

An excellent education is priceless

Concerns continue to be expressed about the quality of education in many of South Africa's state schools. Where will our country find the next generation of scientists, engineers, doctors, accountants and other professionals when so few matriculants obtain a university-entrance pass in science and maths?

This is among the reasons why private schools represent a beacon of hope. The excellent 2009 matric results at St Andrew's show that talent abounds; it just needs to be nurtured.

Because we want to be sure that St Andrew's School for Girls can continue producing talented young women capable of playing a significant role in society, we will work tirelessly to build up the Heritage Foundation Endowment Fund.

In this issue of NewsTalk we list everyone who has made a donation to the Heritage Foundation in the past year. Thank you for not only caring about St Andrew's and all it stands for, but also for investing in the future of our country. It goes to show that it is possible to make a difference - so much more positive than being a spectator on the sidelines!

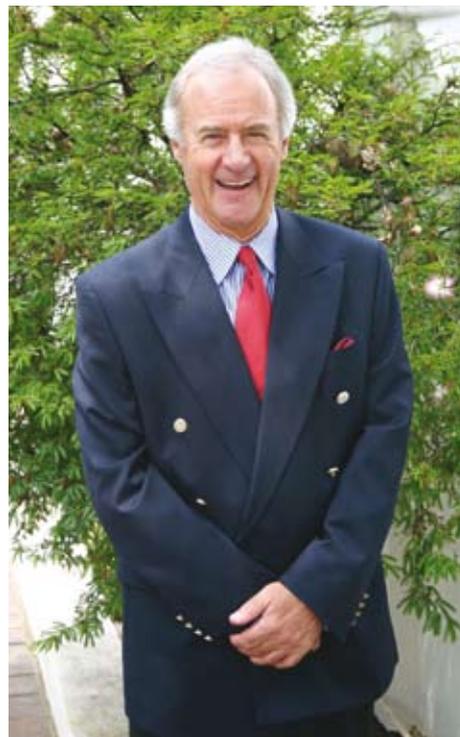
As I write this, we have the FIFA World Cup ahead of us, an event where we know that millions of people around the world will focus on South Africa. If the game of football can command this level of interest, then it should be easy for all associated with our school to have the same commitment to education. Let's make this the best year ever for the St Andrew's Heritage Foundation and make 2010 memorable at every level.

Thank you to all in the St Andrew's community who help us to make a difference.

Lindsay Robertson
Chairman, Heritage Foundation Board of Governors

St Andrew's 2009 matric results

- 88 candidates got 292 distinctions
- 86 students obtained University Exemption
- 3 girls got 9 distinctions, 4 girls got 8 distinctions, 5 girls got 7 distinctions, 7 girls got 6 distinctions, 4 girls got 5 distinctions
- Two girls were on the IEB Outstanding Achievement list for being ranked in the top 5% of IEB learners in 6 or more subjects and for achieving a rating of 7 for Life Orientation



Lindsay Robertson, Chairman of the Board of the Heritage Foundation.

Update on our scholarship winner

Tiffany Holdcroft, recipient of the scholarship made possible by the donation to the Heritage Foundation from the Graham Beck Foundation, reports that her studies at Wits University are going well. She hopes to graduate with her BSc degree in Maths and Economics at the end of 2010, commenting that very few students in her class are interested in teaching.

Next year Tiffany will teach part-time at St Andrew's while she completes her teaching diploma. She is already gaining practical experience by mentoring a number of learners and tutoring three high school students, two of whom are from St Andrew's. Keep up the good work, Tiffany!

The Heritage Foundation will continue to play a role in contributing towards ameliorating the desperate shortage of qualified mathematics and science teachers.



A school to be proud of...

We could give you 100 good reasons why your support of St Andrew's is such a good investment. Here is just a glimpse of today's young achievers...



Receiving an Honours blazer from Executive Head Pauline Jackson is Clarissa Enslin, winner of a swimming scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania where she'll study computer sciences.



These Grade 9 girls clocked up between them 220 hours of community service at the Johannesburg Zoo during the 2010 Easter holidays.

Stephanie Baxter Grade 11, has been selected to play for the SA U17 Girls hockey team which will be going to the World Junior Olympics in Singapore in August.



Kirsten Campbell (Gr 9) was selected by Women's Golf SA to represent South Africa in the Jakarta World Teams Junior Golf Championships.



Kelly Robinson, a grade 9 learner, has been selected to play in the U15 SA High Schools tennis team which will be touring Argentina in June 2010.



Visiting the School was Malebogo Ngoepe (2005) seen here with Executive Head Pauline Jackson. Malebogo has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and will be studying at Oxford University.

- Bianca Lissoni, a Grade 10 pupil, last year won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Karate Championships.
- Grade 3 pupil Daniela Orsi was awarded Gauteng colours for diving.
- In February, Tia-Kristi Keighley (Gr 11) and Cecile Olivier (Gr 8) qualified for the elite 8-mile Midmar Dam club; to qualify, each swimmer must raise R10,000 for charity. Both girls raised over R22,000.
- We won the interhigh swimming gala for the 7th successive year.

Bedford Court support

The plans for the restoration of Bedford Court (Old Wing) received a boost in the form of a recent gift of R100 000 from the estate of a past parent.

Foundation Executive Director Bev Smith has been nurturing this project. Leading heritage architect Henry Paine describes Bedford Court as “one of the finest examples of Sir Herbert Baker’s architecture”, adding that it is one of the most important of his buildings yet to be restored. He advises that restoration to an acceptable standard would cost a considerable amount. Comments Bev, “This is why the Foundation has also submitted an application to the National Lottery Distribution Fund. Our application may not be successful but I believe that we have to start somewhere!”



Public interest in the project led to Bev being interviewed by Dennis Adams, Vice-Chairman of the Parktown & Westcliff Heritage Trust, on Radio Today.

Bev continues, “We at the Foundation know that there are many competing needs at the school and that each generation of parents has been involved with fund raising for an immediate need. Right now the focus of current parents is on an Aquatic Centre. The Foundation’s goal, however, remains to collect sufficient funds for the Endowment Fund that will put St Andrew’s in the position where such pressure is minimised.

“Research shows that educational institutions which harness the resources of their caring community are the ones that are the most successful. As an Old Girl and a past Chairlady of the Old Girls’ Association, I know that with your support, we can guarantee the success of our school.”



Don't miss out! There are still some cases of the St Andrew's wine available: this was a wonderful donation from the Old Girl who owns Graceland Vineyards. All proceeds will go towards the restoration of Bedford Court. The front label, painted by current matric student, Chikomborero Kamba, has been enlarged into A2 Limited Edition prints - a “must have” to ‘grace’ a wall in your home! (Order details are overleaf.)

Cheetham Circle meets...

The Cheetham Circle embraces all Old Girls who matriculated 40 or more years ago and past members of staff who have the status of Honorary Old Girls. At a function held in March, for the matric years of 1940-1950, great interest was shown in the Bedford Court restoration project.

Below (l) is Heather Lanham-Love (Bell, 1950) with St Andrew’s archivist Shelagh Bouwer (a past parent). Heather brought along photographs that evoked many nostalgic memories.



Seen here are, from left, Dulcie Francis (Droste, 1947), Foundation Administrator Anna Surmon (current parent), Executive Director Bev Smith (Schaafsma, 1983) and Monica Brink (Barry, 1940), founding Patron of the Heritage Foundation.



At the reunion in May, Old Girls attending had a trip down memory lane when they revisited Bedford Court. Here are some of the Class of 1970 seen on the beautiful oak staircase in Old Wing.

Thank you to our donors

The St Andrew's Heritage Foundation acknowledges with gratitude the donations (monthly, annual and once-off) from the following foundations and individuals for the period April 2009 to March 2010.

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Graner, Claudie (Erleigh, 1963)
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Paul, Elizabeth (Curtis-Setchell, 1956)
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Robin, Michelle (1974)
Ross, Adrienne (Kenny, 1951)
Serritslev, Anthea (Bolus, 1963)
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Smith, Bev (Schaafsma, 1983)
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Another successful Forum evening

From the effects of zero gravity, to the sobering thought that just a little daily exercise can reduce heart disease by 30%, Professor Wayne Derman spoke to the topic "Staying Young Whilst Getting Older."

As flight surgeon for cosmonaut Mark Shuttleworth and Medical Officer for the South African Olympic team to Sydney and Athens and the SA Paralympic team to Beijing, Wayne shared the value of leading a goal-directed life along with practical advice. His insights into Shuttleworth's cosmonaut training indicated, he said, how we can 'teach' the body to overcome adverse environmental factors to achieve maximum functionality.

While there are many theories, scientists still do not know how we age. What is known, however, is that a balanced, healthy lifestyle will stand us in good stead in the years to come.



Guest speaker at the Forum evening was UCT's Wayne Derman, Professor of Sports Medicine & Sports Science. He has been appointed as the Medical Officer for Cape Town for the FIFA 2010 World Cup. With Wayne are parents Agonia Kamba and Philip Baum.

STOP PRESS! Due to a number of enquiries, the Foundation has published an informative booklet to help you with planning your Will, making a bequest and suggesting tax effective measures for making a donation to an educational institution. Do contact us if you would like to know more.

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