



## Canada - South Africa Chamber of Business

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# Chamber News

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Dear Members and Friends:

It has been a great year for the Chamber! This newsletter updates you on some of our recent activities, upcoming events and interesting news. It's a little lengthy but there is much going on! To make it easier for you to read we have a short outline and the detail follows in the body of the document.

Kind regards,  
Bruce Shapiro

- 1. Chamber Breakfast Meeting – November 16, 2004** - Don't miss the Chamber's breakfast meeting with communications experts Black Isle Consultants, on "Getting Your Message Across."
- 2. South Africa at the Toronto International Film Festival** - Fellow board member Wayne Floreani and I had our pictures taken with some beautiful South African film stars at the Toronto International Film Festival.
- 3. Indaba 2004** - An unqualified success!
- 4. The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund - A Celebration of the Human Spirit** - Nelson Mandela Children's Fund is holding it's Annual Gala on November 13, 2004.
- 5. Chamber's Sixth Annual Mining Breakfast and Seminar March 8, 2004** – features Sam Jonah, President of AngloGold Ashanti on March 8, 2005.
- 6. Annual General Membership/Wine Tasting and Membership Renewals** - our Annual General Meeting and wine tasting will be held in January 2005 (final date to be confirmed).
- 7. A few lucky members can fly to South Africa for \$1,250.**
- 8. Two Chamber Members Publish Books.**
- 9. The Chamber has formed alliances with the United Kingdom and United States.**
- 10. Always Fly South African Airways**

## **11. Chamber Member Petra Noves of AfriCharisma Invites You**

### **1. Chamber Breakfast Meeting – November 16, 2004**

Don't miss this effective presentations workshop by **John Miers**, Chairman of Black Isle Consultants, an international group that specializes in "Getting your message across!" John's discussion will touch upon the principles of spoken communication including 'what makes an audience listen' and 'how to use visual aids to enhance, not distract'. With offices in North America, Asia and Europe, Black Isle has extensive experience in all fields of communications, with emphasis on the spoken word. Its client base includes politicians, senior business people and some of Canada's major financial institutions and law firms.

A registration form will be emailed to you shortly or you can register online at [www.canadasachamber.com](http://www.canadasachamber.com)

### **2. South Africa at the Toronto International Film Festival**

Chamber board members Bruce Shapiro and Wayne Floreani had the pleasure of meeting some of the South African actors at the South African reception during the Toronto International Film Festival. Click to see a picture of networking film festival style at

<http://www.canadasachamber.com/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=NewsDetail&newsid=41>

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*Or you can go to [www.canadasachamber.com](http://www.canadasachamber.com) and click on South Africa at Toronto Film Festival).*

There was a large South African contingent at the festival in support of the ten South African films being screened. The South African High Commission, the South African Consulate General (Trade) and the National Film and Video Foundation hosted the reception on September 10 to promote the films as well as the Canadian - South African audio visual co-production agreement and recently announced financial incentives for producing films in South Africa. For further information on the incentives contact Wayne Floreani at 416-944-3422.

### **3. Indaba 2004**

Indaba 2004 with Derek Cooper, Chairman of the Standard Bank Group, was an unqualified success. The evening was graced by the presence of Her Excellency, Theresa Solomon, South Africa's High Commissioner to Canada whose presence is always a treat! Indaba was attended by two hundred guests and all the feedback we have received has been extremely positive. See

<http://www.canadasachamber.com/photos/index.cfm> for 75 pictures of the event. Click on a picture and then scroll down and click on the next button to advance to the next picture.

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Derek Cooper was involved in various activities including a lunch with the Chamber's Board of Directors and a round table discussion with John Crow, the ex governor of the Reserve Bank of Canada, hosted by Goodmans and attended by about forty senior executives.

Fasken Martineau hosted a well received private dinner for Mr. Cooper and twenty-five Fasken guests at the Cookworks at Mildred Pierce.

Of course fine South African wine was served at all of the events.

Thank you so much for your support, Indaba 2004 was truly the highlight of our year and a great way to celebrate our tenth anniversary and South Africa's tenth anniversary of democracy!

#### **4. The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund - A Celebration of the Human Spirit**

The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund (Canada) is the proud host of the annual Mandela Gala, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2004 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The Gala Dinner promises to be a rewarding and exciting evening, commencing at 6.00 p.m. with a pre-dinner reception, followed by exceptional musical performances by Naida Cole, Jackie Richardson and Marc Mosa, dinner, and an inspiring keynote speaker, Danny Glover.

Please join in celebrating the triumph of the human spirit! Tickets are \$150. This high profile event provides excellent sponsorship opportunities as well. To purchase tickets or get more information please Contact: Sarah Storm at 416-496-8403 ext. 30 or [ssstorm@mandela-children.ca](mailto:ssstorm@mandela-children.ca) or Carole Adriaans at 416-691-9406 or [saww@interlog.com](mailto:saww@interlog.com)

Note: the Chamber has reserved a table so if you would like to join the Chamber table contact Bruce at [bruces@sympatico.ca](mailto:bruces@sympatico.ca) or call at 416 535-5665. The Fund has been a great supporter of the Chamber, so let's support them too!

#### **5. Chamber's Sixth Annual Mining Breakfast and Seminar March 8, 2004**

Sam Jonah, President of AngloGold Ashanti Ltd, will be our keynote speaker for our sixth annual mining breakfast to be held on Tuesday March 8, 2005 in Toronto. This annual highlight in the Chamber's year draws over 150 senior executives from the international mining and mining finance community for an informative session on opportunities for Canadians in African mining. It is also an excellent opportunity to network with senior level mining executives.

Formed in April 2004 out of the merger between AngloGold and Ashanti Goldfields, AngloGold Ashanti Limited is today one of the worlds leading gold producers, with 25 operations in 11 countries and an annual output of over 6 million ounces. More details to follow.

#### **6. Annual General Membership/Wine Tasting and Membership Renewals**

Our year-end is just around the corner so start looking for your 2005 renewal notice that will be emailed out to you shortly. Stay tuned for notice of our annual general meeting to be held in January 2005 along with our highly popular South African wine tasting.

#### **7. A few lucky members can fly to South Africa for \$1,250**

South African Airways (SAA) is a Grand Sponsor and great supporter of the Chamber. SAA gives us tickets as their sponsorship contribution so we have some to sell!

There are five tickets available in economy from either New York or Atlanta to either Cape Town or Johannesburg. It is your responsibility to get to the gateway city as are taxes (about US\$115). The tickets cannot be used between December 15, 2004 and January 30, 2005 and travel must be completed by March 31, 2005. You should list at least three dates if you are interested. SAA will try and accommodate our requests but this is not guaranteed. So, those members who wish to travel and

have some flexibility could get themselves a good deal. If you are interested in these tickets, contact Bruce Shapiro by email only at [bruces@sympatico.ca](mailto:bruces@sympatico.ca).

This offer is on a first come first served basis. It is for members only (of course you can join if you are not a member). We will respond in strict order of when the request was received.

### **8. Two Chamber Members Publish Books**

Not one, but two, of our members have had books published in the last two months.

**Bhekuzulu Khumalo**, a past board member, has published a book on Knowledge and **Selwyn Kossuth** had his second book published "Deep Finesses" a book loosely based on a real business adventure in which I was involved in the mid 90's. Of course you should buy both books!

**Bhekuzulu's "The Fundamental Theory of Knowledge"** is a book using tools developed mainly in economics and physics to analyze knowledge. It is the first book of its kind and begins by refuting the claim there are many existences, there is but one existence. If one clings steadfastly to the proposition that there are infinite infinities then one ends up with a wrong conclusion.

The book can be found at:

[http://www.amazon.ca/exec/obidos/ASIN/0973612908/qid=1097865718/sr=1-5/ref=sr\\_1\\_0\\_5/702-2201140-0863216](http://www.amazon.ca/exec/obidos/ASIN/0973612908/qid=1097865718/sr=1-5/ref=sr_1_0_5/702-2201140-0863216)

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*Or go to [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca) and type Bhekuzulu into the search option.*

**Selwyn Kossuth**, who emigrated from South Africa to Canada in 1980 and was executive director of the Ontario Securities Commission, has now published his second novel "Deep Finesse". The novel is a sequel to "Weak Two", published in 2002 and also deals with money laundering. The plot of "Weak Two" involved a scheme to launder drug and other money through the "new" South Africa, while "Deep Finesse" deals with a similar scam into British Columbia, via deep sea treasure hunts. Both books have duplicate bridge as sub-plots and "Deep Finesse" is partly set in the Georgian triangle and touches on some controversial issues such as the tensions between local residents and the rich week-enders from Toronto. Both books can be ordered from Trafford Publishing by calling toll-free 1-888-232-4444 or

"Weak Two" can be found at

<http://www.trafford.com/robots/02-0058.html>

and "Deep Finesse" at

<http://www.trafford.com/robots/04-1346.html>

Enjoy!

### **9. The Chamber has formed alliances with the United Kingdom and United States**

We now have a reciprocal arrangement with both the SA Business Club USA and the SA Business Club UK whereby our members can get membership privileges when traveling to areas where these clubs operate. You may want to contact them and ask for their quarterly newsletters – there may be

some opportunities of interest. At least you will see what fellow expats are doing in other parts of the ever shrinking world. Their links are on our website and are listed at the end of this item.

The following is a message from Mandy Jacobs, President of the SA Business Club USA:

*"Dear fellow Canadian-South African Chamber members:  
I am thrilled to be able to introduce ourselves. I am sure, most of you are not even aware that your President Bruce Shapiro has been in contact with the SA Business Club in the US. We have grown like wildfire over the past 2 years and are hoping to share our success with our Canadian partners. We have the same mission as your organization, except that we are based in the US. For more information on our dynamic chapters that can be found nationwide, take a look at [www.sabusinessclub.org](http://www.sabusinessclub.org)"*

To contact the SA Business Club UK visit [www.sabusinessclub.com](http://www.sabusinessclub.com)

#### **10. Always Fly South African Airways**

South African Airways (SAA) is one of our grand sponsors and a generous contributor to our activities throughout the year. Thanks to Suraj Sundaram at SAA for his support. Remember to fly SAA to Africa on their new fleet of Airbus' and their new premium class seat named the "World's Best Business Class Seat" in 2004. For more information call 1-800-722-9675 or visit [www.flysaa.com](http://www.flysaa.com)

#### **11. Chamber Member Petra Noyes of AfriCharisma Invites You**

You are invited to visit AfriCharisma-Charismatic African Accessories at the Home Style Studio Tour and Sale. AfriCharisma will be exhibiting at Studio 7 in the historic High Park Area. For details go to [www.studiotouronline.com](http://www.studiotouronline.com)