

Condolences on passing of former FS Premier



President Cyril Ramaphosa has expressed his condolences to the family and friends of former Free State Premier, Beatrice Marshoff, who passed away on Saturday. Marshoff was Premier of the province from 2004 to 2009, prior to that she served as MEC for Social Development and also served as a Member of Parliament between 1994 and 1999. She returned to her profession, nursing, after resigning from active politics and serving as Premier.

“Beatrice Marshoff was the embodiment of selfless and true servant leadership. She embraced her leadership roles with vigour,

taking on the joys and hardships of leadership with equal measure. “Marshoff was relentless in her stance against corruption, maladministration and abuse of public office. She was never afraid of taking unpopular decisions even within her own party and against so-called popular individuals. “Being unencumbered by the trappings and privilege of political office, she returned to her nursing profession – an act that personified her true humility and dedication to serving our people,” President Ramaphosa said. In a statement, the Free State Provincial Government said current Premier Mxolisi Dukwana expressed his “deep regret and shock” at Marshoff’s passing away. “Premier Dukwana extends his deepest condolences to the Marshoff family and next of kin. Former Premier Marshoff, was one of the four female Premiers the Free State has had, since the dawn of democracy in 1994. “She served the people of the Free State province with great honour and distinction particularly at a time when female leaders in such positions were a great rarity,” the provincial government said. – *SAnews.gov.za*



Various stakeholders engages municipality during Local Economic Development Forum

Various stakeholders engaged the municipality during Local Economic Development Forum held by the Metsimaholo Local Municipality held at the Harry Gwala Multipurpose Community Centre in Zamdela last month. The forum was attended by the executive mayor, Cllr Jeff Zwane, MMC for Local Economic Development and Housing, Cllr Thulani Mbana, Municipal Manager, Adv. Leaoa Mofokeng, Director of Local Economic Development and Housing, Mayagabo Hlapane, the Chief Financial Officer, Hopolang Lebusa, stakeholders such as Seriti New Vaal, SASOL, Fezile Dabi District municipality, DESTEA and local business forums in the municipal area. When welcoming the attendees to the forum, Municipal Manager Adv. Leaoa Mofokeng, indicated that the municipality is willing to work with the local businesses within the parameters of

the law when it comes to tendering at the municipality. “Preferences be given to local businesses when tenders are issued by the municipality, but within the confines of the law” said Mofokeng. Attendees debated robustly on issues relating to local business opportunities and what they expect from the municipality with regard to business opportunities in the municipal area. They also indicated that the municipality must level the playing field and ensure that local businesses are priorities when coming to the issuing of tenders at the municipality. According to the municipality, the purpose of the LED is to build up the economic capacity of a local area to improve its economic future and the quality of life for all. It is a process by which public, business and non-governmental sector partners work collectively to create better conditions for economic growth and employment generation.

Mirror of who I am?

By John Maine



Do not look at yourself through the broken mirror of your yesterday (pain) do not look at yourself through the cracked mirror of your today (hardships), do not look at yourself through the mirror of your critics (negative opinions) but look at yourself through the mirror of your dreams and desires (future), look at yourself through the mirror of your admirers (people who believe in you). Don't allow your condition to define you.

The clue to your greatness is hidden in your struggles. The bigger the challenges life has thrown at you, the greater the person hidden within you. Do not allow your foundation stage of struggles to blind you from

visualising your building stage of success. God often comforts us not by changing the circumstances of our lives but by changing our attitude towards them.

When you identify your core values and begin to live by them, you can reach the deepest level of personal fulfilment. Your personal power, self-esteem and ability to build a strong foundation are derived by having your life values and life actions in alignment. Know your worth never look at yourself through the eyes of people who do not value you.

Quit sitting around feeling sorry for yourself, quit worrying about how nothing is ever going to get better in your life, find a place where your faith will be elevated, a place where people will build you up rather than discouraging you.

You must make conscious decision, an act of your will to maintain an attitude of expectancy and keep your mind filled with thoughts of hope. Stop sabotaging your expectations with negative comments. Never go to the battle with people who are still at war with themselves.

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