



# NewsTalk

The St Andrew's School for Girls

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## HERITAGE FOUNDATION newsletter

### 110 years

**C**elebrating 110 years of Excellence in Education has made it an exciting year for the school. I wonder if anyone has stopped to ponder how many thousands of girls have been educated and inspired over this time and how many doors were opened to them because of the quality of education they received.

The Heritage Foundation is also celebrating the growing support from Old Girls, current and past parents and corporates. I take this opportunity to thank all our donors and sponsors - your investment in education and in our school bodes well for our future.

In tandem with, and thanks to the Old Girls Association, the Foundation has been able to participate in celebratory reunions all over the country and across the globe, from Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, to London and Sydney. It enabled us to update Old Girls on our business plan for ensuring long-term financial security and sustainability for the school.

Apart from the very important goal of building up the Heritage Endowment Fund, the Foundation continues to seek funding for the restoration of Bedford Court. Currently underway is the exterior restoration.

I would be remiss if I did not pay tribute to Executive Head Pauline Jackson who is retiring from headship during the course of 2013 and so will have left by the time of our next newsletter in 2013. Pauline began her headship in January 2003 and over the past decade has provided St Andrew's with inspirational leadership. Thank you Pauline - you'll be leaving an impressive legacy. I'm sure the whole St Andrew's community joins me in wishing you success with your future plans.

It remains to thank Foundation Head, Bev Smith, for her tireless efforts and to the Board for their wisdom and guidance.

Working together, we can ensure that St Andrew's School for Girls remains a school with which we're all proud to be associated.

*David Lowry*  
Chairman, Heritage Foundation Board of Governors



*Heritage Foundation Board Chairman, David Lowry and his wife Corinna attended the 110th Anniversary Birthday Ball held at Monte Casino on 13 October 2012. David delivered the welcome address.*

### Having fun - and raising funds!

On a chilly July evening, the Foundation hosted its 110th Anniversary 'Christmas in July' fund-raiser. Log fires, turkey, gammon and gluwain were the order of the day. Students and full-time staff from the St Andrew's Music Department serenaded us with background Christmas Carols, while the Grade 9 girls were our 'Christmas Elf' waitresses. The dinner was followed by an exciting auction - with the compliments of Auction Exchange. An awesome amount of R50 000 was made on the evening and goes towards the Foundation's Endowment Fund.



*Going... going... gone! The auctioneers at work. A sought-after item was a magnum bottle of wine donated by Old Girl Sue McNaughton (Harington, 1977) who owns Graceland Vineyards.*

# Celebrating 110 years - events at home and abroad...

A number of Old Girls' reunions were held around the country and abroad with the theme of "celebrating 110 years of Excellence in Education."

Our grateful thanks to the Old Girls Association for including the Heritage Foundation in the festivities.



Attendees at the Cape Town reunion were treated to High Tea at the Mount Nelson on 3rd March 2012. Enjoying the occasion were Emma Wright (1998); Sophie Whiteley (2001) and new Chairlady of the Old Girls' Association, Julie Symons (Wilson, 1985).



At the Durban reunion High Tea, held at the Oyster Box in February, were Liz Thring (Charter, 1977) and Lois Kühle (Mounter, 1977).



The London reunion on 23 March at the Cavalry and Guards Club on Piccadilly. 25 Old Girls helped celebrate our 110th Anniversary.



Visitors this year included the Howes family. Carolyn Groves (Howes, 1982) and her husband were out from Texas, USA. Carolyn's younger sister, Theresa Munks (Howes, 1999) is an Occupational Therapist here at St Andrew's and her middle sister, Sue-Ann Redlinghuys (Howes, 1983) runs a swimming school in Cape Town.



The Sydney reunion: 37 Old Girls flew in from all over Australia and New Zealand to celebrate our 110th Anniversary at the Langham Hotel in Sydney on 18th August. Many ladies had not seen each other for 40 years. There was much talk and celebration well into the night!



The classes of 1952; 1962; 1972; 1982; 1992 and 2002 were invited to the Johannesburg reunion lunch in May. Seen here are some of the Class of '82: Anthea Boehmke (Burns); Bev Jones (Rudling); Anthea Withington (Moller) and Charlotte Biesman-Simons (Moss). As they walked through Bedford Court (Old Wing), there were shared memories of their boarding school days 30 years ago.

## Events and happenings



*This year saw the introduction of Heritage Teas once a term. Current and past parents, staff, Old Girls and members of the wider St Andrew's community are invited to hear more about the history of St Andrew's and the work of the Heritage Foundation within the school.*



**T**he restoration of the outside facade of the graceful 'Old Wing' and heart of our school has at last begun. It is a costly exercise and the Foundation continues in its search for private or corporate funding to contribute towards the restoration of this national treasure, designed by Sir Herbert Baker.

### Corporate partnerships add value

**T**he Foundation has been most appreciative of the ongoing sponsorship from **Supa Quick** and **Imperial Select** towards our sporting initiatives. In return, the companies have branding opportunities within the confines of the sports fields.

We are also grateful to **Oceanfresh Seafoods** for their generous sponsorship of our ongoing Water Harvesting and Environmental Projects.

**T**he final celebration of the school's 110th Anniversary culminated in The Old Girls' Association Johannesburg Champagne High Tea in October. A magnificent marquee, adorned in summer pinks and greens, graced the Tea Lawns underneath our memorable Jacaranda trees which have given shade to generations of St Andrew's girls. Cutting the cake is Executive Head Pauline Jackson and outgoing Old Girls Association Chairlady, Giulia Cantarin (1995).



100 Old Girls, past parents and past staff members enjoyed a time of celebration and nostalgia as they toasted the future of our beautiful school!



*Having fun and catch-up time were (back): Bridgitte Hobson (Bobbert, 1998) and Sally Harder (Rosenbaum, 1999)  
Front: Claudia Prinsloo (van Vught, 1990); Anique Broskie (van Vught, 1995); Karin Johansson (1995) and Sarah Cronin (Bohler, 1995)*



*Superimpositon courtesy of Jotta Designs*

## Thank you to our donors

The St Andrew's Heritage Foundation acknowledges with gratitude the donations from the following corporates and individuals for the period December 2011 to November 2012.

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Lewis, Deidre (staff)  
Lowry, David (Governor)  
Moshesh, Nkikia (1989)  
Nolan, Nicola (Meyer, 1994)  
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Pepper, Lucea (staff)  
Peters, Toni (Keylock, 1979)  
Prinsloo, Leisha (Pickard, 1987)  
Queiros, Petra (Scherf, 1984)  
Ramke, Dawn (Steels, 1951)  
Raumix  
Robin, Michelle (1974)  
Rogan, Allister (Governor)  
Serritslev, Anthea (Bolus, 1963)  
Simmonds, Frank (Governor)  
Smith, Bev (Schaafsma, 1983)  
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Terry, Mary (staff)  
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The Bothma Family  
The Di Lembo Family  
The Dippenaar Family  
The Karan Family  
The Keown Family  
The Moore Family  
The Orpen Family (in memory of their daughter Judy)  
The Wilson Family  
Verner, Sheila (staff)  
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Whitehouse, Elizabeth (Ede, 1982)  
Yapp, Charnia (parent)

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If you are thinking of making a bequest, contact us for our informative booklet on estate planning which suggests tax effective measures for making a donation to an educational institution.

## Snippets



The Head of the Heritage Foundation meets the current Matric class in July each year to talk about the work of the Foundation and the need for staying connected with one another and with the school once they matriculate. The girls are encouraged to make a small contribution to the Foundation at their Valedictory Lunch, which entitles them to become members of the Foundation's StAy Circle.



*Enjoying hot chocolate and doughnuts are Jenna Page, Humayra Saloojee and Alex Patterson.*

## Foundation initiatives

This year the Foundation established The Executive Head's Bursary Fund. This fund is accessed solely at the discretion of the Executive Head of the school for urgent needs of pupils. We thank Oceanfresh Seafoods for being the founding donors of this worthy project.

If our Old Girls and past parents would consider pledging R100 per month to the Foundation's Endowment Fund, our goals to facilitate large, capital expenditure and provide the means to deliver the best possible education will be realised. As the Foundation is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO no 930031219), all donations are tax deductible in terms of Section 18A of the SA Income Tax Act. The current Act entitles individuals to deduct up to 10% of taxable income (prior to the deduction of medical expenses) in respect of donations to a registered PBO.

### 2013 dates to diarise!

- \* **Founders' Day 22 January, 07:45 on the Tea Lawns.**
- \* **6 April, a Foundation lunch in Knysna for Old Girls, past parents and staff. RSVP the Foundation with your contact details. Arrangements will be communicated in the new year.**

## Contacting us

We would love to see you or hear from you. For information, to update your details or to arrange a visit to St Andrew's, contact Foundation Head Bev Smith (Schaafsma, 1983), who looks forward to re-connecting with past St Andrew's families and fellow Old Girls.

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