



Winter Wonderland

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The Cape's Premier Winter Playground

Dear Winter Wonderlanders

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This week we will start to take down the Winter Wonderland lights in the village. Thank You to all who put up lights at their businesses and their homes. It looked beautiful, especially on the mountainside where it was seen from afar. The more homes that do that, the more spectacular it will become. Many homes that are not on the mountain also made a magnificent display. Can you imagine homes decorated in the streets—people driving through and having street parties!

We had many more people than last year and also more during the holidays on a constant basis. All in all a very successful event, no major incidents and we are set for growth in bounces and leaps from year to year!

Rachel from Getaway captured the essence so well in her blog that I am not going to say much more:

<http://blog.getaway.co.za/events/winter-wonderland-gordons-bay/>

Through the opportunity that Winter Wonderland has provided (and those who made use of it), we have been able to hand over the following cheques so far: To the Lions of Gordon's Bay (R8600) and to Gordon's Bay Primary School (R10 849.35). Next week we will hand over cheques to 5th Principle and Somerstrand College. The NSRI managed to raise R18 000 with their raffle sales over this weekend. These people saw the opportunity, planned to do something, put in the effort and are reaping the rewards. You can do the same next year.

Thank You to all who contributed to Winter Wonderland 2012.

The winners of our raffles were: March: Raymond Goldberg (1kg Biltong sponsored by **Biltong Paradys** by Spar); April: Nicola Burgess (Leg of Lamb sponsored by **De Vleismeul**); May: Lindy Lourens (1kg Biltong sponsored by **Ooh Mama**); June: Daphne Forbes (1kg Biltong sponsored by **Aleph Biltong**). Thank you for everyone's support and to our sponsors. A total of R4160 was raised towards the lights.

The Winter Wonderland sign was magnificent and a great attraction (although we struggled a little to keep it going during the rainy periods). There is still an amount outstanding to pay for this (R30 000) and all contributions, however big or small, will be much appreciated. If your business has benefited from Winter Wonderland, you are welcome to make a contribution and can contact me at above e-mail. Your name will still be written on our Wall by Talla's and you will go on to our webpage (with a link to your web or face book page).

DVD's Gordon's Bay Then & Now (R50) – Slide show of GB from 1800's to now and **CD of our WW Theme Song** (R20) – composed, sang and recorded by Edie Henn. There are still a few left and are on sale at BP Gordon's Bay.

We need more people to get actively involved in the organizing of this event for next year. Please contact me at above e-mail if you can help in any way. You do not need to be an expert at anything – just be prepared to give some of your time. This will determine whether Winter Wonderland will take place next year or not. If it does, it will exceed everyone's expectations and will be THE event on the calendar for 2013 in South Africa.

'Till next month

Margot Paulsen