

**LUANNE GRANT (Wantenaar)**  
(Class of 1954)



Luanne Grant's diverse career from writing a book, setting up a library and running her own business, to heading The South Africa Foundation's Department of International Committees has enabled her to bring a wide range of expertise and experience to the Chamber.

Mrs Grant obtained a BA (Library Science) from the University of Pretoria and worked as a librarian at Pretoria University and at the Weather Bureau. From there she joined the National Development and Management Foundation to set up their library and then moved to London to the British Institute of Management. Thereafter she changed careers working as a secretary for an oil company.

On her return to South Africa she joined the South Africa Foundation as a secretary to the International Committees. She then left to become private secretary to the Iranian Ambassador.

Mrs Grant changed career direction again and set up her own business as a tour guide agency and trainer. She was appointed to the Ministers' Advisory Committee and gave input on the drawing up of syllabi and the registration of guides. During this time she wrote a world-first tour guide training book which was published in South Africa. Mrs Grant provided tour guide training courses for black tour guides, her own team of guides, SA Railways guides, and others, taking them on practical visits around the country.

She returned to the South Africa Foundation as head of the Department of International Committees. This Department was subsequently closed down. From there she did work for Heritage type organisations prior to joining the Institute of Architects as Administrative Manager.

Mrs Grant's entry in the prestigious Businesswomen's Who's Who is recognition of her standing as a businesswoman. She is predominantly interested in heritage and urban conservation and is involved with a number of heritage organisations including the Parktown Westcliff Heritage Trust and the Wits Heritage Trust.

Mrs Grant joined the American Chamber of Commerce in 1994 as Executive Director. During this time AmCham has taken the lead in assisting members to address HIV/AIDS, Black Empowerment, and intellectual property issues. A more active working relationship has been established with key government departments and a number of South African business groups.

Mrs Grant is married with two daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Luanne was a boarder at Epworth, Headgirl in 1954 and played for the 2nd Hockey team.