

Report of 2018 LOG Reunion held on Saturday 6 October 2018 at 11h00

What a jaunty, happy occasion it was! With Ursula Jadrijevic's jovial piano playing and everyone joining in the singing between the Celebratory presentations, the 2018 LOG Reunion was full of happiness and contentment. All agreed on how lovely and pleasant the occasion was!

Father Kevin Reynolds is to be thanked and congratulated, once again, on his welcoming ways during Mass! His homily was, as usual, in 3 minutes, inspirational! Our thanks also to Adv. Jan d'Oliviera as Communion Minister, Charlize Van Der Colff (Grade 8 Skinner learner) as altar server, Violet Nyirenda (the RE co-ordinator for the High School learners) for dressing the altar and Louisa Sousa for the flowers on the altar.

Sister Marian's Word of Welcome in the School Hall was characterised by her lilting Irish! Wonderful to hear her speak so eloquently yet so intimately on the Mary Ward Schools COMPASS, based on the principles of ROOTED, RESPONSIVE, and RELEVANT. In summary, "A Mary Ward school today affirms the centrality of the person of Jesus. His gospel and our particular charism offer to education a profound way of being, acting as a positive force for transformation of lives. Building on the foundation of our God-given charism, we seek to invest in the holistic growth of our school community in a deeper understanding and living of the gospel." Sister Marian's overview of work done and future plans is signal to the fascination of our being part of the Loreto mission!

Our gracious thanks to Mrs Suzette Truter (Principal of Nana Sita (previously Skinner) Loreto Convent School) for the venue and the use of the public-speaking system, both in the School Chapel and in the School Hall. At last, we could hear in comfort what Beverley Terry (Sister Shirley's right-hand companion in days gone by) said when she made announcements!

Thank you, Sister Marian, Sister Eileen and Mrs Suzette Truter for handing out the Celebratory gifts. So also our thanks to Old Girls, Staff and School Support Staff for your help in making the 2018 LOG Reunion such a huge success! Bravo to Mrs Renee d'Oliviera, Skinner Past Principal, for attending and chatting round and about! Also our thanks to all LOGS who sent messages of love to Loreto, in particular Beatrice Eksteen (Skinner 1946) who sent fondest greetings to all Loreto Girls, Nuns and Teachers!

Our heartfelt congratulations to Natalie Human, aged 92 years, on achieving Platinum (70 or more years out of school), having left Loreto Skinner in 1944, when some of us were only in junior school and most not yet born! Well done! Do come again!

No longer did we hear grumbles about missing younger LOGS! The 2008 Skinner LOGS did us proud by coming in large numbers! Keep up the good work!

Raphael, son of Diana Mendes (Skinner 1998) and grandson of Louisa Sousa (Skinner 1976), was a hit with Sister Eileen. More of the same next year!

In this 140th Anniversary year of Loreto, the Lucky Draw gifts of Three Wall Plaques were won by Cecilia Marule, Reagile Sengane (both Skinner 2008) and Teresa Stubbs, a Skinner Golden Girl. Congratulations! Thank you, Kim Lamble, for your generous donation of the Wall Plaques! Much appreciated.

Golden Girls		50 years out of school			
Maiden Name	First Name	Surname	Title	Year left	School
(Montanari)	Merle	Herschmann	Mrs	1968	Hillcrest
(Blunden)	Lynette/Lynn	Greef	Mrs	1968	Skinner
(Blunden) *	Elizabeth	Gunter	Mrs	1968	Skinner
(Zilio)	Loredana	Hoffman	Mrs	1968	Skinner
(Minnaar)	Denise	Smith	Mrs	1968	Skinner
(Ravelli)	Sara	Stedall	Mrs	1968	Skinner
(Van Deventer)	Teresa	Stubbs	Mrs	1968	Skinner
(Lawrence)**	Jenny	Borman	Mrs	1968	Skinner
* Lynn Greef, cousin, accepted on behalf of Elizabeth Gunter					
** Jenny was mistakenly missed as Golden Girl in 2018, to receive in 2019					
Diamond Girls		60 years out of school			
Maiden Name	First Name	Surname	Title	Year left	School
(Connell) ***	Adrienne	Humphrey	Mrs	1958	Lydenburg
(Wrench)	Jean	Lowe	Mrs	1958	Skinner
*** In absentia					
Silver Girls		25 years out of school			
Maiden Name	First Name	Surname	Title	Year left	School
(Olver)	Alice	Olver	Ms	1993	
Pearl Girls		30 years out of school			
Maiden Name	First Name	Surname	Title	Year left	School
(Bell)	Wilma	Mokupo	Mrs	1987	Skinner
(Hamilton)	Dellene	Clark	Mrs	1987	Skinner
(Gomes) ****	Bernie / Bernadette	Dias-Roda	Mrs	1987	Skinner
(Cassim) ****	Ayesha	Jadwat	Mrs	1987	Skinner
(Long) ****	Sharon	Kramer	Mrs	1987	Skinner
(Odendaal) ****	Natasha	Odendaal	Ms	1987	Skinner
(Jacka)	Beverley	Terry	Mrs	1988	Skinner
**** Dellene Clark accepted on their behalf					
Platinum Girls		70 or more years out of school			
Maiden Name	First Name	Surname	Title	Year left	School
(Dovey)	Natalie	Human	Mrs	1944	Skinner
(Pozzo)*****	Gracie	Pozzo	Ms	1947	Skinner
***** Felicity Mullan, will give to Gracie					
Blue Sapphire Girls		61 to 69 years out of school			
Maiden Name	First Name	Surname	Title	Year left	School
(Kilfoil)	Colleen	Newton	Mrs	1950	Hillcrest

(Wickham)	Margaret	Collins	Mrs	1951	Skinner
(Swacina)	Frances	Olver	Mrs	1951	Skinner
(Brown)	Shirley	Johnson	Mrs	1953	Hillcrest
(Connolly)	Molly	Connolly	Ms	1954	Hillcrest
(Mullan)	Felicity	Mullan	Ms	1954	Hillcrest
Tin Girls	10 years out of school				
Maiden Name	First Name	Surname	Title	Year left	School
(Dhlamini)	Nokwazi	Dhlamini	Ms	2008	Skinner
(Gaven)	Rebaone	Gaven	Ms	2008	Skinner
(Mahlangu)	Mpilo	Mahlangu	Ms	2008	Skinner
(Marule)	Cecilia	Marule	Ms	2008	Skinner
(Moerane)	Gomolemo	Moerane	Ms	2008	Skinner
(Sefanyesto)	Boipelo	Nevhutalu	Mrs	2008	Skinner
(Sengane)	Reagile	Sengane	Ms	2008	Skinner
(Sibanyoni)	Phindile	Sibanyoni	Ms	2008	Skinner
(Leola)	Keletso	Siwele	Mrs	2008	Skinner

See you all and many more next year on the first Saturday of October 2019. DV.

Please diarise 5 October 2019.