



HERSCHEL
ALUMNAE UNION
NEWSLETTER

2022

HAU NEWS

STAYING CONNECTED



HERSCHEL
ALUMNAE UNION

The 2022 Committee

President:

Heather Goedeke

Vice-president:

Pru Crawley (Borton)

Chair:

Kristina Miller

Treasurer:

Barbara Vintcent

Secretary:

Nikki Turner

Committee Members:

Lucy Bailey (Burns)
Daphne Beames
Zeanne Bornman (Duminy)
Ariyaana Cader
Caroline Isted
Tania Johnstone (Peck)
Justine Macdonald (Peters)
Karen Meyer
Zanele Ngalonkulu
Talya Rudah
Emmanuelle Tshala

Editor and Layout:

Joyce Goldschmidt

Photographs:

Ceazare Joubert
Herschel Staff
HAU Members

Proofreading:

Kristina Miller
Karen Meyer

Front Cover:

Photograph by Ceazare Joubert

WHAT'S INSIDE

The Committee	2
Dates to diarise	3
2023 Reunions	3
Letter from the Head	4
Grade 12 Special Awards	6
Report from the Chair	8
Caroline Herschel Award 2021	10
Lady Margaret Herschel Cocktail Club	13
Centenary Report	15
Centenary Book	16
Winter Dinner	17
Herschel Heritage Centre	18
Minutes of the 93rd AGM	19
HAU Author Corner	22
Reunion Reports	23
News from Herschel Alumnae	46
Obituaries	48

Contributions to this Newsletter are always welcome.

Please submit articles to the Secretary,

HAU@herschel.org.za



<https://www.instagram.com/herschelgirlsschool/>



www.herschel.org.za/alumni



[Herschel Alumnae Union](#)



[Lady Margaret Herschel Cocktail Club](#)

Dates to Diarise

Date	Time	2021 DATES TO DIARISE	RSVP
Wed 15 Feb 2023	17:00	AGM online	The link will be emailed to everyone in early February
Thu 16 Feb 2023	17:30	HAU Cocktail party (R130 per person) on the verandah of the Prep School Hall	RSVP by 13th January 2023
Fri 17 Feb 2023	10:15	Walk to St Saviour's Church from school	All Old Herschelians
	11:00	Founder's Day Service, St Saviour's Church	RSVP by 13th January 2023
	12:30	School Song & Arch Ceremony	All are welcome
	13:00	Luncheon in the Mary Jagger Hall	RSVP by 13th January 2023
	14:30	Guided tour of the school by Matric girls	All are welcome
	15:00	Visit the Herschel Heritage Centre	All are welcome
tbc	18:00	Winter Dinner - HAU, Staff and Friends of the School welcome	RSVP nearer the time

Reunions

Class of	Reunion	Circle Secretary	Email Address
1963	60 year	JILL ECKSTEIN	cornerstone@mwebbiz.co.za
1973	50 year	GWEN HEWETT	gwenhewett@gmail.com
		BRIDGET WALE	bridgit@walemarine.com
		SALLY HANNATH	sallybrimble@gmail.com
1983	40 year	KERYNNE FRENCH	kerry@triplethree.net
1993	30 year	MARY MAUREL	marymaurelgardens@gmail.com
2003	20 year	JACQUELYN GOOD	jax.good16@gmail.com
		MARY-KATE VERSFELD	mary.versfeld@effem.com
2013	10 year	CAITLIN VAN NIEKERK	caityvn@gmail.com

A letter to the HAU from the Head

By Heather Goedeke

Dear Herschel Alumnae

100 years of making a difference!

Herschel is buzzing again! While we elected not to have a gala centenary event, we have marked the significance of this year in all spheres of school life, in the Preparatory and Senior phases, and we have reflected on the experiences of previous generations, applauded achievements and celebrated Herschel's 100th birthday, all the while planning the future of the school to ensure its relevance and excellence for future Herschelians.

Robert Frost's observation that great teachers are awakens, was indeed prophetic given the digital world in which we live. With instant access to information, via a range of devices, the role of the teacher has shifted from 'sage on the stage' to facilitator and researcher, focusing on the acquisition of skills, the application of knowledge and the creation and recreation of content, as well as the promotion of curiosity and the art of questioning.

We have joined the International Girls' Schools Coalition which gives us access to rich resources, online workshops and courses and policy relating to issues impacting girls' schools. Our advocacy for girls is evident in our curriculum, core operations and pastoral structures, and we are proud to champion causes that have an impact on societal issues that affect girls and women. There may have been some advancement in certain spaces, but the glass ceiling is still there and needs to be challenged, to say nothing of the disparities and challenges faced by girls and women in many South African communities. Creating awareness, insisting on equity, looking out for each other, and making a difference wherever and however possible, is something that we can do!

The transition to the IEB is well underway and being ably led by Deputy of Academics, Ms Kerri-Lyn East. 2023 sees the last WCED matric cohort through Herschel and in 2024 the current Grade 10s will sit the IEB NSC examinations. We know that load-shedding will continue into the future and we have investigated various solutions to ensure that our core operation (teaching and learning) is not impacted by this.

The pupils have been incredible given the disruption to their education these past two years. Their work ethic, commitment to the extramural programme, outstanding achievements, involvement in school life, energy and talents inspire us daily! It makes Herschel a great place to be. I have been impressed at how our pupils have put their heads down and worked hard without referring to the pandemic as an 'excuse' and I know that they are mindful of and grateful for the advantage that they have had in comparison to many pupils in South Africa.

A definite highlight in the Senior School was the Shrek production, not least because it provided wonderful entertainment and teachings for our Preparatory School pupils too. This inclusive, warm-hearted production was exactly what we all needed following the pandemic. Shrek was staged in collaboration with Bishops and provided delightful entertainment from a talented cast, beautifully directed both musically and dramatically. It brought our whole school community together and played to appreciative full houses for the duration of its run. Aside from Shrek, there has been a proliferation of culture this year with many traditional events brought back post-pandemic, much to the delight of pupils and audiences! House Plays, Inter-House Dance, Inter-House Singing, Fusion, Dinaledi and musical ensemble concerts, cultural pop-ups and drama productions have entertained, challenged and de-

lighted audiences throughout the year, providing a significant number of pupils with the opportunity to perform, direct, write and create. This included a wonderful weekend tour by Fusion to Hermanus, in October. This rich addition to school life, aside from the core academic programme, is what creates the holistic and diverse educational experience on offer at Herschel.

This year Herschel hosted The Social Justice Desk – a project that supports girls and young women who are survivors of gender-based violence. It promotes conversation, skills and advocacy in a deeply nurturing and relational manner, with a view to being restorative of trust, hope and strength. We look forward to working more collaboratively with this project in 2023.



Mrs Helen Botha, who has headed sport at Herschel Senior School for 40 years, retires at the end of this year, leaving a legacy of exceptional growth and achievement, one which has seen Herschel emerge as a girls' school with a strong sporting reputation, not only in the Western Cape, but nationally. While I have only served Herschel for three years, I am deeply grateful to

Helen and I know I speak on behalf of previous Heads of the school, as well as the Herschel community, when I say that she exemplifies a servant-leadership ethic underpinned by the values of commitment, excellence, respect, sportsmanship and gratitude.

Our sports teams enjoyed great success this year. The way in which they participated and their support of one another has been fantastic, and I look forward to the fostering of school spirit at our sports matches in 2023. With the pandemic behind us, we can now gather, celebrate and support each other.

During the holiday, the Astroturf will be replaced. We look forward to next year's season being played on this new surface. We are also creating a wellness centre which will include a gym offering strength and conditioning training and injury support to our sportswomen, while also providing a space for general gym, fitness and holistic health activities. As we enter a new era of sport for women, and as support for women's sport grows, it is important that we remain highly competitive and at the forefront of girls' sport in the Western Province. To compete against top schools in other provinces we need to offer similar standards of support and to maintain the excellent coaching and leadership our players experience.

The Senior School is sending two hockey sides to tour Germany and the Netherlands in April, 2023. The original tour was disrupted by Covid-19 and while the schedule has changed slightly, it presents players with an incredible opportunity to play against top sides in these countries, while also attending hockey clinics, both in the Netherlands and Germany.

Kelli Arendse (Head Student), Kate Forrest (Deputy Operations) and Amy Hartmann (Deputy Pastoral) have led the pupil leadership team with real commitment, and it has been a pleasure working alongside this group of dedicated, talented, intelligent and open-minded young adults, nurturing student agency and looking at how to improve the experiences of students at our school within the context of holistic, value-based growth and learning.

The grounds and maintenance staff teams have worked

A letter to the HAU from the Head, cont ...

hard on projects within the school to maintain the beautiful grounds and gardens and workspaces that we have. Some of this work was halted as a direct result of the pandemic and there has been some reprioritization with respect to projects. Security, cleaning and catering service-provision has been of an excellent quality and we value our relationship with all members of staff and are appreciative of their roles and their allegiance to Herschel.

My sincere thanks to the HAU for its support of Herschel and for the commitment to keeping an active alumnae presence in the school. We are extremely grateful for the digital archives, the wonderful support received during the women's month workshops, attendance at Herschel events, the beautiful range of centenary gifts designed with pride and valued by so many Herschelians who have been gifted this year. We appreciate the passionate leadership of Kristina Miller, who, together with Joyce Goldschmidt has curated a lasting legacy for generations to come. A special vote of thanks to Joyce for the extensive work done in The Heritage Centre. Joyce retired this year and we welcome Nikki Turner into the role of Secretary of the HAU.

We exist, not as wholly singular, autonomous beings, nor completely merged, but in a fluctuating space in between. This idea was expressed beautifully in Desmond Tutu's explanation of the South African concept of Ubuntu. Mia Birdsong references this in *How We Show Up*: It is to say, my humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in yours. We belong in a

bundle of life. It is not 'I think therefore I am'. (Descartes, 1632) It says rather: I am human because I belong, I participate, and I share.

This statement captures a central focus in transformation, equity and belonging; the wish to create a community, one in which there is authentic connection and a genuine sense of belonging. This requires an intentional, holistic and thoughtful strategy supported by all Herschel stakeholders and embedded in the foundational values of the school.

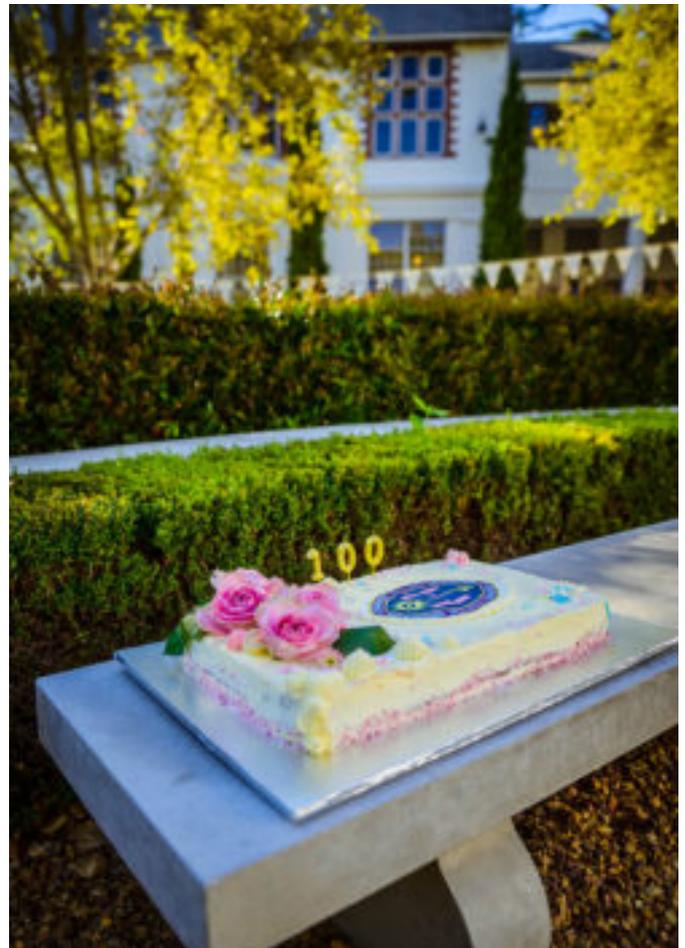
The multi-narratives that are being addressed in schools across the country, require a dedicated focus and prioritization, as well as holistic engagement. Smoothing over the cracks is not an option. There have been policy revisions, educational interventions in the form of workshops and talks, some restructuring, and a focus on channels of communication to support our individual and collective duty of care to the pupils. Our focus is on actioning these changes to ensure that we are an inclusive and caring community; that we belong, participate and share. With this in place, our pupils will flourish!

Wishing members of the HAU a happy, healthy and productive year-end. Thank you so much for the myriad ways in which you continue to make a difference at Herschel and in the wider community!

Ad Dei Gloriam!

With kind regards

Heather Goedeke
HEAD OF HERSCHEL



Grade 12 Special Awards - 2022

The HAU take this opportunity to congratulate these worthy recipients:

Accounting	Katherine Bennett
Afrikaans Home Language	Juliette Roux
Afrikaans First Additional Language	Catherine Laubscher & Arwen Lehmann
Business Studies	Ruby Moller
Consumer Studies	Hannah Judge
Dramatic Arts	Daniella Jähnig & Hannah Mackay
English Home Language (Lady Woolley Prize)	Juliette Roux
Further Studies English	Jessica Judge
French Second Additional Language	Juliette Roux
Geography	Amelia Oppelt
History	Hannah Lea & Sophie Bourne
Information Technology	Amelia Oppelt
Life Orientation	Juliette Roux
Life Sciences	Juliette Roux
Mathematics (Liz Gibbons Prize)	Juliette Roux
Further Studies Mathematics	Hannah Owen
Mathematical Literacy	Jorja Van Schalkwyk
Music	Juliette Roux
Physical Sciences	Juliette Roux
Visual Arts	Amber Dowling
Visual Arts - Practical	Stella Parry
Chambers Trophy for Sportsmanship	Grace Goodwin & Constandina Tsinonis
Hannath Trophy	Milla Kanigowska & Morgan Christian
Bridgman Trophy for Sports Girl of the year	Nina Vermaak
PricewaterhouseCoopers Book Award for Accounting and Mathematics	Katherine Bennett
Prize for Enthusiasm in Afrikaans Home Language	Grace North
Ethel Hill Cup for Spoken English	Juliette Roux and Anita Mira
Bilingual Oral Proficiency at Home Language level	Juliette Roux
Mrs McCormick's Prize for Spoken French	Juliette Roux
Janet Steyn Prize for Interest in the Humanities	Grace North
Daphne Beames Aequa Mente Cup	Juliette Roux
The Alicia Wilkinson Silwood Prize for Practical Cookery	Blaiqley Wilson
Mary Muller Picture of the Year	Lulama Lingela
Stobie Musicianship Prize	Juliette Roux
Monique Zurich Trophy (Grade 7 Trinity for Tenor Saxophone 96%)	Hannah Owen
Chorale Prize	Lulama Lingela
Jennifer Sale Drama Trophy for Outstanding Performance	Paballo Mphepya
Annette Hartmann Trophy for the Dramatic Arts	Georgina Stewart & Daniella Jähnig
McClurg Trophy for the Theatre Arts	Not Awarded
Waterfield Prize for Commitment, Initiative & Fellowship in the Creative Arts	Lulama Lingela
Jenny Torr Prize for Service to the Library	Phiwokuhle Mrabula
Erasmus Community Service Trophy	Caitlin Maharajh
Claremont Rotary Club Prize	Rebecca Hall
Arderne House Fellowship Prize	Not Awarded
Kirsten Locke Fellowship Award	Ruby Chames

Grade 12 Special Awards - 2022, cont ...

Sandra Wingfield Fellowship Prize	Kelli Arendse
The Jenna Lowe Trophy	Jemma Sainsbury
Schönborn Trophy for exceptional achievement	Juliette Roux
Pietas Trophy presented by the Labia Family	Jessica Brown
Pamela Duff Award for an Enquiring Mind	Juliette Roux
The Di van Zyl Award	Phiwokuhle Mrabula
Head's Award for Focused, Authentic & Socially Aware Leadership - Operations	Kate Forrest
Head's Award for Compassionate and Intuitive Leadership - Head of Pastoral	Amy Hartmann
Head's Award for Dedicated Servant Leadership - Head Student	Kelli Arendse
The Old Herschelian Award for Service, Loyalty and Leadership	Kelli Arendse
Premier Academic Award - Third place	Catherine Laubscher
Premier Academic Award - Second place (Proxime Accessit)	Sofia Angeliniadis
The Desmond Loch Davis Award for Dux of the School	Juliette Roux



Juliette Roux, Dux of the School 2022



Sofia Angeliniadis, Second place (Proxime Accessit)



Catherine Laubscher, Third Place

Report from the Chair of the HAU

By Kristina Miller



This special Centenary year has been a wonderful celebration of all things Herschel. With COVID seemingly something of the past, we were able to host our usual events which kicked off with awarding Susan Sonnenberg her Caroline Herschel Award at Founders Day in February. The entire month of February marked the beginning of our Centenary celebrations and what a busy month it was! It started with the annual Cocktail Party which was

held on the Thursday evening before Founder's Day. This year the event was held at the Preparatory School due to the sheer numbers of attendees we welcomed and to co-ordinate with the school's family picnic that was being held on the Preparatory School field at the same time.



The class of 2002 enjoying the Founder's Day cocktail party

We also held our first Alumnae sales event at the Cocktail Party, selling our beautiful Centenary commemorative items such as the Teddy Bear, Tote Bag and Journal. To get your own items, please visit www.oha100.co.za.

February continued with a fun-filled Carnival hosted near the school grounds and which saw the Herschel Alumnae Union Committee members manning the HAU stall and selling many a cuddly teddy bear to a young Herschelian. We were also so glad to be able to host our annual Winter Dinner for the first time in three years once COVID was no longer a concern for so many.



We welcomed a record number of attendees which included alumnae, parents, current pupils, and staff. It was an immense celebration and with guest speaker Susan Sonnenberg keeping everyone thoroughly entertained, a good time was had by all. You can read more about the Winter Dinner elsewhere in the newsletter.

This 100th year also marked an opportunity to refresh the alumnae brand from the 'old' Herschelians to the Herschel Alumnae Union. The decision came following feedback from our younger members who felt disconnected with the word 'old' and felt that the association needed a fresher feel and more energy. Engagements were held with our sister and brother school as well as other alumni unions and we settled on the name Herschel Alumnae Union.

Along with our new name, we needed a new image, something that reflected our affiliation with the school but could be uniquely identifiable and more mature in its messaging. A selection of logos were sent out to the alumnae database for a vote in September and we received over 200 votes from you all, so be sure to keep an eye out for the launch of this new look HAU in the new year!

Our HAU Committee also saw some changes this year and we said goodbye to Mandy van Dugteren, who has been so helpful and always puts up her hand to volunteer, and to Corinne Symons who has been a dedicated and hardworking member of the committee since 1987! We thank them both for their service and commitment to the Herschel Alumnae and wish them well in their retirement.

The Committee would like to thank
MANDY VAN DUGTEREN (RUYSCH)
for her many years of service to the Herschel Union. Mandy fulfilled a number of roles during the time she served on the committee: publishing the newsletter, Fundraising and co-ordinating Founder's Day events. Thank you, Mandy, for your dedication and enthusiasm. Enjoy retirement!

The Committee would like to thank
CORINNE SYMONS (DICEY)
for her enormous contribution to the Herschel Union. Corinne has served on the committee since 1987 and was central to many fundraising ventures over the years. We are all deeply grateful to you, Corinne, for your invaluable contribution to the OHA over the past 35 years. Enjoy your well-earned retirement

In their places we welcomed Karen Meyer and Caroline Isted.



Karen Meyer



Caroline Isted

Report from the Chair of the HAU, cont ...

Our dear and beloved Joyce Goldschmidt also retired from the Committee and as the HAU Secretary this year. Reading through my report from last year I made it clear how absolutely phenomenal Joyce is at everything she does, and how my role as Chair has been made that much easier with her as Secretary. We have had a series of goodbyes and thank-yous to Joyce. Although we won't be seeing her around Herschel anymore, we have already had wonderful lunches with the Lady Margaret Herschel Club members, and I know she will still join us at events.

In her place we welcome Nikki Turner (Louw), who in the short time I have known her has had me smiling and laughing all the way through our hard work on the committee. Some of you have already been in contact with Nikki and I look forward to working with her on our many projects within the HAU.

As Joyce's final gift to the HAU, she made our Herschel Heritage Centre look and feel magnificent and welcoming to all visitors. The spectacular photo wall is now the main focal point of the room and attendees of the Founder's Day lunch were able to see it newly installed earlier this year.

With plans in place to have a bespoke display cabinet made for the space, we will continue her legacy of creating beautiful places to enjoy our heritage and history.

The school has launched their revamped website and, as part of this, the HAU has a new look and feel web area. You can access the website on [www.https://www.herschel.org.za](https://www.herschel.org.za). We hope that within the next year we will be able to launch the Herschel Digital Archive which will also be accessible through this platform. It will provide an online repository of all archived Herschel records, fully accessible to all current Herschelians and alumnae, which will be easily searchable in terms of date, name, and theme such as sport, cultural activity, and academic subject.

Kathy Wheeler wrote last year of her work to inventory and itemise every artefact and document in the collection. It took a full year to work through 100 years of material and this then kicked off the next phase of the project which has involved digitising the irreplaceable and sensitive records, as well as identifying items requiring restoration and preservation work. We have also realised through Kathy's work that there are many missing items from the collection, so this is a formal call to all Herschel alumnae to reach out to us about any items you are happy to donate to the centre so that our collection can be made whole.

We are looking for volunteers to support the OHA on the "Wikipedia Project". This work will involve creating the content and links to everything Herschel and HAU related so that when a Google or Wikipedia search is done on the internet, all interesting and relevant information can be found easily. Please contact Kris Miller should you have any Wikipedia experience and be willing to volunteer a few hours a month to support us with this work.

I am eternally grateful to the members of the committee who quietly and passionately roll up their sleeves and get to work on behalf of all of you – serving the Herschel Alumnae and the greater Herschel family in so many ways that often go completely unnoticed. To my committee I want to say a heartfelt thank you – the last three years were tough, but the Centenary year has seemingly made it all worthwhile. I look forward to a 2023 where we launch our new logo, work on building stronger networks of alumnae and get back to the business of having fun!

Ad Dei Gloriam.

Kristina Miller

Founder's Day

All HAU members are invited to attend the annual

Herschel Alumnae Cocktail Party

Thursday 16th February 2022 at 17:30
 On the terrace outside the Prep sports hall

The cost is R130 per person and can be paid in cash at the door on arrival

**RSVP to hau@herschel.org.za
 before 31st January 2022**

#100 years of learning to make a difference

Caroline Herschel Award 2022

This year the Caroline Herschel award, in its 6th year, received 7 nominations from Old Herschelians, with 6 of those nominees accepting their nominations.

In 2020, we revised our approach to the award and the voting processes. In previous years the OHA Committee would vote with support of the Heads of the school and the recipient would be announced. Last year we decided to make the process more inclusive, transparent and independent. This approach was continued into this year and you would have seen the emails sent to the OHA that contained each nominee inspiring story.

The voting process was opened up to all HAU members via a virtual vote, the criteria for the award were expanded and finally an independent panel of judges were appointed representing the Education, Business and Philanthropy sectors. The top two nominees as voted for by the HAU were submitted to the external judging panel. The judges found the process incredibly difficult, commenting that both finalists they were presented with were equally worthy of the award.

It is a truly humbling experience for us all to read about everyone's achievements and the amazing work being done in the world by our Herschel alumnae.

This year's recipient of the CHA Award

This year's winner, as selected by the external judges at the end of November, is Léa Weimann. We offer her our sincere congratulations on being chosen as the recipient of the 2022 Caroline Herschel Award.

Léa will be invited to accept her award at the 2023 Founder's Day lunch. She will also be invited to speak to the Prep and Senior girls about her journey at the Founder's Day Assemblies.

In case you missed it, please click on the link to read

Lea Weimann's
[*biography*](#)



Brendalyn Stempel Old Herschelian Bursary

Applications are now open for Grade 8 2024

- The successful applicant must be the daughter of an Old Herschelian.
- The family will not be in a financial position to afford the full Herschel fees.
- She should be supportive of Herschel's ideals and proud of its heritage.
- She must have academic merit and make sound progress each year.
- She must contribute to the ethos of the school and observe the school's code of conduct.
- The donors will receive regular progress reports and have contact with the recipient herself.
- The bursary will cover a percentage of the normal fees from Grade 8 to 12.

For further details and an application form, please contact the Admissions Secretary on 021 670 7500

Our foundation focuses on three areas of giving:

*CHILDREN
EDUCATION
THE ARTS*

*"Education is the passport to the future;
for tomorrow belongs to those that prepare for it
today"*

"The harder you work, the luckier you get."

*"Children are the world's most valuable resource
and its best hope for the future."*

Caroline Lucretia Herschel

known as 'Astromony's Cinderella'

Some background to the naming of the Caroline Herschel Award

Caroline Lucretia Herschel (1750-1848) was the first woman to receive full recognition in the field of astronomy. Born in Hanover, Germany, Caroline Herschel was the eighth child of a rural German family. When she was 10 years old, she fell ill with typhus which stunted her growth. She never grew taller than four feet three inches.

She moved to England to join her brother, William Herschel (astronomer and composer), in Bath when she was 22. She began to train as a singer and sang as a soprano in many performances. In 1781 William discovered the planet Uranus. Following this major discovery, he was knighted and appointed to the position of King's Astronomer for George III. In her early thirties, Caroline joined William as a scientific assistant, helping him with his observations and to grind and polish the mirrors for his telescopes. Whole nights through, she and William observed the heavens, noting the positions of the stars from the giant telescope which they had built.

Inspired by her brother's success, Caroline began her own astronomical research, specializing in the search for comets. Between 1786 and 1797 she discovered eight new comets.

She evaluated the nocturnal notations and recalculated them, wrote treatises for Philosophical Transactions, discovered

fourteen nebulae, calculated hundreds more, and began a catalogue for star clusters and nebular patches. In addition, she compiled a supplemental catalogue to Flamsteeds Atlas which included 561 stars, as well as a comprehensive index to it. The moon crater C. Herschel was named after her, as was the asteroid 281 Lucretia - her second given name.

In recognition of her work as William's assistant, King George III started paying Caroline an annual salary. This made her the first woman to be paid for her contribution to science and together with her brother, she discovered over 2400 astronomical objects over twenty years. In 1828, at the age of 75, the Royal Astronomical Society awarded Caroline Herschel a gold medal for her monumental works in science. Ten years later, she was made an honorary member of the Royal Astronomical Society. She received a similar honour from the Royal Irish Academy. On her 96th birthday, Caroline Herschel was awarded the gold medal of science by the King of Prussia.

Caroline remained modest throughout her remarkable career. She loved literature and art and had eight unpublished novels.

What a truly remarkable woman.



Caroline Herschel - the first woman to be elected to the Royal Astronomical Society

Our thanks to the CHA judges

As stated in the CHA criteria, the top voted nominations are submitted to an external panel of judges. The panel will consist of three female individuals sourced from the education, philanthropy and business sectors. The judges will have no ties to Herschel in any form. We have great pleasure in thanking our 2021 panel of judges.



Shirley Harding

Shirley Harding has spent her life in education, retiring after 21 years as principal of Wynberg Girls' High School and 39 years in education. Beginning her teaching career as a school counsellor, she also taught a variety of subjects and enjoyed various promotion posts before accepting the principal's post. During her tenure as principal, she initiated change in many areas, particularly in the area of leadership, for staff

and learners, service-orientated activities and school organisation. Meaningful transformation from old traditions was started and a commitment to this process was undertaken by the school community and governing body.

Shirley has always felt a commitment to sharing knowledge and served as part of the professional development team of the National Teachers' Association of South Africa, facilitating weekend seminars on a variety of educational topics. She also served as a mentor to other principals while seconded to the Western Cape Education Department in 2006. Passionate about empowering women through girls' school education, she served as president of the South African Girls' Schools' Association for four years.

Service to others has always been an important part of her life and she ran the Interact Club (junior Rotary) at Wynberg for many years, and joined the Rotary Club of Wynberg in 1992, serving as the first female president of the club in 1998/99. She was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship (highest international Rotary award) for her work with the youth. Using her training in psychology, she also served as a Lifeline counsellor for six years.

Education:

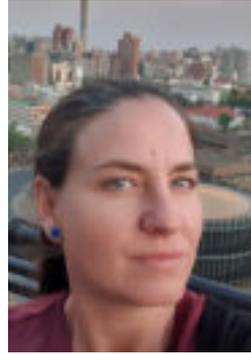
Matriculated at Fish Hoek High School

Bachelor of Arts degree, majors Psychology and History (1975)

Higher Diploma in Education (1976)

BA Honours (Psychology) with distinction (1995)

Diploma in Business Management with distinction (1996).



Nerissa Roberts

Nerissa Roberts was a photojournalist for 10 years before a short stint in copywriting led her to start thinking about using her skills to contribute to good causes. In her personal capacity she got involved with the South African Haemophilia Foundation, which helped her understand the need for professional input in non-profit organisations.

Nerissa started working at forgood.co.za as a community manager in 2013 where she grew into the role of cause and operations manager at SA's biggest online volunteering platform. In 2022 she continued her career working with tech & non-profits by taking on the role of technical analyst at Vera Solutions where she helps building M&E systems for mostly international organisations, using a CRM platform.

Nerissa is also a Patient Voices Ambassador at Rare Diseases South Africa, where she is especially focused on helping with awareness of Haemophilia A, a rare genetic bleeding disorder. At home she is mom to Ezra (11) who has Haemophilia A, and Calista (6) who is already training to be a nurse.

Nerissa is passionate about empowering non-profit organisations to fulfil their mission & vision using available resources, especially skilled volunteers and technology.



Sindi Mabaso-Koyana

Sindi is the founder of The African Women Chartered Accountants. She later led the formation of the commercial arm, AWCA Investment Holdings (AIH) which she currently chairs. She is the Principal of AIH Capital the Private Equity firm of AIH, which is a proud member of SAVCA.

She has served on a number of large and listed companies where she has chaired the Audit & Risk Committees, Social & Ethics Committees and Remuneration Committees. Her current boards include MTN Group, Bidvest Group, Sun International Limited, Sugar Association of South Africa amongst others. Sindi is a Fellow of the Aspen Global Leadership Network, Member of International Women's Forum.

Lady Margaret Herschel Cocktail Club

By Daphne Beames

Gala evenings at the Mount Nelson are always glittering occasions and a grand way to celebrate December festivities. This year was no different, as we enjoyed a sparkling glass on the Terrace – overlooking the gardens and with the lights of Cape Town twinkling below. It is always special to greet Herschelians who span the years and we welcomed Matrics from 1962 to 2003: that’s over forty years of memories.

January takes us to the Cellars Hohenhort Hotel where the lovely, white floribunda roses put on a magnificent display, and the impeccable service graces our evenings. We welcomed new faces and made new friends.

A luncheon to mark the Centenary was held at Kelvin Grove Club and then lunches and cocktail evenings throughout the year brought more shared camaraderie. It is a great pleasure to include partners, and the gentlemen are an added attraction! It was good to welcome new member, Beverley Brockman; many thanks to Caroline Isted for introducing her. Guests of our members and ex-staff are always welcome. Everyone is included and themed evenings are often arranged.

Thank you to everyone who shared our twenty-second year and we look forward to many more special moments in 2023. Ad Dei Glorium.



Daphne Beames, Kathryn McCarthy, Kris Miller 2002, Jenny Jacobs, Denise Baws, Seated: Mandy van Dugteren (Noakes) 1962, Nancy Todd (Jackson) 1978



Nina Daniel-Gruber 1989, Daphne Beames, Kyra Schlebusch (Pratt) 1985



Beverley Brockman, Angie Montandon (Jacobs) 2003, Jenny Jacobs

100 Year Celebrations at Kelvin Grove

By Daphne Beames

Celebrating Herschel's 100 years of outstanding academic achievement and overall brilliance proved to be an unforgettable milestone.

We looked back over the years and remembered the friendships, successes, camaraderie and happy days spent under a smiling, cobalt blue sky.

For me, personally, it was a 44 year milestone, as I first entered the - then wooden gates - framed by a fiery-red, hawthorn hedge - way back in 1978.

Then, events overtook us and years kaleidoscoped into each other in a whirl of learning, laughter, and the fulfilment that comes from imparting knowledge. Herschel boasts an enviable heritage and upholds the mantra written into the 50th pageant;

'Plan and build as if forever, live each day as if no tomorrow.'

The official Centenary luncheon in the Mary Jagger Hall was a well-attended, glittering event and a series of professional photographs attests to its success.

There was also a parallel occasion that day. Woven into the tapestry of school life, where the Herschel girls and their families understandably form the main focus, are other strands and one of these is the network of extraordinary, enduring and warm friendships forged by the Herschel staff (often now residing in far-flung corners of the globe) and nurtured and cherished over the years.

A group of these ex-educators met on their momentous day to celebrate and remember all that is special from our shared, collegial days.

Ad Dei Gloriam



Marianne Peacock, Barbara Erasmus, Nikki Gerhardi



Margie Stephens, Jeanette Beauchamp



*Standing: Daphne Beames, Margie Stephens, Annemarieke Golding
Seated: Nancy Todd (Jackson) 1978, Jeanette Beauchamp, Nikki Gerhardi, Denise Baws, Margie Barlow, Barbara Erasmus, Marianne Peacock*

Centenary Report

By Justine MacDonald

After many years of contemplating how to celebrate the upcoming Centenary, the OHA Centenary Committee started planning the events in earnest in early 2021. With the possibility of Covid still causing a last-minute postponement of the actual Founder's Day events, some of the initial suggestions sadly fell away; however, everyone will agree that the events that started in February 2022 and that have continued throughout this birthday year have been a wonderful celebration of Herschel's 100 year history.

The OHA kicked off the Centenary celebrations with its annual Cocktail Party which is always held the evening before Founder's Day. To allow Old Herschelians who have girls at the Prep to attend both functions, the cocktail party was held on the veranda outside the Prep hall while the Prep families enjoyed their picnic supper on the field. With beautiful Table Mountain providing a picturesque background, there was much laughter as old friends re-united and shared stories of their happy times at Herschel. On Friday morning, after a very special Founder's Day assembly, the Prep school girls, teachers and guests took to the field to form a "100" to mark this milestone event.

Many Old Herschelians then joined the Senior school for a very special Centenary Founder's Day service at St Saviour's. Once back in the Mary Jagger Hall, the reunion speeches – many of which had been postponed from 2021 – enthralled

us all. It is still hard to imagine getting to and from Herschel every day on horseback!

Centenary celebrations have continued throughout the year. The Prep carnival was held over two days to add to the celebrations, and the Winter Dinner was well attended after a two-year absence. We look forward to the Whole School Centenary Carol Service in December as Herschel's birthday year comes to an end.

The sale of the Herschel Centenary memorabilia has been successful. Our intention was to procure items that would support the greater Herschel family and so all items, including the OHA website, have links to members of the Herschel family.

We are very grateful to everyone who was involved with the procurement of the Centenary memorabilia and also to those who helped with the sale of the items at the various events throughout the year: starting at Founder's Day, then at the Prep Carnival and the Bursary Dinner, and finally at the Winter Dinner. The proceeds from the sale of these beautiful items has been earmarked to support the school and Herschel pupils.

We value your support so please continue to purchase any items through the OHA website.

Kind regards

Justine Macdonald



Founder's Day Service in St Saviour's Church

Centenary items on sale via the OHA100 website:
www.oha100.co.za



Herschel Centenary Book

by *Kristina Miller*



After many years of hard work, the long-awaited Centenary Book will be released in 2023 to mark the celebration of our first 100 years in education, and in empowering young women to do great things.

The book aims to represent the multiple facets of the school's present, and its past. From the history of its colonial roots, to the progressive reforms of recent years, the book covers a broad

range of themes unique to Herschel. Drawing on archival material, and extensive interviews, the co-authors - Neil Veitch, an experienced writer of school histories, and Leah Nasson, a former history teacher at the school - hope that all members of the school community see themselves reflected in the text. A concerted effort has been made to write an inclusive history which gives voice to the silences which so often characterise narrow interpretations of the past. Much has changed since the school's early beginnings in the 1920s – not least of which is the boarding house, which no longer subjects pupils to sleeping outside on an open-air balcony. Sporting codes including lacrosse and equestrian, have come and gone, with water polo and hockey now taking centre stage. The long tradition of music and cultural activities has continued well into the twenty-first century, culminating in the recent opening of the Inkwenkwezi Music Centre in 2020.

Innovation within the curriculum has also been at the forefront of the school's focus. The emphasis is placed on a holistic education, stretching beyond the traditional academic curriculum, and providing pupils with a global perspective from a young age. The Centenary book tracks the development of

all aspects of school life over the past hundred years, incorporating the rich memories of Herschel Alumnae and photographs derived from valuable archival material. The common thread which runs throughout the publication, is Herschel's school motto, namely 'Learning to Make a Difference'; be it in the classroom, through leadership or social outreach. This process of learning is not restricted to the pupil body, it is a philosophical principle which incorporates the whole school community.

In recent years, the school has embraced Afrocentricity, confronting issues of social justice, transformation and belonging as part of a broader trend in South African education. This is a learning process which will no doubt have a significant influence in years to come. A gratifying aspect of compiling a school history of this sort is the groundswell of interest and support it seems to arouse in past and present pupils, their parents, and friends. The completion of a full century is an inspiring achievement. The school eagerly looks forward to the new and fresh challenges of its next century, and the opportunities those may bring to introduce improvements on all fronts and for all members of the Herschel Family.

The school will soon be sending out information about a launch event for the book, but in the meantime, the full price book can still be ordered by clicking on this link:

[**Centenary Book Order Form**](#)



Susan Sonnenberg addresses the school at Founder's Day Assembly

Annual Winter Dinner

By Kristina Miller

The annual Herschel Winter Dinner, hosted by the Herschel Alumnae Union, took place on Wednesday the 17th August 2022 in the Mary Jagger Hall. The cold wintery weather outside was no match for the warm vibrant ambience inside the hall, made cheerier by delicious wine donated by Susan and David Sonnenberg from Diemersfontein wine farm.

The evening started with a Circle Secretary get-together. Circle Secretaries are the year representatives and reunion organisers from each matric year, and we welcomed ladies from as far back as 1962 and as recently as 2018. They were each gifted a Centenary commemorative journal and pen in thanks for their service to the Herschel Alumnae and the school.

The wonderfully talented Fusion vocal group entertained dinner guests as they were arriving, and it was fantastic for the alumnae to witness the girls' talent firsthand. Dinner got underway after a beautiful prayer by the longest serving staff member at Herschel, Mrs Helen Botha, who will be retiring this year. Starting with a delicious tomato soup and ending with a

malva pudding, the dinner provided by Origin catering was complimented by many, whilst the service of the girls who waited the evening was seamless.

The guest speaker of the night was Susan Sonnenberg, the 2022 Caroline Herschel Award winner and beloved alumna of the school. Her authentic and sincere recollections of her time at Herschel and humble appraisal of her accomplishments in setting up the Wellington Prep and College in Worcester, received many laughs and a standing ovation.

The 2022 Winter Dinner welcomed over 90 guests, a record number of attendees, which saw many parents, staff, and girls in attendance. As the HAU moves to integrate and collaborate more with the school and parents in the future, these are the types of event we hope to continue to host.

We look forward to next year's Winter Dinner and to extending invitations to our brother and sister school alumni groups, which will help to build our network even further.



Susan Sonnenberg (Stent) 1968, David Sonnenberg, Kristina Miller 2002



The lovely waitresses who served at the Winter Dinner

Our grateful thanks to Neva Ward (van der Spuy) 1976 for creating the beautiful Winter Dinner table decor



Kristina Miller with Fusion vocal group at the Winter Dinner



Herschel Heritage Centre

By Kathy Wheeler (Caradoc-Davies) 1973



2022 has been a year of consolidation for the Herschel Heritage Centre (HHC) as we continue to work towards our goal of making the collection accessible to current and old Herschelians. Kris Miller and Joyce Goldschmidt continued to play an active role in all aspects of the work of the HHC. Joyce sadly retired at the end of August, and we wish her all the best for a happy retirement. We welcomed Nikki Turner in September who has already proved to be a very enthusiastic member of the team.

The centenary celebrations have focused the work for this year. A gallery wall was installed in February consisting of a striking display of photographs of the history of Herschel including buildings, past Heads, the founders of Herschel, and even an old school sign. This display has changed the appearance of the room and given it a focal point.

We enjoyed welcoming Old Herschelians to the HHC after lunch on Founders Day and their interest in the display made it all worthwhile.

The centenary resulted in a number of requests from staff members for information and photographs from the HHC for use in presentations to the girls. We were happy to provide as much as information as possible as this is fulfilling the purpose of making the collection more accessible. We also helped with illustrations and information for the Centenary book.

A big thank you to the Old Herschelians who responded to our appeal for missing items, such as newsletters, which were identified when the inventory of the collection was compiled. It is pleasing that our holdings are more complete as a result.

A big thank you to Kris Miller who donated her school uniform. This included both the skirt and blazer with its badges still attached and makes a wonderful start to our quest to add more items of school clothing and badges to the collection. Thank you also to Candice, the Design teacher, for the donation of a figure of a Herschel girl in school uniform.

The digitisation project continues to progress. The irreplaceable material has now been digitised and returned to the HHC and we intend to send more documents for digitisation during next year as funds become available. The next step is to make this material accessible on the website.

We have also made a start on the conservation of the collection. Some of the irreplaceable documents, such as early photographs, building plans, and the plans for the stained-glass windows in the Chapel, have been sent for mounting and protection so that they can be safely displayed in the HHC. Plans are also underway to display some of the artefacts such as school uniforms from the collection. Quotes have been obtained for the installation of a display cabinet and this is a project for 2023.

Please remember that this collection should continue to evolve. If you have anything from your time at Herschel that you think might be interesting to old and current Herschelians please consider donating it to the HHC.



Gallery wall in the Herschel Heritage Centre

Minutes of the 93rd AGM

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE 93RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD HERSCHELIANS' ASSOCIATION HELD ONLINE AT 17:30 ON 10 FEBRUARY 2021

1. WELCOME

Ms K Miller welcomed all members present.

Apologies were received from: Patsy Louw, Kate Carkeek, Brendalyn Stempel, Luanna Shonfeld, Phillipa Harvey, Sally Silberbauer, Gorry Bowes-Taylor, Joy Howes, Lucy Bailey, Bridget Cockburn, Lucinda Suckling.

A special welcome to the reunion years we are welcoming to the Cocktail Party and Founder's Day events are as follows:

1961, 1971, 1991, 2001, 2006 which are reunion years from 2021.

1962, 1972, 1982, 1992, 2002 which are the current reunion years.

We will be welcoming Old Herschelians who are able to attend the Carnival next week on Friday and Saturday. The OHA suggested to Herschel that they delay their year-end carnival until February so that we could extend the Centenary Founder's Day celebrations to include the Carnival. We are pleased that OHs have been included in the invitation to attend this exciting event.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Unconfirmed Minutes of the AGM held on 10th February 2021 were emailed to Old Herschelians by the OHA secretary on 7th December 2021.

Acceptance of the Minutes were proposed by: Ms B Vintcent, and seconded by: Mrs J Goldschmidt.

3. STUDENT AWARDS AND NEW OHA MEMBERS

Congratulations to the 2022 Matrics on their exceptional results. The NSC results were sent out by the school to all in the OHA database so I won't repeat them here. Details of the distinctions achieved by the Matrics, etc were included in the letter.

Special mention must be made that, at the WCED Matric Awards ceremony at the premier's residence on 3rd February 2022, Herschel received the award for first place in the NSC examinations for the WCED.

Jessica Prevost also received an award for top achiever in mathematics (shared) and excellent pupil achievement in WCED. Congratulations to Jessica and her mother, Tamlyn who, until recently, was a member of the OHA Committee.

3.1 Recipients of special awards:

The Old Herschelians Award for Service, Loyalty and Leadership: Shannon Pitman – one of the Head Girls in 2021 - in recognition of her commitment and devotion to Herschel.

Details of all other awards are listed on page 94 of the 2021 Herschelians magazine which can be accessed via <http://www.herschel.org.za/senior/publications/>

Congratulations to the above recipients.

3.2 New OHA Members in 2022

Every year we welcome new members to the Old Herschelians' Association and we hope they will enjoy their membership and the work the association does on the behalf of all OHs.

All 99 Matric students were invited to join the Association. This year, 6 students opted out of membership.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of one of our newest members, Olivia Sieff, who lost her life in a tragic accident earlier this year. A memorial service was held at Herschel the day following the accident. Olivia will be remembered during the Founder's Day events.

4. OHA MATTERS

4.1 OHA Bursary Fund Donations

The committee of the OHA has, during the past years, focussed on the establishment of the digital archives, inventory, the Herschel Heritage Centre and working towards the archival archive goes live for the Centenary celebrations.

The OHA usually makes an annual donation to the Bursary Relief Fund donation of R20 000 – which the school in turn then provides a report on the expenditure of. In 2021, due to the costs of digitisation, etc we were not in a financial position to do so and so there is no report back on this.

4.2 Caroline Herschel Award

This was won by Susan Sonnenberg who will receive her award on Friday morning at the Senior School assembly. Please read more about Susan on <https://www.diemersfontein.co.za/show-your-support-with-myschool/>

4.3 OHA 2021 Newsletter

The newsletter is sent out electronically and can be accessed via the Herschel website on this link:

<http://www.herschel.org.za/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/OHNewsletter-2020-Nov-v7.pdf>

Ms K Miller thanked Mrs J Goldschmidt for designing this publication.

The Herschelians Magazine is also available via this link:

<http://www.herschel.org.za/senior/publications/>

Hardcopies of the magazine and newsletter can be printed at a cost if so required. Old Herschelians are reminded to send in their personal news to oha@herschel.org.za in September and October for inclusion in the end of year OHA Newsletter. A reminder email will be sent out so please respond by sending in your news to make the newsletter more interesting.

4.4 OHA Archives and Heritage Centre

We have spent the previous 5 years working hard to digitise the archive material which was previously housed in the Head's house which posed as a mini museum. The material has now all been moved to a classroom in what was previously the Art block. Great trouble has been taken to make this venue a welcoming place to visit. All Old Herschelians are invited to visit and enjoy browsing through the photographs and more treasured items we have on display.

I wish to thank our Doctor of Museology, Kathy Wheeler (Caradoc-Davies) Class of 1973, for her work on inventorying all the historical artifacts in the Herschel archive. Dr Wheeler helps on an ongoing basis with the Heritage work and the archiving process.

4.5 OHA Communication

Additionally, the OHA are advised via Facebook of all school events at which they are welcome, which include but are not limited to:

- The Gala Dinner – this year on the 12th March 2022
- The annual exhibition of Matric art
- School plays and productions

Please join the Old Herschelien Facebook Page to receive notifications of these events and ensure your email addresses are up to date with the Secretary to receive the newsletters and mailers.

4.6 OHA Database and keeping in contact

We have been working hard to make the Old Herschelien section on the new Herschel website as informative as possible and easy to navigate. Please always ensure that you notify the OHA secretary should there be a change to your email address by emailing: oha@herschel.org.za.

Please watch out for notices informing OHs of events and celebrations in August 2022 – which is Women's month – and will involve Old Herschelians, their careers, women's rights, empowerment, gender-based violence, etc. It's important that we are able to reach you when we invite OHs to participate in these celebrations.

The Lady Margaret Herschel Cocktail Club has a Facebook page which is administered by Mrs Daphne Beames who is a cornerstone of Herschel. Old Herschelians and friends are invited to join events organised a number of times a year at venues around Cape Town. Please contact Daphne on gilespie@iafrica.com to be added to her database.

4.7 OHA Funding and Donations

The OHA relies on membership fees and donations for its funding. At present we receive most of our financial support from the school, so all additional support is highly appreciated and invaluable in allowing us to continue with our Heritage work.

In line with inflation, the costs to attend certain OHA events will increase each year. We are, however, committed to keeping these costs as low as possible. Accordingly, OHA membership fees will increase by a nominal percentage each year.

Should you wish to make a donation to the Old Herschelien Association, you may wish to specify: OH (for Old Herschelien) or BF (for Bursary Fund) as a reference. Eg: BF Joan Bloggs

Please note that donations can be made through the school account which the school passes on to us. This means that the school can issue the donor with a Section 16A Tax Exempt certificate.

5. OTHER

5.1 Cocktail party

We are pleased to announce that we will host over 130 Old Herschelians at the Cocktail Party tomorrow night, which is a very impressive turnout. This year, the event will take place at the Prep School so as to enjoy the festive atmosphere of the family picnic which is being held on the Astro.

We will also be selling the OH Centenary commemorative items at the cocktail party.

Ms K Miller thanked Mrs J Goldschmidt for all her efforts in organising the Founder's Day events.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms B Vintcent to give us a brief overview of the OHA accounts for 2021. Attached, please find the Treasurer's Report. We thank our Treasurer, Ms B Vintcent, for administering our financial affairs during the past year. This has been a very busy year given the Centenary and Digital Archive work.

7. THANK YOU TO

- Ms B Vintcent for her management of the OHA accounts during the past busy year.
- The Herschel IT department and Digital Marketing department for working with the OHA so closely. Ms H Morusi has liaised with us to design the new OHA page on the Herschel website. We hope this website will go live in the next couple of weeks. Mr S Levey and his IT team have assisted us tirelessly. They recently agreed to film our Recollection speeches at the Founder's Day lunches – so we will be able to share this recording with you.
- The Centenary Committee for procuring the memorabilia which is available for sale on www.oha100.co.za
- Mrs J Goldschmidt – for being the heart of the OHA.

Ms K Miller invited questions and comments.

Mrs J Goldschmidt brought to the attention of the OHA the huge amount of work that Ms Miller does in the running of the OHA, the digitisation of the archives, the planning of the Centenary events, etc and thanked her for her massive contribution.

There being no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 18:15.



MS KRISTINA MILLER

22 FEBRUARY 2022



AGM OF THE OHA

Notice is hereby given that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Old Herschelians' Association will take place as follows:

DATE: Wednesday 15 February 2023
VENUE: This will be a virtual meeting using MS TEAMS
TIME: 17:30
LINK: The link will be sent out in January 2023

Requests from members of the OHA for any motion(s) to be placed
before the AGM must be emailed to the secretary before 12:00 on Friday
3 February 2023 on oha@herschel.org.za

A G E N D A FOR THE 95th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OLD HERSCHELIANS' ASSOCIATION

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. New OH Members
4. OHA matters
5. Other matters
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Adjournment



Founder's Day Service at St Saviour's Church

Helen Botha lights the Candle of Remembrance

Barbara Vintcent reads a passage from the Bible



HAU Author Corner

A corner of the Senior School library has been allocated to books written by Herschel Alumnae. We are hoping that Alumnae authors will add to our collection by sending in books and articles they have written.

Varsha Padayachee (1986 & 1987 Pre-Prep) kindly donated a copy of her book, 'Chronicles of a Botox Doctor' to the Senior School librarian, Carmelita Prins, in October. Nikki Turner also donated a copy of her children's adventure fantasy, 'The Vulture King.' It's lovely to see the HAU shelves filling up with books written by alumnae.

This is another rallying cry to all of you for yet more Alumnae-scripted books, articles, theses, periodicals, comics, anything your golden hands have crafted - literary or academic works? Our beautiful library continues to call out for contributions to add to the initial collection I gathered together to donate to the budding HAU shelves some months ago. Don't be shy or modest. Share. Honour the years you spent sitting in a nook in the library after digging through the classics. Or, I wonder how many of my fellow 1960 rebels remember the days we read banned books hidden between the covers of Elephant Bill? Aaaaaah!

Pamela Ferguson (1960)



Carmelita Prins, Varsha Padayachee



Carmelita Prins, Nikki Turner (Louw) 1994



Class of 1954 - 68th Reunion

Report by Diana Burns (Dicey)

With the centenary scheduled for February our head girl, Revel Christie, planned her visit to Cape Town to coincide with the celebrations. Only Revel, Pam Sinclair and Di Burns were able to attend the service and lunch, both very special and memorable occasions.

We were in fact the oldest Old Herschelians present! Some of us started at Herschel in 1945 so it was quite remarkable that the school was only 23 years old at that stage, what a long association we have enjoyed!

The following week we arranged a lunch at Kelvin for ten members of the class, several people live out of town so it was great that they were able to join us. We had a very happy gathering with much reminiscing & a good chance to catch up on everyone's activities, which, not surprisingly are more limited these days.

It is quite surprising that we had such a good attendance as there were only about 24 girls in our class! We certainly are "survivors" and we look forward to our next reunion!



Pamela Sinclair (Jones), Revel Christie (Reilly), Diana Burns (Dicey)



*Front row: Gill de Kock (Downing), Pam Sinclair (Jones), Di Burns (Dicey) Wendy Hofmeyr (Hartford)
Back row: Grace Smith (Garvin), Vicki Paterson (Langham Carter) Jean Carlsson (McCall), Revel Christie (Reilly),
Val Lewis (Hughes), Betty Casciati (Rudland)*

Class of 1961 - 61st Reunion

Report by Anne Bruce (Fauville)

After returning to the UK and my home in the New Forest, I reflect on my happy return to Herschel for the 61st reunion of the Class of 1961 and the Centenary Reunion. While in the UK under Covid lockdown last year, the possibility that there would be a Centenary celebration sprung to mind. Finally, we received confirmation that plans were afoot. I was asked to address everyone with my recollections of our time at Herschel. As public speaking is not one of my strengths, I agreed somewhat reluctantly to speak.

My thoughts went back to 1952, when I first started at Herschel - an unstable period of my childhood - and was a boarder with Mrs Stobie in Kenilworth. On fine days, we walked through Claremont Park and were faced with an earlier generation of flashers. Finding a Day Girl who shared my passion for horses was the start of a special lifelong friendship. We started with imaginary horses; pretending that we were horses and eating grass and galloping around. At a later stage, the horses became real and I continue to ride today. The Junior Boarders returned home by steam engine for the two long school holidays. I remember finding soot on my pillow and some girls travelled as far as Zimbabwe. We seemed to have minimal supervision and I remember, on the return journey, throwing comics out of the window, for fear of Mrs Stobie seeing that we had not been reading proper literature.

Memories of teachers (some who gave us so much more than the subject they taught), shoulder buttons on school dresses, special silk dresses for choir and shapeless wool swimming costumes that never seemed to dry.

Memories of my Matric year include exams and celebrating the final one by riding and camping over four days with my best horse friend at Cape Point!

Then Social Science at UCT, a gap year of travel and then working in Sweden. I joined Child Welfare in 1968 and became an Adoption Specialist. I married, had two children (my daughter left Herschel in 1999), retired in 2016, and am now a swallow travelling between Constantia and the New Forest.

Herschel not only educated me, it deepened my faith, provided much needed stability at a difficult period of my childhood, and wonderful lifelong friendships.

I so enjoyed all the Centenary Celebrations!



Anne Bruce (Fauville)



Chris Godfrey (Hawson)

Centenary Founder's Day service in St Saviour's Church



Class of 1962 - 60th Reunion

Report by Corinne Symons (Dicey)

We were all looking forward to this our 60th anniversary since writing matric but what a damp squib it turned out to be ----thanks to the Covid pandemic.

In the end, there were only six of us; the only person coming any distance was Claire Amm. And no one from outside SA because we couldn't do any long-term planning.

A new venue for the cocktail party on the Thursday evening was on the verandah overlooking the Junior School hockey field and popular it turned out to be in the lovely February sunlight. We enjoyed a moving service at St Saviour's Church Friday morning but we missed having the cross and placing roses on it in memory of past Old Herschelians.

Lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall was delicious and it was interesting to hear old girls reminiscences; but we were very badly placed at the bottom of the hall instead of on the stage where we expected to be and some could hear nothing which was distressing and rather spoil the lunch.



Anne Schonborn (Cowley), Claire Amm (Fauville)



Mandy van Dugteren (Noakes)



Jenny Wolf (Pare)



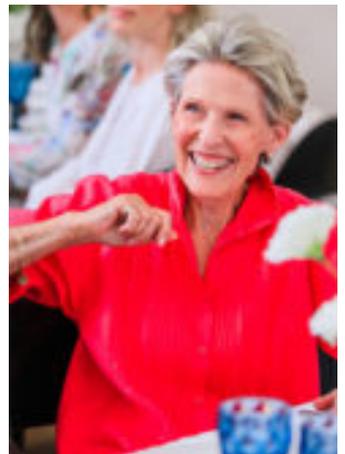
Alicia Wilkinson (Faull)



Ann-Gail Watson (Greenwood)



Delia Scott (Lloyd)



Corinne Symons (Dicey)



Class of 1962 at Founder's Day luncheon

A delicious buffet luncheon was served



Class of 1964 - 58th Reunion

Report by Penny Whyte

Founders Day this year was a very special experience for those who attended.

We were the Matric Class of 1964. We all live in Cape Town or nearby, but seldom get together, so this occasion was lots of fun for those of us who were there.

We attended the Cocktail party the evening before which was held at the Junior School. The next day we went to St Saviour's,

for the Founder's Day Service and walked up to the School thereafter for lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall.

The meal was delicious and I particularly enjoyed the school memories shared by some, of their time at Herschel.

I really recommend that as many people as possible try to attend Founder's Day Celebrations in the future.



Founder's Day 2022



Mosa le Roux (Henderson), Susie Raath, Moira Furter (Hennessy)



Mosa le Roux (Henderson)



Moira Furter (Hennessy)



Susie Raath



Joan Smith (Waring)



Amanda Bester (Waring)



Di Fleck (Cattell)



Claire Shortt (Watson)



Penny Whyte (Ismay)

Class of 1968 - 54th Reunion

Report by Judy Fuller

Most of our class have remained friends, through sickness and health, for more years than some of our marriages. With laughter and fun, support has been on hand through-out. As we aged, the shared experiences have enriched us and made it impossible to feel alone.



Prue Crawley (Borton)



Judy Fuller (Scott Shaw)



Carol Newton-Thompson



Gill Norgarb (Verster)



Lindsay Caitlin (Gasson)



Delia Charton (Beck)



Pauline Hall (Gilbert), Suzanne Edwards (Nosworthy)



Perry Ann Minchener (Johnson), Susan Sonnenberg (Stent)



Founder's Day luncheon



Vivienne Beyers (Malherbe), Jilly Drummond (Golding)



*Shan Biesman-Simons (Adams), Lindsay Caitlin (Gasson),
Perry Ann Minchener (Johnson), Susan Sonnenberg (Stent),
Carol Newton-Thompson, Gill Norgarb (Verster)*



*Perry Ann Minchener (Johnson), Lindsay Caitlin (Gasson), Delia Charton (Beck), Prue Crawley (Borton), Carol Newton-Thompson,
Judy Fuller (Scott Shaw), Pauline Hall (Gilbert), Gill Norgarb (Verster), Suzanne Edwards (Nosworthy), Susan Sonnenberg (Stent)*

Class of 1971 - 51st Reunion

Report by Jill Drummond (Golding)

After a year's delay, our Matric class of 1971 finally had their 50-year reunion, which was even more special, as it coincided with the celebration of Herschel's Centenary.

Sadly because of Covid, only a few of us could attend. These included Sally Silberbauer (Wells), Belinda Arenhold (Blaine), Jane Toerien (Phillip), Alex Jennings (Reay) and Lucinda Suckling.

The trip down memory lane began with a walk from the school to St Saviour's Church for the traditional Founder's Day Service.

After a poignant service commemorating the founders of the school one hundred years ago, it was back to the school for a delicious lunch, and a fun catchup with people one had not

seen for ages.

A representative from each decade delivered recollections of their particular school years. Ours was brilliantly written by Fi Hooper, and delivered superbly by Lulu, who reminisced about our small class who did everything and anything, the members of staff who tried to teach us, and the huge sadness of those who are no longer with us, viz Susan Abernethy, Sue Borton, Gill Taylor and Amanda Leslie.

The day ended with an impressive tour around the school, and one left with a feeling of warmth, pride and appreciation to the school for providing us with enduring friendships, opportunities and achievements, small and large.



Jane Toerien (Phillips)



Sally Silberbauer (Wells)



Lucinda Suckling



Belinda Blaine



Gilly Drummond (Golding)



Alex Jennings (Reay)



Jane Toerien (Phillips), Lucinda Suckling, Sally Silberbauer (Wells), Shan Biesman-Simons (Adams) 1972



Class of 1982 - 40th Reunion

Report by Belinda Pandiani (Morris)

On the Saturday after the Centenary Celebrations at the school 25 of us met for lunch at PJ Quarmby's beautiful home. It was a lovely sunny day and the panoramic view of Table Mountain and Devils Peak certainly added to the general ambience. Quite a few girls were out from overseas seeing family here and a couple made the trip specially for the reunion. A few had not been to a reunion since leaving school but everyone seemed to recognize everyone else which after 40 years can be challenging!

We sat down to a sumptuous lunch and then there was a planned Zoom call with girls living in England who had planned a get-together in parallel with ours, as well as those living in Australia who were unable to travel due to Covid restrictions. So all-in-all there were 33 of us which is over half our matric year. The air was filled with laughter and chatter, the girls catching up on everyone's news and questions about some of the girls who were not there. Several of our group are grandmothers already which drew many gasps of surprise (we are not even 60 yet!) Many old photographs from school days were passed around, surprisingly the colours had not faded which after so long is a miracle! Not everyone agreed as to whom they were looking at in some of the photos, but after much discussion a consensus was generally reached. We were a large year group, an experiment the school started at the beginning of standard 6 (grade 8) to assess the viability of 3 classes versus the traditional 2 classes. Needless to say, the grade that started standard 6 the next year was back to 2 classes only – it remained like that for some time to come. We were indeed a lively bunch which remains true to this day!!

After much catching up and reminiscing about the old days the music started up in the early evening and then the dancing commenced; the party went on late into the night...

It was a wonderful get-together and we are already planning to hold our next reunion in 5 years' time.



UK GIRLS: Cheryl Hemingway, Margie Orford, Bridget Cockburn (Longmore), Linda Weston (Merrington), Kate Hales



Front Row: Bella McCallum, Judy Richards, Jackie Wilensky (Batchelor), Sally Steenkamp (Seymour), Robyn Hull (Cooper), PJ Quarmby (Tanfield)

2nd row: Zan Louw, Janiene Steven, Monique Dokter (Biebuyck), Sue McGillvray (Albertyn), Sue Bryant, Hillary Makepeace (Jooste), Tanya Golding (Landless), Marie-Louise Du Plessis (du Toit)

3rd row: Daniele Matheson (Hine), Kathy Smit, Kathy Leslie (Dower), Janine Verwey (Quibell), Kathy Moir (Dicey), Elsa Carpenter-Frank (Vorster)

4th row: Faith Knight, Natasha De Lange (Theophilou), Wendy Wilson, Conny Voisin (Krauss), Belinda Pandiani (Morris), Daniela Grossi (Lengner)

Class of 1987 - 35th Reunion

Report by Lucy Bailey (Burns)

We met at St Saviour’s Church to celebrate the centenary of Herschel. The service and music were so uplifting and it was wonderful to be back at school afterwards and to feel the familiarity of the Mary Jagger Hall, which had been transformed into an elegant and beautiful lunch venue.

We so enjoyed seeing one another, laughing and reminiscing about our years at Herschel. Thirty five years later and we all

feel exactly the same as we did in 1987.

Our special thanks go to Heather Goedeke for hosting us and to Origin Caterers for the most delicious meal.

Those that attended were Mandy Arora (Porter), Lucy Bailey (Burns), Claire Reilly, Alison Sedgewick, Melanie Sharp (Maclean), Heather Thom (Marx) and Helen Varney (Kaminski).



Mandy Arora (Porter), Melanie Sharp (Maclean), Helen Varney (Kaminski), Alison Sedgewick, Lucy Bailey (Burns), Claire Reilly, Heather Thom (Marx)



Claire Reilly



Melanie Sharp (Maclean)



Helen Varney (Kaminski)



Mandy Arora (Porter)



Lucy Bailey (Burns)



Alison Sedgewick



Lucy Bailey (Burns), Helen Varney (Kaminski), Heather Thom (Marx), Melanie Sharp (McLean), Mandy Arora (Porter), Claire Reilly, Alison Sedgewick

Class of 1992 - 30th Reunion

Report by Tamlyn Prevost (McKeag)

We started the countdown 10 months ago, waiting to see if the Herschel Centenary Founder's Day celebrations would be permitted within COVID regulations. As the time crept closer we dared to hope it might happen, then flights were booked and plans made. February was suddenly upon us and fingers crossed as COVID PCR tests were done pre-flight, and final numbers tallied.

Eight of us toasted each other at the Cocktail party on Thursday evening. The sun was warm as we celebrated at the Junior school pavilion. It was a festive evening overlooking the school Astroturf where the junior school families were having a function of their own. Chattering and laughter abounded as friends and classmates reconnected.

There were 16 members of the class of 1992 at the memorable Founder's Day service on Friday. It is always a beautiful service at St Saviour's, although we missed the traditional rose ceremony. Back at school there were some tears and smiles as all the new girls and staff from both 2021 and 2022 went through the tunnel of blue uniforms and then sang the heart-warming school song, with some of our class hearing it for the first time.

The Old Herschelians' lunch was organised by the school and 13 of us enjoyed the delicious meal as we fondly reminisced around the table in the Mary Jagger Hall. Kirsten Stafford (nee Thaning) did us proud sharing her lovely memoirs as our class speaker. She reminded us that education in the late '80s and early '90s was quite different to now, with bomb scares being a frequent occurrence, and training in 'what to do if you see a flasher in Arderne gardens'. She reflected on the excellence of our education at Herschel, producing strong and caring

women who today hold important and diverse roles in society including architects, interior decorators, doctors, lawyers, accountants, confectioners, directors of wildlife conservation trusts, psychologists, news reporters, business owners, teachers and mothers.

The highlight for the class of '92 was our gathering on Saturday afternoon/evening. Candice Noakes-Dobson graciously offered her home as a venue for our function, and generously catered an amazing spread. We had an excellent turn out of 37 Old Herschelians wearing green, yellow and red, our house colours; there only 3 houses - Rolt, Merriman and Jagger in those days.

Thank you to Leanne, Yaz, Angela, Julie and Barbs for assisting upfront and on the day. The venue was decorated beautifully with school memorabilia including enlarged photos up on the walls taken from the old school yearbooks.

It was a beautiful summer evening and the table heaved with delicious food and the drinks were flowing. I really felt that there was a lovely reconnection on the day. We are no longer girls with superficial chit chat, but caring women, interested in each other's journeys and the future of our world. There was a fun slide show of photographic memories in the background and a certificate award ceremony.

Special thanks to Kirsten, Philippa, Suzanne, Nika who all travelled from overseas, as well as those who joined us from elsewhere in the country.

I hope to see you all, and those who could not attend this year, at our next reunion.



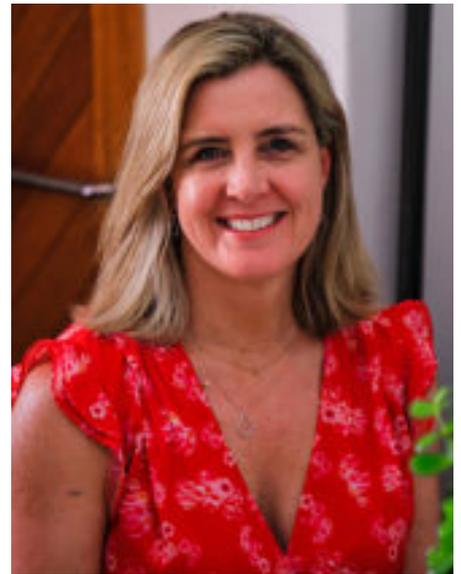
Chantalle Wilson (McGahey), Suzanne Issa, Kirsten Stafford (Thaning), Philippa Newell (Gwynne-Evans), Barbara Vincent, Shirley Cruise, Emma Horn (Clarke), Yasmien Amien-Skazikis, Revyl Haylett, Louise Mulholland (Morkel), Tamaryn Fourie (Hammond), Tamlyn Prevost (McKeag)



Emma Horn (Clarke)



Tamlyn Prevost (McKeag)



Kirsten Stafford (Thaning)



*Yasmien Amien-Skazikis,
Tamaryn Fourie (nee Hammond)*



Barbara Vintcent



Barbara Vintcent, Helen Botha



*Louis Mulholland (Morkel), Tamlyn Prevost (McKeag),
Kirsten Stafford (Thaning)*



Shelley Armstrong, Philippa Newell (Gwynne-Evans), Mia Fourie (de Bruijn)



Barbara Vintcent, Lane Benjamin, Suzanne Issa



Kirsten Stafford (Thaning), Emma Horn (Clark), Dawn Plummer (Lander)



Julie van der Velde (Youens), Louise Mulholland (Morkel), Candice Noakes-Dobson, Susan Snyman



Candice Meyer (Grove), Nika Stefano (Danford), Barbara Vintcent



Tamlyn Prevost (McKeag), Barbara Vintcent



Tamaryn Fourie (Hammond), Kirsten Stafford (Thaning), Lane Benjamin, Suzanne Issa, Leigh-Anne Pearse (Bird), Caroline Kaye, Emma Horn (Clark), Amber Riley (Ramsden), Yasmin Amien-Skazikis, Candice Noakes-Dobson, Mia Fourie (de Bruijn)

Shelley Armstrong, Emma Horn (Clark), Caroline Kaye, Angela Rae (Theunissen), Dawn Plummer (Lander), Mandy Merryweather (Nugent), Mia Fourie (de Bruijn)



*Front row: Tamlyn Prevost (McKeag), Susan Snyman, Lane Benjamin Yasmin Amien-Skazikis, Robyn Texeira (Westmoreland), Leanne Gordon-Myers, Angela Rea (Theunissen), Catherine Rice, Cheyenne Ferry (Currie), Natalie Grapentin
 Second row: Chantalle Wilson (McGahey), Robyn Poole, Barbara Vintcent, Shirley McLean (Cruise), Tamaryn Fourie (Hammond), Suzanne Issa, Michelle Kuttel
 Third row: Mandy Merryweather (Nugent), Julie van der Velden (Youens), Nika Stefano (Danford), Shelley Armstrong, Emma Horn (Clark), Mia Fourie (de Bruijn), Philippa Newell (Gwynne-Evans)
 Back row: Leigh-Anne Pearse (Bird), Caroline Kaye, Louise Mulholland (Morkel), Kirsten Stafford (Thaning), Dawn Plummer (Lander), Kay Orlandi (Johnson), Candice Noakes-Dobson, Candice Meyer (Grove) Revyl Haylett, Amber Riley (Ramsden), Gina Malherbe-Mills*

Class of 1991 - 31st Reunion

Report by Justine Macdonald

Despite having to postpone our 30-year reunion by a year, the Class of 1991 celebrated in style. We started our reunion at the annual OH cocktail party where we enjoyed meeting up with friends from across the years. Being back at the Junior School reminded those of us at the Prep of very happy times spent there. There was so much laughter and reminiscing and at the end of the evening there was even some cartwheeling across the field!

Many of us gathered again for the beautiful Founder's Day Service at St Saviour's, followed by lunch in the Mary Jagger Hall. Melissa, who came all the way from Australia, made a

wonderful speech, and it was super to catch up with Marion, who came all the way from Germany to be with us. Once again, we were the last class to leave the lunch!

On the Saturday, we had a great turn-out for drinks and snacks at Simon's, Groot Constantia. It was a beautiful evening and we had such a happy time chatting, laughing, and reminiscing of our time at Herschel.

A special thanks to those who flew down from Johannesburg, and those who drove in from far away, and to everyone for making it such a success. Please save the date for February 2026 for our 35th reunion.



FOUNDER'S DAY LUNCHEON

*Front row: Claire Hodge (Schonborn), Gemma Downing (Ricketts), Tiffany Byers, Tania Johnstone (Peck),
Lindy Molyneux (Forsyth), Justine Macdonald (Peters)*

*Back row: Charley Pollard (van Dugteren), Melissa McCulloch (Golding), Nikki Swain (Bath), Marion Swoboda,
Katharine Janisch (Rorich), Vanessa Cowgill*



*OHA COCKTAIL PARTY
Lindsay Campbell (Marx), Charley Pollard (van Dugteren),
Caroline Hughes (Sedgewick), Justine Macdonald (Peters),
Sarah Sandri (Rice)*



*SIMON'S, GROOT CONSTANTIA
Hazel du Plooy (Sparks), Justine Macdonald (Peters),
Gemma Downing (Ricketts), Tania Johnstone (Peck),
Catriona Ross*



*Tania Johnstone (Peck), Marion Swoboda,
Gemma Downing (Ricketts)*



Gemma Downing (Ricketts) and Katharine Janisch (Rorich)



*Sarah Sandri (Rice), Robyn Wynne, Lindy Molyneux (Forsyth),
Charley Pollard (van Dugteren) and Marion Swoboda*



*Cathy Mommsen (Moodie), Robyn Millenaar (Sturgeon),
Nikki Swain (Bath) and Melissa McCulloch (Golding)*



*Nikki Swain (Bath), Sarah Sandri (Rice),
Lindy Molyneux, (Forsyth), Melissa McCulloch (Golding)*



*Cathy Mommsen (Moodie), Tania Johnstone (Peck),
Alida Wilkin, Sarah Sandri (Rice), Vicki Goodwin,
Alex Kempthorne and Robyn Millenaar (Sturgeon)*



Catriona Ross



Melissa McCulloch (Golding)



Marion Swoboda



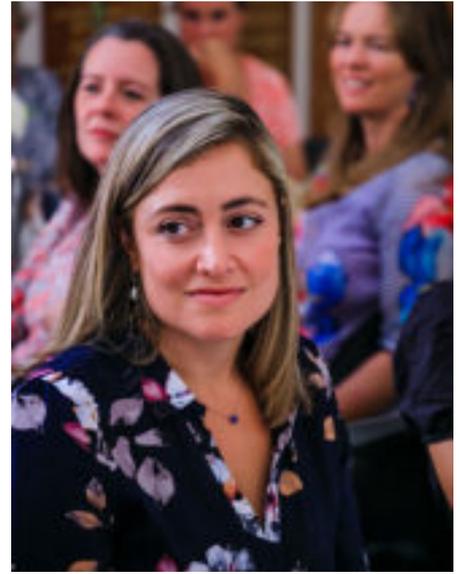
Class of 2000 - 22nd Reunion



*Debra Vella (Goldschmidt) - 2004
Debby recently resigned as head of Marketing at the online fitness company JEFF to spend time with her little girl.*



*Nicola Holbak (Henkel) – 2000
After many years working abroad, Nikki is enjoying being back home and showing her Danish husband and 3 kids what a wonderful lifestyle Cape Town has to offer.*



*Michelle Aspinall Noth – 2000
Michelle has just had her 3 year anniversary at CoreShares Asset Management where she has been an invaluable Client Coverage Executive.*



*Mikaela Lister (Burnett) and Cailey Low (Gordon) – 2000
Cailey and Mikaela are still greatest of friends, as are their 6-year-old sons. Mikaela has been instrumental in the growth of Cotton On as their Leasing Executive for almost 10 years and Cailey has been managing Tishman Speyer's financial software as their IT Director for 14 years.*

Class of 2001 - 21st Reunion

Report by Kate Carkeek

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens, brown copper kettles and warm woolen mittens, brown paper packages tied up with string, these are a few of my favourite things. Girls in white (or hmm blue) dresses with blue satin sashes, snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes, silver white winters that turn into spring, these are a few of my favourite things.

Zeanne and I used to spend hours writing what we thought to be our Herschel speech extravaganzas, drinking tea often until the early hours of the morning. Laughing our heads off.

There was always a theme...

This February 2022, it was wonderful to be at the Founder's Day service at St Saviour's and to attend the OHA lunch. I was honored to share a few memories from 21 years ago from the class of 2001.

We started our "theme brainstorming" at the Thursday evening OHA cocktail party between a glass of wine, snacks, buying Herschel teddies and having a running race across the Prep school field.

The first theme that came to my mind when thinking back to school was the "sound of music". The singing, the giggles and laughter, the endless fun, adventure, colour, and all the small "in between" moments between the best of friends. These are most certainly a few of my favourite things.

The school bell, our locker room, the matric common room and the antics that went on in there, assembly and "please stand", our red hymn books, the school song, donuts and capri-sun on Founder's Day, writing exams in the Mary Jagger Hall, Mr Scott and Ndingu Barbie girl, Mevrouw Stanford and our Afrikaans song translations, early morning waterpolo, inter-house singing practices (Rolt's Prince Ali from Aladdin smashed it out the park), Cabaret "Just another lemon tree", the pink palace of Mrs Crutchley, ballroom dancing with the Rondebosch and Bishops boys, exchange programme to India, the States, UK, Australia and Botswana, the shade of the Ilex tree and, and... So, these were a few of my favourite things but - my absolute favourite things are the women sitting right here today and those we had the immense privilege of seeing over the wonderful weekend we spent together reminiscing.

On Saturday, we had a fantastic time in the Winchester Mansions Courtyard with 20 girls from all over the world. Some girls hadn't seen each other in 21 years yet we laughed and talked and laughed some more. We spent a sunny Sunday afternoon on the gorgeous Kirstenbosch lawns with families and children. Memories that we will hold close until the next reunion. Our grateful thanks to Zeanne Bornman and Julia da Silva for organising these events.

Happy Birthday, Herschel!



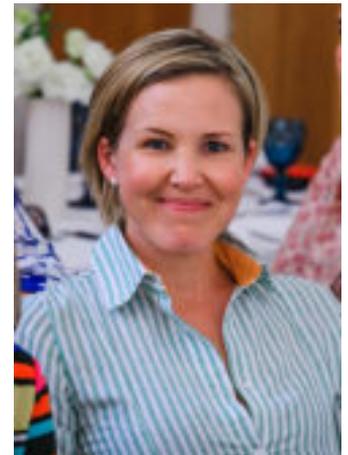
Kate Carkeek



Philippa Kohler (Slingsby)



Brigette Simonsz (van Selm)



Tessa Deane (Eadie)



Brigette Simonsz (Van Selm), Lauren Retief (Raubenheimer), Tessa Deane (Eadie), Philippa Kohler (Slingsby), Zeanne Bornman (Duminy), Jane Timberlake (Miller), Kate Carkeek



Class of 2001 celebrates their 21st in the Winchester Mansions courtyard



*Heleen Soeters, Kate Carkeek, Bianca Lynch (Vos),
Zeanne Bornman (Duminy).*



*Angela Miller (Rawson), Philippa Kohler (Slingsby),
Leanne du Plessis (Dittmer)*



Kate Schoon (Chambers), Chloe Foden



Jessica Bullivant (Stubbs) and Tamsin Ranger

News from Herschel Alumnae

DUFF, PAMELA (PAST HEAD 1986-1997)

Pamela has been retired for 25 years. She took early retirement in March 1997 after celebrating Hershel's 75th birthday and has wonderful memories of the celebrations and of the aerial photograph taken of everyone on the hockey field. Pamela then left in a helicopter and joined her husband, John, in Greyton. After 17 great years they moved to Bridgewater Manor in Somerset West. Sadly, John passed away 3 years ago and Pamela now lives with her daughter, Fiona Cochrane (she also taught at Herschel), in Constantia. Pamela enjoys being near family, especially her great-grandson, Rhys. Her other 7 great-grandchildren live in Australia and Kwazulu Natal.

FERGUSON, PAMELA (FERGIE) 1960

A huge vote of appreciation for our incredible Joyce Goldschmidt, for her creative dedication to so many aspects of the OHA (now Union), not just the newsletter, but to all of us globally. So many of us have interacted with Joyce through late night emails or WhatsApp texts, and have loved her instant response, and her ability to e-connect with such warmth and friendship. We will miss you Joyce, but I know many of us will continue to be connected, yes, via late night emails and endless WhatsApp texts. We all wish you a productive retirement with bags of time for your family and especially your grandchildren. Be safe Joyce.

With so much affection, always, Fergie.

GARISCH, DAWN (1975)

Dawn is the founder member of the Life Righting Collective www.liferighting.com and helps people to write their life stories for mental health and community building. She is also a singer with her partner in a duo called Further Ado. Dawn still works as a locum for doctors. She next book will be published in 2023 and is a collection of short stories called Knock Knock. She also has two wonderful grown sons.

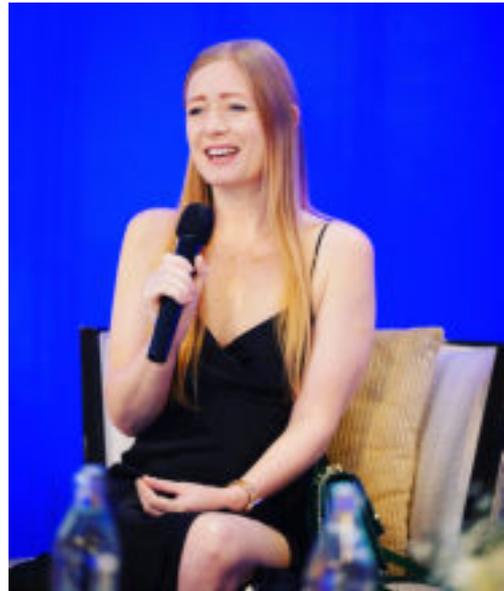
GRIFFITHS, DEBBIE

Debbie embarked on a venture to raise funds for a feeding scheme. She feeds approximately 100 to 150 children from an informal shack dwelling in Pooke Road, Athlone Industria. She makes food to sell which supports her feeding scheme. A donor has funded Debbie's purchase of a gas stove, cylinder and pot which will allow her to feed these young children hot chicken, samp and vegetable stew on Saturdays. It is exciting and exhilarating to see their faces light up when their bellies are full. A small gesture can bring so much hope to these children. Any gesture is a step towards making a big difference in these children's lives.

It is Debbie's final few months at Herschel as she retires on the 15th December 2022. She is looking forward to expanding into various areas to bring sunshine into the lives of those in need. If you're interested in supporting this outreach programme, please contact me on debsgrif1959@gmail.com

HAMPSHIRE, DOMINIQUE (2005)

Dominique studied a Teaching degree, Masters in Education and went on to graduate with a Doctorate in Education. Dominique would like to share her achievements to encourage young students never to give up on their dreams, to inspire them to continue studying as well as to travel too. She currently resides in Bangkok, Thailand and is teaching at an international school. Her goal is to apply for a management role as principal of elementary school.



HEDDING, LEIGH ANNE (MACREADY) (2004)

I recently got married and am living in London, working for Tesco. I still swim and have started singing again.



News from Herschel Alumnae / cont...

LEIGHTON, SUZANNE (ALLEN)

Suzanne is either mixing healing essential oils for aromatherapy and reflexology massage or in her studio, InSitu, in Salt River mixing oil paints. "As a complementary health practitioner, I find art is a powerful medicine. My paintings are minimalist abstractions; as much about the mystery of colour as they are about landscapes and personal journeys."

MEYER, KAREN

On the 8th September, twins Josie and Grace Speres in the Nursery classes enjoyed a 'Moms and Daughters' picnic with their mom Karen Meyer (2004) and their grandmother Gill Al-lum (Rauch, 1978).

It was so special having 3 generations of Herschelians spending time at school together!



PADAYACHEE, VARSHA

Varsha is the Founder of Concierge Aesthetics, a bespoke company that provides haute couture for the face in terms of medical aesthetics & well aging, utilising the latest 21st century methodology in BioHacking & reversing the clock. Varsha has published a book: Chronicles of a Botox Doctor, illustrating the path as it unfolded to herself & all the exquisite teachers she has been blessed to have, to allow her to inspire & make people beautiful.

RABIE, SOPHIA (2018)

Sophia, Rhodes Scholar Elect, graduated with a BA in Philosophy, Social Anthropology and Ancient Cultures with Distinction and numerous awards and is currently completing an Honours in Social Anthropology at Stellenbosch University.

At Oxford, Sophia hopes to undertake an MPhil in Development Studies to enhance her social intervention capacities, translating her education into research and policy change to combat xenophobia and harness migrancy's widespread benefits. She intends to develop fundraising programs for student support at South African universities through Oxford's peer-to-peer philanthropic culture. Sophia also plans to pursue collaborative research, and engage with her philosophical, musical and artistic interests. For recreation, Sophia loves reading, drawing and walking her dogs.



In Memory Of



BRIDGET ETHEL LUBBE (BROCK) 1960
23 October 1943 – 9 July 2022

Bridget was born on 23rd October 1943 and died peacefully in hospital on July 9th 2022, aged 78.

Bridget was known affectionately as ‘Biddy’ to her many friends and extended family. She started school at Herschel, and matriculated in 1960, going on to study at UCT. She stayed in Fuller Hall and met her future husband while there. She taught in Oxford for a time while her brother John was a student there and, when she returned to Cape Town, she taught at St Cyprian’s Junior School.

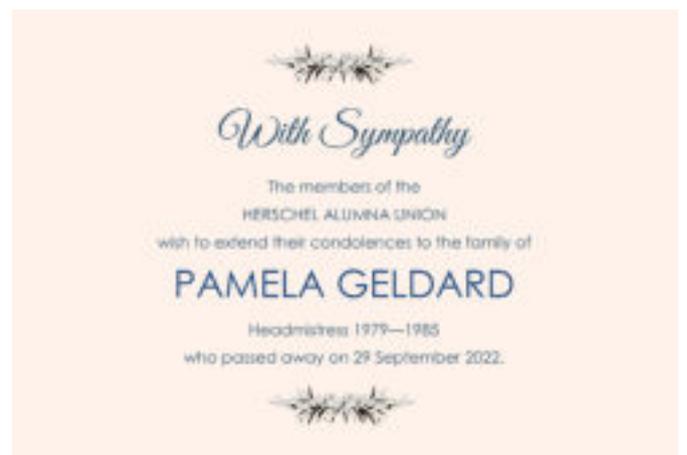
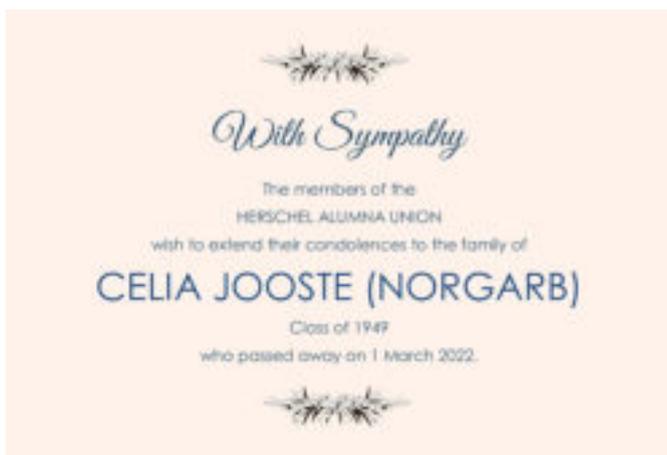
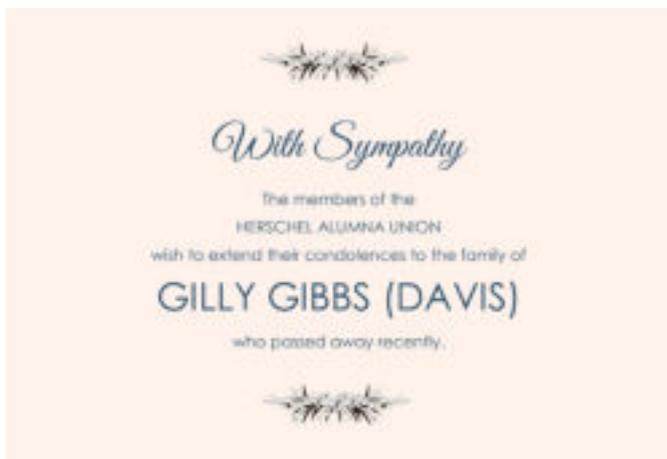
Biddy left work to start a family. As well as motherhood, she threw herself into several pursuits. She was a co-founder of Cape Town’s oldest book club and was featured in Fair lady in June 2021 for this achievement. She was also recognised for her work with The Point Centre in Claremont, a charity supporting parents of teenagers, where she was a respected facilitator and trainer. Biddy was a dedicated mother, with a great sense of fairness and fun, and passed on to her children her strong work ethic and sense of fairness.

Biddy enjoyed art, tennis, and golf, as well as swimming at Betty’s Bay and hiking with friends and family. Her travels with Johann to different continents for his work in the oil industry enabled them to enjoy new experiences, and travel was one of her great pleasures. Wherever she was, she kept close links with her friends and wider family, particularly her children and grandchildren.

She leaves behind her husband, Johann, her two children, Tasha and Andre, their spouses, and four grandchildren. Her brother John and his family also mourn her passing. Her eldest son Anton passed away in 2000 aged 29, and her older brother David and her sister Virginia passed away several years ago.

Biddy endeared herself to those around her with her interest in people, her ready smile and sense of humour. She will be missed by a wide circle of friends in Cape Town, Somerset West, and Betty’s Bay. Biddy enjoyed worshipping at the Lakeside Chapel in Betty’s Bay and maintained a close relationship with God and felt close to Him in the months before her death.

A Celebration of Life Service was held on August 31st at St Andrews Church in Newlands.





**Thank you to all Herschel Alumnae who contributed to this newsletter.
Please remember to send in your news each year in October,
and to send new contact details to your Circle Secretary and to the OHA Secretary,
Nikki Turner - hau@herschel.org.za**