INVITATION

To a local gathering to honour Randolph Vigne, a fellow resident, living in the South Peninsula.

Worthy and courageous South Africans are often honoured by Government, at national level. It is good and appropriate that this happens without regard to political creed or allegiance. It constitutes one of the many steps toward tolerance and building democracy in our country.

It would seem right that local communities should also celebrate those individuals living amongst us who have fought for and contributed to freedom and democracy in this country. This invitation is one small gesture by people living in the Southern Peninsula to recognise one such neighbour, Randolph Vigne.

When? On Sunday 12th December from 4.00 pm – 6 pm. Where? At Sunny Cove Manor Bed and Breakfast, 72 Simon's Town Road, Fish Hoek, 7975.

In April this year, President Jacob Zuma, at the National Orders Awards ceremony in Tshwane, greeted recipients and their families with the words "Fellow South Africans, I am honoured and privileged to welcome you to this momentous occasion, the award of National Orders. We are holding the National Orders ceremony for the first time on Freedom Day. It is the perfect day to reward achievement, excellence, sacrifice, patriotism and dedication to this country by many outstanding South African. The 27 April marks the day on which together we buried apartheid and entered an era of freedom, justice and non-racialism and began to work for national reconciliation. On this day all South Africans became free, both black and white. Our white compatriots entered an era of personal freedom."

On this year's occasion President Zuma honoured Randolph Vigne amongst others with the Order of Luthuli. and said

"Randolph Vigne was a member of the Liberal Party in South Africa. In 1963, he was banned and his house in Cape Town firebombed. In exile in London, he worked closely with the Anti-Apartheid Movement and the International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa (IDAF). In 1969 he was a founder of Friends of Namibia, later renamed the Namibia Support Committee". Randolph contributed to the struggle for democracy, nation building, human rights, justice, peace and the resolution of conflict.

Randolph Vigne is the author of several books and a regular contributor to publications. He is the author of 'Liberals Against Apartheid: The History of the Liberal Party of South Africa, 1953 – 1968'.

If you want anyone else to join this celebration please let us have their contact details. There will a few short speeches after which refreshments will be served.

Please rsvp to:

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How to get there:

Follow Main Road through Muizenberg, St. James, Kalk Bay and Fish Hoek. Go straight ahead on Main Road past the shops, up a slight rise at a roundabout. Carry on to the left (Simon's Town Road) direction Cape Point. After about one minute you will come to a traffic light. Turn right and immediately left. The entrance to Sunny Cove B&B is the second entrance on the left. There is some parking in the grounds, otherwise park in the street.