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AGM Report

2012



Following Rene Missen's example was daunting enough, but having 2012, the School's Jubilee year, as my first year at the helm has been, effectively, a trial by fire. To continue in Rene's footsteps, and to ensure that the PPA is an active organisation, and not one which exists only in theory is a challenge I was determined to meet, and so far I feel and hope that we have succeeded in continuing to contribute towards life at and after Thomas More College.

The 2011/2012 year has seen the PPA play a significant role in the design and funding of three additions to the school campus. The first, and least important, was the installation of a serving-hatch in the Robin Savory Pavilion. This was a purely functional addition intended to facilitate the serving of Past Pupil sporting matches held after hours. The second, and most significant, is more of an achievement than an addition, but the fact remains that the PPA has this year managed to almost completely cover the financial pledge made to the school with regard to funding the bronze bust of St Thomas More. This particular project began under Rene's inspired leadership, and served as our gift to the School in celebration of its Jubilee Year. It is a beautifully crafted reminder of the values for which the School stands, and is now almost completely paid for, a full year earlier than promised. The third addition, and the one closest to our hearts, is the Mike Leffler Memorial Wall, a PPA project and the brainchild of Denisha Maistry, our youngest committee member. This beautiful garden feature, created in Mike's memory, was

completed on Friday 14 September 2012 and was funded through the generosity of Mr Brian Dalberg. It will stand as an everlasting tribute to the late members of our beloved TMC family, and will ensure that this school will remain a "second home" to us all, even when we can no longer visit it in person.

On the admin side, we have managed to grow our current Past Pupils database to 750 people, and our Facebook profile has almost 1500 friends, which makes effective communication much easier, and more efficient. Our Mentorship programme is still in its infancy, but has achieved its first successful connection between current pupil and past. The Moorcock Chronicle has become a fantastic and vibrant electronic publication, sharing news we hope you all find relevant and interesting.

Association Sport continues to thrive, with both the Hockey Club and the Water Polo Club experiencing successful seasons, as well as fielding sides for men, women and current pupils. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Johann McLeod and Tracey Sullivan for their dedication to the Thomas More Past Pupils Hockey, as well as Gregg Higgs for his dedication to Thomas More Past Pupil Water Polo. Without their tireless efforts we would not have the privilege of our pride in these Clubs.

The PPA's focus, for this past year was to plan, organise and host a self-funding Reunion, followed the next day by Association Day. These 2 events will be the flagship events for years to come, the hope being that we can grow them to the point where we can use them to fund our other ambition of re-instating PPA-sponsored bursaries. This however will depend on the support that we can create from the Past Pupil community.

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The Thomas More Education Trust

ESTABLISHED 2009



"One of the greatest problems of our time is that many are schooled but few are educated."

THOMAS MORE, ENGLISH HUMANIST, STATESMAN & CHANCELLOR OF ENGLAND, 1477-1535

The donors of the Thomas More Education Trust have made it possible to fund the education of 7 pupils and 7 student teachers in 2012. We are grateful to our donors for changing the lives of these aspirant young South Africans and for supporting the work of the Trust.

BECOME A DONOR AND QUALIFY FOR BBBEE CERTIFICATION

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- BBBEE points in the Socio-Economic Development category. BBBEE points, in respect of Socio-Economic Development, vary between 5% and 25% depending on turnover and/or the trading sector of the particular business entity.
- A tax deduction (in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act).

To contact the Trust's secretary call Karen Colvin on 031 764 8685 or 083 231 9734 or email on trustinfo@tmeducationtrust.co.za

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During 2012, we sadly received the resignation of 3 committee members namely Glen Bruton, Sandro De Nadai and Tracey Sullivan. Due to work commitments or health reasons, these three valued volunteers are no longer able to commit their time to the PPA, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their service and wish them well in their endeavours.

THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO THE FOLLOWING:

Board Members & Exco – I have been extremely privileged to be allowed insight into the behind-the-scenes running of Thomas More College. The decisions you make, and the way in which they are carried out, make me incredibly proud to be part of this family, and I would like to thank you all on behalf of the entire Past Pupil community. I hope that the contributions of the PPA will continue to add value for years to come.

Committee Members – As a voluntary committee, we give of our free time to run this Association, and that in itself deserves thanks, but many of you go over and above what is asked of you, and that inspires me. Thank you for your hard work, it is much appreciated!

Rae – I save the best for last! Between your work for the Parents' Council, and your work for us, I can honestly say that you are one of the truest servants Thomas More has ever seen. Without you, the PPA would not function. On behalf of the Committee, but especially me, thank you so much for being our biggest blessing!

Following the election of new Committee Members, we welcome James Lees to the committee for 2013.



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TMC SHOP

An exciting new partnership between Thomas More College and Kalahari.com has entailed the creation of a TMC Online Shop which is situated on the TMC website. Buy goods from eBooks to electronics and Kalahari.com will pay up to 6% of your spend back to the school.

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MySchool MyVillage MyFuture

MYSCHOOL CARD

MySchool Cards are free. Once you have the card the simple action of swiping your MySchool Card at any one of the MySchool partners means a steady source of income for Thomas More College to help in maintaining its high standards. We need your support to grow our supporter base. The bigger the base the greater the returns. Please support your "old school" by applying for a card or swiping the one you have. Applying is simple. Do it online at <http://www.myschool.co.za/>.





2012 PAST PUPILS' Reunion Dinner



The Thomas More College Annual Reunion took on a new format in 2012, in line with the College's Jubilee celebrations. The reunion was a combined celebration with good support from the Class of 2002 commemorating their 10th year out of school. With just short of 100 people attending it was a festive, enjoyable and memorable occasion. Many people had returned after a long period away and were awed and surprised at the many changes that have occurred over the years. Pupils from the 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s were also there and had a chance to catch up with faces they had not seen in years. Gary Green, Terence Robertson and James Lees provided chronological insights into life at Thomas More College during their time at the school, which painted a picture of the school's development over the past 50 years. Past Headmaster Bill Pickering had a chance to meet with many pupils and reminisce about the 'early days' at Thomas More. The photo booth gave Bill and others the chance to wear a TMC blazer along with a few other props. Catch some of the photos on the TMC Facebook page or the school's website.



The new format will be built on next year and this event will certainly be repeated in 2013 after the success of this year. To ensure you do not miss out, make sure you watch future editions of the Moorcock Chronicle, as well as our Facebook page and website, for the details.



Autographs

Brilliant evening,
from a REAL old
boy - 1968
Richard
Lyster

Great to get
together with
all the different
years,
Greg Courtney
1974

Great initiative.
Would be
awesome to
see this become
an annual event.
Gary Green
1979

Great evening
relaxed & fun.
Levi Whissel
1979

Great evening
Great memories
Great school &
so wonderful
that the ethos
endures today.
Nothing better
than the
Carew Ansara
(nee Horley)

Looking
forward to
next year, will
spread the
word! B.

Where are the
prev '70's - 1971
John McGARE

I FEEL SO SORRY
FOR THOSE P.P WHO
ARE MISSING OUT ON
THIS FANTASTIC
"BLAST FROM THE PAST"
BELINDA BENTLEY (NEE
PICKERING)

Awesome
Night!
Hans
2003

Autographs

What an enjoyable evening. So good to see everyone again and share memories. Look forward to next year. Thanks to everyone involved
♥: Jenna (Chang Fogarty)

A GREAT INITIATIVE AND PERFECTLY EXECUTED. WE LOOK FORWARD

TO MANY MORE EVENINGS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.
JAMES & ALI LEES.

An awesome inaugural reunion! Great to catch up at school and think back to the memories that crafted who we are today.
Zurlet.

The first of many! Great food, great speakers & great memories. The TMC family just gets more awesome every year!
Mark & Mel Kuster

Great idea of a reunion
1.11.11
Mark & Mel Kuster
1971.

What a lovely evening! Fantastic way to get one ball rolling. I know this will be the first of many fab evenings! Great friends and of course food! Great to catch up with everyone and to reminisce on years gone by...

Sharon & Lauren

Happy
Jenna

Thanks for the many great memories
xxx

~~Ellie~~
2000. + Thanks for such tasty Food. :)



PAST PULPIS' SNIPPETS



THOMAS MORE HOCKEY CLUB End of Season Prizegiving Dinner

The TMHC held its inaugural prizegiving dinner on Saturday 22 September at the in the Robin Savory Pavillion.

The event was attended by some 70 people, which stretched the capacity of the venue to the limit, and resulted in the table for the under 14 players being set up on the verandah.

The evening started informally from 17h30 with club members, friends and family chatting in groups until the prizegiving started at 18h30. There was a mix of formal prizes and fun prizes, with each team captain or manager handing out their team prizes and updating everyone on how their team's season had progressed. This was followed by a lamb on the spit dinner at 19h30.

After the success of this first prizegiving dinner, the club will be looking at this becoming an annual event.

The Thomas More Hockey Club would like to thank:

- The Past Pupils' Association for their continued support throughout the season, and for the use of the Robin Savory Pavillion;
- The Club Secretary, Lisa, for her efforts in arranging the dinner and for performing the administrative function throughout the year;
- Sandie, the ladies' team co-ordinator and overall manager;
- Susan for running the girls' U14 team;
- All club team captains;
- The Spotted Zebra for catering for the event in a very efficient manner.

DALAN HALL [2011]

& the Roof of Africa

Dalan reports: "It is a three day event which starts off with something called "Round the Houses". This event is just a tribute to the people of Lesotho where the competitors race around the town on the tarred roads entertaining the crowds. Straight after "Round the Houses" they do a time trial. This is to determine the starting position for the first day of racing. The time trial consists of a 60km loop through the mountains of Lesotho.

From there we start Day 1 of racing at 6am. Day 1 is 250kms and the only thing to help us navigate is a little GPS screen about the size of a box of Smarties. The race consists of 3 sections (Gold which is the full distance of 500km, Silver is 400km and Bronze 300km over the 3 days). Day 2 is the final day of racing and is 200km but significantly harder on the body because this is now the third day you have been riding. It is voted the 3rd hardest extreme endurance event." **Dalan came 34th out of 414 starters!**



Dalan then took me through his race. "We started 'Round the Houses' - I was about 5th in my heat of 50 riders when I crashed on the tar road. Luckily I didn't break anything on the bike, just got a nice roastie on my arm. My time trial was really good and I finished 26th overall out of the field which consisted of 414 riders. I was still very nervous when we started Day 1 of racing. I was nervous because I didn't know what to expect being my first time ever to take on this race. It was a really long day on the bike - 11.15 hours and I dropped all the way down to 45th because of some mechanical problems which we managed to sort out. Day 2 was the hardest day I've ever had on a motor bike because your body is so sore and tired from the previous day. I fought hard to catch up places and motivate myself to get to the finish again. It took me 11.15 hours on the bike and I ended up 34th overall and made up 50 minutes on the day. There were only 44 people who finished the full distance out of the 414 that started."

SIHLE "SIGZ" NTULI [2007]

Sihle is currently playing for the Corinthian Hockey Club in Ireland. They are in the Leinster division 1 league. Sihle is there with 3 other friends from South Africa as well as Brendon Carolan, his former coach at UKZN Howard College, who is now based in Ireland as the Irish U21 men's coach and the senior Irish men's assistant coach. The purpose of Sihle being in Ireland is to continue playing hockey non-stop as the South African hockey season ended in September. He will continue to stay in Ireland until April next year. The club is currently doing well and sitting 3rd on the log, halfway through the season. Sihle said : "This is great for me as I am still hoping to get a call-up into our senior national side after experiencing the whole SA schools and SA U21 setup".



The TMC Hockey boys and girls were privileged to have a day each of top class coaching in September by Pietie Coetzee (top hockey goal scorer in the world).



CONGRATULATIONS

Births



Congratulations to **STEPHEN** (Class of 2000) and **JENNA VON MOLLENDORFF** on the birth of their daughter, **Hannah Kate**, on 27 October 2012.

Congratulations to **NICOLA** (née Freeman, Class of 2001) and **RYAN MAMOTTE** on the birth of their son, **Jacob Callum Mamotte**, on 16 September 2012.



Congratulations to **SIPHO** (Class of 1999) and **BONGIWE NGCONGO** on the birth of their daughter, **Zimkhitha Ngcongco** (Xhosa for Dignity), on 3 October 2012.

Congratulations to **TRACEY-LEE SULLIVAN** (Class of 2002) and **CLINTON COETZEE** on their engagement on 22 July 2012.



Congratulations to **JASMINE RAMIAH** (Class of 2007) and **MARIO RANKIN** on their engagement on 28 November 2012 at the luxurious Suncoast Spa.



Congratulations to **FLORIAN LAABMAYR** (Class of 2006) and **ELZANÉ VAN WYK** (Class of 2006) on their engagement on 10 August 2012 in Cape Town.



Congratulations to **KIRSTEN HORNSEY** (Class of 2005) and **DEON MEYER** on their engagement on 2 November 2012 in Wartburg.

Engagements

ACHIEVEMENTS

Nicole Claire Purdon, (Class of 2009) received the Brenda M Gourley Scholarship for being second of the top-end prestige awards. (The Prestige Undergraduate scholarships are awarded to the three top-performing undergraduate students in the entire University; that is, the three top students in a cohort of over 20 000).



Weddings



RACHEL MATTHEWS (Class of 2007) and **KYLE BESTER** (Class of 2007) were married on 2 November 2012 in a very intimate ceremony at Rachel's family's home.

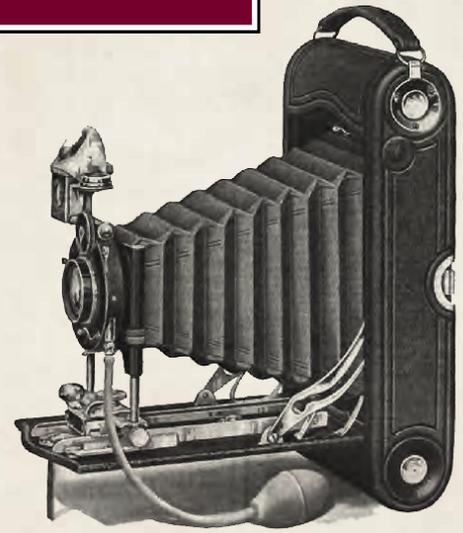


JONATHAN HAYNES (Class of 2000) and **NICOLE SPENCER** were married on 8 September 2012.



Blast from the Past

PICTURES



*Adam Grieve
Thank you for
sending these in.*



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THOMAS MORE COLLEGE



Together Since Grade 0

Front: R Belman; G De Nadai; G Akal; L Hornby; J Coetzer;
 R Maistry; S Peacock; T Morek;
 Back: L Baker; M Boorman; S Clark; K Lanz; D Mackenzie;
 B van Ellewee; D John; L Smith.



On posting this profile picture we received the following:

-  "As I remember it well.....beautiful"
 – Yvonne de Beer-Goorhuis.
 -  "My old dormitories from 1970s, great memories!!!"
 – Adam Grieve
 -  "Oh yea, some wonderful times." – Steve Farrell
 -  "Love it." – Margaret McKeown
 -  "Very nice..." – Marco Gardella
-  Like Gareth Bolton, Justin Wright

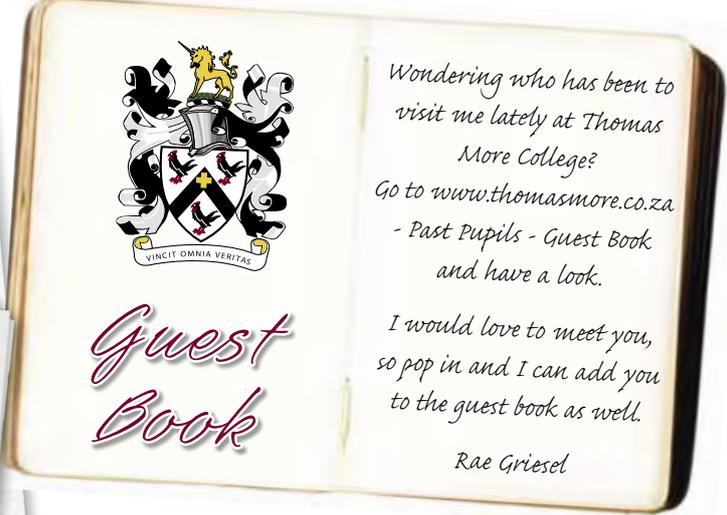


2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- LONG WALK Saturday 16 March 2013
- DINNER DANCE Saturday 13 April 2013
- GOLF DAY Friday 17 May 2013
- COUNTRY FAIR Saturday 27 July 2013
- ASSOCIATION DAY/REUNION ... Saturday 14 September 2013
- NIGHT RACING Friday 25 October 2013

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 If you have pics, clothes, documents to donate. Stories to tell... Please do so...
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Mentorship
 Should you be willing to have your details listed in the Mentorship Directory, please contact Rae Griesel (secretary of the TMC PPA) on rgriesel@thomasmore.co.za or 031-764 8640, or Melanie Küster (co-ordinator of the TMC PPA Mentorship programme) on melanie@steritech.co.za or 082 852 9160



Update YOUR DETAILS
 Hooray!!!! Thank you to all past pupils that have been doing my quick "update your details" on the website. Keep it up!!!!
 Rae Griesel



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