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Our next GrietGriet will be available in March 2013. GrietGriet is ook beskikbaar in Afrikaans - Laat weet indien u 'n Afrikaanse weergawe verlang.



If you've missed the Festival Year Dinner, make sure you don't miss out on the Festival Year book - a must-have for every Magrietjie! This 80-pager contains a great balance between old and new, as well as a special page for every year, since 1982 up to 2012. Send an e-mail to <u>magrietjie@up.ac.za</u> if you would like to purchase a Festive Year book at R80 <u>each</u>.



A STYLISH FAREWELL TO FESTIVAL YEAR!

The Festival Year dinner most definitely counts as one of Magrietjie's top 5 greatest memories. We are sure that every current and old-Magrietjie who attended the dinner, will agree whole-heartedly that it was a night to remember! Upon arrival at the historical Town Hall in Pretoria, each couple received a glass of pink champagne. This was after a stylish entrance on the red carpet, surrounded by a feast of pink lights wrapped around the front pillars. Crystal trees filled with lights formed the centre-pieces on each table and created a wonderland-atmosphere in the hall. Each Magrietjie received a festival year book as gift, which triggered special memories with everyone.

Our 2012 Primaria, Esbé van Zyl, welcomed guests in her typical warm-hearted manner. Special messages were shared by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal of Tukkies, Prof Cheryl de la Rey, as well as the Director of Residence Affairs & Accommodation, Prof Roelf Visser. A video with the title "A trip down Magrietjie-lane" was shown, after which a most enjoyable 3-course dinner was served. Following that, all Magrietjies (past & present) gathered on the dance floor to sing the house song together. Another milestone was when the House Committee opened the dance floor in real "Pride and Prejudice"-style followed by dancing until the early morning hours. See photos of the evening on the next page.

It was indeed a privilege to welcome Magrietjie's very first Primaria, Zelda de Kock (née Stone) and Vice-Primaria, Fearika Heyns (née Botha) as guests of honour. Also present were ex-Primarias - Helena Strijdom, Adele van der Walt, Eliz-Mari Vermeulen (née Prinsloo) and Poenie van den Berg (née Leen - who travelled all the way from Namibia). We truly appreciate the presence of each and every Magrietjie who came together to enjoy a wonderful, memorable evening. A special thanks to Sunette Botha, Festival Year HK member, for her dedication, hard work and prayers, which created an evening to be remembered!!

We share a snippet from Zelda de Kock's feedback after the festival dinner (translated):

"Dearest pink Magrietjies, Thank you very much for a wonderful, festive evening which we could celebrate together! You made quite a fuss about all of us - from VIPparking, to our own personal waitress! We had a ball enjoying your loveliness, and experiencing how energetic and talented you all are! The pink M on campus roams all the way! Magrietjie is majestic, magic and magnificent! Congratulations on 30mmm... years! I am very proud of all of you

and great memories remain of our very 1st tripple-M Magrietjie-year! I'll always have a special place in my heart for Magrietjie! Congratulations once again! May you celebrate lots of wonderful birthdays to come!! I'll be on the look-out for the great, pink M!



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SERENADE

Magrietjie's serenade-ladies didn't hold back one bit in the finals this year and once again gave a stunning performance. Our nightingales did the theme "Burlesque" justice and many a guest was mindboggled with their unbelievable show! You did us proud girls!



POT-AND-PONS

Saturday, 20 October 2012 became a day to remember with a great kick-off to our newly found Rag partnership. According to the new rotation system, Vividus-men will once again be our Rag partners for 2013! Together as "Vivi-la-Grietjie" we created our Pot-and-Pons stall, decorated as "Angry Birds" - based on a popular computer game. From a nicely built birds nest for the judges to a huge structure where little pigs could be shot at with a sling, we tried to do justice to the theme. Not even the heaviest rain storm in Pretoria could stop us in taking a well-deserved 3rd place overall! We impressed Vividus so much, that they came over the next morning to zoep again by displaying flowers in the form of "V ♥ M" on our front lawn. This gesture, together with their special serenade, predicts a very successful Rag year for 2013!!!





MAGS-MADS CARNAVAL DAY

This Carnaval-Day was a first, but most definitely not the last! Together with our next-doorneighbours (Madelief), we held a great Carnaval, consisting of typical carnaval activities. Given our competitive nature,



there was no way that we would take second place! There were lots to eat and drink - including real pink and green pancakes! Even a special Maergrietjie-Garfield trophy was designed. Who in the world would ever have thought that these two old time enemies could have put together such a great initiative?! With great thanks to the two Primarias, Esbé en Lidalize.



INTERNAL PRESTIGE AND ARCHIVE OPENING





This year, our archive opening and internal prestige was celebrated in genuine 80's style - in line with Magrietjie's birthdate - the year 1982. A nostalgic slideshow was shown, which reflected all our 2012 milestones. This was followed by a tour of the archive. The evening ended with our internal prestige where recognition was given to our annual achievers.





Spikkel of the Year: Ester van der Walt

Magrietjie of the Year: Lize Stofberg

RES OF THE YEAR

At external prestige, Magrietjie received many awards, and we are very grateful for the contribution of every Magrietjie towards our achievements. We obtained the following:

- 1st place RAG-res of the year
- 1st place Blood donations
- 1st place Drastoel
- 2nd place Best Culture evening of the year
- 2nd place RAG-fundraising
- 2nd place RAG Fun & Promotion
- 3rd place Internal Culture Res of the year
- 3rd place Residence of the year





Achievers at Internal Prestige 2012:

Academic-Grietjie of the year: Eloise Dippenaar Academic-Spikkel of the year: Nokuthula Nyamakope RAG-Grietjie of the year: Nkhensani Sithole RAG-Spikkels of the year: Soné Viljoen & Angelique Williams Culture-Grietjie of the year: Christine van Aswegen Culture-Spikkel of the year: Lanthe Louw Sport-Grietjie of the year: Soné Viljoen Sport-Spikkel of the year: Mireille van der Walt

Magrietjie's recreational hall desperately requires new curtains. If you can help us in any way by:

- assisting us with the process (selecting material and making of the curtains) OR
- introducing us to an interior decorator that can advise and assist us OR
- making a financial contribution

We would also like to upgrade our prayer room, so if you have any unused ottomans or cushions please contact us. Thank you!

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As the new editor, it is a privilege to share our latest news with you through GrietGriet. If you would like to share some of your Magrietjie experiences with us please e-mail us at magrietjie@up.ac.za. I would love to hear from you!

PLEASED TO MEET YOU... OUR NEW 2013 HK

Since the announcement of the new HK on 22 August, they completed a number

major projects under the of leadership of Elmien (Primaria) and Nkhensani (Vice-Primaria). This newly announced HK-group consists of a group of inspiring ladies, filled with passion for life and especially Magrietjie. With the Spikkel Openand Pot-and-Pons already Dav something of the past, this HK showed that they will walk the extra mile as a team to make a success of every event or activity.



The new Primaria, Elmien Steyn

says: "With the first 30 years behind us, we can only look forward to the next 30 years to come. Our main aim for our HK period is to get all Magrietjies to work towards the same goal. As HK, we believe that this aim will lead to success, with our values as focus point. We would like to bring new colour and energy into our old traditions and residence activities. With new ideas, inspiration and the whole residence's support behind us, Magrietjie will definitely end up as one of the best for 2013."

With such positive words, we can't but wait for a special 2013!!!

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF OUR 2013 SPIKKELS

Our new Spikkels were welcomed into our pink palace in true Magrietjie style - pink balloons and flowers, pink cup cakes and a special welcome gift bag.

The prospective Spikkels and their parents were heartily welcomed in the hall where they were introduced to the HK and House parents. After the official welcome, they participated in a guided tour through the residence to view all the facilities, followed by an opportunity to fit and order their first year clothing. Under the leadership of the First Year Guardian, Michelle Kruger, it was an extremely successful start for both the new HK and the Spikkels. The highlight was seeing the new Spikkels' excitement when they left with their new Spikkel books! We are looking forward to forming yet another group of ladies into true Magrietjies in 2013!!!





FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST

We would like to thank Elzet Vermeulen (née Bosch) for the design of our festival year book. Elzet, thank you for your hard work, dedication and professionalism - the end product is outstanding!

Ed: Contact Elzet if you need any design work such as brochures, wedding invitations and -albums at: elzetvermeulen@gmail.com

Kathy Dreyer wrote: "I would just like to let you know that I really enjoyed the festival year book! - it is an outstanding publication that you can all be very proud of!"

Marionette Venter wrote: "I'm a Magrietjie-alumni and got hold of your newsletter through one of the other alumni and I really enjoyed it!"

Mia Roux wrote: "I LOVE the newsletter. Thank you for all the fun stories!"

Camelia Plath (née Boshoff) wrote: "I always shed a tear when I relive my varsity years when reading our newsletter! House Magrietjie, you ladies are really holding MAGS' name high! I'm very proud of all of your achievements! I would like to congratulate you on your "adoption" of the two little girls. What a great project! Happy birthday **Magrietjie**!"

Ed: Thank you for all of the wonderful messages and feedback on our activities! It is always inspiring to hear from our alumni! Have a prosperous and blessed holiday time and a happy new year with your families!

Till next time in GrietGriet 2013...