



**Issue 6**

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Dear Eunice Old Girls

After a rather busy second term on the "Old Girl" calendar, we take a breather to bring you the news up to now, sadly it starts on a low note...

As most of you may already know, our dear Miss Vos passed away after a short illness at the end of May, here in Bloemfontein. She will be missed by all who knew her; past pupils, teachers and friends of Eunice, she was a grand dame of Eunice. Miss Vos leaves behind the legacy of the 'new' school buildings, one of Eunice's most important chapters in her history. Our thoughts are with Debbie and her family.

### **Birthday Report**

The schools 134<sup>th</sup> birthday was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June this year. or indeed for the whole weekend, starting on Friday through to Sunday. Friday was the birthday assembly hosted by Mrs. Dale and the Primary School; we were entertained by the schools choirs and marimba band, which as always bring tears to the old girls' eyes. Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> June was, as is customary, the Birthday luncheon. A record number of girls (215) attended the lunch. We had large reunions this year with 40 girls attending from 1969, 30 girls from 1989, 40 from 1999 and numerous smaller gatherings, which were by no means less spirited! The day was a great success, lots of fun was had by all who attended. I would like to thank all those who made the effort to attend, some travelling from as far afield as New Zealand and the UK. A special thanks to my own year 1989 for a wonderful weekend, we will do it all again in 5 years!!

The newly formed Gauteng branch and the Western Province branch also had gatherings, here are their reports...

### **Gauteng**

Gauteng hosted 90 old girls for breakfast on the Saturday before the birthday with Mr. Cassar as their speaker. Needless to say he was a hit and the breakfast went on until 15:00! A blues singer entertained the girls while they chatted, it was also decided to have 'memory cards' on the tables which will eventually be made into a book for the museum.

Well done Gauteng, for a newly formed branch this is great! If you wish to join the Gauteng group see their details at the end of the letter.

### **The Western Province Reunie Branch**

'The Western Province Reunie enjoyed a wonderful lunch on Saturday 6th June at the Centenary Hall at Rondebosch Boys High School. The day surprised us all, in that the heavy, tumultuous storms of the previous week until late Friday afternoon, dissipated; and the sun came shining through! There were about 65 of us in total. We did not have a guest speaker this year (our *all-time favourite* being **Paul Cassar** last year!) so our time was spent reminiscing with friends from long ago and enjoying typical Cape fare with a glass or two of sherry. We also had a minutes silence for Miss Vos, as many of us were either taught by her or she had been our headmistress. It was great to see many new younger faces too, some of whom we hope will join the committee in the near future. Lots of laughs, memories of Eunice and good times at school, together with excellent food, made for a memorable luncheon enjoyed by all!'

Glyn Morris (Chair Lady, Western Province Reunie [dajm@mweb.co.za](mailto:dajm@mweb.co.za))

### **Presidents Report 2008/2009**

This was delivered at the luncheon on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, should you want to read the full report please contact myself and I will be happy to send it on for you!

### **Old Girls Tea**

We will be hosting our annual 'Old Girls Tea' on the 14<sup>th</sup> October this year at the school. This tea is for old girls over 60. Should you be living in Bloemfontein and want to be invited to the over 60's tea please call Liza Ann on 051 444 1765 or me on 051 436 8615 (a/h).

### **Reunie Memorabilia**

Our memorabilia is still going well and is on sale at all Reunie functions. It is turning out to be a positive fundraiser for the coffers so we urge you to support us whenever possible. Our best seller is our fleece blankets in the house colours, great for gifts to old girls or girls at school going on sports tours. We also have compact mirrors, pens, notepads and cool bags all engraved or printed with our very own logo. Goods are also available at the sports office and high school office.

### **Men are from Mars and Woman are from Venus Fundraiser.**

Our annual fundraiser in March was a great success. The talk was all about love by well-known psychologist Madeleen Steenkamp. A wonderful morning was had by all the ladies – young and old, we even had some of the old faithfuls asking if we could host a men's breakfast with the same speaker! We raised R3000.

### **Old girl Assembly**

In an attempt to make the old girls more well known amongst the school girls we approached Mr. Cassar to host an 'old girls assembly' once a year near the birthday. The first one was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. Three old girls spoke, reminiscing about school but also passing on the message on what Eunice has to offer. Debra Riggien 1988 spoke on her life and sport, Ella Marie Dalton 1990 spoke on her career in Law and the privilege Eunice gives its girls and Ailsa Uys spoke about travel and the dreams we all have when leaving school. Due to its success, we will be presenting this again next year so if you are keen to speak to the girls or know of anyone who can, please contact me on 072 4464620 or email [ailsa@silverrocket.co.za](mailto:ailsa@silverrocket.co.za).

### **Reunie Branches**

These details have been in all previous newsletters, but in case you need them again, I have included them. Please remember we always need more old girls to form committees in other areas – please get in touch if you are interested in doing so. We need a branch in the Nelspruit area, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape and Natal midland areas, or indeed overseas!

### **Gauteng**

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### **Kwa Zulu Natal**

Anne Grunow (1948) – 031 702 4028

### **Western Cape**

Glyn Morris (Muir – 1977) – 021 794 6514  
Sheryl Gelderbloem (1976) - 083 261 3918

### **Eastern Cape**

If anyone is interested in forming a branch in the Eastern Cape, please contact Connie van Rooyen (Dienar) on [paulconn@telkomsa.net](mailto:paulconn@telkomsa.net)

### **Contact Us**

Please contact us if you have any news or ideas for the newsletter or if you would like to have your name included on our mailing list, we look forward to hearing from you. Contact me on [ailsa@silverrocket.co.za](mailto:ailsa@silverrocket.co.za) or 072 4464620/051 436 8615 or Liza Ann on [liza@ehs.co.za](mailto:liza@ehs.co.za) or 051 444 1765.

Best wishes.  
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Reunie President.