



South Africa Garners Top Medal Count at Olympics

Actually winning medals had very little to do with the success of last weekend's Quest Olympics. It was the joy of competition. No, it wasn't that either. It was the joy of being together and simply having fun. And boy, did we have fun! From the touching opening ceremony (OK, so it was pretty funny.), to the surprising late entry winner at the hula hoop competition, to the intense potato roll medal "run," to the mind cramping "Olympic Quiz," to the maddening precision of the cotton ball blow, it was one remarkable evening.

The Quest Olympics typifies the company in many ways. Volunteers from diverse backgrounds and interests planned and managed the event. Meetings began in January. Last Saturday, I watched in awe as the IQOC (International Quest Olympic Committee) transformed Saint Theodore's Greek Orthodox Church into our "Olympic village." The whole day went with flawless precision. Participants and volunteers laughed, cheered, and jumped with joy during each of the Olympic events.

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Participants and volunteers left St. Theodore's not just with medals. They left with a feeling of joy and camaraderie, vowing to return to the next Olympics and to bring friends. So a legend has been born and the Quest family grows. The work that Quest is doing in the arts simply would not be possible without the commitment of family members like the IQOC, the committed Olympic volunteers, and the enthusiastic participants.

[Photos from the Quest Olympics can be seen on our website.](#) Please take some time to take a look at them. The smiles on people's faces provide the best testimony.

Our next community event will take place in October. It's our first Quest Wine Tasting. Of course, the IQOC has laid down the gauntlet to the wine tasting committee. They certainly have set the bar high. Actually, many of us found the Olympic bar quite accessible. Oh, that's the wrong bar, isn't it? No, maybe it's the right bar. See you in October.