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**Dormehl
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PROPERTY GROUP

(DPG) AWARDS



Chantelé Schutzler and Samantha van Rooyen were invited to represent DMF at their 13th Awards Ceremony, which took place at the Kievits Kroon Gauteng Wine Estate, a ten-minute drive from Pretoria on Saturday 23 April.

DPG's star agents, principals and attorneys came, via road and air, from all over the country to network with colleagues and enjoy a night of fun and celebration. Guests in their finery – including sequins and tuxedos – received five-star treatment, including 500 ml gin bottles, each with a metal plaque engraved with their name on a chain, to designate their seat at the table.

TV personality, Marius Roberts was Master of Ceremonies, while Daniel Phalane delivered the opening address, which included an introduction to DPG's new shareholder, Christo Human.

After presentation of the Attorneys awards, guest speakers, Olympic swimmer Terence Parkin and his wife Ingrid, the country's first deaf school principal, spoke of their successes and challenges as deaf people via an interpreter.

Westville and Upper Highway featured prominently in the awards. Owen Dormehl wrested the title of Agent of the Year from ace Pinetown agent, Brendon Bosch who held this prestigious award for six consecutive years and was this year's runner up. The remaining places in the top ten were awarded to:

Jennifer Gordon, Howick (third)

Sue Foster, Westville A-team (fourth)

Christy du Preez, Westville A-team (fifth)

Vicky-Lee Coffen, Midrand (sixth)

Leigh Phillips, Platinum (seventh)

Maryke de Beer, Moot (eighth)

Isabel Gouveia, Hartebeespoort (ninth), and

Maxine Strydom, Upper Highway Letting (tenth).

Leon Loggenberg of the Pinetown office came 17th nationally and eighth regionally, while Lindi Honey was 20th nationally.

The Moot branch was named Franchise of the year, having achieved the highest commission registered for Gauteng in 2021, while Pinetown took the award for KwaZulu-Natal.



Westville A-team extrovert Sue Foster collected the Wooden Spoon Award for 'Stirrer of the Year' – nominated by DPG directors, which they converted to a Lifetime award!



Pauline Barker

Congratulations to Pauline Barker on being selected as our Staff Member of the Month of April.

We are grateful to have a do-er in our midst, who does it NOW and always with a smile. Pauline steps in wherever and whenever help is needed - be it, taking petrol to a director stuck on the side of the road or rescuing a staff member when their remote wouldn't open the gate late one night.

Now that is really going above and beyond the call of duty!

Thank you Pauline for taking care of us.



April's Staff Member

OF THE MONTH

STAFFERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE OF THE FLOODS

Melissa had no water or power and used towels and pillows to stop water coming into her home.

Ronel had sleepless nights during which she kept waking to check that they and the house were okay. The side wall to their property collapsed and the pool overflowed. On their way home from work their Uber driver stopped en route as the road was under water and they could not see the sides to the bridge. They watched a taxi in front of them make it through before their uber driver went ahead. They drove through it with their hearts pounding till they reached the other side. Houses in their area have been washed away and all that is left of one house is the back section of the picket fence.

Debbie is counting her blessings as roads in her area collapsed and just one road behind them houses were washed away and lives lost. They only saw what had happened in the following days.

Pauline received a desperate message from her sister to come and help her mom. On arrival, the driveway was already knee deep in water. Her mom, who is in the process of converting the garages into a cottage, had many of her



Elaine's sisters home.

possessions in boxes and her furniture, bed, washing machine (basically her whole house contents) in water. Seven of them tried to stop more water going in, but it was useless as the drains weren't coping. They eventually gave up and returned the following day to salvage what they could. The gorge was closed for a number of days, so Pauline had to take detours to work with one trip home taking two and a half hours. They have been without water since the flood.

Our hearts go out to Shannon and her family whose aunt and nephew lost their lives when their house collapsed.

Let's continue to support each other and reach out to those most affected, as we navigate the challenges we face as citizens, a city, province and country trying to rebuild in the face of this unprecedented natural disaster.



Sharene's Home



Watch out for our Aries!

Two of our recent recruits were born in April. Brett Smith celebrated his birthday on 4 April, while Nkhensani Dhumazi celebrated hers on 17 April. This means both of them fall under the first sign of the zodiac, Aries.

Aries is ruled by the red planet Mars, named after the Roman God of War. This sign is associated with qualities such as assertiveness and a strong will. Individuals born under this sign usually think highly of themselves and keep their own counsel. Brett, we are watching this space, as it is said that individuals born on 4 April can accomplish extraordinary things with the added influence of the planet Uranus.

Those born on 17 April are said to be confident and require loving relationships. They rise above negativity, take responsibility in all areas of life, set reasonable goals and work hard to reach them. They are always ready to seize any opportunity that comes their way.

Go Nkhensani!

"Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value."

Albert Einstein

Hello!

LET'S GET SOCIAL

We have stepped up activity on our social media pages as part of our marketing drive.

Check out our Facebook and LinkedIn pages every week and please like and share our posts to help us grow awareness of DMF.



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Who do you think we should feature next?

Who on your team has a hidden talent?

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