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# **Fundraising and Support**



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#### **Dear Old Rhodians and Friends**

We thank you for all your support during 2013 and the Alumni Team wish you a wonderful holiday season.

#### **2013 Functions**

#### The Purple Legacy Reunions and Luncheons were held in:

**Cape Town Reunion** on the 4 October at the Cape Town Hotel School – attended by around 80 Old Rhodians and **the Luncheon** – around 50 of our more mature Old Rhodians enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

**Toronto Reunion** on the 16 October at the Pump House Grille Co, hosted by Gerry Son Kee was enjoyed by all who attended.

**UK Reunion** on the 23 October at Soho House, London was packed out with Old Rhodians who listened to Caroline Rowland launch the *1904 club* – for more information on the *1904 Club* contact Claire Collet at **clairecollet@careers.cam.ac.uk**. Everyone who attended the **UK Legacy Luncheon** on the 23 October at Victory Services Club, London had a fantastic time linking up with people who they knew in the past.

**Durban Reunion** on the 1 November at Sicas Guest House a braai was attended by around 80 Old Rhodians and the **Luncheon** by a number of our stalwart Old Rhodians.

**Johannesburg Reunion** on the 8 November Country Club Johannesburg (Auckland Park) – attended by a large crowd of Old Rhodians and the **Luncheon** was also very well attended and enjoyed.

**Perth, Australia** – 12 November at Claremont Yacht Club, Mr Guy White the Director of Alumni and Development attended and updated everyone on happenings at Rhodes since the last reunion.

For further information and photographs, please click on our <u>Reunion</u> website or join our Rhodes University <u>facebook</u>.

The Sutherland Old Rhodian Bursary Day was held at the Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club on the 15 November resulting in a successful turnout sharing the excellent Rhodes camaraderie and spirit whilst raising money for this worthy cause. The Old Rhodian Golf Club has also organised two Purple Thursday get-togethers at the Colony Arms and plan to keep this up for next year. Every Thursday is Purple Thursday when Old Rhodians unite in being part of the Rhodes family and Terry Sutherland wants all our Gauteng Old Rhodians to know that on the last Thursday of every month there will be a social gathering. Keep a look out on the Old Rhodian Gauteng Society facebook page or e-mail t.mccarthy@ru.ac.za to double check on the venue.

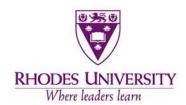
Send us your purple pictures to alumni@ru.ac.za.

# **Fundraising Gala Dinner in Johannesburg**

Our first fundraising Gala Dinner was a huge success. Unathi Msengana sang beautifully and Graeme Joffe entertained us royally. Around R155,000 was raised for student financial aid, not counting the once off and monthly pledges. If you wish to donate to the fund please click on our **Annual Fund.** 

Thank you to our sponsors and those who donated auction items: Ayanda Mbanga Communications, Mathius Chirombo, Club Travel Corporate, Dischem, Geoffrey de Jager, Game of Life (Toby Deenik), Harry's Printers, Niall Hegarty, Garth Hewitt, Investec, Joburg Chocolates (Chris Everett), Michael Spicer, Peter Thompson and Zapiro.

To see all the pictures of all these events click here.





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#### **College House Centenary 2014**

College House will celebrate their Centenary from 12-14<sup>th</sup> September 2014. They are calling on all old College boys to make contact and join in the celebrations. Please contact Terryl at <a href="mailto:t.mccarthy@ru.ac.za">t.mccarthy@ru.ac.za</a> to put your name down so we can keep you informed of all arrangements made.

#### **MySchool**

If you are resident in South Africa please join our MySchool programme and help us increase our Old Rhodian Bursaries for 2014 – it costs you nothing and every swipe counts. Click on the MySchool icon to get a membership card or to add Rhodes as a beneficiary if you already have a card.

#### Latest Books for our Old Rhodian Bookcase

Robin Anderson (1960) - La Di Da Di Bloody Da! and TRANNYS TO TIARAS!

Brett Scott (2002) – The Heretic's Guide to Global Finance: Hacking the Future of Money Tony Granger (1970) – Long-Term Care SIMPLIFIED

Steuart Pennington (1971) – South Africa – The Good News' latest book, South Africa @ 20: For Better or worse?

Lucy Stuart-Clark (2006) - Table Mountain's Holiday

Jos Lurie (1959) – Technikon Witwatersrand: A History 1925-2000 and Dynamic 3D Symmetry and School of Mines and its Alumni 1926-2002 and South Africa Geology: For Mining, Metallurical, Hydrological and Civil Engineering:

Breaking a Mould: Memories of a Bishop by the late Duncan Buchanan.

Written a book? Please 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. - click here

#### Newest e-book offer:

The Ultimate Companion for Birding in Southern Africa – Peter Ginn (1956) – Save R550 AND get a FREE e-book valued at R350. <u>Click here</u> to view all e-books

#### **The Oppidan Press:**

The Oppidan Press is a prestigious student newspaper run by Rhodes scholars which has become a proud legacy in Grahamstown. An alumni edition will be coming out next year and the teams are looking for alumni to sponsor pages to be printed in the edition. In turn, The Oppidan Press aims to publish the accolades of our Rhodes Alumni. For more information on the edition, please contact <a href="mailto:deputyeditor@oppidanpress.com">deputyeditor@oppidanpress.com</a> or <a href="mailto:marketingmanager@oppidanpress.com">marketingmanager@oppidanpress.com</a>

#### **Rhodes Exchange:**

Our Alumni and Development team has introduced a monthly newsletter called *Rhodes Exchange* which brings you news about research, progress and development. Have a look at the <u>pdf version</u> and if you would like to subscribe to it, please e-mail <u>alumni@ru.ac.za</u>

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