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From left to right:  
Roxane, Eileen & Madeleen



Madeleen Wienand (née Winter) in 1990

## OLD MAGRIETJIES MEET THE NEW SPIKKELS!

Following our November 2010 newsletter, one of our most loyal old Magrietjies, Madeleen Wienand (née Winter), send us an email asking: "How about an invitation to visit your new Spikkels in 2011?" To make a long story short - we did just that and invited Madeleen to share in a motivational session scheduled for our new Spikkels during their Orientation programme. Madeleen's passion for Magrietjie rubbed off on other old Magrietjies and finally Madeleen, Roxane Ferreira (née Keeve) and Eileen Blignaut (née Wiechers) (Spikkels of 1987) paid our 2011 Spikkels a special visit. (Also thank you to Valdy Brinkman-Schipper and Chantal Verster who assisted behind the scenes). During their motivational session, they shared their stories of long ago when they were Spikkels and noted that back in those days an instrument called a cellphone did not exist. They had to write letters or queue to use the pay phones on the different floors. The Spikkels of 2011 were pretty amazed as nowadays all they use are blackberries and they are even able to send emails which take only a few seconds.



The 3 visiting ladies had a very special surprise for all the Spikkels in the form of Magrietjie-branded cupcakes which not only looked amazing, but tasted even better. Each HK member was also spoilt with a bouquet of pink roses, as well as strawberries and champagne at a separate event after the inspirational session. Here, the HK shared some of their ideas with the old Magrietjies and received valuable input from these wise ladies. The Spikkels also tried hard to impress the old Magrietjie ladies by performing one of the songs from the lenk melodienk show, singing the Magrietjie house song and finally 'huppeling' to demonstrate that the longstanding tradition still holds. And if that wasn't enough, the new Spikkels even inspired the "old ladies" to 'knikkel and skitter' (see photo above).

Madeleen sent the following email after their visit to Magrietjie: "Dear Mags Team. Thank you so much for allowing us the opportunity to share this evening with you. I left Magrietjie feeling inspired and energized with the full knowledge that all of us that had the privilege of being part of Magrietjie, were really part of something much bigger than ourselves. Thank you for honouring our traditions with such enthusiasm and for instilling a sense of pride and belonging in each of your first years. You are a great team with great potential and I look forward in anticipation to reading of all your incredible achievements in each newsletter. If I can be of any assistance, kindly do not hesitate to contact me."

Ed: Madeleen, we can honestly say your willingness to make a difference in Magrietjie was a humbling experience for us! Thank you!





## IENKMELODIENK

After only one week of being a Spikkel, the new first years performed in a singing and dancing competition IENKMELODIENK. Definately one of the best times for the Spikkels. This year the theme was, wait for it..... Candy Land! - all things sweet just like our Spikkels. After many hours of practice the Spikkels got to show off their dancing skills to the rest of Tuks in the amphi teatre. We are very proud of our Spikkels and they sure lived up to the Magrietjie name. Well done ladies, you made us proud.



Ienkmelodienk 2011

## DRASTOEL WINNERS...AGAIN

On the 8th of February 2011 the drastoel competition took place. Despite the heat wave in Pretoria, the ladies beat the odds and once again claimed the Drastoel winner's cup for 2011! It just shows that the 5 o'clock practices paid off! When the ladies dressed in special pink T-shirts approached the finishing line, adrenalin rushed through our bodies with excitement. We would like to congratulate the ladies for keeping the cup in Magrietjie, where it belongs. Also thank you to Portia Mmenu, Sport HK, for her hard work and dedication.



Drastoel 2011

Below is a photo of one of the running teams in the 1990 Magrietjie drastoel. This shows that Magrietjie has always had an aim to win and we are trying to maintain that winning spree.



Drastoel 1990

## RAG BOAT FLOAT

So we eventually did need 'Man Power' as we teamed up with the best day house ever, Vividus Men, for an unforgettable Rag Week. This combination gave birth to our Rag name namely MAGSIDUS. This year the theme for the Rag float was 'Memorable Moments in time'. Our float focused on Jan van Riebeeck as he made history in 1652. His arrival in South Africa was portrayed with a Jan van Riebeeck statue on a rocking boat (it seriously looked like the boat was actually at sea). Concerning the limited time to get the float ready it looked AMAZING and we would like to congratulate the Rag HK Team (Frances, Stefanie and the RAG committee) for doing an excellent job. Everyone had fun especially with the Vividus men keeping us motivated!



## IENKATHLETICS & SPIRIT CUP

Ienkathletics is one of the biggest events on the 1st year calendar, with all the athletes showing off their talents on the athletics track. The Spikkels competed in events such as running, jumping and of course the best part of all, the singing. We once again claimed the Spirit cup with pride and that's all thanks to the supporters who sang their hearts out. The Spikkel supporters were full of energy and they did a wonderful job, despite their being very tired after a stressful Orientation week. Overall the athletes did well and we are very proud of our Spikkels as well as the HK relay team with their win.



Spikkel supporters

HK relay team





## Did you know?

2012 is Festival Year in Magrietjie! Yippieeee! Yes, we are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday! Please prepare to join in the fun. To ensure we have a successful Festival Year, we need to track down all old Magrietjies. Please inform any old Magrietjies you know to register their contact details on our website. Go to [www.up.ac.za/magrietjie](http://www.up.ac.za/magrietjie) and click on Alumni OR drop us an e-mail. Thanks to Madeleen Wienand who assisted in locating over 30 old Magrietjies which we added to our database!

## In Memorium



Carla Fragoso (photo above), Magrietjie in 2007-2009 got ill while on holiday in Mozambique in December 2010. She was admitted to hospital as soon as they returned to Pretoria in January 2011. She was declared brain dead a few days later. We will always remember Carla as a kind and loving Magrietjie with a big heart and warm smile. She was the top honours student in her class of 2010 in BCom Communication Management. Our prayers are with her husband (Karim Amade) and her family.

## In the next GrietGriet

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- What happened to the 2<sup>nd</sup> house parents of Maarietjie?



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## WHO ARE THE NEW MAXIE RESIDENTS?

After living in the Magrietjie main building for a period of five years, the house parents vacated their flat on floor 2 and moved to Maxie during January of this year. Maxie was upgraded with a new kitchen and a fresh coat of paint. With Maxie now serving as the new residence for the house parents, the six senior ladies who used to be accommodated in Maxie, now stay in the 'old' flat of the house parents on floor 2 of the main building. Now visits at the house parents are much nicer because it really feels like visiting home. Rommel (the house parents' dog and Magrietjie's favourite) also enjoys having a piece of lawn to himself. By the way... Rommel's diet is coming along just fine because ladies can't throw scraps of food from their window to him on the balcony anymore.

## A CLEAN OOM PAUL



A visit to the archive room is interesting, as you always find something fascinating about Magrietjie and all her achievements. In the Perdeby of the 4th of March 1983, Magrietjie and her Rag partner Boekenhout, did quite a good deed for Rag by cleaning the statue of Paul Kruger on Church Square. Obviously Paul Kruger was very impressed with the cleaning operation as he is constantly being bombarded by the many pigeons in and around Church Square. We don't know what he looks like now, so maybe Magrietjie must pay him another visit...

## FROM OUR TREASURE CHEST

Martmeri Roos (HK: Culture Internal & Marketing of 2009) wrote to congratulate Magrietjie with all their achievements in 2010. She also says: "SO happy that all is well in Magrietjie. I can never wait to read the next Griet-Griet!"

*Ed: Thanks Mart - hope you enjoy this Griet-Griet.*

Annerie Marais (née du Plessis), Vice-Primaria and First Year Guardian of 2002 wrote to say that it is fantastic to see Magrietjie grow and prosper! Not to forget MaerGrietjie who remains young and pretty! She expressed the hope that the 30 year Magrietjie reunion will be big.

*Ed: Annerie - we want to go big on our 30<sup>th</sup> and hope to see you at the reunion!*

## Reflection by Madeleen Wienand on their visit to the Spikkels:

"On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2011, two other old Magrietjies and I had the privilege of meeting the Spikkels of 2011 and their vivacious HK members. I could call Roxane Ferreira and Eileen Blignaut old, but that would be scandalously wrong, taking into consideration their beautiful and youthful appearances. For a moment, I considered calling them erstwhile Magrietjies, but taking into consideration the experience I am sharing with you, that would be an error of gigantic proportions. It seems that once a Magrietjie, always a Magrietjie. After talking to



the Spikkels we were spoiled and entertained by a very convincing mass huppel on the 'aanloopbaan' and lets face it, those girls can 'knikkel and skitter' with the best of the best. Wow! That brought back a million memories. They greeted each of us with a thundering chorus of 'LIEFSTE JUFFROU'. Lastly, we all sang the house song together.

It is heart-warming that despite various changes in the world over the years, the Magrietjie culture and practices are still upheld with pride and a bubbling joyfulness. Like it becomes women of our ilk, we celebrated afterwards with the members of the HK and house parents. We raised our glasses of champagne to Magrietjie, ...yesterday, today and tomorrow! They told us about the things they were doing and what they planned for RAG. What touched my heart most of all was that these young women were clearly not worried about the huge amount of money they had to collect, but on the happiness and joy their efforts would bring to the less fortunate. Winning the drastoel competition was also high on the agenda. How lucky we were to be part of this.

Having enjoyed a moment in history, our own as well as that of the Magrietjies of 2011, all three of us left with huge smiles on our faces and lots of beautiful 'do you remember' in our hearts."

*Till July for the next GrietGriet...*

