



## Greetings

Our long awaited 'South Africa at a Glance' books have finally arrived and I will be very happy to distribute some to the expatriates who came to the country in the period we were out of stock.

The book is printed in small pocket sized format and can easily be kept in one's handbag for an easy read when waiting in queues. It was updated in printed just 3 months ago so it contains the most relevant information on South Africa (SA). It is a very interesting source of information. Some of the topics discussed in the book are: history of SA, language, arts, culture, 2010 Soccer World Cup, governance and politics, social services, the economy and budget, infrastructure, famous South Africans and many more.

Numbers are limited but while we have stock we will gladly send the book to anyone interested, just drop us an email with your request and we will make a plan to deliver.

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

### Pink Power Yoga Hour at Virgin Active

Join the biggest countrywide yoga hour to help raise funds and awareness for breast cancer. You can also purchase products the proceeds of which will go for the cause.

**When:** Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9 am

**Where:** Any Virgin Active Gym

### Angels Walking for Breast Cancer



Angels Walking™ is a fundraising concept where you walk and raise money for a specific cause. The cause is Breast Cancer. Walkers are encouraged to walk in their wings, in pink, bring their babies in prams, with guide dogs or in a wheelchair, and you can even bring along the men in your life to walk!

The donation this year is going to The Breast Health Foundation & Bosom Buddies who will use the much needed funds to employ more Community Educators

## CHERRY FESTIVAL IN FICKSBURG

This is a November event outside Gauteng so you need to plan and book accommodation in advance. Due to the climate



conditions in South Africa and mainly the lack of snow in winter cherries only grow in Ficksburg and surrounds. There are various activities and entertainment shows such as live jazz music, mountain biking competition, golf tournament, helicopter tours and even the very technical and not for the untrained Cherry pip spitting competition.

I have never been to the fest but plan to visit this year and try and eat as many cherries as possible to keep me satisfied until next year. The promise is that there will be other fresh produce to purchase such as asparagus and fresh cheese and preserves so we can stock up for the 4 hour drive back to Gauteng.

**Web:** [www.cherryfestival.co.za](http://www.cherryfestival.co.za)

**When:** 19-21 November

**Contact:** 051 933 6486, [gavin@cherryfestival.co.za](mailto:gavin@cherryfestival.co.za)

**Tickets:** [www.computicket.com](http://www.computicket.com)

## HOWLO'EEN AT THE JOBURG ZOO

Halloween is always great fun not just for the kids but for adults too. Unfortunately it is not a very popular holiday in South Africa and many years it goes unnoticed other than the occasional horror movie on TV. I am quite excited at the prospect of celebrating Halloween at the Joburg Zoo this year; the venue is great, large trees making you feel you are in an old forest and beautiful animal enclosures, not to mention the plentiful kiddie activity gyms and train. Everyone should dress up and bring picnic along or visit the coffee shop which will stay open late for the occasion. If you do not feel like picnicking or the zoo restaurant food you can visit Zoo Lake Movo after the

who travel into Townships and rural areas to promote "**EARLY DETECTION SAVES LIVES**". Remember you have to enter on line before the race.

**When:** Sunday, 1 November from 9h30

**Where:** Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit

**Web:** [www.angelswalking.co.za](http://www.angelswalking.co.za)

### LUDWIG'S ROSES

With over 1000 rose varieties Ludwig's roses is a fascinating place to visit. For as far as the eye can see there are rows and rows of rose plants in all stages of bloom. The beauty of it is breathtaking and you will not be able to resist purchasing a few plants for the garden.

There is also a very well managed coffee shop with great food and fantastic play areas for the kids to keep them occupied for hours. To add to all this Ludwig keeps a butterfly garden where one can admire large tropical butterflies emerging from their cocoons and flapping their wings to dry in order to take to flight. It is stunning as well as educational and a very knowledgeable lady is always around to answer all butterfly related questions.



**Where:** North of Pretoria, GPS coordinates: S25°34.943' E028°17.185'

**When:** every day of the week including public holidays 9 am to 5 pm

**Contact:** 012 544 01 44

**Website:** [www.ludwigsroses.co.za](http://www.ludwigsroses.co.za)

festivities for a memorable dinner in one of the most beautiful restaurants in South Africa.



**Where:** Johannesburg Zoo

**When:** 31 October 5 pm-8 pm

**Cost:** R 43.00 for adults and R 23.00 for children

**Web:** [www.jhbzoo.org.za](http://www.jhbzoo.org.za)

### LIPIZZANERS ANNUAL BALL

The South African Lipizzaners will once again be hosting the Annual Lipizzaner Ball to raise funds to assist in safeguarding the welfare of these magnificent horses in the country.

Watch a spectacular display as the Lipizzaner horses perform their most breathtaking moves around the central water trough. Enjoy gourmet catering from the House of Bonne Cuisine and then dance the night away.

The South African Lipizzaners have earned the honour of being the only performing Lipizzaners outside Vienna recognised by and affiliated to the Spanish Riding School. During shows the horses perform amazing movements to music and show off their highly developed skills and excellent relationship with handlers. If you miss the ball you can still attend one of the shows which are performed every Sunday at the centre.

**Where:** The Lipizzaner Centre, 1 Dahlia Rd, Kyalami

**Tickets:** [tarragon@mweb.co.za](mailto:tarragon@mweb.co.za); R650 pp. Contact them before 16 October and note dress code is black tie

**When:** Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October at 19h.

**Website:** [www.lipizzaners.co.za](http://www.lipizzaners.co.za)

### YAY! and YAY!

#### ANN VAN DYK CHEETAH CENTRE

*Here is what one of our readers who recently relocated from the USA had to say:*

solutions to farmers that are having problems with cheetahs killing and eating their livestock. They provide Anatoli dogs to farmers as well as education. We will definitely bring any and all visitors back to the Ann Van Dyk Cheetah Centre. I highly recommend the centre for anyone interested in wildlife, cheetahs,



We went to the Ann Van Dyk Cheetah Centre (formerly De Wildt Cheetah and Wildlife Centre) near Hartbeespoort Dam and I loved it. They offer different tour times and types. We chose an early morning tour so we could

watch some of the cheetahs run which was an amazing experience. Throughout our tour, our guide Amos educated our group about what it's like for cheetahs when they hunt in the wild and how quickly they can run.

After they ran we had a chance to pay an additional fee to pet the ambassador cheetah, Baron. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to feel and hear Baron purring as we petted him during the photo opportunity.

The real tour began after the photo opportunity. I learned more about the animals at the centre from Amos than I've learned from watching nature shows over the years. We saw endangered wild cats, wild dogs, hyenas, ostriches, impala, monkeys, vultures and of course, cheetahs.

One of my favourite things about the Ann Van Dyk Cheetah Centre is the fact they are providing

endangered species, or conservation. The centre gets two thumbs up from me!!

**Where:** close to Hartbeespoort Dam, GPS coordinates: S 025 40 25.1, E 027 55 25.4

**Web:** [www.dewildt.co.za](http://www.dewildt.co.za)

**Contact:** 012 504 1921 or 083 892 0515. Bookings are essential so call before you go.

The Hartbeespoort Dam area hosts 2 more fantastic sanctuaries which should not be missed. Again bookings are essential. My plan is to visit one per month until I have experienced all:



### **ELEPHANT SANCTUARY AND MONKEY SANCTUARY**

**Contact elephant sanctuary:** 012 258 0423 / 0332

**Web:** [www.elephantsanctuary.co.za](http://www.elephantsanctuary.co.za)

**Contact monkey sanctuary:** 012 258 9908/9

**Web:** [www.monkeysanctuary.co.za](http://www.monkeysanctuary.co.za)

**YAY! or NAY!**



Please tell us about your experiences in South Africa, positive or negative, we would love to post them in the next edition and share with everyone interested. Services, products, places of interest, restaurants, companies, anything that impressed or disappointed you; tell your story and we will spread the word!

Remember we are always a phone call or an e-mail away if you need any advice from immigration and relocation advice to shopping and assistance with domestic help, etc.