



Rock 'n Roll!

U.S. Embassy Country Public Affairs Officer Karl Stoltz thrilled a packed auditorium of over 120 members with his audiovisual



presentation on "Rock 'n Roll and Civil Rights: How Music Broke the Color Barrier."

Karl took the students on a journey back into time, showing how musical developments from the 1920s to the 1950s -- in both black and white communities in the U.S. -- converged into a new genre: rock 'n roll.

We can't wait for Karl to present Part 2. Will he do a Jimi Hendrix impersonation?

Master Dance Class

On Friday, January 28, well over 100 Mae J members joined a master dance class lead by New York City-based contemporary dancers Bafana and Amanda Matea. They were joined by approximately 15 students from Monnyth Dance House, a performing arts studio in Pretoria.

After an energetic class, Bafana, who was born in Mamelodi, and Amanda spoke to the school children about how they were able to live their dreams; Bafana now dances with the Battery Dance Company and Amanda is affiliated with Thomas Ortiz Dance, Opus Dance Theater and Matthew Westerby Dance.



Bafana and Amanda also spoke to the students about the importance of nutrition and discipline. They emphasized that one needs to study - and take risks - to achieve personal goals.

Jan/Feb Events

All programs start at 3 p.m. and are free!

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Mae Jemison U.S. Science Reading Room re-opens

Welcome by Edwin Smith, U. Pretoria

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Meet 2011 Fulbright English Teaching Assistants

Friday, Jan. 28

Master Dance Class

With Bafana and Amanda Matea from New York City

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Introduction to the International Year of Chemistry

Fun with our Sci-Enza friends

Friday, Feb. 4

Rock n Roll and Civil Rights in America: How Music Broke the Color Barrier

By Karl Stoltz of the U.S. Embassy

Wednesday, Feb. 9

Blacks in Science

Talk by Stafford Ward and Paul Pavwoski of the U.S. Embassy

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Climate Change

Talk by Professor Aaron Wolf of Oregon State University

Wednesday, Feb. 23

African Immigrants in America

Film and discussion led by Heidi Servin-Baez and Kris Brown of the U.S. Embassy

Friday, Feb. 25

The Press and Civil Rights

Talk by Laura Santini and Peter Ritter

Explosive Start to IYC!



We kicked off our celebration of the **International Year of Chemistry** with a bang -- literally -- when the Sci-Enza team demonstrated chemical reactions using common materials to over 100 students on February 2.

Many, many aspects of our lives -- from cars to fashion to cell phones -- involve chemistry. And what about love?

African American Achievements in Science

Over 120 Mae J members attended a presentation on "African American Achievements in Science" on February 9 by Stafford Ward, Consular Officer in Johannesburg, and Paul Pavwoski, Trade and Investment Officer in Pretoria.

Stafford and Paul highlighted Lewis Latimer's improvement of carbon filament, and George Washington Carver's breakthroughs with peanuts, cosmetics, soybeans, and sweet potatoes -- along with the accomplishments of many other African American scientists.

We have books in Mae J on African American scientists. Can you find them?

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Edwin Smith Welcomes New & Returning Members

One hundred new and returning members crammed into the Mae Jemison U.S. Science Reading Room auditorium on January 19 to hear welcoming remarks by the University of Pretoria Mamelodi Campus director Edwin Smith and U.S. Embassy Information Resource Officer Steve Kerchoff.

The Mae Jemison Science Reading Room is a partnership between the University of Pretoria and the U.S. Embassy. We could not run Mae J without the active support and engagement of Mr. Smith. Many thanks, Edwin!

