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CINCO DE MAYO



FAMILY FIELD DAY



MANDELA DAY

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#ASSAGIVESBACK .. Making a Difference

The #Assagivesback initiative launched in January continues to reach and make a difference to various communities of Jo'burg. At our happy hours over the past three months, we have helped raise money for our adopted Toni the cheetah, donated generous daily supplies like milk, water, oil and peanut butter to the Read for Africa Holiday program and the Kliptown Youth Program.

Though anchored in our monthly 3Ts, #Assagivesback isn't just a once a month point of action but the underpinning philosophy of everything we do. Whether it's ending our board meetings with a peanut butter sandwich making exercise for kids at Diepsloot or actively supporting other charity causes, like the WOW Morning Market, we are always looking for worthy ways in which we can give back to this beautiful country we all home. If there is something you want us to be involved in, get in touch.

Cinco De Mayo

This year 5th May fell on a Friday. Can there be a better reason for a full scale celebration? The Cinco De Mayo ticketed event at the La Rosa Mexican Grille and Tequileria, became a night to remember for all who came. Well attended by both members and non members, the party went on much longer into the night beyond the originally planned 2 hours. Tequila shots, sombrero photo props, Mexican tapas and



unending jugs of margaritas made way for a rambunctious evening and quite a few next morning hangovers stories.

All in all, it was a night of letting your hair down and making some great memories.

Family Field Day

On July 1st the ASSA families spent a day out together to celebrate Independence Day at the Leap preschool and Nursery, Honeydew.

Beach chairs, blankets and picnic baskets were spread under the perfect Jo'burg winter sun. The jungle gym and the bouncy castle kept the kids at bay while the adults relaxed with some beer and wine.

The highlight of the picnic were the fun family field games. There was egg carry, sack race and water balloon toss. It's no surprise the kids were more competitive than the adults and challenged the latter's fitness metrics. The best part though was ambushing the dad's with the left over water balloons and getting them wet.

Mandela Day

In honor of Nelson Mandela day this year ASSA chose to spend the day at Build the Future Preschool. Build the Future is a non-profit organization that supports children in the informal settlement of Kya Sands. They provide preschool education as well as food to the children. The staff at Build the Future take no days off, offering assistance to the children every day of the week as weak as holidays.

ASSA was happy to lend a hand to tend their gardens, mend fences and clean out the classrooms. As the great Nelson Mandela said "There can be no greater gift than giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return"



3T Happy Hours

We have hung out at some interesting places through the length and breadth of the city in our happy hours. From Copper Breweries at Broadacres, Marble at Rosebank, Mad Giant Breweries at CBD, to the Hard Rock cafe at Sandton city. The 3Ts have allowed those attending to get a real flavor of the different parts of the city. Our aim has also been to organize our 3Ts across the various dispersed coordinates our members live in to make them easier and more accessible for everyone through the year.



Our monthly 3Ts is something a lot of our members look forward to. For the regulars, it's become a familiar community ritual; rituals we need as expats to create that feeling of making this place home. It also serves as an important meet up to welcome expats coming into SA at different points of the year and looking for communities they could be a part of. If you haven't joined us yet, come over, take a drink and join the happy bonhomie.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We have some exciting news for all our members! Effective immediately all memberships will run for 12 months beginning on the date you sign up. Currently our membership calendar runs from September - September with no pro-rates given for those who move to South Africa mid-year. We realize new Americans arrive at all times of the year and we want to be able to support that and be flexible with our new arrivals. So that is why this change is being made. Our commitment to you as we move forward is that at the beginning of the month in which your membership expires we will send you a reminder email to renew. We hope this makes joining easier for our current members as well as all new members we have yet to welcome in to our family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

3T Happy Hours

Our monthly happy hours are held the 3rd Thursday of every month **between 6pm -8 pm**. Check out the schedule of the next few happy hours!

Date	Venue	Charity Focus
17th August	Steamworks in Pineslopes	Raffle tickets to support Lawyers Against Abuse
21st September	Countess in 27 boxes in Melville	Donations for Sandton SPCA (Dog & cat beds, food & water bowls, blankets, toys)
19th October	La Bouqueria in Parktown	Raffle tickets to support the care of Toni the Cheetah

Holiday Season Events

We are planning our annual **Thanksgiving feast** on **Sunday 25th November , 2017**. The venue is still to be confirmed. One of the most popular events of the year, members and non members both look forward to getting together to celebrate our much loved and long standing tradition. This will be a ticketed event and we will announce the details shortly. So keep a watch out and book your seats.

We are also looking to host a special end of the year **holiday season happy hour on December 21st at level four Restaurant and Champagne Bar, Rosebank**. This will be a formal cocktail party to celebrate the season with our ASSA family.