



Dikgafela in Kanye, 1981. Photo: Richard Sheppard

CUSOBOT reunion

PROGRAMME Saturday, July 6, 2019

Mill Street Brew Pub, 555 Wellington Street, Ottawa

<http://millstreetbrewery.com/>

9:00 am – 11:00 am

People arrive and mingle

- Sign guestbook, pick up name tag, programme kit, activity handouts
- COFFEE/TEA BUFFET BREAKFAST

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Welcome and logistics

Allan Culham Carol Shepard

“We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin nation.”

- Review of programme for the day
- Afternoon options

VIDEO by Cuso International to mark the CUSOBOT reunion

intro Lynda Muir

ICE BREAKER for INTRODUCTIONS

John McGregor

ONE MORE CUSOBOT PROJECT (OMCP)

Ozzie Schmidt

- Description, logistics for fundraising and promotion
- Feedback

Memory Wall “Those we’ve lost” (updates and additions invited)

musical tribute: ‘*Ashokan Farewell*’ Parker Duchemin, Jill Shipley, Doug Creba

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

LUNCH BUFFET

Background music from the era – DJ - Dave Shipley

1:10 pm - 1:40 pm **Optional 30 Minute Outdoor Activity**

(these options will be available again at 4pm)

- Tai Chi in the park with Marg McDonald, or
- Walk on Ottawa River Pathway with John McGregor

2:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Afternoon Choices

- Free time for socializing.
- Book Table: featuring Jim McRae *Africa: A Love Story*; and others
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Discussion Groups (see below—no sign up required, come if you like)
- 4:00 pm Outdoor Activity – Tai Chi with Marg McDonald
- 4:00 pm Outdoor Activity – Walk Ottawa River Pathway with John McGregor

Discussion Groups (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

*An opportunity to collectively consider the main issues we faced in Botswana and reflect on how these affected what we have done in Canada or internationally since. **Background information will be shared on CUSOBOT Website Programme before June 30.***

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

BIRTH AND EVOLUTION OF BOTSWANA PROGRAMME:

“From CUSOBOT Beginnings to South Africa Banning ‘Monday Morning’, and beyond”
Stories from the Elders—Helmut Kuhn, Don McMaster, Lawrence Cumming, David Beer,
Ken and Carol Shipley, John van Mossel

Facilitator: Marilynn Kuhn

Notetaker: Sue Godt

Discussion and questions to feed into 2:30 groups

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm (with break) Two discussion groups

CUSOBOT STORIES: the political dimension, liberation struggles – *What was the impact on our lives and how have we built on our experiences?*

1) Lessons

2) Reflections for making a difference today

Facilitator: John van Mossel

Notetaker: Sue Godt

CUSOBOT STORIES: the development dimension – *What was the impact on our lives and how have we built on our experiences?*

1) Lessons

2) Reflections for making a difference today

Facilitator: Ken & Carol Shipley

Notetaker: Mimi Dupuis

Discussion group output: documentation of CUSOBOT programme; notes from sessions to be consolidated into draft document by working group (tbc), shared for comments and ultimately posted onto website

Discussion group outcome: deeper understanding of the overall implementation and impact of the CUSOBOT programme

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Unscheduled/ongoing activities

- Free time for socializing
- 4:00 pm Outdoor Activity – Tai Chi with Marg McDonald
- 4:00 pm Outdoor Activity – Walk Ottawa River Pathway with John McGregor

5:30 pm sharp – 6:30 pm

EVENING FESTIVITIES BEGIN

MC: Marilynn Kuhn

Blessing - Kitigan Zibi elder Claudette Commanda

National Anthems of Canada and Botswana

Lu Tobo-Gillespie welcome to

His Excellency David Newman, Botswana High Commissioner to Canada

- High Commissioner remarks

Bibiana Seaborn welcome to

Glenn Mifflin, CEO, Cuso International

- CEO remarks

Oodi Tapestry Presentation

Helmut Kuhn, Carol Shepard

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner served

7:15 pm

A Few Reflections—Where Do We Go From Here?

Facilitator: Linda Snyder

1. Botswana Then and Now

Allan Culham and Harry Finnigan compare the country they found on recent trips to Botswana, to the Botswana we all knew in the 70s and 80s (slide presentation).

- feedback, stories

2. The Journey Forward

Liesl Lewke Bogle and Sue Godt describe how their formative experiences in Botswana led them to a lifetime of dedicated work, Liesl in Canada, Sue in Africa. How do we now go forward, holding on to our vision and determination?

- feedback, stories

8:00 pm

GROUP PHOTO

8:15 pm onwards

OPEN MIC

MC's: Steve Seaborn and Susan Smith *handover to 130 RV's....*

Remembrances, music, dancing

Live Music and Singalong:

- Jill Shipley, Ken Shipley, Dave Shipley, Doug Creba, Parker Duchemin, and others
- Introducing the ShipSea (rhymes with Topsy) Sisters
- Botswana playlists Dave Shipley