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CLUB TRAVEL CELEBRATES BEING 'LIGHT YEARS AHEAD'

This past weekend saw Club Travel hosting its 11th bi-annual national conference for staff, partners and suppliers at The President Hotel and The Bay Hotel in Cape Town.

The dynamic MC and motivational speaker, Alex Granger, kicked off proceedings which included Club Travel Directors, Wally Gaynor (MD), Gary Mulder (FD) and Jo Fraser – our pint-sized Franchise Director. Delegates also had the honour of being addressed by Thebe Services GM, Brett Hendricks, who highlighted the comparisons between such “household names” as Steve Jobs and Sir Richard Branson to our own Wally Gaynor, who started Club Travel in 1987 and has seen it grow into the award-winning, multi-billion Rand company it is today.

Batho Batho Trust Managing Trustee, Rev. Dr. Molefe Tsele, also spoke during the morning session and expressed the principals around the ‘Thebe Way’, which is summed up in “Lifting as you rise”. Its principals are firmly grounded in the upliftment of not only the employees in the group, but also the communities in which we operate.

Club Travel also celebrated a collective 916 years of service from its employees who received 5, 10 and 15 years Long Service Awards.

The Gala Dinner and Awards ceremony, which was the highlight of the day, saw delegates in black tie and evening wear cheering on the ten recipients of the top awards. The inaugural ‘Extra Mile Award’, which recognises outstanding support from a supplier, was taken home by Zurich Travel Insurance. Club Travel Marketing Manager, Luana Visagie, went home with the main award on the night – The Directors’ Award. “If Club Travel was a country, Luana would be its top ambassador. She lives, eats and breathes every point of our DNA”, said HR Director Charmaine van Niekerk prior to announcing Luana as the winner.

(For a full list of award nominees & recipients, please refer to Addendum A)

A successful event was had by all with partner, Lulu Levine from Lulu Levine Travel commenting; “It is a privilege for me to belong to an organisation where everyone really cares about each other”.

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CLUB TRAVEL

Club Travel, established in 1987, is a Level One Contributor, is owned by the Thebe Tourism Group (TTG), the first black empowerment group formed in South Africa. This award-winning travel agency is represented by 193 independent travel consultants (ITCs), twelve branded ITCs, 68 affiliates, 5 branded franchises and eight corporate and leisure owned branches.

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Addendum A

SUPPLIER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Category: Car Rental

Nominees: Europcar
Avis
Car Hire Brokers

Winner: AVIS

Category: Hotel Group

Nominees: City Lodge
Marriott
Tsogo Sun
Protea

Winner: CITY LODGE

Category: Technology

Nominees: Integr8
Travelport
Amadeus

Winner: AMADEUS

Category: Tour Operator

Nominees: World Leisure Holidays
The Holiday Factory
Beachcomber
Club Med

Winner: WORLD LEISURE HOLIDAYS

Category: Airline

Nominees: Emirates
Turkish Airlines
Qatar Airways

Winner: TURKISH AIRLINES

THE EXTRA MILE AWARD

No nominees

Winner: ZURICH TRAVEL INSURANCE

CLUB TRAVEL AWARDS

Category: Exceptional Employee

Nominees: Club Travel Employees
Charlene Vos
Carol Ann Brown

Winner: CHARLENE VOS

Category: Service Excellence

Nominees: Jasmine Abbas
Caron Crocker
Jacqui Giles
Stefan Roodt
Terry Stone

Winner: JACQUI GILES

Category: Franchise Director's Award

Nominees: Caron Joannou
Lulu Levine
Jane Evans

Winner: CARON JOANNOU

Category: Director's Award

Nominees: Ané Prinsloo
Irene Alhadeff
Luana Visagie

Winner: LUANA VISAGIE