

December 2011 Electronic Newsletter



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2011 Round-up

Reunions, Get-togethers, Luncheons and Dinner

The following events were held throughout the year - click here for more details and pictures on all of these events.

On Campus

Orientation Cocktail Party - 7 February for Old Rhodian parents brining their children to Rhodes.

SRC Centenary Celebration 12-14 May

Arts Festival Cocktail Party - 5 July - for visiting Old Rhodians

Old Rhodian Union Centenary Celebrations Founders' Weekend 26/27 August

Christmas Luncheon - 8 December- for retired staff and Old Rhodian over 60s from the Grahamstown area.

National - Official and Ad Hoc

The following Reunions, Luncheons and a Dinner took place around the country.

College House 1980-1984 Reunion, Cape Town, June 2011

"Knocking on Heaven's Door" 1965 -1975, Cape Town, August 2011 - pictures

Cape Town - 23 and 24 September

Johannesburg - 3 and 4 November

Durban - 18 November

International

Zimbabwe Reunion Harare - 23 March

London Reunion and a Dinner – 14 and 15 June Read more about the dinner and the reunion.

Toronto Reunion Dinner - 22 September

Perth Reunion - 30 September

Windhoek Reunion - 14 October

PDU London Fundraising Event - 23 November - Rhodes University and the Darling Foundation joint fundraising event. Read more.

Watch out for our 2012 events programme.

Apart from our official 2012 events we have been asked to help facilitate the following:

1980s Reunion – back on Campus

Toby Deenik is organising a 1980s Reunion back on Campus 11 May 2012. If you are interested in attending contact Toby on email toby@gameoflife.co.za or sms 082 459 6708.

Adelaide Get-together

This is being planned for sometime during the first half of the year. Contact Terryl if you wish to find out more at t.mccarthy@ru.ac.za

1960/1961 Pharmacy Reunion

Pharmacy Reunion for 1962 and 1963 graduates in Joburg on 7 December 2012. Interested? – find out more - contact Terryl.

Alumni in the News

Caroline Rowland (1987)

Founder and Executive Creative Director of the company, New Moon, Caroline Rowland is the winner of Woman in Business of the Year at the SA Business Club Business Awards 2011. Some of her main achievements in the category that she was nominated for are:

Credited by The Observer as being one of the ten most influential people in the Bid for the London 2012 Olympics. More.

Richard Antrobus (2001)

Rhodes 2010 Drama Masters graduate, Mr Richard Antrobus, has been awarded a prestigious Fellowship at the University of Cape Town, Donald Gordon Institute for Creative and Performing Arts (GIPCA) for 2012

A Grahamstown local currently teaching Drama at Diocesan School for Girls and St Andrew's College in Grahamstown, Mr Antrobus is keen to expand his skills in theatre and the use of multi-media in contemporary performance. **More.**

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Campus News

New Alumni and Fundraising Manager joins the Team

It is with great pleasure we able to announce the appointment of **Mr Qondakele Sompondo** to the position of **Alumni Relations and Fundraising Manager** with effect from the 1st August 2011. Prior to joining Rhodes, Qondakele, worked for almost 9 years with Ubuntu Education Fund in Port Elizabeth as a Director of External Relations. **More**.

Virtual Library Tour

See the new Library from the comfort of your computer - take the tour.

First class to matriculate from Oprah Leadership Academy

The first matric class of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls has joined thousands of other matriculants around South Africa in the anxious countdown to early January when exam results are published. The matric class wrote the NSC examinations. **More**.

A History in the Making

Four panels show campus's history in lovingly stitched detail – it was a case of out with the old and in with the new when 16 portraits of Rhodes University leaders from the past 107 years were replaced with a vibrant historical tapestry of campus life.



The massive, four-panel artwork - which was lovingly stitched together over several months by more than 60 women from Hamburg's award-winning Keiskamma Art Project (KAP) - replaced the largely "pale male" portrait collection in the hallowed council chamber last week. **Read more.** To read **the booklet** on line you will need Adobe Flash Player.

Fundraising

Annual Fund "Pocket-money Fund"

The Annual Fund "Pocket-money Fund" has now been running for 3 years, and it relies on personal monthly contributions from Old Rhodians and Rhodes staff to assist financially needy students who, despite receiving financial aid, have no money left after paying tuition fees and living expenses. Their chances of feeling at home, and having a typical 'Rhodes experience' are thus extremely limited. If you would like to make a regular contribution to this special fund, we will arrange a tax certificate for you, and ensure that your donation goes to the neediest students at Rhodes. Contact Annie Pienaar on +27 (0) 46 603 7024 or email: annualfund@ru.ac.za for further information or play your part and donate directly below.



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Written a book – donate a copy to the Old Rhodian Bookcase and we will draw attention to it by listing it on our web page and mentioning it in e-news.

The Door by SI Brodrick (Susan Blackbeard - 1973)

Mugabe - my part in his Victory by Chris Walmsley (Nevin Weakley - 1968)

Bandiet and Stones against the Mirror by Hugh Lewin (1958)

Fearlessly Single by Nathi Mhlaba (2000)

The Pollen Wasps by Sarak K Gess (1955)

Not much of a Souldier by David Christie

The next edition will be after graduation which is on 12, 13 and 14 April 2012. From your Alumni Relations Team