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MAGRIETJIE'S 2ND HOUSE PARENTS

On the 1st of July in 1988, Lourie and Ronél Terblanche, together with their daughter Natalie, moved in as the new House parents of Magrietjie. They were the first house parents to be appointed according to the new system. Up until then, the lady was referred to as 'house mother' and was appointed as a permanent full-time UP staff member. The new system implied that the man of the family be appointed as residence head on a temporary part-time basis, given that he already has a full-time position at UP. At that stage, Lourie was a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Social Work at UP.

The next *GrietGriet* will be available in April 2012. *GrietGriet* is ook in Afrikaans beskikbaar - kontak ons gerus indien ons jou kopie in Afrikaans moet stuur.



Prof Lourie and the 1990 HK group

Their daughter Natalie, now Dr Natalie Paul, matriculated at Pro Arte Alphen Park after which she studied at Tuks and is currently working as a medical doctor at 1 Military Hospital. She has been married for two years to Riaan Paul - also a previous Tukkies and currently a CA at Ernst & Young.

Their son Lourens, a 4th year medical student, played in the UP Symphony-orchestra until recently. He also plays violin on Sunday evenings at the Universiteitsoord NG Church. He lives close to the medical campus and was the man in charge of the 2011 Talent Evening for the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Top: Prof Lourie, Mrs Ronél with daughter Natalie. Photo taken during an official residence photo opportunity.

Some of the incidences that the Terblanche house parent pair recall over their 6 year period of parenting the Magrietjie ladies...

- Helena Strijdom (Primaria), today a highly successful attorney in the city, took on the swimming pool project. Needless to say, the pool became a victim of the Mopanie-guys who thought it well to dye the water purple. The cleaning up was not as much fun, but nevertheless a team effort by the Mopanie-guys.
- Poenie Leen (Primaria), today a highly successful attorney in Windhoek, was responsible for the fountain in the foyer (which has been removed since). It was characterised by live ducks, washing powder, frogs and fish - which was never part of the initial plan!
- On Karen de Lange's (Primaria) 21st birthday, her flatmates gave her a box of UP cutlery (6 cups, saucers and side plates). One can only wonder how long they must have been "smuggling" cutlery out of the dining hall...?
- Gerdien Kuypers - Matron- a fiery Dutch lady, who stood back for no task. Her temper lead to various 'incidences' where Prof Terblanche had to act as peacemaker on a few occasions between her and the students.

We enjoyed hearing from this special family who have ever been such a great part of our pink history and will always be close to the hearts of the Magrietjie ladies whose lives they touched!! We wish we could share more of your stories, perhaps on another occasion in our coming Festival Year...



A recent photo of the Terblanche family taken on Natalie's stunning wedding day.



SERRIE FINALS!

“ ‘Coz I want to be a cowboy baby”, well I’m sure you can all guess what the theme of this year’s Serrie was. Yes, Magrietjie went western and were “cow girls”, of course. From the cowboy hats to the boots and obviously to top it all, sheriff badges! The ladies were dressed to impress and the performance was amazing! From dancing on tables like the “coyote ugly ladies” (the crowd’s favourite scene), to Chuck Norris which caused an overwhelming reaction from the crowd, has been included in our Serrie. And last, but not least, the “bar scene” which was phenomenal. Our performance was so popular that we were placed as winners in the prelims. The ladies also performed extremely well in the finals and took home 3rd place (although 1st in our hearts). We are proud of this group of ladies who have put their time and effort into Serrie.



Serrie 2011



INFORMAL “1950 CHICAGO STREETS”

Think Sophiatown meets Al Pacino and what do you get, this year’s unconventional informal. It was not the usual dining hall affair, but taken to another level with it being held in Magrietjie’s very own parking lot - with 1950 Volkswagen Beetles to match the theme. Everyone looked the part and channeled their inner gangster and fashionista (see photo below). The food, décor and weather added to the great evening. And what is an informal without the ladies singing the narcotic song and dancing the evening away.



CULTURE VULTURES

Our annual culture week kicked off with the high spirited girls playing pub golf. Wednesday evening was the highly anticipated floor punch, the theme being “pop culture, my favourite music video”. The girls took us on a journey from thriller to bollywood, and we somehow landed on the party rock anthem planet with fun being the all inclusive ticket. Of course there can only be one winner and this year it went to floor 7 with their theme *Survivor*. On Thursday evening was the “Avant Garde” themed Mr Magrietjie. There was nothing ordinary about these men as they were all drop dead gorgeous. Amongst the judges were Blue Bulls players Derek Kuun and Dewald Potgieter, not forgetting our MC for the night, the amazing singer and TV personality, Pieter Koen.



MC, Pieter Koen with Mignon Tempel, our Culture Internal HK



Mr. Magrietjie 2011

Mr Magrietjie lived up to our high expectations and the crowned gentleman was William (see photo above). Culture week ended off with a party bus to Patria, a men’s residence in Potchefstroom. All in all it was a very successful week!

MISS GRIETJIE PIGGY

One of Magrietjie’s famous traditions, Miss Grietjie Piggy, was once again a huge success this year. All the first years had to make their own piggy filled with coins in order to raise funds for RAG. The Spikkels and their piggy’s were dressed to impress and everyone enjoyed the funfilled evening.



Spikkels and their Grietjie Piggys



Did you know?

Magrietjie was the first residence where men were allowed in the ladies' rooms... Just shows how trustworthy we are! ☺



Zana Taljaard, Donnalee Roberts & Amorie Taljaard



Donnalee Roberts during her student years in Magrietjie and RAG Queen of 2006.



Helené (from Hair Lounge) in action with a hair makeover for one of our lucky moms.

MOM-AND-MAGS CONNECT!

What would our lives be without our mothers? Exactly nothing. Mom's are our doctors, psychologists, teachers, friends, cheer leaders and mentors. They help us up when we fall, they support us when we make bad decisions and they encourage us through the good times and the worst of times. So in celebration of all the Magrietjie ladies' mothers, we hosted a mom-and-daughter day which was held on the 15th of May at Magrietjie. The programme included all the moms sleeping over at res to experience "one night in the life of your daughter", with the following morning having a scrumptious breakfast in the dinning hall, where all the mothers could meet and get to know one another.

Amongst our guests were two hair stylists from Hair Lounge in Arcadia who gave a free haircut and blow dry to one of the lucky mothers in the audience. They also provided discount vouchers and hair care samples to the rest of the audience. We were also graced by ex-Magrietjie ladies Donnalee Roberts and twins Amorie and Zana Taljaard.



The participants in our Mom-and-Daughter program

Donnalee Roberts was the keynote speaker for the day. She graduated in 2006 from the University of Pretoria with a BA Drama Degree. She is best known for her role as the vibrant young waitress Annelie in SABC's soap 7^{de} Laan. In 2006 she was crowned RAG Queen whereafter she was crowned as Miss Campus South Africa. She represented the University of Pretoria at the World Miss university in South Korea where she was crowned the Good Will ambassador. With her great personality she spoke to all the mom's and daughters and was truly an inspiration to everyone present.

Zana and Amorie Taljaard also studied at the University of Pretoria and both have a degree in B.Consumer Sciences and Clothing Management. They opened their own business - Amaz Twin Styling - three years ago specialising in make-up and styling. They have both been stylists for Jenni Button. While living in Magrietjie they received the award for best dressed and still live what they love. On the day, they gave tips on how to dress on a limited budget, the do's and dont's of fashion as well as make-up tips. One of our Magrietjie ladies received a free make-up make-over which proved that both these ladies know exactly what they are doing.

Throughout the program there were lots of prizes to be won including pearls, hair vouchers and jewellery. All in all it was a wonderful day spent where we all got to relax, but also had the chance to enjoy the day with our moms.

Portia Mmenu, a current Magrietjie, getting her make-over from Zana Taljaard



SERENADE

The Magrietjie ladies once again put up a spectacular show for Serenade. The vibrant group of hippies were entertaining and energetic. All the long hours of practice made some friendship bonds which once again contributes to the pink love of our special home. Another Serenade for the books! Well done ladies!!



Serenade



Rag project and blikskud

PRE-SPRING VOLLEY BALL!!

With the wonderful arrival of Spring, Magrietjie decided it was time to dust off the volleyball net and have some fun with the girls!

In good competitive spirit we invited all the ladies resses for an afternoon of volleyball. We had quite a turn-up and enjoyed an afternoon with the smell of 'boereworsrolle' in the air and some music to add to the arrival of spring!!

It was something special to experience a "girls only" residence social and we are proud to have been the hosts of this bonding session. However, you can't possibly get away with an event like this without having some men supporting the games. Our hot dog stand did not complain for the extra bussiness though ☺.



Volley-ball on the lawn with other girls residences

"BLIKSKUD" AT HARTIES

The Mags ladies were once again up for a day of blikskud at Hartbeespoortdam. As the pictures will tell you, this was a CRAZY day!!! Afterwards we went to Dr. George Mukhari hospital in Garankuwa where we spent some time in the paediatric ward and gave the kids cupcakes and funpacks. It truly was a blessed experience and a lot of worthwhile fun on top of it!

POT AND PONS

Magrietjie is happy to have Taaibos as our RAG partners for 2012 and we hear Taaibos are quite happy themselves! Together we arranged a truly epic Pot and Pons with the theme Indian Festival. It was a kaleidoscope of vibrant colours and with quite a spicy potjie. From henna tattoos to samosas to a powder paint fight - we went ALL INDIA! Magrietjie and Taaibos got 3rd place and we are very proud of the fun day we assembled as a team and can now only look forward to float building for next year.



Glimpses of Pot and Pons

OUR NEW PRIMARIA

Hi there fellow Pink ones!

My name is Esbé van Zyl, Primaria of House Magrietjie for our 30th Festival Year in 2012! Our dream, as the House Committee for 2012, goes beyond setting short term goals. Our dream is to exceed expectations by taking risks in all aspects of student life, reminding ALL Magrietjie ladies why we are undeniably the most sought after ladies residence on campus. We have already started paving the way for an extraordinary year, all we need now, is for everyone to jump on board and join us for something truly exceptional that is about to happen, and you DON'T want to miss it. We are extremely excited for next year and we hope that you are too! I am very thankful for this opportunity to personally invite every past and present Pink lady, to participate in the upcoming festival year events, we will keep you posted! See you all soon!



My Alles vir Altyd vir Magrietjie!
Esbé van Zyl

Esbé van Zyl Primaria 2011/2012



Goodbye...

Wow, I can't believe that my term is over. It's been an amazing journey! I want to thank each and every lady for making this year an unforgettable memory. To my fellow HK ladies you are crazy, inspirational and a spontaneous group of friends. I will never forget my life in this pink palace. Remember: Memory is the way of holding onto the things you love, the things you are, the things you never want to lose. Magrietjie thank you for being my memory.



Zarese van Dyk Primaria 2010/2011

This extended edition of GrietGriet was compiled by both Tintswalo Mkansi, the previous editor, and Sunette Botha, the new editor of GrietGriet (see photo below).



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Thank you to all the ladies who respond and enjoy GrietGriet. Make sure you join our Magrietjie Feesjaar 2012 group on Facebook!!

FESTIVAL YEAR 2012

It's THAT time of the year again... where we count down the months until Maer Grietjie celebrates her 30th birthday. Looking through the archive, one realises that it was only 9 years ago that we celebrated our 21st birthday - and now we are fortunate yet again that this beautiful pink palace is celebrating its festival year. And it promises to be a great year. For this special year 13 ladies (an extra lady for festival year) are elected to serve on the House Committee. The EC for 2011/2012 was announced on 16 August and are a group of determined ladies, excited to take Magrietjie to new heights.



Festival year EC

FROM THE EDITOR & FESTIVAL YEAR EC MEMBER

To all the precious ladies who share a history with the place where you probably developed the most - Magrietjie, I write this letter. My name is Sunette Botha and my dream for you is to have a flashback of memories during 2012 and to reconnect with a few of them. Together with my team, I am confident that we will create sufficient opportunity for this to happen. We are busy planning our events for the year and will notify you via email and newsletters of all the activities.

Its not everyday that a lady turns 30, and we welcome any donations or sponsorships. We are busy with a fundraising project where we sell raffle tickets. Below is the information the ticket requires and we encourage you to take part in this initiative. The prize is a biltong and droëwors hamper valued over R2000, but there is also a more feminine touch to it. The Magrietjie lady who sells the most tickets wins a spa voucher for two. One ticket costs R20 and a simple question needs to be answered. Instead of completing the ticket in person, you can email the information and proof of payment to me at magrietjie@up.ac.za and I will fill in a ticket on your behalf to place in the draw. Donations can also be made to our Feesjaar account. You can find the banking details on the left. I also kindly request all of you to please send us stories and pictures of your time here at Magrietjie for a special project we are working on...

All of Magrietjie will greatly appreciate your support to make Festival year as exceptional as it promises to be! If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Sunette Botha
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Reference: RAFFLE TICKET

Name & surname

Contact number

Answer the question: How old will Magrietjie be in 2012?

FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST

Claudien Louw wrote (translated) that Magrietjie raised her to face the world and made her accomplish much more than the BA(HOD) she studied here. She says she will enjoy walking through the residence again and is looking forward to next year!! She wishes that every Magrietjie's dreams comes true, that the ladies will enjoy their time here and walk away a full rounded person. Here she learnt what God wanted her to be!

Elzaan Cook (née Smuts) says she is especially excited about Festival year. As a previous Festival year EC it is close to her heart. She states that she very well knows that obtaining funding is a big factor in a festival year and she will be happy to contribute and she is sure that other old Magrietjies might also want to help.

Red: Thanks Claudien and Elzaan. Your comments make the hours compiling the newsletters worthwhile.

Till next time in GrietGriet in 2012...

