



REDAKSIONEEL

EDITORIAL

Admittedly our November/December issue of the **CL** has reached you very late but at least our readers can be certain of one thing - dogged perseverance is the stuff the ever-dwindling editorial team is made of.

This will probably be one of the most difficult editorials that I will ever have to write as this is the final issue that will officially be produced by our wonderfully multi-talented graphic designer, Monica Wagner. Monica is leaving us for greener pastures, but for greener pastures in the literal sense - her garden - her little place in the sun where she loves to spend time and seldom has the luxury of doing so. Yes! She is retiring. Her fine eye for detail, her innate sense of style, her intuitive knowledge of a workable layout, readable text and colour choices are all characteristics that have elicited the most wonderful comments and praise over the years. She will be sorely missed - not only on a professional level but also very much so on a personal level. On page 46 she has created a lovely Easter display for our readers for ol' times' sake.

Also in the goodbye stakes is Cecily van Gend, author of our regular and very popular column, *Between the lines*. Feedback over the years has made us aware of the immense popularity of her column and although we realise that all good things must come to an end, it remains difficult to accept.

Yet more on goodbyes... Our regular contributor to the *Docu-mentary/Film Review* column, Charl September, has also decided to leave the fold - anyone surprised that we are suffering from a touch of the empty nest syndrome?

The year ahead? Suffice to say we trust that our readers had a good rest, a gentle and peaceful festive season and have the guts and gumption to face whatever crises loom ahead in the darkness that awaits us..!

Om die November/Desember uitgawe van die **KB** nou eers te ontvang is wel baie laat maar ons lesers kan van een ding verseker wees - ons kleinerwordende redaksionele span het 'n vasberadenheid en deursettingsvermoë wat skrik vir niks!

Hierdie redaksionele kolom is sekerlik een van die moeilikstes wat ek nog ooit moes skryf... Ons wonderlike en uiters-begaafde grafiese ontwerper, Monica Wagner, gaan ons verlaat vir groener weivelde, letterlik - haar tuin: daardie plekkie in die son waaroor sy dol is en nooit werklik die luukse kon smaak om tyd in te verwyl nie. Ja, sy tree af! Monica se fyn sin vir detail, haar stylvolle smaak en haar instinktiewe aanvoeling vir wat uitvoerbaar is in terme van uitleg, kleurkeuses en leesbare teks, is almal eienskappe wat van ons en ons lesers oor die jare heen groot waardering uitgelok het. Sy laat 'n groot leemte na en sal geweldig gemis word, nie net op 'n professionele vlak nie maar ook op 'n persoonlike vlak. Blaaiergerus na bladsy 46 om vir oulaas een van haar pragtige uitstallings vir Paasfees te geniet.

Ook aan Cecily van Gend, skrywer van ons gereelde rubriek, *Between the lines* moet ons totsiens sê. Ons het gedurende die afgelope aantal jare diep onder die indruk gekom van die gewildheid van haar rubriek en alhoewel 'n mens weet dat alle goeie dinge tot 'n einde kom bly dit maar moeilik om te aanvaar.

Steeds op die groetlyne... Charl September, ons gereelde skrywer van die *Dokumentêre/Filmfokus*-rubriek, verlaat ons ook - geen wonder dat dié van ons wat agterbly aan die leënes-sindroom begin ly nie.

Die jaar vorentoe? Ons vertrou dat ons lesers lekker uitgerus is ná wat ons hoop 'n vreedsame en rustige feesseisoen was en die krag en energie (excuse the pun) het vir die donkerte wat vir ons voorlê!

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