



Johannesburg Chapter

2004/5 Newsletter

The 2004/5 Education Year is at its half way point - and we have had such fun and fulfillment from it! We thought we would bring you the first six months' events as an end of year reminder. We wish all of you a festive holiday season and look forward to bringing you more "Only Through YPO" events in 2005. ***Dave & Nadja Avnit***

The Coup of the Decade!

An unexpected addition to the Education Calendar and a truly "Only Through YPO" experience was our invitation to listen to former New York mayor, Rudy Giuliani's key note address at Gallagher Estate on 22 November - plus have the opportunity to personally meet and interact with Giuliani at an exclusive pre-lunch cocktail. Our sincere thanks go to IIR for affording us this amazing opportunity! The event rated 9.6 and Giuliani's rating was a staggering 10! To view photographs of the event please go to: <http://www.avstage.co.za/giuliani/index.htm>



The Sky was not the Limit!

Who could forget the incredible SAA opening event in July 2004 - with SAA so generously hosting YPO in their mindblowing simulators, engine rooms and technical hangar! Not to mention of upgrade of all attending YPO SAA Platinum Card Status! Plus



the unheard members to the address by Transnet CEO, Maria Ramos - overall a wow at 9.71 rating! Many thanks to SAA - and

did we ever get there just in time with all the management shakeups that have happened there since!

The World's Greatest Adventure Speaker

International resource, John Amatt - billed as the world's greatest adventure speaker - gave an enlightening and uplifting address to YPOers at the stunningly Everest decorated Middleton in Morningside in September 2004. Signed copies of Amatt's book were given to all as mementos - and the event rated 8.8. Sincere thanks to ABSA Private Bank for sponsoring this event.



Kidnap & Ransom - Words on everyone's lips



International Kidnap & Ransom experts, Kroll incorporated from the UK, gave YPOers an inside track into the torrid world of Kidnap & Ransom - a topic so close to the hearts of all South Africans this year - at a well attended Summer Place breakfast in September 2004. Once again thank you to our generous sponsor, ABSA Private Bank.

YPO Survivor Family Day

Great fun was had by all at the annual YPO Family Day, held on a warm Sunday at the end of October 2004. Families combined to form Survivor Tribes and set forth on their Survivor missions! The Robertson & Bryan Tribe won the day with their fastest times! A sumptuous picnic lunch was held on the riverbanks of the Crocodile River, followed by a drumming session enjoyed by children and adults alike. The event rated 9.1.



To view more photographs of the event please go to: <http://www.avstage.co.za/YPO/index.htm>



YPO Dine Around Connect Dinner

YPO's unique Connect Process was put to the test again in October 2004 with a Chapter Dine Around dinner. Hosted by several YPOers guests were given the opportunity of networking in an intimate environment and getting to know each other better through the impactful, forum style Connect Process. Further Dine Around dinners are scheduled for 2005 - all to attend for this unique YPO experience.



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YPO End of Year Party

Wow! What a party! Hosted at YPOer, Bill Blair's restaurant, 2Thai4, YPOers really let their hair down and partied at the End of Year Masquerade Party at the end of November 2004! ABSA Private Bank also came to the party once again and allowed us to make the event extra special!

Video wall music images,



fan lighting and a superb DJ all made the party vibe until the early hours!



To see more photographs please go to: <http://www.avstage.co.za/party/index.htm>

