



## Dear Refirement members

April is always such an interesting time. All the holidays give us time and space to take a break, spend time with family or in reflection about the future. I have had a wonderful month so far, celebrating my Mom's 80 th birthday. So wonderful to still have her alive and healthy. It is a real blessing. I am about to leave to visit my new granddaughters in the UK and looking so forward to time with my immediate family.

Three weeks back I was approached by The Sunday Times to answer some questions they set on my career. This was a wonderful opportunity to share more broadly the message of Refirement and how I am personally putting it into practice on a daily basis. I had a number of emails and calls from people looking for work and asking me to help them find a job. Sadly the world of CV's and jobs does not work so well any more. It is more about using your skills and talents through connections, collaboration and communication contract by contract. This takes time and work on our inner journey that many are not prepared to do. I want to challenge you to stop blaming the circumstances around you and to address what you may be avoiding. This will help to take you to the other side where life can be challenging, fun and fulfilling.

Come and join us at our event on 12 May. Bring your friends and family members that are between 50 and 65. This is geared at this demographic group. It is about understanding the future and planning for it rather than being caught off guard. The story this month is a story that will touch your hearts. Merryll is making such a difference to so many using new technology. The work she is doing is a perfect example of a Refirement Career for the 21 st century.

Have a blessed month and join us on the different social media platforms connected to Refirement Network. - *Lynda Smith*

## Events...

### Refirement Café

Come and join us as we chat about trends, work and family and the challenges and opportunities the over

Coaching program  
12 powerful questions to navigate

If you are in your late 40's to early 60's this is for you. The world you will grow old in has changed and being at this event may shake your foundations and change your life.

**Date:** 12 May 2012

**Time:** 09h00 -12h00

**Venue:** Community Ministries Coffee Shop, Muldersdrift Boulevard, Muldersdrift.

**Cost:** R100 per person and R150 per couple (or two friends booking together).



50's are experiencing. This is a great way to meet other Baby Boomers. We will start at 09h00 and end at 12h00.

For bookings email [lgsmith@mweb.co.za](mailto:lgsmith@mweb.co.za).

Bookings are essential to plan refreshments and venue.

## Refirement Story...

The story of Meryll Brownlee is an example of what can be achieved if someone takes the time to try and make a difference in the lives of others. Meryll trained as a psychologist at Wits University and worked in psychology for a few years. After a short stint in the insurance industry, Meryll settled down to have children. While at home with her children Meryll started an after-school care centre in the Hillbrow Berea area of Johannesburg, to cater for the 'latch-key' children who came home from school every day to empty houses.

[Read more online](#)

## My Brilliant Career...

Lynda Smith is the CEO of BrainBoosters, which produces educational material for young children, and runs the Refirement Network, which encourages Baby Boomers to find ways to give back to their communities rather than retire. She tells Margaret Harris how she aims to encourage parents to educate their children [Read more online](#)

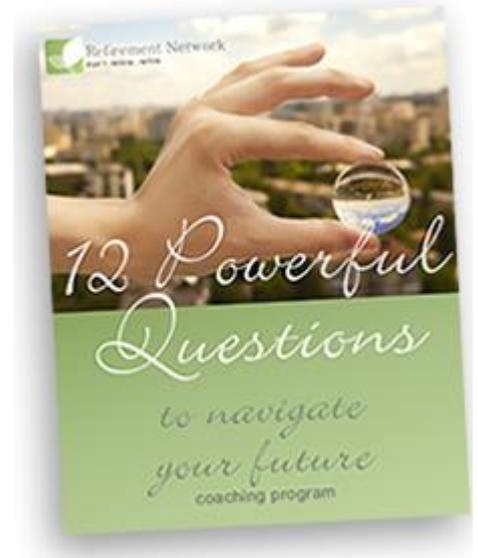
## Great opportunity for retired teachers...

PPR Education is a non-profit initiative focused on improving the state of education, especially for the under-privileged schools. At PPR Education, teachers hold the centre stage of every school and so developing teachers is the primary focus on improving school standards. We offer great opportunities to retired teachers and other teachers who have interest in making a contribution and also improve their earnings.

We provide teachers with software, hardware and training to make 10 to 15 minutes podcast of the topics they are interested in teaching. Podcast is a major tool of learning of tomorrow. It is also a major tool of self-development for the teacher. It also helps teachers create a lasting asset and improve the impact of their teaching dramatically.

We further provide them virtual classroom space to host these podcasts and all study notes and questions and answers. Teachers allow select students access to a designated classroom at a designated time, so they can peruse all the material, attempt questions and attend live interaction

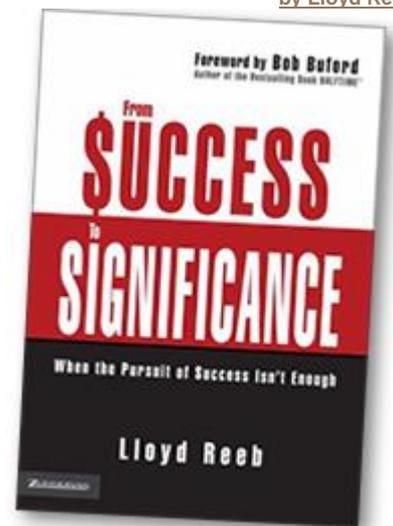
your journey. [Read more online](#)



## Book of the Month

[From Success to Significance](#)

by Lloyd Reeb



## Social Networking



with the teacher . On-line teaching is shown to be better than the traditional face to face teaching in many ways – and is the “face” of the future.

We ask teachers to donate some of the podcast and study material and a bit of their time to students from under privileged schools. And they can do so without leaving their home.

Please contact us for further details :  
Email: [sagar@ppreducation.com](mailto:sagar@ppreducation.com) - Phone : 031 459 1869 - Contact Person Mohan Nair or Sagar

## 50 Something Magazine...

Watch out for a new magazine out this month called 50 Something. It should already be in store near you.

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