



## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT March 2012 – February 2013

It is a pleasure to report on an excellent year with some important achievements. A sense of community and pride in our town is taking place

To mention some of our projects:

1. **Winter Wonderland** - We had a wonderful Festival of Lights. A big thank you to **Margot Paulsen** and her helpers. The Winter Wonderland is growing and becoming a major event in the greater Cape Town. Apart from promoting Gordon's Bay, we also managed to give donations from the proceeds: to the Gordon's Bay Lions Club, Gordon's Bay Primary, and 5<sup>th</sup> Principle. The foundation has been laid for a bigger and better Winter Wonderland this year
2. **Leapfrog Race** – This event was recognised as a provincial championship event and brought focus and many visitors to our village. Thanks to **Kevin Wearing, Lester Burrow**, the Strand Athletics Club and all the helpers. It will even be bigger and better this year
3. **Hobo dance** – A very successful hobo dance in aid of buying lights for Winter Wonderland was held at The Barn where all could let their hair down and all who attended this great evening had lots of fun.
4. **Wine on Water Festival** – **Peter Venter and Jaco Roets of Peter Venter Estates** arranged a very successful Wine on Water Festival at the Villa Via

5. **Super Crew Network Lunches** – Our monthly Network lunches, where members and others had the opportunity to get to know one another, was very successful. Thanks to **Alison Rese** who did all the arrangements
6. **Faure Marine – Sir Lowry's Pass Road intersection** – After 18 years, I had the privilege to experience the upgrading of this very dangerous intersection. A special thanks to the **GB Resident's Association, Raymond Goldberg, Wynand Buhr, Sean Glass**, Councillor **Johan Middleton** and **Jaco Roets** whose brilliant composition of video footage by Raymond, finally woke up the authorities
7. **Nedbank Lunch** – Thank you to **Andre Paulsen** who arranged it and also an excellent and very informative talk by top economist **Nicky Weimar** of Nedbank, who flew down especially from Johannesburg to address us
8. **GORDON'S BAY ART GROUP** – We initiated the forming of a Gordon's Bay Art Group. They held regular art exhibitions on the last weekend of every month at the Villa Via. Congratulations to their **Chairperson Nadine McLaggan** and **Hanel van Reenen**, who put it all together
9. **NGO** – Thank you to **Anton Gerber** who got us officially registered as a non-profit organisation
10. **Associate members** – we are proud to have the Gordon's Bay Residents Association as an Associate member. We now have **22 Associate members**
11. **Membership** – There are at the time of writing 149 members and still more and more Gordon's Bay business people are applying to become members
12. **The future** – we are in the process of establishing a **Gordon's Bay Hiking Group**. A **River Walk** along the Sir Lowry's Pass River. A regular **Music Evening** is on the cards. We are looking forward to the **Leapfrog Race on**

**14<sup>th</sup> April.** A bigger and better **Winter Wonderland** during the June school holidays. A “Hobo” **Dance** in the second half of the year,(with perhaps a different theme such as “Boere Dance”, “Sixties Dance”, “Western Dance, etc.). **Wine on Water Festival** will take place in the second half of the year. And still more to come.

**Lastly**, I wish to thank all **our members**, Janice van der Merwe of the **Villa Via** for making available their facilities for our meetings. Hanel van Reenen for hosting our Exco meetings, Lynn and Cyril Brown for promoting the GBBF and Gordon’s Bay in their special newspaper **Gordon’s Bay Reviews**, **Councillor Johan Middelton** for his support and patience;

And my Exco Members for all their hard work and support: **Kevin Wearing – Vice-Chair**, **Cyril Brown – secretary**, **Anton Gerber – Treasurer**, **Marla Nortje – Tourism**, **Kobus Louw – Safety and Security**, **Hanel van Reenen – Art and Culture**, **Jeanette Loring – Media and marketing**; and **Ian Sutherland**

***Thank you all***

***Danie Miller - Chairperson***

***1<sup>st</sup> April 2013***