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Mission Statement:

"To promote small business in general and specifically to aid, enhance and motivate each other in our respective business enterprises. Our desire is to expand the knowledge and personal network base of each and every one of our members and to make them better at what they do."

Bavubuka: The Silas Project



Aaron Elton, filmmaker, videographer, music producer and son of Kim Elton of iMambo Marketing group, has worked with a Canadian –Ugandan hip hop musician and artist by the name of Silas to bring hip hop back to Africa and teach youth to tell their story to the world through music in their own language.

This is more than teaching kids to sing hip-hop; this is about telling their story and their history in their own language.

Uganda surprisingly has a music industry emulating American style videos of your stereotypical messages about women, cars, and bling.

The music video shot by Aaron in Gulu town, Silas' hometown by birth, are nothing like those or any other video seen on major networks. The video features local young adults telling stories of crime, corruption, poverty, and abuse of women. They tell stories of hardship and desperation framed in a hop-hip delivery, and in their native tongue.

Viewed by the membership and guests of the North Shore Business Success Group, a North Vancouver business-networking group, the emotion afterwards was nothing short of awe. "Emotional", "Moving", were just a few of the adjectives used by the audience.

This is more than a video project according to Aaron. His intent is not to create another hip hop star so much as it is to involve individuals, businesses and corporations to help rebuild these small towns, starting with giving youth a place to gather, learn and help each other.



In his travels through small towns in Uganda, he found no community centres, not even a field to play soccer.

The waste by corrupt politicians is jaw dropping. Aaron described how during a recent visit by the Queen, the leaders thought it appropriate to bulldoze a gravel field used for playing soccer into a large

flower patch. They spent 100's of thousands in buying new BMW's for the officials and dignitaries to be chauffeured in while people are starving and have few if any clothes for small kids.

The youth are clearly suffering with no hope, no place to go, or activities to pursue.

By sharing his experiences in film and video, Aaron hopes to get sponsorship to continue producing his video and find distribution. He also hopes to find media support to spread the message of his project.

Guests:

Aaron Elton, Bavubuka Foundation

Oct. 10 – Betty MacLeod - RBC
2010 RFP Workshop

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Acknowledgements:

The following members wish to thank those mentioned for referrals, successful joint ventures, or advice given:

Focused Chat Calendar:

Sept. 5-12 –**OPEN**

Sept. 19 – Bob Rogers, Canadian Hemochromatosis Society

Sept. 26- Workshop- Open Meeting - Andrew Barber-Starkey, ProCoach, Goal Setting 7am – 930am

Dave O'Brien, W.I.T. Marketing:

- Jayme Knox and husband at Contact Printing

Gerry Scallion:

- Bruce Duncan for Frequensea product
- Bill Baker for meeting

Gary Bombay, Custom Cellars:

- Debbie Peck for promoting his business on site

Bryn Hamilton, Investor's Group:

- Wayne Keeler for referral
- Jayme Knox and Contact Printing

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- Nelson Chow for Insurance Service

Nelson Chow, Arbutus Insurance:

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- Simeon Garriott for introduction

Neil Hamilton, Prudential/Sussex Realty:

- Dave MacLeod for commercial real estate business
- Marion Maysenhoelder for continued business
- Glenn Duxbury for on-going work
- Nelson Chow for insurance

Calendar of Events:

Burnaby Board of Trade

Tuesday September 11, 2007

7am - 9am

September Networking Breakfast,

Destination: Beijing

Executive Hotel 4201 Lougheed Hwy, Burnaby

Members: \$18

Non-Members: \$24

www.burnabyboardoftrade.com/cgi-bin/rsvp.cgi?id=295&action=new

Gracious Host:

The 10 Deadly Sins of Business Planning

Join us and learn:

The keys to creating a successful plan

The most powerful tool for planning

Effective ways to control cash flow

When: Monday, August 27th, 6 - 7 pm

Where: Boardroom, 744 West Hastings, Vancouver

Price: \$49 + GST

Contact: info@fmwalsh.com

SOHO "Show & Tell" Breakfast Roundtable

Friday September 7th 2007

Vancouver, BC

The SOHO "Show & Tell" Roundtable Breakfast is focused on helping attendees cultivate relationships and learn more about each other's businesses, clients, products and services

SOHO-SME Trade Show

Tuesday October 30

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

www.soho.ca

Surrey Chamber of Commerce:

Thursday September 06, 2007

Breakfast in the City Networking Reception

- Come and welcome the new members for the month.
 - * Hear more about the benefits of belonging to the Surrey Board of Trade.
 - * Meet new business contacts and expand your opportunities.

Location:

Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel
15269-104 Avenue, Surrey
604.582.9288

Time: Check in: 7:30 am; Breakfast & Program 8:00-9:30 am

Admission: Free
(Advance Registration Only Please)

<http://www.surreychamber.org/event/s1.html> - 2007-04-24221

**West Vancouver Chamber:
Wednesday Sept. 19**
7:30 to 9:00 am

Speaker: Mr. Bruce Robinson,
COO of the Canadian Freestyle
Association

Hollyburn Country Club
950 Crosscreek Road
West Vancouver
Members \$25.00
Non-Members \$35.00
(GST Included)
Pre-paid registration is required.

Please RSVP by deadline of 5:00
PM, Monday, September 17th

[http://www.westvanchamber.com/
events1.html#2007-09-19243](http://www.westvanchamber.com/events1.html#2007-09-19243)

**Wednesday September 26, 2007
SEPTEMBER MEMBER
SHOWCASE**

for Members & Non-Members

5:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday September 26, 2007

Steamworks West Brewing Co.
The Village at Park Royal
900 Main Street, Unit C1
West Vancouver
(Located under the Lighthouse)

FREE - RSVP required for
appetizer preparation.

Resource Guide:

For a listing of members' web sites,
please visit our website at
www.nsbgs.com

Chamber events:

[http://www.hpmarketing.com/cgi-
bin/events_calendar.cgi](http://www.hpmarketing.com/cgi-bin/events_calendar.cgi)

Maps and Directions:

<http://www.mapquest.com/>

Networking Database:

LinkedIn Resources: SONI
Canada
<http://www.linkedin.com/home>

Job Boards: Vancouver Job Shop:

[http://regionalthelpwanted.com/home/
/167.htm?sn=167](http://regionalthelpwanted.com/home/167.htm?sn=167)

Working Canada:

[http://working.canada.com/vancouve
r/index.html](http://working.canada.com/vancouver/index.html)

Government of Canada:

<http://jb-ge.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/>

FutureWorks - Wage Subsidy
Program (& Job Board)

<http://fwt.bc.ca/>

Recycling:

<http://www.nsrp.bc.ca/>

[http://www.onedayvancouver.ca/abo
ut.php](http://www.onedayvancouver.ca/about.php)

<http://www.gvrd.com/recycling/index.html>

Social / Event Management:

<http://fairweathercruises.com/>

<http://gracioushost.ca/>

www.tgifbc.com,

Urban Legends Reference Page:

<http://www.snopes.com/>

Yellow Pages Business Finder:

<http://www.yellowpages.ca/searchBusiness.do>

Miscellaneous:

<http://www.soho.ca/>