



The SACANCHAM Newsletter

Keeping in touch.....

Issue 2 2018



Greg Nott, Chairperson

FROM THE CHAIR

March 28th 2018: The SACANCHAM Board had its first meeting on February 21st at Norton Rose Fulbright and it was gratifying to note that the holidays had not dampened the board members' enthusiasm!

We officially welcomed Karen Goldstone-Hoffman as Company Secretary, and if her efforts to date are anything to go by, the Board will be kept well within the bounds of good governance.

Mike Morgan, who has been doing an excellent job as 'Acting' CEO, had his position fully ratified. His enthusiasm – matched with his sense of protocol – were noted at the meeting. SACANCHAM is in good hands.



Mike Morgan, CEO, keeping everyone reminded of the time, much to Wayne Duvenage's amusement!

It's hard to believe that it is already the end of March and Easter is upon us, with its glut of chocolate, its opportunity to relax with the family, and for those of us for whom the time of year has a more spiritual connotation, it is a time to reflect on sacrifices made...

Unfortunately, Easter in South Africa is known for the tragically high death toll experienced on the roads, due mainly to high speeds, alcohol intake, and a lack of rest periods when driving long distances.

As a Chamber we feel that business has an obligation to support the JMPD, Metro and organisations such as Arrive Alive. SACANCHAM is calling on our members to inform their management and staff of ways to ensure their safety on the roads.

On behalf of the SACANCHAM Board, I would like to wish our members, our partners and all friends of the Chamber a safe holiday period and we look forward to seeing you at the exciting events we have in store. *Bonne vacances!*



For more information on the SACANCHAM Board members, visit our website www.sacanham.com

MEMBER NEWS



*Colm Quinn
Director: Regional
Sales Africa*

Blutip Power, a Canadian member, has appointed a representative of the company in South Africa. We had the pleasure of meeting him when he popped into the SACANCHAM office last week. To find out more about Colm, visit www.sacanham.com.

OpenText would like to take you on [a tour](#) on May 30th

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Mark J. Barrenechea - Vice Chair, CEO and CTO: The world is changing at an incredible pace and the opportunities for businesses to grow, differentiate and compete have never been more dramatic than today. Grow fast or die. Businesses are re-platforming to a digital platform, leveraging new information services, business networks, AI, IoT and low code application tools. This all needs to be secure, run in the cloud and leverage mobile users. We call this the future of digital.

To feature in Member News, please forward your information to:
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SACANCHAM EVENTS

On February 21st the CEO of OUTA, Wayne Duvenage, managed to stun into silence a room of attendees with his presentation on the role played by OUTA and other civic organisations in exposing corruption and bringing perpetrators to book. It was both fascinating and frightening to see how major organisations managed to manipulate their way into accessing major funds.

Norton Rose Fulbright were exceptionally generous hosts, and with such a topical issue presented by a renowned expert, our first event of 2018 could not help but be a resounding success.

Wayne was introduced by SACANCHAM board member Hennie Oosthuizen, while the summing up and vote of thanks came from the Chamber's CEO Mike Morgan.

The networking session afterwards was very lively, accompanied by NFR's 5-star cuisine.



Wayne Duvenage, CEO of OUTA and Greg Nott, a Director at Norton Rose Fulbright and Chairperson of SACANCHAM



Two very welcome old friends of the Chamber, Greg and Sharon Goldhawk. Greg held the position of Head of Office at Canada's Trade Office in Rosebank and was instrumental in ensuring the Chamber got off to a firm start before he and Sharon returned to Canada. Sharon is still involved in social activities here



Three VERY happy gentlemen, winners of the Leopard Frog wines draw. Marius Oosthuizen is flanked by Mutumwa Mawere of The 1873 Network and Stanley Dube (aka DJ Wildfire) of 1873fm.



The rose amongst the thorns! Mutumwa Mawere and Board members Frik Landman and Kuseni Dlamini enjoying a chat with the newly-elected Company Secretary Karen Goldstone-Hoffman



SACANCHAM Board member and MD of AGT Foods Brian Lever and George Tomazos, a Director at AGT Foods



Dr Wim Britz of Learnint and one of his guests, Stefaan Walters

BOOK EARLY FOR OUR NEXT EVENT.....

Our next event is on May 16th, and you had better book early! Jay Naidoo will be speaking to delegates on African Leadership. This exciting event will be hosted by Nedbank Private Wealth. Invitations will be out soon....



AND NOW FOR A BIT OF FUN

As those of you who hold events will agree, there are some photos that get you giggling – and deleting. We decided to have some fun with a photo per event and test your creativity. The best caption wins a bottle of wine....



SACANCHAM DIARY

SACANCHAM was invited by H.E. Sandra McCardell, High Commissioner of Canada, to a lunch in celebration of **South African women leaders** in business, politics and development on Friday March 16th. The Impact Hub hosted the event which was sponsored by OpenText, a SACANCHAM member. Noluthando Gosa, founder of the Akhona Group and a SACANCHAM Board member, was also there. Presentations from projects supported by the Canadian High Commission were truly inspirational.



H.E Sandra McCardell and the OpenText team, headed by SACANCHAM Board member and Country Sales Director, Africa of OpenText

On Monday 26th, SACANCHAM attended a 'mind-blowing' event hosted by Nedbank Private Wealth. The **Bloodhound Programme** will be described in full detail on the website and in a News Flash. Our Co-ordinator offered to represent SACANCHAM by navigating for the test pilot when he drove the car across the desert at 1000 mph. Her offer was kindly, politely but firmly refused.



IN THE NEWS

CANADA HORRIFIES FRANCE BY WINNING WORLD CAMEMBERT COMPETITION!

Sunday Times March 19th 2018



Camembert originated in Normandy, but according to The Local, at the 2018 World Championship Cheese Contest in Madison, Wisconsin, the top prize in the Camembert category went to a cheese called L'Extra, which is produced in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, not far from Montreal.

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MICHIGAN CROWNS WINNER IN CONTEST TO PREVENT ASIAN CARP INVASION IN GREAT LAKES

The Canadian Press · Posted: Mar 28, 2018

The challenge drew 353 entries from 27 nations

A proposal to repel Asian carp with stinging, noisy bubbles won first prize Tuesday in a contest sponsored by the U.S. state of Michigan to find new ideas for keeping the invasive fish out of the Great Lakes.

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CRYPTOCURRENCY EXCHANGE ARBITRADE BUYS GOLDEN HANDS OF MANDELA FOR \$10M IN BITCOIN

Pete Evans · CBC News · Posted: Mar 27, 2018

Seller is Malcolm Duncan, a South African businessman living in Calgary, who knew Mandela

A Canadian cryptocurrency exchange has bought four golden casts of the hands of former South African president Nelson Mandela for \$10 million worth of bitcoin.

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SOUTH AFRICA'S MINIMUM WAGE BILL.....

Parliament is to blame for the delay in the national minimum wage, meant to come into effect on Workers' Day, 1 May. The National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac) is to blame – just not Labour Minister Mildred Oliphant. Yet by the time the minister briefed President Cyril Ramaphosa on Friday – he has championed this national minimum wage as a tool to reduce income inequality since his days as deputy president – the horse had already bolted. Four days earlier, Cosatu had raised the red flag. This is a tale of how an agreement unravelled.

MARIANNE MERTEN Daily Maverick 26 March 2018

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.....AND CANADA'S MINIMUM WAGE STRUCTURE.....

Under the Canadian Constitution, the responsibility for enacting and enforcing labour laws, including the minimum wage, rests with the ten provinces as well as the three territories which have been granted this power by federal legislation. Some provinces allow lower wages to be paid to liquor servers and other gratuity earners or to inexperienced employees. (Wikipedia).

Read: [The ripple effect of Ontario's minimum-wage increase](#)

.....AND GLOBALLY

The US state of New York has passed legislation that will gradually raise the minimum wage to \$15, bringing it level with the rate in California. Rising global inequality has made minimum wages a hot topic in countries around the world, as governments attempt to ensure low-paid workers have the chance to escape relative poverty. For example, the UK has also recently introduced a National Living Wage of £7.20 (\$10.25) for workers aged over 25. The World Economic Forum lists [global minimal wages \(2013\)](#).

CANADA'S BUDGET 2018

If you would like to know how the Canadian Government is spending – and plans to spend – their taxpayers' money, log on to [here](#).

THE G7 MEETING IN MONTREAL SHOWS RELATIONSHIPS MATTER

KEVIN CARMICHAEL Financial Post March 28

Canada's ministers of labour, innovation, and social development hosted their counterparts from the Group of Seven legacy powers in Montreal this week to talk about the future of work. That's significant, mostly because the G7 was near death a decade ago, which some thought a good thing.

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TRUDEAU BOASTS AT SWANKY MONTREAL

FUNDRAISER Canadian Press Giuseppe Valiante March 29 2 hrs ago

MONTREAL - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau touted his government's commitment to transparency and its tough stance on the wealthy at a high-priced fundraiser Wednesday attended by some of Montreal's elite.

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'I'VE BEEN WRONG, BUT THIS FEELS RIGHT': BLACKBERRY CEO'S BET ON SECURITY PAYS OFF IN PRIVACY SCANDAL AGE

Emily Jackson Financial Post March 28

BlackBerry Ltd. chief executive John Chen stops short of saying "I told you so" in the aftermath of Facebook Inc.'s privacy scandal over its data being harvested for use in the U.S. election, but just barely.

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And as a last thought...take a look at The Nicest Case of [Road Rage](#), Outside Canada....

And travel safely!