

# Griet Griet



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Lianè Swart in her Mags days



Below: Lianè with Linda Swanepoel and Karien Coetzee



Below: Hanlie (middle) with her 2 daughters, Meghan and Kirsten



## It's a mother-daughter thing...

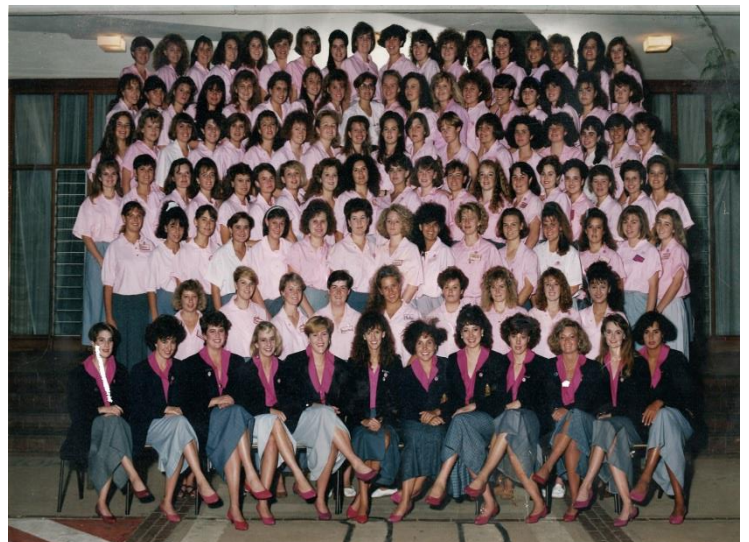
This year we welcomed the daughters of alumni Lianè Erasmus (now Swart) and Hanlie Weideman (now Phillips) into Magrietjie. The two Spikkels are Clarette Swart and Kirsten Phillips (with older sister Meghan Phillips currently a senior in Magrietjie). I had the privilege to touch base with our two moms, and here are their stories.

Mom Lianè Erasmus (now Swart) studied BLC LLB and was in Magrietjie from 1991-1993. She was a Legal Advisor for several years and then became a stay-at-home-mom to her four girls. These days she is involved with upliftment projects and do volunteer work. She remembers the great socials with the men's residences. "I specifically remember one with Maroela at the Union Buildings. We sat on the steps overlooking Pretoria whilst chatting and showing off by singing our res songs." But the most fun she had was the annual treasure-hunt organised by the RagCom that took them all over Pretoria. "I still remember my little vintage Mini loaded to the brim with Spikkels and Semi's racing through the streets of Pretoria chasing after clues. My car's faulty hooter used to sound every time I made a right turn!" Still to this day she sees herself as a Magrietjie lady. She hopes that Clarette will experience the same sisterhood she did. For her Magrietjie has always been the best of the best, and there is no better way to experience student life than being part of a great res and all the activities it offers. When asked how she experiences Magrietjie today through the eyes of her daughter, she mentions that a lot has changed over the years like the fences and gates. The reception area used to be buzzing with visitors while the Spikkels where on front door duty - answering the switchboard and calling ladies down for their visitors. Those were the days before cellphones. Lianè feels the core of Magrietjie has not changed. The pride of the Pink Ladies are still going strong and she is extremely proud to see her daughter participating in the all the events Magrietjie has to offer. She follows Magrietjie on Instagram and loves to see the ladies excel and enjoy student life to the fullest!

Mom Hanlie Weideman (now Phillips) was a proud Magrietjie lady from 1987-1990. She studied BSc (Agric) Plant pathology and is currently the nursery manager of a citrus nursery. She remembers the huppel, the Serrie they had by candlelight, how they proudly wore their pink and grey outfits, the freshly baked pies from the dining hall on Sunday mornings and the 'melkkos' for dinner. They also had lots of fun when it was someone's birthday when they decorated the flat - and these are some of these memories she still holds on to. She has always been proud to say that she is from Magrietjie and wanted her daughters to experience the same. She believes Magrietjie is a place where one is surrounded by other students that share the same values. Although things have changed, she stills sees the passion, excellence and respect that all Magrietjie ladies share.

These memories have made me realize that when I look back one-day, Magrietjie will also have a special place in my heart, and be the place I grew into the lady I am today.

-Odella Crozier



Lianè's Spikkel photo in 1991





## Basketball winners - again & again...

Once again the Mags ladies have proven themselves to be the reigning champions of the varsity basketball league. Due to the hard work and dedication, the Magrietjie basketball team managed to bring the basketball cup home for the third consecutive year in a row. Not only did they win the cup overall, but seeing that it is the third win for Magrietjie, the cup is ours to keep ☺. Thank you to Mieke Van Tonder (Sport HK) and all the participating Mags ladies! We are extremely proud of you for keeping Magrietjie's name high.

*Written by: Jenna Aurret*



## Semi week 2018

Being asked to sum up or even describe the highlight of the semi year is rather difficult, especially when the whole week is a puzzle of unforgettable memories. Semi week took place from 10-14 April, and although it being a rainy time, spirits were high all week. The highlights included a karaoke night, a sport social with Taaibos and a Beer hour with Maroela. We ended the week with a cocktail dinner in the woods and under the stars. Having been part of the week was absolutely beautiful and indeed heartwarming. It's activities like this which serves to reignite a fire within the backbone of the house. Furthermore, it also ensures a continuous connection among the semi sisterhood. Go big or go home - and that is definitely what we did.

So big that if you had to ask the semis if they would do it all over again, they would reply to this with the question #winenot?



*Written by:  
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## Step it UP (Serrie) 2018

First things first - let's introduce you to "Step it UP", previously known as Serrie. Same awesome event, special new name! And of course, Magrietjie once again let the Pink passion shine brightly.

On 2 May the ladies' prelims took place on campus across four different venues on campus. The night couldn't have been better with the group of 60+ girls singing and dancing their hearts out. Leading the team was Dimakatso Molepo, our culture external with Magrietjie's Step it UP theme, being "The Affair".

After the announcement that we were one of the finalists, Magrietjie prepared for an eventful Saturday performance. This year the finals were held on campus in the Amphi theater. Magrietjie achieved an overall second place on the night, with Asterhof and Taaibos taking the winning honours for Step it UP 2018.

Thank you to each lady taking part, the band, the crew and the whole house for their support and motivation. Without all of you Step it UP would not have been as much fun and as successful.



## UP A Capella around the corner

This year the talented A Capella group of Magrietjie will once again perform in the inter-res competition. The prelim performance date for Magrietjie is 7 August. The ladies are already hard at work under the leadership of Marizel Steenkamp, and we wish them good luck for the finale preparations. Make sure you keep an eye out on the STUKU Facebook for ticket sales and finale performance dates.



## Magrietjie benefactors

Magrietjie has been assigned two UP Executive members as our benefactors. The aim is to liaise with our benefactors on a regular basis, and involve them in our activities so that we can work together in facing the challenges residences and UP face. Our benefactors are Prof Nicholson (UP Registrar) and Prof Loots (Dean: Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences). We feel honoured to have them as our benefactors and we have already benefitted from our engagements with them. We trust that Magrietjie will make them proud.



## What is in a name?

You may have heard or read news reports about UP wanting to change residence names. The reason behind this initiative is to see how UP can best reflect the multiplicity of cultures of the SA population in their residence names.

Each residence was requested to submit 3 names. Magrietjie has already started a strategic process to discuss the matter with all house members before submitting suggested names to Executive. We know that Magrietjie has become a very strong brand that is loved by many. We also understand that there are strong emotional connections to our name. Feel free to share your thoughts with us. Also keep us in your hearts during this important phase of Magrietjie's history and UP's transformation.

**Ma-ma-ma-magrietjie!**

## Releasing white doves for Magrietjie!

A previous Magrietjie, Annette Stals (previously Bosman) came to visit Magrietjie last year. Annette was HK in 1982-1983. One of the 2017 Spikkels, Naomi Wolfaardt was her hostess during her visit, and even sold her a Magrietjie golf shirt. Annette still has a love for pink and grey! She shared her fond memories of the first dance in the dining room of Magrietjie. "We decided to use wild cosmos flowers to cut costs to a minimum. My mother and her friends filled the combi with cosmos flowers they picked next to the road along the way from Kempton Park to Magrietjie. These cosmos flowers were used to decorate the pillars and walls of the Magrietjie dining hall. All of this had to happen on the Saturday to ensure that the cosmos flowers remained fresh.

Annette still remembers the opening of Magrietjie: "The guests for the opening of Magrietjie in 1982 were welcomed on a red carpet at the 'blad'. Jaco blew the trumpet while white doves were released from the corner of the roof. We had a lovely meal and dance after this ceremony. All this was my responsibility as HK Social Intern. I experienced so much stress that my hair started to fall out! My mom still uses Pharmaton as her multivitamin because I used that for my hair regrowth, which was very helpful!

I had to rewrite my final Maths exam too, despite BSc III only having 2 modules in 1982! My mom was much more worried about my studies than I was, but in the end I passed the Maths rewrite in January 1983. How wonderful to have mothers that support us through all our 'growing pains'!"

*Thank you for your contribution to our newsletter, Annette - come and visit us again.*



Annette wearing her Magrietjie golf shirt

## Turning Magrietjie values into edible pieces of art

Our second house meeting for the year was held on floor level with a special theme, namely "celebrating our value of Ownership". After completing all the formalities of the meeting, each floor was given 6 plain cakes, ingredients for decorating and instructions. The instructions were to decorate the cakes in accordance to this year's value, namely Ownership.

Announcements were made over the intercom to keep the ladies updated on their time limit. Each floor then had to submit a photo of their cake/s to be posted on Instagram for voting. The HK on the respective floors sent through the voting numbers of each floor... AND the winner was... FLOOR 10!

The evening ended with each floor eating their cakes and all admitted to having lots of fun!



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