

31 August 2012

Dear Loreto Old Girls

Another year is speeding past and it is almost time for our Annual LOG Reunion. We are hoping to remind everyone that the first Saturday of October is always Reunion Day- please join us, ladies! It will be fun to see you all again. PLEASE REMEMBER, the FIRST SATURDAY OF OCTOBER IS ALWAYS THE REUNION DATE, AND IS UNCHANGED FROM YEAR TO YEAR. This year the date is 06 October 2012. The Reunion will start with Mass in the School Chapel at 13h00, followed by tea in the School Hall. Registration will take place at 12h30 at the entrance to the School Chapel. The entrance to be used to the School grounds is in Visagie Street (one-way street West), where sufficient parking will be available. There will be Security on duty.

The Loreto Sisters have been busy as usual. Sister Bernadette represented South Africa at the Eucharistic Congress in Ireland recently. Read her interesting report in the newsletter. Sister Pat Hanvey (based in Zambia) has also written about her work in the village of Lukulu. Sister Immacula and Sister Pat Heron visited us from Ireland in March, to enjoy South African sunshine and hospitality. Sister Linda, the Provincial, has also sent a greeting to you all, with local news.

Spiritual Direction, together with Facilitation and giving Retreats, is the main focus of the Sisters now that they have retired from teaching. Many of you girls were pupils at Lydenburg, Glen Cowie and Sea Point and would like to know what happened to the Sisters from these schools after they closed down. All the Sisters took up teaching positions in other Loretos around South Africa. Some, of course, went back to Ireland.

Loreto Convent School in Skinner Street and Loreto School in Queenswood are still situated in Pretoria and doing well. Loreto Strand is a Primary School (a Private School on Public Property) and there are a few Sisters in the Convent there. Blue Downs is still operating as a Loreto Community. Elsewhere in Africa, Loreto Convents are flourishing with many in Kenya, Ghana and Tanzania. Of course, India has a large Loreto Community as does Australia, Canada, Ireland, England and the U.S.A. So, as you can see, the work of Mary Ward is still being celebrated worldwide and we are glad and thankful for all those who are involved in keeping her Vision alive.

I am sure you are all interested in news of Sister Shirley. She is well and happy, having recently celebrated her 93rd birthday (on 01 July 2012) and sends her love to you all. She would welcome letters and emails (Sister Immacula's email address is annette_bolger@yahoo.co.uk). Please do keep in touch with her and give her all your news. Her letter to you all is attached.

SCHOOL NEWS

Loreto Convent School, Skinner Street, achieved 100% Matric pass rate in 2011 (18 years in a row!!) and there were 92% University Exemptions. We expect this year's Matric class to do just as well, and we offer prayers for their success in the soon-to-be-written Preliminary Examinations. (Don't we all remember how that feels?)

The tri-annual Loreto Conference was hosted by Skinner Street this year and it proved to be most worthwhile and informative. Representatives of Loreto Strand flew up to join the two Pretoria schools (Skinner Street and Queenswood) and a very enjoyable time was had by all. There was even a trip on the Gautrain and dinner in Rosebank one night! We might not have the sea here, but we do have the Gautrain!

The annual Inter-Loreto Day, between Skinner Street and Queenswood, which takes place around the date of the Feast of the Assumption, was held on Friday 17 August 2012. There was much fun and excitement, as our school hosted the Foundation Phase of Loreto School and our Senior Primary Section went to Queenswood for the morning. Sister Emer conducted a beautiful Paraliturg for the little ones and the singing was most enthusiastic!

Our Senior Primary Choir will be singing at the State Theatre on 04 September 2012, in the Jakaranda Youth Arts Festival. Our Drama Groups also represented our School very well with their two productions, "My Face and Spacebook" and "We are the Kids your parents warned you about".

Loreto Day School Bowbazar, in Kolkata (India), recently held their Annual Concert and the theme this year was "Loretos in different countries". We sent them photos of the concert we held last year, as well as an article and write up.

Congratulations

Past pupils who are celebrating either 50 (Golden Girls) or 60 (Diamond Girls) or 40 (Ruby Girls) years since leaving school will be acknowledged at the Reunion.

Obituaries

Sister Thérèse Wightman passed away in the Cape. Mrs Dorothy Rawlings, mother-in-law of our present Principal, Mr Stuart Shillinglaw, and Mrs Alida de Beer, mother of Mrs Rannell Engelbrecht (who runs the School Tuckshop) and mother-in-law of Mrs Kathy Wisselo, passed away recently, as did Mrs Thelma Anderson (past teacher). We extend sincere messages of sympathy to their families and pray that time will bring comfort and healing.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER LINDA

Dear Old Girls

It is great that we can still keep in touch with each other. Here is hoping that many of you will be able to come to the LOG meeting in October – we do enjoy connecting with you at this re-union. Once again the Matric results in 2011 were splendid. 100% pass for the 18th time. The teachers and students work very well together and I hope this same spirit, even when you leave School, will remain with you always.

On a Saturday morning, every 2 months, we have a prayer morning at Skinner Street. If you are interested in joining, just let us know and we will keep you informed. Keeping in touch with God is very important, especially during this age of crime!

We look forward to seeing you all at the LOG meeting.

Every blessing

Sister Linda for all the Sisters.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER IMMACULA

Greetings to you all!

Six years ago, I left South Africa to retire in Ireland not thinking that I would ever again see its blue skies and my many friends. However, as this is my Diamond Jubilee year, I received a wonderful family gift of a return visit to SA. Sr. Pat Heron, likewise celebrating her Jubilee, joined me and we set off in early March for this great surprise holiday!

What I looked forward to and enjoyed most was meeting our Sisters and many of my friends again. Each one made us feel so very welcome and, due to their kindness, while we were staying at Nazareth House, we visited Pilansberg and spent a few days around some of the old haunts in

Mpumalanga. I make special mention here of Lydenburg and recall with great affection the pupils and many happy years spent there.

We were fortunate too in that a visit to the Cape was part of our holiday. The Sisters at The Strand and Blue Downs organised day trips for us to some of the places of interest around the Peninsula. It was a great treat for Sr. Pat to see those parts of the Fairest Cape for the first time and for me to revisit them. It was a joy to meet some of our faithful past pupils at the Strand also.

All in all, we had a wonderful time and from the moment we left Dublin until we set foot again in Ireland, everything went like magic! The only regret we have is that we forgot to pack some sunshine in our cases on the return journey!

My very best wishes and love to you all especially to those who remember me and to those who contributed to a wonderful holiday and fantastic memories!

MESSAGE FROM SISTER PAT HANVEY IBVM

As some of you may know I am a relatively new member of the Loreto Sisters in South Africa, joining the Congregation in the late 1990's after eleven years in the academic world. After a number of years working in township community projects both in Khayelitsha, Cape Town and Kwaquga in Witbank, I now find myself in a remote corner of the western part of Zambia. Two of us (myself and Sr. Elizabeth Donnan IBVM) have been on mission here from the South African Province, for over six years living and working among an impoverished rural community. We live in a very little place called Lukulu which is 200kms down a dirt road from anywhere and 600 kms west of the Capital city of Lusaka. You can read more about our life and work by following the Zambia link on the South African Province website www.loretosisters.org.za

I am busy coordinating a number of grass roots health care projects largely related to HIV and AIDS, as well as providing nutritional support for orphaned and vulnerable babies. I work with a number of local women who have a great capacity for caring for their community, with little or no remuneration or expectation thereof. We have recently developed a number of small income generating activities (making soap and herbal Vaseline, a chicken and a fish project) to help these women earn a little income for themselves while they give so freely of their time and energy in helping others.

As a relatively 'young' member of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary I have recently embarked on a year of renewal which comprises among other things a 30 day retreat and a new ministry experience which is different to my usual ministry. In June and July of this year I travelled to Cape Town to make my retreat, and later in the year I hope to complete my new ministry experience by working for six weeks at our Loreto NGO Office at the United Nations in New York. Hopefully this will give me a chance to examine some of the development issues which I encounter on a daily basis in Lukulu, from a more global perspective.

The 30 day retreat, more appropriately known as the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola, is a means of keeping one's heart and spirit attuned to God's presence and purpose in one's life. Just as one exercises physically to keep one's body fit and active, and able to respond to activity in daily life, our spiritual life also needs to be constantly attuned to God's Will. While daily prayer does keep us in touch, the Spiritual Exercises is a graced period away from the distractions and busyness of daily life to spend a prolonged uninterrupted time with God, reconnecting with God's original purpose in creating me as a unique individual. It is not so much a removal from the world in which we live and work but rather of spending quality time in a deepening intimacy with Jesus, Incarnate in our world, so that I may get to know Him more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly, as I continue life's journey in our real and somewhat broken world. One usually ends such a retreat, as I did, feeling very loved by God and very ready to respond in making a loving response in one's own life.

Obviously, the transition from such a graced and secluded time with God takes a little readjusting as one makes a re-entry to the busyness of daily life. Loving resolutions are somewhat easy in words, but need to be enacted to make them real and meaningful. This transition was somewhat facilitated

for me by an invitation to provide input at a gathering of the Ignatian Family (laity and religious committed to Ignatian Spirituality) in Cape Town shortly after my retreat finished, as a way for them to celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius (31st July). The theme given was 'Love is manifested in deeds done, not just in words'. Presenting such a theme using examples from my own lived experience, of both trying to be loving and in receiving love, in the difficult situations of daily life, was a good means of confronting the reality that awaited me after my graced period of 30 days in retreat, and of articulating for myself my own resolve to LOVE in such situations.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER BERNADETTE

Sr. Linda asked me to write something about my trip for the Eucharistic Congress in Dublin for the LOG's newsletter. As I have no further instructions than "something" I shall try to do just that.

When I was at school my trips outside the school were always soured by the thought that as soon as we got back we would have to write an essay about it. And so it was. Write an essay of about 200 words on your trip to..... This is of a similar nature, but far more pleasant.

I was a boarder in Lydenburg and we had special time set aside for letter writing. So at the start I used to tell my mother blow by blow what was happening at school. When I got home she would say to me something like this: "If I wanted facts about events I would buy a newspaper. What I want to know always is *what happened inside you*". The definition of a holy site is "it happened here". Something very important happened in that place, that's why the place is holy. In other words, what my mother wanted to know was what happened in the holy place within me.

So now you might gather that I am not going to spell out where I was and what I saw; this has to be about what happened IN me not around me. If you want facts like my mother and her newspaper you can find everything that happened at the Eucharistic Congress if you go to the all knowing Mr. Google. He already has most of the most important speakers input right there for you to read or hear. I was really mystified (mistified) by the Irish weather. It could never make up its mind whether it was going to be cold or hot, rainy or dry. The minute one occurred it would change its course and show the opposite. Most of the time cold and wet won. Still, it could do nothing to the hearts of the people walking in the streets, especially those with the blue bags on their back and the blue ribbons with the name badges and locality from which the person came. That was just incredible that as soon as anybody saw the signs of Eucharistic Congress, you immediately became friends. Can you imagine what it feels like to discover that suddenly you have thousands of friends who want to know all about you.

The place where everything was happening was the RDS grounds. It is huge. I think it is as big as 2 blocks. In the biggest hall there were over 200 stalls dealing with every good work in Ireland and in other countries. Catholic book stalls, religious congregations, charitable organizations all were there and those who were in charge were full of smiles helping you to choose something from the wares or telling you about their work. One day I just stood still and asked myself there "What is happening to me? It is not just a feeling or a thought, something else. Then I put words on it: it was the experience of so much **good** all around me. All those hundreds of people were all trying to do something good and help to change this world into a better place. I would say that I experienced the delightful "weight" of goodness.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was the focal point. The hall could seat 1200 and it was full of people nearly all day. There too, the silence seemed to be very different to ordinary silence. It was like silence loaded with silence, although there were sounds outside which seemed to emphasize that silence. All around the hall on some days there were priests hearing confessions in different languages. There were people from 120 countries, but of course not as many priests. I saw a corner with POLISH indicating that the priest was Polish. I do speak Polish, but I have not gone to confession in Polish since my first confession some 70 years ago (yes, I am 76). So I went to him and told him I was Polish, but I only sin in English. We had a bit of giggle and then he gave me a blessing.

The most amazing thing that happened to me was my encounter at a bus stop. One day I decided to

skip some of the activities in the main arena because of “brother rain” and I heard two men talking and one of them said the word “Siberia”. When they parted I went to the other man and said, “Did you say ‘Siberia’?” “Yes,” he said, “I am a missionary from Siberia.” It was Fr. Michael Shields. He was born in Alaska and when he was grew up he felt he was called to “the camps”. These were the former Gulags where “enemies of the state” – like my family, for example (!)– were sent under communism. He told me he was speaking about his mission the following day and so I made sure to be there in time. When I saw him in the hall, I just went up to greet him and he stopped me and said: “Will you say a few words?” Naturally I tried to get out of it because it is very hard to say something about an experience like being deported to Siberia, but then he got me by saying: “Will you do it for ME”. What could I say? He announced at the beginning of the talk that there was a sister here who had been in Siberia as a prisoner of war. Then at the end he called me up to the microphone. All shreds of vanity were shed off me then. It was my last day here and I had these unsightly - though so comfortable crocks – two jerseys, a jacket, a scarf, all that was dragged up those four steps and I felt like a rag doll on the stage. Then I said to him: “I don’t know what I am going to say”. All he could say was “Nor do I”. Then he must have prayed to the Holy Spirit because all of a sudden I felt I knew exactly what I wanted to say. I told them about the faith and goodness of the Russian people and gave them examples. When it was over I had a marvellous feeling of having paid some huge debt, of having honoured those good people who saved our lives and helped us to escape. And the strange thing is that the day I “delivered my speech” was the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It was also on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 72 years previously that we were deported. It seems that the Love of Christ does not keep you out of trouble but He goes into it with us.

Of course I saw Sr. Immacula and Shirley and others from S. Africa who came for some days to the Congress. The final Mass in Croke Park was unforgettable. There were 750 000 people in that stadium, and there was such order, it was unbelievable. I again had the feeling that I had never experienced before in such clarity. There I felt I had literally “touched” FAITH. To see all these crowds all united in worship, believing in Jesus was an experience of a lifetime.

I was also very surprised at the end when the Archbishop thanked representatives from other faiths including the Muslims for being there with us. It was like having a quick glimpse – like a flash of an advertisement - of future things to come.

MESSAGE FROM SISTER SHIRLEY

My dear LOGS,

As it’s the time of the year to contact you all and to let you know how things are in this part of the world, I plan to do just that!

As you all know I am now in Loreto Balbriggan which is in County Dublin.

I am keeping very well. This is in spite of my having completed my 93rd year. Perhaps the only problem I can think of is that of having nothing to do!! Actually I have joined the National Council for the Blind in Dublin and they are very good to me. They come and fetch me every Tuesday in a Minibus which picks up others and I am out for the day- very busy on various activities which are very interesting.

It is actually what one would call a support group. In early September we are going on a two day outing at a resort which I hear will be very interesting.

I wonder did any of you see Sr. Immacula and Sr. Pat, from this community, who visited Pretoria in March this year. They had a lovely time.

I would love to hear from you.

God bless you all.

Sister Shirley

NEWS OF LORETO OLD GIRLS

Note: We hope that you approve of the news compiled from conversations with LOGS and letters from LOGS received in the course of updating the LOG Database. We would appreciate receiving news from LOGS directly to kathyATlorskin.co.za since Sister Shirley is no longer actively involved in the annual LOG Newsletter and the annual LOG Reunion in Pretoria. As in the past, we believe that you would like to hear of news from Loreto Old Girls, but, understandably, those LOGS who prefer to communicate directly with Sister Shirley or any of the other Loreto Sisters are welcome to do so. However, if your letter contains news of a general nature relating to LOGS we request that you Cc the letter to Kathy to collate the news annually for the LOG Newsletter.

Please feel free to let us know your views. Sub-headings have been used to indicate areas of activities, but any news is welcome.

LOG Travellers

- Ann (Bower) Gray (Skinner 1956) and her husband visited their son in Auckland, New Zealand, for three months in November 2011.
- Barbara (Savage) Sand (Sea Point 1961) visited Scotland in 2011.
- Rosemary (Henkel) Roberts (Skinner 1953) visited her daughter in Holland in 2011.
- Elke (Harenberg) Stollarz (Skinner 1961) visited Germany in 2011.
- Maureen Greet (Skinner 1955) visited cousins in Australia and toured Australia in March 2011, hiked for a week near Graskop, Mapumalanga, and attended the Grahamstown Festival in July 2011.
- Patricia (Byrne) Schaugh (Lydenburg 1965) visited her sister Liesel, who lives in New Zealand, and returned in August 2011.
- Verna (Groom) Parker (Australia) (Skinner 1967) visited Diane (Barnard) Gibson (Canada) (Skinner 1967) during the Canadian summer of 2011.
- Meg (Gardner) Beckett (Lydenburg 1952) visited her sister, Eleanor (Lydenburg 1950), and her brother, Ian, in Australia for three months in January 2012.
- Dawn (Capell) MacDonald (Hillcrest 1964) and her younger daughter, Kerry, will tour the UK from 6-22 September 2012. This tour includes a cycle tour of the Outer Hebrides! Bon Voyage!

LOGS who have moved house

In 2011 – Constance (Sada) Heim (Skinner 1953), from Irene to Sunset View in Elardus Park, Pretoria.

In 2012 – Dolores (Lola) (Brink) Neethling (Skinner 1950), from Cullinan to Rayton (uses only Cell. Tel. No.).

In 2012 – Dawn (Trent) Nel (Skinner 1953), from their family home in Lyttelton to Heuwelsig Retirement Village (same Tel. No.).

In 2011 – Elizabeth (Schapers) Baransky (Skinner 1956) and her husband, Tony, from Plettenberg Bay to Amber Valley in Howick, KZN.

LOGS who have retired from full-time employment

Doreen Gough (Skinner 1962) at the end of 2011.

Emma Stipinovich (Skinner 1962) in 2011.

Brenda (Savage) Human (Sea Point 1962) in July 2012.

LOGS Emigrating

Jane (Ball) Slater (Skinner 1967) to the UK.

LOG Social Activities

- The Knitters Circle of Maria Regina Parish in Lyttelton, Pretoria, regularly visits Holy Cross Home in Suiderberg, Pretoria, to present a donation to the Holy Cross Sisters. On one of these visits Margaret (Wickham) Collins (Skinner 1951), also of Maria Regina Parish, accompanied the ladies to visit Sister Margaret Mary and Sister Oliver who reside at Holy Cross Home.
- Dawn (Trent) Nel (Skinner 1953) and Frances (Swacina) Olver (Skinner 1951) visited Sister Oliver at Holy Cross Home on 21 February 2012 for Sister Oliver's birthday (92 years). Here they met Sister Diedre who was visiting Sister Oliver and Sister Margaret Mary, both retired at Holy Cross Home. Sister Oliver was as chirpy as ever!
- Jennifer (Muntz) Draper (Hillcrest 1955) still plays Bridge with Yvonne (Rens) Sutherland (Skinner 1952).

LOG Contact Requests

- Helena (Dias) Valente (Portugal) (Skinner 1976) would like to receive news from the old girls of Loreto Skinner of 1976, email: jack-valenteAThotmail.com
 - Amanda (Cass) Polley (Canada) (Skinner 1982) who lives with her husband, daughter and son in a village called Rockwood in Ontario just west of Toronto would appreciate any news from the class of Loreto Skinner 1982, email: ajpolleyATsympatico.ca
 - Isabel (Da Luz) Rodrigues (Germany) (Lydenburg 1965), who was the boys' prefect and the hockey centre-forward, is looking for Loreto Lydenburg old girls from 1965 to more or less five years back from that date: email: ir1946ATme.com
 - Sandra (Gould) Owen (Dubai) (Lydenburg June 1961) is trying to find a few past pupils who were with her at Loreto Lydenburg for the years 1959 and 1960, email: owen.sandraATgmail.com
 - Pat (McVitty) Venning (Australia) (Hillcrest 1966) who lives in Adelaide, South Australia, is keen to re-establish contact with old school friends, email: patvenningATgmail.com
- Note: The email addresses here are given with the permission of the users for the purpose of contact with their classmates or similar purpose.

Letters from LOGS

- Franzi (Mazur) Mullan (Skinner 1957), USA
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 4:35 AM
Dear Loreto Old Girls,

My name is Franzi Mullan (Masur). Our e-mail address is bmullanATgrandecom.net
We live at ---- 10405 Murray S. Johnson Street, Denton, Texas 76207. U.S A.
Matriculated 1957. Loreto Convent, Skinner Street.

I married Bert Mullan in 1961 at the Cathedral. We have 5 children – 4 boys and a girl, who happened to be the first girl in over 100 years on Bert's side. 3 of them are married, and have blest us with 13 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Our third son is a priest (and a good one) in Corpus Christi, and we're very proud of him. Actually we have super children and see them often. We moved to the U.S.A. in July of 1978, and while it was hard in the beginning we are quite settled now. Bert, who should be retired, is still working and will probably die on the job. He is an anesthesiologist. One of my sisters is still living in S. Africa---she is Erika Pollabauer. Some may remember her. My other sister is Inge Schar, and lives here in Texas not too far away from us. Reunions are a big thing here in the States, and I get a little sad that I can't attend any at home, but the distance and price takes care of that.

I must say that one of my dearest and oldest friends ---Shirley Korsman---keeps me very up to date. I hope you all have a wonderful re-union. Please give all our love and best wishes to the nuns and all the Old Girls, would love to join ya'll (as they say in Texas).

Take care,

Franzi Mullan (now I'm really homesick!!!!)

- Heather (Howzon) Scott (Skinner, started with 1961 LOGS), USA

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 10:09 PM

In response to Sister Eileen's letter on the website

Dear Sister Eileen

On a quiet Fall day in my office in Virginia, USA, I was thinking with nostalgia of Mrs. Henochsberg, my English teacher at Loreto Convent, Skinner Street, Pretoria, as I laughingly corrected my American boss' bad English in a document he had given me to read over. I have blessed Mrs. Henochsberg a million times over since I left the convent for business school at the end of 1959. She gave me a love of the language that has never dimmed.

I was astonished to find the following names who are to be Golden Girls at your reunion on Saturday, 1 October 2011. How I would just love to walk in and see those faces again. Several of them were my classmates at Loreto, and are remembered with great fondness.

Maureen Brassel. Giovanna Carbonutto. Elke Harenberg. Elizabeth Dowdeswell. Nelly Gay Rabie. Carlene Eicke. Stella Kean. Patricia Buckett. (please wish Pat a happy birthday for today, September 28) Evelyn Donaldson (RIP February 2011). Ilona Zara.

I have been living in the US for 12 years, and have only been back to SA very briefly in 2003. So the probability of my ever seeing any of them again is minimal.

Thank you again. (If anyone would like to correspond with me, my home email is kenheathATverizon.net)

Heather Scott

- John Sheer for his wife Casimo (Wagner) Sheer (Skinner 1948)

Sent: Monday, September 05, 2011 4:11 PM

Dear All

My beloved wife Casimo (nee Wagner), Head Girl in 1948, was killed in our house by intruders last December (2010).

She came to a few reunions, sometimes with old friends and classmates like Shirley Farren, Wendy Bartlett, the sisters Yvonne Stone and Dorina Shaw, and the late Felicity Bowles (I don't know the maiden names of the last three). Casi remained close friends with all of them. I am still in touch with them too. I also came to a reunion once with her, but that was years ago.

Casi has written about her school years and I still want to put her biographical essays together to let friends read them. Her wonderful qualities in so many ways are a marvellous testament to the lifelong education that she and her peers received at the hands of those wonderful nuns.

I still can't believe that she is not still here with me.

Kind regards.

John Sheer (Visiting Professor, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)

Regional LOG Reunions / Get-togethers / Socials

- November 2011 - Ruby Girls of 2011 (40 years out of school from 1971) met again (after LOG Reunion of 1 October 2011) at a social organised by Teresa (Wallis) Neville (Skinner 1971).

LOG Points of Interest

- Cape Town LOG Reunion on Saturday 22 September 2012. Please contact Maureen (Lynam) Fernandes (Sea Point 1962) at email: maureenfernandes111ATgmail.com or cell: 079 5170 067. Remember, all Loreto Old Girls who live in and around Cape Town are welcome.

- Southern Cross of 21 to 27 September 2011 – Report by Loreto Old Girl, Berniece (Bell) Eales (Skinner 1955) on the Parish of the Month, Our Lady of Loreto Parish, Kempton Park, where parishioners include Shirley (Brown) Johnson (Hillcrest 1953) and Pat (Joubert) Pollitt (Hillcrest 1960) whose son, Russell, is a Jesuit priest, at present at Braamfontein Parish, and involved in

Catholic Engaged Encounter. Well done, Berniece! Your work in the parish is much appreciated.
- Australia – Verna (Groom) Parker (Australia) (Skinner 1967) lives down the road from Loreto Normanhurst, NSW, in Australia.

LOG Obituaries

We note with sadness and sincere condolences the passing of the following: Aiden York, husband of Berniece (Bell) Eales (Skinner 1955) on 23 December 2009, Casimo (Wagner) Sheer (Skinner 1948) in December 2010, Adriaanus, husband of Cecile (Sluijter) Veldhuis (Hillcrest 1955) on 2 September 2011, Marisa (Bernadi) Raubenheimer (Skinner 1950) on 10 June 2012 and Eleanor Gardner (Lydenburg 1950) in Melbourne, Australia, on 22 August 2012. Katlego Phalatse (Skinner 2002) passed away on Sunday 26 August 2012.

LOGS who are ill or recuperating

Please let your friends know. We wish you a speedy recovery, and those who are recuperating, we wish you well, to grow stronger, minute by minute, day by day.

LOG Weddings, Engagements, Births, Wedding Anniversaries, 21st Birthdays, Special Achievements, Hobbies, Sports, etc.

Angelique Percy (nee de Beer): 11th wedding anniversary on 06 October 2012 – Reunion Day!

LOG Reunion of 2012

Finally, calling all Loreto Old Girls to celebrate together as the Loreto Family at the annual LOG Reunion on Saturday 6 October 2012 at Skinner Street, Pretoria. Please come and bring your LOG friends and tell any LOGS you know or know of.

Golden Girls for 2012 (50 years out of school = left school in 1962, or were with this group), inter alia: Karin (Hahn) Stohr (Hillcrest 1962), Honora (Quibell) McDonogh (Hillcrest 1962), June (Solomon) Crawford (Hillcrest 1962), Silvia (Ciocatto) Macioshek (Skinner 1962), Betty (Ciocatto) Poggiolini (Skinner 1962), Ann/Bogie (Gordon) Stead (Skinner 1962), Doreen Gough (Skinner 1962), Ingrid Meyer (Skinner 1962), Pat Richards (Skinner 1962), Isabel (Paolo) Caupers (Lydenburg 1962), Brenda (Savage) Human (Sea Point 1962), Hilary (Searle) Thacker (Lydenburg 1962), Judy (Sell) Brown (UK) (Mombasa 1962), Silvia (Tonetti) Norris (Lydenburg 1962), Norma (Van Rensburg) Hougham (Skinner 1962), Jackie Welch (Sea Point 1962), Isabel (Greger) Baving (Skinner 1962), Emerentia Joubert (Skinner 1962), Danielle Kretzner (Skinner 1962), Patricia Blythe (Skinner 1962), Isabel Erasmus (Skinner 1962), Janine Steyn (Skinner 1962), Emma Stipinovich (Skinner 1962), Wendy (Taylor) Ballantine (Skinner 1962), Denise Diamond (Skinner 1962), Theresa Lahoud (Skinner 1962), Gail (Fields) Fischer (Skinner 1962), Angela Davies (Skinner 1962), Maeve Bourke (Skinner 1962), Diana Dique (Skinner 1962), Wendy Bedford (Skinner 1962), Maureen (Lynam) Fernandes (Sea Point 1962).

Diamond Girls for 2012 (60 years out of school = left school in 1952, or were with this group. Please include LOGS of earlier years who were not acknowledged last year), inter alia: Beatrice (Bowles) Bernadi (Skinner 1952), Shirley (Allen) Van Heerden (Skinner 1952), Pam (Brown) Edwards (Skinner 1952), Dawn Avril (Clarke) Brown (Australia) (Skinner 1952), Joan (Doran) Van De Riet (Sea Point 1952), Patricia (Egan) Hall (Skinner 1952), Meg (Gardner) Beckett (Lydenburg 1952), Elaine (Kurtzahn) Savage (Hillcrest 1952), Felicity (Leahy) Steenkamp (Skinner 1952), Rowena (Reichman) Reichman (Skinner 1952), Yvonne (Rens) Sutherland (Skinner 1952), Shirley (Velcich) Plisic (Hillcrest 1952), Norma (Wolff) Higgins (Hillcrest 1952), Chris/Tita (Hartmann) Lundberg (Skinner 1952).

Ruby Girls for 2012 (40 years out of school = left school in 1972, or were with this group), inter alia: Chrysoula (Bakker) Ramirez (Hillcrest 1972), Joan (Bishop) Lodewijks (Hillcrest 1972), Lidia (Croce) Williams (Hillcrest 1972), Vera Cytroch (USA) (Hillcrest 1972), Laura (Di Ciccio) Preston (Hillcrest 1972), Marie-Jeanette/Miki (Fenenga) Spannenberg (Hillcrest 1972), Olga Figueiredo (Brazil) (Skinner 1972), Josette (Fransolet) Meyers (Skinner 1972), Valerie (Furstenburg) Van Zyl (Hillcrest 1972), Gail (Gilbride) Bohle (Hillcrest 1972), Leonie Hackman (London, UK) (Hillcrest 1972), Hilary (Henochsberg) Barker (Hillcrest 1972), Colleen Henry (Skinner/Hillcrest 1972), Danielle (Hugo) Bates (USA) (Hillcrest 1972), Mary-Anne Jacobs (Hillcrest 1972), Ray Carol Jeppe (Skinner 1972), Marcelle Josette (Skinner 1972), Eileen (Kemp) Raffanti (Skinner 1972), Annaly (Lean) Harding (Hillcrest 1972), Marcelle (Lynn) Lovelock (Skinner 1972), Flavia (Mastromatteo) Luce/Lume? (Skinner/Hillcrest 1972), Lynn (McCleary) Miller (Hillcrest 1972), Gail (Mey) Goudrian (UK) (Hillcrest 1972), Therese/Terry (Nurse) Koot (Skinner 1972), Patricia (Poezyn) Poezyn-Howard (Skinner 1972), Annette (Rolfe) Hugo (Strand 1972), Cheryl (Symonds) Pienaar (Skinner 1972), Hildegard Viljoen (Skinner 1972), Brigitte/Gitta (Wojtowitz) Golding (Skinner/Hillcrest 1972), Margaret (Wood) Mey (Hillcrest 1972).

We have highlighted the above three special groups on this their unique anniversary year, but please note that all Loreto Old Girls are invited and encouraged to attend the LOG Reunion.

General Concern

On the LOG Database there are around three hundred names where the School and the Year Left are not given clearly or not given at all. We encourage you to send us your complete details as soon as possible, even if you are not coming to the 2012 LOG Reunion on Saturday 6 October 2012. With thanks.

Forwards and Upwards!

Please complete the following slip and return it to Loreto.

I.....(Name and Surname)
 Maiden Name:.....
 Year Left Loreto:.....School attended:.....
 Postal address:.....

 Email address:
 Telephone numbers:
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 Home.....
 Work.....

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Please send us your updated details. We need to keep in touch!!