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# Vision Safe Roads in South Africa Mission Ensure safe, secure and responsible use of roads in South Africa

### The objectives of the RTMC

To establish the RTMC as a partnership between national, provincial and local sphere of government

To enhance the overall quality of road traffic services provision, and in particular ensure safety, security, order, discipline and mobility on the roads

To protect road infrastructure and the environment through the adoption and implementation of innovative technology

To phase out, where appropriate, public funding and phase in private sector investment in road traffic matters on a competitive basis

To introduce commercial management principles to inform and guide road traffic governance and decision making in the interest of enhanced service provision

To optimise the utilisation of public funds

To regulate, strengthen and monitor inter-governmental contact and co-operation in road traffic matters

To improve the exchange and dissemination of information and road traffic matters

To stimulate research in road traffic matters and effectively utilise the resources of existing institutes and research bodies

To develop human resources in the public and private sectors that are involved in road traffic matters





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Women across South Africa celebrated its 60 years of the historic Women's march of 1956 It is undisputed that women play a pivotal role in building and advancing the country and the world. The struggle fought by women in 1956 may be different from the challenges faced 60 years later, but the struggle is not yet over.

As we commemorate the 60 years of the Women's march against pass laws, we are cognisant of and pay tribute to the women in law enforcement who have played a crucial part in ensuring the safety of South African people, spending long hours away from home and their families. Like the women of 1956 who defiantly took on their oppressors in a March to the Union Buildings, some carrying their children on their backs caring more about doing the right thing for their own safety; their spirit continues to shine through the work done by our women in law enforcement amongst other formidable women who are doing great things for South Africa.

On 9 August, Road Traffic Management Corporation's women workforce joined thousands of women in a 3 km march to the Union Buildings marking 60 years of the historic march. RTMC team's participation in the march was to raise awareness on road safety and the impact of road fatalities and injuries on the country's econo-

my. This was followed by operations across the county, with Female law-enforcement officers under Road Traffic Management Corporation (RTMC) taking over the streets of South Africa during month of August in efforts to raise awareness about road safety.

The Women's month operation put emphasis on the "no mercy for lawlessness on the roads" approach which had been themed "Refihlile" means "We have arrived".

During this quarter of the year, the Corporation also participated in a number of programmes, intensifying efforts of fulfilling its mandate of promoting road safety and building a nation of responsible road users. The Mandela Month provided an opportunity for the RTMC to engage with communities who had been affected by the harsh winter conditions, donating time and service whilst promoting road safety for all.

"Do something good everyday that your future self will thank you for" - Sukh Sandhu

Be the change you want to see. Road safety is everyone's responsibility.





August 9th 2016 marked the 60th anniversary of the Women's Day march of 1956 whereby thousands of South African women marched to the Union Buildings to protest against pass laws. To commemorate the Day RTMC women participated in March to raise road safety and women abuse awareness. The March took place from Pretoria CBD to the Unions Buildings where the 1956 March took place. The ladies marched while displaying placards with different messaging related to violence against women.

The National Traffic Police women also participated in women only operations nationwide throughout the month of August. They also participated in various community building initiatives that included, donating of clothes to the less fortunate and a sanitary towel drive whereby they donated sanitary towels to scholars who do not afford.

#Salute #Mbokodo

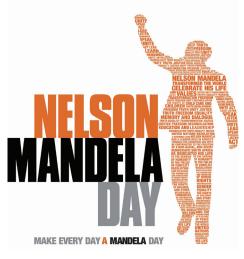




### MAKE EVERYDAY A MANDELA DAY. RTMC CONTRIBUTING 67 MINUTES AND MORE OF TIME TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

The month of July saw the Corporation hard at work, commemorating the Nelson Mandela Month through its Winter Warmer Drive CSR Project, where the Corporation provided mattresses, blankets and groceries to the less fortunate households during the Nelson Mandela Month and Women's Month. Some of the recipients were from an informal settlement that had shacks raised down in a fire, leaving over 1000 people displaced during the harsh winter. The noble cause also reached out to the communities where people had been affected by the winter

storms that damaged their homes. Through this project, the Corporation was able to provide a total of 750 mattresses and blankets to the affected vulnerable households in the provinces of Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng and North West. On the 18th July, the Corporation had an opportunity to partner with the Department of Transport and other transport entities, in heeding a call to action to change the lives of those less fortunate for the better. The day was spent cleaning, refurbishing two schools, Brey and Ebenezer in an impoverished community of Tosca.









### FIGHT AGAINST DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE HAS A LINK TO ROAD SAFETY

Drugs and alcohol contribute significantly to the risk of accident, and impact judgment, perception and reaction times. Driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs is a criminal offence.

The Corporation hosted Fight Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse CSI Project in the Community of Tsantsabane Driving Postmasburg in the Northern Cape Province. The day started with RTMC representatives, provincial officials, the youth and law enforcement

officers walking for 1 km to raise awareness on the impact of drug and alcohol abuse on road safety. The initiative assisted in refurbishing the centre as the Tsantsabane Drugs and Alcohol Services operate in park homes that were donated to the centre. The centre assists the community with diagnosing drug addictions and referrals to the rehab centre. The Corporation donated also soft toys to the children admitted in the hospital due to the drug and alcohol pandemic that is affecting the community.



Road crashes have a negative impact on the economy of the country; money that can be spent in improving service delivery is often spent compensating road crash victims. Medical bills and loss of breadwinners also puts a burden on the country's economy. It is under this condition that the Road Traffic Management Corporation in partnership with CSIR deemed it significant to undertake a research project to identify the total cost of crashes in South Africa.

The RTMC together with the CSIR undertook this extensive research to determine the cost of crashes in South Africa with the aim of assisting Government and other stakeholders in

planning and in the implementation strategies that will reduce the cost of crashes in South Africa. Having gathered information the Corporation saw it fit to share the information with relevant stakeholders.

On 13 October 2016 the Corporation hosted a stakeholder engagement session to interrogate the cost of crashes report. The aim of the session was to share information with role players and to get feedback with regards to the report. The session was attended by stakeholders from both government and private sector.





### **ROADS ARE NOT MEANT FOR ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK**

Stray animals continue to pose a serious road safety challenge for the farming communities in the rural areas. A number of road crashes in these parts of the country are caused by livestock found straying on the roads, causing fatal carnages on daily basis.

On 30 September, the Road Traffic Management Corporation together with the Limpopo Provincial Department of Transport hosted livestock owners from Mbaula Village in Giyani as part of the ongoing stray animal project. Through this project the Corporation distributes reflective tags and belts for animals to

livestock owners to reduce and eliminate the number of road crashes involving stray animals, by increasing visibility.

The Provincial Department of Transport identified the village to be suitable for the project because it is situated on the R82 in Giyani , an area which is synonymous with crashes that involve animals especially during the night. Livestock owners committed to compliance measures to save lives and to supporting the initiative as the road crashes not only destroy human lives but they also have an impact on their livestock and business







### YOUNG DRIVER EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

The Corporation in partnership with eKasi Road Safety continued rolling out the young driver educational workshops across the nine provinces during the month of August. The workshops are aimed at empowering new drivers with relevant information regarding road safety. The workshops were designed to address the continuous loss of young drivers on our roads.

Statistics indicates that majority of people dying on our roads are the youth, especially young drivers who have just recently acquired their driving licences. The Corporation and eKasi Road Safety, an NPO based in Soweto working towards the reduction of road carnages saw it befitting that workshops of this nature be rolled out nationally.

## RTMC takes on the 702 Walk the Talk

On the wintry Sunday of 24 July, the Road Traffic Management Corporation team participated in the 15th instalment of the 702 Walk the Talk at the Marks Sports Club in Emmarentia, Johannesburg. The annual event attracted 50000 walkers across Gauteng province, who took part in the staggered 5,8 and 15kilometre walks. The theme for this year's event was "What are you walking for". The theme is informed by the organisers' decision to allow participants to walk for different worthy causes.

Over 150 RTMC employees walked for road safety to raise awareness on road safety utilising the experiential approach, the employees walked carrying placards with various road safety messages. The event also afforded an opportunity for team building and spirit of camaraderie, bringing the RTMC employees together as part of the Corporations' employee wellness drive, to promote social cohesion and raise brand awareness. The Corporation had a branded

hospitality site whereby employees gathered and socialised before and after the walk.

RTMC employees who had also braved the weather could be seen from a distance amongst throngs of exuberant people in their branded RTMC gear, and walked hoisting RTMC placards that portrayed various road safety messages aimed at promoting and raising road safety awareness at the event.

The Corporation's participation in the event was a success, as the placard campaign created discussion and interest amongst other participants and the images going viral on social media platforms. As everyone that participated lethargically dragged their tired legs towards the finish line to received their medals for their efforts, some who had taken the shorter distance we overhead promising to walk for a longer distance come the year 2017, 16th instalment.







The Road Traffic Management Corporation together with the Department of Transport and key Transport stakeholders hosted the inaugural Vehicle Standards and Systems Summit at the CSIR ConventionCentrefrom26-27September2016.The aimofthe summit was to sensitise government authorities and key private entities with regards to vehicle standards and systems.

The summit provided a platform for industry experts and role players to share critical information. Topics that were interrogated included minimum vehicle standards, road transport management systems and international practices. It is envisaged that out of the two day Conference, more discussions will be held aimed at an improved

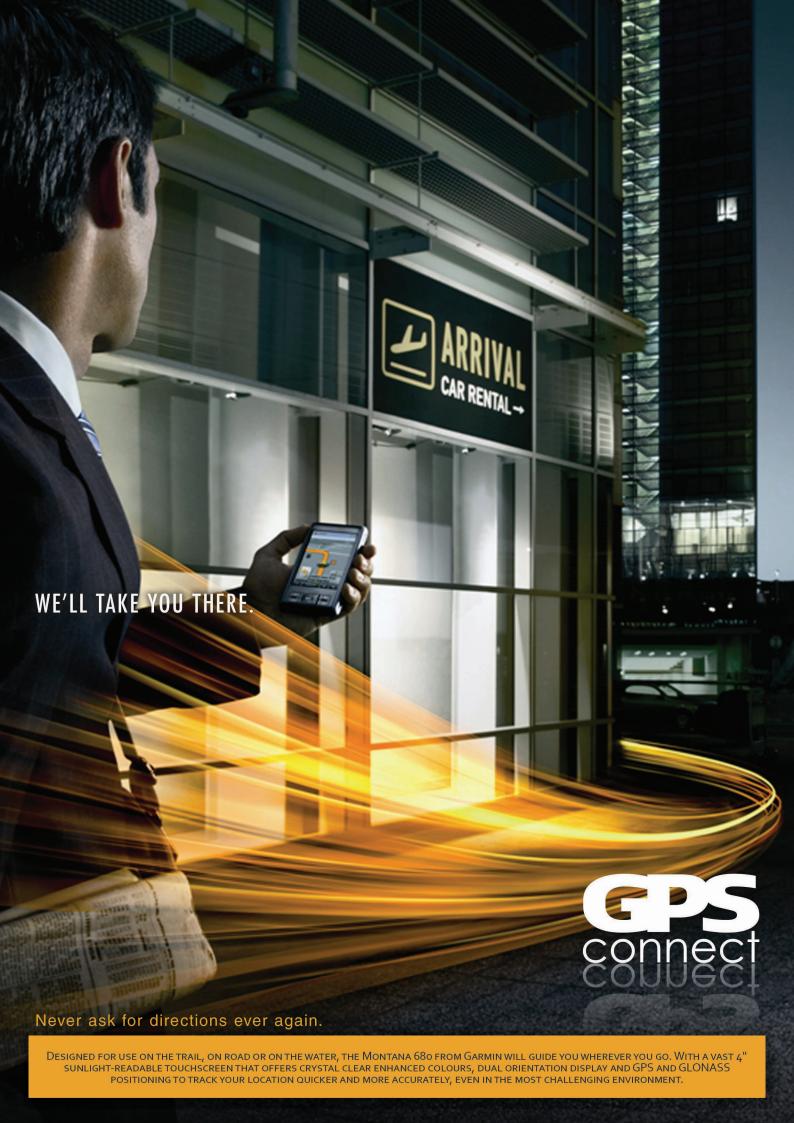
vehicle standards and systems in Africa that will be benchmarked with the international standards

The overall aim is to improve vehicle standard and systems in Africa benchmarking with international standards

The Corporation presented papers, chaired sessions and also participated in exhibition targeting all attendees of the summit.

All presentations of the Summit can be accessed online, www.rtmc.co.za









Scholar patrol inspection at Ikageng Primary School in Garankuwa



Cyclist training at Emvangatini primary School in white river



















I arrived on a cloudy day in George to test drive the latest rendition of Audi's A4. At our disposal for the days were the 1.4T FSI (110kW) Sport and the 2.0T FSI (140kW) ultra Sport derivatives.



### **EXTERIOR**

Once inside I was cocooned by clean premium materials and well laid dashboard. The interior dashboard has been carried through from Audi's new Q7. When comparing the car's interior

to its German competition, "bland" might the appropriate word to use unfortunately? The interior did feel more spacious than its predecessor thanks to the new A4 being 16mm wider and 25mm longer. This translates to the back seat passengers getting an extra 23mm of leg room. The most noticeable piece of tech in our vehicle was Audi's all new virtual cockpit. Sadly it's not a standard feature, though Audi's big bosses did say they would like to see it being a standard feature across all their products in the near future.

The all-treve Audit Al

As a potential buyer one would first have to tick the MMI with satellite navigation system box, followed by the virtual cockpit option. All this gadgetry comes in just shy of R40 000. Even if this is the only option you get, you would have chosen wisely. Items such as the multi-function steering wheel, keyless go, those sexy

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come standard which is rather generous coming from these Germans.

I liked the fact that the A4 now comes with two USB and an AUX port. You can never have too many USB ports in my opinion. Audi's new smart phone interface integrates Android and iOS mobile phones into the Audi MMI system making connectivity between my Android device and the car's infotainment system sim-

ple and fast. The music played via Bluetooth from my phone was surprisingly clear. The seats were comfortable and gave me enough lateral support when I threw the car into bends at speed. At high speeds there was a bit of interior noise, but this can be rectified by ticking the acoustic glass option which is said to greatly reduce cockpit noise. In all honesty if you have the radio on, you probably won't even notice that noise.

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those sexy LED daytime running lights and xenon-plus head-lights, driver information system, tyre pressure monitoring, partial leather upholstery, cruise control system, automatic air conditioning now come standard which is rather generous coming from these Germans.



### **PERFORMANCE**

Push the Start button to start, and we are off. Mist played havoc early into our journey, bringing our convoy to a dreary 40 km/h with everyone flashing their hazards. To everyone's delight the clouds parted and the sun came out to play and we all politely obliged by putting foot. Yoh! Is the best way I can describe the Audi 1.4 TFSI (110kW). I had to reconfirm with my co-pilot that we were actually in the 1.4-litre and not the 2.0-litre. I switched the drive mode from Comfort to Dynamic. My co-pilot and I felt the 170kg lighter A4 hanker closer to ground and the throttle response change. "Ayeye right now 1.4 TFSI!" was the thought I had at that moment, as the S tronic gearbox dropped gears and the revs picked up as the 1.4 gave off a little snarl. Overtaking bakkies and trucks was effortless and smooth. The digital speedometer kept climbing and climbing much faster than I had anticipated, right up to the point where I would have watched both DJ S'bu and Black Coffee disappear from my rearview mirrors.

That 1.4-litre engine dispelled any preconceived notions and reservations I had.

And put a big silly grin of satisfaction on my face. It's the way the power is delivered that took many of us surprise and because of

that I think many of us enjoyed it more than the 2.0-litre TFSI. Then came the bends, where the front-wheel A4 proved to be rather agile and composed when thrown into bends at speed. Audi's electronic steering did give me a few white knuckled moments. At times as the driver I felt detached from what was happening on the road, a typical Audi trait. The 1.4's steering was not as sharp and didn't give that tactile feedback from the surface of the road. The 2.0T FSI fared slightly better.

I know I've made very little mention of the 2.0T FSI, and that's because 140kW big brother is marginally better than the 1.4T FSI, 110kW in areas that really matter expect for the power department being the glaring difference. The 2.0 TFSI to look out for will be the 185kW with quattro all-wheel-drive (AWD), which is expected to hit our shores a litter later this year.

Audi will be scrapping the RS4 Avant for the South African market and bring back the RS4 sedan due to the Avant's poor sales record. You can expect to see the all-new RS4 in 2018 and the lesser S4 (with 260kW) in the last quarter of 2017. Overall the new Audi A4 is a great car and I would certainly choose it over its three point star German cousin. Drops mic and walks off the stage.

### ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY HE RESTED Motoring perfection





Perfection has never looked this good.

When you think about Momo, the words hip or innovative don't usually come to mind. But Momo's latest concept called the XD<sub>3</sub> could change all that. The Momo brand unveiled the concept XD<sub>3</sub> — a two-door, luxury coup — at the Detroit Auto Show this yaer. And ever since its debut, car critics haven't stopped talking about its sleek design and its high-tech interior.



...is well known for creating or destroying people's lives. Albert Einstein described it the greatest mathematical discovery of all time. But before we discuss how compound interest can help or destroy you — it would be ill-mannered if I did not properly introduce the concept of compound interest.

You may have heard of the word but at this day and age, it is almost a guarantee that you have been affected by compound interest. The principle is this; the money invested earns a certain amount of interest in a certain timeframe. In the next period, an interest earned is based on the original capital and the interest earned before. This process continues and basically, one can start to earn interest on interest.

So, if someone invested R100 at 10% per month, at the end of month one, the interest earned would be R10. If that interest is re-invested, the capital will be R110 and at the end of month two, the interest is R11. If this pattern continued for a year, the R100 investment would yield a good R259. The value proposition of compound interest is not largely based on the amount of cash one invests or borrows; but it's the time allowed for the money to grow.

have other priorities then. So in a nut shell, she would have saved R60 000 in total.

Thabang decided to do the same, saving R12,000 per year but would only start after paying off that GTI. He however made a commitment that he'll keep this car for longer and save until he retires — about 30 years and R360,000 in total.

Thabo took this idea a bit further. He decided he's going to invest R12,000 per year. He too would save until retirement — about 35 years and R420,000.

To see how much of an impact these individuals' investment decisions would result, the calculation assumed 7% interest per

year, interest would be re-invested and there would be no withdrawals.

It is not a surprise to see that Thabo's savings would be the largest as he decided to save early and for 35 years. What is interesting is that Thabang's savings are R193 477 less compared to Thabo's despite the fact that he started saving 5 years later. Furthermore, Thabang's savings caught up to Mavis' after 17 years or

Growth of the savings account

R 800 000
R 700 000
R 600 000
R 400 000
R 300 000
R 200 000
R 100 000
R 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35

so. The secret to this growth is to save early.

At this stage, let me introduce Thabo and Thabang. They are good friends who first met at high school and by coincidence; they found themselves meeting again at the RTMC's orientation session in January 2016. The 'Tees' have always enjoyed each other's company and have a similar taste however; Thabo has always been the more conservative of the two - a character well observed by their new common friend Mavis, whom they met during their orientation. We'll touch more on Mavis' relationship with the Tees later.

When retirement options were discussed at the orientation session, the trio discussed how they should think about saving for the future however; each individual decided to go about saving R5000 per month in 'their own way'.

Mavis decided to invest R12,000 per year for the next 5 years. She had planned to start a family by then and knew she would

On the other hand, compound interest can negatively impact your life if they rely too much on credit. A good example is how a R200 000 car financed over 54 months at 11% interest (with an instalment of R4809) can end up costing the consumer R59 686 (30%) more vs. the original price. A 10% deposit reduces the instalment to R4338 and the consumer pays R34 252 (17%) more. That's almost half the interest. Does this mean we have to buy everything cash? That may seem unrealistic but the bigger the deposit, the better. For the disciplined individuals, they could consider investments which have better returns and pay off the debt at the end of the term.

Use the power of compound interest to benefit your long term long goals.

The article above does not constitute financial advice but aims to demonstrate the power of compound interest – the greatest mathematical discovery of all time!

### Matters of National Importance

### BY BRIAN MULADZI



Do you want to be another seat belt statistic? It's not worth it, buckle up and save lives.

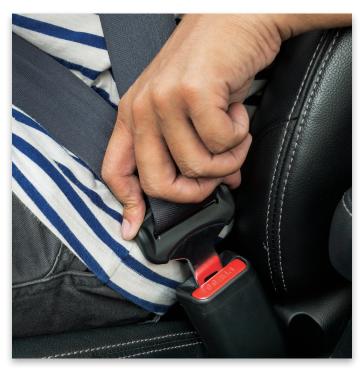
Seat belts are designed to protect drivers and passengers in case of a road crash. They protect passengers from being thrown out of a vehicle during a road crash and from colliding with sharp items and other passengers. People know the importance and functions of seat belts; however they still think wearing a seat belt is useless.

It has often been proven that crash victims could have survived had they been wearing their seatbelts. One wonders why many people still don't want to buckle up? Is it because the penalties of not wearing seat belts are minimal? Do seat belts make them feel uncomfortable? Or they want to prove a point that they will not be told what to do by someone else? Or is it just sheer ignorance? Others might say it is a lack of knowledge but how many seat belt campaigns were conducted throughout the country? People still have different views concerning the usage of seat belts.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) the seat belt wearing rate in South Africa is about 59% for drivers and about 67% for front seat occupants and the enforcement is rated 1 out of 10, meanwhile child restraint enforcement is also rated 1 out of 10. Worrying statistics indeed, however this cannot be blamed solely on the authorities. It is a national issue and it's directly or indirectly linked to everyone who uses cars as a mode of transport. Road safety is everyone's responsibility hence everyone needs to participate in order to make our roads safer.

Car manufactures are playing their part by introducing mechanisms to remind people to wear their safety belts but people tend to be ignorant and careless. It is high time that the authorities deal with seat belt offenders harshly. We cannot allow this ignorance to rob us of precious lives.

It is better to teach children about buckling up at an early age to avoid the problem of ignorance that we are currently facing. People also have a tendency of not wearing seat belts if they are

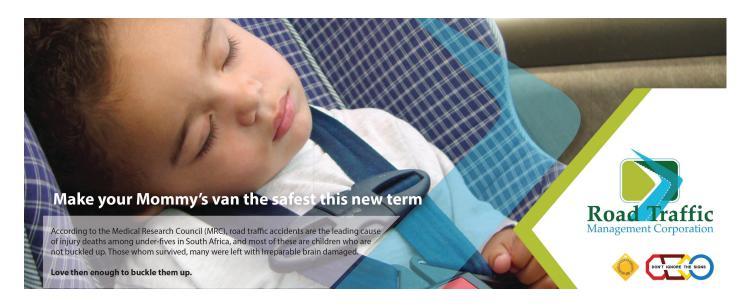


travelling short distances. A research study has revealed that most road crashes do happen just a few kilometres from the drivers' starting point, even when drivers are not driving at a high speed.

It is essential to wear seat belts all the time when you are travelling in a vehicle. No one wants to be a victim hence it is important to obey all the rules while driving. We all want a safer road environment; therefore we must all play our part in ensuring that we create a safer driving environment for everyone. In order to achieve the objectives of the Decade of Action we all have to work together as a unit, two hands are better than one.

Serious injuries from deadly crashes can be avoided by merely wearing a seat belt.

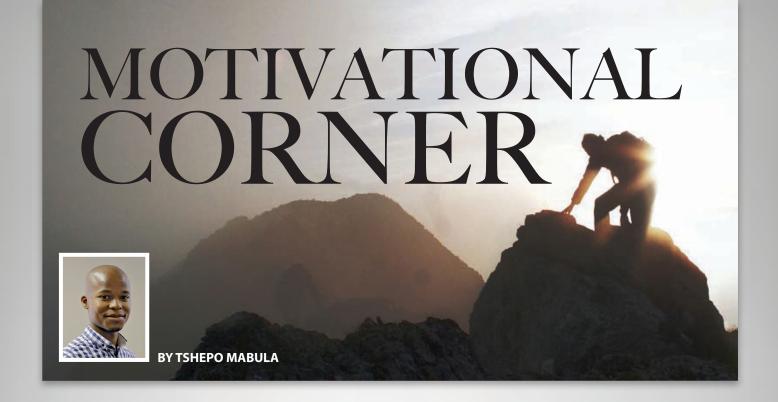
Sources: www.un.org/en; www.who.int







RANDOM GIFT. THEY FEEL APPRECIATED... VALUED!



A positive attitude and mind-set contributes significantly towards your ability to be able to cope with life. It brings a sense of happiness and contentment. It carries optimism and crafts a means of avoiding stress, depression and a life full of worry.

It is very important for one to embrace such a life style, it will bring beneficial and practical changes in your life which will result in a positive releasing positive energy to those around you. Such attitude will be easily noticeable by anyone who crosses your path. A happy person can be spotted from a distance, a person who carries a positive attitude does not need a tag on their forehead because this attitude automatically flows through without efforts. A positive attitude should consistently be carried even during what is considered to be the most difficult times of life. Such attitude should rather be a daily dose of freshness.

A positive attitude helps you to see the brighter side of life despite the challenges our country and the world is encountering. A positive attitude will contribute towards carrying you to cope with life. It is said that happy people are the most worry-free and stress less people around. This positive vibe will be seen in your work and personal engagements because a person who is content with life is bound to treat those around with respect, tederness and care.

However, one may be asking how does one stay positive with all the issues of life?

The honest truth is:

- 1. Positive mind-set is a choice that one has to make.
- Happiness is a conscious decision.
   Furthermore, a positive mind will make you.
- 3. Have an expectation of good from life.
- 4. Inspire you to do more.
- 5. Give you strength to remain optimistic.
- 6. Believe in yourself and those around you.
- 7. Bring forth confidence and faith in yourself.
- 8. Pay more attention to solutions than problems.
- 9. Recognise opportunities and capitalise on the moments.
- 10. Believe that you are more than capable to achieve anything you set your mind on.

Always remember a strong positive attitude is contagious, it becomes like a sweet aroma, for wherever you go, you leave behind an odour of the seed you carry in you.

Stay Positive!

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.





### Boo! A Madea Halloween

Genre: Dram/Horror, Duration: 1h 43m

Story line

Trying to win the approval of her friends, 17-year-old Tiffany sneaks out of the house to go to a Halloween bash at a fraternity. The fun soon ends when police and the cranky, fast-talking Madea (Tyler Perry) arrive to crash the party. Unhappy with this sudden turn of events, the vengeful collegians decide to scare Madea and her cronies with a series of pranks. She soon finds herself under attack and on the run from an assortment of ghosts, ghouls and zombies on the scariest night of the year.

Initial release: October 21, 2016 (USA)

Director: Tyler Perry Language: English

Production company: Tyler Perry Studios

Film series: Madea

The movie is a must watch, I'm giving it a rating of 4 stars.



Mechanic: Resurrection

Genre: Action, Duration: 98 Minutes

Story line

Arthur Bishop [Jason Statham] returns as the Mechanic in the sequel to the 2011 action thriller. When the deceitful actions of a cunning but beautiful woman [Jessica Alba] force him to return to the life he left behind, Bishop"s life is once again in danger as he has to complete an impossible list of assassinations of the most dangerous men in the world.

Initial release: August 22, 2016 (USA)

Director: Dennis Gansel Language: English

Production company: Davis Films Film series: The Mechanic film series

The movie is a must watch, I'm giving it a rating of 4 stars.



# LE MAN Clothes maketh the man BY XABISO DLUNGWANA

Welcome gents to the first instalment of Le Man, Clothes maketh the man. I do hope that you will find this section informative and empowering.

The bow tie has gained popularity of the last few years and has become somewhat of modern statement for the youth and "old" alike. No longer is the bow tie reserved for stuffy formal occasion and the pipe smoking geezer in a tweed jacket with an English accent, referring to everybody as

"old chap".

Bow ties were once a staple in the dapper gent's wardrobe; in a time when sartorial rules were strict and unforgiving, when people had uniformed looks dependent on context, formality, time of day, and location.

The bow tie is nostalgic for this era when apparel was made with care and creativity, fabrics were lavish, and people took time and effort in both purchasing clothing and adorning themselves.

The bow tie timeless and classic and has stood the test of time. And has made the bow tie into a modern and contextually flexible piece of art. No longer are the days when a bow tie could only be worn with a tuxedo, free yourself from false regimes and experience a whole new way of dressing, and expressing, yourself.

In todays issue we will concentrate on one particular bow tie, the single end. Most bow ties are made of jacquard silk or satin, but the connoisseur also has a black tie in barathea, faille or grosgrain and moir, but only the most elegant gents own single end bow ties. In fact, most men don't even know they exist and it is definitely a small but distinct hallmark of well dressed gentlemen. Before we focus on the single end bow ties, let's discuss the two most popular shapes.

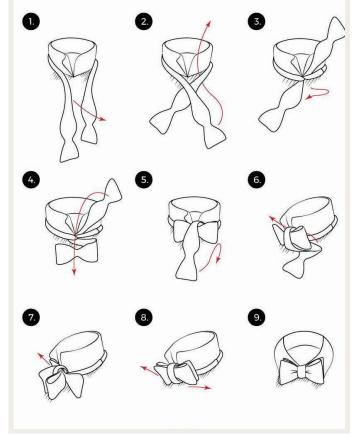
### **Butterfly Bow Tie**

On the one hand, there is the butterfly bow tie, which looks very much like a butterfly because of the four little wings: two on either blade. The name butterfly derives from Giacomo Puccini's opera Madame Butterfly, which premiered 17th February 1904 at the Scala in Milan and shortly thereafter began to become a worldwide success. The protagonists wore a very tightly knotted bow tie, creating a butterfly-like shape. Just like the opera, the bow tie shape itself became extremely popular.

### **Batwing Bow Tie**

On the other hand, there is the batwing bow tie which is slimmer than the Butterfly bow tie, and features a straight blade.

I hope the diagram helps. Just keep practicing till you get it right. And remember clothes maketh the man.





**Butterfly Bow Tie** 



Butterfly Bow Tie



Batwing Bow Tie



According to Merriam-webster. com a collar is a band that serves to finish or decorate the neckline of a garment. Style is unique and something that you create, so getting a collar that matches your own personal style is something that each and every one should accomplish. The most important thing is to make sure the shirt is fitted and is sharp crisp and lean, once attained everything else will align perfectly.

### Classic Point Collar

The classic original collar is a collar that most men can identify as well as have in their wardrobe. The classic point collar is extremely versatile that works well with business professional and casual looks. This shirt collar looks great with any type of tie knot or bow tie. When trying to be safe and conservative the classic point collar is the go to call for all.

### **Cutaway Collar**

The cutaway collar looks good with any pattern or colour combination you could think of. This collar type can be used for dress up events of socials with the friends or colleagues. The cutaway collar gives a one of a kind appeal that will have you standing out amongst crowds.

### YOUR COLLAR





















We produce a huge array of different collar types, each one affecting the overall look of the shirt.

### **Button-Down Collar**

The button down collar brings the preppy school boy look to any outfit that you may piece together with it. This button down collar is often seen on casual shirts rather dress shirts because it's the least formal collar type of them all. Never wear this dress shirt for an interview. It's highly recommended for the individual who wants to leave the tie at home and marvel them with the look to wear this shirt type.

### Spread Collar

Spread collars come in a variety of widths and cuts. This collar style is highly recommended for dressier occasions. They reveal more of the upper shirt while accentuating the tie. Full / larger knots for example the double Windsor is the ideal tie knot when wearing a shirt collar such as the spread collar. The medium, classic, wide and semi-spread collars are just different classifications of the spread collar.

### Wing Tip

The wing tip collar brings a formal look that is normally worn with tuxedos. Ideal to wear with bowties but can wear a tie.

Collars based on the designer can vary and an individual should always research and try different ones to add versatility to your style. "Knowledge is power" so abuse your power, while living.

### Something to remember

To determine your shirt collar/neck size, you need to measure around your neck just above your collarbone, putting 1 finger between the tape and your neck. Or simply measure and add 1/4 inch or 1/2 centimetre. Round up to the closest 1/2 inch size (US) or whole centimetre (EU).