

## New staff member and again full speed ahead.

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On the 1st of October we welcomed the first real warm days, young owls and lots of other young birds and all flowers in bloom.

The first guests , who were looking for blooming nature and good food and wine, arrived and all seem to be happy with all improvements made by us over the winter and spring period. We even got an opportunity as a young and dynamic student from the university asked to join our management team for an internship and after some talks with the dean of the university all was agreed and we now also have a learning program for students in the hospitality business in place.

We asked Edwinah to write some lines as a welcome and introduction to herself, which we print hereby.

The first task for Edwinah: introduce yourself as our new management assistant and experience how wonderful interacting with guests from all over the world really is.

*I am **Edwinah Pieterse** and I am a Tourism Management student. As part of my 4-year course I need to complete six months experiential learning. I am currently doing my experiential learning at De Leeuwenhof Hotel as of the 1st of October 2012 until the 31st of March 2013.*

*It is only my second day as part of De Leeuwenhof team and I already feel at home. Daan and Yvonne (the owners) are extremely nice and I can tell that I am going to learn so much from them and it is a real honor for me to work with them.*

*I also look forward in meeting new guests and to interact with people from different places. I am excited and open for the experience that I am going to gain here at De Leeuwenhof Hotel.*

*I am really excited to work with everyone here and I can't wait to expand my knowledge and to learn from such amazing people that already know so much about the tourism and hospitality industry. There is a lot that I need to learn about the daily activities here at the hotel, but as the saying goes "Where there is a will, there's a way" and I am more than willing to learn.*

*They are putting in so much effort to help me to settle in and to teach me how things are done at their establishment.*

*Kind regards  
Edwinah*

Edwinah is a young and dynamic South African woman, who lives in Paarl and studies in Wellington. She has been au-pairing in The Netherlands and she speaks very good Dutch, Afrikaans and English. She has her driving licence and her own car and is determined to achieve her diploma with honor, in which we gladly assist.

The fact that she insisted in doing her internship with us and made personal efforts to get the position, made us take her on board. We will learn her the tricks of the trade and how to interact with people from all over the world. In return, we might now have a day of so now and then, to gain extra energy in our volatile daily business.

Daan van Leeuwen Boomkamp

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