

2016 Report of Loreto Old Girls Reunion held on Saturday 1 October 2016 at Loreto Convent School Nana Sita Road (previously Skinner Street) Pretoria

The Reunion started with Registration at 11h00. At 11h30 Mass was celebrated in the School Chapel. After welcoming all present Father Kevin Reynolds (Loreto Skinner and Hillcrest) celebrated Mass for the feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus. Molly Connolly (Hillcrest 1954) did the First Reading from 1 Corinthians 12:4-11. The Responsorial Psalm was from Psalm 131:1,2. After reading the Gospel from Matthew 8:23-27, Father Reynolds spoke the Homily.

The Prayers of the Faithful were read by all, inter alia for those present, the Loreto Family, the Loreto Sisters, and featured an intercession through the newly-canonised Saint Teresa of Calcutta as well as an intercession through Venerable Mary Ward. Intercessions were also made for Loreto Old Girls who are ill or recuperating and deceased Loreto Old Girls / members of family.

The hymns were “Glorious God, King of Creation”, “Father, I placed into your Hands”, “Spirit of God, in the Clear Running Water”, and the Mass ended with “Blessed Assurance”. The Our Father (echo) was sung and the Mass setting was the American. Ursula (Sinovich) Jadrijevich (Skinner 1966) played the piano and her husband Jaksa (Loreto Skinner) led the echo Our Father.

Everyone went to the School Hall (the Hall is dedicated to Sister Shirley Kay) for a Finger Lunch. Ursula Jadrijevich kindly played background music on the piano during the Finger Lunch.

Margaret (Wickham) Collins (Skinner 1951) made two announcements before the awards were presented by Sisters Marian and Emer. The first announcement was a message from Maureen (Lynam) Fernandes (Sea Point 1962) on behalf of LOGS in Cape Town. She wished for good weather and a blessed, happy Reunion to all present. Mention was made that the LOG Reunion in Cape Town was likely to be around the middle of November 2016. Contact [maureenfernandes111@gmail.com](mailto:maureenfernandes111@gmail.com).

The second message was from Felicity Mullan (Hillcrest 1954) who apologised for her absence at the Reunion and hoped everyone enjoyed meeting LOG friends. She invited all LOGS to join her on 30 October 2016 to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday at Loreto School Queenswood at 11h30 onwards for a picnic-style celebration. A light lunch would be provided. To facilitate catering, RSVP to Loreto Skinner [pa@lorskin.co.za](mailto:pa@lorskin.co.za) by 18 October 2016 or soonest. No gifts, but donations to Lifeline or a charity of choice are welcome.

After this, followed the presentation of awards by Sister Marian and Sister Emer.

<b>Ten Years</b>	<b>10 years out of school</b>				
<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year left</b>	<b>School</b>
	Lerato Mancha	Moloto	Ms	2006	Skinner
<b>Platinum Girls</b>	<b>70 years out of school</b>				
<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year left</b>	<b>School</b>
(Richardson)	Beatrice	Eksteen	Mrs	1946	Skinner

<b>Special Blue Sapphire</b>					
<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year left</b>	<b>School</b>
	Gracie	Pozzo	Ms	1947	Skinner
<b>Golden Girls</b>					
<b>50 years out of school</b>					
<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year left</b>	<b>School</b>
(Huddle)	Gwen	Cooper	Mrs	1966	Lydenburg
(Hamilton)	Sue	Walters *	Mrs	1966	Lydenburg
(Granzier)	Theresa	Bason	Mrs	1966	Skinner
(Sinovich)	Ursula	Jadrijevich	Mrs	1966	Skinner
(Killeen)	Patricia / Pat	Rehse	Mrs	1966	Skinner
(Cave)	Charlene	Watt	Mrs	1966	Skinner
(Shaw)	Carol-Anne	Winterburn	Mrs	1966	Skinner
* Gwen (Huddle) Cooper accepted on behalf of Sue (Hamilton) Walters					
<b>Ruby Girls</b>					
<b>40 years out of school</b>					
<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year left</b>	<b>School</b>
(Joao)	Teresa	Paixao **	Mrs	1976	Skinner
(Lyon)	Cecilia	Snyman	Mrs	1976	Skinner
(De Freitas)	Louisa	Sousa	Mrs	1976	Skinner
(Dias)	Helena	Valente ***	Mrs	1976	Skinner
(Terxiera)	Louisa	Wintour	Mrs	1976	Skinner
(Henry)	Carol	Wright	Mrs	1976	Skinner
** Louisa (De Freitas) Sousa accepted on behalf of Teresa (Joao) Paixao					
*** Fernanda (Dias) Dos Santos accepted on behalf of her sister, Helena (Dias) Valente					
<b>Blue Sapphire Girls</b>					
<b>65/66 years out of school</b>					
<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year left</b>	<b>School</b>
(Kilfoil)	Colleen	Newton ****	Mrs	1950	Hillcrest
(Wickham)	Margaret	Collins	Mrs	1951	Skinner
(Swacina)	Frances	Olver	Mrs	1951	Skinner
**** Margaret Collins accepted on behalf of Colleen Newton who had to leave early					
<b>Diamond Girls</b>					
<b>60 years out of school</b>					
<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year left</b>	<b>School</b>
	Maureen	Greet *****	Ms	1956	Skinner
***** Mistakenly awarded in 2015					

Sister Shirley would be proud of the following LOGS who attended all LOG Reunions from 2011 to 2015.

<b>Dedicated attendance of LOG Reunions (2011-2015). LOGS received a Sister Shirley memorial card</b>					
<b>Maiden Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Year left</b>	<b>School</b>
(Kuhn)	Shannon	Abdo	Mrs	1969	Skinner
(Wickham)	Margaret	Collins	Mrs	1951	Skinner
	Molly	Connolly	Ms	1954	Hillcrest
(Andreatta)	Alida	Cosani	Mrs	1971	Skinner
(Sinovich)	Ursula	Jadrijevich	Mrs	1966	Skinner
(Wallis)	Teresa	Neville	Mrs	1971	MS/Skinner

(Kilfoil)	Colleen	Newton ****	Mrs	1950	Hillcrest
(De Freitas)	Louisa	Sousa	Mrs	1976	Skinner
**** Margaret Collins accepted on behalf of Colleen Newton who had to leave early					

Congratulations to one and all, particularly to our Platinum Girl, Beatrice Eksteen, who achieved 70 years out of school, and Gracie Pozzo our Special Blue Sapphire Girl, 69 years out of school.

Elsa Bastos (Skinner 1971) attended from Portugal. Well done!

Our thanks to Sister Marian and Sister Emer for presenting the awards. Margaret Collins presented to each a bowl of flowers. Sister Eileen, also present at the Reunion, received a corsage.

Ursula Jadrijevich played “For they are Jolly Good Old Girls” on the piano.

Messages of good wishes came from the following LOGS

- Helena (Dias) Valente (Skinner 1976)
- Maud (Williams) Pickup (Hillcrest 1951)
- Dawn (Capell) MacDonald (Hillcrest 1964)
- Ruth (Capell) Hagerman (Hillcrest 1954)

The LOGS wish to express appreciation to the Principal of Nana Sita Loreto Convent School, Mr Shillinglaw, for the use of the facilities at the school.

The LOGS extend their thanks to all who helped with arrangements and preparations for the 2016 LOG Reunion, both Old Girls, Staff and School Ground Staff.

Our thanks to the LOGS who came to the 2016 LOG Reunion. Many LOGS sent apologies for being unable to attend. Much appreciated.

After the Reunion, LOGS wrote to say how “special” the Mass was and how they enjoyed coming to the Reunion! Good to hear!

**Note.** LOG news for the 2017 LOG Newsletter to [pa@lorskin.co.za](mailto:pa@lorskin.co.za) by July 2017. With thanks.

See you at the next LOG Reunion in 2017, the first Saturday of October 2017, which is 7 October 2017. D.V.