

GrietGriet



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Anto Venske (Delport) at Magrietjie's House dance 1987 (1988 Sport HK)



Anto Venske and daughter Gizelle Venske (Miss Varsity Cup 2017).

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THE MAGRIETJIE LEGACY LIVES ON

There is an old saying that goes, "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree", which is especially true for Anto Venske and her daughter. Anto Venske, better known as Anto Delport during her time in Magrietjie, is the mother of Spikkel Gizelle Venske. Anto Venske (Delport) was, and still is, a very passionate Magrietjie woman. She lived on Floor 7 in her first year and studied BA Languages. In 1988 she was Sport HK with Elsa Oosthuizen being the Primaria at the time.

Anto is currently the Head of Department for Afrikaans at a high school in Vanderbijl Park, where she predominantly teaches the FET phase. When asked about any special memories during her time at Magrietjie Anto said, "We often tanned on the Res's roof on Saturday afternoons to obtain that summer glow in preparation for our socials. It so often happened that the air force aircrafts flew quite low over the roof, and sometimes even turned around for a second time. When the house parents, Dr and Mrs Breedt, heard and saw the aircrafts flying low over the residence, we were usually kindly, but firmly, asked over the intercom system to leave the roof."

We were interested to know why Anto encouraged her daughter, Gizelle, to join Magrietjie to which Anto replied, "A residence is more than just a place to stay. It makes a huge impact on your life and therefore I made sure to send my daughter to the best ladies residence at TUKS. Magrietjie is a home away from home, a place to make friends and memories that will last a lifetime. Magrietjie will holistically develop my daughter. What more could a mother want?" Well, neither Magrietjie nor Gizelle disappointed, and especially Gizelle's achievements have given her mother plenty to be proud of.

Gizelle is a first year BCom Accounting Science student and her favourite thing about Magrietjie is the sisterhood and that Magrietjie is genuinely a home away from home. When asked what her mother told her about Magrietjie, Gizelle said "my mother regards Magrietjie as a residence with a lot of pride and tradition." She says "Magrietjie creates numerous opportunities for young women to participate and step out of their comfort zone. After hearing all this and stories about my mother's experience, I was filled with excitement to become a part of House Magrietjie."

Moreover, Gizelle recently won Miss Tuks Varsity Cup and a few weeks later, on Monday the 17th of April 2017, she won the national title of Miss Varsity Cup. When asked about all these spectacular achievements she explained, "The journey has been incredible; every moment exceeds my expectations. Even before I was crowned, I realised how blessed I am to be in this position. My motto for this year is, 'the woman who follows the crowd is likely to go no further than the crowd, but the woman who follows her own footsteps is likely to find herself in places no one else has ever been'." Her journey thus far seems to be quite amazing. She is not just beautiful but also someone to look up to! Magrietjie wishes Gizelle all the best and thanks Anto for all the devotion and love that she has given her daughter, as well as shown towards Magrietjie!



CELEBRATING SISTERHOOD!

On Saturday, 4 March 2017, Magrietjie held a special champagne breakfast on our lawn. This event was organised by our Primaria, Dalréé de Lange, and Semi-guardian, Palesa Serumula. The main objective of this event was to strengthen the bonds of sisterhood between the lovely ladies of House Magrietjie. The theme for the event was 'High Tea' and everyone dressed to impress. This 2-hour event included a thrift shop set up by our RAG HK, Elmé Ravenscroft. We also had amazing platters and of course, champagne. Here's a toast to many more!



VALENTINE'S NETBALL

On Wednesday, 15 February 2017, Magrietjie played in the Valentine's Netball Tournament against the other TUKS residences. Our seniors teamed up with Mopanie as 'Magtorro 2.0' and our first years, with Kollege's Vreemies, as the 'Magvreemies'.

'Magtorro' won both their games against OP and De Goede Hoop. Our junior team, 'Magvreemies', also played two games, of which they unfortunately lost to Olienhout and Erika in their first game. But 'Magvreemies' came back to win against Inca and Kiat, making it through to the play-offs on Friday, 24 February 2017.

The Spikkels of 2016 won the overall netball tournament last year, with our seniors taking second place - so, we are very hopeful for this year's netball season.



IT'S TIME FOR THE PINK SPARKLE!

Magrietjie's "Knikkel en Skitter" tradition got a face lift and is now called the "Pink Sparkle". Most of you will remember the greeting as: "Goeie more/middag/naand, liefste Juffrou of Huis Magrietjie." The greeting is now: "Good morning/afternoon/evening dearest HK of House Magrietjie." The greeting that every Spikkel takes to heart still radiates the pink love and passion of Magrietjie as demonstrated with the special curtsy and sparkling hands - just like before. The Spikkels are proud of their "Pink Sparkle" which is evident by the way their faces light up every time they greet their HKS. When last did you do the 'pink sparkle'? Why not try it this week with your family members and be guaranteed of smiles on everyone's faces!



WHO NEEDS A FLOAT TO RAG...

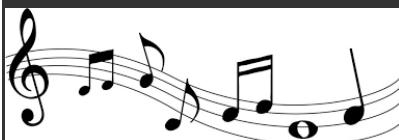
Magrietjie's RAG partner for 2017 is Tuks Naledi with our RAG name "Namaslay". "Na" comes from "Naledi" and "ma" comes from Magrietjie. "The slay in me recognises the slay in you" is our slogan - which means, "The beauty in me recognises the beauty in you." During the 2017 RAG week, Magrietjie took a whole new approach to RAG in the absence of the traditional float building at Tuks this year. On Monday the Rag Committee started the week's bonding at Livingstone's. Then, Kiat, Olympus and Boekenhout each had an official social with the Magrietjie ladies. Apart from socialising, Magrietjie made a generous donation to the 'Pledge a pad' foundation on campus. Magrietjie also ran the Bottle Cap project which was implemented by the Sweetheart Foundation. For every 150kgs of bottle caps collected, a wheelchair is donated to a person in need. Magrietjie donated 18 black bags full of bottle caps. Our final project for the week was a visit to PENNIES nursery school, where 200 toys were donated. Who said RAG cannot be fun, even without a float!





Did you know?

Magrietjie's house song is in the process of being revamped from the current 3 languages to English only. This decision followed the outcome of a survey that indicated that too few Magrietjie ladies understood the meaning of the Afrikaans and/or Sepedi verses. A decision was made to keep the lovely Magrietjie house song melody, and translate the Afrikaans and Sepedi into English. The updated house song is currently in its 3rd draft as we want to take as much care as possible to preserve the authenticity of the song. We hope to be able to share the updated song in the next newsletter!



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We are looking forward to hearing from you!

1NSYNC

This year the first year concert, previously known as "lenkmelodienk", underwent a name change. All residence students at UP were given the opportunity to submit appropriate names for this special song-and-dance event. The votes favoured "1NSync". The inspiration behind the name "1NSync" was the synchronized dancing of all the residences, as well as all the first years (lenks) coming together to bond as a group. This year Magrietjie's theme was MESKOM which is short for "Magrietjie Electricity Supply Commission". Our 2017 Spikkels were Eskom workers bringing pink light to the world. The Spikkels worked very hard and after only one week at res, put a brilliant show together under the leadership of External Culture HK member, Danielle van Wyk. Their performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. We thank the HK and Spikkels for pulling this one off!



Swim Piggy swim!

As always, our annual 'Grietjie Piggy' event provided plenty of entertainment. The event requires the first years to bring self-made piggy banks filled with money. All the proceeds from the event go towards RAG projects for the less fortunate. During the Grietjie Piggy fashion parade, every first year is asked to come up with a theme for herself and her piggy and to show off her theme on stage. Our winner of the 2017 Spikkel group and pageant was Candice Stock. She described her theme as 'water piggy' and when asked about her inspiration she said, "I chose it because I play water polo, I love swimming and I come from a coastal town." Thank you to everyone who participated and made this a memorable event once again!



From our treasure chest

Annerie Marais (née Du Plessis), Vice-Prim and lenkvoog 2002 writes (translated): *My heart still skips a beat after all these years when I hear the word 'Magrietjie'. It is good to know that the ladies are keeping up Magrietjie's good name and still give their all as this is the time of your life. You are beautiful young ladies and it is wonderful to see that the love and sisterhood are still present in Magrietjie today.*

