

# KZN-DRAK CHRYSALIS

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I am very excited taking on the role of LD for the girls flight in July 2015. To me this is a huge honour and also an awesome opportunity to reach out to our young people and show them how important it is to have Jesus as the centre of their lives. I am looking forward to team formation and meeting all those who have applied to work on team. I encourage anyone who has the passion to work with young people to come forward and serve on team. Send in your application form asap. please.

It is a very rewarding opportunity to make a difference in these young peoples' lives some of whom have very difficult home lives and struggle with peer pressure to follow what the world tells them is right.

They are not coming by accident—it's God ordained that these young people are coming on the flight next year. Pray and think carefully about working with young people. It's a great experience seeing in front of you how they change over the weekend. These are our future leaders in the Church and work places and they need us to draw alongside them and encourage and love them.

So remember to send in your application form. God bless. Liz Doyle

**Liz Doyle**

**Words from our 2014 Lay Directors on the upcoming Team Selection.**

**Craig Wells**

Team selection sounds like an examination of people's pedigree and qualifications, and then the winning combination is picked. But in fact, it is nothing like that. The team selection committee is there to prayerfully select a team from the list of people who have put their names forward to serve in the upcoming flights. As much as possible a third of the team is selected from experienced people and then a third semi experienced and the final third first time servants. There is no prestige in any position and the support servants are as important as the conference room team. The role of the Lay Director is not to select the team, but to try and bond the entire team into a praying, serving community. We have to remember that the team might be the first example of a Christian community that the caterpillars experience. It is understandable that sometimes people feel they never got the position they wanted, but this is all about servanthood, and the success of the ministry is achieved by the servant attitude of the team, allowing the Holy Spirit to work through us. God Bless, Craig Wells.

**"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."**

Corrie ten Boom

Trust in the Lord

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To those of you facing the awful prospect of upcoming exams we wish you the very, very best for them—especially if it's Matric. I, myself, have 6 Unisa exams coming up so this issue is extremely close to my heart, and I ask that maybe as a community we all pray into the situation (especially my stats). God luck, friends. May He clear our heads, calm our hearts and steady our pens. And make the invigilators kind!!!



**GOOD LUCK!!!**

# Team positions—

With team selection just around the corner I thought it might be pertinent to mention the various positions available in which one might serve. As everyone should know when you apply to work, you do so with a servant's heart – registering your preference – but knowing that there is a good chance you will not be offered it. No one position is any more important than any other one. A year in advance the Chrysalis Board prayerfully elects a Lay Director and a Spiritual Director – a few months thereafter the team selection committee sits and fills the other positions. This committee is composed of active, experienced members of the community who have a thorough understanding of the program and a good knowledge of the community. Names are selected from application forms which have been submitted and the team has to comprise 1/3 new, 1/3 slightly experienced and 1/3 well experienced members of the community in every role with the possible exception of prayer. Don't be disheartened if you do not get offered your role of preference. Remember that the Chrysalis ministry is God's ministry and in spite of our best laid plans He often rearranges them until they are to His liking. The flights are not about individuals but are all about making sure the caterpillars get the best possible opportunity to meet with God during their flight. The program works because of peoples' selflessness. Most probably many of the people who worked on team for your flight or walk were serving where they least expected to be and almost everyone, without exception, will have been hugely blessed.

Apart from the fact that there are limited positions available there are some other considerations that have to be borne in mind

during team selection. For example, Youth Table Leaders should preferably be a few years older than the average age of the caterpillars on their table in order to be able to minister effectively to their needs and to all intents and purposes take over the running of the table on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> days. They also need to be patient and empathetic in order for the caterpillars to feel comfortable in their company – almost like a kindly older brother or sister. Adult Table Leaders need to play an almost parental role overseeing, encouraging and supporting without interfering too much. The Musos need to be outgoing and discerning in order to assist with the conference room dynamics. It is important that they recognise when it is necessary to liven up an inattentive, sleepy conference room or conversely to settle them down when they begin to become unruly. The Board Representative has to be a present or past board member and has to ensure that the program is kept running strictly according to the requirements of the manual. The Assistant Lay Directors are the time keepers and general dogsbodies of the conference room. They are responsible for the nuts and bolts of the conference room and are there to be the hands and feet of the Lay Director and Spiritual Director who may not leave the conference room. There are four Assistant Spiritual Directors, at least one of whom should be resident during the flight. The non-resident ones simply come to deliver their talks and then leave the venue again.

Then we come to the non conference room members of the team – the roles of anonymous servanthood. These include the Prayer Warriors whose role entails making sure that the entire weekend is undergirded in prayer. They pray for the caterpillars, situations, team, speakers, and the list goes on and on. And finally the Support Servants without whom the weekend would simply not be possible. Their role is a selfless one in which they are called upon to do anything and everything in order to allow the flight to proceed without a hitch. Running our two flights concurrently necessitates a team made up of experienced people and young people to head up all the different aspects of supporting the flight. Real friendships are born in this role through long hours, hard work and lots of giggles (partially as a result of trying to avoid being seen by caterpillars as they carry out their duties).

I repeat what I have already said – NO one role is any more important than any other – they are simply different. Each role player is vitally important to the efficient running of the flight. The roles are different and the aim of developing our community is that more members experience as many of the roles as possible in order to fully understand Chrysalis. Send in your application with a true servant's heart and be prepared to serve wherever there is a need. Know that as a school going person the chances are good that you'll not be in conference room for a few years, however, you will undoubtedly be able to work there when you are a bit older. As we repeatedly read in our Canon during team formation we have to take the "I" out of our lives for the weekend and simply be there for the caterpillars – trying to be God's hands and feet in whatever way we possibly can. It is a wonderful, humbling, truly blessed experience to be privileged enough to be on team. We are there to simply try to emulate God's love to the world in whatever way we can. My prayer is that you do get your preference but if you don't, know that God has His reason and you will grow through your experience of working on the flight. May God bless you all.



**HOPE**  
is the little voice you  
hear whisper "maybe"  
when it seems the entire  
world is shouting "no!"

**Faith—Chris Kenchenten** When we look at the world today we see a lot illnesses and things like that, but what's awesome to see with these types of things is the faith that people have in God.

Not too long ago a little 5 year old girl was diagnosed with a growth between the 2 lobes of her brain. She suffered severe headaches and side effects as a result of this. She went through countless trips to the hospital for testing, treating and monitoring and the doctors finally decided to send her to Albert Luthuli for surgery where she spent a couple of weeks in waiting for her surgery day.

During this entire time period she was saying to everybody "Jesus is going to heal me, everybody is praying for me". And for sure when they did the final tests a few days before surgery was meant to happen, the scans showed that everything was in order and that surgery was not necessary.

Undying faith and trust in the Lord is something that plays a very big part in our lives as Christians and we see the reasons for this every single day. We see "mountains" being moved and people being saved from things that, without faith and trust in God, would not be possible.

James 5:15

And the prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. (standard English translation)



# CHRYSALIS/EMMAUS JOINT CELEBRATION



On the 20th of September KZN /Drak Chrysalis celebrated our 15th year along with Emmaus who were celebrating their 20th. It was totally different to the usual Chrysalis get togethers but I think everyone who went will agree that it was a really awesome afternoon and evening.

As usual it was kindly hosted by the African Bird of Prey Sanctuary. They have put up with all our nonsense for about five years now, hosting our main gatherings and also most of our board meetings - what an absolute blessing Shan and her sanctuary is to us.

Chrysalis and Emmaus did some tender bonding over carrying and cleaning chairs and sorting and setting tables and all the fun stuff that goes into organizing these things. But many hands made light work and if I say it myself we did a pretty good job. The hall looked stunning.



We kicked off with tea at 14h00 followed by the bird show which as always was lovely but freezing, and we even had a bit

of prayer practice when Chicken, the Lanner Falcon, decided to go investigate a distant valley. Thankfully he returned faithfully. We were then treated to a vulture feed as well which was interesting.

Thereafter it was back to the hall to gorge ourselves further before being addressed by Wendy and Greg as the CLDs, Dewald and Val the Africa South CLDs, Drummond who has been involved in Emmaus from almost the start

and Francis who spoke on our behalf from way back. Nigel spoke from Africa South and then the floor was opened to anyone who wanted to speak and we heard



some moving testimonies from both Emmaus and Chrysalis pilgrims and butterflies. Always a treat to hear how the ministry is changing lives. All this was accompanied by some awesome praise and worship led by a huge combined band of Emmaus and Chrysalis musos. It was really beautiful. Lorna then conducted a tender communion that just brought us back to what it's actually all about. I love how communion does that, no matter what's going on or has been happening, it will just bring you back to the real meaning of it all - a body broken for us.

All this time 6 little piggy legs had been merrily roasting on the verandah on spits and soon enough they were ready to be devoured along with delicious salads and rolls. This was followed by a wonderful spread of delectable little finger puddings! Made me regret having filled up on the piggy. It really was most tasty. Thanks to Craig and Dave for lending us their spits and to Dave for organizing the meat for us. And to all the accountability groups for the salads and puddings. The food really was delicious.

After grub we were all entertained by a gentleman who had been on the last set of flights and is a comedian. We chuckled through a remarkable rendition of Goldilocks or Woldigoeks or something like that and the guard dogs from various parts of the country. It was very funny—'cept for the one blonde joke, I failed to find the humour in that ;).

Then Mark and Mervyn gave us a few old sing along songs which was a perfect way to wind down a great evening together. Everyone pitched in to help break everything down and soon enough all the tables were piled, chairs stacked, cloths folded and kit stashed.

A fine example of team work.

It was a great pleasure to celebrate these milestones as the one community that we are. It was a great success, thanks and well done to everyone who helped make it happen.

Hi everybody, from the desk of the Community Lay Director - wow that's sounds so cool and like so important. It's this importancy that gets me thinking. How important do I think I am above every one else. I am NO more important when it comes to all of God's children. In God's eyes we are all the same, all special and really important to Him. He loves us all, with all our baggage, sins and wrong doings. It is truly wonderful that we have somebody like Him who cares for us and loves us unconditionally. Let's try and be the same and show our love to all that come across our path. I heard this morning in our church service how we are called to serve God and His people. This however will come

## ***Patriarch's Pondering—Greg Conolly***

with trials and pain. However, if we persevere through the pain and achieve what God has called us to do' then it will all be worth while.

Just something that I have been thinking about personally and also as our teams are being chosen and put together for the next set of flights.

On that point I would like to wish those who have been prayerfully considered and chosen to be on team, to commit their time to holding each other up in prayer and also showing your commtment to the respective teams and Lay Directors. Remembering our main objective which is to be God's hands and feet to the potential

caterpillars who will be coming on the flight.

Then too, all those interested in our AGM and gathering taking place next month, please get in touch with Kirsty or myself. It will be wonderful if we can get a good crowd together and have some awesome fun.

Now for all those students/scholars writing exams, I personally wish you all the very best. Stay calm and remember just to do your best. Be prepared and don't leave things too late. We will, for sure, be keeping you in our prayers.

Until next time I greet you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ,





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A week ago walking out of the front door onto our "lack of lawn" was a prickly experience – the grass was dead and crispy and you felt as though you were damaging all the roots as they crunched underfoot. After almost three months of no rain we heard thunder a week ago and then the blessed sound of rain on the roof. What a wonderful lullaby by which to fall asleep. We woke up to a windy, overcast day but were ever so thankful to measure 88 mls in the rain gauge. Today our garden has been transformed – all in the space of seven days. The trees are resplendent in the bright new green leaves, lilies have sprung up and opened their gorgeous blooms to the sun, the birds are noisily busy from the crack of dawn and there is a wonderful awareness of new life. That is what a weekend on Chrysalis means to so many of the new caterpillars. An experience of drawing nearer to God - new life in the Lord. Wow, and we as team are privileged enough to come alongside the caterpillars and share their experience of renewal and re-experience ours. 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come". Let us all praise God.

## Furry Magic

Recently I've had the absolute privilege to become grandma to three gorgeous little, furry, four-legged kids. As anyone who has me on facebook or bbm will no doubt have noticed.

My little poodle, Piffy, popped and has three perfect little sons, one black, one red and one apricot. I've never been involved in the whole process before and all I can say is that if anyone has trouble believing in God, they should have puppies! It is simply incredible to witness how perfectly instincts work and how awesome life really is.

From feeling the first little movements in her fat tum as she parked off on my lap, both of us as startled as the other... till the morning before she popped, she was still the same playful

little rubbish, with no milk! Then the first tiny, ugly, perfect little black nose went nosing around on her tummy and she suddenly had milk for it. She had kicked into mommy mode, licking and cleaning and loving like nothing I've seen before. And for the next day she didn't leave their sides unless I carried her outside and then all she wanted to do was go back in. She turned into a little tyrant, wanting to rip the other dogs' throats out if they even came into the room. She even succeeded in ripping a chunk of hair out of my old poodle's ear when she blindly blundered too close to pinch special grub.

Since then she has been the perfect little mommy dog. She is loosening up a bit now, allowing Zenz to sniff them every now and then although at other times she will hide under my bed and whip out and zap the others when they trot in unsuspectingly. Its quite amusing.

It has been the most incredible process watching the mystery of growing up unfold in these three little furrballs. They've gone from being totally useless little slugs to suddenly having eyes and being able to see! And then they could sit! And suddenly they're standing and toddling around, and playing and trying to bite (gum). Yesterday Blondie discovered he could bark, and you could almost see his surprise and delight. Lil Blacky was on my lap just now gumming away at his front paw, so proud of him self. It just blows my mind how perfect they are, and proves beyond the shadow of doubt that God is just the most incredibly loving Creator God.

He's made everything so perfect according to His plans. That Magic is real, its God at work. That poodles are the best dogs in the world and that I now have three for sale if anyone wants one ;).

Love you all, until next time, and see you at the gathering hey!  
- Gramma Kirst

# South Coast Gathering



**Where: Andre's Church Hall**

**When: 22 November**

**What: AGM, Outreach, Bring and Braai, Bonfire, Beach, Sleepover - FUN**

**Who: You and anyone you can drag along.**

**\*We will be having the KZN-Drak Chrysalis AGM in the morning, followed by some outreach work. After that we will no doubt chill on the beach for a bit and then have a braai for supper followed by the traditional fire and marshmallows and who know what else. Eventually we'll kip in the Church Hall. We will have a sunrise service on the beach to start off the next day followed by breakfast and then heading home in our own time after breakfast, no rush at all.**

**\*What to bring: Sleeping bag and pillow. Towel and swimming kit. Dry clothes. Meat for braai. Toiletries.**

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