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# CHS NEWS

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## From the Principals' Desk

Dear friends of CHS, colleagues and students

Is there life after the World Cup Soccer? Absolutely, and with a 9 out of 10 score for South Africa hosting this big event, we should all be very excited to tackle the rest of 2010 with enthusiasm. Well done to all our students who participated in this auspicious event. You made CHS proud and I trust from all the positive feedback received, that this experience will be documented in your memoirs.

I had the privilege to represent South Africa at the Grand Chapitre and AGM of the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs in Bordeaux, France from 10 – 13 June. I made many friends from all over the world, tasted some of the best Bordeaux wines and visited top Châteaux. I learned about their wine making processes, the “wine police,” and not only had wonderful meals prepared by top chefs, but also simple food enjoyed by the locals. At the gala dinner I shared a table with ten Chaîne members who originated from various corners of the world, Singapore, Japan, Romania, France, Portugal, Saudi Arabia and I, from South Africa. Luckily we all spoke English! I watched the opening of the World Cup and the Bafana Bafana against Mexico game in a local pub in Bordeaux. The French do not like the Mexicans so we all shouted for South Africa; them in French and I in Afrikaans!

I also spent some time in Spain, visiting a friend in the wonderful quaint town of Mijas, overlooking the Costa del Sol. Here I watched the Spaniards loose against Switzerland – a funeral indeed! I spoke with my friends the day Spain won the World Cup. The streets were alive for days after their victory and the usual afternoon siestas turned into street parties!

The sad news is that I lost Cher, my four-legged Staffordshire companion of fourteen and a half years. She is sadly missed by everyone who knew her, but wonderful memories of her will linger forever. However, Piaf, the new Staffie puppy is on her way to keep Sonny and the rest of the family on our toes!

Congratulations to all our students who excelled in the second semester. Well done!

Please support the students' fundraising efforts for the rest of the year. We hope to see you at the CHS food and beverages evenings for you to experience the hospitality of and the excellent food presented by our students.

I wish to quote:

“A brand is a living entity and it is enriched or undermined cumulatively over time; the product of a thousand small gestures.” Michael Eisner; Disney

Thank you for continuously enriching the CHS brand!

**Ronél Bezuidenhout**  
Principal / Director



# The Cow Parade

Bordeaux offered an unexpected surprise during Ronel's French excursion – The Cow Parade! As seen in the accompanying photos, Ronel was quite taken with this cheerful event.

The Cow Parade is an international public art exhibition that has been featured in major world cities over the past twelve years. Bordeaux is proud to welcome this year a new colourful and joyful edition of this event. It is an opportunity to discover creative sculptures of cows decorated by local artists and distributed in the main public areas for several months.

The 1st of April, the cows in resin of Bordeaux & Cow 2010 will enter their workshop in order to be customized by selected artists and prepared for the private inauguration at the Bordeaux City Hall the 3rd of June. They will stay there 4 days before heading in the streets, squares and parks of the city until the 14th of September.

At the end of the public exhibition, the painted cows will be put up for auction and 50% of the amount of money is donated to a charity.

This concept of 'Cow Parade', born in Zurich, has a significant impact on tourism and attracts more and more visitors. Today up to 100 millions of people have admired more than 5 000 cows from the different parades.

The organizers are working closely with the economic actors of the city and other "institutions" such as *Les Girondins de Bordeaux* (the local soccer team) and to this day many institutions, banks, wineries and associations have already booked their own cows!

Designers, painters and photographers are jumping at the chance to express freely their art and decorate the cows on the subject of wine, high-technology, botany and so on.



## New Student intake off to a flying start.

The CHS brand is certainly making inroads as far as training facilities in the hospitality industry is concerned. Looking at the number of students that have already enrolled for 2011, we shall be filled to capacity. Since we can only accommodate 70 Hospitality Management and 30 Professional Cookery students, we urge all of those interested in studying at CHS to schedule interview appointments ASAP

## Golf Day at Akasia

The SRC had a very successful fundraising golf day at Akasia Country Club in April this year. The day was well supported by students, parents and friends of CHS. We received fantastic sponsored prizes, which ensured good participation which ultimately resulted in a sturdy increase in the SRC bank balance.

A special thank you to the following sponsors without whose generous support the day would not have been possible.

Hotel Numbi and Garden Suites - Willem Fick  
Sanlam - Gary van Loggerenberg  
Rykor Services – Corrie du Plesses  
Cadbury – Robbie Willemse  
PDC College - Savva Antionades Senior  
MCC Bottlestore - Savva Antionades Senior  
Dumukwa Safari's - Bertus Gerardt

## Community project – warm hearts make a difference in the cold winter.

This year, CHS decided to join Jacaranda FM's Winter Warmer project by collecting as many blankets as we could. Thank you to all students, staff and friends who made this donation possible. It is the most wonderful feeling and such a privilege to be able to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Our Principal/Director, Ronel Bezuidenhout (in her personal capacity) generously doubled the amount raised and that enabled us to donate 400 blankets.

We are positive that if we start driving our winter campaigns already in January, we shall no doubt be able to double the number in 2011.



## Did you know?

The first casino was licensed in the year 1931 In Las Vegas

The record holder for the highest number of hotel rooms in one building is MGM Grand, with 5,044 rooms. The hotel has two wedding chapels. To cater to newlyweds, 751 of the rooms are suites with marble baths and Roman spa-style showers.



## IDASA Book Launch

The Affiliated Network on Social Accountability-Africa (ANSA-SA) and the Economic Governance Programme of IDASA (IDASA-EGP) chose CHS for the launch of the recently published book, "Social Accountability in Africa: Practitioners' Experiences and Lessons." An interesting panel discussion on emerging issues, challenges and personal experiences in social accountability formed part of the morning's agenda. Here are a few photo's of this splendid event.



For those who do not know that much about Idasa (An African Institute for Democracy), will find this extract from the Idasa's website informative and very interesting.

"Idasa was founded by Frederick van Zyl Slabbert and Alex Boraine at the end of 1986 to help find an alternative to the politics of repression and to explore new ways of addressing polarisation between black and white South Africans.

Idasa's early work included facilitating meetings between meetings of the then banned political organisations and prominent white South Africans. One such meeting was the groundbreaking conference in Dakar, Senegal, attended by Afrikaners and exiled members of the ANC.

After the unbanning of political organisations in 1990 and democratic elections in 1994, the focus of Idasa's work shifted to the creation of a democratic culture in South Africa and strategic interventions to help the new democracy take root. Between 1990 and 1994, Idasa ran programmes that enabled groups from the old and new orders to work together to build inclusive, democratic structures in government and civil society."

Sadly, one of the founders of Idasa, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, passed on only a week after the book launch.

## Goodbye

After four years of hard work, dedication and being one of the best crew members a captain could ever wish for, Simoné Willemse is spreading her wings to explore new avenues. CHS is losing an excellent worker, but at least we know that we are not losing our friend. Fortunately she is not moving out of Pretoria and we can still expect to see her at our events.

Dear CHS Management & Students

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for making my time at CHS unforgettable. Each and every one played such a vital part (big or small) in my existence at CHS. It was a privilege and honour to have been associated with CHS for the last four and a half years of my career. I can honestly say that my experience here will be with me for a very long time. I am going to miss all of you at CHS dearly and will never forget you guys. May the future for each individual and The Capital Hotel School & Training Academy be bright and prosperous.

Goodbye and good luck!

With all my love  
Simoné Willemse  
9 July 2010



## From Our Kitchen

Thank you Chef Mostert!

### Tantalising Chocolate Tart

1.2 kg dark chocolate  
400 g cream  
500 g butter  
Melt all together  
16 eggs  
400 g castor sugar  
2 tbsp syrup.

Whip together till light and fluffy.  
Mix with the above and bake at 170 for 40 – 45 minutes.  
Mixture will still be soft when ready to come out of the oven.  
Leave in fridge to cool.  
Cut with a hot knife and serve at room temperature