

## SPRING IS A TIME TO REFLECT AND BRING ABOUT CHANGE

SPRING is around the corner — it's the perfect time to pack away those winter woollies and start this new season with a fresh style

filled with colour and vibrancy. Spring is symbolic of new beginnings and it is an opportunity to implement positive change in

your life.

Liberty Midlands Mall was proud to celebrate women with the Insights and Inspirations show successfully hosted by Ingrid Roberts. This event was a real tribute to the wonderful and strong women in our society from whom we can learn so much.

It is always important to

take a step back and reflect on the importance and impact that we have on our immediate and larger community. As we move into spring, I encourage the people of Pietermaritzburg not only to bring about positive change in their lives, but to bring about at least one positive change in their communities.

I would like to thank the customers who submitted their letters to be published in the last edition of *Mall Talk*. We look forward to receiving many more as it is a wonderful way in which the mall can engage with its customers.

Centre manager  
Cassy Fourie



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The Sunflower Fund Rope of Hope takes place on September 10 at the Liberty Midlands Mall. All money raised from the sale of Sunflower bandanas will be used to give hope to leukaemia patients who are in need of a bone-marrow stem-cell transplant. If your school or company would like to get involved in this fun event for a very worthy cause, please contact Wendy Bluebird or Minoli Chetty at 033 341 9570. We urge you to Share a Little to Save a Life.

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## WHAT'S ON

## AUGUST 24 TO AUGUST 30

Centre Court - Mattress King

Wimpy Court - Insight Marketing - Renault Promotion

Old Mutual Court one - Verimark

Old Mutual Court two - APS Power Solutions

Classic surf Court one - Exclusive Books

Ghela Court - Le Morgan

Elna Court - Allinad Marketing

Woolworths Court - free to book

Edgars Court - free to book

Next to Info - Aquasales Tupperware

Entrance two - Curves PMB (27-29)

## AUGUST 31 TO SEPTEMBER 6

Centre Court - Rugs Original

Wimpy Court - free to book

Old Mutual Court one - Verimark

Old Mutual Court two - free to book

Classic surf Court one - Biztraders

Ghela Court - free to book

Elna Court - free to book

Woolworths Court - free to book

Edgars Court - Wine tasting for Wildlife

(September 3)

Passage Stand - Old Mutual Cancer awareness (September 4)

## SEPTEMBER 7 TO SEPTEMBER 13

Centre Court - free to book

Wimpy Court - Provantage: Parmalat promotion

Old Mutual Court one - free to book

Old Mutual Court two - free to book

Classic surf Court one - free to book

Ghela Court - free to book

Elna Court - free to book

Woolworths Court - free to book

Edgars Court - free to book

## SEPTEMBER 14 TO SEPTEMBER 20

Centre Court - Motor city

Wimpy Court - Hyundai

Old Mutual Court one - free to book

Old Mutual Court two - free to book

Classic surf Court one - free to book

Classic surf Court two - free to book

Ghela Court - free to book

Elna Court - free to book

Woolworths Court - free to book

## Insightful event for women



Photo: ERIC CORNHILL

Uraisha Naidoo, Ingrid Roberts and celebrity guest Ipeleng Mkhari at the Insights and Inspirations Women's Day celebration held at the mall.



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Sarah Choveaux from Mall Space Management with Ingrid Roberts, Ipeleng Mkhari and marketing assistant at the mall, Wendy Bluebird.

## GAIL CORNHILL

The Women's Day celebration hosted by Ingrid Roberts at Liberty Midlands Mall on Saturday, August 7 was a sold out glittering occasion, with over 300 guests celebrating what it is to be a woman.

Guests also shared the stories of local Heroines, perhaps no more than the slight young woman Kavisha Seevnrain, who shared her ordeal of being hijacked and thrown over a 60 metre bridge. She held the audience enthralled as she shared her tale of a night spent lying in freezing water with a crushed pelvis and several broken ribs — amongst other injuries — and her remarkable mental and physical recovery.

Skilfully interviewed by Ingrid Roberts, master of ceremonies and host of the event, the guests shared their views and stories with the audience, including that of another local Heroine Glenn Flanagan, a Shoprite Woman of the Year nominee and retired French teacher.

Flanagan shared her love for the community and spoke of community projects which focus on giving French lessons in areas throughout Pietermaritzburg and as far afield as Nquthu. The com-

munity project, which is run under the umbrella of the 'French presence in KwaZulu-Natal', includes establishing sewing groups, beadmaking projects, community gardens, the establishment of a new school library and refurbishing schools.

Celebrity guest of the evening Ipeleng Mkhari, a St John's old girl, was welcomed by a large contingent of support from her alma mater. The dynamic mother of three is a property dynamo and sits on the board of several large companies, including Old Mutual Property Investments and South African Corporate Real Estate. Mkhari attributed a lot of her success to her old school, and spoke of her desire to build a company (she is the current chief operating officer of Motseng Holdings, a company which she co-founded) which would provide an environment which would nurture talent and boost career opportunities for young people.

Guests were spoiled with gifts from Clinique and thousands of Rands worth of lucky draw prizes.

The event also raised over R9 600 for PADCA which cares for the aged in Pietermaritzburg. This is the fourth sell out Insights and Inspirations evening which has been staged at the mall.

## LETTERS TO 'MALL TALK'



THE Editor welcomes letters to *Mall Talk*, with preference given to letters under 300 words. Keeping your letters brief enables us to publish a wider selection. The Editor reserves the right to shorten longer letters and edit all contributions. Readers are invited to e-mail their letters to monique@witness.co.za, fax to 033 355 1149 or post to *Mall Talk* Editor, *The Witness*, P. O. Box 362, Pietermaritzburg, 3200.

Next month's winning letter will win a voucher from the Pentravel outlet at Liberty Midlands Mall. The voucher, worth R250, can be used towards international travel that is booked through the Pentravel Pietermaritzburg branch.

The winner of the best letter each month must take his or her ID book, along with this page of *Mall Talk*, to the shop of the tenant at the mall which is sponsoring the prize.