Message from our Chairperson: Gary Moodley

“God endows all His children with special gifts and talents to do good work so that He may be glorified. Doing good deeds is an act of worship”.

Port Shepstone Twinning Association has achieved much in its 23 years of existence. We persevere in making a difference in the lives of many South Africans across the length and breadth of this land. This past year we have been fortunate to once again be supported by The National Lotteries Commission. This funding is now concluded.

We have organised several Time Travel events, continued our research in local history and contributed to poverty alleviation, job creation and social cohesion programmes.

We have worked on and supported several programmes with the National Department of Arts and Culture, especially the one on the Freedom Charter. This is evidenced in the book they have published. The organisation has also lent its expertise in training, hosted two national Bridging Ages South Africa (BASA) conferences in recent times and played an integral part in drafting the national constitution. This year two of our committee members were delegates to the BASA international conference in Finland.

The organisation can only sustain itself if there is strong commitment and integrity from members, wise management, leadership and reliable funding. We continue to uphold our Vision:

“Empower individuals and organisations in the development of personal dignity, values, respect and understanding of each other through the sharing of experiences in a global context, in order to contribute towards the building of an equal and tolerant society.”

Message from Bridging Ages International Honorary President: Ebbe Westergren (Sweden)

Kalmar läns Museum and Bridging Ages International congratulate Port Shepstone Twinning Association for another successful year in promoting the Time Travel method and working for community building and social cohesion. It is very impressive work: 26 Time Travels, Public Travels on four national days, many training sessions and presentations, Time Travel focusing on therapy with children, promoting tourism, giving 45 people stipends, research for Gamalakhe book, hosting the global profile and very importantly, the holistic approach with poverty alleviation and the girl child programmes. You have been funded by National Lottery (NLC), but I understand that most of the work is voluntary.

It is really a pleasure to see the energy and motivation you have to strive for a more united and prosperous South Africa and build self-esteem among people. I also recognise the efforts you do to inspire other provinces and countries in the Bridging Ages organisation.

It has always been a pleasure to partner with you and we hope for more collaboration in the future.

Time Travel and Applied Heritage Programme

Ebbe is the founder of the Time Travel method some 33 years ago. He has worked tirelessly with our Association since 2008 jointly with Helen Eklund of Klamar läns Museum, Sweden.

His vision is being realised in South Africa. He established a strong foundation and this methodology has now spread to all provinces. The method focusses on education, community building and social cohesion. It is relevant for our country’s transformation, empowerment and restoring dignity. He has spread the concept to 25 countries and it is growing internationally. An International organisation was established in 2004 known as Bridging Ages International. We are honoured to be a member of this organisation.
Our recorded Time travel sites where the programmes were held:
- Time Travel South Wharf, Port Shepstone, 1905 – Poll Tax
- Court Martial in Umzumbe, 1906
- Tin Town, Gamalakhe, 1968 – Forced Removal
- Betania Mission, Nyandezulu, 1912 (importance of education)
- Isivivane u Shaka, Umzumbe, 1828 – naming Mtwalume by King Shaka
- Port Sheps tone Railway Station, 1973 – Dock Strikes
- Emaus Mission 1904- working with the community

Achievements
Job Creation: Job creation was one of the greatest achievements. Total numbers of personnel on stipends were 45.

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The Time Travel method focuses on the use of local history and how this knowledge is applied to benefit the local community today. The methodology has the following five pillars:

- Focus on local sites and stories
- History from below- the “bottom up approach”
- Key Questions – connects today with the past
- Interaction between community and school
- Reflective dialogue- discuss, challenge and find a way forward together

Photo: Community members are selected, trained and jobs created. Many have different skills. Here the activity leader in a Time Travel event is educating learners on Zulu traditional beads, meaning of colours and patterns and making them.
National Training: Time Travel and Curriculum Training held on 16 April 2016

Time Travel and curriculum training was held with the most experienced educators in the Time Travel methodology from our Association.

Facilitated by Ebbe Westergren

Supported by: National Dept. of Arts and Culture.

Content:
Incorporating each Time Travel event to the appropriate section in the curriculum.

Outcome: To develop study plans per Time Travel to be incorporated as part of the educational manual.

Research Training: 17-21 October 2016

This training was coupled with the development of the Gamalakhe Heritage book. Representatives from:

- Provincial Museum Services-KZN
- Killie Campbell Library-University of KwaZulu Natal
- Killie Campbell Museum
- Gamalakhe Community Development Foundation
- Staff

Methodology:
“Each one teach one approach”, using the study circle method.

Mentorship and Training: BASA delegate, Neo Tom from Kliptown, Soweto and local delegates participated in a week’s training which was held from 14-20 August 2016. Training content:

- Administration, networking and collaborations
- Job Creation aspects in roles / division of responsibilities
- Site Maintenance
- Prop development and maintenance
- Time Travel methodology- practical

Extract from participant evaluation:

“After all I have learned in Port Shepstone, I now have the courage and passion to continue the wonderful work of the Time Travel and Applied heritage method through expanding the project into the Free State province since it has been evident that Time Travel is indeed a tool for community building”
Training: Durban University of Technology – 2nd year tourism learners:
The learning outcomes:

- How tourism fits into the general theories of economic development
- The importance of integrated tourism planning and development
- Identifying sites with the community for tourism potential
- Time Travel and the Applied Heritage Model to complement the tourism initiative

The follow-up was participation in an event.

Time Travel: South Wharf, Umzimkhulu River, 1905
Commemoration of Women’s Month held on 17 August 2016

Purpose of the event:

- To commemorate Women’s Month within the sector of Heritage, Arts and Culture
- To promote social cohesion
- To expose tourism students to an alternate method on tourism and job creation
- For educational purpose for learners within the curriculum about the significance of a local site.

“The time travel method now makes sense after the theory, we had to go through this to learn from this event. It can definitely contribute to my rural area, There are so many stories”
TVET – Gamalakhe Campus

Presentation to 30 TVET tourism students. The students showed a keen interest and many called to discuss future tourism plans in rural areas. This was followed by a participation in a TT event to commemorate Human Rights Day.

Site: Tin No 258- Gamalakhe Tin Town

Attendance:
- 2nd Year Tourism Learners from TVET
- Olwandle High School learners and educators
- Sethembinkosi Primary School
- Bridging Ages International-President and Deputy (Anni and Johanna)
- Port Shepstone Museum
- South Coast Tourism
- Twinning Members
- Department of Arts and Culture

Total Participants: 131

Smangele Memela has related her family’s story of forced removal.

Facilitated by Thulas Mkhize and co-ordinated by Gulshera Khan and Staff

Public Time Travel: Isivivane Senkosi uShaka, 1828

On 7 May 2016, a public Time Travel activity was conducted at Isivivane Senkosi Ushaka (1828) at Mthwalume Ward 15, KwaQoloqolo Traditional Council under Umzumbe Municipality.

Highlights

The aim of the event was the commemoration of the naming of an area now called Qoloqolo in the Mthwalume area by King Shaka during 1828. The focus was the promotion of tourism for the region using the Time Travel methodology.

More than 300 Time Travel individuals participated in the event. The observers and participants numbered approximately 3000. Both modern and traditional music played formed part of the attraction. Umzumbe Municipality funded the event. Three bulls were slaughtered. Our Association provided props and costumes and lunch packs for 200 children.

A detailed activity followed after the Time Travel event. The program director was from Ukhosi FM. UGU Film Festival officials captured the scenes of the Zulu experience. Members of the Zulu Royal household and municipal officials, the Mayor and Speaker of the Municipality also participated.

A KwaMbanjwa local homestead was used by Twinning for storing props and costumes for the learner participants, including serving of refreshments. In total, four Time Travel events were held at this site to support education.

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Time Travel: Emaus Mission, 1904: Piloted on 15 April 2016

The 104 participants were local church members, Emaus High and Emaus Junior Schools, Lourdes Mission members, nuns from the Mission, National Department of Arts and Culture, and the international delegation from Sweden and Finland.

The pilot Time Travel event was a huge success, facilitated by Ebbe. International delegates were Ebbe and Linda from Sweden and Annina and Lilian from Finland.

The scenario was based on the extensive research undertaken.

Thereafter, the programme was offered to both primary and secondary schools in the area. Regular Time Travel events were held to support educational outcomes.

A local organisation from this community was empowered as a link to this community. Job opportunities were also created.

In total 6 Time Travel events to support educational outcomes were held.

Victor Zulu is one of our trained facilitators. Here he is in the role of Reverend Johansson at Betania Mission.

Eight successful Time Travel events were held at this site.

Time Travel: Betania Mission, 1912

Goal

- To recognize the school and Mission as a heritage site
- To develop rural communities and a heritage site for schools and tourists
- The need for lifelong learning. This is linked to the Grade 10 lesson on Lifelong learning, a section in Life Orientation.

Impact:

- Equal participation by learners.
- Exposure to indigenous games, crafts, food preparation and chores.
- Learners and educators felt at ease and expressed positively the variation in learning compared to a classroom setting.
Gamalakhe Heritage Research / Book

The absence of documented information on Gamalakhe’s history necessitated the need to address this since 2011. No information could be found on the township. The first Time Travel was based on Smangele Memela’s story of forced removal in 1968. Research was undertaken at the national archives in Pretoria by Thulas Mkhize and Dr Mark Colghan from Provincial Museum Services in KwaZulu Natal. Research in the local publication, South Coast Herald, gave us a glimpse of the period, although only from the apartheid perspective. Victor Zulu, Thulas Mkhize, Lawrence Khanyile and Senzo Mkhize are thanked for their commitment to this project.

A cross section of the South Coast Herald articles from the 1960s

Research at Emaus and Lourdes Missions

The goal was to expand Time Travel activities to new areas and Umzimkhulu was selected as part of our intervention strategy to provide supportive services. In order to develop Time Travel activities, research of the site is one of the first processes, followed by finding a day significant for a Time Travel event. Based on a historical event, a scenario is developed. The Time Travel is linked to contemporary issues of today. The goal is to support education.

Research on Catholic Missions had commenced in 2013. This research was motivated by Professor Paulus Zulu of the Maurice Webb Race Relations Unit based at the University of KwaZulu Natal.

The research was conducted via meetings and visits to Mariannhill Monastery, Lourdes and Emaus Heritage Centre as well as books, internet searches, local communities and the church. The scenarios for both the sites were completed and compiled by Ebbe Westergren.

Time Travel: Emaus Mission Station, 1904

Goal

- Make people realize the work of Abbot Francis Pfanner, the founder of Emaus Mission Station and the relationships with the local communities.

- Introduce the Time Travel method as a way to reflect and learn.
Global Profile: Joint programme with learners from Sweden, Uganda and South Africa

A Global Profile Programme was introduced in 2008 by co-ordinator Bo Hellstrom. The programme focuses on a common topic of global interest, regarding Human Rights, Tolerance and Diversity.

Diversity and Tolerance are topical in the world today. We introspect, as the world faces high degrees of intolerance, xenophobia and racism. Our Association, jointly with partners in Sweden and Uganda, have been proactive in developing programmes at international level, focussed on youth in all three countries that is more relevant than ever before. These exchanges are held once a year in Sweden with representatives from all three countries and bigger delegations from Sweden to us in Port Shepstone and Entebbe, Uganda. During this phase, the final exchanges were held. Sadly this programme has ended.

Global Profile SA Delegation to Uganda: 27 September 2016-07 October 2016:

Nontsikelelo Khumalo [Department of Education, Ugu District]

Zibonele High School learners:
Mfanufikile Themba Cele and Nonsikelelo Nomvula Dlamini

KwaFica High School learners:
Prince Simthembile Gumede and Nompilo Promise Dlamini

This was the first time that the three countries had a joint programme in Africa. This was a major boost for social cohesion, and exchange of culture globally.
Poverty Alleviation: While the programme involved the arts, culture and heritage sector, our approach is “holistic” in specific communities where the project is rolled out. In this regard, assessments are made with community institutions and communities are supported.

Communities and schools were supported through donations received in kind.

Home visits were made with the local church to assess the situation of poverty. Monthly donations from Rice-for-Life also supports indigent families on our database.

In deep rural areas, exposure to extreme poverty cannot be ignored. Sadly these are remote communities unknown to those living in urban areas. NGOs are generally the link between these two worlds. This is our lobbying and advocacy role.

This is one of the early learning centres based in Gamalakhe, not supported by Government at this stage as they are still in the process of registration. They have been one of our recipients.

Girl Child Programme: SARS Port Shepstone Branch donated sanitary pads as part of their Women’s Day contribution. This need was identified by schools in Umzimkhulu. Emaus High School was supported.

In addition, girlchildren were mentored at our offices during their community programme week.

Collaboration with schools in Oskarshamn, Sweden and seven local schools: Democracy Programme
(A programme between Oskarshamn and Ray Nkonyeni Municipalities)

We have always been supportive of this international partnership. During their programme, our Association warmly received this delegation. Previous Triangle Programme youths, now young adults spent an evening with the Swedish learners. It is our mission for the youth to continue this journey of local and international solidarity.

Programme Content

There were exchanges of learners, educators and municipal officials during this term as part of an ongoing learner involvement in local politics. It is interesting to note that a survey was undertaken over three years in both countries and our learners became aware of the prevailing political climate.
Human Rights Awareness: Presentation by Bo Hellstro on his work as an observer in Palestine as a representative of The World Council of Churches’ (WCC) Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) (Sweden)

Bo Hellstrom, one of our Swedish partners in Global Profile Learner Programme from Sweden had spent 3 months on the EAPPI programme in both Israel and Palestine. On his visit to our region in December 2016, he presented an account of his experience and a way forward developed in creating greater awareness about conflicts between Palestine and Israel.

The Association is highly appreciative of Selvan Chetty, who is not only one of the founders of our Association but a human rights activist and community leader. He was instrumental in ensuring the success of this programme.

National BASA Conference: 28 February 2017-3 March 2017

Two members represented the Association at the National Time Travel conference held at Freedom Park, Pretoria and Finland Embassy, supported by the National Department of Arts and Culture. This was combined with the National Bi-Annual General Meeting of the National Time Travel body, known as Bridging Ages SA (BASA). Gulshera Khan was re-elected as treasurer. Regular Skype meetings are held to spread and promote the Time Travel Methodology.

Programme Content:

- Heritage Education
- Presentation by various provinces and future planning
- Organisational Structure / Challenges and Sustainability
- Time Travel event 1995 - Curriculum Transformation

National Conference

Presentation: Prof David Morris Head of Archaeology and Extraordinary Professor, Heritage, Sol Plaatje University and at McGregor Museum, Northern Cape

Jabulani Phelago: National Chairperson of BASA (Bridging Ages South Africa). He is an educator at Freedom Park, Pretoria
**Twinning with Sweden**

Our Association remains a twinning partnership with Oskarshamn Southern Africa Komitee (OSAK) in Oskarshamn, Sweden. Despite the conclusion of the twinning empowerment programmes, which was funded for 12 years, our association continued with many programmes, especially with Kalmar läns Museum and Bridging Ages International.

**Highlight of the programme in Sweden: 1-18 September 2016**

Olof Palme International Centre, Stockholm was presented a certificate of gratitude.

Three day visit to Söderhamn. We conferred our appreciation to Söderhamn Municipality for their interest and continued support.

At Oskarshamn, a warm welcome lunch by the municipality, visit to schools and reconnected with friends.

Finally the attendance of the Bridging Ages Conference.

We extend our appreciation to Söderhamn and Oskarshamn Municipalities, Lillemor, Thomas Norgren, Tormod, Paulin Susay, Laila, Ake Nilsson, Helen Eklund, Bo Hellstrom, and many others who provided accommodation, transport and made our stay memorable. We are indeed grateful.

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**Time Travel method workshop held at KwaMuhle Museum in Durban, 27 March 2017**

International Facilitators: Annina and Johanna

Content: Different ways to implement the methodology.

Attendance: 21 persons from KZN DAC, KZN Museum Service, representatives from Sobantu School, Mpophomeni Museum, Local History Museums (Durban), Siege Museum and KwaMuhle Museum. Seven persons represented our Association.

Outcome: Bridging Ages KZN Interim Board was elected. The KZN 3-year plan was reviewed and a way forward presented. Philani Gcaba, a member of our Association, was elected chairperson of Bridging Ages KZN

Bridging Ages International Conference: 13-16 September 2016

Bridging Ages International 12th Conference was held in Sweden. It is rotated annually to different member countries, ie. 25 countries are members. The theme: Social Cohesion through Applied Heritage and the Time Travel Method.

Representation and Attendance:

Judy Mkhize, Margaret Nqoko and Gulshera Khan. Gulshera’s presentation on “Social Cohesion and Community Building” was well received. It can be viewed on the website: bridgingage.com

“240 delegates from 20 different countries in Europe, America, Africa and Asia gathered for three days in a warm and sunny Kalmar, making it the biggest Bridging Ages ever. There were more than 70 presentations, several workshops, evening programs and a fascinating Time Travel event to 1945”

The Deputy Minister of South Africa, Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi, opened the conference together with the Swedish Minister of Culture and Democracy, Alice Bah Kuhnke. Keynote Speakers were Dr Andrew Wingate, Anglican Priest, UK; Dr Mzalendo Kibunjia, Director-General National Museums of Kenya and Professor Paloma Gonzales, Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona, Spain.

Several sessions were connected to projects, for example Health and Culture, Innovative Archaeology, Meeting places for issues of Life and Faith, Sites and Stories to Mathematics in the Historic Environment. Kalmar läns Museum, Sweden and Freedom Park (Department of Arts and Culture), South Africa signed an agreement on a joint three-year plan, “Social Cohesion and Community Building through the Time Travel Method”.

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Time Travel, 1945

This Time Travel event was focused on our responsibility to take care of refugees and integration. It was held outside a former epidemic hospital on the island of Lindö in Kalmar, where a large number of refugees were received in June 1945, both former concentration camp prisoners and deserted soldiers. The discussions and engagements were vibrant and vivid. It was a magical Time Travel event on an important topic of today.

Discussions towards the establishment of an African continental structure of Bridging Ages was also a leap forward.

Organizers of the conference: Kalmar länsmuseum, Linnaeus University, Regional Council of Kalmar County, Church of Sweden and Bridging Ages

Appreciation

The Association has made giant steps in transforming our services. We are humbled by the support of our local community and Ziphakamise.

Special word of appreciation to a large core of volunteers, especially in the Time Travel Programme. This includes participating schools, churches, Department of Education, KZN Museum Services, Department of Arts and Culture KZN, local museum, Ugu, Ray Nkonyeni and Umzumbe Municipalities, Ugu South Coast Tourism, National Department of Arts and Culture, UKZN, Killie Campbell Library, DUT, TVET, and the Betania and Emaus Missions.

We are highly appreciative of our international supportive institutions, viz BA International, Kalmar länsmuseum, OSAK, Oskarshamn and Söderhamn Municipalities.

We also thank our partners in Bridging Ages South Africa for their support.

Our auditors, Anil Ramnath and Co who have, on a monthly basis, monitored and audited our finances for which we are grateful.

Kindly support the work of the Association. Donations are welcomed:

In the words of our Deputy Chairperson, Thulas Mkhize:

“Twinning is an organisation that makes everyone regardless of their status in the community, their race, age, gender, feel special. Twinning promotes social cohesion.”

Banking Details

Port Shepstone Twinning Association
First National Bank
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Cheque Account
Bank Code: 220-228

Compiled by Gulshera Khan

Past Twinning members from Sweden are now tourists. Carl Bloom together with his son visited our shores to reconnect with friends.

Bo Hellstroom, his wife and friends holidayed in South Africa in December 2016. Promoting rural areas has also been our focus with our visitors.

Tormod Nisset’s first holiday in 2 decades in South Africa – every other visit was work related. Warmly welcomed in Mach 2017. He is thanked by Mr Daniel Malishe, a board member for his contribution.

Johanna Ejdersted, a regular visitor to the south coast was also warmly welcomed. She is employed by Kalmar länsmuseum, Sweden.

"Members attending the welcoming ceremony"