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Dear Old Girls

Yet another year has rolled by! Not only for those of use who are getting on in years does time seem to be passing even more quickly than it used to, but the current Rustenburg girls are saying the same thing! A sad commentary on the pace at which we live nowadays.

2003 was a successful year if we are to judge it by the Senior Certificate results. All 134 candidates passed. Very few of these did not obtain a full Matriculation Exemption (only 6 candidates, to be exact) and a few pulled off minor miracles! One of the greatest changes to the Grade 12 examination scene is that 25% of the marks are awarded for CASS (or, Cumulative Assessment) which means that the girls have to work consistently and produce assignments and test results of a sustained quality during Grades 11 and 12 if they wish to do well. That a good number managed to do that is reflected in 43 Distinction passes (A aggregates) and well over 200 individual subject A's.

Despite the many distractions of the world in which we live, there continues to be a good work ethic at Rustenburg and we continue to be blessed by well-qualified, conscientious and caring educators who encourage the girls towards excellence.

The Rustenburg ideal of striving for excellence in all we do, remains. However, there are forces at work which would seek to erode this; forces beyond our control. In its efforts to redress past imbalances, the State has cut funding to what are often referred to as "the schools in the leafy suburbs", in order to give more for the upliftment of disadvantaged schools. While we have no quarrel with this, it has meant that, apart from paying the salaries of 22 educators, all we receive from the Department is R 96.00 per learner per annum. With an enrolment of 750, you can do your own calculations as to how much the school receives for general running costs, repairs and maintenance, equipment and teaching materials. For some time now the school has had to finance virtually everything itself which has resulted in school fees climbing at a steady rate. It currently costs R 10 100 per annum to have your daughter at Rustenburg.

Despite a tightly controlled budget, there will come a point at which school fees and internal fundraising will no longer be able to keep pace with the demands of a hi-tech education, when maintenance of our old buildings will become impossible from these sources and employment of extra staff to provide a varied curriculum and keep class numbers reasonable. Changes in legislation pertaining to school trusts have affected the Rustenburg Trust which used to be a safety net for both schools and which was able to fund many of the developments of the past decade. The trustees are currently examining how the Trust's funds can be boosted without using contributions from school fees (now illegal) but it is clear that Rustenburg needs to find sustainable ways of building up capital funds so that we are able to keep abreast of educational developments, meet the ever-increasing costs of repairs to our lovely, but now ageing buildings and remain a leading school for girls in this country.

We must ensure that our girls are among the leaders of the future for the future belongs to women as it never has before. Please read the appeal which appears elsewhere in the Newsletter. If the boys' schools can do it, we can too!

We should welcome your ideas and practical help as we look forward to Rustenburg 125.

With best wishes
Elizabeth Fullard

News from editor MARY ROSE BERRISFORD (E 1956, Staff 1989 – 1998)

Dear Old Girls,

Founders' Day 2004 was by all accounts a very festive and moving occasion.. Both the E's of 1954 and 1964 held their reunions over that weekend which meant an excellent turnout and a celebratory mood. I am grateful to MAUREEN MANTELL (Mellish1954), RHEINA EPSTEIN (1954) and JUDITH GORDON (Stuart Watson 1964) for their accounts of the day. Here are extracts from Rheina's address to the school :

Fifty years ago none of the class of 1954 present here today thought we would ever be sitting in front of the school assembly on Founders' Day 2004 and that we would be celebrating the 50th anniversary of our matric year in a very different South Africa. Founders' Day was not yet an institution; the Nationalist party had been in power for only six years and legislated apartheid was not yet into its worst excesseswe're not here to tell you anything- we are not here to offer advice or words of wisdom. But we thought you would be interested in our comparing our experiences of Rustenburg fifty years ago with the Rustenburg of the very different world today.

In our discussions we compared what we remember of what we were like then as girls to the women we are today. And in so doing we realised just how different all our memories were and just how different our responses to school were. We had no idea then – or at least I did not – how some of us hated school. We do remember though that for a number of us school was difficult and uncomfortable. We know that what I am going to say is very much generalisation and that individuals are going to disagree and probably vehemently but I think that there is very much an element of truth in our collective memories.

We laugh today to think of the rules and regulations prevalent in our time at school - no earrings, hair clips or loose hair - it had to be tied back. There was no pantyhose then – we wore stockings held up by a suspender belt and thick cotton knit navy knickers or bloomers as they were called with 10cm of leg gathered in with elastic and worn pulled down to the top of the stocking to hide the glimpses of flesh.And you never wore your school uniform in the street without a hat. Maybe if we had continued wearing hats in the street our skins would not be so wrinkly and crinkly today!!

We were also rather complacent about our place in the greater scheme of things. Generally we didn't question at all the rights and wrongs of the rules and ethos of our society within the school and at large. It was quite a shock to us when Miss Thomson, as the new headmistress, expected us to think and have opinions and to express them and back them up. Yes, we were incredibly insular and naïve but in mitigation communications technology was not all that advanced- the electric typewriter was just coming in –

We do not know what it is like here today, but on the whole as girls, we were somewhat critical and sometimes thoughtless of others.

In fact meeting each other after so many years we are pleasantly surprised to discover what very nice and interesting women we have grown up to be. So I guess you are wondering why did so many of us bother to come here today and what are we really doing here?

Essentially as we grow older we appreciate what we did get from Rustenburg. In fact many of us have even sent daughters here. We had an excellent academic grounding, we were exposed to teachers who devoted their lives to our education and we went into the world as products of Rustenburg and all that that entailed - intellectual confidence,

social graces, a striving for excellence and a profound sense of responsibility towards the world and others.

It is with a great feeling of pleasure that we look around the assembly today. We rejoice in the diversity, the acceptance of the different and the unfamiliar other, the recognition that every person has unique talents and skills; and we value the opportunities provided to exercise those skills. I know I said we are not here to dispense advice but there is only one thing we would like to enjoin you, to entreat you, to implore you to do – seize all your opportunities so that you don't drift to old age and have to look back with regret at the roads not taken.

And to end on a more sombre note – as we look back on our lives we think in a way we had it easier – we had fewer choices, sure, but we did not have to confront the challenges of drugs, aids, date rape, biological and nuclear warfare, global warming and the depletion of natural resources. It seemed to us then that the future was more predictable and assured. We all know now that the future really isn't predictable and assured but as Rustenburg women we not only cope – we excel.

The Class of '54 is a distinguished one with at least three PhDs, two in Chemistry, remarkable for those days, one in English. Read about them and more about their celebrations under Reunions.

I was sorry to miss Founders' Day. Its Rustenburg at its best but I do pop in regularly and am always impressed. Most striking is the demeanour of the girls and staff. What I hear is that the school has to fund so much, previously taken care of by the government, that keeping up standards is a great battle. I am very aware that we as Old Girls should do whatever we can to contribute to the coffers. There are so many of us, our bequests and donations would add up. Well done to the Es of 1954 for their gifts to both Junior and High Schools.

STAFF PAST AND PRESENT

I was delighted to read another letter from MAY WRIGHT (Eastwood - Staff in the forties and early fifties). May was born in 1911, lives in Beccles, Suffolk and writes “.. I enjoy reading how far ROGs have spread and what responsibilities they have undertaken. After the last letter I had a reply from an ROG in Pinelands (BARBARA HODGES) who remembered me teaching her maths and biology in B. She passed on the letter to her sister STELLA KERKHOVEN (Hodges 1946) who wrote to me from Holland – most interesting” May had kept in touch with PHYLLIS TRIBBLE – see Deaths - who had come to SA as an exchange teacher to PE and later returned to teach art and English at RGJS. May herself had left RGHS for a year on exchange to Totnes in Devon in 1950. Names in the Newsletter May did remember were Miss Thomson, Miss Bowles, Deidre Barnard and Ruth Dosé.

MISS THOMSON is back living in her flat in Edingicht, near Røndebosch station. She is looking good, is managing the two flights of steps and always ready for a chat. JOYCE BOWLES at Woodside frail care, recently had another stroke and is in poor shape. RUTH DOSÉ at Norfolk Place, Kenilworth, had a hip replacement earlier this year which went very well. Unfortunately the arthritis has spread to both knees so she is not sprinting along as hoped. Though still able to drive, a cheerful Ruth says her life has contracted, notably for the first time since she was fifteen she has not booked for the forthcoming symphony concert series. The City Hall is a challenge.

JO MCINTYRE has been away – see Australia.

ROGs from thirty-two years will know that the school will be a different place without ELISE LIVINGSTONE. Rustenburg gave her a wonderful send-off. The Chamber Choir sang

Hey Jude – with saxophone accompaniment - for this keen Beatles fan. As the soloist drew breath after her first line JUDITH DERNIER surprised her with intervention from the piano – bars from Beethoven's Fur Elise. Elise addressed the school "keeping it light". She gave a small gift to the girl whose exam paper had been the very last she had marked. One of her Grade 11s, Bella Ross [daughter of JENNY ROSS (Holloway 1972) – in Elise's first form class] spoke and presented her with a book with contributions from most of the entire Grade 11 class. The last page was inscribed "You, Mevrouw, will remain in this school forever". A surprise lunch in Charlie's Hope for the staff in her honour followed. Elise is very happy to be at home, at last being able to live 'without planning'. Get hold of a copy of the 2003 school magazine to read some of Mevrouw's memories.

Mrs DALENE ERDIS associated closely with Rustenburg for thirty years died in May – see Obituaries. Her daughter JENNIFER RILEY(1966) came from Singapore and phoned to give us the news. Jennifer still has a home in Fleet, UK which she visits regularly as one of her children is still at university. We were grateful for her donation for postage costs of the newsletter.

From ELVIRA GRAAP (1988) – see **Europe** - we have the sad news, now two years old, that popular German teacher of the eighties, CHRISTINE SCHLIEMANN was killed in a motorcycle accident. She left her husband Charlie Marais and two sons.

Science pupils of the early 90's will be very pleased that COLEEN SEYMOUR (Staff 1992 – 1993) is fit and well again. - See Engagements. I met her one morning as she was running in the Alphen greenbelt and she looked great. She hopes to have finished her PhD by the end of this year. Coleen and her fiance have bought a plot in Noordhoek, will marry in November. DI AWERBUCK is living in Cape Town again, writing and teaching at a film school in Observatory. Her novel Gardening at Night was short-listed for the Commonwealth First Novel Prize – one of only four. Di went to Melbourne for the finals.

I met MARIETJIE LE ROUX at Parktown Girls High in Johannesburg in January. She was settling in happily to a school which is very like Rustenburg "but bigger, noisier – they need a Miss Lennox". The headmistress is ANTHEA CERESETO (MacLeod 1968).

CAPE TOWN AND ENVIRONS

Professor JENNIFER THOMSON (Junior school 19??) has been awarded a top international honour for her contribution to research and development in molecular biology. She was one of five women scientists chosen as pioneers in their scientific fields. The award is a laureate from the L'OrealUnesco Women in Science Programme in Paris and is worth \$20 000 for further study in a laboratory of her choice. Jennifer is the daughter of Miss Thomson's cousin and ROG's will remember the outstanding lectures Jennifer has given to the Rustenburg Science Society.

ANTHEA THOMPSON (1987) was nominated yet again for the Fleur du Cap best actress award. This was for her part in *Mamma Medea*. Anthea has a remarkable record having won this award in three consecutive years and been nominated on a number of occasions. Stop Press news - Anthea gave a stunning performance as Trish in Fiona Coyne's new play *The Shadrack Affair* at the Baxter in May. Her Matric picture caption tells she was off to do Speech and Drama at UCT with the goal "To make a success of my life".

Another contributor to the Arts world, SHEILA SMIT (Chisholm 1949) has moved to join the gang of ROGs at Pinewood Village. Sheila trained as a ballet teacher and was Senior Advisor for Ballet to the House of Representatives. In this position she introduced ballet to 10 000 pupils as well as producing many future principal dancers. Sheila is ballet critic for

the Cape Times. Her three daughters were all at RGHS – ELIZABETH PRIDE HAW, MARGOT SMIT and DIANA COETZEE.

Staying with **THE FORTIES**, NOREEN KERFOOT (McHardy 1941) lives in Darling. Noreen had a distinguished academic career at Wits, BA Hons, Stellenbosch, MA and at Oxford University. Granddaughter IPHIGENIA KERFOOT (1998), a prizewinner in History and Latin in her Matric year, graduated BA Hons cum laude at UCT. AUDREY WEBB (Stakes 1944) of Kenilworth also had a granddaughter at Rustenburg, KYLE McKERROW (2002) who is studying Occupational Therapy at UWC. Kyle's mother is NADINE McKERROW (1974) of Koms Farm, Keimoes who has been a teacher for 23 years. Audrey recently visited daughter HILARY WILLIAMSON (1976) in Sydney when they spent a week exploring Tasmania. Another daughter is MARGARET HOULISTON (Webb 1975) BERYL PULKER (Croxford 1945) of Milnerton has 7 grown-up grandchildren. She with LUCY WEBSTER were the ROGU trustees on the original Rustenburg Trust in 1987. GERALDINE GARDINER (Forster headgirl 1948) is PRO for the Hermanus Wildflower Festival held every September – she writes “come see”. I think there are other ROGs involved – DEBBY BROOKE SUMNER (Toy 1956) and CAROL LEIPOLD (Groenewald 1960). Geraldine's daughter is LYNNE GARDINER WADE (1976) who lives in Mallorca, Balearic Islands, Spain with two little boys.

LYDIA MITFORD (Nellmapius 1931) has connections going right back to the beginning of Rustenburg. Her grandfather, Dr John Meiring Beck (later Sir) was on the founding committee and her mother, FRIEDA and two aunts were pupils with the eldest, MARIE, being there when the school opened. The family home was pulled down for the Junior School Hall. Lydia lives at the Strand.

MOSTLY FROM THE NINETIES

The new Woolworths in Belvedere Road has been a good place for ROG news. In one afternoon I met the mother of JESSICA PAUL (1996) a doctor doing her Community Service in Rustenburg, enjoying horse-riding and planning to go overseas. Then it was mother of ALISON BEST (1994) Hons in Social Anthropology from UCT and now in Hout Bay working for African Wildlife Films mostly scriptwriting. EMMA BOSHELL (1997) was shopping for a braai and full of news. She was au pairing – her charges being six-month old twins. This after English and Psychology and an HDE in Pre-primary at Stellenbosch. Of course there was news of the other members of a foursome famous for getting things done - like manning the Coke stall at Autumn Fair at the very last minute. KIM SAVAGE is in England loving teaching Home Economics. TAMARA NORTH did a Masters in Environmental Management at UCT. JESSICA NORTH is engaged (it was also from Emma I learned of HEATHER HONEYMAN's engagement) and I think in England as is the older sister, CARALA (1991) – see Births. Thanks for keeping in touch Carrie. A busy time for mother Rose! MICHELLE COBURN (1997) is in Johannesburg working for Porsche in marketing. Does she have a company car?

LEA HOWARD (1997) – see Engagements – sent in news of the Howard twins. Lea runs her own beauty salon at Steenberg Country Hotel having trained at the Beauty Therapy Institute. CANDICE spent 5 years in travel and tourism with British Airways in Cape Town then trained at the Sports Science Institute and works as a personal trainer in Kenilworth. Still with 1997, I always enjoy meeting JULIA BRAY (Mathew) and husband Billy when they visit the family home at Betty's Bay. Just before going to press I met INGE DE BEER (1997) working at a beautiful craft shop in the Gardens. She had studied Art at UCT and is now busy with her teaching diploma through UNISA and would be doing practice teaching at RGHS in the third term.

SHELLEY NELL (Vos, 1992) is always a great source of news – thank you Shelley. She and classmates are well-represented under Births. A friend she sees regularly is KAREN STANLEY (Le Roux) living at Tableview. Between them they have five sons. LINDA BATEMAN (Webb) with one-year old Jonathan is part of the same Mom's group. Just before Christmas Shelley was at Kirstenbosch to meet Lyndy Coombe (Buxmann) with her family, Guy and sons Dylan and Ethan – boys again!

Lyndy, I think is still in KZN. JO LUGT (Brown) works as a midwife and was expecting her first child in 2004. WENDY PRICE (Beck) is married and living in New Zealand.

JO EMMERICH (Gibson – headgirl 1992) wrote to bring us up to date with her news – see Births - 2003 must have been a packed year for Jo. She was teaching full time, completing her teaching qualification (PGCE) at UCT and had little Ruth. At ante-natal classes she met up with HEIDI WHITE (Williams 1992) – see Births. Jo plans to be a full time mom for the next year or two particularly as her husband is working on the new telescope (SALT) so they all are spending time at Sutherland. Jo's mother, OLWEN GIBSON (Jones 1954) is teaching at Kirstenbosch.

CEREN LAUBSCHER (Anderson (1995) is living in Newlands and is helping to run the family business, Anderson's Silwood Bakery (suppliers to Pick 'n Pay, Woolworth, Spar, Airlines etc) a place familiar to so many Rustybugs. She qualified at Silwood Kitchen, Rondebosch and was chef de partie at the Victoria Junction Hotel in Green Point opening up a coffee shop/bakery. Ceren married Richard early in 2002 at the Tokai Stone Chapel.

This next cheerful email gave me special enjoyment . There was a time when I had both smiling Boonzaier girls in a biology class and I remember their parents being active around the school.

"Its us- sending love and hellos from Nini (in London) and I, Sharon (in Cape Town). [SHARON and PNINA BOONZAIER (1994)]Thank you so much for keeping the news flowing. It is always very nice to hear about what everyone is getting up to and who is married and having children. I still feel like a little girl!" So - Nini studied Architecture at UCT and did very well in her final thesis. It was a wonder that she didn't die of exhaustion. I recall Daddy buying endless amounts of sweeties and biscuits for Nini to nibble on in the wee hours of the morning: in order for her not to fall asleep, Mommy tidied up all the bits of paper 24 hours a day and I was the chief painter and sander of perspex sheets for the final display! We were all very proud of ourselves by the end of the project! Nini has been in London for the last 2 years doing Architecture. I went to UCT and did a Social Science degree which I loved and then went to AAA school of advertising to do advertising design. After my studies, I travelled around the world with my boyfriend Bryan, a backpack, a drawing book and a guitar. Our fondest memories are of Guatemala - sitting at the top of a Mayan temple, above the jungle canopy , in the sweltering heat , looking out over the natural beauty as far as the eye could see .We also travelled by horse back through the wild bush in El Remate, with our new Italian friend , Angelo (who looks like Gippetto from Pinocchio) and the local medicine man. Angelo picked wild herbs and informed us of the medicinal value of many wild plants. After out travels, I worked at a design studio in Cape Town and am currently working at a film company as a creative assistant to the Director. No two days are ever the same! I spend a lot of time illustrating shooting boards, conceptualising , brainstorming and assisting on set where required eg: painting a dragon on somebodies back, painting a landscape on a skirt, painting henna patterns onto hands and feet etc. It is an exciting rollercoaster of a job and now I am exhausted. We will have to see what 2004 brings! STEPHANIE VAN NIEKERK (1994) and I keep in regular contact. She has been travelling through South America for the last few months and will return to visit Cape Town in May. She has been working as an OT in London for the last couple of years and has been doing very well

there. So I hope all is well with you and thank you once again for all your hard work. Best wishes,

Sharon.

KATIE WOLTERS (1992) is back in Cape Town after six years overseas. She is loving working for a small PR agency in Observatory and will be moving into one of those new townhouses in Obs. ALEX FULLARD (1993) is in Cape Town and is attached to the Education Management and Development Centre for the Central Metropole being Curriculum Advisor for Economics, Business Economics and Economic and Management Sciences. Wedding planned for the end of the year. VANESSA PICKFORD (Ann Turnley Jones 1993) looked very smart in her sister's uniform leaving Alphen polling station on 14 April. She is unit manager of the Sunflower unit Constantiaberg hospital which deals with transplants and bone and blood diseases. I later heard from her mother that Vanessa graduated B Hons cum laude in Nursing at UCT last year being on the Dean's List and receiving the Lecturers' Award. Next she plans to do a Masters in Haematology and then lecture. KERRI MURPHY (1993) has been teaching English in London. Now back in Cape Town she is a sculptor for a film production company. For those of you who may wonder what that might mean, she tells me, her one-time biology teacher, that she has had to construct the skeleton of a kangaroo for a documentary. Assisting on the set for the filming of Carmen in Khayalitsha was another job. I met Keri in Obs celebrating the birthday of my daughter ALISON (1993) who is also back from the UK, has bought a house in Claremont and is doing locums in casualty waiting for a proper post.

LISA GAIL OOSTHUIZEN (Melville, 1984) sent in her current details. Married to Riaan and living in Claremont, she has Jennifer and Mary-Kate who are both at Rustenburg Junior. Lisa graduated B.Sc Chem Eng at UCT in 1988 and has worked at the Caltex Refinery, Milnerton as a Process Engineer since then. JAQUI THOMAS (Smith 1986) has moved to Bryanston with Brian and son James with another on the way, due in July. SALLY HUGO-HAMMAN (1979) uses her maiden name or adds on Pooler, from husband Richard. A UCT trained architect Sally spent 3 years in London in restoration, then worked as a project architect for a large CT firm and now has been in private practice since 1995. She is mother of Sebastian 9. MARGARET HULME (Ramsay 1976) qualified as an actuary at the Institute of Actuaries, London. After 22 years at the Old Mutual she is an actuarial consultant in Healthcare. She lives in Pinelands and has a son and a daughter. We remember with pride that the first woman in South Africa to qualify as an actuary was ROG, PATRICIA WOOD (1945). COLLEEN DE VILLIERS (Jacobson 1966) also lives in Pinelands. She is married to Michael, nephew of FRED AARENHOLD (School secretary in the 50s and early 60.) Their children, a son and daughter are overseas, son an engineer who is also an organist – in an 11th century cathedral in Limerick, Ireland.

ROG's FROM THE 21st CENTURY

It is always good to have recent ROGs sending in their news. SARAH JANE FERGUSON (2000) was at UCT for 2001 studying physiology and currently is a physiotherapy student at UWC. Sarah is a swimmer and has represented WP seniors at Nationals for the past 3 years being awarded WP seniors full colours 2003 and captaining the WP team at the SA Senior Nationals 2004. She swam for SA at Fina World Cup in Durban December 2003 (All of the above are for the 50m, 100m and 200m backstroke.). She is swimming coach and teacher at Golden Grove and coaches privately.

From CAROLYN BUTCHER (2000) "Just some news from my side. I have been studying education for the last 3 years and am completing my last year through UNISA. I am also working full time at Rondebosch Boys Prep. School, working with the Grade 1-3's. It has been awesome. I have also been recently engaged See below.. I do hope that you could

inform Miss B Ryan of this as she and I were quite close and she was my E form class teacher."

KIM HENDRY (2001) is in her 3rd year of a Business Science Law degree at UCT planning to follow it with an LLB. She was on the Dean's List in 2002 and 2002 Golden Key International Honour Society 2002.

MELISSA ZAAYMAN (2002) is in her second year of Social Science, majoring in English and Psychology planning to do a doctorate and become a psychologist. She has been doing volunteer work at Valkenberg to gain practical experience.

WEDDINGS

SUSAN WYNNE (1994) chose "The Duck Pond", Welmoed Wine Estate for her wedding reception. Sister, HEATHER WYNNE (1994) was the bridesmaid. Other Rustenburg old girls who attended were YVONNE FORSHAW (1994) and MELISSA SPENCE (nee Potgieter, 1994) – friendships forged in their Erinville days.

AGATA VOS (Errera 1997) writes "It was so nice to have some of my friends from Rustenburg to celebrate this special day with me - WESAHL HARRIS, SUSANNAH LEIGH and JENNY SCHOLTZ -1997)

THE BOLAND

SUSAN ROSSOUW (Craig 1984) phoned to find out whether a 20 year reunion was being arranged and as is the way with the Rustenburg family, two nights later I was staying with HAZEL CAMPBELL (White 1956) and learned that daughter, GILLIAN CULLINAN (Campbell 1984) was already circulating lists for addresses. Susan lives on a farm in the Nuy, Worcester district with husband Francois, son of BETTY ROSSOUW (Hugo 1956). Susan is the busy mum of Christopher, 8 and Jonathan, 5 while running her own pharmacy in Worcester. Sister TESSA'S (1994) was married on the farm. I've been hoping for more details .

I have HILARY MOUTON (Hester 1991) to thank for lots of 1991 news. Hilary says Mrs Livingstone will be proud of her marrying an Afrikaner and a winemaker at that. She does not give a precise address. I just imagine it has to be in the Boland. See Births for Hilary's latest news. Even with two children she is Cellular Admin/Supervisor for Nashua Western Cape . She'd been at MARGARET ALT'S marriage in November "an absolutely beautiful wedding with a whole table of ROG's. See below for 1991 engagements, marriages and births. TARYN (Price) was about to produce a sibling for young Patrick, husband is Steve. JANINE BINNEMAN (Joubert) and Jason are expecting their first. BARBARA SCHIMDT (Elshove) and Andrew celebrated their first anniversary in February, have a puppy named Tequila. RENEE VENTER (Smit) and Mike have bought a house in Claremont and are enjoying travels around the globe.

KAREN SLATER (Wilkins 1991) lives in the Stellenbosch area, is married to a dairy farmer, works in marketing for the Eastern Cape game reserve, Lalibela and has 9 month old Hamilton whose mention brings a huge smile to his mother. She and I had a happy chance meeting at the Indaba 2004 Tourism trade fair in Durban, Karen marketing Lalibela and I, Clipclop, daughter FIONA's small publishing business. Karen looked very good.

ANN DONALD (1998) writes "since matric have been studying at Stellenbosch University. I have completed a B.Sc. in Geoinformatics and Hons in GIS for spatial analysis and decision making. I am currently busy with a Masters in GIS (Geographic Information Systems)." And still playing the viola I hope.

Caledon, is I suppose Overberg rather than Boland. That is where TRACEY BURGER (Hall 1989) lives with husband and two little girls. A Stellenbosch music graduate, Tracey enjoys doing local musical performances.

PERMANENT WORLD TRAVELLER

This letter had to be printed in full. What a job – and there's news of Long sisters and friends for good measure. Thank you Charlie!

"Hello from Taiwan- I just received the latest Old Girls letter and felt it time I sent a note in. I am CHARLOTTE RUNGEN (Long) E3 1987). I am presently and have been for the last 10 years, touring around the world with Feld Entertainment's Disney on Ice, affiliated with Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus -so you can say I ran off to join the circus. Everybody I meet seems to think I work in Disneyland, but actually I do the costuming for the travelling show "Beauty & the Beast". It's an incredible job and I love it. I met my husband, Andrew on the road and have spent an incredible 7 years with him. The only downside is that I left Cape Town for 1 year about 12 years ago, and have never really unpacked since. Travelling permanently can be extremely draining, but staying in 5-star hotels means I've never bought toilet-paper or changed my sheets or washed my towels. I'm lucky enough to have about 6 weeks downtime in CT every year, where I catch up with reality. My mother and sister ALEXANDRA PRICE (Long 1990) and her husband, John and 2 children, Nolea & Aiden moved outside of CT to Riebeek West, and it's wonderful to be able to go out there and relax. Alexi and her husband run a massage centre, specialising in Shiatsu and Deep Therapy Back Massage. They are incredible and my back is indebted to them. In CT, I am still in contact with Dr CARLA VON BENECKE (1987), VIVIENNE WEBB (1987), CATHERINE EL MARIA ('Thornewill 1987) & JENNY HISCOCK (1987). They all never fail to amaze me with their friendship and patience. As my work takes us around the world for 9 months a year, I am lucky to be able to visit friends who have moved away. My sister, SANCHIA MITCHELL (Long 1985) now lives in Avoca near Dublin, Ireland with her husband, Richard and their 2 children, Shannon and Christopher. LOUISE KEARNEY (1987) and SANDRA VILJOEN (Leggo 1987) I visit when in London. Sands and her husband, Andre, have 2 kids now, Meagan & Michelle. My cousin, CLAERWYN HAMILTON-WILKES (Howes 1991) also settled in London with her husband, Allister. We are presently doing a tour around South East Asia and Australia, and I would love to catch up with more ROG's from 1987. My Email is ukxa70@aol.com. Looking through my diary I realise how few ROG's I keep in contact with now. The world is really such a small place these days and I have no excuse. Regards, Charlie Rungen."

AUSTRALIA

The MAREK sisters have both been in Sydney in 2003 and 2004. CLAIRE (1994) trained in graphic design in Cape Town, had 5 years in London, while KATE (1998) trained at Silwood Kitchen and was working at Paris -a-go-go, Bondi Beach.

UK and EUROPE

From Italy an email from ELVIRA GRAAP (1988). I have included her contact details for old friends and travellers.

"I'm not sure to whom I'm writing exactly, but I received the December 2003 ROGU Newsletter through NICOLA VON DER HEYDEN (Freeman 1988) and it was so great to finally get some news about many of the ex Rustybugs ! Unfortunately I have not had any contact to the ROGU directly so I've missed out on much of the information in the past years and due to living in Europe, I was not able to attend the 10 year reunion of the class of 1988. I would like to receive the newsletter in future and would like to be added

to the database so to speak. Some background information on myself: I was a boarder at Erinville from 1983 to 1988 and matriculated in 1988. I studied at UCT, completing my BA (1990 - 1993) and then moved to Germany. I lived in Germany for 10 years, was married, then divorced and then moved to the US (Chicago) for 2 years working for the same company (Sauer-Danfoss) I worked for in Germany. Now I have relocated to Italy (Bologna) to be with my boyfriend and have transferred to a plant in our company in Reggio Emilia working within the Quality Control department. So luckily I have been able to stay within the Sauer-Danfoss family. My boyfriend and I work for the same company, and after having a long distance relationship for nearly 5 years, finally we made the move to live together ! The relocation from the Germany to the US and now to Italy was not easy. My home address is: Elvira Graap via U. Bassi, 8 40033 Casalecchio di Reno (BO) ITALY egraap@sauer-danfoss.com . I have been trying to get in touch with BIANCA MARSHALL (E 1988), but have been unsuccessful."

HELEN DICK (1957) who trained as a nurse and midwife in Cape Town and Scotland sent her change of address to Stanford in the Vale, Oxfordshire where she works at a nursing home.

LOUISE KRIGE. (1994) studied at Stellenbosch, lives in Putney, London and is working in Property Strategy & Research at Morley Fund Management in London

PENELOPE-ANNE PAULIN (1987) - see Births - lives in Ruspidge, Gloucestershire being a mother to two after training in nursing and dental nursing at Groote Schuur and Guy's. London.

SOUTH EAST ASIA - Hello from sunny Saigon!

Just as MARIAN LENNOX (Staff) and I were planning to a visit Franschoek to enjoy LIZETTE CRABTREE'S (1994) cooking at Monneaux – restaurant guides had given her high praise – this email arrived :

"Hello there! This is a short note to say heya and to say I am very sorry will be missing the Old Girls' event for E 94 this year!! I am currently working as executive sous chef at the Caravelle Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) . It is a magic place, filled with history and tradition. If any old girls out in SE Asia, would be great to make contact! I am here on a contract basis, Mrs McIntyre will not believe her ears when she learns who it is, as she knows how awfully homesick I was as a boarder at Erinville for the 1st year at RGHS!! Look at me now, thousands of miles away! Well all I can say is that it is a great holiday destination, and there is terrific diversity not only in activities but also in food, culture and scenery."

(I also remember Lizette in that first year, and how her father was worried about her settling at RGHS. How well she has done. Great to hear from you, Lizette. MRB)

AND HONG KONG – home to GRETA HENLEY (Nansen 1989) for the last two years. See Marriages. I hear, that armed with an MBA, she arrived to work in Hong Kong, met Robert an Englishman.

NORTH AMERICA

A welcome letter from NICKI EBEL (Doyle 1983)

"Thank you so much for e-mailing me the newsletter - I thoroughly enjoyed perusing it and catching up with some of the stories of friends from long ago. I am now living in the USA and have been for 11 years. After graduating from UCT as an Occupational Therapist and working at Conradie Hospital for a couple of years I lived and worked in London, travelling through Europe in between locums. I then decided to move onto the States and worked and travelled through some of the States before I met my husband - David in a tiny little town in Oregon called La Grande. After a couple of years we got married and

now have 4 sons I never would have imagined that for myself!! We have twins who are 6 (Bryce and Joshua) Michael who is 4 and Callum who is 15 months old. We've decided to wait for daughters -in -law! I mostly stay at home with our kids but do holiday coverage for 2 Occupational Therapists in town which is a nice arrangement. David has his own Physio clinic with 4 Physio's, an OT and a couple of Athletic Trainers. La Grande is a wonderful place to raise a family and offers great outdoor opportunities both winter and summer. I've been back to Cape Town a few times and every time drive passed RGHS which houses so many profound and happy memories for me. Thank you again for tracking me down. NICKI EBEL (Doyle - 1983)"

An ROG from another generation, also with four sons in North America, is ADIE DE GROOT (Fish 1956) in Toronto. She has four marvellous daughters -in-law who last year each presented her with a grandchild, bringing the total to six. To the delight of her Cape Town friends Adie now spends the first two months of the year here. MARIE BOTHA (van Oudtshoorn 1956) held a lunch on her Rawsonville farm for her. JACKIE POLLET (De Vaal 1956) was there in between caring in England and travelling on the proceeds. Last destination was Iceland. Jackie was wearing a most attractive ring designed and made by KIM BEKKER (1992) Other guests were ANGELA DE VILLIERS (Roberts/Worth 1958) with tales of a very happy 45-year reunion of her class and LINDA MARY McLAGAN (Ellis 1966) mother of two sons and now retired.

Living in Oklahoma City, USA since the '90s is LESLEY BASSET (Du Plessis 1974) She has 2 sons at the Univ of Oklahoma and writes "My passion has always been children and I have been blessed being able to teach, sing to and make music for kids for much of my career." KATHY SAVAGE (Van Zyl Smit 1988) has moved from Cambridge, England, to Massachusetts with baby daughter as her husband is at Harvard for the next couple of years.

JAQUI COOKS (1998) – see Engagements – was moving to Lincoln, New Hampshire at the end of last year. She has had a fascinating array of jobs here and in the US and UK – an entertainer at Ratanga Junction, at a ski resort for a year, hotels in London. Before leaving SA she was a sales executive at the new Cape Town International Convention Centre. Always the entrepreneur, Jaqui wrote of the Junior Achievement programme in the magazine of 1997 "...I ..learned a great sales pitch...learnt valuable life skillsthat commitment and dedication are the two main ingredients for success" – the enterprise was a chocolate making company.

My reason for not being at Founders' Day turned out to be a ROG occasion. My brother was retiring from the SANDF with a farewell parade in Pretoria. His wife who was looking very elegant, is YOLANDE TRAINOR (Ahrens 1962) daughter is SALLY (1988) up from Cape Town as was our sister JEAN COHEN (Trainor 1968). Yolande's sister WENDY WILLOUGHBY (Ahrens 196?) living in Pretoria was there and CHARMIAN WIGHTMAN (Cullis 1966) from Durban. At Charmian's daughter's wedding in May I met PENNY PURCHASE (Smedley 1963). Penny is librarian at Michaelhouse where her husband is on the staff. – they will be retiring at the end of the year. The parade was the Retreat ceremony, sunset, very traditional, but with new faces, most impressive and encouraging.

To end, a quote from a recent Fair Lady in Fair Play "If you want people to actually buy black dolls, model them on a baby Beyoncé, Naomi Campbell or *Isidingo's* HLUBI MBOYA" – that's our Hlubi (1995).

With best wishes to you all,

Mary Rose

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ENGAGEMENTS

COLEEN SEYMOUR (Staff 1991 – 1993) to Onno Heys in Cape Town this year (wedding planned for November)

JACKY BOTES to Matthew Archard of the UK in January 2004

HEATHER HONEYMAN (current Staff - and daughter of VAL POWELL 1960) to Richard van Zyl Smit (brother of Kathy 1988) on 29 February 2004 in Cape Town

FIONA BEGG (1992) to Colin Mathieson on 25 December 2003 in London (wedding planned in SA for March 2005)

JESSICA NORTH (1997) to Bruce Lennox [brother of MICHELLE (1999) and SUZANNE (200?)] in August 2003

CAROLYN BUTCHER (2000) to Neal de Kock in Cape Town recently – wedding at the end of 2004

JULIA PARSONAGE (1991) to Bruce Ladegaard – wedding planned for 2004

LUCIA THOMSON (1994) to Neal Hardwick of the UK, in April 2004

DEBBY KENYON (1989) to Chan Fredrickson in Denver, Colorado on November 20 2003 – wedding planned for 2 July in Colorado. debby.kenyon@wgint.com

LEA HOWARD (1997) to Jason de Wet (RBHS 1992) – must be married, date set was 29 November, 2003

JAQUI COOKS (1998) to David Strangman in 2003

PEGGY EVANS (Duffett 1956) to Jeremy Wynne in Cape Town in June 2004

MARRIAGES

JANINE JOUBERT (1991) to Jason Binneman – no details

CEREN ANDERSON (1995) to Richard Lee Laubscher on 26 January 2002 in the Stone Chapel, Tokai.

TESSA CRAIG (1994) to ? on her sister's farm near Worcester in 2003

MARGARET ALT to Brad Lloyd in Constantia on 29 November 2003

AGATA ERRERA (1997) to Warren de Vos on 16 December 2003 – I think in Cape Town

NATALIE MOORE (1996) to Ryan Frith on 20 December 2003 at the Stone Chapel in Tokai and afterwards at On the Rocks, Bloubergstrand.

JO HANSLO (1997) to Gareth Peers (RBHS) in December 2003

SUSAN WYNNE (1994) to Iwan van Wyk at the "St. Anthony in the Valley" chapel in Lynedoch, Stellenbosch, on the 13th March 2004.

GAYE SAXBY (1991) to Cecil Wheeler on 3 April 2004 at Silvermist, Constantia.

GRETA NANSEN (1989) to Robert Henley on 16 April 2004 in Christ Church Constantia and afterwards at Groot Constantia

BIRTHS

To HILARY HESTER (1991) and Takkies Mouton a daughter Pia on 24 July 2003 sister to Michael, 3.

To KAREN WILKINS (1991) and Rob Slater a son, Hamilton who was born on 23 July 2003 in Stellenbosch or Cape Town

To TANIA HASS (1989) and Martin Duys a son Oscar on October 30 in Cape Town - Oscar is grandson to GILL HASS biology teacher for many years up till 1993.

To SHELLEY VOS (1992) and ? Nell a son Ross on 30 December 2003 in Cape Town, brother to Kyle, 3

To HEIDI WILLIAMS (1992) and ? White a daughter, Taylor in August 2003 in Cape Town

To JO GIBSON (Headgirl 1992) and Roy Emmerich a daughter, Bronwen Ruth in August 2003 in Cape Town – first grandchild for OLWEN (Jones 1954)
To KAREN LE ROUX (1992) and David Stanley, a son Daniel, brother to Christopher, 4 and Nicholas, 3 sometime mid – 2003 in Cape Town.
To KATHRYN STINSON (1990) and Thomas Moultrie, a daughter Sophia Kate, sister to William (21 months) on 15 January 2004 – I think in Cape Town
To PENELOPE-ANNE ROUX (1987) and Ian Paulin a daughter Phoebe Elizabeth, sister to Abigail Frances in Gloucestershire, UK on 26 February 2004
To CARRIE NORTH (Barnetson 1991) and Murray a son Cameron Stewart brother to Angus James on 23 March in Cambridge, UK
To TESSA KOSTER (1991) and Arno van Wyngaarden a daughter, Sarah Louise on 2 April 2004 in Cape Town
To BRENDA ELLISON (Staff) and Al a son Matthew James on 4 April 2004 in Cape Town
To ALISON ABERT (1989) and Brendan Coyle a son Spencer Martin on 12 April 2004 in Auckland, New Zealand
To DELIA CLOETE – HOPKINS (19??) and Stephen Baxter a daughter, sister to James, on 20 May 2004 in Southampton, England.

DEATHS

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of all ROG's who have moved on.
HEATHER KATHLEEN FILMALTER (Mitton 1982) on 28 November 2003 in Canberra, Australia
PHYLLIS TRIBBLE (Junior School Staff for about 20 years, retiring in the 70's) on December 14, 2003
GILL RIST (Butler - late 30s or early 40s) in Port Elizabeth in February 2004
DOREN WARD (Dorothy Templeton 1956) on 29 February 2004 in Cape Town
DALENE ERDIS in May 2004 in Cape Town
CYNTHIA WATERMEYER (Boyes 194?) sister of Betty (1951) and Lorna
PAMELA GEYER (Lee 1952) suddenly 15 March, 2004 in Pinelands (cousin to Barbara Fish 1954)
ME SPENCER (Canning 1937) in Somerset West recently
HBGUDMANZ (Francis 1931) in Vancouver, Canada recently

OBITUARY

DOREN WARD (Dorothy Templeton 1956)
Thank you to daughter CATHY WARD for the following :
Doren passed away after a long illness leaving her husband, three daughters and a son-in-law. She served as a member of the ROGU committee for many years and will be remembered by many for her long-standing and faithful service to the Girl Guides Association of South Africa

REUNIONS

RUSTENBURG REUNION 1954 – 2004
Thank you RHEINA EPSTEIN (1954) for this account of the Reunion. This Reunion was clearly superbly organised. Well done E's of 1954!
Linking their 50th anniversary to the Rustenburg Girls' Schools 2004 Founder's Day celebrations, more than half the Matric class of 1954 celebrated their gala reunion over the weekend of 29 January -1 February 2004 with classmates coming from all over the world - Canada, the USA, the UK, Australia and Namibia, besides those who have retired all over South Africa and those still living in Cape Town. The reunion began with a visit to

the Junior School. After a warm welcome by Mrs Conway, the present Headmistress, and a charming song recital by Grades 5 and 6 learners, the visitors were each presented with a posy of flowers by Grade 3 learners before being taken on a tour of the school where they marvelled at the changes in the buildings (and in the style of learning) Celebrations at the High School took the form of a tea (where name tags were very necessary as although some of the class appeared unchanged, many were virtually unrecognisable); attendance at the School assembly where an address was delivered by Rheina Epstein as a representative of the class of 1954; and an Old Girls lunch at Charlie's Hope. Dr E Fullard, the current Headmistress, after providing an illuminating introduction to the school today, took the visitors on a tour of the facilities and the Boarding House - a real trip into nostalgia for the former inhabitants Lunch at Hartenberg Wine Estate on the Bottelary Road was the formal occasion for the 1954 class celebration (which was also attended by number of husbands). A walk along the River at Silvermine on Sunday finished off the weekend. Those who attended the reunion expressed themselves as well satisfied but what was most gratifying was to feel the sense of tradition and to note the change from a somewhat exclusive British colonial school to a more inclusive South African school without losing any of those values that made Rustenburg so special for those who went there.

And from MAUREEN MANTELL'S (Mellish 1954) introduction to the Biographies of the Class of 1954

Many thanks to those who have contributed to this booklet, for which items have been placed alphabetically in order of first names. I have found it most interesting to compile, and it has been especially wonderful being in contact with so many of you either by E-Mail, fax or telephone.

Hard to believe 50 years have elapsed since we were dressed in blue and navy! Many have embarked on illustrious careers in a wide variety of spheres and quite a few are living elsewhere in the world. I would highly recommend a visit to Dr Inge's website, ie, RosettaStoneInc.com, which is filled with fascinating information.

The Reunion weekend, was a tremendous success, and greatly enjoyed by all at the various events. The highlight was Rheina Epstein's brilliant address at the Founder's Day Assembly). Many of us were instantly recognisable, despite the greying hair, but others had to be asked for their names!

A special thanks to Rheina Epstein, Jeanne Jackson (Logan), Shirley Churms (Macintosh), Eileen Laurenson (Cassidy), Benita Stein (Walt), Erica Forder (Westall), Jean Blanckenberg, Olwen Gibson (Jones), Jean Purcell (Simpson), Benita Batchelor (Knoblauch) and Evelyn Rossmeisl (Kahn), who formed the committee which planned the events for the Reunion weekend.

Thanks too to all those who contributed towards gifts, totalling R5,660, for both schools. It has been decided to donate R2,000 to the Junior School and R3,000 to the High School, use what is required to cover the printing and postage costs for the booklet and donate the balance to the African Scholars' Fund, which is supported by the High School.

Some of the comments after the reunion :

Helge Staby Deaton: Here I am back in the US, filled with images and experiences

Maira Schafer Lawton from Knysna

I really want to thank those responsible for organising such a successful reunion over the weekend. I was a bit apprehensive about the whole affair, but I am SO glad that I decided to join in.

Jean Wiggett (Boyd)

It was a resounding success it is surely a tribute that people came from near and far to be together.

Jean was trained as a piano teacher. Under 'interesting facts' she writes "married to a clergyman – self-explanatory – now retired"

THE ACADEMICS ;

MARCIA LEVESON (Honikman) Lives in Johannesburg. Widowed - husband, Geoffrey Leveson, was a judge. 3 children (2 emigrated), 6 grandchildren. Ph.D in English Literature. Retired Associate Professor of English at the University of the Witwatersrand. Honorary Research Fellow in the School of Languages. Past President of the English Academy of Southern Africa. Director of Quartz Press. Founder committee member and lecturer for University of the Third Age, Johannesburg. Edited many anthologies, especially poetry. Published many articles, short stories, poems and book reviews. Academic book - *People of the Book* - appeared in 1996. Directed a modern ballet based on poetry of Roy Campbell. Founder editor of *Imprint* (a magazine of the Arts). Adjudicator for literary competitions and awards. Studying for a Higher Diploma in Special Needs Education through UNISA. Interests include Tai Chi, spiritual matters, art.

SHIRLEY CHURMS (Macintosh)

After leaving school I spent 7 years as a student at the University of Cape Town, where I obtained a B Sc. degree in 1957, followed by B Sc (Hons) in chemistry and, after three years' research, a PhD . For most of the next two years I was based in London, on a post-doctoral fellowship at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in South Kensington,In 1964 I rejoined the Department of Chemistry at UCT and this was my professional base for the next 30 years, for most of this time (from 1968) as Senior Research Associate and Deputy Director of the Carbohydrate Chemistry Research Unit sponsored by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).I attended some international conferences, both in this country and overseas, and was the author of over 50 research papers as well as two booksdevoted to my special interest, chromatographic analysis of carbohydrates.my active career in the laboratory came to an end. I then embarked on a new phase in my life. As I had always been interested in writing,.... I decided that the remainder of my working life would be best spent helping students, and especially those from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds, to acquire academic writing skills. ...I worked in the Writing Centre for the next six years. This was a very different and extremely interesting phase of my career, as I was called upon to help students, eventually at postgraduate as well as undergraduate level, from all faculties and in all disciplines. ... since then I have been back in the Department of Chemistry, where I continue to help their students to develop writing skills and still do some writing myself, with my third book currently in preparation.

INGEBORG HARDING BARLOW

After taking my PhD in Chemistry at UCT, I came to the USA in September 1961 and did my AAUW (American Association of University Women) Postdoc work at Oak Ridge, Tennessee for 4 months and then spent the whole of 1962 at the MD Anderson Cancer Hospital, Houston, Texas. After this, I spent a couple of years in the Internal Medicine Department of the VA Hospital & Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, before joining the Pathology Department at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, in 1965. In 1966, I was granted a special Green Card as "Being of more use to the USA (doing laser microprobe research) than to my country of origin". I bought a home in South Palo Alto and it has remained my base to this day.

In 1969, I was part of the NASA team who immediately analysed the first moon rocks brought back to earth. Later I became an independent Toxicological Consultant, taking

part in many exciting projects all over the world. This has meant much travel, including 3 trips to India & Bangladesh and countless ones to England, Europe and Australia, but unfortunately few to Africa.

From JUDITH GORDON (Stuart Watson 1964) this account of their Reunion.

Forty years on, when afar and asunder

Parted are those who are singing today. Harrow School Song

Our fortieth anniversary was certainly not in our minds in 1964 when we dressed up as Beatles and rampaged up the avenue on our way to our final day of school! Kennedy had been assassinated the year before and Verwoerd was still Prime Minister, but we were looking forward (after exams) to our summer holiday, as promised by Cliff Richard.

Although older, greyer and (probably) wiser than we were then, the faces of our classmates were still reassuringly familiar, and excited exclamations set the neighbourhood air alight as twenty-three of us gathered on 29 January at the home of Tim and Judith Gordon (Stuart-Watson) in Newlands for a light supper. We were thrilled to see Mrs McCrindle (Pat Butler, our piano teacher) who came up from Fish Hoek. It was a privilege to welcome Dr Elizabeth Fullard, the current Headmistress, who gave up her evening to meet the group: this meant a lot to us. We were very sad to hear of the death the previous night of Mrs Van der Spuy, Zephne's mother and sister of Miss Thomson. We missed them both very much, knowing that they had planned to come. We had been looking forward to congratulating Zephne on her outstanding success in the field of Obstetrics, of which she is now Professor at UCT, giving papers all over the world.

Dorothea Natrass (Robinson, whose mother, Helen Austen, remained friends till her death with Judith's mother, Joan Parsons, both in matric in 1931) had come especially from her home in Hazelmere, UK, and Disa Corrigan (Zoutendyk) from Qatar on the Persian Gulf where her husband is on contract. Crystal Blackmore (Munro) was in Cape Town visiting her father, and it was lovely to see her too. Jennifer Matchett (Reid) came from Port Elizabeth, and Beryl Lewus (Lowenthal) and her husband Cecil from Johannesburg. We reminisced about Beryl's little fish ponds she drew endlessly in Miss Tribble's Art class. – See Deaths. (She never completed the pictures.) Felicity Hartley (Botha) flew in from Durban: she was Head of Erinville, and we received apologies from her mates Rene Rust (van Niekerk) who is engaged in a doctorate in Archaeology at the University of Stellenbosch, and Maeve Bleach (Ryan). We talked about our Head Girl, Ann Strauss (Mackay), now living in the USA, as well as others who were unable to come.

"Locals" included the Marys – Debrick (Muller) and Van der Merwe (Mitchell), Carol Faull (Anderson), Beverley Bird (Walker), Sandra Lefevre (Behrman), Margaret Cockburn (Duck) who with Disa had prepared the supper, and Rosemary Casserley (Gadd) who kindly brought photostats of photographs which evoked many memories. Judith and Susan Whitelaw (Jessop) remembered working in the same group in Miss Heath's science lab, notably when a large rubber tube of mercury burst, spilling its contents over the floor, to be picked up painstakingly throughout Big Break.

E's of 1956 are planning their 50 year Reunion for the Founders' Day week end ie last in January 2006.

E's of 1960 are having a 45 year reunion in March 2005. Contact HELEN ESTCOURT (Pinchin) for details.

E's of 1994 have provisional dates for their Reunion. SUSAN WYNNE at susanwynne@mweb.co.za gave dates as 17th/18th/19th December 2004. This will enable girls coming home for Christmas to be there. CARMEN BARKHUIZEN (Gold 1994) has created a website which can be viewed at [.http://mysite.mweb.co.za/residents/cgold](http://mysite.mweb.co.za/residents/cgold). Feel

free to email Carmen a brief update of yourself and a picture for the website (carmen@firstascent.co.za) Thank you Susan for keeping us abreast of happenings.

INVITATION TO THE 2003 MATRICS

A reunion will be hosted for you by the ROGU in the Hall Foyer on Friday 13 August 2004 between 18h00 and 20h00. RSVP to Robyn Nunneley at e-mail:

nunnelev@worldonline.co.za

NEWS FROM RUSTENBURG JUNIOR

Rustenburg Old Girls (those who matriculated between 1980 and 1995) are invited to visit the Junior School on Thursday 5 August at 10h00. You will have a chance to view the school in action and see how much it has grown over the past 15 - 20yrs. We look forward to welcoming you to the Junior School.

For more information or to reply to this invitation please contact the School 021- 6891981 or Saranne Salmon 072 260 4878 (PRO). Saranne is also available on email at sbsalmon@telkomsa.com.

The Junior School has a number of "Memos of Rustenburg" available such as a Rustybug golf umbrella (R100), a Rustybug foldable picnic mat (R150), mugs for R45, car stickers for R15, and adult zip-up fleece tops (long-sleeved R150 and sleeveless R130). To order these or to find out what else is available contact Saranne Salmon as given above.

RUSTENBURG TRUST NEWS

As mentioned by Dr Fullard, the Trust is no longer able to obtain contributions via school fees. Effectively the Trust will have to rely on bequests and donations from interested parties. Obviously ROGU should be playing a major role in channelling funds to the Trust, which then allocates money to both schools for the financing of capital projects, maintenance of the buildings, etc. In the past Trust funds have paid for the resurfacing of tennis courts, drainage system for the hockey fields, security fencing, painting of the buildings and so on – to the tune of many millions of rands since the inception of the trust in the late 1980s.

The Rustenburg Trust is in the process of becoming registered as a Public Benefit Organisation and as such will be able to issue tax receipts for any donations received. The schools themselves are currently able to do this. All donations are therefore tax deductible.

This is an appeal which the ROGU representatives who serve on the Trust hope that you will take to heart. Are you soon to update your will? Remember Rustenburg as you do this important task and make sure that current and future learners are enabled to enjoy the highest quality education in the best surroundings possible.

If you would like any further information, send an email to rogu2000@hotmail.com. We hope to have many responses from all over the world.