

26 August 2015

2015 LOG Newsletter

Dear Loreto Old Girls

In this year of 2015 the Namaqua Daisies have come into bloom in all their glory! Small towns along the Namaqualand Flower Route are gearing up for a bumper season. Likewise, we look forward to a well attended LOG Reunion on Saturday 3 October 2015. ALWAYS the annual LOG Reunion is held on the FIRST SATURDAY OF OCTOBER at Loreto Convent School (Skinner) in Pretoria. The Reunion starts at 12:30 for Registration outside the School Chapel, followed by Mass in the School Chapel at 13:00, and more Registration and Tea in the School Hall thereafter. All LOGS are welcome.

NEWS FROM KATHY IN AUSTRALIA

Message from Melbourne

My dear LOGS

Another year has flown past and Spring is beginning to show its pretty face ... plum trees are covered with pink blossoms and golden Wattle trees (Acacia in SA) are also showing happy faces.

This is good news after a cold winter. Lots of snow on mountain peaks brought icy conditions to the city for some weeks, but it looks as if that is now a thing of the past.

Melbourne bustles merrily along - no matter the season - and there is always something new to see and do. My family loves the beaches and can't wait to fish and swim again. There are many beautiful spots along the coast ... calm water and soft sand. The seagulls are fearless however and will wait for a bite of your fish and chip supper ... they would snatch it from you if they could!

Speaking of birds, the Magpies (at nesting time) are a force to be reckoned with. They protect their young and nests fiercely and will "dive bomb" hapless passers-by, who go too close to their territory. Luc and I had a brief encounter with a nesting pair last September and we both were pecked on our foreheads ... a little scary, especially for my little grandson. This year we will be more cautious!!

My son and daughter-in-law arrived last month and are settling in very well. Today they have moved into a very nice house in a suburb called Warrenwood and we are looking forward to spending Christmas together ... a wonderful celebration.

Richard received his PhD in Mathematics last year and we are very proud of his achievement. Sr Shirley passed away just before we learnt the good news ... she would have been delighted. Sr Emer was always a great source of

support and encouragement to him too. Thank you for your prayers, Sister, and thank you to all the dear Loreto Sisters for your constant prayers for his success. He is a credit to his Loreto early education.

I send my love and prayers for the Reunion. I know the day will be filled with the warmth, love and joy which always fills the occasion. I will think of you and look forward to photographs.

With my fondest love, as always,

Kathy

SCHOOL NEWS

The High School had a successful Choir Festival at The University of Pretoria. The Arts Festival held at Iona Convent as well as the Choir and Drama performances at the State Theatre were also successful.

The Foundation Phase as well as the Senior Phase Choirs performed at the Tshwane Youth Arts Festival held in the State Theatre in August. These were a huge success.

The Primary School Concert – “All About that Basement” - will be held from 1-3 September in the Loreto Convent School Hall.

We happily welcomed two new born babies into the Loreto family as Mrs Memory Muganiwa and Jane Baloyi both had their babies in the 3rd term.

We note with sadness the passing of one of Loreto's Past Principals, Mrs Hélène Addis, who celebrated her life from 4 May 1942 until 17 April 2015. She will be missed by all who knew her. Mr Shillinglaw and other SMT staff members attended her funeral and sympathised with family and friends.

NEWS OF LORETO SISTERS

From Ireland Sister Immacula reports as follows.

26 Feb 2014

Would you have known Sr Clare who went to Skinner Street and did her Novitiate there in 1949? She spent some time in Lydenburg and then trained as a nurse in Durban. She returned to Ireland some years ago due to bad health which resulted from a serious accident in which she was involved in 1961. Having spent at least ten years in a Nursing Home here, she died towards the end of last year.

9 Nov 2014

Now another sister's death - Columba McDonald RIP. Do you remember her in the kindergarten prefab building in the '50's? She and Sr Marguerite belonged to the same set that entered a few years previously, in Ireland. Columba was transferred to Hillcrest in the late '60s and from there to Ireland some years later because of a skin problem she developed due to the strong sunshine. She worked for years in Scotland and then N Wales where she died on 2Nov.

3 Aug 2015

I see you are on the ball again re Newsletter ... how time flies, especially as one gets older!!

There is no special news from this side as far as I can gather, that means we are keeping well and in good form, TG.

I am sure Sr Emer will bring you up to date on Sr Rosaleen Campbell's death a few months ago RIP. She died at Nazareth House in Cape Town.

My best wishes to you and all who are working on the Newsletter, also to Past Pupils who remember me, that would be especially those of Lydenburg days, only a few of whom attend, I think.

Sr Immacula

4 Aug 2015

Since sending my email, something has occurred to me. Sr Peter Claver who retired to Ireland some years back, celebrated her 100th birthday last April! Worth mentioning, isn't it? She belongs to the Kilkenny Community but has been in a nearby Nursing Home for a few years now. She is confined to bed and rarely recognises visitors. For her birthday, the local bishop celebrated Mass in her room and a few members of her family and community attended even though she was not really aware of what the occasion was. She would have taught many a pupil in Std IV in Strand and Skinner Street.

Best wishes from Immacula.

News from Pretoria as mentioned by Sister Emer

- Sister Bernadette Wilczkiewicz joined the Holy Shroud Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop William Slattery OFM as the spiritual director, from 7 to 21 May 2015. The Pilgrimage visited the Holy Land, Rome, Turin and Florence.

- Sister Marion Moriarty undertook to walk the Camino Pilgrims Route in Spain (during her Sabbatical). She walked 20km per day for five days, a total of 100km. Bravo! From the end of July 2015 Sister Marion will be back in South Africa. We wish her a happy and fruitful stay.

- Sister Emer referred to her welcome address at the Pretoria Annual Reunion of 4 October 2014 on the theme of "Even if only one fish is saved!" She expressed the wish that LOGS be given an opportunity at the reunions to talk about interesting work in which they are involved. Even presenting memoirs of travel would be welcomed. This will become a reality at the 2016 LOG Reunion. "Even if only one Loreto Old Girl offers a presentation, all the Loreto Old Girls will be enriched".

Obituary, courtesy of the “Southern Cross”

Sister Shirley Kay IBVM

Loreto Sister Shirley Kay died peacefully on 17 October 2014 after a short illness at the age of 95.

She was born in Pretoria on 1 July 1919, the seventh child in a family of 13. When Shirley was a baby, the family moved to White River where her father bought a farm, and called it “Avalon”.

In those early days there was no church in White River and one of the missionary priests came on horseback to the farm about once a month. The children were taught catechism and prepared for the sacraments in the family. Shirley went as a boarder to Loreto Convent in Lydenburg.

When Shirley was 21 she entered the novitiate at Loreto Convent Pretoria. One of her elder sisters, Patricia, entered the Notre Dame Sisters. Both of them had great love and knowledge of history.

Shirley majored in History and English and taught in Pretoria for many years, as well as in Sea Point and Glen Cowie. When she retired from teaching, she did sterling work organising the Loreto archives in Pretoria. Sister Shirley was also instrumental in initiating the Past Pupils Association.

Her grandmother went to school in Loreto Abbey, Dublin, and her mother was among the first pupils in Loreto Convent Skinner Street, so Sister Shirley's family had a long association with Loreto.

Sister Shirley decided to end her days in an Irish community and was assigned to Balbriggan in Fingal, Ireland, where she was lovingly cared for.

The Loreto Sisters in South Africa have many happy memories and recall the laughs she gave them when she entertained them with stories of her childhood and life on the farm.

Many teachers, parents and past pupils remember her with love and appreciation.

May God give her a rich reward for her consecration and ministry she did for love of him all her life.

Loreto Website

Lastly, go to www.ibvm.org for further information on the activities of Loreto Sisters. Of special interest is the Mary Ward International Newsletter, as suggested by Sister Pat Hanvey of Zambia who has had a very busy year.

NEWS OF LORETO OLD GIRLS

Please note.

1. The annual **LOG Reunion** will take place on **Saturday 3 October 2015**, at **Loreto Convent School, Nana Sita Street (previously Skinner Street)**, with **Registration at 12:30 (at the entrance to the Chapel) and Mass in the School Chapel at 13:00, followed by further Registration and Tea in the School Hall**.

2. Use the Visagie Street entrance, the back entrance to the School. Visagie Street is a one-way street in a westerly direction. As soon as you cross over Bosman Street, keep in the far right-hand lane as the entrance to the school is soon after the traffic light on the right-hand side of the street. Do not attempt to use Nana Sita Street (previously Skinner Street), as the front entrance to the Loreto Convent School is not open at the weekends.

3. We invite all LOGS to attend, as well as the Loreto Sisters, the Principal of Loreto Convent School and his wife, Mr and Mrs Shillinglaw, the Vice-principal, Mrs Truter, and all Teachers, Past Principals and Past Teachers. Let us know if you are coming. RSVP to pa@lorskin.co.za

4. LOGS, note the categories for celebration.

Golden Girls	50 years out of school
Diamond Girls	60 years out of school
Ruby Girls	40 years out of school
Silver Girls	25 years out of school
Tin Girls	10 years out of school

5. Send all LOG News to pa@lorskin.co.za throughout the year.

LOG Commendations

We sing the praises of LOGS.

- Ursula (Hunt) Boden (Skinner 1953) was awarded the Bene Merenti Medal on 19 September 2014 when she retired from her work in Cape Town at the Seminary. Ursula turned 80 in April 2015. Congratulations and Blessings.

- Pat (Joubert) Pollitt (Hillcrest 1963), mother of Jesuit priest, Father Russell Pollitt, was most distressed when her son was sent to the USA. However, he returned to South Africa to her great delight! Thank you, Jesuits, for pleasing a mother.

- Felicity (Joseph) O'Donnell (Hillcrest 1974) reports.

REACHING OUT

After Matriculating at Hillcrest in 1974 I went on to study teaching at JCE. After getting married we moved to Port Elizabeth, Durban and then back to Jo'burg. Because of my very good convent upbringing, I had to be involved in my Church. So like a good Catholic girl I began teaching Catechism. I wanted to teach my own children and instil in them a love for the Sacraments,

especially Reconciliation and Holy Communion. So my journey at St John's, North Riding, began.

In 1991 my Mother passed away and this wonderful community reached out to me, supporting me and my family in love, bringing us meals and comforting us. I knew I wanted to do the same for others. That same year a "Care Group" was formed. We decided to become more involved with the sick, elderly and new mothers in our parish. We based ourselves on Matthew 25:40, "Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me". The original list of members was 23, but today the numbers have grown to over a hundred.

The Care Group outreach programmes are financed through donations and various fund-raising activities, like jumble sales and selling of crafts during the year and selling muffins after Mass on Sundays. We strongly believe that nothing can prosper without prayer that is why we dedicate this ministry to our Lord.

The CARE GROUP ministries include: **Funeral teas** which are done on a donation basis where eats, tea and coffee are provided at funerals. The **Sewing Group** sews track suits, knits beanies, blankets, etc for charity. We knit teddies for Choc as well. We make robes, altar linen, banners and whatever else is needed in the parish. **Flowers** are delivered to bereaved, ill, or "new birth" parishioners, just to let them know we care. **Hospital visits** are done every week, visiting Catholic patients in the two hospitals in our area. **Prayer Chain** - Anyone in need of prayer can ask for prayers and the chain is activated. **Home visits** are made after a bereavement or by request. **Kingsway School** -The ladies meet twice a week to make up 30 loaves of fish "sarmies" for this under-privileged school. **Meals** are prepared for whenever they are needed. We have a "cook in" on a voluntary basis at the church and keep prepared meals in our freezers. **Seniors Masses** are celebrated once a month. Care Group ladies fetch those who cannot get to church on their own from old age homes and private homes. During that Mass they are anointed with the oil of the sick. Afterwards, they are invited to a tea served in the hall by the ladies. We are always around to assist our parish priest. It is a lovely ministry to be part of. I was Chairlady from 1996-2000.

This group gives, gives and gives of themselves. So twice a year I organise a day of reflection/retreat for them where they can spend the day in prayer and reconnect with Our Lord. Sr Emer has directed us in two of these days of recollection.

It is a great privilege to serve others and, through that, serve my God.

Our Prayer: I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. (Helen Keller)

Thank you, Felicity, for your dedication and may God's love abide with you.

LOG Wedding Anniversaries

No news.

LOG Weddings

No news.

LOG Births

Pat (Killeen) Rehse (Skinner 1966) reports that Joan (Gainsford) Visser (Skinner 1966) was blessed with another grandchild (No. 3). The little girl, Meg, was born in Cape Town.

Congratulations.

LOG Travellers

- Pam (Rudolph) Sinovich (Hillcrest 1963) visited her son who lives in Croatia at the end of September 2014.

- Felicity (Joseph) O'Donnell (Hillcrest 1974) reports.

I am preparing to go to Poland next year with the Jhb Archdiocese to WYD. I am so excited and fundraising like mad. I am assisting 24 young people from our parish who are going. I guess I am going as the "mother" for our children.

- Yvonne (Rens) Sutherland (Skinner 1952) reports.

As far as our cruise, that was No. 1 on our bucket list, is concerned, it was one of the best things that we have managed to do in our 57 years of marriage.

We flew from Johannesburg to Cape Town, where we were met and taken to the Good Hope convention centre for registrations. This was very well organised. Our credit cards were scanned and we were given a card to use on the ocean liner (we were told that the Queen Mary 2 was not a ship but an ocean liner). A coloured sticker was placed on our shoulders and we were then called by colour to board a bus to the docks. Our baggage had been taken from us at arrival at the convention centre and we were told it would be outside our cabins. We were treated to a wonderful luncheon and then shown to our staterooms (not cabins). What a wonderful surprise to enter a stateroom of that size with a balcony that had glass only half way up. A lovely table and two reclining chairs on the balcony. Two beds, one with a special cover for us to put our luggage on and unpack. An ice bucket with a bottle of champagne and a welcome message. A message to tell what time we would

have dinner and a newspaper with all the activities for that evening and the following day. This paper was delivered to our stateroom every evening when the beds were turned down and the chocolate placed on the pillow.

There was just so much to do every single day, from art classes, to fruit carving lessons, to talks by international speakers, to movies, to the planetarium experiences, to entertainment in the theatre by international entertainers every single night. Bingo, crossword, string quartets playing in the afternoon during high tea in the Queens room, ballroom dancing lessons, bridge lessons and tournaments, pianists and trumpeters playing in the various lounges. We did as much as we wanted to do and enjoyed the bridge tournaments every afternoon and even came 1st once and 2nd twice. The talent in the theatre was absolutely exceptional.

Our dining room was the Britannica room. We sat with the same people at dinner and were able to sit wherever we liked for breakfast and lunch. That was great as we came into contact with a lot of British people, also Australians, Germans, etc. The liner goes around the world and takes 117 days. We met a couple from England who were doing that for the 3rd time!! Oh how wonderful to have the money to do that. Many of the passengers were going on to visit relatives in Australia and getting off in Melbourne or Sydney. Our budget sadly only took us as far as Perth but we had the most wonderful 15 days of utter pleasure on the Cunard Flagliner, the QUEEN MARY 2. The food and service was absolute top class. There was not a single thing that we could find fault with.

3 days out to sea sadly one of the male passengers died of a heart attack. The QM2 had a mortuary as well as a team of doctors and we were due to dock in Mauritius in 2 days. The son of the deceased was able to fly from Australia to Mauritius and fetch the body and his mother. Fortunately that was the only sadness on the whole cruise.

We went ashore at Mauritius and were able to find a few things to buy for our little ones. After that it was just sea days and that was exactly what we wanted. With all the entertainment on board we just enjoyed every minute and even had tea on our balcony. With a lift of the phone one could order whatever you wanted. Absolute bliss. I could go on and on and on. We disembarked in Fremantle which is the port of Perth. Fremantle is a charming little place. We were then taken to a hotel that we were booked into in Perth. We were able to do the hop on-hop off bus there and see a lot of Perth. The next evening we flew back to South Africa and landed at 4.30am. A kind niece and nephew were there to pick us up and we drove into Pretoria to be greeted by the most beautiful sunrise we had ever seen. What a welcome home that was.

We have the most amazing photographs and incredible memories.
Kind regards
Yvonne

- Berniece (Bell) Eales (Skinner 1955) reports.

PILGRIMAGE OR TOURIST.... OR MAYBE A BIT OF BOTH!

My very first pilgrimage was to Egypt and the Holy Land in 1999. The group met at least four times prior to departure giving everyone a chance to meet and pray together. Some of the group opted to include a visit to Egypt before going to the Holy Land. Egypt, the land of Pharaohs, pyramids, Moses, and the refuge of the Holy Family after the Flight! There was great excitement to visit The Necropolis and many of the touristy bits. A trip by water taxi to old Cairo was an eye opener ... we could have been right back in Biblical times.

Not everything goes according to plan! After reaching the summit of Mt. Sinai, having started the climb at midnight, marvelling at the magnificent sunrise, we descended (some of us by camel ... ouch!) only to find that the bus had left on another trip and we were stranded outside the Monastery of St Catherine. Some quick thinking on the part of our guides and a hasty collection from all of us enabled us to travel to the Israeli border in Kombi Taxis. What a nightmare ... would rather have been in Joburg in a local one!

The Holy Land was all I had expected it to be. My personal highlight was the boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Perhaps, because nothing could have changed on the lake, and I could well imagine Jesus on the shore signalling to his disciples. Calvary, the Via Dolorosa, Bethlehem, Jericho and Caesarea ... all brought Scripture so close to me ... found myself referring to the Good Book all the time. We visited the Great Synagogue in Jerusalem on Yom Kippur, knowing that this is what Jesus would have done and then paid our respects to the victims of the Holocaust at Yad Vashem.

One makes friends on a trip like this, especially as this group was privileged to have a priest with them who said Holy Mass in the most unlikely places ... like on the perimeter of the Great Pyramid, or on the Israeli/Egyptian beach at Taba.

Sometimes a pilgrimage can become quite intense and I think it is necessary to include a bit of fun sightseeing and enjoying the culture and food of the places one visits.

Then there are places like Paris ... in springtime when all the trees lining the Boulevards are in new leaf and Sacre Coeur and Rue de Bac all demand your presence. Riding the Paris Metro, listening to buskers on the train and having to elude Gypsy pickpockets made for an interesting ride.

Lourdes is quite special. Massabiele (the grotto) is a gathering place for prayer and meditation. The nightly candlelit procession in Lourdes is a must. The Rosary is prayed over loudspeakers in different languages and people respond in their mother tongues. This is truly One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Here you see it in action.

Flying into Rome one sees the Coliseum and St Peter's from the air. The journey through the Catacombs to St Paul-outside-the-Wall is the history of

the Church through all the good and bad times. Rome is a tourist delight ... if only for the gelato (ice cream).

In 2012 I joined a prayer group on a spiritual journey to Italy and Medjugorje. Accompanied by two priests, even the bus became an Oratory! Visits to Assisi and Giovanni Rotondo had me wishing to spend more time in these serene surroundings. No wonder St Francis and St Padre Pio have become special to me.

En route to Ancona to cross the Adriatic Sea we were privileged to stop at Lanciano where a Eucharistic miracle happened. To see the preserved Heart muscle and the coagulated Blood of Jesus in the precious chalice deepened my faith in the Transubstantiation during the Holy Mass, and this for me was a moment of true joy.

The old Yugoslavia has been divided into several independent states and to get to Medjugorje from Ancona in Italy, one has to cross Croatia, a very beautiful country with a coastline to beat our Garden Route. I could easily have stayed there for many more days but ... the bus ...!

Medjugorje is a small village in the mountains of Bosnia where Our Lady has been appearing for nearly thirty-four years. I was fortunate to be present when the 2 October 2012 vision of Our Blessed Mother to Mirjana Soldo took place.

I have many questions about the happenings in Medjugorje and that is why I am planning to return this September. When the Angelus bell rings out, almost the whole village stops to pray. The people are warm and friendly and welcome strangers into their homes. Unusual for us South Africans! Imagine this ... there are at least forty confessionals around the parish church of St James and each of these stations has long queues of folk WANTING to receive reconciliation. These confessions are heard in many, many languages and Medjugorje has been dubbed "the world's confessional"!

Pilgrimage journeys are a great way to reconnect with your faith. Not always immediately but the impact of visiting and praying in and around holy sites stays embedded in your heart for a long time.

So, what's new? I will most definitely be present at the newest pilgrimage site in South Africa ... that of our own Blessed Benedict Daswa, on 13 September 2015.

One doesn't have to go on all these wondrous and expensive prayerful trips ... we have NGOME in KZN where Our Lady, Tabernacle of the most High, appeared to Sr Reinolda Mei and where several miracles have taken place.

Think about it ... and start planning your very own pilgrimage.

- Margaret (Wickham) Collins (Skinner 1951) went to Kenya to visit her son Bruce and his wife Jill (Casey) (Skinner 1979).

- Eileen (Rudolph) Toich (Hillcrest 1967) and her husband Joe have gone to Croatia on holiday.

- Maureen Greet (Skinner 1955) reports that her sister Carol (Greet) Stegmann (Skinner 1971) is going to Australia for the wedding of a nephew and to visit members of the family in Australia.

LOGS Emigrated

- Natasha Odendaal (Skinner 1987) reports.

My name is Natasha Odendaal and I am a graduate of Loreto Convent Skinner Street 1987. After finishing high school, I went to Pretoria University and studied Occupational Therapy. After graduation I decided to go overseas to work in the USA in March 1994.

So began my surreal experience in the USA. I had two weeks of orientation, staying at the Days Inn Hotel with my classmates and all of us going to Atlanta from Calhoun, GA to pick up a brand new Nissan Sentra company car – automatic, power everything with cup holders – this is always what comes to mind. There were 7 of us on the trip back – riding on an 8-lane one-way highway because Atlanta was preparing for the 1996 Summer Olympics. After the initial 2 weeks we worked in different parts of the state. Everything was different – the food, fast food – ordering tea from McDonalds and getting cold tea when I was expecting hot tea. To this day I cannot drink cold tea. Deciding what to eat – everything is sweeter here e.g. honey butter, honey mustard sauce, barbecue sauce, Pecan Pie, Pumpkin Pie. The Mexican influence in food, South Western food, traditional southern fried cooking. Most of us picked up weight the first few months but then lost it again after we figured out our new diet. My favourite holiday meal is Thanksgiving – the deep fried Turkey, with all the fixings, as they say, with Pumpkin Pie, Green bean salad, Oven roasted rolls... It is a 4 day weekend truly enjoyed by everyone. Do not forget Black Friday shopping. I have friends that spend Thursday afternoon planning their Friday shopping itinerary.

I ended up becoming a travelling therapist for 6 years. I fulfilled 13-week assignments working in Hospital systems mostly – Outpatient, Acute or Inpatient rehab. I worked in several places in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, California, Texas and Missouri. I loved the travelling, seeing the country and meeting the people. Have visited 48 of the 50 states.

I was more adventurous because there were times when I would not see a fellow South African for months on end. In a way this was good because it forced me to connect with the local people I came in contact with. Don't get me wrong, I had my sad days when I missed my family and friends but luckily they were few and far between. People in America are friendly, kind, hard working and eager to help especially if working in the rural areas of the states. I love the openness of the smaller cities and subdivisions. No high fences, seeing the front of everybody's yard, leaving your car unlocked in the street and it is still there the next day. I have a fellow classmate who arrived in New

York City and never left New York City – Michelle Stohr from Iona Convent. She on the other hand loves the big cities.

Leaving home and then living on my own forced me to grow up very quickly. Getting your driver's licence when you change states, changing tags on your car (number plates), forwarding mail when you travel. Doing my own laundry, reading a map to get from Florida (Jacksonville) to California (Eureka) in 3 days and start my next work assignment. For my first 2 years of travel there was no cell phone let alone a smart phone. Looking back I realize that it was the grace of God that protected me.

So now, 21 years later I co-own an Independent Private Practice. We offer Speech, Physical and Occupational services to adults and children. I enjoy my life but it is hard work. Most Americans never use up their paid time off every year. Working is fine but living and loving is empowering. My friends and I spend time travelling overseas together (10 days out of the year) at least once a year. My parents joined me in Egypt, Italy, Israel, Jordan and England. In November 2015 I will see them in Cape Town for 1 week. I am bringing 5 friends along from the USA to see the most beautiful city in the world.

America has been very good to me and afforded me opportunities I never thought possible. Facebook has been great in that I was able to connect with long-lost classmates – Donna Price (successful actress and playwright in England), Dimitra Louscas (England), Dimitra Saraglis (Athens, Greece), Rosario Araujo (SA), Maria Dilia Goncalves (SA), Dellene (Hamilton) Clark (SA) whom I talk to on the phone, and Michelle Robertson who I hope to see in Cape Town this year. I regret that after our class graduated in 1987 we never ever got together again as a group. America is my home now but South Africa will always be in my blood. God Bless and enjoy your reunion.

- Felicity Mullan (Hillcrest 1954) reports.

Ray Jeppe has moved permanently to Russia to do evangelical work among the Russian people whom she loves. She is learning the language and is living in conditions of minus 20 degrees. From the emails she sends us she seems to be very happy. God bless her and her work.

LOGS who have moved house

After her retirement, Ursula (Hunt) Boden (Skinner 1953) moved from Cape Town to Alberton in Gauteng.

LOGS who have retired from full-time employment

Jackie Welch (Sea Point 1962) retired in 2014 from Kingsmead College in Rosebank, Johannesburg.

LOG Social Activities

Jackie Welch (Sea Point 1962) reports as follows.

I am now officially retired – having been the IT and Admin Manager at Kingsmead College in Rosebank, Johannesburg in the last phase of my full-time working life. I am now semi-retired but perhaps more busy now than ever before!

I work at Alexandra Education Committee on 4 afternoons a week - working from Waverley Girls High School – assisting Grade 8-12 girls from Waverley and boys from Highlands North, who are bursary students supported by Alexandra Education Committee – a wonderful organisation started by Deane Yates in 1996 to support those less fortunate from Alexandra Primary Schools.

I also assist with examination supervision at St Johns College in Parktown and I am also involved in a pilot project for an online school-leaving certificate. I have also been involved with some contract work with the IEB in Johannesburg.

As well as this I represent 3 Australian institutions, namely, Charles Sturt University, University of New England and the Pacific College of Technology. I handle registrations for these institutions and many students have either gone to Australia to study or remain in South Africa as distance education students.

Then, as a resident in a retirement village in Bedfordview, I have been the chairman of the village committee for the past 5 years. My hobbies include gardening, reading and travel but my big interest is owning and showing a miniature schnauzer called Bijou. She is just 2 and a half years old and reached championship status at the age of 18 months. She has won many awards, including being the female miniature schnauzer Dog of the Year for 2 years in succession.

I have a nephew in Sydney and look forward to visiting him and his lovely family as often as possible. I will be seeing them again in November this year when I travel to Australia. I am also looking forward to a week's visit to South Island, New Zealand, to accompany a friend who has an invitation to be a judge at 3 dog shows in Christchurch. I have another nephew who lives with his family in the Ballito area and a niece in Oxford, England. My brother and his wife still reside in Pietermaritzburg.

LOG Memories

No news

LOG Regional Reunions

- Cape Town LOG Reunion

Maureen (Lynam) Fernandes (Sea Point 1962) reports as follows.

The Cape Town LOG Reunion took place on 4 October 2014 at 11:00 at the Durbanville parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Fr Michael Van Heerden, a Loreto Old Boy from Strand, was the celebrant. Mass at 11:00 was followed by a bring and share finger lunch in the church hall.

- Hillcrest LOGS of 1974

Felicity (Joseph) O'Donnell (Hillcrest 1974) reports as follows.

Our Class, the Class of '74 from Hillcrest, had a lunch together in Pretoria on 16 May 2015. Sr Emer and Sr Eileen joined us at "The Blos Cafe". About 10 of us got together and had a lovely time catching up.

- Skinner Street LOGS of 1975

Carol (Bowles) Lang (Skinner 1975) reports as follows.

We managed to get together earlier this month for our 40th reunion, which was a truly wonderful experience.

Advertisement for LOG Regional Reunions

- Cape Town LOG Reunion will take place on Saturday 3 October 2015 at St Bernard's church in Newlands. Mass is at 11:00 followed by a bring and share lunch in the church hall. Fr Hugh O'Conner, a Loreto Old Boy from Sea Point, will be the celebrant. Maureen asks that the LOGS do a Donation of food or kind for the Sisters of Charity. Maureen invites any Loreto Old Girls living in or near Cape Town to join them on the day, no matter where they attended school. Contact Maureen (Lynam) Fernandes (Sea Point 1962) on cell 079 517 0067 or by email on maureenfernandes111@gmail.com.

- A Loreto Convent School Get-Together for Loreto Old Girls and Past Teachers will take place on Wednesday 2 September 2015 at Loreto Convent School Skinner Street. Use Visage Street entrance. Starts at 16:00 for finger snacks in the quad and continues at 18:00 with the Primary School Concert in the School Hall. The cost is R150 per person. RSVP Suzette Truter on cell 072 150 2199 or email suzettetru@lantic.net.

LOG Sports, Milestones

No news.

LOG Engagements

No news.

LOG Birthdays

Maria Odendaal, mother of Natasha Odendaal (Skinner 1987) celebrated her birthday on 15 August 2015, the Feast of the Assumption.

LOG Special Achievements

No news.

LOG Hobbies

No news.

LOGS who are ill or recuperating

Please pray for (Lola) Dolores (Brink) Neethling (Skinner 1950) who is seriously ill, as well as Sister Linda Prest (Sea Point 1962) who has moved to

Holy Cross Home for medical reasons. LOGS who are ill or recuperating, we wish you a speedy recovery.

LOG Obituaries

We note with sadness and sincere condolences the passing of the following: Paula (Torres) Lippi (Skinner 1989), in December 2008; Pinky Loretan, mother of Jay (Loretan) Exenberger (Skinner 1989) and Lindy (Loretan) Reynolds (Skinner 1988), in June 2015; Anita Rossi, the beloved daughter of Shirley (Velcich) Plisic (Hillcrest 1952), on 14 October 2014; on 17 February 2015 the brother of Norma (Wolff) Higgins (Hillcrest 1952) died suddenly; Nic, the beloved husband of Dawn (Trent) Nel (Skinner 1953) at age of 92, on 26 June 2014; (Snowy) Jennifer (Ras) (Chatterton) Heske (Skinner 1971), on 23 October 2013; Martina (Denoon) Franck (Skinner 1975), in December 2014; Barbara (Op'THof) De Wet (Skinner 1966), in 2014; Robert the beloved husband of Carol-Anne (Shaw) Winterburn (Skinner 1967), in 2014; and Frank Shaw, Carol-Anne's beloved father, also in 2014.

Celebrations at the Annual LOG Reunion on Saturday 3 October 2015 at Loreto Convent School, Nana Sita Street (previously Skinner Street), Pretoria, entrance in Visagie Street (see above for directions).

Please note: If there are any LOGS not listed in the categories below but known to other LOGS, please let us know as soon as possible.

Golden Girls for 2015 (50 years out of school = left school in 1965, or were with this group), inter alia: **Skinner:** Colleen (Henning) Fourie, Kathleen (McCeary) Caselli-Thomson, Claire Mitchell, Stella (Nicholls) Halka, Ingrid (Petersen) Fineberg, Elizabeth (Scott) Schmidt (USA), Ingrid (Van Der Walt) Gardener. **Hillcrest:** Frances (Dreyer) Michelatos. **Lydenburg:** Patricia (Byrnes) Schnugh, Rose/Roz (Lutecki) McGregor (UK). **Eldoret, Kenya:** Ala (Tozzi) Simeone (Italy). **Sea Point:** Linda (Campbell) Mulder.

Diamond Girls for 2015 (60 years out of school = left school in 1955 or were with this group), inter alia: **Skinner:** Maureen (Bacharach) Robinson, Berniece (Bell) Eales, Ariadne (Dermatis) Phitides, Maureen Greet, Isabel Morton, Denise (Murray) Koekemoor, Anne (Thompson) Piper. **Hillcrest:** Carmel Borland, Jennifer (Muntz) Draper, Cecile (Sluijter) Veldhuis. **Msongari, Kenya:** Marie Claire (De Weck) Borwick. **Lydenburg:** Patricia (Moodie) Trollip, Gwen Young.

Ruby Girls for 2015 (40 years out of school = left school in 1975, or were with this group), inter alia: **Skinner:** Rita Alexander, Maria Alfonson, Lesley (Almec) Khouri, Maria Louisa Blasco, Debbie (Bosman) Georgiades, Carol (Bowles) Lang, Caroline Clarkson, Elizabeth (Collins) Van Enter, Maria (De Gois) Rodriguez, Connie (De Gouveia) Sebastiao, Veronica (De Nobrega) Olival, Marie De Sa, Emilia De Sa, Teresa (Denoon) Dos Santos, Shelley (Dunne) Banhidy (UK), Jeanette During, Deborah Ferreira, Cathy (Fivaz) Rolt, Rene (Henry) Carstens, Ellen Ho, Debbie (Ho-Tong) Kin, Jeanette Kostbahn,

Meredith (Kuhn) Greyling, Cathy (Mahoud) Sirakis, Cidalia (Marie) De Almeida, Louella (Mazzuchetti) Kleynhans, Beverley (McArthur) Kieswetter, Cheryl/Sheryl (Minnaar) Coetzee, Rosanna (Morezzi) Ricci, Karin/Karen Oracki, Lana (Peinke) Patterson, Isabel (Pires) De Araujo, Brigitte Roschlein, Sharon (Sacks) Wohlfarth, Doreen Salf, Veronica Sarmiento, Charmaine Schnuir, Erica (Somer) Sinclair, Rene (Smit) McDonald (USA), Debbie Steele, Angela (Stipinovich) Joseph, Louisa Swan, Theresa (Van Der Berg) Coetzee, Ina Van Zyl, Susan (Viljoen) Bronn, Valerie (Waters) Els, Violet Ying.

Hillcrest: Genevieve (Pilot) Van Der Merwe, Renee (Visser) Yeo.

Silver Girls for 2015 (25 years out of school = left school in 1990, or were with this group), inter alia: **Skinner:** Martina (Chvatal) Teles, Ingrid Charmaine Davids, Rosemary Dos Santos, Alice (Lima) Coelho, Alessandra Lonza, Marta (Mokone) Dlamini, Dominique Rohleder, Anne Sexton, Merces Teixeira (Maderia), Charmaine Vuma. **Queenswood:** Adrienne (Langley) Blignaut.

Tin Girls for 2015 (10 years out of school = left school in 2005): **Skinner:** Charmaine Baloyi, Nombulelo Jiyane, Robyn Jones, Sarah K Kabemba, Theresho Kuzwayo, Ofentse Lekwane, Kutlwano Letlolo, Lesego Mabena, Kulani G Mabunda, Lebogang Madise, Siphwe Mahlangu, Nastassia Manganyi, Siphwe Masango, Shirley Masemola, Nokwanda Mathenjwa, Regina Mnyakeni, Galaletsang Moeketsi, Neo Moleele, Phindile Molewa, Modiegi Molotsi, Christelle Mpisi, Colletah Muchenje, Nomxolisi Ndlangana, Zanele Ngendane, Boitumelo Nkosi, Zanele Nkuna, Tsholofelo Nkwane, Nikiwe Ntungwa, Essa Nyathi, Lebogang Phora, Kutlwano Poo, Khumo Pule, Phomello Radebe, Matjie Pearl Ratiba, Madalena Sahroder, Yvonne Catherine Selabe, Dikeledi Selepe, Herminah Shikoane, Getrude Shikwinya, Belcky Simoes, Noyolo Skosana, Faith Ofentse Wistebaar.

Keep in Touch! Please note that if you intend to be at the **Skinner Pretoria LOG REUNION** on 3 OCTOBER 2015, it is essential to **RSVP** so that your name can be put on a list, (particularly for those receiving a gift in celebration of your year left school, 50 or 60 or 40 or 25 or 10), and a name-label **{First name (maiden name in brackets) Surname}** can be prepared for you. With thanks!

REPLY SLIP (2015) Please detach the reply slip for RSVP.

I.....(Name and Surname),
will / will not be attending the **Loreto Convent Skinner Pretoria 2015 LOG Reunion** on Saturday 3 October 2015 at 12:30 for Registration and Mass in the School Chapel at 13:00, followed by further Registration and Tea in the School Hall. Contribution towards tea and admin costs: R70, payable at the door at Registration on Reunion Day.

Maiden Name.....

Year Left School..... School attended.....

Postal Address.....

Email address.....

Telephone numbers: Cell.....

Home.....

Work.....

RSVP: Reply to sender **OR** pa@lorskin.co.za **OR** cell: 079 375 8043

RSVP by post: Loreto Old Girls c/o P. O. Box 21259, Valhalla, 0137

We hope to see you, but if you are not coming, please send us your updated details.