

Business Fighting Crime



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CHAIRPERSONS REPORT 2016

Our 11th AGM time signals the fact that another year is fast coming to an end and simultaneously presents me with the opportunity to speak to you again. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve you as chairperson for the past 10 years. Much has happened during that time and even more over the last 18 years of BFC existence.

I am happy to announce that again your committee has been busy fighting crime in more ways than one. I need to single out Debbie Harrison, who we set a task to raise funds for BFC and ended up in a project far too big for BFC and not in the sphere of the PCB. A real success story, Debbie drove this project, trying to accommodate street people in a settled housing. See her report. This year have seen us continue to develop our mission of giving only the best possible service to our city in respect of:

1. SAFE CITY
2. BANKING ACTION TASK GROUP
3. NON FERROUS METAL FORUMS
4. CLUSTER CRIME COMBATING FORUMS
5. DRUG ABUSE TALKS
6. WHITE COLLAR CRIME SEMINAR
7. L.O.T.S. – LIVING OFF THE STREETS

I would like to thank the sponsors who so readily contributed over the years and I wish you to continue to do so. The safety of your staff is our concern and we will try to find better ways in combating crime with your financial help.

I would like to thank the members of the committee. Not many people would be aware of the sacrifices you have made in the interest of the organisation. Volunteerism is the foundation on which we build the future of this centre. By ensuring that your fellow men and women lead fulfilling lives and contributing positively to the development of our people, the province and our country, you are not only performing your social responsibilities but you are also taking serious action to lighten the burden of others, Debbie and the LOTS project is a good example of this. Also a big thank you to the Staff of PCB and our Auditors PWC.

The singer Mahalia Jackson echo's these sentiments by singing "If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can bring back beauty to a world up – wrought... then my living shall not be in vain."

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As this is my last year in the chair and as I am relocating to the South Coast and to Durban, I unfortunately will no longer be available for duties with Business Fighting Crime. So, I thank you all for the wonderful friends we have made ever since the 60's in good old Pietermaritzburg.

In closing, I leave you with the words of John Wesley:

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
At all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as ever you can
God bless you all

KOOS VORSTER
CHAIRPERSON.

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