

## Upcoming Events

### • Kwa Zulu Natal Road Show.

The first road show for the year will be held in Kwa Zulu Natal on the 24th of August 2011 at the .....

### • WOESA AGM and Gauteng Road Show.

The Johannesburg Road show will be held on the 1st of September following the Annual General meeting which will be held at the ....

### • Tour to a Refinery.

Members who missed out on the previous visit to the Lethabo Power Plant can join us in our next visit to a Refinery. Details to follow, don't miss out again.

### • Upcoming Road Shows

.Keep an eye out for the next WOESA road show in your area

### Dear Members

Why not use the WOESA Newsletter as the ultimate networking tool to reach other WOESA members. If there is anything you would like to share with other members feel free to tell us and we will publish it in the next newsletter and "Lets Talk"



## Visit to the Lethabo Power Station

What an exciting visit– especially to those who are new in the energy industry. The Lethabo Power Station provided a detailed demonstration of how energy is made and where it comes from. Not the best idea if you scared of heights - the power plant is 70 floors high - but certainly the place you want to be if you keen on learning about the industry. WOESA took a few of its members to experience how coal is burned to levels beyond your imagination to produce voltages that you cannot begin to fathom which eventually produces electricity making it possible for us to function in this technological environment. The trip to the power plant, situated somewhere between Vereeniging and Sasolburg took place on the 23 of June 2011, in the hope of improving our members understanding of how it all works . Although the process is quite complicated we are hopeful that the next tour will include presentations from the refinery headquarters for members in the industry. We are planning more trips to power stations as well as Refineries so please do let us know if you are keen on joining us. Also if you are interested in finding out more about the different opportunities which you think your company might be able to benefit from do not hesitate to call us..



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## WOESA NEWS UPDATE

So wouldn't you like to know what has been happening in WOESA since your last update: there is quite a bit to tell. For starters WOESA has relocated from Rose bank to our lovely new offices in Houghton. We have also sadly said good bye to Tumi Mokase who has been the PA for the past 2 years and whom many of you might have dealt with. The good news is we have added to new faces to the WOESA family. Manini Nathane is the new PA who started at WOESA in March this year and Terri Botha who is the new communications officer which started in February this year. WOESA has also signed on two new board members Peta Mashinini and Grace Ndwambi which we will tell you more about at a later stage– nice to see the family growing.

WOESA has also signed on a new company to the family name. WOESA Fuels and Oil was started this year with the accomplishment of WOESA being awarded their trading license.– watch this space.

More good news is that WOESA has signed on new projects with two new organisations– namely Powerguard and Norconsult. The Norconsult Group is a European based engineering and consulting group with an intent to build a sustainable electrical engineering and consulting business in South Africa. WOESA has had the privilege of being invited to become a BEE shareholder in this organization. Powerguard, another new project which WOESA is embarking on, produces a range of products to manage the use of power more effectively in homes.

## WOESA "LETS TALK" ISSUE 1 – AUGUST 2011



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Cnr Boundary and Carse O Gowrie  
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Houghton  
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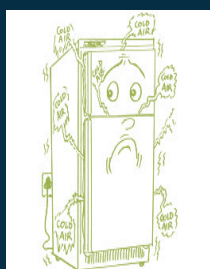
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Simple Energy and Fuel Saving tips

- Use energy-saving light bulbs. They last much longer and use less electricity, saving you money in the long run.
- Turn off all stand-by modes on electronic devices every time you leave the house and before going to bed.
- Remember!! Anything that makes heat-ovens, dryers, heaters and clothes dryers uses more electricity. Try to use these sparingly.
- Simply turning off the light when you not in the room could make a huge difference. Same goes for appliances.
- Reduce the temperature of your geyser to around 55 degrees Celsius so that you don't need to add too much cold water when you shower or do the dishes.
- Close the door every time you take things out of the fridge and also check that it seals properly.
- Try to boil only the water you need instead of boiling a full pot or kettle every time.
- Insulate your geyser by wrapping newspapers, old blankets or other insulating materials around it and the hot water pipes.

FUEL SAVING TIPS

- When possible, establish lift clubs.
- Switch to radial-ply tyres because these offer less rolling resistance and have a longer life than the cross-ply variety.
- Avoid driving with under-inflated tyres because tyre pressure that is too low not only increases consumption, it also markedly reduces a tyre's life.
- Avoid stop-start driving.
- Do not speed. The faster you drive, the more petrol you use.



# MOVING FORWARD

## Opportunities for members

WOESA is continually trying to find ways to engage with our members. From Roadshows to workshops we have tried to enlighten members about the opportunities which exist out there for women. As you all know a primary function of the organization is to better make women's voices heard in our industry – here are just a few highlights of how WOESA plans to do so.

Firstly, as many of you might have received the relevant communication, WOESA has tried to encourage members over the past year to attend various workshops namely the AMEF conference, held in July to discuss the BBBEE codes of practices and sectoral charters, the ILO workshop for advocacy skills for small businesses and women entrepreneur associations as well as the Department of Energy workshop on Petroleum Licensing. These workshops were intended to assist members to better understand different

aspects of the sector as well as determine new opportunities which might arise from them. The previous mentioned workshops, although insightful, does not speak to the exact needs of WOESA members. Therefore, WOESA is now embarking on a campaign to find more about what it is that our members need in terms of training as well as what exactly it is that our members do every-day, and what they would like to do so that we can help you get there.

The WOESA road shows plans to give more information on how members can get involved in different areas of the Oil and Energy sector such as renewable energy, solar opportunities as well as becoming and Independent Power Producer. Remember you cannot get any of the benefits if you do not get involved. Keep an eye out for the next road show coming your way.

**“Keep an eye out for the next Road Show coming your way”**



Picture above and right: Previous WOESA Road show



## Introduction to our new Board Members

WOESA would like to say welcome to two successful business women, Peta Mashinini (left) and Grace Nndwambi (right), who have recently joined our Board.

Peta Mashinini is an independent contractor which specializes in Project Management, Governance, Policy and Strategy Development. She has obtained a variety of qualifications from a BSC at Fort Hare University to a MBA from Milpark Business School and Thames Valley University. Peta says she is very passionate about community development and spends

some of her time on a school project in Soweto helping past students pass matric. Peta has joined the board to assist with possible fund raising initiatives as well as the development of various strategies to assist WOESA in reaching its potential. Peta hopes to further assist WOESA in unlocking support and various resources from Government.

Grace Nndwambi is currently the Manager of Sasol Supply chain enablement. She has obtained her B.Comm Accounting Degree from the University of Venda as well as her MBA in finance from the Wits

Business School. She has a variety of experience in Supply Chain operations working her way up in Sasol Oil starting as an assistant manager for Supply Operations, to her current position of Supply Chain Enablement Manager where she specializes in developing strategies aimed at improving supply chain processes. Grace will hopefully prove to be a successful addition to the WOESA family by sharing her knowledge and expertise to assist in our development.

WOESA WELCOMES YOU BOTH!

## EYE ON THE PRIZE Pria Hassan

Well done to Ms Pria Hassen, Executive Director of Durban-based WOA Fuels & Oils, and one of WOESA's Board members, as she powered to the forefront of the BEE achievers at the 10<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment Awards. Pria received an award for Top Black Female Entrepreneur which proved to one of the most coveted awards of the evening.

The Metropolitan Oliver Empowerment awards have become one of the most prestigious events which signal the BEE distinction for transformation leaders. The accolades were presented by guest of honour and keynote speaker Mr Thembelani Nxesi (Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform) at the Sandton Convention Centre on the 24th of March 2011 before an elite audience of political and business leaders and media personalities.

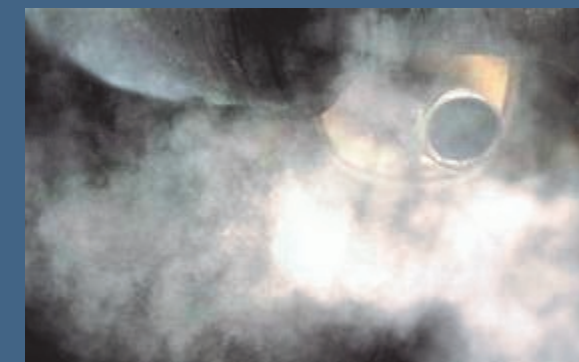
Pria Hassan, who is also Managing Director of Women of Africa Investments, emphasised the wider significance of the awards: "By putting the spotlight on Black entrepreneurs in such spectacular style, the Olivers celebrate empowerment and personal achievement in a way that uplifts and energises everyone at the event and everyone who dreams of making a breakthrough into the world of business."

## WHATS HAPPENING IN THE INDUSTRY

**One thing is for sure, people are tired of feeling guilty about their fuel emissions destroying the environment every time we pull off. What is the industry answer to this problem.**

Well it seems organizations such as SAPIA believe that the industry is undergoing rapid expansion in the hope of promoting cars which use Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) or Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) which is seen as the healthier alternative. According to CEF the Province of Gauteng has already begun to support the eco-friendly notion by rebranding

14 of their G - Fleet vehicles as being eco friendly and using alternative fuels such as Bio Diesel, CNG and LPG. It is only a matter of time before we will all have the luxury of guilt free driving.



Sources: www.cef.org.za/ www.sapia.co.za