

MAD (Making A Difference) - DOMESTIC WATCH 2017

Greetings All

We have recently formalised all arrangements necessary to have the DOMESTIC WATCH program re-instated in the Woodmead / Khyber Rock area and I confirm that we will kick off in MAY 2017 on the last Thursday of each month, lessons scheduled from 12.30 to 13.30hrs.

Registration is at 12.15 – please let us keep proper time.

The address will be the **Imvula Skills Centre, 22 Packard Street, Woodmead.**

- The agreed timing will allow the domestic workers to depart their places of work 12.00noon to walk down to the iMvula offices, and to be back at work at 14.00hrs taking into account walking/travel time.
- The commencement date of 25th May is so that we can formally launch this initiative at our AGM which will be held at CCJ around 60days from date of Financial Year-End of 28th February 2017. As with all security issues of the neighbourhood, both iMvula and 24/7 Security will be involved together with WKRRRA and with the support of the Sandton CPF and SAPS.

Penny Steyn herself (MAD Penny) will be conducting these lessons and has made herself available for the forthcoming year. If and when necessary I shall step in to take her place, always using her product and her lessons which are utilised at all other Domestic Watch meetings in Johannesburg.

DOMESTIC WATCH with MAD Penny is aimed at ALL domestic workers - i.e. house and garden staff - and consists of monthly lessons in crime awareness, crime fighting and household safety.

The cost (to be paid on the day by employers) is R50 per attendee per session (i.e. per month).

There is an annual year-end celebration party and certificate presentation hosted by Penny (normally at Rosebank Union Church, William Nicol Drive) which includes domestic workers from around Johannesburg and is the high-light of their year. It is fully supported by SAPS and the written media as well as being televised by SATV.

Remember - our domestic workers are the eyes and ears of our neighbourhoods.

They are caretakers of our children and our homes.

Where there is a DOMESTIC WATCH program in place, there is a minimisation of crime.

Woodrock previously held Domestic Watch programs under the “Indaba Tree” in the Chrysler Park, but this project was not only subjected to the weather but lapsed after two years due to time commitments on my side, brought about by my position as Chairman Sandton CPF. Our close neighbours of Gallo Manor, Wendywood and Buccleuch hold monthly meetings but distance, transport and relative time issues do not allow for the staff in our neighbourhood to benefit from these.

It is with utmost thanks and appreciation that we record that iMVULA have agreed to provide us with an indoor venue (in the form of one of their Training Rooms), which together with their contribution at the booms, shows their total commitment to this area and to corporate social services.

Yours sincerely

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