT OUR VEGETABLE GARDEN...

