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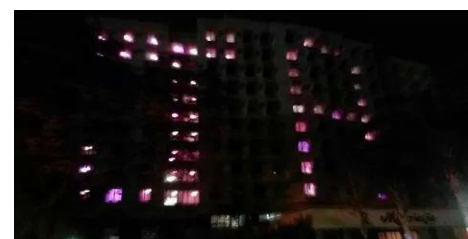


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## ZOEP WEEK WITH MOPANIE

The last quarter of the year started in high spirits as Magrietjie and Mopanie held the traditional "Zoep week".

As you will know, Zoep week is a RAG tradition, where a week is dedicated to celebrating the start of the new relationship between the residences, paired as RAG partners, for the forthcoming year. Similarly to a conventional relationship, the aim of Zoep week is for each residence to "court" one another. The week affords both residences the chance to "woo" each other, providing a great opportunity to create a special bond between both houses and their members.

Magrietjie's Zoep week was taken to another level this year. The week started with tons of fun-filled activities such as a pool party with music, ice cream and water-sports. Tuesday was more relaxed, as a braai was held, followed by a social. The ladies of Magrietjie had an early start to their Wednesday, as they took coffee and cookies to the gentlemen of Mopanie and invited them to Magrietjie's incredibly special, annual "Groot JA", all before their morning classes. Later that evening, Magrietjie was invited to view Mopanie's spectacular archive. Following the archive visit, each residence serenaded the other and a traditional "sleep" took place, where the gentlemen of Mopanie walked the ladies of Magrietjie to the University of Pretoria's, Residence Prestige Awards. Thursday morning began with Magrietjie being surprised by Mopanie with coffee and breakfast in Magrietjie's foyer. The day continued with excitement building for the evening's "Groot JA" festivities.

"Groot JA" remains a special tradition, very dear to Magrietjie, as it symbolises the acceptance of Mopanie's "proposal" to be our RAG partner, showing the engagement and commitment of each residence to the other. After sunset, every light in Magrietjie's residence was turned off, except for the strategically selected lights, which were turned pink for the evening, and remain switched on to spell a big "JA". Ladies danced in the windows of these rooms of which the lights remained on. From the Magrietjie lawn, all the Magrietjie and Mopanie spectators view the spectacular event. The theme for this year's "Groot JA" was a traditional Zulu wedding where everybody was dressed according to the theme; and traditional Zulu drummers performed on the Magrietjie lawn. The evening was a marvellous cultural experience and a tremendous success.

As Friday marked the end of Zoep week, both residences headed to Groenkloof, for a hike through the Groenkloof Nature Reserve. This was a special afternoon surrounded by the natural beauty of the outdoors as everyone reflected on the week that had passed. Although the ladies thought the week had come to an end, the gentlemen of Mopanie surprised them on Sunday evening with another serenade. The ladies walked down to the Blad to find the foyer scattered with rose petals and candles lighting the path outside, as they were serenaded by a special song written by the gentlemen of Mopanie just for Magrietjie. After the immense success of Zoep week, "MagTorro" looks like a force to be reckoned with in the year to come!





## MEET THE 2015 HK

The new House Committee (HK) of Huis Magrietjie was announced at Magrietjie's annual Internal Prestige ceremony. The house waited in anticipation, eager to find out which 12 ladies would lead Magrietjie for the next year.

In preparation for the year, the HK went on an internal training camp. At the camp, the ladies were able to bond and learn more about one another. The weekend comprised many seminars focused on improvement within the residence which assisted the HK in establishing innovative ideas about Magrietjie's value system, vision and all around residence life. On 30 August, Magrietjie's HK were privileged to attend an external residence camp, where they were able to meet and interact with all the other residence's HKs. The ladies gained more insight into life at other residences and were exposed to many different perspectives and opinions, which culminated in an incredible learning experience. The training day ended with a social, where everyone was able to get to know one another in a more relaxed environment where many new friends and memories were made.



### MAGRIETJIE HOUSE DINEE

Magrietjie held their annual House Dinee on Saturday 13 September, on Magrietjie's lawn.

With 290 people in attendance, the scene was set for a spectacular evening, as the ladies and their partners enjoyed an incredible and unforgettable night. It was a magical evening that will be cherished for many years to come, shared amongst friends who have become sisters. Many memories were made as laughter filled the air, and dance took over the night. If it were not Spring, it would have been our very own Midsummer's Night Dream.



## MAGRIETJIE SERENADE

The Magrietjie Serenade ladies began their musical journey to 2nd place in the last week of May, and what a marvelous voyage it has been. After intense planning, which included the meticulous process of song selection, musical arrangements and deciding upon a theme, the strenuous vocal training and practices commenced. The ladies also enjoyed a Serenade camp over the July recess with the gentlemen of Huis Olympus. Here they continued their rehearsals and focused on some finer details of their performance, while creating a strong team bond and making new friends.

As part of the preparation, the Serenade ladies even featured on Play Network on SABC 3 on 8 August where they gave a live-performance and preview of their show. The hours of vigorous practice combined with the immense effort and passion from the ladies, culminated in an outstanding performance, on 13th October, where the Serenade "Anchor Women" of Huis Magrietjie advanced to the finals. The ladies' passion and spirit were evident as they finished in second place, a fantastic achievement, as they finished behind Huis Curlitzia, the overall National women's champions.



## MAGRIETJIE OPEN DAY

On Saturday, 11 October, Magrietjie held its annual Spikkel Open Day. The purpose of this Open Day is for the prospective Spikkels to view the residence, meet the house parents and HK of 2015, and learn more about residence life. The Spikkels and their parents enjoyed refreshments upon their arrival, after which everyone gathered in the recreational hall as the HK and house parents formally introduced themselves. The morning progressed with tours around the residence, a video viewing of residence life and an opportunity to try on house clothing for next year. After a successful Open Day, we cannot wait to welcome the Spikkels in 2015. We look forward to a prosperous year ahead.





## SENIOR FAREWELL

Magrietjie held its annual Senior Farewell on Thursday, 23 October 2014. This event is always a bittersweet one, as we reflect upon the contribution made by the senior ladies that are now leaving Magrietjie. The evening was spent taking a walk down memory lane, reminiscing about the years spent at Magrietjie.

The theme for the evening was "Pink in Paris"; with the lounge transformed into a picturesque Parisian scene lit up by fairy lights and candles. The evening was set to be an affair filled with grace and elegance.

Four new traditions were established at this year's senior farewell. Firstly, the seniors took the Magrietjie pledge for the very first time in Magrietjie history. This pledge stated their loyalty to Magrietjie and their promise to live by the values of the house, even after they have walked out of the doors for the very last time. Secondly, the ladies were each presented with a balloon, on which they wrote both their dream for Magrietjie as well as their dream for themselves. The balloons were then hung in the foyer for a week for the rest of the house to see. The third tradition presented a way for the seniors to leave some ideas behind for the future generations of Magrietjie. This is in the form of a book in which they wrote their favourite memory of Magrietjie. This book will be kept in the archive and passed on at each farewell from year to year for the seniors to share their memories and stories. The last tradition is where Magrietjie gave each senior something to take with them into the world as a farewell gift. Each lady received a pair of exquisite silver coated earrings, in the shape of the Magrietjie flower.

As we say farewell to the seniors of Magrietjie, we know that this will not be the last we see and hear of them, for the journey as a Magrietjie never really ends.



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## 2014 IN REVIEW...

At the annual External prestige, organised by TuksRes, one cannot help to realise that Magrietjie, once again, was blessed the past year in so many aspects. On the Sport side, Magrietjie came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Sport Res of the Year division. Academic wise, we also took 3<sup>rd</sup> spot in terms of Academic progress, showing that the ladies also take their studies seriously. Magrietjie's long-term RAG project achieved 1<sup>st</sup> place. Our effort at the Syanqoba children's home where we enlarged their kitchen area, established a vegetable garden and also repainted one of their rooms and a toilet cubicle, paid off. We also donated the jungle gym we built, together with all the food, toys and other necessities. In the overall Res of the Year category, Magrietjie earned a well-deserved 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to all the Magrietjies, with a special word of thanks to our 2013/2014 HK.

