

Griet Griet



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GrietGriet is ook in Afrikaans beskikbaar - kontak ons gerus indien ons jou kopie in Afrikaans moet stuur.



Laura Erasmus
RAG Queen 1984



Donnalee Roberts
RAG Queen 2006

Another RAG debutante and old Magrietjie, Adré Swart, has been selected as Miss Executive at the 2010 RAG Crowning ceremony. She raised money for AJ Joubert, a six year old in serious need of an operation which his family cannot afford.

TUKS RAG QUEEN IS A MAGRIETJIE!

After three gruelling rounds of raising funds for charity, countless interviews and numerous projects run by the debutants themselves, the RAG queen of 2010 was finally crowned. Azel van Zyl, a fourth year B.Com Law student, currently residing in Magrietjie, is the third Mags lady to win this prestigious pageant. Fundraising was facilitated through the selling of golf-tickets, tickets for the Beeld children's fund, wine, advertising space for the Rag magazine as well as various private fundraising projects. Some of the funds were used to buy a new jungle gym as well as painting a container for the Belfast children's home. Furthermore, the debutants visited various charity organisations supported by Tukkies, for example, ABBA Baby home (a home for babies waiting to be adopted). Azel says she entered the competition because she wanted to become more involved with charity work. As Rag Queen of 2010, she will now be able to live her dream. *Below are photos of Azel on the evening of the crowning and to the left are photos of two of Magrietjies' previous Rag Queens.*



OUR NEW SPIKKELS MOVE IN

The year began in full swing once more as the Spikkeltjies of 2010 made their arrival. Saturday 16 January bore witness to a lot of excitement, fears and more than a few teary-eyed parents who finally sent their daughters off to university. Orientation week followed, helping our new first years adjust to their new surroundings. Various socials with mens' residences throughout the week helped the girls get to know their peers and made them feel at home. The week ended with a 'Spikkel surprise' when the first years visited a water park for a day of sun and relaxation after a hectic first week at Magrietjie. During their first week they learned to live and love the words, My alles vir altyd vir Magrietjie'. *The photo shows our Spikkels with their new Spikkel bags sponsored by Protea Bookstore.*



FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST

Luanne Orsmond (née Bosman): "After seven years, it is wonderful to see Magrietjie still going from strength to strength. There are times that I long for the care free days in house pink".

Elsabe van der Bergh (née Kitshoff): "Thank you to all the Grietjies that contribute to this wonderful newsletter! It is SOOO nice to experience something of the past and relive it as if it was yesterday. You rock! I hope I will be able to stand in the new-old foyer again, one day..."

Ed: Thanks Elsabe - hope that you will visit Magrietjie soon to relive those wonderful memories!



IENKMELODIENK

Every year starts with the Ienkmelodienk performance by the First year students at the end of their Orientation week. Magrietjie's theme was 'pink bicycles' and after many hours of practice, the rows were as straight as an arrow and every move was in unison to the music. The Spikkels looked stunning in their black cycling pants and white-and-pink T-shirts. Magrietjie grooved to songs such as 'I want to ride my bicycle' and had the crowd engaged with their energetic cycling moves.



Ienkmelodienk 2010

IENKATHLETICS

Ienkatletiek (also known as First year athletics) is one of the sporting highlights of the year at Tuks. Ladies and men from their respective residences compete on the athletics grounds to see who can jump, throw, run or sing the best, earning points for their residence. Magrietjies showed up in huge numbers and sang their hearts out in support of those competing on the track.



Spikkel Supporters during Ienkatletics

RAG PROUDLY SOUTH-AFRICAN

According to the RAG schedule, it was once again Magrietjie's turn to RAG alone (without a male residence as partner). As in 2006, Magrietjie once again decided to team up with Klaradyn to RAG together as an all-ladies team. With an apt name of 'MAG-nie-KLA' and T-shirts reading 'We don't need manpower', the ladies showed why they are a force to be reckoned

with. The RAG theme for the year was "Proudly South African" which was portrayed in our float with a gigantic figure of Nelson Mandela standing between pink and yellow taxis. Even with no manpower at our disposal, MAGnieKLA's float had all the bells and whistles, from flashing taxi-lights and rotating wheels, to a waving Mandela. The end result: not only a float that was proudly South African, but also proudly Magrietjie!



Building the RAG float throughout the night



RAG HK members with our float

DRASTOEL WINNERS

Finally, the Drastoel cup belongs to its rightful owners once more - the ladies of House Pink. On 27 January, Mags ladies donned their running shoes and took off to LC sports grounds to win back their title as Drastoel champions yet again. Winning Erika (last year's winners) by more than 40 meters, Mags made no secret of the fact that we came to win, and win properly.



1st in Drastoel



Did you know?

Magrietjie is one of the residences that will host guests from 10 June to 10 July for the 2010 FIFA World Cup Soccer.



Annette Stals in 1982

Old Magrietjies launch CD Willemien Heyns and Sanet Stegmann, two old Magrietjies, has recently been added to our 'Wall of fame'. They have formed a duo titled 'Aandklank' which is an acoustic Afrikaans music group. They released their first CD in 2009 and has grown from strength to strength since with their 'jazzy' Afrikaans lyrics. Current Magrietjies supported the duo when they performed in the Musaion recently. Send an e-mail to magrietjie@up.ac.za if you want to purchase a CD from *Aandklank* or book these ladies for a performance.



Sanet Stegmann and Willemien Heyns in action

In the next GrietGriet

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FROM MAGRIETJIE'S 2ND PRIMARIA

Annette Stals (née Bosman) recalls the day when she was appointed as the first Social Internal HK member of Magrietjie, with Zelda Stone (née De Kock) as the first Primaria. In 1983, Annette became the second Primaria of Magrietjie. Dr André Breedt, the then house father, selected individuals from different residences to become Magrietjie's first HK. One of Annette's first duties was organising the Opening ceremony of Magrietjie. She also recalls Thursday evening meetings where every girl who got engaged during the week received a red rose. She remembers there was almost always a Final Year lady who received a rose. She still wonders how the decision to marry a guy could happen so fast given that only two hours per evening were allowed for private social time, according to residence rules. All she remembers from Orientation time is that Spikkels wore pink-and-grey most of the time. At the end of orientation the HK took the Spikkels to Magnolia Dell, each covered in a black refuse bag with a hole for the head. Her most memorable moment was when they had a social event where the HK dressed up and it became the first time she held a cigarette and wore a short skirt. This was exciting as it was totally different from how the rest of the ladies knew them and therefore very, very funny.

Photo: Left to right, Annette's son, Bernard (14), her husband Jurg and Reynard (11)



DO YOU REMEMBER, MOM...

Dear Mom

March 1988

It's nothing like dad said, not at all like the Sunnyside Hotel. It is a 105 star hotel, only - the stars are Spikkels. Mom, they are so strange, they don't realise that a runway is used for aeroplanes, not for huppeling. Every morning we are dragged to campus by lenks dressed like Reverend Louw, you know. Mom, please send us a crate full of bananas as we have to share ours with the Mopanie guys and Johnny who shared mine with me had to get ten stitches in his lip. Every time we see a HK member, we have to curtsy like a ballerina, you know, like on television. I wish I could be HK, then I could take the lift all on my own. We have a 'bokjol' here where we chase after men, not chase after goats like on the farm. The other night each of us had to sit in a pillowcase with a boy and watch a movie, but we weren't allowed to do what Stevie and Mary always did in the sitting room. I desperately wanted to send Brother 50 cents for his birthday but I had to pay a RAG fine. The notice on the wall says I must go down to the Rec hall now. I'd rather go - there should never be a late Spikkel.

Grietjie greetings
My mom's Spikkel

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Who remembers the evening in 1983 when Erika decided to raid Magrietjie? According to *Die Perdeby* of 4 March 1983, about 100 ladies from Erika entered Magrietjie carrying bags and pillow cases. Initially it was thought that the girls came from our rival residence, Madelief, but the Erika symbol on one of the pillow cases exposed that it was 'Erikaners'. The bags and pillow cases were filled with toilet rolls with which they intended to raid Magrietjie. The Mags ladies teamed up and five 'Erikaners' were showered, after which the toilet rolls were used to build a wall in Erika's foyer with the words '*Vet Let se...*' displayed at the top.

REUNION IN SPRING

In the previous newsletter we invited comments on the possibility of having an Alumni morning session for the ladies who made Magrietjie their home from 1982-1988. Some pink passion was unleashed as several ladies responded to the idea, however many indicated that they do not live close by to be able to attend. We are now extending our request to alumni who stayed in Magrietjie between 1989 and 1999 to become part of our anticipated morning session. A Saturday morning at 10:00 on 21 August 2010 is planned - more detail in the next newsletter. Our archive will also be open for viewing. If you are considering attending the morning tea, please e-mail us at magrietjie@up.ac.za to indicate your interest.

Till next time in *GrietGriet* in July 2010...

