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## Welcome to 2006!

### Focus on Business Travel in Tshwane

#### Why are we still the best business hotel in Pretoria?

Research has shown us that the modern business traveller has three main criteria when selecting a suitable accommodation partner for those long, tiring trips:

1. A good bed
2. High speed internet connectivity
3. A good breakfast

#### At Court Classique you will find that – and so much more!

- ♥ Our queen-sized beds have recently been refitted with fresh new linen – including new plush pillows!
- ♥ Selected rooms have been equipped with FREE wireless internet and a roll out into all the rooms is expected later this year.
- ♥ Our on-site restaurant offers hearty breakfasts or we can place a continental breakfast basket in the mini-kitchenette for those who like breakfast in bed.
- ♥ Our popular FREE transfer service still operates from 07:00 – 16:00 weekdays – which is great for popping into meetings without having to look for parking. Of course, this is only for Pretoria based travel.
- ♥ Our intimate Boardroom seats 8 guests and is FREE to all in house guests – great for holding professional meetings and brainstorming sessions with the team.

So, you see, there really is no greater luxury than feeling at home – and you will be forgiven for wanting to stay just a day longer!

## The Corporate Social Investment Challenge ...

In December we once again reported on our involvement with The Eduplex in Queenswood. It is probably the most rewarding part of our job to see that our involvement with this centre brings hope to a child. The Eduplex is the first centre in South Africa that promotes the inclusion of deaf and hearing children into a single classroom. Hearing impaired children are given a chance at a perfectly normal life by being educated alongside normal hearing children. They are taught in a language rich environment and are encouraged to use their residual hearing through the help of FM systems and high-tech hearing aids. EVERY child born with a hearing loss can in fact hear through the life changing technology harnessed in hearing aids, FM systems and cochlea implants.

We are challenging other tourism companies, accommodation providers and tour operators who do not yet have a corporate social responsibility project to 'Adopt a Class' just like we have. For as little as R1 500 per month, you will be sponsoring one learner's education, including his/her audiology needs. Companies are also encouraged to invite his/her class out to a Christmas party each year. If you would like to know more about the facility, please send your name, designation and company name with day time contact number to [izelle@courtclassique.co.za](mailto:izelle@courtclassique.co.za). She will contact you and arrange for a visit.

During MARCH we will be celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday of The Eduplex. Guests at Court Classique will be invited to contribute to our charity fund and all funds raised during that month will be donated to The Eduplex. Our Wine & Dine event for that month will also be held in aid of the Foundation for Children with a Hearing Loss in S.A. and we encourage you to join us on Thursday 02 March 2006 for a glass of wine and an informal auction. Please contact [danielle@courtclassique.co.za](mailto:danielle@courtclassique.co.za) should you be interested to join us!

*Valentine's Day Edition*

# Wine & Dine Event Calendar

We are happy to announce that our popular Wine & Dine events are still going strong in 2006. Our first event will be themed for Valentine's Day and will take place on Thursday 6 February 2006.

After 1 ½ years, however, it seems that people are still confused about what we do at these events, well, the program is usually as follows:

Free secure parking within our hotel grounds. Complimentary welcome drinks are served on arrival and are usually themed to suit the evening. Guests then receive an exhibitor list and enjoy a casual browse through the grounds and into the various suites in which we have placed our exhibitors. This allows our guests to also see first hand what our rooms look like while enjoying a unique shopping experience.

Complimentary wine tasting by Somerset Wines & Di'Vine Wine Cellar is presented in our boardroom and guests may purchase wine at cellar prices on the night. The Art & Craft Market is open from 17:30 – 20:00 and usually includes jewellery, ceramic art and crafts, ... as well as the very popular **Lingerie Factory**, where you can buy top brands at a fraction of the cost! A GREAT VALENTINE'S DAY DEAL!

Soothing live music is performed on the patio from 18:00 – 20:00 and should you want to extend your visit with dinner, this can be booked @ R95 per person for a three course meal (drinks excluded). Dinner reservations are essential and the three course dinner menu is usually pre-selected by our management team to include the theme of the evening.

Contact Danielle on 012-344 4420 or [marise@courtclassique.co.za](mailto:marise@courtclassique.co.za) if you want to join us as a guest or as an exhibitor for the 2006 season.

Here is the calendar with themes:

Date	Theme
Thursday 9 February	Valentine's
Thursday 2 March	Celebrating Eduplex (fundraiser for the Foundation for Children with a Hearing Loss in SA)
Thursday 6 April	Easter
Thursday 4 May	Mother's Day (which is on 14 May)
Thursday 1 June	Father's Day (which is on 18 June)
Thursday 6 July	Durban July in Gauteng!
Thursday 3 August	Women's Day (which is on 9 August)
Thursday 7 September	Spring Carnival/Tourism Month
Thursday 2 November	Summer is here!
Thursday 7 December	Christmas



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## 'Skinner Koelom' – Hot Gossip

The latest hot gossip regarding our staff!

We congratulate & welcome the following staff on the Court Classique & Sentinel team:

Christianna Antoniou, who was appointed Reservations Manager

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Christel Bezuidenhout has been appointed Rooms Division Manager

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Chenique Coetzee & Abia Rakoma who have been appointed as Duty Managers

Danielle Rissik has moved into reservations and will focus on conferencing quotes and admin

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Tafline Leyds joins the team in reservations, but will also be helping out on Front Desk

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## Self Catering Conferencing

Introducing **SELF CATERING CONFERENCING** at Sentinel Executive Apartment Hotel.

The third floor boardroom at the Sentinel is now also available as a conferencing venue. To cater to a budget conscious market, we are offering Self Catering Conferencing at R500 per day. This includes: free parking, venue hire, flip chart, pull down screen, water, mints, juice, note pad & pen and use of self catering kitchenette in the boardroom.

Should you require a break away room, one of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor suites can be booked at an additional R400. These suites are equipped with a kitchen, lounge and dining area – perfect for serving your coffee or pizza lunch!

Terms & Conditions apply: Minimum delegates 6, Maximum delegates 15 (schoolroom or boardroom style)

Contact [Danielle@courtclassique.co.za](mailto:Danielle@courtclassique.co.za) for more information or to book your conference.

