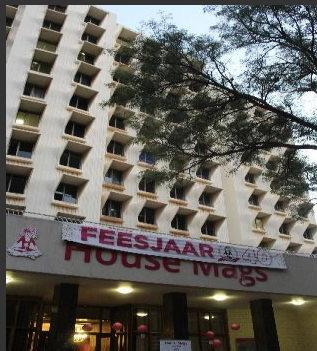


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Festival Year Edition
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House photo on the front lawn, celebrating 40 years of blessings. Taken on Thursday, 24 March 2022 at 06:00 in the morning to commemorate this milestone.



Unveiling of the plaque
 André Jordaan (house father),
 Prof Mosia (Vice-Principal),
 Paballo Mothibe (Primaria)
 Yolanda Jordaan (house mother)



40th BIRTHDAY OPENING CELEBRATION

Our official 40th birthday was celebrated on Tuesday, 29 March 2022 with many dignitaries attending in support of our 40th anniversary. The afternoon started with every floor decorating a "birthday table", with floor 7 walking away as the winning floor. Guests received sherry upon arrival. After the welcome speech by the Primaria, the 40-year plaque was unveiled by Prof Mosia, Vice-Principal of Student Life. A special birthday poem was read by Xoliswa Letsitsi who was the winner of the Mags birthday poem competition. After the poem recital, all present sang "happy birthday" whereafter the 4 decade candles were lit. The decades were represented by Serna Smit (née de Villiers) HC 1992, Luanne Orsmond (née Bosman) Primaria 2002, Esbé Theron (née van Zyl) Primaria 2012 and Paballo Mothibe, our 2022 Primaria 2022. Our festival year banner was unveiled, with every person present given the opportunity to sign the banner. Our event ended with the singing of the house song, cutting our 40-year birthday cake and the eating our famous pink cup cakes.

40th FEESJAAR DINNER!

Our long-awaited Feesjaar dinner was held on the 3rd of September and the whole evening was magical. The venue, Batter Boys, made every lady and her partner feel right at home with rose gold table placings, pink decorations, fairy lights, and balloons around every corner.

The red carpet was rolled out making each lady feel like a Hollywood star, which was really suiting considering the breath-taking dresses our ladies wore. With pink welcome drinks and big smiles, our ladies and their dates made their way into the beautifully decorated hall to find their seats.

Once everyone was seated the festivities of the night began. Around 500 people attended the event, of which half consisted of alumni and their partners. Each Mags lady received the Festival yearbook, a pink leather key ring and a gift box filled with cosmetic products (to the value of R1,200) as well as 'I ♥ Mags' sweeties.



To capture the most wholesome moments, there were two photographers present. In addition, there was a Photobooth where guests could capture moments with friends and partners - printed on the spot with a magnet to serve as a fridge magnet.



3 September 2022

Alumni mom, Mariette, and daughter Georgia at the photobooth



MANY SPECIAL DINNER MOMENTS

After the welcoming address by the 2022 Primaria, Paballo Mothibe, we enjoyed a plated starter of chicken filo pastry, vegetable spring roll and curried apricot meatball. Thereafter, we listened to the heartfelt speeches by three members of the very first 1982 HC team. It was indeed a privilege to listen to the designer of MaerGrietjie, Fearika Heyns (née Botha), the first Ienkvoog, Debbie van Rensburg (née Grobbelaar) and Annette Stals (née Bosman), Social Internal HC and Primaria of 1983. The crowd cheered them on and you could see how current Mags ladies and alumni had to swallow a few tears.



From left to right: Debbie, Annette and Fearika

We invited the crowd to fill their glasses with pink sparkling wine, whereafter we all sang 'happy birthday House Mags' and counting all the way from 1 to 40 whilst the 4 decade candles were lit. Decade 1 was represented by Adele van der Walt (a semi in 1992, and Primaria 2 years later); Decade 2 by Christine Lubbe (née Pretorius) - a Spikkel in 2002; Decade 3 by Elmien van Staden (née Steyn) - a HC member in 2012 and Primaria in 2013; and finally, and Decade 4 represented by Paballo Mothibe, our 2022 Primaria.



From left to right: Adele, Christine, Elmien, Paballo - lighting the decade candles

One of the highlights was the lucky prize draw, which saw 3 ladies each winning a bespoke MAVAVM sterling silver ring.

We had a trip down Mags-lane by watching a slideshow of how Mags has grown throughout the past 40 years, showing us how much we have achieved and how far we have come to be the unparalleled residence that we are today.

To feed the crowd there was nothing less than a feast prepared consisting of a buffet with roast leg of lamb, tandoori chicken, basmati rice, potato wedges, pumpkin fritters, creamed spinach, coleslaw, carrot and pineapple salad and Greek salad. To put the cherry on the birthday cake we ended off with chocolate brownies and strawberry cheesecake. After everyone's tummies were full it was finally time to kick off our heels and open the dance floor.

One iconic moment was when the 2022 House Committee and their partners opened the dance floor with a Bridgerton-themed ballroom dance, choreographed by Ruvé Blaauw, our outgoing Culture External.



The whole room lit up with pride when we sang the House Song together which reminded us of the deep-rooted love and pink passion that was created over the past 40 years in House Mags. The vote of thanks gave the opportunity to thank all of those involved - and give our beautifully designed Feesjaar wine bottles as gifts.

A once in a lifetime event like this would not have been complete without doing our infamous Narcotics - "Ma-Ma-Ma", which bonded our ladies once again.





EURO-MAGS: OUR INTERNATIONAL FEESJAAR EVENT

As if our spectacular event in South Africa was not enough, our love and pink passion for our residence have surpassed all borders, and a mini-Mags Feesjaar celebration was held in Belgium to serve those based in Europe. Mags ladies travelled from the south of Belgium and the north of the Netherlands to meet each other in Breda. The event was organised by Primaria of 2016, Christél Oosthuizen (née Muller), and also held on 3 September 2022. The alumni who attended the overseas event was Janelle Botha, Megan Rivas, Christel Oosthuizen (née Muller), Alida Kruger, Suzanne de Beer, Eleandri Niemand (née Oosthuizen) and Marina Roux).



The ladies went on a boat cruise ("borrelboot") in Breda, Netherlands. Since they did not know each other personally, they started the event by giving each one an opportunity to share their story from Mags to Europe. This was followed by an ice-breaker where Christél gave each lady 3 photos from her years in Mags ('stolen' from their FB), and asked them to share their Mags story.

They made a quick stop to pop the pink champagne and eat pink macarons in honour of House Mags' 40th Birthday. On the jetty, they shared in the South African event when they watched the same Mags slideshow as shown at the main event.



Even though this event was quite different from the festival year dinner in South Africa, the event also created an opportunity to build friendships, to share and to feel part of something bigger. The take-home of the event was that each lady walked away with new friends, many phone numbers of people who care - realising that you are not alone in a foreign country.

It was such an amazing and nostalgic event for these ladies, who left with happy and full hearts.

We cannot wait to step into the next decade of House Mags and will hopefully in 10 years relive the special event that we had this year.

Happy Birthday, House Mags!

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CAPTURED MOMENTS...

