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## IN MEMORY: PROF. ROELF VISSER



The next *GrietGriet* will be issued in July 2014.

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Professor Roelf Visser, beloved Director of Residences passed away on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2014. His journey at Tukkies started as a student who studied Quantity Surveying, whilst staying in Taaibos. He prioritised academics and later became a lecturer at the University of Pretoria. His involvement at the University as well as with students in general, became even more evident after he was appointed Taaibos' house father from 1994-1997. After his time in Taaibos, Magrietjie was privileged to also have Prof Roelf as their house father (1998-2003). Following his time in Magrietjie, he was appointed as Director of Residence Affairs. In this position his passion for students and student life truly came to life where he figuratively and literally improved the lives of students. He initiated leadership development programmes for students and he always had the interests of every residence student at heart. Building projects that took place under his leadership include the erection of TuksVillage at LC, a residence at Onderstepoort, the new dining hall at LC and the restoration programme for residences (in progress).

The passing away of Prof Roelf has left a gap in TuksRes management. His commitment, pride and dedication laid the cornerstone for a strong foundation on which we can successfully build. Thank you Prof Roelf for everything you did for residences and thank you that you always had the best interests of students at heart!



## THE PINK BIKES ARE BACK

We took our famous pink bicycles out for a spin during RAG procession, after being made roadworthy by a kind sponsor. There are unfortunately only four left of the original 12 bicycles, but they certainly made a statement on the day.

We would like to request any Alumnus, willing to donate a bicycle lying around at home, to please inform us because we would like to complete our collection of 12 once again (no need for the bicycle to be pink in colour as we will spread our pink magic). If you can assist, please just contact us via email so that we can organise the pick-up.





## PINK-MELODIENK!

lenkMelodienk 2014, the talk of the entire campus. Despite the shortened time allowed, as well as an interruption due to a thunder storm, the lenks of the UP residences did not fail to impress and thoroughly entertain the audience.

Themes such as Cowboys (Mopanie), the Circus (Nerina) and even a scary Annabelle doll (Erika) featured in the course of the evening. Magrietjie's theme, the tale of the Three Little Pigs, was an innovative response to new regulations requiring all residences to perform in their house clothing, which, in our case of course, meant pink. The sea of Pink Spikkels stole the hearts of the audience and the judges, and managed to achieve a **first place** among the ladies residences.

Hats off to our Spikkels and beloved Culture External, Lanthé Louw. You are our Pink Pride!

A special word of thanks also goes to our former Culture External HK, Christine van Aswegen, who helped to choreograph and direct the lenk performance.



## CLIMBING THE "SPORTS LADDER"

Magrietjie is moving up the sporting ladder. We started the year off by getting our 'tekkies' out of the closet and stretching those muscles after the long holiday, to participate in the lenkathletics. The Spikkels of 2014 held nothing back when they stepped onto the green grass at LC de Villiers. Thanks to their enthusiasm and endurance throughout the day, Magrietjie took 4<sup>th</sup> place. (1<sup>st</sup> Vividus Ladies, 2<sup>nd</sup> TuksSport and 3<sup>rd</sup> Asterhof)

Shortly thereafter, we competed against the other ladies' residences in soccer. With our kicking boots on Magrietjie scored and defended a few goals and in so doing, made it to the semi-finals where we achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Topping this, was once again Drastoel - Magrietjie's favourite sporting event! After a few gruelling minutes where Madelif took the lead, the Magrietjie ladies shot past them to take the crown as Drastoel winners, once again.

Well done to all the sporting ladies. You have made us proud.

## MAGRIETJIE AND KOLLEGE RAG

Magrietjie and Kollege were paired as a RAG team for 2014. Not only was it a year of change as RAG was held on LC De Villiers sports grounds, but Magrietjie also had to conform to Kollege's way of doing things. Instead of building a float and folding 'blommetjies', the Magrietjie and Kollege Coalition spent most of their time raising funds, food, toys and stationary for the underprivileged. The Spikkels and Vremies of 2014 also spent much of their time making dolls out of socks. The float of 2014 boasted all these items and along with it, the float was dedicated to the memory of Prof. Roelf Visser, who passed away on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. A certain somberness surrounded RAG held on 1 February as people remembered Prof. Roelf.

The morning of Sunday, 2 February the float was taken to Syanqoba children's home, where the RAG committee spent a lot of time throughout the week. All of the items collected were dropped off along with the Jungle Gym constructed by the RAG committee.

Although the Magrietjie Kollege Coalition placed only 5<sup>th</sup> in the RAG procession, the highlight of the week was the many lives that were touched through our effort.



We are very thankful to Magrietjie-Alumna **Chantal Scholtz (Hefti)** and her husband, Clinton Scholtz, owner of Teknicote paint, for sponsoring 140 litres of paint for the Magrietjie RAG project that took place at Syanqoba Feeding Foundation during RAG week. This donation added a lot of value to our project and all of us at Huis Magrietjie are truly grateful for the contribution that these awesome people have made to our RAG effort.







*I believe in pink*  
(by Audrey Hepburn)

I believe laughing is the best calorie burner. I believe in kissing, kissing a lot. I believe in being strong when everything else seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day and I believe in miracles



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## THE WAY TO YOUR HEART...DONNALEE & IVAN

Donnalee Roberts, old Magrietjie and co-star, Ivan Botha, paid the Spikkels of 2014 a visit during Welcome Week. Donnalee was HK in 2005 and she was also crowned RAG queen in 2006. They are both well known for their roles in *7<sup>de</sup> Laan* (Annelie and Pieter) as well as other popular films like *Klein Karoo* and *Bakgat*. They used the opportunity to talk about their new film, 'Pad na jou Hart', which was introduced in cinemas on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. The film was a great success and the DVD will be available soon - so do yourself a favour and watch this true South African film (with English subtitles).



## GRIETJIE PIGGY

This year's Grietjie Piggy was a piggy pageant for the books! Many wonderfully dressed Spikkels showed up with their stuffed piggy banks looking exactly alike. There were princesses, doctors, hippies and any kind of costume one can imagine.

The judges included previous HK members Christine van Aswegen and Jessica Makua, along with Arno from the SRC and Christiaan from Taaibos. The heaviest piggy of 2014 was the 6 kg piggy of Marike Naude. Grietjie Piggy was a fun evening for all the Spikkels. The event was an overall success which brought in a lot of coins for RAG.



## FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST...

Kirsti Dannhauser, an old Magrietjie from 1991-1993 and RAG HK in 1992 answered some questions regarding "those days". Kirsti says: "The favourite men's residence was definitely Sonop and needless to say my husband is a 'Sonopper' but the residence that Magrietjie liked was Mopanie, as they were our RAG partner. Those days we still had to "zoop" to get a men's residences attention and unfortunately Sonop lost with a few votes, which was a bit disappointing for me, but still fun. I think each Magrietjie has a special place for the Res they RAG with." According to Kirsti, the best tradition in Magrietjie will always be the colour PINK!!!, and everything that goes with it - like the huppel and singing... Great Residence, great friends and great memories!!!!

