

Griet Griet



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MAGRIETJIE TURNS 30!

Stylishly dressed in pink, black and white vintage, crowned with a classic hat - this was how the Magrietjie ladies opened festival year on 26 March 2012. Exactly 30 years earlier, Magrietjie's doors were opened for the very first time and it was decided to use this significant date for the unveiling of the 30th commemorative plaque. Whilst French jazz music played in the background, the Magrietjies assembled on the 'blad' ('aanloopbaan') and helped themselves to a glass of sherry or fruit cocktail.

Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere while waiting for the arrival of the guests of honor. The Director of Residence Affairs and Accommodation Prof Roelf Visser, TuksAlumni representative Jacqui Pietersen, first Primaria Zelda de Kock (née Stone), 1982 Interior decorating EC Olwen Jacobs (née Worringham), a few members of the TuksRes family and our house parents attended the special occasion. After speeches from Prof Visser, our Primaria Esbé van Zyl and the Feesjaar EC Sunette Botha, the vote of thanks was done by house mother Yolanda Jordaan (alias Mama Pink). Shortly thereafter the EC and Festival Year committee disappeared into the lounge... to collect 335 pink helium balloons that were to be released in a few moments by everyone present. A pink cloud made its appearance as each Magrietjie and guests received a pink balloon. With balloons in hand the house song was proudly sung whereafter everyone moved to the lawn for the countdown. 10, 9, 8...0 and the mass of pink balloons were released simultaneously, "My ALLES vir ALTYD vir MAGRIETJIE" echoed over Hatfield... It became official - Magrietjie is 30 and the excitement is bursting both inside and out!!

The Magrietjie ladies then enjoyed cake from a festive and finely decorated long table on the lawn whilst the guests of honor munched on their own birthday refreshments. Cameras flashed as everyone tried to capture these memorable moments.

I hope that the description above created a colourful picture for you of this important day on our festival year calendar. Rest assured that this is only the beginning of the celebrations to come this year!

The winner of the raffle ticket competition was announced during this occasion and we are proud to announce that we raised R20 000 with the project! Annelize Röhrs, a third year Magrietjie sold the winning ticket. Nkhensani Sithole is the Magrietjie who sold the most tickets - a total of 100 and for this we spoiled her with a spa voucher worth R800.

1982 Primaria, Zelda de Kock sent the following message to Magrietjie (translated):

"Once again I want to thank you that I could share this historical day with you! Magrietjie's 30th birthday was celebrated in festive style! It was such a beautiful night - from our warm welcome, the festive tables on the lawn under the beautiful pink draping, the lovely, chic Magrietjies, Roelf with his pink tie that unveiled the beautiful plaque and the goose bumps moments of singing the house song, up to the countdown and the cloud of pink balloons! Congratulations to all the Magrietjies! I am very proud of you! May you continue to leave a trace of pink chic, style and enthusiasm, both now and after your varsity life!"

A huge thank you to Magrietjies Zelda and Olwen for your presence, but especially for your tangible excitement for Magrietjie. Your participation is very dear to our hearts!



Primaria, Esbé van Zyl



Dearest Old-Magrietjies

A huge thank you to everyone who assisted in supplying me with contact details of old-Magrietjies. If you know of anyone who does not receive our GrietGriet newsletter, please obtain their details and send it to magrietjie@up.ac.za. The following information applies:

- Name, Surname and Maiden name
- Cell number
- E-mail address
- Years in Magrietjie (eg 1996-1998)
- Committee involvement, if applicable

I would like to invite those who already receive our newsletter to attend our festival year activities (see next page). It will be a privilege to meet you in person!

Festive greetings
Esbé



Festival year license disk available at our Karnaval day - see page 3 of the newsletter for more info

THE CUTEST SPIKKELS!

Similar to every year the new Spikkels stood anxious, anticipating and uncertain in front of the EC. Trying to determine where they fit into this new picture with so many new faces, they realize that all they have in common at this stage is that they are wearing pink. It is during moments like these that 130 strangers realise they are now the Spikkels of House Magrietjie. Their first great challenge was lenkmelodienk when they had to perform at the amphitheatre as "Santa's Little Helpers". And we can honestly say it was a proud moment with an awesome performance! Well done Spikkels!



DRASTOEL WINNERS... AGAIN!

Drastoel - again one of the highlights of the year and we should confess that Magrietjie just can't get enough of Drastoel. The spirit, the anticipation, the secret planning sessions, the early morning practices and the most exhausting race ever that makes drastoel so unique. Nothing compares to the feeling of seeing the pink shirts coming around the last corner in first place. This year we were 50m in front of the next team at the finish line and it was an epic moment. Whooooohooooe!



RAG-ANIMATION



Network. The last night before the rag procession was yet again a nerve wrecking experience with the rain catching us off-guard, but like every other year the float sailed into the rag farm just in time.

This year House Pink ragged with the dogs ("brakke") from Taaibos. BOSMAG is very noticeable at TUKS, and we are proud of our 3rd place at Pot-en-Pons, 6th place with rag procession and the winners of Big Brag. The overall theme for rag this year was "When I turn on the TV". We decided to represent the colourful animation channel Cartoon

MISS GRIETJIE PIGGY ON PARADE

The Festival year spikkels proved themselves worthy of their title with their handmade piggies this year. "When I Grow up" was the theme and the spikkels' greatest challenge was to dress accordingly. At the start of the competition the piggies were weighed, after which each spikkel and her piggy bravely attempted the stage, telling us about her piggy's ambitions. She then had to answer a question or perform a task according to her theme. The evening exceeded expectations and provided enough humour to last a lifetime... and this all in the benefit of raising money for charity.

CULTURE IN TOMORROWLAND

Our first culture evening this year was definitely an evening to write home about. The theme was "Tomorrowland" based on a music festival in Belgium. This fantasy event was done in conjunction with House Boekenhout. Boekenhout's patio area was transformed into a magical forest with large mushrooms, different colours of light, oversized sweets, Disney characters and much more. Four separate dance floors were created, each with its own music and unique décor. The amazing thing about this theme was that everyone could dress according to fantasy characters which contributed to the contagious atmosphere.



Did you know?

Magrietjie and Madelief opened a communal study center this year, named "M²". More about this project at a later stage.



Lize Stofberg (photo above) is our right hand in updating our alumni database. In fact, you may get a phone call from her one of these days. You can help Lize by making contact with her and confirming your personal contact details. We are also looking for HK members that would be willing to act as year group representatives. PLEASE contact us via e-mail at magrietjie@up.ac.za.

FESTIVAL YEARBOOK: We are in the process of compiling our Festival Yearbook and want to place lots of news and photos from previous Magrietjies. If you want to contribute stories from your pink days in Magrietjie, please send us an e-mail to enable the Festival team to get in contact with you. Please send information to e-mail: magrietjie@up.ac.za.

SPONSORSHIPS: It will be most appreciated if you could make a financial contribution to our Festival Year. Contributions can be in the form of sponsored pages in the Festival Yearbook, sponsored items for the Festival Year dinner (eg. sponsored wine, gifts, etc). Please contact Sunette Botha via e-mail at magrietjie@up.ac.za if you can contribute to our Festival Year.

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP!!!



Editor, Sunette Botha

Please send any questions or suggestions to magrietjie@up.ac.za

FESTIVAL YEAR ACTIVITIES

Ladies morning - 20 May

On Sunday the 20th of May we are hosting a Ladies morning - nowhere other than on Magrietjie's lawn! We invite all old-Magrietjie ladies to come and enjoy a light breakfast (and something sweet) with us and spend the morning in the crisp and clear winter air. We decided to combine this event with our annual mother-and-daughter tea since all three groups have something in common - femininity. This is the first occasion on our calendar where all the old-Magrietjies can get together and have time to do some catching up! There will not be allocated seats, so ring your old pink sisters and arrange to sit together, or leave it over to spontaneity. We also request that you bring your daily planners along.

Place: Magrietjie lawn

Date: Sunday, 20 May 2012

Time: 08:45 for 09:00

Cost: R120 per person

RSVP by Monday 7 May with payment if you would like to attend

Payments can be made into the following account:

ABSA

Branch code: ZA632005

Account nr: 2140450033

Reference nr: XOL816 (Your Surname)

Fax proof of payment to: 086 543 6484 or e-mail proof of payment to: magrietjie@up.ac.za

** Please remember to include your reference nr XOL816 (where 0 is a zero) AND your Surname.

Family day - 28 July

On Saturday the 28th of July the festivities continue, but this time with our neighbours Madelief - YES, that's right!! This promises to be a colourful carnival day that you do not want to miss! It will also serve as a culture event so rest assured that the two most competitive ladies residences on campus will combine all their energy and resources for this day... Old-Magrietjies are invited to bring their husbands or partners and the little ones to enjoy the day with us! Use the opportunity to show your family where you spend the best days of your life and as a bonus you may just run into one of your flatmates from first year, or the knol whose 'jotter' you stole...

Definitely another event to schedule in your year calendar!

Festival year dinner - 15 September!!!

Planning for this important event already began in August last year and a lot of hard work is still being put into making this an unforgettable event!!! On 15 September 2012 **FESTIVAL YEAR** will come full circle with the festival year dinner where we want to see as much Old-Magrietjies as possible! Ladies, start thinking about that **FORMAL** outfit and look out for a matching **MASK** to complement it. Pretoria **CITY HALL** demands character, and we know that Magrietjies know just how to respond by always exceeding expectations. Come masked if you dare and enjoy the **3 COURSE MEAL AND DANCE** in celebration of our 30th year of existence! Also get spoilt with a **GIFT** that will speak right to your heart. There are a limited number of seats available so start phoning your Magrietjie friends and let us know as soon as possible if you are going to attend this memorable night.

Place: Pretoria City hall

Date: 15 September 2012

Dress code: Formal, mask optional

Cost: R700 per couple or R390 for a single ticket

RSVP by Monday 30 July by means of payment

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***** VERY important: Together with your proof of payment, please send the following information through as well:**

- Name and surname
- Cell phone number
- E-mail address
- 1st year in Magrietjie (eg. 1999 spikkel)
- Requests for table placements (names of friends who should share your table)



Until our next Festival Year *GrietGriet* in July - hope to see all of you on 20 May for our ladies morning!