



International Club of Maputo Newsletter

January 2010

ICM Upcoming Events

- ✓ **Tuesday January 12 @ 14h00** - Newcomers' tea @ Indy Village (at the poolside café near the entrance).
- ✓ **Tuesday January 19 @ 10h00** - Monthly Meeting @ Nav P's house. Please contact ICM for directions if you are a newcomer.
- ✓ **Thursday January 21 @ 19h00** - Dinner out @ Bel Piatto Restaurant 28 Rua d'Argelia (intersection with Av. Julius Nyerere, former "Micasa" restaurant). Your spouse/partner is very welcome to join us.
- ✓ **Monday January 25** - Visit to Joline's Habitat Houses in Massaca, Boane. See website for details.
- ✓ **Tuesday January 26 @ 12h00** - Casual Lunch @ Spicy Thai. Av. Julius Nyerere. (next to Avenida Hotel).

Messages from the Board and Members

- **THE ICM WISHES ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**
- 'ICM Guide to Living in Maputo' is now available in the ICM website, under 'Info'. If you have any suggestions and/or corrections, please let Magüi know so she can update it!
- Any raffle prize to donate for the Monthly Meeting? Contact Stella or Maria Fernanda.
- Any information to share? Ask Jessica G. to put it on the website.
- Any ideas for future excursions? Contact Celesta!
- Volunteer to host a monthly meeting? Contact Janetta.

Board elections will be coming up in May and many members of the current board are leaving. Please start to think about whether this might be something you might like to do, or whether there is someone whom you would like to nominate as a candidate for election to the next board. Current board members will provide detailed descriptions of their duties so that you are able to make well-considered decisions. In light of the fact that so many board members are leaving at once, it is particularly important that certain functions such as the treasury, the charities division and the maintenance of the website undergo a smooth transition.

ICM Interest Groups

- **Beginners Bridge.** Thursdays @10h00. Contact Angie L.
- **Bridge (non-beginners).** Contact Kathryn S. or Celine R.
- **Charity Meetings.** Times vary. Contact Jane P.
- **English Conversation.** Mondays @14h30. Contact Joanna K.
- **French Conversation.** Wednesdays @8h30. Contact Claire M.
- **Hatha Yoga. NEW!** Mondays and Wednesdays @9h00. Contact Jessica G.
- **Jewellery Making.** Mondays @11h00. Contact Sharon F.
- **Mahjong.** Wednesdays @14h30. Contact Jessica. G.
- **Painting** Fridays @10h00. Contact Alessandra L.C.
- **Portuguese Conversation.** Thursdays @14h30. Contact Consuelo R.

Joining the ICM?

Annual membership fees are 500 MZN. These are due at the September meeting for the duration of the ICM year.

ICM BOARD - Elections for the ICM Board are announced at the April meeting and are held each May, at the annual general meeting (AGM). The board serves from that date until the next annual general meeting.

Our current Board is made up of the following members and positions:

President - Kathryn Soper
Vice President - Janetta Chapman
Secretary - Angela Leicht
Treasurer/Website - Jessica Grimault
Excursions/Activities - Celesta von Chamier
Newcomers/Membership - Maria Fernanda Pinto & Stella Blackburn
Fundraising/Newsletter - Magui Moreno
Fundraising - Celine Robert
Charity - Jane Paisley & Christina Marshall
Honorary Member - Rita Sheridan



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Public Holidays in Mozambique

January 1st - New Year's Day
February 3rd - Mozambique's Hero's Day
April 7th - Mozambique's Women's Day
May 1st - Labour Day
June 25th - Independence Day
September 7th - Victory Day
September 25th - Armed Forced Day
October 4th - Peace Day
November 10th - Maputo City Day
December 25th - Christmas Day

Are you an animal lover?
Mozambique Animal Protection Society (MAPS) needs you! Please check on its Facebook page to see how you can help:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Mozambique-Animal-Protection-Society-MAPS/139892846632>

Looking for things to buy
-Take a look at Maputo's
Online Yard Sale Site:
"www.maputoyardsale.blogspot.com"

Regular Non-ICM Activities in Maputo

Maputo Hash House Harriers

Saturdays 3pm. Runners, walkers, children and dogs Are welcome. Starts at the Aero Clube, opposite the Dutch embassy. For details, see their website at www.maputohashhouseharriers.org.

Grupo Latino

A Spanish speaking women's group that meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 4 PM in one of the members' home. They get together for Spanish conversation, and also to plan social events like Despedidas, Birthdays, Family Picnics, Salsa Classes, etc. Contact Milagros Teran at milagros.teran@gmail.com.

The Book/Library Club held once a month. At present, the club has approximately 1700 books which are mostly fiction. For details please contact Gilda at 82 611 2819 or pdfernandes@teledata.mz.

Lady Golfer

Tuesdays @ 7h30 @ Polana Golf Club. Contact Angela L. at leicht@tv cabo.co.mz for more information.

The Maputo Young Professionals Network (MYPN) has been set up to cater to the needs of young professionals in Maputo, single or married, Mozambican or Expats, for leisure activities, friendship and networking. For details contact Danny Aubeeluck at diplo_dan@yahoo.fr.

Wine tasting at Zambi Restaurant every second Tuesday of the month @19h00. Join the wine tasting club, contact Denise Lindley on 84 383 7715.

Learn Capoeira Tuesdays and Thursdays from 19.30 to 21.00h. At the Casa do Cultura Alto Maé. Email: joanacapoeira@gmail.com, Tel. +258 824152247.

Maputo Chamber Choir meets on Tuesdays at the American School from 6:30-8 pm. Contact geoff.gallagher@aismmoz.com for more details.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

- ❖ **MOZAMBIQUE INFO** (M-Info). Contact Elena Son for her Newsletter at elena.hg@intra.co.mz or minfo@intra.co.mz.
- ❖ **LIVING IN MAPUTO** Newsletter. To subscribe, email lmsubscribe@clubofmozambique.com. Also check their informative website: www.clubofmozambique.com
- ❖ **CENTRO CULTURAL FRANCO-MOÇAMBICANO**. Visit their website at <http://ccfmoz.com>



NEW ROAD SAFETY RULES

From Dec. 8th all vehicles on Mozambican roads must carry a fluorescent jacket for the driver to use in the event of an emergency. The use of the fluorescent jacket will be compulsory for anyone repairing, loading or unloading a vehicle on the public highway, or in the event of a traffic accident.

Vehicles must also carry reflective red triangles. Each side of the triangle should be 50 centimetres long, and the triangle should be visible at a distance of 100 metres.

The penalty is a fine ranging from 500 meticaís (18 US dollars) for lack of a triangle or of the reflective markers, to 1,000 meticaís for any motorist caught without the fluorescent jacket.