

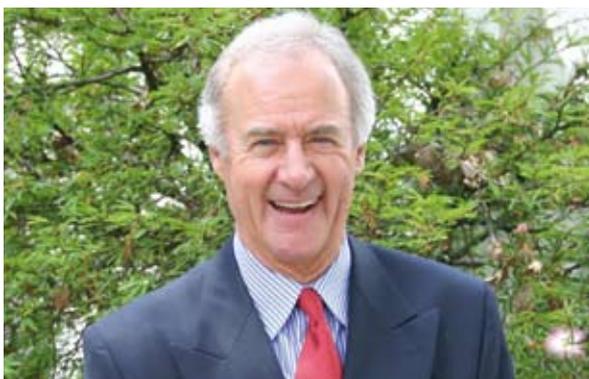


NewsTalk

The St Andrew's School for Girls Heritage Foundation Newsletter

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We're in good hands!



Lindsay Robertson

We were delighted when Lindsay Robertson, a past parent and a former Chairman of both the Parents' Association and the School Board, agreed to chair the Foundation's Board of Governors. Over and above his 25-year association with St Andrew's, Lindsay has some 40 years of business experience. He has served as Chairman or CEO of a number of leading industrial companies and is a founding partner of FRM Strategies, a turn-around company formed ten years ago to assist shareholders in under-performing companies.

Comments Lindsay, "While the School's financial position is healthy, it is our responsibility to ensure that St Andrew's is protected from national and global economic pressures which might have adverse repercussions in the future."

If you would like more information about the other members of the Board, do visit our web site: <http://www.standrews.co.za/heritage.html>. We hope that you'll attend some of the Foundation functions planned for 2009 and meet the Governors, a group of people who have a deep commitment to the School. Diarise the first of these events – Cocktails with Clem Sunter on Tuesday 3 February 2009. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this distinguished and entertaining speaker outline his latest scenario in his talk 'The World and South Africa in the 2010's'. Book through Anna Surmon in the Foundation Office via email (heritage@standrews.co.za) from 5 January 2009, or telephone her (011 453 9408) between 7:30 and 12:30 Monday 12 January 2009. Places are limited for this fundraising event so book early to avoid disappointment. The cost is R 200,00 per head and includes delicious snacks. A cash bar will be available and proceeds will go to the St Andrew's Heritage Foundation Endowment Fund.

Welcome to the very first Heritage Foundation newsletter

In this first edition of NewsTalk, the Heritage Foundation newsletter, we will explain how the Foundation is structured, the role it plays at St Andrew's and what we hope to achieve. We look forward to keeping you informed about our progress in subsequent issues of NewsTalk, our website and through other appropriate media.

The establishment of the Foundation is an important milestone for St Andrew's and we aim to ensure that St Andrew's has the financial means to remain a leading academic institution, one that will continue educating many more generations of young women. To this end an Endowment Fund has been established and our initial goal is to raise R25 million. In the words of David Lowry, Chairman of the School Board, "As a school with a proud history, your support will ensure that St Andrew's is a school with a secure future."

To ensure good governance and financial accountability, the St Andrew's Heritage foundation was established as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) by means of a trust deed and is registered as a non-profit entity. The Foundation can legally receive donations, gifts and bequests for the benefit of the School. It is controlled by a Board of Governors appointed by the School's governing Trust and is managed by an Executive Director. Fund management is overseen by a Finance and Investment Committee.

We're pleased to say that our first two significant donations were received from respectively the Old Girls, who raised R100 000 from the Heritage Ball, and the *Lion King* evening, organised by parents, which raised R108 000. These donations and all capital raised for the Endowment Fund is to be invested and the interest will be used to undertake projects essential to the maintenance of the School's status and reputation.

Moving in the right circles



(l to r) Paul Channon, a member of the Heritage Foundation's Board of Governors and Headmaster of the Ridge Preparatory School, talking to Honorary Old Girls: Ria Tyndall, Delene Morgendaal and Lynn Orsmond



Old Girls Sue du Plessis (née Griffiths, 1949) and Jenifer Gilfillan (née Griffith, 1949) thoroughly enjoyed the Cheetham Circle tea

We plan to establish a number of giving circles for supporters of the Heritage Foundation. Each Circle identifies an interest group in the St Andrew's community. We will do our best to meet your needs and in turn, we look forward to your support.

Gift Circles already established are:

■ The StAy Circle

The StAy Circle. Every girl in her matric year is invited to become a member of this Circle by making a small gift to the Heritage Foundation. In this case, it's not about the amount of money, but rather about symbolic support for their school, now and in the years ahead.



■ The Andrean Circle

The Andrean Circle incorporates members of the broader School community, including Old Girls, past and present parents and staff members and friends of St Andrew's



The Heritage Foundation hosted a Spring Day Brunch attended by members of the Andrean Circle. After a brief overview of the Foundation's activities, guests enjoyed a tasty brunch in the elegant setting of Cheetham House, home of Executive Headmistress Pauline Jackson.

■ The Cheetham Circle

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. The first gathering of Cheetham Circle members took place at the School on 16 July 2008. In between animated conversation, those present heard about the Heritage Foundation's aims and plans.

Our founding Patron

We were delighted when Old Girl Monica Brink (née Barry, 1940) accepted the honorary position of Founder of the St Andrew's Heritage Foundation: as someone who has retained her links with St Andrew's for 68 years, this was a small way of recognising such a long association. On our behalf Monica signed the Trust Deed at a function on 7 November 2007.



Monica Brink signing the Foundation Trust Deed

News highlights

We thought you might like to know about some School highlights in the latter part of 2008.

New boarding house

One development that the School is excited about is the completion of a new boarding house.



The new boarding house

The new boarding house is an essential development as the demand for boarding has increased significantly. To have the resources to fund such major projects is vital to the School's future success. With your support, the Heritage Foundation will work hard to make dreams turn into realities.

St Andrew's and the Beijing Olympics

We're very proud of the fact that four of our past pupils were among the rowing competitors at the Beijing Olympics. Of the four, Bronwyn Jackson (2002) was the cox of the adaptive crew which qualified for the Para-Olympics. Gabi Bascelli (2000) rowed in the Italian team.



In South Africa's Olympic team were Alex White (2001) and Kirsten McCann (2006), seen here with Moss Mashishi, president of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC).

English Olympiad achiever

Tansy Bensusan was placed fifth out of over 5 000 entries in the National De Beers English Olympiad. She has been offered a year's tuition at Rhodes University.



Tansy Bensusan

St Andrew's girls represent South Africa

Congratulations to Claire-Louise Bode, Khanya Visser and Cindy Tregoning (pictured below). In August 2008, Claire-Louise rowed for South Africa at the World Junior Championship in Austria; Khanya represented the country at an international netball tournament in Namibia; and Cindy played in an U18 International Hockey tournament held at St Andrew's.



Claire-Louise Bode, Khanya Visser and Cindy Tregoning



Kiara Boyd (Grade One) won a gold medal at the World Karate Confederation (WKC) held in Slovenia. Here she proudly displays her medal.

Some of our ambassadors

A number of Old Girls have undertaken to act as class representatives and are making contact with their peers to tell them about the Foundation and encourage them to make a small monthly contribution to the Endowment Fund. Foundation staff and governors recently met the first cohort of 32 “ambassadors” and we thank them for interest and enthusiasm. Support from within the school community is vital to the success of the Heritage Foundation and if there are other Old Girls out there who can play a part in this project, the Foundation would be very pleased to hear from you.



Outside the Allister Rogan Auditorium, guests discuss the role of the Old Girls in raising funds for the school



Grade Two learners in the recently established Junior School butterfly garden



Anna Surmon



Susan Edey

Keeping in touch

We would love to hear from you. If you would like to know more about what we do or how you can support us, contact the Heritage Foundation office. Our administrator, Anna Surmon – herself a parent – is a dedicated member of the Foundation team. Susan Edey, the Executive Director,

is there until the end of the year, when she and her family move to Grahamstown.

Financial support from our community – and beyond – is the key to the continued success of St Andrew's School for Girls. Help us to keep St Andrew's a leader in independent education.

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