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Photograph of the Grade 7s of 2022's gift to the school.

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Dates to Diarise

Date	Time	2024 DATES TO DIARISE	RSVP
Wed 14 Feb 2024	17:00	AGM online	The link will be emailed to everyone in early February
Thu 15 Feb 2024	17:30	HAU Cocktail party (R150 per person) on the verandah of the Prep School Hall	RSVP by 5th February 2024
Fri 16 Feb 2024	10:15	Walk to St Saviour's Church from school	All Herschel Alumnae
	11:00	Founder's Day Service, St Saviour's Church	RSVP by 5th February 2024
	12:30	School Song & Arch Ceremony	All are welcome
	13:00	Luncheon in the Mary Jagger Hall	RSVP by 5th February 2024
	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

2024 Reunions

Class of	Reunion	Circle Secretary	Email Address
1964	60 year	CLAIRE SHORTT	cshortt@iafrica.com
1974	50 year	SHUSHY HUGO-HAMMAN	shushy.hugo@gmail.com
1984	40 year	CLODAGH CURTIS JULIA STALLARD	clodaghcurtis@aol.com juliastallard@hotmail.com
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A letter to the HAU from the Head

By Heather Goedeke

Greetings to all HAU members!

I'd like to start with a sincere thank you to all members for their contributions, support, attendance at the gatherings, continued interest in and support of Herschel. It has been a good year for the school.

Herschel has enjoyed a successful year across all spheres of school life: academically, culturally, and on the sporting front. Our pupils have had the opportunity to engage in community partnerships, contributing to important social causes and awareness campaigns, as part of a holistic educational approach. This year's pupil leadership team led the school with authenticity, focusing on the values of kindness and belonging. The impact of this is evident in the pupil body's choice of leaders for 2024 where these values are clearly visible, along with an intentional focus on building community. It is indeed a privilege working alongside dynamic young adults and gaining some insight into how they view the world. In the complex and conflicted world in which we live, the jaded cynicism of adults (a generalization I know!) is refreshingly diluted and we are able to move into spaces of possibility, promise and hope. In fact, this is really important because we need to believe in contributing to a world that will make space for this.

A dynamic school culture nurtures friendships and instils attributes such as self-confidence, a sense of connectedness, passion, purpose and authenticity. The many events that unfold provide plenty of scope for personal development, as well as the nurturing of skills such as collaboration, communication, creativity and problem-solving. These core skills are important in supporting integration into a world that is changing rapidly.

We are indeed fortunate at Herschel because we have a beautiful environment in which to foster a vibrant culture of learning. The staff is committed to and invested in the education of girls, and we are fortunate to have a supportive parent body which partners with us in providing the diverse and evolving educational experience that we offer. The move to the IEB has supported our independence and aligns with our wish to provide a challenging and relevant assessment programme to prepare pupils for the tertiary educational and career choices that they will make.

Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are – Bertolt Brecht

In line with this we have developed an exciting vision for Herschel to take it into the future as a relevant, innovative and empowering holistic educational and growth environment for girls. The strategy has been informed by feedback from all stakeholders via the OISESA quality assurance audit, a SWOT analysis with staff, strategic planning sessions and information and thought leadership shared in sessions at conferences and online presentations.

The strategy applies to the whole school and it has been exciting working alongside Mrs Reneé Swartz, Head of the Preparatory School in developing this vision for Herschel. The girls are the heartbeat of Herschel and we understand that our collective purpose is to expand their views of what they are capable of and to lead them towards discovering their passion and their purpose.

The strategy includes the design and development of inspir-



ing learning environments for the future, incorporating the spaces needed to develop core skills and to integrate technology and artificial intelligence into the curriculum. In a fascinating talk I attended at the Red and Yellow School of Business, a speaker reminded us that AI is not necessarily going to take our jobs, but people who use AI might! We want the Herschel girls to be well prepared for a future world of work. This includes their having a clear sense of who they are and what they stand for.

In the words of Azim Premji – One must have strategies to execute dreams. More about strategy in 2024!

In writing this newsletter I am cognizant of the conflict that the world is experiencing and of the difficulties, uncertainties, fear, pain, suffering and loss facing so many people. Aside from the many challenges that millions of South Africans experience daily, the world is in a mess. How do we find the balance between keeping things real by creating awareness through what we teach, discuss and prepare and providing young people with hope for a future in which they can find a space; one which will be safe, and which promises hope? Wellbeing and mental health are issues that have taken centre-stage in schools and we have focused on this. We need to manage this well so that we do not enable dependencies but instead develop strategies for resilience and accountability, while being supportive in a loving, kind and authentic way, nurturing growth and self-esteem. The academic curriculum is important because it supports conceptual growth and learning, but the human curriculum – understanding deeply what our humanity means, is even more so.

Amid global crises and immense human suffering, the Springbok Rugby Team's #StrongerTogether slogan and winning Rugby World Cup ways provided us all with a glimpse of what is possible when people work with and for each other towards a common goal. This at a time when South Africans needed something positive and inspiring to believe in. Who will forget the one-point margins over the last three games and the unity and pride that brought people together, the excited fans waiting for the arrival of the players at OR Tambo International and the many social media posts that connected fans with the team during the RWC competition? It provided temporary escapism, instilled pride in our nation and inspired South Africans to keep on dreaming!

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,
Setjhaba sa South Afrika - South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,
Uit die diepte van ons see,
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,
And united we shall stand,
Let us live and strive for freedom,
In South Africa our land.

Ad Dei Gloriam!

Grade 12 Special Awards - 2023

The HAU take this opportunity to congratulate these worthy recipients:

Accounting	Jemma van Stolk, Salma Moosa
Afrikaans Home Language	Keryn van der Westhuizen
Afrikaans First Additional Language	Salma Moosa
Business Studies	Emma Lewis, Salma Moosa
Consumer Studies	Montana Manas
Dramatic Arts	Jessica Miller
English Home Language (Lady Woolley Prize)	Salma Moosa
Further Studies English	Esther Couves
French Second Additional Language	Kayleigh Campbell
Geography	Chelsea Thompson, Jodie Sharp
History	Megan Harrison
Information Technology	Sienna O'Shea
Life Orientation	Emma Lewis
Life Sciences	Salma Moosa, Megan Harrison, Julia Wellington
Mathematics (Liz Gibbons Prize)	Megan Harrison, Kelsie Lawrenson
Further Studies Mathematics	Megan Harrison
Mathematical Literacy	Ella Dix
Music	Esther Couves
Physical Sciences	Megan Harrison, Jodie Sharp
Visual Arts	Lucy Edelstein
Visual Arts - Practical	Lucy Edelstein
Chambers Trophy for Sportsmanship	Suzannah Whall
Hannath Trophy	Morgan Christian, Cassidy Burgess
Bridgman Trophy for Sports Girl of the year	Morgan Christian
PricewaterhouseCoopers Book Award for Accounting and Mathematics	Jemma Van Stolk
Prize for Enthusiasm in Afrikaans Home Language	Anni Dall
Ethel Hill Cup for Spoken English	Lucy Edelstein
Bilingual Oral Proficiency at Home Language level	Keryn Van der Westhuizen
Mrs McCormick's Prize for Spoken French	Kayleigh Campbell
Janet Steyn Prize for Interest in the Humanities	Jordi Paine and Ray Olmesdahl
Award for Interest Shown in the Natural Sciences	Julia Wellington
Daphne Beames Aequa Mente Cup	Esther Couves and Megan Harrison
The Alicia Wilkinson Silwood Prize for Practical Cookery	Chelsea Thompson
Mary Muller Picture of the Year	Ray Olmesdahl
Stobie Musicianship Prize	Esther Couves
Monique Zurich Trophy	Not awarded
Chorale Prize	Peta Duckitt
Inkwenkwezi Music Award	Jemima Houwing
Jennifer Sale Drama Trophy for Outstanding Performance	Jordi Paine
Annette Hartmann Trophy for the Dramatic Arts	Rhodah Martin, Romy Myers
McClurg Trophy for the Theatre Arts	Jesse Rodrigues
Waterfield Prize for Commitment, Initiative & Fellowship in the Creative Arts	Rebecca Viljoen
Jenny Torr Prize for Service to the Library	Camilla Campbell, Kayleigh Campbell
Erasmus Community Service Trophy	Jessica Jensen
Claremont Rotary Club Prize	Emma Lewis

Grade 12 Special Awards - 2023

Arderne House Fellowship Prize	Makanaka Magazo
Kirsten Locke Fellowship Award	Caroline Baynham
Sandra Wingfield Fellowship Prize	Lilitha Siwisa
The Jenna Lowe Trophy	Tyra Penney
Schönborn Trophy for exceptional achievement	Suzannah Whall
Pietas Trophy presented by the Labia Family	Esther Couves, Julia Wellington
Pamela Duff Award for an Enquiring Mind	Keryn Van der Westhuizen
The Di van Zyl Award	Kerry Buissinne
Head's Award for Focused, Authentic & Socially Aware Leadership	Lilitha Siwisa
Head's Award for Compassionate and Intuitive Leadership	Caroline Baynham
Head's Award for Dedicated Servant Leadership	Suzannah Whall
The Herschel Alumnae Award for Service, Loyalty and Leadership	Suzannah Whall
Premier Academic Award - Third place	Emma Lewis
Premier Academic Award - Second place (Proxime Accessit)	Megan Harrison
The Desmond Loch Davis Award for Dux of the School	Salma Moosa

Grade 12 Awards for General Academic Excellence

Camilla Campbell, Kayleigh Campbell, Esther Couves, Lucy Edelstein, Samantha Gutsche, Megan Harrison, Jessica Jensen, Kelsie Lawrenson, Emma Lewis, Jessica Miller, Salma Moosa, Claire Murphy, Sienna O'Shea, Ella Sales, Ella Parker-Forsyth, Leya Patel, Tyra Penney, Yumnaa Rawoot, Jodie Sharp, Lilitha Siwisa, Keryn Van der Westhuizen, Jemma Van Stolk, Julia Wellington, Suzannah Whall



PREMIER ACADEMIC AWARDS: Grade 12 Order of Merit

Third place: Emma Lewis (right)

Second place (Proxime Accessit): Megan Harrison (left)

The Desmond Loch Davis Award for Dux of the School: Salma Moosa (centre)

Report from the Chair of the HAU

By Kristina Miller



After a successful Centenary year in 2022, the HAU got back to union business that has been in planning for years. This year saw the finalisation of many Heritage Centre projects, including the restoration of Jagger's bust, the inaugural clock, irreplaceable and sensitive documentation, and the production of a bespoke display cabinet suited to the needs of our display items and records. Working with the same team who supported the recovery of the Jagger and other UCT library collections following the devastating fire in 2021 was a privilege, and ensured our Herschel collection items were in good hands!

2023 was kicked off with a rebranding exercise where the Old Herschelians Association (OHA) was renamed the Herschel Alumnae Union (HAU) much to the joy of those who had taken umbrage at the word 'old' in our name. Several logo options were put to a vote and over 400 Herschel Alumnae voted to select our new logo and branding. The rebrand was launched on our social media platforms – Facebook and Instagram – with a competition for new subscribers. Thanks to the generosity of two Herschel Alumnae, the prizes consisted of a weekend away at Blue Gum Country Estate, a KWV Laborie MCC Hamper or a bottle of HAU Centenary Gin.

This year also saw a lot of change on the HAU Committee with the introduction of portfolios for committee members ranging from HAU merchandise, Out-of-town and Overseas Branches, Representatives on Council committee, and Council and Heritage management. We welcomed two new members, Karen Meyer (2004) and Caroline Isted (1985), whilst saying goodbye to Lucy Burns (1987), Tania Johnstone (1991) and Talya Rudah (2011). After a very productive, rewarding but tiring term as Chair of the HAU, I have tendered my resignation, and will be handing over to Karen Meyer at the end of 2023. This year's Winter Dinner also saw a new format, using the Quicket booking platform resulted in a fantastic turn out and we capitalised on the technology to set ourselves a fundraising target in support of the Bursary Relief Fund. Historically the event either ran at a loss or barely broke even, but this year we set ourselves a fundraising target of R5000 and managed to raise over R10 000, which will be added to our annual contribution to the school's Bursary Relief Fund, bringing the total to over R30 000 this year. A breakdown of the use of these funds is provided by the school each year and discussed during the HAU AGM held in February each year, the Wednesday before Founder's Day.

We continue to market and sell our Centenary commemorative items and HAU merchandise in the hopes of establishing the HAU Bursary in the future. Items can be purchased on our website: www.oha100.co.za. The school has also updated their website in the past year and the new and improved HAU area of the website has been one of the projects we have



Kris and Karen

been waiting to deliver for a while. Please visit <https://www.herschel.org.za/herschel-alumnae-union/> to access information on the Mandela-Rhodes Scholarship offering, Caroline Herschel Award winners, and other information provided by the HAU.

This year has been extremely rewarding as Chair with the culmination and delivery of a number of projects and initiatives that have been in the pipeline for years, in some cases, almost a decade! The Digital Archive project continues into 2024 where we hope to be able to officially launch the platform and make our collective history and memories available to all in the Herschel family. I am proud of what we have achieved during my term as Chair, not least of which a much closer and more meaningful connection with the school. Having our alumnae participating in and supporting mentorship programmes, Centenary book workshops, careers days, Women's day events and fundraising initiatives in large numbers, just shows how far we have come to steer the HAU into a new era and support the school on its ever-evolving journey as well.

I look forward to seeing how the HAU evolves further under new leadership and will be continuing to support in any way needed. Thank you to all the Alumnae for their continued support and engagement, and to the HAU Committee and our star Secretary, Nikki Turner, for their tireless efforts to our collective cause, without which I doubt we would have achieved anything. I am proud to be a Herschel alumna. Ad Dei Gloriam, for the last time.

Welcome to Reneé Swartz



Kris Miller met with Reneé Swartz, the new Preparatory head, to welcome her to Herschel on behalf of the HAU. Kris gifted Reneé some of the Herschel branded centenary items, including a teddy which we hope her three year old granddaughter is going to love!

HAU Committee News

Thank You and Farewell!



Prue Crawley retired from the HAU this year after decades of service, she was until recently our vice president and has been a much-valued member of our committee. Thank you for everything you have done for the HAU over the years.



The HAU offers their heartfelt thanks to Lucy Bailey for her twenty-two years of dedicated service as both an HAU committee member and secretary of the HAU. Your tireless efforts are much appreciated.



The HAU would like to thank Tania Johnstone for serving with such enthusiasm on the HAU committee over the past nineteen years. Your hard work both on the committee and as HAU secretary has been of so much value.



A huge thank you from the HAU to Talysa Rudah for her two and a half years serving on the committee. We are so grateful for your time and effort.

Welcome:



My name is Kayla Petersen and I matriculated from Herschel in 2022. Looking back on my time at Herschel I've realized how much it has truly changed me. I went into those Herschel gates with no motivation and no concept of what I wanted my future to look like. However, after being surrounded by so many driven individuals, I soon realized that if I wanted to get anywhere in life then I needed to work hard, which is what I did. Herschel not only taught me to work hard but it taught me to be determined and to never take "no" for an answer.

Herschel allowed me to discover what I'm truly passionate about, and that's helping people. I still don't have a clear image of what I want my future to look like, but my biology teacher at Herschel made me believe that I have a passion for medicine and my history teacher made me realize my passion for the law. So, although my future path is not set in stone I do know that whatever I do will be something that involves helping people.

My last year at Herschel consisted of quite a few visits to the principle's office to discuss the injustices and unhappiness amongst the student with regards to race. My concerns were often addressed with open arms but I still never felt like I was making a big enough difference, or that any change was occurring. So, I look forward to being on the Herschel Alumnae Committee because it combines my life passion for helping people with my dedication towards wanting to make Herschel a more inclusive space for everyone regardless of their race.

Caroline Herschel Award 2023

This year the Caroline Herschel award, in its 7th year, received 7 nominations from Herschel Alumnae with all 7 nominations accepted.

In 2020, we revised our approach to the award and the voting processes. In previous years the HAU 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 HAU that contained each nominee's 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.

We are exceptionally grateful to have had such a difficult choice to make in awarding this prize as it shows the calibre of women in the world that Herschel had a small hand in creating.

This year's recipient of the CHA Award

This year's winner, as selected by the external judges at the end of November, is Shona McDonald. We offer her our sincere congratulations on being chosen as the recipient of the 2023 Caroline Herschel Award.

Shona 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.

Shona is the founder of ShonaquipSE, Africa's only ISO 13485 certified wheelchair manufacturer and South Africa's first Hybrid Social Enterprise.

She was recently nominated to the Board of International Society Wheelchair Professionals, is a technical advisor to CHAI, worked with WHO on development of recently published Wheelchair Provision Guidelines, and consults to the Technical Advisory Group of USAID and UNICEF's Advancing Nutrition program.



Her life's work, and company's origin, was inspired by her daughter, Shelly, who was born with cerebral palsy. Her family experienced first-hand how difficult it was to find appropriate assistive devices and support services. When Shona, together with a Biomedical Engineering technician at UCT, built her first pediatric posture support wheelchair in 1984, she quickly realised that wheelchairs were about more than transport. They also ensured that children did not develop secondary health complications. Wheelchairs were about independence, dignity, access to choice, school, social inclusion, justice and human rights.

She holds Schwab, Ashoka, Paul Harris, CASMI and RESNA Fellowships.

Brendalyn Stempel Old Herschel Bursary

Applications are now open for Grade 8 2025

- 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 2023 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

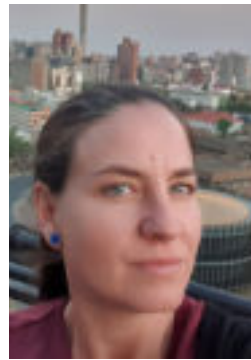
and learners, service-orientated activities and school organisation. Meaningful transformation from old traditions was started and a commitment to this process was undertaken by the school community and governing body.

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.

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 build 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 and vision using available resources, especially skilled volunteers and technology.

Delphine Govender

Delphine is co-founder and Chief Investment Officer of Perpetua Investment Managers. She has 23 years direct investment management experience. After close to 11 years at Allan Gray Limited, where she held positions of Portfolio Manager and Executive Director, Delphine left the firm to start Perpetua, which has now been managing client capital for the past 8 years. Delphine is a qualified CA(SA) and CFA charterholder.



Delphine is passionate and committed to ensuring the investment industry plays a vital role in having a positive societal impact to the world at large, and especially within South Africa. She therefore plays an active role in the investment and financial services industry through contribution in developments around diversity advancement and inclusivity; gender mainstreaming; regulatory improvements to enable financial inclusion; responsible investing; financial wellness; mentorships and investment thought leadership. Delphine also engages actively in a variety of allied corporate and business networks ensuring these spaces become intentionally more diverse; inclusive and normalised.

HAU Fundraising Report

By Zanele Ngalonkulu



There are not enough words to express the gratitude we have for the continued support we have received from the broader Herschel community towards our fundraising efforts. Thank you for all the support, it will certainly go a long way towards our contribution to the school's Bursary fund.

Our Winner Dinner contributed significantly toward our efforts and we hope to see you again next year. A special mention of the staff sales day which also made a sizable contribution this year.

Please note that items from our Centenary fundraising remain available on our website (www.oha100.co.za).

Lady Margaret Herschel Cocktail Club

By Daphne Beames

The Lady Margaret Herschel Cocktail Club celebrated its 22nd Birthday in December 2022 with, among other events, a glittering gathering at the Mount Nelson Planet Bar and charming outdoor terrace.

It is always so heart-warming to see Matrics from across the years, who would not otherwise have met, chatting, and exchanging numbers and stories. We welcomed a range of Matrics from 1959 to 2003 at this gala evening. Many then went on to dinner (collecting our partners en route - as they, too, have now become a firm addition to festivities).

The Lady Herschel Cocktail Club has forged friendships across the world and messages of greeting from dear friends flood in, especially around the festive season. This year we have heard from (among others): Margaret Westgate (Bristol UK), Helen Burnett (Maine USA), Shealagh Ryan (Eastern Cape), June Kurtz (Eastern Cape), Marge Roediger née Wood (Switzerland), Patti de Villiers (USA), Sheena Abert (NZ), Lorraine Gower - now Mrs Harker (Aus), Kerry Sapstead UK - whose daughter, Emma, has just turned 16, and Brenda Roberts (Calif. USA). They all send warm greetings. Brenda is planning to visit SA next year and would love to meet up with former friends. Other Alumnae who frequently contact us include Caroline Maddock (née Sylvestre, Matric 1999) who has two delightful children, Victoria, and Henry; and Katie Carkeek (Matric 2001) who sent delight-

ful photos of her husband and new baby.

Sitting on the terrace at the Mount Nelson, beneath the magnificent mountain, always reminds me of Sir John Herschel's words, recorded in Lady Margaret's Journal, as they landed in Table Bay and caught their first glimpse of Table Mountain. Paraphrasing Lord Byron, he wrote of the mountain, 'Soaring through thy native sky, in the wild pomp of mountain majesty.'

From February to October, we enjoyed various lunches, cocktail evenings, and dinners from the Cellars in Constantia to Kelvin Grove Club, Newlands. They are sparkling events as we share the stories of our lives and remember our happy days at Herschel. Many quotes spring to mind. One quoted in a Herschel pamphlet from the past reads: 'Live each day as no tomorrow, build and work as if forever'. Wise words.

The Lady Margaret Herschel Cocktail Club aims to spread friendship and happiness and to share memories. All are welcome.

And, in conclusion, we are about to welcome a new arrival. One of our most special members is awaiting the birth of her first baby in December and we are all so excited, but that's for next year...

Ad Dei Gloriam



*Back: Joyce Goldschmidt, Kim Hunter, Bev Brockman
Front: Nancy Todd, Jeanette Beauchamp, Daphne Beames*



Bev Brockman, Nancy Todd, Daphne Beames



Caroline Isted, Daphne Beames, Angie Montandon, Jen Jacobs, Nancy Todd, Alicia Wilsinon, Bev Brockamnn

Annual Winter Dinner

By Nikki Turner

The Winter Dinner this year was a well-attended and enjoyable evening held on Wednesday 16th August in the Mary Jagger Hall. It brought us much happiness to see the number of husbands and children of HAU members, as well as many friends of Herschel, who joined us for a night of good food and happy catch ups. Paul Murray, the head of the ODU, attended and it was great to welcome a member of our brother alumni union.

Our guest speaker, Melanie Rice, had the room enthralled with her reminiscences, which took us behind the scenes of some of the biggest news stories of the past twenty years. Melanie is the national news anchor of eTV's flagship news bulletin, eTV News at 8, and we felt privileged that she shared her insights into the world of TV news with us.

Our Circle Secretaries gathered for a drink before dinner began. They were all gifted gorgeous candles donated by Amanda-Jayne candles. This was to thank them for all their hard work keeping our alumnae in touch. We also had some stunning wines donated by Bruce Jack wines. Both these businesses are run by Herschel alumnae, and we are so grateful to them for helping make the evening such a success.

Tickets were sold through Quicket for the first time this year. This meant we could add a donation button to our event, and we set a target of raising R5000 for the Herschel Bursary fund. Thanks to the immense generosity of our Herschel family, who

donated through Quicket and bought Centenary memorabilia on the night, we doubled the amount and will be donating over R10 000 towards this extremely worthwhile cause. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If anyone would like to support our ongoing fundraising, you can order Herschel branded items from oha100.co.za. Items for sale include Kirsten Goss Centenary jewelry, HAU gin, Herschel bears, journals, water bottles and travel mugs.



Nicholas Dalling, Kate Dalling, Melanie Rice, Heather Goedeke, Paul Murray



Guest Speaker Melanie Rice and Nikki Turner

Catriona Ross, Nicky Swain, Tania Johnstone, Tiffany Whitesman



Justine Macdonald, Charley Pollard, Claire Hodge

John Winship, Lorraine Winship, Caroline Isted, Jeanne-Andrée Cowan, Sheila Norman, Godfrey Norman



Annual Winter Dinner



Melanie Rice, Heather Goedeke



Louise Mulholland, Tammy Prevost, Yaz Amien-Skazikis



Catherine Rice, Barbara Vintcent, Leanne Gordon-Myers



Shushy Hugo Hamman, Tori Hau, Moira Furter, Delia Charton



Claire Edwards, Chloe Townsend, Tammy Scarterfield, Julie Anderson



Matimba Baloyi, Tumelo Baloyi, Reneé Swartz



Janette Mayne, Andrew Scott

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www.oha100.co.za



Herschel Heritage Centre

By Kathy Wheeler (Caradoc-Davies) 1973



2023 has been another busy year for the Herschel Heritage Centre (HHC). Our team has expanded and now includes Kris Miller, Nikki Turner, and Karen Meyer, incoming Chair of the HAU and a teacher at the Prep. We were very happy to welcome Pamela Duff who played a very active role in the archives when she was Head.

New acquisitions

The HHC has received a number of new acquisitions during this year. These include documents and memorabilia donated by Pamela Duff concerning her time as Head of Herschel, and which have started the Pamela Duff Collection; the Helen Botha Collection of sports memorabilia from her time at Herschel; a large collection of sports trophies awarded from 1922 until about 2026 donated by the School; and information from the scrapbooks of late Dr Barbara Silberbauer.

A big thank you to those alumni who contributed to the Decade Workshops for the Centenary Book by recounting their experiences while at Herschel. These experiences were recorded and have been placed on our digital archives. It is hoped that this will lead to an oral history project, as it is the memories and experiences of Old Girl's which make up the history of the school and bring it alive. Numerous alumni, Sally Carter, Penny Taylor, Diana Burns, Fiona Noble and Pamela Ferguson followed up by sending in written experiences, newsletters,

and photographs with identifications. Thank you for taking the time to do this as it all helps to fill in the gaps in our records and make them more meaningful.

Documentation and digitisation of the collection

When new material is accepted into the collection it is entered on an inventory so that we have a complete record of the collection. The committee has decided to obtain a database for recording the collection so that it can be properly managed. This will facilitate making the collection accessible on a HAU website in the future.

Unfortunately, many of the photographs in the collection are not identified. A big thank you to Pamela Duff for working through all the photographs of her time at Herschel and filling in the identifications.

The digitisation project continues to progress. The irreplaceable material has been digitised and returned to the HHC. Further documents have been selected and will be sent for digitisation next year.

Conservation and display of the collection

We are awaiting delivery of a specially designed and constructed display cabinet for the HHC. This important project was arranged by Kris Miller and will enable the display of some of the artefacts from the collection such as uniforms and sports trophies. This cabinet will also provide storage in the drawers in the bottom half for the irreplaceable documents, such as early photographs and building plans, which have been conserved and mounted.



Herschel Heritage Centre

Herschel Heritage Centre

Two important artefacts have been restored. JW Jagger's glasses have been repaired, and the mantel clock in use when Herschel opened in 1922 has been serviced and has its chime back. Many thanks to Nikki Turner for agreeing to wind the clock on a regular basis. Further documents such as photographs have been identified for conservation during 2024.

Visitors to the HHC

We enjoyed welcoming Herschel Alumnae to the HHC after lunch on Founders Day, especially the Matric Class of 1973. Their interest makes all our efforts worthwhile.

The HHC Committee welcomed the members of the Forum for School Museums and Archives, a group of the school archivists in Cape Town, on 9 May. The committee updated the members on all the progress that has been made by the HHC and entertained them to tea. A big thank you to Kris Miller and Nikki Turner for organizing this function.

Conclusion

Thank you for all your continued support during this year. Please consider donating items from your time at Herschel. Remember that your memories of Herschel are very important as they bring it alive, so we are always very happy to hear from you.



Bust of Jagger



Kathy Wheeler, Pamela Duff, Kris Miller



Miss D's Deeds



Clock gifted to Herschel on its opening in 1922

AGM OF THE HAU

Notice is hereby given that the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Herschel Alumnae Union will take place as
follows:

DATE: Wednesday 14 February 2024
VENUE: This will be a virtual meeting using MS TEAMS
TIME: 17:00
LINK: The link will be sent out in January 2024

Requests from members of the HAU for any motion(s) to be placed before the AGM must be emailed to the secretary before 12:00 on Friday 2 February 2024 on hau@herschel.org.za

A G E N D A FOR THE 96th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HERSCHEL ALUMNAE UNION

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

Minutes of the 95th AGM

AGENDA FOR THE 95th HERSCHEL ALUMNAE UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 2023

1. WELCOME

Welcome to all members present.

Special welcome to the reunion classes of the years celebrating their reunions

Specific years we are welcoming to the Cocktail Party and Founder's Day events are as follows:

1963, 1973, 1993, 2003 and 2013 (1983 is holding their reunion event at the end of the year)

Apologies: None

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

These have been circulated as per the email sent to all HAU members by the secretary on 21st January 2023.

Proposed: Lucy Bailey

Seconded: Karen Meyer

3. MATRIC RESULTS, STUDENT AWARDS AND NEW HAU MEMBERS

Congratulations to the 2022 Matrics on their exceptional results. The NSC results were sent out by the school to all in the HAU database so I won't repeat them here.

3.1 Recipients of special awards:

The Old Herschel Award for Service, Loyalty and Leadership: Kelli Arendse

In previous years we used to announce the recipients of the Brendalyn Stempel Bursaries and Scholarships, but we no longer report on these for both POPIA requirements as well as to protect the recipients identities who may not want this to be publicly shared.

Congratulations to the above recipients.

3.2 New HAU Members in 2022

Every year we welcome new members to our association, and we hope they will enjoy their membership and the work the association does on the behalf of all OH's.

- We welcomed 92 Matric students from the year of 2022 who elected to join the HAU

- We had 7 students who have opted out of membership

- In response to a question - The Matric students of 2022 are in the process of being loaded to the system and should start receiving HAU communications shortly.

3.3 New HAU Committee Members since last AGM

The HAU Committee saw two retirements in 2022 of Corinne Symons and Mandy van Dugteren.

In their place we welcomed three new members - Karen Meyer, Caroline Isted and Kayla Petersen who is our youngest member, having matriculated only a few months ago in 2022.

4. HAU MATTERS

4.1 HAU Bursary Fund Donations

The HAU 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 we were not in a financial position to do so, but in 2022 our finances were good and we could once again resume these support donations.

The school is very appreciative of the HAU's continued financial support of our Herschel Bursary fund. The funds have been

used to provide for relief for pupils requiring financial assistance.

Below is a brief summary of the assistance provided in 2022:

-Tuckshop meals for two pupils - R1 350

-Sports tour financial assistance for three pupils - R23 700

-Music lessons for one pupil - R1 300

-French exam entry for one pupil - R950

-Textbooks and stationery for pupils - R9 575

-Medical necessities for five pupils - R13 250

4.2 Caroline Herschel Award

Caroline Herschel Award 2023 has been awarded to Lea Weimann who will receive her award on Friday morning at the Senior School Founder's Day assembly.

You can read more about Lea and her achievements in the 2022 HAU Newsletter sent out in December last year.

4.3 2022 HAU Newsletter

The newsletter is sent out electronically and can be accessed via this link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11e4xSL775H2k1m0MHFsPi6xzOK9zcBv/view?usp=share_link

The Herschel Magazine will be available on the Herschel website after Founders Day.

Hardcopies of the magazine and newsletter can be printed at a cost and collected from the Senior School, if required by members.

4.4 HAU Archives and Heritage Centre

The Herschel Heritage Centre was opened officially last year at the Centenary Founder's Day event where we welcomed lunch goes to the centre to view the beautiful new picture wall and display racks.

In 2023, we will complete the restoration project of irreplaceable and sensitive records as well as deliver a bespoke display cabinet for showcasing our historical assets and storing building plans and blueprints.

Kathy Wheeler, our Museologist and a Herschel alumnus, continues to work on the archives inventorying and collating the collection in preparation for the launch of our Digital Archive, which will hopefully take place towards the end of 2023 or early 2024.

4.5 HAU Communication

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

- The annual Gala Dinner Dance - This year on the 4th March 2023 at Kenilworth Race Course

- The annual matric art exhibition

- School plays and productions

Join the Herschel Alumnae Union Facebook Page or follow the Herschel Girls School 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.

4.5 HAU Database and keeping in contact

Please email the HAU secretary should there be a change to your email address:

HAU@herschel.org.za

We rely heavily on Circle Secretaries to inform us of news of their class members. Please remember to email news from September each year which can be included in the Newsletter which is published in December.

News is also shared on Facebook on both the Old Herschel Facebook Page as well as the Lady Margaret Herschel Cocktail

Page.

4.7 OH Funding and Donations

The HAU relies on membership fees and donations for its funding and all support is highly appreciated. We are immensely grateful to members who have supported specific projects such as our restoration and archiving projects. There are on going costs associated with these projects and any support we receive would be deeply appreciated.

Please note that donations can be made through the school account and for which a S18a tax exemption certification can be issued. The school passes on all of these donations to us. Should you wish to make a donation to the Herschel Alumnae Union, you may wish to specify: HAU (for Herschel Alumnae Union) or BF (for Bursary Fund) as a reference. Eg: HAU donation J Bloggs

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

5. OTHER

5.1 Lady Margret Herschel Cocktail Club

Thank you to Daphne Beames who started this club and keeps it thriving. The club meets several times a year at various locations across Cape Town and all Herschel Alumnae and friends/relatives are invited. Please join the Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/eroups/894720840635588>

- or email Daphne and request to be added to the mailing list: gilesapie@iafrica.com

5.2 Cocktail party

We have over 70 people coming to the Cocktail Party which is being held tomorrow, the 16th February at 5.30pm on the Head's Lawn.

5.3 Other matters to discuss

None raised

6. TREASURER REPORT

We thank our new Treasurer, Zanele Ngalonkulu, for administering our financial affairs during the past year, she has taken over from Barbara Vintcent and we are grateful for her service and support in this role.

Zanele Ngalonkulu provided a brief overview of the HAU accounts for 2022.

7. THANK YOUS

-Barbara Vintcent for her management of the HAU accounts prior to handing over to Zanele and her support in the Centenary financial management.

-The Herschel IT departments and Digital Marketing departments for helping with everything to do with the new website and all the technical stuff.

-Joyce - for being an outstanding Secretary and continuing her support of Nikki in her new role as HAU Secretary.

-Nikki - for stepping up into this role so superbly and making change for lasting improvement so early on.

-Justine Macdonald - for her ongoing energy in managing the Centenary Commemorative items sales and fund raising.

Adjourn meeting: 5:30pm

Sign Minutes

Miss KC Miller

HAU Chair

21st February 2023



Herschel Alumnae at Founder's Day where birthday cake and a delicious luncheon were served



Class of 1963 - 60th Reunion

Report by Jill Eckstein (Phillip)

We had a lovely get together with members of the 1963 matric class at Herschel for the Founders Day lunch. The event was attended by Jill Eckstein (Philip), June Protheroe (Ellis), Biffy Wiener (Bryant), Judy Day (Hill) and Penny Taylor (Raath). It would have been even better if more had attended; but was great to catch up with those that came. We also all attended the church service and the choir, as always, was beautiful. Thank you again to Herschel for organising a lovely day.



Jill Eckstein

Class of 1973 - 50th Reunion

Report by Gwen Hewett

The Founder's Day service at St Saviours was the perfect start to our reunion. For the boarders among us, Canon Hodson, Sunday evening church (in white gloves!) and the carol service were integral to school life and helped shape who we are. The Herschel choir sang magnificently, and our beloved Miss Sweet would have been proud. We instinctively fell into crocodile on the walk back to school, where the pupils all came together for the school song. It was a stirring moment and their enthusiasm was palpable. Then on to the Mary Jagger Hall where more classmates joined us, some of whom we hadn't seen in 50 years! Memories flooded back of morning assemblies, mark readings, lively shows, enlightening talks and of course our matric dance, all of which took place in this same space back then. It was a joy to be among so many younger alumnae – and even one group a decade older – all eagerly catching up and celebrating the privilege of having attended

Herschel. The buffet was sumptuous and the happy chatter nearly deafening, but most moving of all were the words of the speakers. Each class representative spoke from an entirely different angle and had us laughing one moment and blinking back tears the next. It was especially uplifting to witness Lea Weimann's unwavering determination to tackle climate change as she received the Caroline Herschel Award. To complete the afternoon, two charming matrices led us on a fascinating tour of the school – more like a university campus today – patiently herding our unruly group as we wandered this way and that, marvelling and reminiscing at every turn and peppering them with questions. When we finally left to continue our reunion elsewhere, we were filled with gratitude and inspiration at what we had shared and seen. This is a school with a mission, aiming for the sky, walking its talk and inspiring its young women to lead from the front.



Clare Croudace, Fiona Maclachlan, Bridgit Borton, Ann Carlos, Sylvia Van Lennop, Linda Joslin, Sally Brimble, Gina Thom, Lynne Brailey, Nicky Templer, Jenny Douglas, Lindsey Torr



Prue Borton, Fiona Maclachlan [Head girl for 1973] Bridget Borton, Lynne Brailey

Class of 1993 - 30th Reunion

Report by Mary Maurel (Henderson)

Founders Day 2023 saw the much anticipated 30-year reunion of the class of 1993. The Founders Day service and luncheon was attended by 22 'girls' from the year, with many travelling from afar. Special mention needs to be made of Svetlana Vasiljevic who travelled from Herzegovina; Nicola Wallace who travelled from Canada; Nicole Biden from the United Kingdom and Susannah George from Rwanda. Local travel included those coming from Hermanus, Grabouw, Franschoek, Grahamstown and Johannesburg. Several girls who were unable to make the Friday festivities, attended the cocktail party held at school on Thursday evening and an informal gathering held at the Planet Bar at the Mount Nelson on Saturday evening.

Sarah Boardman represented the class of 1993 by delivering a beautiful, candid, and heartfelt speech at the Founders Day luncheon. It covered the journey of life after school and all its realities. She had us well entertained as well as enraptured. A few in our class have daughters now at Herschel, so it was also special to hear how things have and haven't changed. Our year was a special one, with many still in regular contact and close relationships still in existence. It was wonderful to have so many in attendance, giving us the chance to rekindle relationships. Sadly, there were a few 'girls' we were unable to locate; but hopefully we'll locate them for our 40-year reunion in 2033.



Caroline Truter; Stephanie Ferent (De Wet); Susannah Farr (George); Jackie Buchanan (Moore)



Mary Maurel (Henderson); Caroline Truter; Anda Ngani



Mary Maurel (Henderson); Sarah Boardman; Nicole Popham-Holloway (Biden); Clarissa Berry; Susan Futter

Class of 2003 - 20th Reunion

Report by Jacqui Good (Stephenson)

This year marked the class of 2003's 20-year reunion, and a weekend of reminiscing marked the occasion. We kicked the celebrations off with a small group of us joining the HAU cocktail function on the Thursday evening. For some this took courage and convincing to attend but by the end of the evening we were all firm friends again and had to be gently nudged out of the venue. Friday saw a larger group of us attend the Founders' Day festivities, taking up two large tables at the lunch. Chatter and spirits were high ahead of our offi-

cial reunion event that evening: a cocktail function at Incognito at the Alphen Hotel. After a brief break to spruce ourselves up we gathered at Incognito, and the numbers grew. We chattered and laughed way into the night, with nostalgia at an all-time high. It was a fantastic opportunity to fill in the gaps from the last 20 years and recollect the highlights of our high school years. Thank you to everyone who attended - especially to those of you who travelled locally and from overseas!



Selena Wilkinson (Afnan-Holmes), Mary Versfeld, Christie Morgan (Fynn), Sarah Viljoen (Louw), Siobhan Wolfaardt-Quinlivan, Katherine Schaefer (Pickard), Angie Montandon (Jacobs), Sarah Webster (Desmarais), Kayleigh Davel, Kayleigh Weldon, Kyla-Rei Mulligan (Wolmarans), Clemmie Hugo-Hamman



Cara Duminy, Tiffany Harries, Kerrie-Lee Harris (Perrins), Tammy Woods, Kelly Ward (Hook), Tadinka Vasiljevic, Namhla Nabe, Emma Corder-Davids, Lisa Coates, Jacqui Good (Stephenson), Robyn Foster-Martin



Class of 2013 - 10th Reunion

Report by Tayla Cartwright

10 years after leaving school the matric class of 2013 had the opportunity of reuniting in Cape Town and reliving many memories in and around the Herschel school grounds. The reflections included favourite classes, friends and laughs, sports teams, long lunch breaks, dances, socials, and many other activities. Old faces also brought with them new memories and we enjoyed catching up on the life that has since passed. Whilst leaving school brings with it many challenges, often faced for the first time and often challenging values and perspective in the greyness of life, we remember the grounding we had as

young ladies, the connections we made and the passion and care teachers placed on all aspects of our learning.

Teachers have since become friends and experiences at Herschel remain part of who we are. We'd like to appreciate and recognise the school and its staff for the input they've had on our lives. May many more continue to learn in an environment of excellence.

Ad Dei Gloriam



Sachan Robinson, Ashleigh Wrench, Celeste Renaud, Emma Johnston, Tayla Cartwright, Julia Gleason, Ilhaam Isaac, Erin Du Plooy



Anna Stelzner; Sachan Robinson



Herschel Prefects of 2023

News from Herschel Alumnae

DUFF, PAMELA (Past Head 1986 – 1997) finds it hard to believe that she retired 26 years ago – the years do fly by. She's now happily living with her daughter, Fiona Cochrane (who also taught at Herschel) in Constantia. Now that she's in Cape Town, she has enjoyed spending time in the Herschel Heritage Centre helping to put names to photographs – there is a fascinating collection of archival material on Herschel's history. And of course, she loves seeing her great-grandson Rhys and his new baby sister Blair – she hopes that one day she will be an Herschelian. Pamela will be in Kwazulu-Natal this Christmas – with her younger daughter Shelagh on her strawberry farm – and to celebrate with her 4 great-granddaughters who also live on the farm. Her other 3 great-grandchildren live in Australia – maybe that is a trip for next year!

GARISCH, DAWN (1975) has recently brought out her eleventh book - a short story collection called *What Remains* (Karavan Press, 2023). Her novel *Breaking Milk* has been accepted for publication in Britain by Heloise Press. She continues to run writing courses under the auspices of the Life Righting Collective www.liferighting.com, and is singing in a duo called Further Ado with her partner Ian Bell.

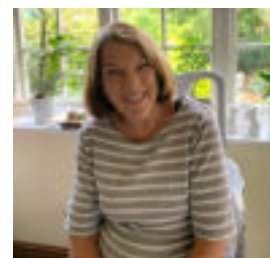
GOLDSCHMIDT, LAUREN (Kohn 2000) 2023 has been a big year for this Herschelian Alum. On 3 April 2023, Lauren and her husband, Andrew Goldschmidt, proudly welcomed their fourth child, Emilia, to their family! While juggling motherhood and work, Lauren continues to make South Africa proud.



In July this year, she was flown to Pretoria to participate in a Colloquium hosted by the HSRC and DoJ, 'Post Zondo: The Future of Democracy'. Part of Lauren's research theorises a new basis for understanding the role, and recommendations, of commissions of inquiry (such as the Zondo Commission) in our constitutional democracy. Over the course of 2023, Lauren presented her ground-breaking legal research – funded by the Oppenheimer Memorial Trust – on state-capture-reform efforts at five European Universities: The University of Padua (Italy); Sigmund Freud University (Vienna); the University of Copenhagen; Utrecht University and Leiden University (the Netherlands). For a snapshot of some of what Lauren's been speaking on, see <https://www.constitutionaltheory.eu/lecture-theorising-south-africas-fourth-branch-of-state/>. Lauren's first doctoral article is the Lead Essay in the Constitutional Court Review journal [<https://journals.co.za/doi/pdf/10.2989/CCR.2022.0001>]. It provides a workable plan for government to expedite the return of the ill-gotten gains to the fiscus while we await full legislative reform. Lauren's research also formed the basis of a legal opinion she provided to Accountability Now and her article has been referred to in parliamentary submissions. In September this year, Lauren was flown to Vienna to speak at the Women-in-Law Conference on the Opening Panel, 'Young Voices 2.0'. She was also nominated for an international Justicia Award in Category 2, 'Academia', which recognises female legal academics from across the globe who have made 'significant impact, delivered qualitatively and/or quantitatively

measurable tangible results relative to the invested resources, and influenced demonstrable changes in attitudes, beliefs, and practices towards gender equality in legal professions. Lauren has become a Young Research Fellow and Future Leader of the University of Cape Town. She remains deeply committed to fostering the rule of law, access to justice, and teaching and research excellence in South Africa.

GRAY, MARIANNE left SA to study and live in France, then worked in both Greece and London. She worked first as a freelance journalist and is now the director of a multiplex cinema. Despite mobility issues due to MS, she enjoyed a holiday to Madeira in 2021 with classmate Suzanne Williams.



NICHOL, HOLLY got engaged to Willie Le Roux in June of this year, and they are looking forward to getting married in Franschhoek in February 2024.

RAUCH, NOELETTE (Science teacher 1968 – 1980) Mrs Rauch will be celebrating her 90th birthday on 25 December 2023. She will be spending it with her daughter Gillian Allum (née Rauch, 1978), granddaughter Karen Meyer (2004) and great-granddaughters Josie and Grace Speres (currently in Grade R at Herschel Prep) and the rest of her family.



SCOTT, DELIA has moved to Hermanus permanently from a large flat in Newlands in August of last year. She is trying to swim in the sea through winter, which is quite a challenge!



SYMONS, CORINNE attended a very happy mini Herschel reunion in Hermanus recently at Anne Schonborn's (née Cowley) home. Present were Marion Naude (née Sampson) Juliet Butters, Delia Scott (née Lloyd) and Corinne Symons (née Dicey). We all wrote matric around 1962/3.

The Class of 1960 turns 80!

The class members of 1960 sent in a lot of news about what 2023 has been like for them. As this is the year many of them are turning or have turned 80, we thought they deserved a special section this year.

AVERY, DIANA (Matthews) The year has flown past so quickly. Some of us have turned 80 this year, me being one of them! Trouble is my mind is 25 and my body is 105, but we are privileged to reach old age! I have scoliosis and some vertigo. But I walk with a stick and am doing just fine, and still live in my little cottage.

My daughter is still working on cruise liners and is in Alaska at present. She works in the Spa as a body specialist. She has been working on ships for 23 years and does not want to put her feet on dry land. My children and grandchildren are all fine and doing well in their chosen careers. Still have 2 in junior school and the other 2 are out in the world.

BOTHA, PAT (Hill) Our children emigrated to Ireland last month, so we spent much time in Cape Town with our only grandchild. Now I am setting up an Airbnb so that we can afford frequent trips to Europe to visit the family.

The Stellenbosch Interest Group keeps me active in commenting on architecture and developments in town where the pressure for extending into agricultural areas is relentless. I have also joined an art class and am enjoying developing my latent talent in drawing.

In August we did a five-week road trip up the east coast and then inland to Mpumalanga. We spent most of the time visiting friends and family. We particularly enjoyed a visit to the Kruger Park, and visiting the Bosch ceramic studios in White River. I am an avid collector of ceramics since the 1970s and am the proud owner of an Esias Bosch platter.

CARTER, SAL (Baxter) We have settled down amongst the old toppies at our retirement village. Nothing much was happening apart from one happy hour a month, where we brought our own drinks and skinnered about those unwilling to attend. I started to jack things up by organising a monthly braai and a few other things. I soon found myself the reluctant chairperson of the House Committee, now established to provide entertainment.

It was a bigger job than I anticipated, but we were allowed to escape for a whole month in May. We flew to Oslo for a couple of days then up to Swalsberg, where we boarded a boat with ten other passengers (all Swedish) and headed towards the North Pole. Obviously, we never got there, but we were as far north as anyone else in the world at that time. We saw polar bears, walrus, arctic foxes, reindeer, and plenty of snow-covered mountains. Stunningly beautiful, but oh so cold. We



then visited the Baltic states, Latvia and Estonia - utterly charming; Dresden - fascinating, and Prague - overcrowded but amazing.

For David's birthday in September, we had bought three nights at Singita, at a charity auction. It is an over-the-top luxury lodge on the edge of the Kruger. Utter bliss. We

were also able to spend time with my sister Biddy, who is still wheelchair-bound after a stroke but working hard at all her exercises and has a very positive attitude.

COBLEY, GILL (Lieberman)

The maple leaves are falling, the temperature is dropping, and we are buttoning down in preparation for another snowy minus 20°C winter!

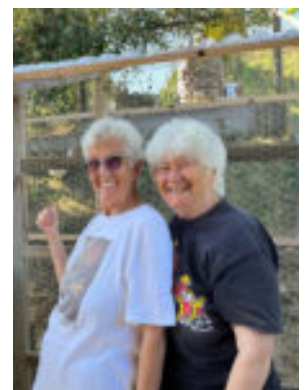
I celebrated my 80th birthday last June with a three week visit from my sister Susan, who lives in Cape Town. Lots of sunny sightseeing trips with her to Toronto, the shores of Lake Ontario, the Niagara peninsula, and then on to spend time with friends in upstate New York.

I am still recovering from knee replacement surgery, exactly one year ago, but I'm still here, still upright and still hoping that I might yet be able to get back to Cape Town for our 65th reunion!

EVERETT, MARGIE (Thompson) I am still in my lovely home in Durbanville, where I've been for many years, surrounded by rose gardens. I enjoy going to the gym three times a week and have a program that helps keep me in reasonable shape and keeps me going!

Regular contact with family - my children and grandchildren - is very important and special for me. Some are near and we visit regularly, and I share video calls with others who are further away. I love crocheting, and often have a blanket on the go. There's always someone who needs another one. With family, and friends that I keep up with, some who go back to the days I was still running a business, life keeps busy. I plan to keep it that way!

FERGUSON, PAM Dearest classmates far and wide!! Still very active and working on my memoirs, and also an anthology on PTSD/PTSS. My teaching activities have been confined to Zoom this year. My spouse Bernadette ("Doogles") and I had a glorious month



The Class of 1960 turns 80!

visiting her huge family in Switzerland and my cousins in Winchester UK during September 2023, in spite of being isolated in a Basel hotel for a week because of Covid (minimized because of being vaxxed 5 times!!!) We urge all of you to mask carefully while traveling!!! Onwards in health to a creative 2024!!

FISHER, LESLEY (Wares) We went up the 300 steps to see the grave of Just Nuisance on the mountain above Simonstown. We took it very slowly. What a stunning view – well worth the effort. Chris and I moved to Simonstown in August last year. Our retirement complex is very near the beach. I'm also still enjoying my golf and play twice a week. We're enjoying our lifestyle here very much.



Leaving to travel to UK in June was stress free. No garden, security, burst geysers etc. to worry about. Just lock the door and go. We flew straight to Holland to visit cousins and to see the tulips at Keukenhof in full flower. In UK we were based near London, and we also went to Edinburgh to see some friends and family there. I spent a day with Phillipa Harvey which was barely long enough for all the catching up we had to do. It was a very happy day.

Before returning to Cape Town we had a week with family in Denia, in Spain. It was very hot, but we had a pool, the sea and air conditioning and were back in CT by the end of August.

I went to my granddaughter's Prize giving and Valedictory Ceremony at Herschel on Friday. It was a very moving and well-organized event. Very different from all those years ago in 1960. It was my last year of visiting Herschel as a granny.

HARVEY, PHILLIPA (Ward)

At the moment, Petrina, our youngest, and I, fly to Johannesburg on the 2nd November for a week, and Francesca, my middle daughter, is flying from Oz to have a week there with us which will be great. Then my daughters fly back home, and I plan to fly to Cape Town for a week. Then a week in Johannesburg before flying to Sydney to stay with Francesca for 2 months.



HENSHILWOOD, CAROL (Simpson)

Nothing exciting to report, we are fit and well, loving life here at the new upgraded Woodside which keeps us socially active when we wish to participate in all the interesting talks

and activities they offer. We have almost finished our spring plantings and all that goes with it. We like to do the housework etc. ourselves - more enjoyable than going to gym and we got quite professional during Covid! Just remind the girls that we are expecting them in February 2025 for a brunch or lunch here!

NOBLE, FIONA

I'm still in Perth, near Fremantle, and I've been in the same place for nearly 16 years. Several things keep me busy. I read the daily newspaper once a week on a radio station that caters for blind people and others who are vision impaired. It's something I really enjoy. We read all the news - local, national, world, plus letters to the editor, and of course, the Stars!



More active pursuits include cycling, a couple of gym classes and bush walking on the many tracks/trails that abound here. Less active but enjoyable are playing hymns on the piano at my Anglican church, just as I did at Herschel more than 50 years ago.

I finally went to the UK in May, to catch up with a walking friend in Lockerbie. After Lockerbie I spent a couple of weeks in Penzance, one of my favourite places, and enjoyed its lovely Coastal Path and the Minnack Theatre. Before returning to Perth I headed for Wimbledon and stayed with Phillipa Harvey for 3 days. We needed that long to catch up all our news.

Once home it was back into the usual routines, that included family and grandchildren, whose age range is now 10-16. With this range, current activities I share with them are watching some of them play netball, water polo, or Australian football. And that's been the year. It's gone even faster than usual and has been pretty busy.

ROBERTS, VERONICA (Culley)

I have just come back from a dance tour with a big group. The last performance in London was full house and people rose from their seats clapping. Shows we are never too old!!!

On the 31st August I celebrated Chris's rebirth in Heaven and my 80th birthday. I was also able to do a dance for him where I held the wake. Among the tears, it was still very blissful.

I got away for a rest in France with sun and sea, and am also going to Denmark with a group of meditators. After that am helping to arrange a tour of India, as 10,000 of us are getting together over Christmas and New Year to meditate for world peace. As you see, never a dull moment and never enough time for everything.



In Memory Of

PAMELA FOSTER (Müller von Weissenburg 1948) 1931 – 2023

Pamela Foster died peacefully at the age of 92 in the Hershey Medical Center on Sunday 20 August 2023, after a short acute illness. Born in 1931, the elder daughter of Heinz and Inger Müller von Weissenburg, a German-Danish couple then living in London, Pam grew up in Cape Town, and spent summer holidays in Hermanus. After matriculating from Herschel Girls School, she graduated with a BA from Stellenbosch University, and in 1953, married Patrick Foster, a young anaesthesiologist. Following periods living in the US and UK, the couple returned to the Cape, where they lived in Rondebosch and raised 4 children. For many years, Pam worked as an academic administrator at UCT, eventually as the vice chancellor's executive assistant. A consummate cook, hostess, interior decorator and gardener, and a life-long dog lover, Pam was a widely read supporter of arts and culture, and known for her elegant personal style. In the late 1980s, she and her husband, by then department chair of anaesthesiology at Tygerberg Hospital, relocated to the US, firstly to Pittsburgh, and then to Hershey, where their eldest son Crispin practiced medicine, and Patrick took up a position at the Penn State Medical Center. After Patrick retired, the couple travelled extensively, and spent US winters in their Hermanus condominium. In Hershey, as resident of Oakmont, Cambridge Commons, and most recently, Country Meadows retirement community, Pam had a wide circle of friends and neighbours who sustained her after her husband's death in 2012. She was an avid patron of the Hershey Public Library, the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra, and the independent Midtown Cinema, and volunteered at the Hershey Medical Center and the Hershey History Center. In addition to her husband, Pam is predeceased by two sons, Nicholas (1970) and Crispin (2014). She will be deeply missed by her sister, Birte, as well as many other relatives and friends in South Africa; son Jeremy and partner Gary; daughter Tansy and partner Willi; daughter-in-law Cornelia (née Spratt); grandson Dominic and wife Jessica; granddaughter Tiffany and husband Jason; and beloved great-grandchildren, Grayson, Sloane and Frazey.

SUE VAN BREDA (Howes)

4 August 1958 - 11 April 2023



I thought if I pulled up the blanket and pressed it hard into my eyes, I could hide from the news. It can't be true that my best friend, my soulmate, my confidant, my rock, my barnacle, who has stuck to my life for so long, is no more. But it is true, as the convulsions in my gut told me.

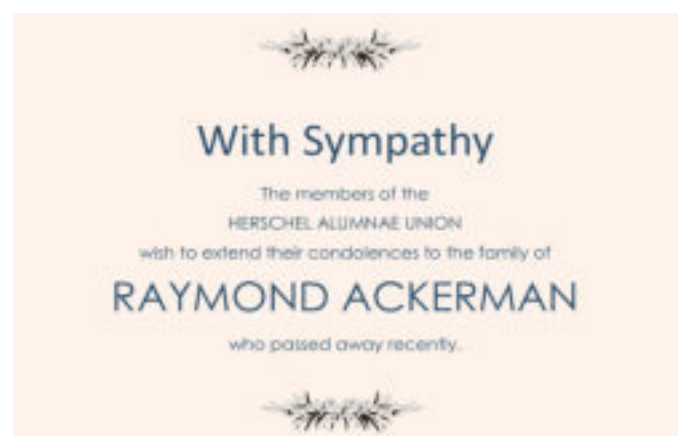
We have been friends for 53 years and almost everything I did in my life, I did for the first time with her. Over the years I watched as she became a talented writer, poet, psychologist, artist and carer from Springfield, Herschel, UCT, Cape Town, France, Johannesburg, Durban, UK and USA.

She journeyed bravely, accomplishing so much in the last few years, with her family, whom she loved, by her side and painfully watching her fade this year. She will, however, never disappear.

It's been an honour and a privilege to have such a relationship for which I'm truly grateful.

So much love to Mike, Adrian, Nicky, Tracy, Les, Zac, Eli, Azzy, Caroline, Jeremy and Nigel. We are all blessed for having had her in our lives.

RIP with love Suzanne Leighton (Allen)





Girls who share Herschel's birthday cutting the Founder's Day birthday cakes

Grade 1s with their birthday crowns gathered around the fountain with the rest of the school on Founder's Day



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