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Newsletter from Botswana Sweden Friendship Association

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Dear BOTSFA members!

It's time again for our General Annual Meeting. This year it is arranged together with our friends from the associations for Namibia and Zambia. The members from the associations for Zimbabwe, South Africa and the newly found friends from Angola will also be invited.

We have not been very active this last year as you can see in the annual report. We do hope that we will be able to find a project on HIV/Aids in Botswana with the help "Together", the joint initiative for Southern Africa. It is important to support a project where you can have direct contact and see the development.

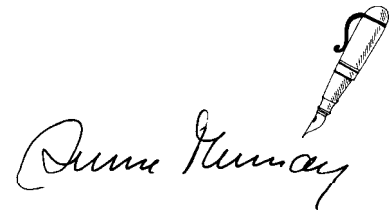
I hope you will come up with other plans and ideas. We will of course continue the cooperation with the other associations for Southern Africa.

Our membership in Network Southern Africa gives a lot of interesting information in e-mail form. I could gladly forward that if I only had more e-mail addresses to you. So please send me your e-mail address. Network Southern Africa has 44 organisations from all of Sweden as members. This last year it has focused on Nepad, New Partnership for Africa's Development and held conferences on that. The members can apply for support for information projects. The Network itself has a grant from EU.

As you can in the invitation we will have a guest from Botswana. He is studying sociology in Vänersborg this spring semester. He is also a musician and comes from Gantzi and has been working with Kuru Art.

Hope to see as many of you as possible on March 13th.

Yours



Annual General Meeting

INVITATION

to our AGM 2004

Saturday, March 13, 2004 at 14.00 hrs.

at Etnografiska museet, Djurgårdsbrunnsvägen 34, Stockholm (buss 69),
together with the friendship societies for Angola, Namibia and Zambia.

We begin with an informal lecture given in English by Wille Östberg, Africanist at the Museum of Ethnography, Stockholm, introducing a dozen artefacts recently acquired by the museum. Are they useful representations of modern Africa? Or do they perhaps perpetuate dated and prejudiced views?

Our Annual General Meeting begins at 15.00 hrs. Members' proposals and questions should be submitted in writing by March 1st, 2004, to the Board, Botswana-Sweden Friendship Association, c/o Murray, Tavastgatan 30, 11824 Stockholm. Nominations to the board and the auditors should be submitted by March 1st, 2004.

The nominees should have expressed a will to accept the nomination.

The head of the Election Committee is Bo Dan Bergman, tel 0158 211 37(res) 08 698 50 36(work). bo.dan.bergman@sida.se

At 16.00 hrs Maria da Piedade Martins from Association Kwanza, the Angolan friendship society, will give a talk in Swedish followed by a short summery in English.

"Kort analys om hur afrikansk musikkultur lever vidare i Latinamerika/A short analysis of how southern African music has developed in Latin America" and show a video on music from southern Africa and it's influence in Latin America.

At 17.00 hrs we will meet in "Verkstan" for drinks and a performance by the musician and student from Botswana, Kuela Kiema, from Ganzi and Kuru Art.

At 18.00 hrs the African buffet dinner from Restaurant Babajan will be served in "Verkstan", followed by music & dance. You will get tickets at the entrance.

Total price for the whole event is only 150 kronor per person, drinks not included. Drinks will be available at resonable prices.

Participation after the AGM, without buffet dinner is 50 kronor to be paid at the entrance. Participation in AGM only, is free of charge, of course.

For how long? Aprox. 22.30

If possible, to facilitate arrangements, we are grateful for a prepayment of 150 kronor to our postal account 85 10 39-8 by March 7, 2004.

WELCOME!

The Board

R.S.V.P. by March 7, 2004

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Annual General Meeting

March 13th 2004

Agenda

- 1 Opening and election of Chairperson and Secretary for the meeting
- 2 Adoption of the agenda
- 3 Election of persons to approve the minutes
- 4 The Annual report
- 5 The Financial report
- 6 Auditors report
- 7 Adoption of the reports
- 8 Election of chairperson for 2004
- 9 Election of members of the executive committee for 2004
- 10 Elections of Auditors
- 11 Annual membership fee for 2005
- 12 Proposals
- 13 Any other business
- 14 Closing of the meeting

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Annual Report for the year 2003

Board and Board Meetings

The executive board has had the following composition: Anne Murray, chairperson, Patrick Molutsi, secretary, Ulla Beckman, treasurer, Viera Larsson, information officer and Mr Goitseman. Anita Cau, alt. Secretary, and Kajsa Berglund were deputies.

Mr Molutsi and Mr Goitseman have left Sweden during the year.

The board has met twice during 2003.

General meetings

- On May 15th BOTSFA members were invited to the Embassy to listen to Dr Happy Fidzani, Director of Botswana Institute for Development. He held a lecture full of positive results for Botswana in trade and tourism but also the problems in education, equality, and economy. We were about 20 persons and had a nice evening with interesting discussions.
- We, the associations of southern Africa, have continued the habit of inviting the members of the fellow organisations during the year. The association of Namibia has been most active. The association for South Africa invited us to their Christmas party at African Star on the 19th of December. Inviting and informing members about programmes or interesting events is one of the aims for BOTSFA. Beside the irregular Dumela issues the information is speed with the very few e-mail addresses we have been informed about and not very often.

- The members were informed about the trade fair "Discover Africa" with lots of trade possibilities and exhibitions at World Trade Centre in December.

Annual General Meeting

The meeting was held at the Museum of Ethnography on the 15th of March. 13 persons from BOTSFA attended. All together we were about 90 persons from the five associations of Southern Africa who held our Annual General Meetings that day. The programme started with a very interesting lecture by professor emeriti Tore Jansson about the languages in Southern Africa. Later we had a joint dinner and dancing with disco.

Members and Economy

BOTSFA has 65 paying members. We have a website and are member of the Network Southern Africa. Together with earlier surplus we own SEK 19 186.

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