

North West

Contributed by **John Stander**

As predicted in the last edition of *Advocate*, our Association has elected a predominantly female council. Cecile Zwiegelaar takes over the reins as chair, Keitumetse Mongale continues as secretary and Morongwa Moagi likewise continues in her former position as treasurer. Marius Hitge is the “odd man out” (or “in” if you will) and is the deputy chair.

Johann Pistor, our erstwhile chair, acted in the North West Division here in Mahikeng during May and Lawrence Lever continues to do so in the Northern Cape.

In the April 2013 edition of *Advocate*

I wrote that Blackie Swart had gone “sailabout” (the watery equivalent of the “walkabout” practiced by members of the Salisbury Bar when work became irksome) across the Atlantic to and then around the Caribbean Islands. He did this with wife Karen in a yacht built by himself and fortunately for all, he and Karen returned safely back home again. The fact that Blackie is qualified as a Yachtmaster with the Royal Yachting Association of Great Britain probably had something to do with the successful voyage as well.

In the last edition of *Advocate* I wrote that Blackie was again busy boatbuilding.

This time however the vessel is a very, very big catamaran, purpose built to sail over the sea to the Caribbean/West Indies where Blackie and Karen have decided to “semi-retire” or rather, to offer cruises on the boat around the islands.

In a previous edition of *Advocate* an article by Blackie was published in which he described the first boat. Blackie has promised to write a similar article (again with pictures) on the catamaran, which I will forward to the editor in due course. Blackie anticipates launching in September, so the article should appear in the next edition. **A**



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EASTERN CAPE/Port Elizabeth

Contributed by **Anusha Rawjee**

As I pen this article we find ourselves at the mercy of two of nature’s elements – wind and fire! The realisation of just how insignificant we are in the face of nature has not been more apparent. A rethink of life’s priorities is just one definite consequence of such a natural disaster. Yet through all this pain and suffering the human spirit never ceases to amaze. If there ever is a lesson to be learnt from this disaster it is this – “in unity lies strength.”

Strength and the indelibility of the human spirit is what Tarryn Rossi showed when she went on to break her own personal best in the Spar Women’s Challenge held in May. Tarryn got Hannelie



Bakker to pull her running “tekkies” out the closet by asking her to be her coach.... and oh, did Hannelie enjoy this! It was Tarryn who had the last laugh though as she stole away from Hannelie at the finish line. As a mentor, Hannelie looked on,



proud of her prodigy.

And yes, it is with pride that many of our juniors said, “He belongs to our Bar,” when appearing before Nyameko Gqamana SC in Motion Court. Gqamana SC has been acting in the High Court this term. **A**