

### EZIKA SOMLOMO/PRO's Desk



**Mr. Mlungisi Dlamini  
Public Relations Officer**

It is such a great honor to me to get this opportunity for working at St. Apollinaris as a newly appointed Public Relations Officer. I have received a warmest welcome from different organs of the hospital. Indeed 2010 will be the most remarkable year on many diverse activities to our lives and to our country. First and foremost I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this newsletter because without you guys there would be no newsletter.

I am pleased to say that as St. Apollinaris Hospital we have indeed done much to implement the commitments we made to the people of fighting Diseases, Fighting Poverty and Giving Hope. It is true and correct that our hospital is in crisis of the shortages of the Doctors therefore we still have outstanding work to do in this regard. Let me take this opportunity to extend my warmest ap-

preciation to the Nursing Component for massive work that they do to save our communities. I particularly would like to congratulate the maternity ward for receiving-Izandla

Eziphophile Award which is the very important one in the year. As we bid farewell to the year 2010 and welcome the year 2011, I would like to wish you all a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

At this time of the year many of us adopt New Year resolutions in anticipation of the challenges of the New Year. Equally, the birth of a new year also offers all of us together the possibility to recommit ourselves to work for a better future for all our people.

This passing year, 2010, saw many gains on many fronts as we continued to work for the consolidation of a united, just and democratic society, marked by economic prosperity and the eradication of diseases.

Let us begin the New Year committed to the objective of national unity, with renewed confidence in our collective strength to ensure that our democracy will continue to serve all our citizens, determined to accelerate our progress towards the realization of the goal of a better life for all South Afri-

cans. I would like to thank everybody in our institution, whether in administration, nursing, medical and patriotic individuals for the work they did this year to ensure that our hospital becomes the success we all want it to be.

Our tasks as the institution is based on different aspectual of life as we hosted the function in October called take a girl child to work. This is the most encouraging role to student of the surroundings Schools because they get an opportunity to know all about the services rendered by our institution. This is the lifetime opportunity because students can start realizing their careers at this point.

Once again on behalf of the management, I wish you, Friends, Colleagues and other relevant stakeholders a happy and successful 2011.

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# TRADITIONAL HEALERS TRAINING.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> of November 2010 we participated on the traditional healers training that took place at Mashayilanga Community Hall and Makholweni Community Hall. This was a great successful training aimed to assist in fighting against HIV/Aids.

It appeared that traditional healers are willing to collaborate with department of Health in fighting HIV/AIDS, two groups of 28 and 12 traditional healers, one from Kilmun area and another one from Makholweni, Sibovini, Hlabeni and Makhungwana area were trained for 5 days basic HAST Management and Integration Management Programme.

The training was conducted by two Facilitators which is Department of Health (TB/HIV Care) and NGO that is supporting the Institution. TB/HIV Care funded the catering for the traditional healers participated on this function.

On this training it was very interesting to see traditional healers encourage people to use condoms when engaging on sexual intercourse. They also reiterated that people should get tested so that they would know their status and re-emphasized the usage of condoms. As Department of health, we hope that our relationship with the NGO and Traditional healers will continue until we conquer the war against HIV/Aids.



Ms Khumalo (CEO) addressing the Traditional Healers



Mrs. P.P. Gasa with the traditional healers at the training



Members of the Community listening attentively



Traditional healers enjoying the training.

# MALE MEDICAL CIRCUMCISION CAMPAIGN (MMC)

St. Apollinaris Hospital had the Male Medical Circumcision Campaign held at Malenge clinic on the 04<sup>th</sup> of December 2010. The campaign was a great success and well mobilized as the participants came from various areas around Malenge Clinic.

The main objective of this campaign was to circumcise male to reduce the infection of HIV when engaging on sexual intercourse. It has been stated that male medical circumcision is effective and it is essential that circumcised men are encouraged to continue using condoms during sexual intercourse. In this campaign 40 males between 13 -35 were circumcised. 08 were circumcised using surgical-forceps method and 32 were circumcised using Tara clamp.



MMC Campaign was completed.



MMC was in progress at Malenge Clinic

## AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR MATERNITY DEPARTMENT

We would like to congratulate St. Apollinaris Hospital Nursing component –Martenity department in particular for receiving an award.

Martenity department has met the criteria Izandla Eziphephile ( Safe Hands). We are proud of our martenity department and we encourage them to continue doing the good work for our community. Safe Hands Awards includes this elements :

Standardization of Martenal and new born health care practices.

Evidence base practices.

Adherence to national and provincial care guidelines

Provision of continuous updates for providers in maternity.

Maintaining accurate record keeping and auditing system.

Maintaining good client provide relationship.



ABOVE : IZANDLA EZIPHEPHILE (SAFE HANDS) AWARD

# Careers Corner

St. Apollinaris Hospital is always there to assist the Community particularly the learners. We organized the function called take a girl child to work to inform learner about the career opportunities that exist in department of health. We are encouraging them to work for department of health when choosing the careers. Most of the sections that participated on this campaign were human resources department, Medical, Nursing, Finance, Public Relations and Pharmacy. Schools that were involved were Ginyane, Leshman, and Sonyongwana high schools. We normally do this campaign yearly to assist the learners in choosing careers, this campaign is only for girls in grade 11 and 12 as they were previously disadvantaged gender group in our society.



Mr. Thulani Dlamini (HR Section) and learner from Ginyane High School



On the left a learner from Ginyane high, in the middle Mr M Zondo (School health) Co-coordinator of the function and a learner from Leshman high school



Students were listening attentively as they were being addressed by the Municipal Mayor



A learner from Ginyane high School with Mrs. Kheswa

# Farewell function for Mrs. N.C.Thekiso EX CEO

**O**n the 15 th of December 2010, St.Apollinaris Hospital Staff had a farewell function for Mrs.N.C. Thekiso who served the hospital for 9 years. She worked for St.Apollinaris Hospital since 2002 -2009 as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).Abaningi bamchaze njengomuntu wesifazane onobuhlakani obunzima futhi one-sibindi sokubhekana nanoma yiluphi uhlobo lwenkinga. Mrs Thekiso did a lot for St.Apollinaris Hospital and we are proud of her, said Ms T.E Kumalo (Nursing Manager)



On the left Mrs Mnyukana, Ms Njobe Mr S.Matibela and Mrs.N.C Thekiso ex CEO St Apollinaris Hospital



Ms V. Khumalo CEO Speaking



Deputy Manager Nursing T.E .KUMALO– shared some history about Mrs N.C.Thekiso



:Ms Khumalo ,Mrs. N.S.Radebe and Mrs. N.C. Thekiso.



Staff members enjoying the function.



Staff members enjoying farewell



Staff members at the farewell function



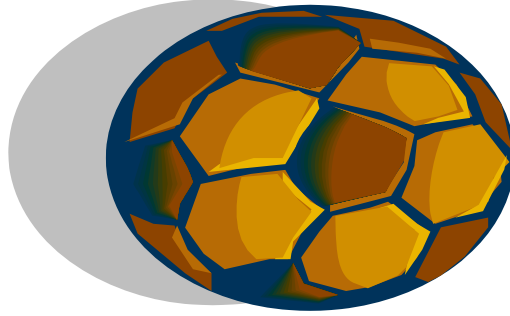
Mr. Themba Dlamini giving present to Mrs. N.C Thekiso



Mrs Malunga (F&S) giving present to Mrs. Thekiso

Staff members enjoyed the Func-

# EZEMIDLALO/IDISKI



OUR SOCCER TEAM HAD A HUGE CONFIDENT WHILE PLAYING AT MZIMKULU SPORT GROUND AGAINST EG&USHER HOSPITAL. THESE GAMES WERE ORGANISED BY OLD MUTUAL BUT IT WAS INTER-GOVMENTAL SELECTION FOR TOURNAMENT. ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS TOURNAMENTS.



ST.APOLLINARIS SOCCER TEAM WERE PREPARING FOR THEIR FIRST GAME.



OUR LADIES WERE PREPARING FOR THEIR FIRST GAME AT UMZIMKHULU SPORTS FIELD.