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# COME HOME NEWSLETTER

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Dear Readers

Greetings from Pretoria, where winter has turned up overnight!

Once again, we start with the usual essential news: This is the free newsletter of the Come Home Campaign of AfriForum for all South Africans intending to return to South Africa, in process of returning or just back home. To subscribe or unsubscribe to the newsletter, send your comments or make a contribution, contact us at [alana@solidariteit.co.za](mailto:alana@solidariteit.co.za). Mark the email "SUBSCRIBE", "UNSUBSCRIBE", or with the topic of your choice.

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And now for the news ... in no specific order.

## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped us with inputs for the IFP conference and with all other matters discussed in the previous newsletter. We appreciate your contributions greatly – without you this newsletter would literally have been empty!

## HELP WANTED PLEASE

Melissa Groom asks: *Just wondering if you have any contacts for people organizing a crate headed to the States? I remember reading a few times that people have gotten together to share the cost. Our dates are flexible, but towards the end of the year.*

If you can assist, contact Melissa at [moyamuhle@hotmail.com](mailto:moyamuhle@hotmail.com).

## SKATKIS FOR CHILDREN



**Skatkis**, is a new Afrikaans magazine for children. To get an idea of what it offers, visit [www.skatkis.com](http://www.skatkis.com).

### MEDICAL SCHEMES

We have not received any “new” questions about medical schemes for some time, so this time we would like to include a general tip. If you are returning to South Africa and are using chronic medication, it is important to know whether that medication is available in South Africa and whether the scheme of your choice will pay for it, or will expect you to use another (generic) brand. The best idea is to ask very specific questions of the scheme or broker when getting quotes for membership and to mention exactly what you are currently using. We have known this to be a problem with medication for blood pressure problems, heart conditions, osteo-arthritis, and more. The following web sites will give a good overview of the best schemes in the country:

[www.discoveryworld.co.za](http://www.discoveryworld.co.za)

[www.medihelp.co.za](http://www.medihelp.co.za)

[www.sizwe.co.za](http://www.sizwe.co.za)

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[www.fedhealth.co.za](http://www.fedhealth.co.za)

[www.pharos.co.za](http://www.pharos.co.za)

[www.momentumhealth.co.za](http://www.momentumhealth.co.za)

[www.telemed.co.za](http://www.telemed.co.za)

[www.oxygen.co.za](http://www.oxygen.co.za)

Questions about medical schemes are always welcome.

### ADVICE FOR PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE TO DRIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA

The **Arrive Alive** web site has tips for foreigners or South Africans who have been away for a long time and would have to drive in South Africa. Click on <http://www.arrivealive.co.za/pages.asp?mc=save&nc=Advice Foreigners>.

### TAX NEWS

By this time those of you who are still registered as tax payers in South Africa are probably wondering when you will receive the tax forms for 2007. The income tax returns for individuals will only be issued on 15 July by the South African Revenue Service this year. Last year, as you may remember, the returns already had to have been submitted by 14 July. This year the returns only have to be in before or on 31 October. Further postponement may be possible once again (an announcement in this regard will be made at a later stage). Trust and company returns will only be issued on 31 August and will have to be submitted between 6 and 12 months after the specific entity's year end. You are welcome to contact Fanus Jonck at [tax@jonck.net](mailto:tax@jonck.net) for more information and advice regarding tax matters.

### POSITION FOR RECEPTIONIST

Shanelle writes: *Since you guys were such a big help with my move back to SA, I thought of contacting you first before posting on a career website. Maybe you know of someone who is currently looking for work that could also benefit from your help. I work for an Import and Export company called Minmetals. We are situated in Bedfordview and are currently seeking a Receptionist/Admin Assistant. Here is the information:*

*We are currently seeking a mature Receptionist / Office Administration Assistant to join our team. Position Summary: Our company is seeking a competent individual who will primarily provide reception, support and administrative services in the Bedfordview office from 1 July 2007. Responsibilities will include:*

- Answering and managing telephone calls,
- Office reception,
- Mail handling,

- *Project support to staff.*

The successful candidate will:

- *Have a Matric Certificate,*
- *Be fluent in English and Afrikaans,*
- *Have intermediate computer skills with experience in MS Word and Excel,*
- *Provide excellent customer service, time management and team skills,*
- *Have the ability to multi-task, and the*
- *Ability to operate office machinery with proficiency (photocopier, fax, printers, etc.)*

*This is a full-time, permanent position - salary: R4.5 - R5k depending on experience. If you are interested in this position, please email or fax your updated CV to me at [Shannelle@minmetals.co.za](mailto:Shannelle@minmetals.co.za) or fax: 0027-11-4551478.*

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### WEB SITES



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### AFFORDABLE FLIGHTS BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND AUSTRALASIA

Evert & Delia van Dijk can still help in this regard. Their new contact details are [evertvandyk@worldonline.co.za](mailto:evertvandyk@worldonline.co.za) or 0027-12-3445748. They can now also book flights to Perth via Mauritius.

### STILL WANTED: EMIGRANTS ON THEIR WAY TO THE USA



Scott Calvert of the Johannesburg office of the Baltimore Sun is still looking for prospective emigrants on their way from SA to the USA. He writes:

*I am trying to find a family that has decided to emigrate BUT won't be leaving SA until maybe the end of the year and that has at least one teenage child (15- 21 years old). I'm interested in doing a story about such a family and am particularly interested in looking at the whole leaving from the perspective of a teenager. (I am doing several stories this year focusing on South African youth). Ideally, the family would be headed to the US since that's where my paper is, though I realize most go to Australia, UK, New Zealand or Canada. The closer they live to Johannesburg or Pretoria, the better for me just in terms of convenience. Do you know of a family that fits the above description? Or if not, could you suggest someone I could ask about it? Obviously the family and the teenager would have to agree to be interviewed for a newspaper story. Thanks for any assistance you can provide!*

Scott can be contacted directly at [scottmcalvert@gmail.com](mailto:scottmcalvert@gmail.com), tel 0027-72-1375735 or 0027-11-8806529.

### PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE WITH DENIZATION AFTER EMIGRATION

In April we received the wonderful offer from Dr. Adriaan du Plessis in Australia that we may distribute his guide on migration and denization in a new country free of charge. Anybody who would like to receive this guide electronically should send an email to us at [alana@solidariteit.co.za](mailto:alana@solidariteit.co.za) with the subject BOOKLET. We would like to emphasise again that it is free. Adriaan says that he is too busy to be contacted personally, but the guide should address most questions. Thank you once again, Adrian!

### ASSISTANCE WITH RELOCATION – USA AND ELSEWHERE

For free quotes, contact Doug Wiviott, Director, International Business Development at Rainier Overseas Movers, Inc., e-mail – [doug@rainieros.com](mailto:doug@rainieros.com) or toll free in the USA at 800-426-9928 extension 220.

### ASSISTANCE WITH RELOCATION – UK

Paul McAvoy writes: *We are the UK Agents for South African Removals, please see the link which will give you more information about our company and its services - [www.southafricanremovals.com](http://www.southafricanremovals.com). Many thanks in advance - Paul McAvoy, George Baker (Shipping) Ltd, UK Agents for South African Removals, No 1 Building , Parker Avenue, Felixstowe, Suffolk IP11 4BD, telephone +44(0)1394-608043, fax +44(0)1394-608079, [paul.mcavoy@georgebakershipping.com](mailto:paul.mcavoy@georgebakershipping.com) or [paul@southafricanremovals.com](mailto:paul@southafricanremovals.com). The company trades in accordance with the standard trading conditions of the British International Freight Association 2005 and the National Guild of Removers and Storers.*

### MEDITATION

We have not received any meditations lately, but recently one of the South Africans in New Zealand shared some thoughts with us on friendship. We hope his ideas will be food for thought for more people. He writes:

*Here in New Zealand we picked bones several times with former South Africans about issues such as life in SA, the reasons behind current events in SA, being an Afrikaner/South African, Christianity, Reformation and much more. We learnt first-hand about the requirements of friendship. It will suffice to say that Corinthians 13 also describes the requirements of friendship. Let me put this in perspective. To be a Christian and to believe in the one true God and salvation through Christ, does not turn us into mice. It requires courage and living your faith out powerfully. The Bible was also given to us to refute and reprimand (think of Timothy in this regard). It means:*

- *Being a Christian does not give others carte blanche to manipulate you;*
- *Right remains right and wrong, wrong;*
- *If we come across wrongs, we have to take action and make sure that things are sorted out and set right;*
- *Even the Father and Jesus do not forgive unless you ask for forgiveness. And once actions have been forgiven, sins are still punished. You who were cheated by a so-called friend should forgive, but should think very carefully about the future of this friendship. For this reason the Bible warns us to treat friendships with great care.*

*This does not mean that any of us are free of sins. It simply means that we should be thoroughly aware of our sins and shortcomings, but do our very best not to hurt anyone else.*

### GREETINGS

Yes, friendship probably is one of the Father's greatest gifts. May you enjoy this blessing in the month ahead!

Keep well!

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