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Dear Old Girls

Another year gone and what a year it has been! It used to be only the older folk who felt the passing of time so keenly, but nowadays even the girls are marvelling at the speed of things. We all live at such a pace, surrounded by our electronic equipment and gadgets to answer our every need that we often fail to savour each day as it comes.

There have been times in the past educational year when we have urgently needed to stop and take stock, but new curricula, new policies and new shocks regarding funding and staffing have been hurled at us relentlessly, often rendering such a process an impossible luxury.. What is clear is that 2005 is going to be a crunch year in education. State funding formulas are set to change as national rather than provincial norms and standards are applied.

The Western Cape stands to lose out on its allocation as many of the schools which are considered to be "poor" in this province would be seen as being quite well off in a national context. Rustenburg has always been categorised as a "wealthy" school but if subsidies are cut across the board, ours will obviously be affected - adversely, need I add.

Changes to the SA Schools' Act are also pending especially with regard to the ability of Governing Bodies to make appointments and deciding on admissions to schools. More and more, the state will assume responsibility for these matters, especially deciding when a school is full. This could result in some overcrowded schools having to reduce numbers while others, perceived to have more "favourable" teacher-learner ratios, being instructed to increase their intake.

The outcome of the state taking greater control of the areas which have been assigned to parents in the past could be that parents will lose interest in state schools. This will affect general parental participation, fund-raising activities and, quite possibly herald an unprecedented move towards private schooling where they will have a say in their children's education. Worrying indeed!

Despite all this, Rustenburg has had a good year. Storms have been weathered and the ups have outweighed the downs. The girls have continued to achieve success in a variety of spheres and we are hopeful of a good set of Matric results.

The girls are fortunate to have a stable corps of teachers - only one leaving at the end of 2004 - who keep abreast of developments and have the girls and their well-being firmly in focus.

I hope that each one of you has also had a good year. If not, I know that you will have faced any setbacks with the grit and determination which is at the core of all Rustybugs.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Founders' Day on 28 January 2005- Rustenburg's 111th birthday!

With all good wishes for a joyous festive season

Elizabeth Fullard

REMEMBER FOUNDERS' DAY IS THE LAST FRIDAY IN JANUARY (28 JAN) – TEA, ASSEMBLY, LUNCH. EMAIL mmantell@absamail.co.za OR PHONE MAUREEN MANTELL AT (021) 671-1996 TO BOOK LUNCH. COST IS R45 PER PERSON FOR A THREE COURSE MEAL.

From the Editor, Mary Rose Berrisford (Trainer 1956, Staff 1989 – 1998)

Dear Old Girls,

Prizegiving, or as it is now called, the Annual Awards Dinner, once again featured a fairly recent ROG. DONNE CAMERON (Jones 1990), National Director of Habitat for Humanity, gave an excellent address before presenting the prizes. She used her career path to give pointers to the girls now making decisions. Law had seemed an obvious choice for her at UCT. One reason was to show how a woman could be a better lawyer than men – a result of her Rustenburg background she says. After a year practising as a candidate attorney in Pretoria she realised she wanted to be a part of the changes in this country. Back in Cape Town she found Habitat for Humanity, an international organization of volunteers who build houses in poor communities. It encourages volunteerism even within the community being helped. It gives people dignity and hope and a sense that reaching out together they can overcome. Working there Donne found remarkable people, people living lives of courage with a bravery to live a life that is different. She encouraged the girls to look beyond money and appearances, moving with the right crowd. "Dare to dream, dare to be different, dare to make a difference". That is the way of more adventures and of lives of celebration. Donne has seen more celebration of life among poor people. She described the service of dedication at the completion of every home. Builders and owners pray over the home, they cry about the hope born in the house. "What you do with your talent matters" said Donne, "Rustenburg gives wonderful opportunities. Leave the world a better place".

Donne married Paul in March 2003 in the Rosebank Methodist Church. She is a local preacher, travels often on business and was about to visit the US looking for funds to form a branch of Habitat for Humanity.

Rustenburg together with RBHS has a flourishing Habitat for Humanity Club. This year it raised R10 000. Please support members looking for sponsorship for Shack Attack and other fund-raisers.

RUSTENBURG AT THE OLYMPICS

I'm afraid a gremlin lost the Stop Press in the last Newsletter. This was that Rustenburg was the early training ground for half of the South African Fencing Team in Athens. CLEMENTINE WILLIAMS (1992) and RACHAEL BARLOW (2000) were in the all-women team. Very well done both! I'm afraid I don't know how they fared.

From the 1984 Reunion biographies I learnt that the headgirl of that year, CARYL BECKER, was a member of the Team Great Britain Headquarters Physiotherapist Team at the Athens Olympics. She writes, "Walking into the stadium for the opening ceremony probably does not compare to the birth of your first child, or your wedding day, but just surpasses being sung to by Bono in the front row of a U2 concert (and yes that really has happened!). Since arriving back the 'experiencing firsts' has continued with a reception at Buckingham Palace and the opportunity to meet the Queen, her husband and children (all except Charles). Caryl's first position in the UK was with the Yorkshire County Cricket team, then the Lawn Tennis Association before being appointed senior physiotherapist to the British Olympic Association.

STAFF

Popular Home Economics teacher HEATHER HONEYMAN married Richard van Zyl Smit in Christ Church, Kenilworth on 24 September. Lunch in the lovely restaurant at Kirstenbosch followed. Mother of the bride is VAL HONEYMAN (Powell 1960), new sister-in-law who came from Massachusetts, is KATHY SAVAGE (Van Zyl Smit 1988). BETSY VERMEULEN (Lofty Eaton Home Ec Staff in the 90's) travelled from Namibia with husband and two small sons for the wedding. To cap

this ROG involvement, Heather's dress was made by DEBBIE HENSHILWOOD (Wilson 197?) one of GILL COCKRAM'S star Needlework pupils. Debbie is mother of KATHRYN (1998) and LUANNE (1994).

JENTY ALSTON (Staff in the 90s) visited her parents in Hermanus from her home in Chichester. Time was short so there was a gathering in our Betty's Bay garden. What fun we had. Sad times too remembering ADELE CLOETE. With one exception all had been on the staff in the nineties, now only GILL COCKRAM is still there. DIRKJE MOUTON is looking well and happy after a serious illness. She and HANNEKE DE BRUIJN are at Herschel, Dirkje heading the Afrikaans department. ROSE SMITH has a marvellous job working from her home in Pinelands collecting debts for schools and colleges. PIPPA VISSER is at Springfield but has had this year off to write textbooks, LINNELL HOLLAND teaches at Groote Schuur. REVIVA SCHERMBRUCKER writes and freelances in the area of early childhood education.

Mid-November, late one afternoon, I popped in to see Tommy (MARGARET THOMSON), headmistress 1951 - 1979. She confessed to being exhausted - "I've just been chairing a meeting." This was the committee of Cheadia, a CPOA Cape Peninsula Old Age home. It did not take long for her to be her sparkling alert self. She is indefatigable.

OLDER ROGS

Thank you FRIEDA WOOLLGAR (Retief 1958) for sending news of her mother's 90th birthday – mother is LYDIA RETIEF (Nellmapius 1931) I am sorry I mistakenly gave her surname as Mitford in the last newsletter. Lydia celebrated this landmark birthday in August with a party at Bridgewater, Somerset West. She continues to live at the Strand with her daughter ANNETTE VAN NIEKERK (Retief 1968)

Thank you too to BERYL DARGE (Nicholson 1946) of Hermanus, who a year ago sent in her memories of the late PAM JEAREY (Norris 1949) who died in July 2003. I am sorry, Beryl, that a gremlin has held up your letter somewhere. Beryl writes of Pam, "Pam was my secretary when we were both employed in the personnel department of a large insurance company. She was the perfect secretary – professional lay-out of what she had typed beautifully and accurately, faultless spelling and punctuation. She was a caring, kind friend, brave to the end. She will be sorely missed."

STORY OF AN AFRICAN FARM

KAREN VAN DER LAAG (1989) stars in this new film. Co-star is none other than Richard Grant.

ROG HEADMISTRESSES

MARIETJIE LE ROUX (ex-Staff) sent me details of her present headmistress at Parktown Girls' High. ANTHEA CERESETO (McLeod 1968) graduated B.A., LL.B. and B.Ed, (Management), has taught English for more than 30 years, 10 in co-ed schools and the balance in all girls' schools. She used her law background in voluntary work as Legal Aid Advisor. From 1993 to 1997 she was headmistress at Waverley Girls' High before being appointed to her present position. On the home front, Anthea has been married to John for 32 years and has two daughters, one of whom is a teacher. She enjoys reading, classical music, travelling and trawling, is active in her church and says she is now, regrettably, a passive sportswoman. Life must be very busy as she has many professional involvements. Currently she is Chairman of the National Union of Educators in Gauteng, a representative of the National Professional Association of Teachers of South Africa at various forums and workshops as well as being a member of that body's Council. She is also a Councillor of the SA Council for Educators, an Executive Committee Member of the SA Principals' Association with responsibility for PRO and sponsorship. Anthea is a member of the Gauteng

Education and Training Council, and alternate member on the SA Quality Assurance Authority National Standards Board for Communications Studies and languages. For five years she was Gauteng Department of Education Internal moderator for English First Language.

Headmistresses who were at Rustenburg in the fifties include PAM GELDARD (Hershel) and FIONA WATSON (Stewart 1952), Observatory Girls' High and San Souci. JENNY MASTERSON (Solomon 1964) retired as headmistress of Micklefield last year.

ROG's at RGJS

I enjoyed a happy evening with the ROGU committee at Chinese restaurant. Sitting next to me was TANYA DEAN (Vermeulen 1988) who teaches at the Junior School – she has a daughter who enters RGHS next year. Tanya clearly loves her work and told me there are a number of ROGs with her on the staff. JEAN BEKKER has many years service, DAPHNE NUNNELEY (Schermbucker 1963) mother of ROBYN (1995) is there, also MARILYN SIEBÖRGER and EILY BATES. SARANNE SALMON (Waterworth) is the PRO and not surprisingly, JEANNE FORCIOLI (1994) teaches Phys Ed. Jeanne plays touch rugby for South Africa and is teaching the sport at school.

SNIPPETS FROM THE SIXTIES

BARBARA KEMPEN (Holmes 1963) sent in her data base form. She lives in Linden, Johannesburg, married to Henry and has a daughter and two sons. From the same year JUDY ORPEN (Bain) has a postal address in Windmeul, WP, is married to Michael and also has a daughter and two sons. It would be great to have a little more news. So often people write that they seldom read about their contemporaries. CAROLYN RODGER (Bocock 1965) sent in a good page of news with her data base form. Thank you. Carolyn and her Presbyterian minister husband Alistair, recently moved to Port Elizabeth where she had started her teaching career many years ago. She writes, "Once I have settled down here, I shall investigate teaching opportunities in PE – teaching is definitely what I like most – whatever form of shape it takes." For 27 years Carolyn lived in various parts of Gauteng, teaching except for a 15 year break while raising two sons – James, doing a Masters in Botany in Kwazulu Natal and Douglas, teaching English at Florida High. Carolyn's most recent post was at a former NEST college, Summit College, small, co-ed, multi-racial, which she found, "a most stimulating and humane place to be in this time of educational turmoil."

JANET PRYOR (Hyde 1969) is a member of the ROGU committee. I enjoyed meeting her at the committee supper.

THE SEVENTIES

DR ANNE THACKERAY (Hogan-Fleming 1971) wrote a welcome update from her home in Gauteng – postal address is Faerie Glen, Pretoria. Anne is an honorary research associate of the Division of Archaeology in the School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies at Wits and does freelance archaeological writing, research and editing from home. She is married to Francis and is mother to Henry 13. Anne graduated B.A. Hons at UCT before going to Yale where she obtained her M.Phil and PhD in Archeology. Work in the departments of Archaeology at the Universities of Stellenbosch and the Witwatersrand followed. It would be interesting to know what is Anne's particular field of expertise.

TEBBUTT playing some of the best golf of her life at 50- headline in the Cape Times of 6 May 2004. GILLIAN TEBBUTT (Whitfield 1971) had just won the Gauteng Women's Matchplay Championship at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington "by producing some of the best golf of a long and successful career" In both the semifinal and final Gilly dispatched highly rated young women half her age by 5 and 4. The report goes on "Probably the most successful amateur South Africa has ever produced, Tebbutt first won a major provincial title,

the Western Province matchplay, way back in 1972 at age 18. Since then she has added another 12 WP matchplay crowns as well as nine national titles. Tebbutt has also won the Rondebosch club championships and astonishing 27 times." Says Gilly, "I feel I can still compete and I certainly don't feel 50. I just wish there was a senior tour for women like for men when they turn 50, because believe me, I'd be there." The school magazines of '70 and '71 show Gillian in the tennis and hockey teams.

LYNNE WADE (Gardiner 1978) graduated B.Sc, from Stellenbosch, taught at Bergvliet and in East London. She made her mark on the sports scene, diving for WP and SAU and also playing netball for WP. Then followed what must have been an adventurous 10 years as chef on big charter yachts. Now settled in Baleares, Spain, Lynne is mother to Matthew, 4 and Sebastian 1.

ELIZABETH BRADLOW (Stoney 1970) sent this account of her family and her life in Melbourne, Australia. I am specially grateful for the tribute to her late mother HELEN STONEY (Kington 1940). Please do send news of your ROG friends.

My husband is Hugh Bradlow, RBHS (1969). We have 3 children: James is 22.... now doing post-grad Law at Darwin University. Lucy is 20. She is doing Arts/Law at Monash University here in Melbourne. Richard is 14 and he is in Year 9 at Melbourne Grammar School. After living in Cape Town, Oxford and Wollongong (NSW), we now live very happily in Melbourne - we have been in Australia for 17 years. I teach part-time at Camberwell Girls' Grammar School - English and ESL at the matric level. I graduated with a BA in Psychology and English at UCT, followed by a post graduate Secondary Teachers' Diploma. Since we have been in Australia, I have also completed an MA from the University of Wollongong, specialising in Journalism, which I loved but don't really use at all. This would interest the late MRS ERDIS, who once, at her wits end with me, told me I wasn't university material. This succeeded in making my mother furious (which she imparted to the school) ...I have always worked but since having my children, not full time. I started my working life as a full-time Teacher-Psychologist (that's what we used to call it) at Camps Bay High School and since then, I have taught all over the world at different levels - schools, Technicons, tutoring at University - and now I have a wonderful position in a lovely genteel and highly academic school in Melbourne. My husband, Hugh, is a University Professor in Computer Engineering ...and is also the CTO of Telstra Australia which is Australia's Telkom. He directs all the research and development. We have lived on 4 different continents and I can say unequivocally, that this is easily and by far the best! We travel as much as we can and take our children with us. We are very happy that they are very much Australian children but our main aim is that they should also be people of the world. James did an exchange to Germany when he was at school and Lucy actually spent a short time at St Cyprians on exchange - I couldn't face sending her to the Rustenburg boarding house which was such a grim place in my era. I keep up with a great many of my school friends - all my closest friends from school remain just that. I am godmother to several of their children and I am in regular contact with many who live all over the world. ...One thing we certainly got from school was terrifically strong friendships! We also got lasting academic skills for which I am truly grateful. Miss Bowles' English notes from Std 6 are still in my bookshelf and are sometimes consulted. ... Then there is my love of Shakespeare, which helps me to teach it with happiness, my understanding of poetry and even the Latin which returns to me from the recesses of my mind - I was such a bad student of Latin that the teaching must have been superb! Also, I have the legacy of constantly thinking that I need to stand up in a train or bus if there are not enough seats - this is abnormal at the age of 52 and I think it has something to do with Rustenburg indoctrination!

The main reason which has prompted me to write now is a sad one and I am writing this on behalf of myself and my two sisters, SANDRA BESTER (Stoney - 1968) and MANDY GOLD (Stoney - 1974). Our beloved mother, HELEN STONEY (Kington - 1940) - I'm not exactly sure of the date she was at RGHS as she left, much against her will, to finish at St Cyprians, died very suddenly but peacefully on 27th April this year. She had a mild stroke 3 years ago which had left her slightly weakened and she could no longer drive, but she still lived a very active and happy life and at the time of her death, she was apparently fine. She had been to a lunch party, came home, lay down

on her bed and died with a letter from me in her hand. .. My mother was a most enthusiastic Old Girl. She made all of us life members the moment we left the school - I used to tease her that she had me shackled to the place for life! She absolutely loved Rustenburg and was a very happy schoolgirl. She was a good sportswoman at school - she specially loved swimming, tennis and hockey. If I ever played for a hockey team - seldom, but it did happen several times - she would come to cheer with huge enthusiasm! I think she would often be the only mother there! In fact, she was a visible and voluble audience at every debate and every school play, and I was in most of those! Our parents had "open house" for any of our friends and there were legions of Rustenburg girls who stayed, played and ate with us. At my mother's memorial service, which we held on what would have been her 81st birthday on 1st May, there were many of our old school friends and indeed, Rustenburg girls from all age groups. Mrs MacIntyre arrived which was very touching to me - I had not seen her for a very long time but I have fond memories of her English classes to me. She said she always thought my mother was rather good fun! Of course, she was. In the serious corridors of the Rustenburg of my times, my mother was always a spark of positivism and fun and most importantly, she was always on my side! I often think of that. My parents were married in 1947 when my Dad, Dr Cecil Stoney, had returned from the war. They had a wonderful happy marriage and my mother was able to share in my Dad's medical career, which was a passion of hers as well. The two of them absolutely loved children and we were regarded as total blessings to them, complimented by 9 grandchildren whom they adored. My Dad died 16 years ago but my Ma never complained, though she missed him dreadfully. She became a bridge enthusiast and met up with many new and old friends through the game. She was able to be near to Sandra and her children in Cape Town and she visited Mandy and me and our families in Australia several times. She made friends wherever she went and had many devoted Australian friends too. All the grandchildren adored her and at her 80th last year, she was surrounded by us all at a lovely party. I've not seen a Granny so incredibly loved, but she had a way with people and they knew it. We are bereft by her death but grateful for her lovely life and all she gave us. There is much more I could say, but I think this will have to suffice. Kind regards Elizabeth Bradlow
SUSAN NORMAN (Howard 1973) sent in her data base form. She lives in Claremont, is married to Clive and has a daughter and two sons.

THE EIGHTIES

Locals

JENNIFER STEGMANN (Stanley 1985) sent a change of address form. She has moved from Tamboerskloof to Tokai.

DOMINIQUE MISZEWSKI (Kirsten 1984) lives in Constantia where she hosted the 1984 reunion – see Reunions. After graduating B.Soc.Sc. Hons from UCT, Dominique worked as a buyer for Truworths. She doesn't say whether she is still has time to work now she has three daughters – Alexandra 6, Lucy nearly 3 and Sophie 1.

SANDI POLES (Fish 1984) was the main organiser of the '84 Reunion. Did a private secretarial course, worked at Rondebosch Travel before heading off for fun and adventure overseas. There she met husband, Steve, worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers on the Thames for nine years, took a break after birth of second child and at the end of 2001 returned to Cape Town for a "year or two" in the sun with family. They are still there and have bought a house in Pinelands "loving being near family and grandparents and aren't in a hurry to leave the sunshine."

SANDI O'KENNEDY (Traut 1984) has her own business, Top Promotions, She writes, "If you go into Pick 'n Pay and see those ladies doing tastings – that's what I do."

LINDSAY SCHREIBER (Low 1984) was also a guest of the ROGU committee recently. Lindsay kindly does the books for the union. She has Clare 4 and Robert about to start at Rondebosch Prep.

OVERSEAS

Some snippets from the 1984 Reunion. In Sydney are JACKIE ROSE, an artist, and GABI PATTI who works for PricewaterhouseCoopers and was working in Japan for a week at the time of the

reunion. LISA SCHIERHOUT (Abert) is very happily settled in New Zealand with husband Peter and 'two wonderful Kiwi kids', Ryan 5 and Emma 2. DEBBIE MACKAMAN (Marshall) went to Minnesota as a Rotary Exchange student, met Dan who moved to SA. They married in '88 and moved back to the US in '89. They have six-year old Erin. Also in the US, is MICHELLE OPPERMAN (Le Roux) NICOLETTE BESTER is a ship's doctor in the Caribbean. STEFANI GERMAN (Clark) has just moved to Bournemouth - with husband of 6 years, Andy, after spending 7 years in Germany 'bless Fr Rösemann for her efforts - they really paid off'. Also in the Bournemouth area is SONIA BODILLY (Mirkin) who enjoys the woodland, heath and beaches. She has Rachel, not yet a year and works as project manager in a computer department of an investment bank.

BEV HUMAN (Deacon 1989) married Michael (Wynberg 1987) in 1995, had Christopher in Cape Town in 1998, moved to New York three years later where James was born in February 2003. Currently she lives in Huntington on Long Island where Mike works for a South African based IT company.

HELEN BURNETT (Lightfoot 1987) - see Births - lives in Maine and was hoping to visit SA with her family for 3 weeks in December - helenburnett@hotmail.com

I had to do a bit of detective work in the 1988 magazine - JENNY HURTER was the clue - to discover that the writer of the next email was someone I clearly remembered on the hockey field defending the goals with great skill. Enjoy this letter from London from VICTORIA LEES (Hope-Ryan 1988) victoria@victorialeesmanagement.co.uk:

It was such a nice surprise to return from holiday and to find the ROGU Newsletter waiting for me on my doorstep. I always enjoy reading to see what all the "Old Girls" have been doing, trying to remember names and to see where careers and family have taken people. Now it is my turn to contribute!! I am still happily married to Harry (it's 8 years this year!!) and have 2 children - Alexandra 7 and Oliver 4. It was great to see Jenny Hurter (1988) over here last Christmas. It certainly was like old times with us both giggling over our time at Rustenburg and trying to relay the stories to our other halves; in-between hysterical laughter!! On the work front; I have set up my own company as a Photographers Agent and am based just outside London. This is a completely new venture for me, as all my career history and training has been to do with food and Food Development. I set up the company in the beginning of 2003, with 1 Photographer and a lot of hope and determination that things would happen. Now 18 months later, I have 4 Photographers on the books and 2 Hair and Make-up Artists (with 2 more Artists under negotiation as I type!!). This has subsequently proven to be a job that I love! No two days are the same and each Assignment that I am working on is completely different to the previous - from Bell's Whisky to Valentino's new Spring/ Summer 2005 range. I have done a couple of jobs with SA Ad Agencies which has been great fun and am eager to continue the working relationship. I do get slightly frustrated when it is late afternoon during Winter here and the respective Art Directors in Cape Town are e-mailing me to tell me they are heading off to the beach to play Volleyball!! It is my dream to make the business the success that my Artists deserve and will certainly keep you updated on the progress.

THE NINETIES

TARYN VOSLOO (Luitingh 1995) - See Marriages - lives in Newlands and sent in this brief list of her studies and work. Wish I had more details of this well-remembered tennis player and actress.

Stellenbosch University - B.A Drama; Cape Tech - Teachers Degree

Actress - Lilliput Children's Theatre company; Sybil Sands Artist Agency; Teacher - Bishops PrePrep - Drama teacher; Personal Assistant - S.M.I.L.E (St. Mary's Interactive Learning experience)

Taryn's sister KIRSTEN LUITINGH (2000) spent a year in London and is now back living in Camps Bay and studying at the Design and Fashion School.

ANÉL POWELL (1993) writing for Cape Community Newspapers, continues her success at the Sanlam Community Press Awards. This year she was chosen as Business Reporter of the Year for her work on the Cape Towner which specialises in city centre news. In the words of the judges,

"she succeeded in reporting on often complex topics in a way that is not difficult for her readers to understand"

JILLIAN JURGENS (Nicholls 1990) lives in Cobham, Surrey, UK, is expecting her first child in February. She puts her accounting qualification to good use as Group Financial Controller for a firm of architects in central London. Jill asked for banking details of the Trust. Great that our younger members are contributing. She enjoyed reading about Mrs Livingstone – "was my Afrikaans teacher and it was such a blast from the past hearing the name again. I remember how perfectly groomed she always was, like a doll. I will be in CT in Sept and would love to come and see the school. Could we just arrive and have a wander round?" I hope she did.

KATHRYN WAIT (Ashbolt 1990) - see Births – lives in Constantia. Enjoys renovating houses and was project managing the building of their next house. Trained as an occupational therapist, Kathryn had a private paediatric practice but at the time of writing was a full-time mom.

Also from 1990, JACQUELINE REED (Foye) sent a change of address last year. Seems she is in Rondebosch. Message for all - please give some news whenever you are in contact with ROGU.

ROGU committee members, SAMANTHA FICK (1997) – see engagements – and ROBYN NUNNELEY (1995) are both enthusiastic teachers at Grove Primary. Sam had news of TINA CRANE (1995) who has had a wonderfully varied career. Presently an accountant with KPMG and planning to move to the UK and a position in a bank in 2005, Tina graduated with an Honours degree in Virology. She then did a Masters in wine buying technology followed by the accounting conversion course. More news from Sam is that SARAH MONTGOMERY-CAMPBELL (1995) has been in the UK for 7 years working as a legal aid PRO. JANE HOOD (1996) works as an OT at Vincent Palotti and the Kingsbury.

TRACEY- LEIGH PETERS (1998) sent in her form from which we learn she is living in Kenilworth and working for ABSA Bank in Mowbray.

Good to see that ANEESA ISMAIL (1999) has joined ROGU. I can clearly picture Aneesa when she first came to Rustenburg and was in my Std 6 General Science class. She lives in Lenasia, Johannesburg and has a B.A. Human Resource Management (Hon) from UCT. Wish there had been more news. Classmate, WISAAL CUPIDO, graduated B.Soc.Sci. (Human Resources) from UCT in 2003 and she too has moved to Johannesburg, Sandton actually, where she works for Procter and Gamble.

SARAH JOHNSON (1998) has certainly fulfilled her promise as winner of the English Olympiad. Thank you for news of so many ROGs – a newsletter editor's delight. I last saw Sarah playing in the strings accompanying the choirs of Rustenburg and Rondebosch in Vivaldi's Gloria in the City Hall in July. Also playing was CELESTE BRAND (1993) familiar behind her double bass. Sarah's letter lists an amazing number of cum laudes. Well done all! I was pleased to read about KAREN ALSTON, remembered as a keen captain of fencing and delighted with the picture of DEMELZA VIANELLO as a hard-working teacher and hockey coach. Here is Sarah's letter: "I matriculated in 1998 and in 1999 started my BA in English and Linguistics at UCT. I completed that cum laude in 2001, and in 2002 did my Honours in English and Linguistics, graduating cum laude at the end of that year. In 2003, I began my Masters degree in Creative Writing - still at UCT! - doing a few courses and completing a collection of poems as my dissertation. I graduated cum laude in June this year, and the collection, entitled "Personae", is being published by Snailpress in August. I have loved every moment of my time at UCT, and since the third year of my undergrad degree I have tutored in the English and Linguistics Departments, as I still do. Last year, I started lecturing, too, and in a few weeks have to face my biggest class yet, the 400-strong English I class! I get horribly nervous before first lectures, but teaching is also quite thrilling, especially when it's a topic that I'm especially interested in.

For the next six months, I will be lecturing at UCT and working on a PhD proposal - I hope to register for my PhD in English Literature at the beginning of next year, looking towards a permanent academic and writing career. In April this year, I moved into a house in Kenilworth with my sister CLARE (Matric 1995). She did undergraduate and Honours degrees in Mathematics at UCT, and then a Masters degree in Financial Mathematics which she completed cum laude in 2001. At the start of 2002, she began working for an asset management company called PeregrineQuant in Claremont. She is doing very well there, and enjoys her job immensely. She is

still in touch with TAMRYN JONES (Matric 1995), who did Occupational Therapy at UCT, spent time in the UK, and is now studying towards a missions diploma at Cornerstone Christian College, after which she will go to Mozambique as a missionary; and NICKY BURGOYNE (Matric 1995), who is working on a Masters degree in Mathematics Education at UCT, having done a BSc (Maths) and Honours in Psychology at UCT before that. MARIA VIANELLO (Matric 1995) is also a regular visitor at our house. Maria studied at the Teachers' Training College before going overseas for just over year, and is now running a ballet school in the Southern Suburbs. Last year she started running an Adult Ballet Class attended by, among others, Clare, Tami, myself and GINNIE KERFOOT (Matric 1998). Ginnie studied Linguistics with me at UCT, also graduating cum laude, and then completed an Honours degree in Linguistics. For her third and Honours years, she tutored in the Linguistics Department, and the two of us shared an office, which was lots of fun. After graduating in June last year, Ginnie took a six month break, during which she did freelance editing and tutoring, and then, in April this year, applied for and got a very good job as an Education Editor at Oxford University Press. She is thriving in her new job, and has learnt to be very assertive with stubborn contributors! The two of us see a lot of DEMELZA VIANELLO (Matric 1998), Maria's younger sister. Demelza finished a BEd at Cape Tech at the end of last year, and very quickly got a job teaching Grade 4 at Grove Primary. She has found the first six months of her job to be a lot of work, but she is enjoying it and doing very well. She is also coaching hockey at Grove, and so she has very long days. The rest of her friends have been amazed to discover exactly how much work it is to teach at school, and our admiration for our teachers - always very high, of course! - has increased tenfold now that we know how much effort it takes.

Another ex-Rustybug whom we all see is KAREN ALSTON (Matric 1998). Karen completed her Masters degree in Environmental and Geographical Science cum laude, and graduated with me in June this year. For the next six months or so, she plans to do research work for a few of her professors at UCT, and to prepare her MSc thesis for publication in a journal. In between, she is taking a much deserved holiday - her MSc was an extremely intensive degree. DIANNE TAPPAN (Matric 1998) studied Food Service Management at Cape Tech commencing in 1999, and after graduation she got a very good job as Manager at the Bay Bistro on Fishhoek beachfront. This year, after resigning her job, she moved to the UK, and is now managing a restaurant in London and having a fabulous time seeing England. Her sister SUE-ANN (Matric, Head Girl 1995) has been in the UK already for some years, working in the Business Marketing Department at Atos KPMG in London. Shortly before Dianne left SA, Sue-Ann came home for a visit, and all Dianne and Sue-Ann's ex-Rustybug friends had quite a reunion.

Recently, for the first time since Matric, I bumped into BRONYWYN FIELDGATE, SARAH LAMOND and CARLY PEDERSEN (all Matric 1998). We were thrilled to see each other, and I found out what each was doing. Sarah has studied advertising at the Red and Yellow School of Advertising, and is busy completing a postgraduate diploma in advertising at the same institution. She is moving to Australia at the end of the year. Carly is doing a business degree at UCT, and Bronwyn is currently managing the Rhodes House restaurant in Cape Town. Bronwyn told me that LEE LAMBERT (Matric 1998), after studying to be a chef at the Silwood School, is working at a very upmarket spa on the Isle of Arran. TARA STEVENSON (Matric 1998) has just got a job at the prestigious (they released all the Beatles' albums, for example...) EMI Studios in London (Abbey Road!). Many thanks for so faithfully providing us ex-Rustybugs with news every few months - it is wonderful to hear how old friends and staff are doing. With best wishes, Sarah Johnson (Matric 1998)"

Talking of excellent results, ANGELINE WILKINSON (Bute 1991) graduated cum laude in science engineering and technology from UNISA. See Births.

ROGs FROM THE 21ST CENTURY

Data base forms came in from our most recent ROGs. NATASHA NORTON (2000) lives in Lansdowne and is doing Personal Training and ETA courses. CATHERINE BOWEN (2000) lives in

Orangezicht and is at UCT studying Organic Psychology and Psychology towards a Social Science degree. SHELLEY GILL (2001) lives in Southfield.

I am so grateful to those of you who send in details for the next section. I scan the Cape Times three or four times a week and pounce delightedly on a familiar name like Samantha Solomons and Angeline Beute. It doesn't happen often. You tend to be good about sending in Births but clearly there are many events I miss. Please send a quick e-mail with your special news.

BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

ENGAGEMENTS

SAMANTHA SOLOMONS (1997) to Benjamin William Hart of the USA on 20 August 2004
SAMANTHA FICK (1997) to Luke Centurion-Harris in December 2003 – wedding planned for Dec 2004.
Apologies to JACQUI COOKS who tells me she is not engaged.

MARRIAGES

TARYN LUITINGH (1995) to Clint Vosloo in February 2004 - taryn@nevapayretail.com
PEGGY EVANS (Duffett 1956) to Jeremy Wynne at Christ Church, Kenilworth on 25 August 2004

BIRTHS

To HELEN LIGHTFOOT (1987) and Wayne Burnett, a son Craig William brother to Matthew, 3, born 1 June 2004 in Maine USA
To KATHY PETCH (1989) and Greg Barnes, a daughter Imogen Grace, born in Sydney on 25 May 2004 gkb@iprimus.com.au
To KATHERINE WINTER (1991) and Tim Mitchell, a son Benjamin, brother to Rose and Sophie on 3 October 2004 in Cape Town.
To KARIN SCOTT (1987) and Lance Lighton a son, Michael, on 18 March 2004 in St Albans UK, brother to Thomas.
To KATHRYN ASHBOLT (1990) and Grant Wait (SACS 1987) a daughter, Lauren Louise, sister to Dean 4 and Julia 2, on 2 February 2004 in Cape Town
To PIPPA KENNEDY (1992) and Matt Pearce, a daughter Sarah, sister to Nicholas 4 (I think) on 8 July 2004 in Cape Town
To ANGELINE BEUTE (1991) and Warren Wilkinson a son Josh Ormsby on 26 July 2004
To CATHERINE FOXCROFT (1986) and Gary Terry a son John Benjamin on 31 July 2004 in Port Elizabeth (Catherine lives in Grahamstown)
To SAMANTHA GOLD (Thornewill 1984) and Bruce, a son Nicholas, sometime in 2004 in Cape Town, brother to Matthew 6 and William 4

IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following ROGs
HELEN STONEY (Kington 1940) in Cape Town on 27 April 2004 – See under **1970s** for a tribute by her daughter, ELIZABETH BRADLOW (1971)
DR GUTHRIE of Hermanus in 2003

REUNIONS

1956 E's are planning their 50year reunion starting with Founders' Day, 27 January, 2006. Contact CHARMIAN PLUMMER (Marais) plummer@mweb.co.za, 121 Oakbridge Village, Somerset West, 7130, 021 852 4943, or JOAN PARKER mulpark@intekom.co.za, 15 Robinson Ave, Newlands 7700, ph 021 6718379

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

1994 E's are having a reunion this December. See <http://mysite.mweb.co.za/residents/cgold>

Reunion of 1984 E's held on 5th and 6th November 2004.

Thank you, SANDI POLES (Fish) for this account. Sandi had spent over a year tracking down girls. Also on the team were GILLIAN CULLINAN (Campbell) and KAREN HARTWIG (Burton). In the end 90 of the original 115 girls were located. The first activity was a tour of the High School and Erinville with Dr Fullard on the Friday morning. The next day 44 girls were treated to a very special dinner party at the home of DOMINIQUE MISZEWSKI (Kirsten). Tables had been laid with jugs full of roses and candles. A delicious meal was prepared by our gourmet caterer (none other the MICHELLE FIEDLER 1993). Other E84's who were unable to attend had been asked to send a short biography and these were displayed around the walls. There was an archive table with photos going back to Sub B (1974) an original blazer, tie, name tag. The evening began with a fun prizegiving for "the person who had travelled furthest" DENISE RUEGG from London, "most eager to pay" - PATRICIA LHOTE (Lotte) who had flown in from Dubai. NICOLA GNODDE (Pyott) had come down from Johannesburg. Between courses there was a quiz with school-related questions which caused a lot of laughter and brought back some great memories of school days. It was a wonderful time of catching up with old friends. The last left at 2am.

Well that's all for 2004. From my upstairs corner at Betty's Bay with its view across the greenbelt to the sea, very best wishes to you all for all the festivities of the summer and the New Year. See you at Founders' Day.

Mary Rose

RUSTENBURG TRUST

Many thanks to JEANNETTE BROOKER (Van Boxel 1954), now resident in Montreal, Canada, for enquiring about sending a contribution for the Trust. We hope that many of our Old Girls will be moved to send in donations for this worthy cause. The registration of the Trust as a Public Benefit Organisation with the South African Revenue Services is continuing, as is the registration of the Rustenburg Old Girls' Union. Once this lengthy procedure is completed, we will be able to issue tax certificates to donors - making it even more attractive to donate funds.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING ON FOUNDER'S DAY

Owing to the usual poor turnout at the AGM, the ROGU is calling a Special Meeting to be held on Founder's Day, Friday 28 January 2005, to adopt the new Constitution. The necessity for an updated Constitution arose from the requirements for registration as a Public Benefit Organisation. A copy was circulated to all on email, but anyone who wishes to see the revised Constitution is urged to contact the Database Administrator via email rogu2000@hotmail.com or post (Box 19058, Wynberg 7824) to request a copy.