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Felicia Mabuza Suttle

Entrepreneur & TV Host, Atlanta & Miami, USA

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Dr. Felicia Mabuza-Suttle is an international award winning entrepreneur, highly acclaimed talk show host, sought after speaker, lively emcee and best selling author. She is host of her own talk show, "Conversations with Felicia", on The Africa Channel in the US.

She is also President and co-owner of Leadership Success International specializing in executive leadership training, employee motivation, team building and business communications consulting.

South African's may remember her from the "Felicia Mabuza Suttle Show" on SABC.

SAABC appreciates Felicia's many years of support in the US. Did you know she was formerly head of SA Tourism, USA?

We asked Felicia to share with us her personal side through our profile questions... many a wise words are to follow.



Where were you born? I was born in Sophiatown and I grew up in Soweto.

What school/s did you attend? Attended elementary school in Soweto and high school in Swaziland at St. Michael's School for Girls.

What is your university/college qualification & college? I hold a BA degree in Journalism, an MA in Communications from Marquette University and a PhD in Communications from University of Berkeley.

What is your current title and company and what do you do? I am a talk show host with The Africa Channel in the US. My show, Conversations with Felicia, airs in the US, UK and the Caribbean. I am still involved with my entrepreneurial enterprises in South Africa.

I own an up-market dine and dance restaurant called Back O' The Moon. My dream is to bring this unique concept to Miami. Hope some SAABC members might be interested in partnering with me. I am also a founding member of Pamodzi Investment Holdings (www.pamodzi.co.za) and I serve as President of Leadership Success International.

1. **When you were little what did you most want to be when you grew up?** A journalist and an entrepreneur like my grandfather, who owned restaurants and real estate. I accomplished both.
2. **What is your idea of perfect happiness?** Happiness to me is bringing meaning and purpose in the lives of others in a meaningful way.
3. **What is your greatest fear?** Being homeless and destitute.
4. **Which historical figure do you most identify with?** Mahatma Gandhi and Mother Teresa.
5. **Which living person do you most admire?** Nelson Mandela.
6. **What is the trait you most deplore in others?** Greed and selfishness and lack of appreciation.
7. **What do you consider the most overrated virtue?** Integrity, people talk it and rarely exhibit it.
8. **Which South African words or phrases do you most overuse?** Eish!! A colloquial word we use in amazement/confusion/surprise.
9. **What is your greatest regret?** I have not taken enough risks.
10. **Which talent would you most like to have?** Play a piano.
11. **What do you consider your greatest achievement?** Introducing the first talk show in South Africa aimed at bringing black and white South Africans together to debate issues we could not talk about during apartheid. It was aptly called, "The Pulse of the Nation".
12. **What do you most value in your friends?** Honesty and caring attitude.
13. **What is your most marked characteristic?** Communicator.
14. **What do you consider the lowest depth of misery?** Cheating someone who helped make you a success and have no guilt.

- 15. If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing what or who would it be?** A poodle for a rich French woman!
- 16. If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?** Stop trying to solve other people's problems. Recognize I am human, not Mother Teresa.
- 17. What is your favorite occupation?** Lecturing and communicating ideas to others.
- 18. What is your motto?** "We must be the change we want to see in the world" by Gandhi.
- 19. What do you want out of the most important relationship in your life?** Trust.
- 20. What film or song title describes your life?** Barbara Streisand's song "People Who Need People" and John Lennon's song "Imagine".
- 21. Who was the teacher who had the most impact on you?** Father Hooper at the high school. He told me I was not going to turn out to be somebody. I set out to prove him wrong.
- 22. If you were a car what kind and color would you be?** A red convertible Mercedes – class, speed and bold!
- 23. What would we never guess about you?** That children are my first love. They make me smile, laugh and warm my soul even when I am depressed. They light up my life!
- 24. What is your favorite South African phrase?** Yebo yes! The Vodacon slogan.
- 25. Who is a South African you admire the most?** Winnie Mandela for keeping the legacy of Nelson Mandela alive during his 27 years at Robben Island. Helen Suzman for being the lone voice amid a lot of resistance to change during the most difficult time in South Africa's history.
- 26. What is one of the greatest strengths South African business professionals are recognized for?** Ability to adapt to any situation and our work ethic especially if we are living outside South Africa.

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