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Chamber Cocktail Function

A very successful Annual Chamber Cocktail Function was held at the ABSA Stadium on 16 November this year. More than 180 people attended the function. Many of those who attended were heard to say that this was the biggest function in years.

The Chamber is extremely grateful to Sappi Fine Papers for their generous sponsorship of the function. Thanks are also due to ABSA's Vehicle and Asset Finance Division for their provision of the venue.

Speeches were delivered by Sappi Fine Paper's Marketing and Sales Director, Wayne Rau and PIFSA CEO Chris Sykes. MC for the evening was Chamber President Pops Ramdhani.

In his speech, Wayne Rau spoke of the importance of the relationship between printers and their paper supplier. A stunning audio visual presentation on Sappi's Triple Green Product was also made. Wayne's presentation received loud applause from the floor.



Wayne Rau Marketing and Sales
Director Sappi Fine Paper



Chamber members listen attentively to Wayne Rau's speech.

See page 2 for more pictures . . .

In-House Technical Training

The Chamber offers the following Technical Training on an in-house basis.

- * Guillotine Operator
- * Litho Operator (small sheetfed)
- * Flexo Operator (narrow and wide web)

Contact the Chamber on Telephone 031-7058744

Welcome to New Members

The following companies have recently joined the Chamber:

- MG Print Services
- ITB Manufacturing (Pty)Ltd.
- Strap-It cc
- Roga Plastics cc
- RV Packaging cc
- Polyfilm Converters
- Tiger Plastics
- DBC Packaging (Pty) Ltd.

We wish them a warm welcome and a long association with the Federation.

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Estimator Training 2007

The Chamber will be offering Estimating Training again in 2007 see page 8 for details.

Also seen at the Cocktail Party



Gary Osborne and Des Oliver - Thunderbolt Solutions



These are Chamber stalwarts

Dianne Coventry 25 years service

Chamber Bookkeeper, Dianne Coventry was awarded a certificate of long service in recognition of 25 years with the chamber. During this time, Dianne has seen many changes in the Chamber, and has served under three different Directors.

She began her services under the Chamber Secretary of the time, Stewart Pirie.

Di began as a Typist and handled some of the administration. She was promoted into an administrative position in 1989. Her title was later changed to Bookkeeper, a position that she has kept to date.

One of the more memorable occasions during her employment with the Chamber was when a new typist chair had just been delivered to the Chamber. Had it been placed in the lady's office straight away, it would have been a normal, heads-down-we're-working afternoon ... but no, our cheery assistant director Basil Fraser had to 'test drive' the chair: Zoom-zoom across the floor, he leaned back to show us ladies his driving skills, (Schumaker had nothing on this guy) when... oops, down he went! There was silence for a split second, then from his landing place on the carpet came a hearty laugh. Our shock soon turned to giggles as we joined in. He stepped smartly for the rest of the afternoon.



Chamber President Pops Ramdhani congratulates Dianne Coventry for her 25 years service with the Chamber

In-house Flexographic Machine Minding

The Chamber offers on the job training on narrow and wide web flexographic presses.

Contact Geoff Warren at the Chamber's Offices

Tel: 031-7058744.

Obituary – Desmond Craib

Desmond Craib, former chairman of the Natal Witness passed away on 28th November 2006 at his Winterskloof home, aged 87.

Mr. Craib was educated at Hilton College, and studied at Pembroke College, Cambridge. He was known for his distinguished service during World War II, being awarded the military cross.

Desmond Craib's father, James took over the Natal Witness in 1941. Desmond began working for his father before serving in the colonial forces in Kenya. He returned to the Witness in 1949, where he set about bringing in new technology and boosting the quality of journalism. On the death of his father in 1963, he became chairman and managing director of the company. He handed over the directorship of the company to his son Stuart in 1984, and stood down as chairman of The Natal Witness Printing and Publishing company in 1992. He did however remain on as chairman of the Natal Witness (Pty) Ltd.

Mr. Craib served as President of the KZN Chamber of the Federation from 1958 to 1960.

We send our condolences to the Craib family as we mourn a strong supporter of the industry.

Awards for Long Membership

Two companies received awards for their long membership of the Chamber.

Tetra Pak achieved the milestone of 25 years membership with the Chamber. The Chamber is proud to have the South African manufacturing operation as a member. Tetra Pak is a truly international organisation, operating in more than 165 markets with over 20,000 employees. Tetra Pak develops, produces and markets complete processing, packaging and distribution systems for food products. Since its foundation by Dr. Ruben Rausing more than 50 years ago, the company has expanded its business world wide, and includes much more than the packaging of liquid food products which was where it started. Today, ice cream, cheese, dry foods, fruits, vegetables and pet food are examples of what can be packaged in Tetra Pak packages.



Tetra Pak achieves 25 years membership with the Chamber. L-R Zamu Ncube, Emmanuel Magwaza, Chamber Director Geoff Warren, Thegie Naidoo, Charles Naidoo and Zack Ntshangase

The Universal Print Group began as Universal Printing Works, a family business established by Mr. Virjee Mehta in 1926. The management of the business was taken over by his son Mr. K.V. Mehta.

Mr. K.V. Mehta forged close ties with the Printing Industries Federation, not only in their membership of 30 years, but also in his serving on the Chamber executive committee and also as President of the KZN Chamber from 1994 -1996.

Under management of the Mehta family, the group has become one of the largest most versatile and technologically advanced print communication companies in Southern Africa.

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The focus has not only been on its technological advances, but also on the development of the skills of its staff. This has been achieved through a commitment to training and development. Employment equity has also been an integral part of the business focus.

The group celebrates 80 years in business this year. We wish them well in moving towards their centenary.



Harish Mehta – Managing Director of the Universal Print Group receives an award from Chamber Director Geoff Warren in recognition of 30 years membership with the Chamber



PIFSA Finance

For assistance with financing of Capital Equipment, motor vehicles and other finance solutions contact Geoff Warren at the Chamber or Ralph Howell of ABSA.

Contact Details: kzn-chamber@pifsa.org or tel: 031-7058744

Inflation Data - October 2006

CPI

The headline inflation rate at October 2006 for metropolitan areas is 5,4%.

The inflation rate for the rural areas is 6,2% at October 2006.

CPIX (Consumer Price Index excluding interest rates on mortgage bonds)

The CPIX for metropolitan and other urban areas is 5,0% at October 2006.

The CPIX for the rural areas is 6,0% at October 2006

PPI has reached double digits at 10%.

Chamber Golf Day

After a number of days of rain, all were beginning to think that the Chamber Golf Day was going to be washed out. This was not to be – but for a brief shower. The weather cleared up, and there was nothing to keep the players off the course.

The Chamber's Golf Day has become a very popular event for the Printing and Packaging Industry, with players from both Gauteng and the Cape making their way to the Kloof Country club. Once again, the event was over subscribed.

The best score, and winners for the day went to Brian Balfour and Ken Aranky with a score of 49. They were followed in by David Reynolds and Greg Page on 47. Third place went to Mervyn Perry and Russell Steynberg with Russell Cumming and Billy Paul coming in fourth.

Winners of the three nearest the pin par threes were Greg Young, JJ van der Merwe and Byron Vincent. The longest drive was won by Mike Madsen.

The evening prize giving was a generous affair. Every player who submitted a scorecard won a prize.

Chamber President Pops Ramdhani was on hand to award the prizes and to thank the sponsors for the valuable contribution that they made in making the day the success it was.



Winners – Brian Balfour and Ken Aranky received prizes From Chamber President Pops Ramdhani at the Chamber Golf Day held at the Kloof Country Club



Mike Madsen won a putter for the longest drive!

SAPPI Printer of the Year Awards

Congratulations are once again in order to KZN Chamber members who excelled in the Sappi Printer of the Year awards for 2006. Two Gold, six Silver and fourteen Bronze Awards were received.

It is encouraging to note the high standard of print in KwaZulu Natal.

Details of awards are:

Gold

Pro-Print – Packaging and Labels
PrintAbility – Printer's Own Promotion

Silver

Pro-Print – Annual Reports
Pro-Print – Brochures
Pro-Print – Calendars
Intrepid Printers – Catalogues
Pro-Print – General Print
PrintAbility – Magazines

Bronze

Pro-Print – Annual Reports
Fishwick Printers – Brochures X2
Pro-Print – Calendars
Universal Web – Catalogues X2
PrintAbility – General Print
Robprint – General Print
PrintAbility – Magazines X2
Nampak Cartons & Labels – Packaging & Labels
Pro-Print – Packaging & Labels
PrintAbility – Printer's Own Promotion
Pro-Print – Printer's Own Promotion

Ten Digit Telephone Numbers for 2007

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) published a general notice on the 21 July 2006 in the Government Gazette regarding the telephone numbering plan to be introduced.

From the **16 October 2006** fixed line subscribers within the Republic will be able to dial both the current seven digit number (without area code) as well as the new ten digit number (including area code).

However as from the **16 January 2007** only the 10 digit number can be used.

The international prefix for international dialing will change from "09" to "00" on the **16 January 2007**. From the **16 October 2006** until **16 January 2007** both "09" and "00" will run parallel. Thereafter only "00" can be used.

Reference: Government Gazette 29059, 21 July 2006, General Notice 1009.

Zambian Public Holidays- 2007

New Years day	1 January	(Monday)
Youth Day	12 March	(Monday)
Good Friday	6 April	(Friday)
Holy Saturday	7 April	(Saturday)
Easter Monday	9 April	(Monday)
Labour Day	1 May	(Tuesday)
Africa Freedom Day	25 May	(Friday)
Heroes Day	1 st Monday in July	
Unity Day	1 st Tuesday in July	
Farmers Day	1 st Monday in August	
Independence Day	24 October	(Wednesday)
Christmas Day	25 December	(Tuesday)

Mozambique Public Holiday – 2007

New Years Day	1 January
Heroes Day	3 February
Women's Day	7 April
Workers Day	1 May
Independence Day	25 June
Victor Day	7 September
Armed Forces Day	25 September
Peace Day	4 October
Family Day	25 December

HIV/AIDS Training

Reality Training Concepts

Reality Training Concepts aims to empower companies to manage HIV/AIDS effectively in the workplace.

- Many of their trainers are HIV positive and can provide a disclosure at the end of the training.
- Training is conducted in mother tongue to ensure that those trained have a thorough understanding of the subject.
- A variety of HIV/AIDS training courses are offered
- Your staff will be provided with the opportunity to know their HIV status using a saliva test. By offering voluntary testing and counselling we are able to determine the impact HIV/AIDS is having on your company.

For further information please contact the Chamber on 031-7058744.

Subscription Increases 2007

The Chamber's Executive Committee have ratified Subscription increases for 2007 as follows:

Skilled Employees:	R4.68 Per Week
All other Employees:	R2.70 Per Week
Capitation Fee:	R178.50 Per Month

Associate Members

Subscriptions R255.00 Per Month

Consulting Fees

Hourly rate R345.00

All above prices exclude VAT.

Details of this increase has been sent to all members together with the December Invoices.

Botswana Public Holidays – 2007

New Year	1 st January	(Monday)
Public Holiday	2 nd January	(Tuesday)
Good Friday	6 th April	(Friday)
Public Holiday	7 th April	(Saturday)
Easter Monday	9 th April	(Monday)
Labour Day	1 st May	(Tuesday)
Ascension Day	16 th May	(Wednesday)
Sir Seretse Khama Day	1 st July	(Sunday)
Public Holiday	2 nd July	(Monday)
President's Day	16 th July	(Monday)
Public Holiday	17 th July	(Tuesday)
Botswana Day	30 th September	(Sunday)
Public Holiday	1 st October	(Monday)
Christmas Day	25 th December	(Tuesday)
Boxing Day	26 th December	(Wednesday)

Namibian Public Holidays – 2007

New Years Day	1 January	(Monday)
Independence Day	21 March	(Wednesday)
Easter Day	6 April	(Friday)
Easter Monday	9 April	(Monday)
Workers Day	1 May	(Tuesday)
Cassinga Day	4 May	(Friday)
Ascension Day	17 May	(Thursday)
Africa Day	25 May	(Friday)
Heroes Day	26 August	(Sunday)
Public Holiday	27 August	(Monday)
Human Rights Day	10 December	(Monday)
Christmas Day	25 December	(Tuesday)
Family Day	26 December	(Wednesday)

Lesotho Public Holidays – 2007

New Years Days	1 January	(Monday)
Moshoeshoe's Day	11 March	(Sunday)
Good Friday	6 April	(Friday)
Easter Monday	9 April	(Monday)
Workers Day	1 May	(Tuesday)
Ascension Day	17 May	(Thursday)
Africa/Heroes Day	25 May	(Friday)
King's Birthday	17 July	(Tuesday)
Independence Day	4 October	(Thursday)
Christmas Day	25 December	(Tuesday)
Boxing Day	26 December	(Wednesday)

Lesotho School Calendar – 2007

	First Session	Second Session
Open	22-01-2007	01-08-2007
Close	13-06-2007	30-11-2007

Uganda Public Holidays – 2007

New Years Day	1 January
NRM Anniversary Day	26 January
International Women's	8 March
Good Friday	6 April
Easter Monday	9 April
Labour Day	1 May
Uganda Martyrs Day	3 June
National Heroes Day	9 June
Independence Day	9 October
Christmas Day	25 December
Boxing Day	26 December

Zimbabwe Public Holidays – 2007

New Years Day	1 January	(Monday)
Good Friday	6 April	(Friday)
Easter Saturday	7 April	(Saturday)
Easter Monday	9 April	(Monday)
Independence Day	18 April	(Wednesday)
Workers Day	1 May	(Tuesday)
Africa Day	25 May	(Friday)
Heroes Day	13 August	(Monday)
Defence Forces Day	14 August	(Tuesday)
National Unity Day	22 December	(Saturday)
Christmas Day	25 December	(Tuesday)
Public Holiday	26 December	(Wednesday)

Namibia School Terms – 2007

	1 st Term	2 nd Term	3 rd Term
Open	17-01-07	22-05-07	04-09-07
Close	27-04-07	17-08-07	05-12-07

Botswana School Terms – 2007

	1 st Term	2 nd Term	3 rd Term
Open	09-01-07	02-05-07	04-09-07
Close	04-04-07	10-08-07	23-11-07

** For Botswana the above dates apply to Primary, Secondary and Colleges of Education*

Durban University of Technology – 2007

	1 st Term	2 nd Term	3 rd Term	4 th Term
Open	15-01-07	16-04-07	16-07-07	01-10-07
Close	05-04-07	11-06-07	21-09-07	14-12-07

Rhodes University – 2007

	1 st Term	2 nd Term	3 rd Term	4 th Term
Open	12-02-07	16-04-07	23-07-07	17-09-07
Close	30-03-07	22-06-07	07-09-07	14-12-07

University of the Free State – 2007

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	29-01-07	11-04-07	16-07-07	01-10-07
Close	23-03-07	22-06-07	21-09-07	30-12-07

University of Pretoria – 2007

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	31-01-07	22-03-07	11-07	31-08-07
Close	20-03-07	25-05-07	30-08-07	26-10-07

University of Cape Town – 2007

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	19-02-07	10-04-07	30-07-07	17-09-07
Close	30-03-07	15-06-07	07-09-07	14-12-07

North West University – 2007

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	12-02-07	10-04-07	16-07-07	03-09-07
Close	28-03-07	01-06-07	31-08-07	26-10-07

University of Western Cape – 2007

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	05-02-07	02-04-07	16-07-07	10-09-07
Close	23-03-07	22-06-07	31-08-07	30-11-07

University of KwaZulu-Natal

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	12-02-07	16-04-07	30-07-07	01-10-07
Close	05-04-07	24-05-07	21-09-07	02-11-07

Vaal University of Technology – 2007

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	08-01-07	11-04-07	16-07-07	01-10-07
Close	30-03-07	22-06-07	21-09-07	07-12-07

Cape Peninsula University of Technology-2007

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	30-01-07	16-04-07	23-07-07	08-10-07
Close	05-04-07	29-06-07	28-09-07	21-12-07

Central University of Technology Free State – 2007

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	10-01-07	11-04-07	16-07-07	01-10-07
Close	23-03-07	22-06-07	21-09-07	30-11-07

Stellenbosch University

	1st Term	2nd Term	3rd Term	4th Term
Open	05-02-07	10-04-07	23-07-07	19-09-07
Close	30-03-07	29-06-07	07-09-07	14-12-07

Higher Educational Institutions - 2007

	1ST Term	2ND Term	3RD Term	4TH Term
Walter Sisulu University				
Open	15-01-07	16-04-07	16-07-07	17-09-07
Close	30-03-07	29-06-07	07-09-07	14-12-07
	1ST Lecture Block	2ND Lecture Block	3RD Lecture Block	4TH Lecture Block
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University				
Start	05-02-07	27-03-07	23-07-07	12-09-07
End	26-03-07	25-05-07	11-09-07	06-11-07

