



## OLD JOHANNIAN ASSOCIATION



### Newsletter - December 2011

The past year has seen the Association go from strength to strength, thanks to the hard work put in by the Committee and the team of Heather, Lauren and Sandra in the office.

We welcome all the 2012 matrics into our ranks as they leave St John's College.

Gaudy Day 2012 is on the 30<sup>th</sup> June and the Annual Dinner will be on the Friday 29<sup>th</sup> in Darragh hall. Please diarise these dates and make sure you get your table bookings in early to avoid disappointment. The reunion years will be 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002. Please refer to the list of reunion organisers with contact details below should you wish to attend.

If you are travelling over the holidays please travel safely and we wish everyone happy holidays. The Old Johannian Association Committee would like to take the opportunity to wish all our members, their families and loved ones a very blessed and peaceful Christmas, and a wonderful prosperous 2012.

#### EVENT REMINDER

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##### **SAN FRANCISCO GET-TOGETHER**

Roger Cameron will be attending the International Boys School Coalition in San Francisco in January 2012. While he is there, he would love to meet up with any Old Boys living in San Francisco for an informal get-together and drinks!

If you happen to be in the area at that time (either living in San Francisco or passing through on business or vacation), please make a point of attending as it would be great to reminisce with other St John's Old Boys.

**Date:** 16 January 2012

**Venue:** Foley's

**Address:** 243 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, 94102.  
Corner of Powell, and O'Farrel is the nearest intersection, right off Union Square.

**Website:** [www.johnnyfoleys.com](http://www.johnnyfoleys.com)

**Time:** 17h00

**Rsvp:** Please send your rsvp to Lauren Dicks: [dicks@stjohnscollege.co.za](mailto:dicks@stjohnscollege.co.za) or [lauren@oja.co.za](mailto:lauren@oja.co.za)

## OLD JOHANNIAN ASSOCIATION REUNIONS 2012

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The following reunions are scheduled to take place in 2012. Please contact the following organisers should you wish to attend these reunions. Alternatively contact Lauren Dicks at the Old Johannian Association on 011 645 3016 or e-mail her at [lauren@oja.co.za](mailto:lauren@oja.co.za) or [dicks@stjohnscollege.co.za](mailto:dicks@stjohnscollege.co.za)

Year	Organiser	Contact details
1962	Ian Popplewell	<a href="mailto:ian@swimrite.co.za">ian@swimrite.co.za</a>
1972	Rob Newsome	<a href="mailto:barbaraann@absamail.co.za">barbaraann@absamail.co.za</a> or <a href="mailto:rob.newsome@za.pwc.com">rob.newsome@za.pwc.com</a>
1982	Phillip Myburgh	<a href="mailto:pmyburgh@brait.com">pmyburgh@brait.com</a> or <a href="mailto:pmyburgh@mezzpartners.com">pmyburgh@mezzpartners.com</a>
1987	Mike Gill	<a href="mailto:mgill@aosparnter.com">mgill@aosparnter.com</a>
1992	Roger Stubbs	<a href="mailto:roger.stubbs@kathea.co.za">roger.stubbs@kathea.co.za</a>
2002	Scott Malan	<a href="mailto:malan@stjohnscollege.co.za">malan@stjohnscollege.co.za</a>

## OLD BOY NEWS

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### 1) Demetri Catrakilis (2007 – Fleming)

Demetri plays for Western Province and made his Currie Cup debut from the substitute's bench against Griquas at Newlands. He has played a further ten Currie Cup matches including the recent semi-finals against the Lions.

*Right - Demetri in control of the ball with the support of Brok Harris in the recent 1<sup>st</sup> round Currie Cup Match where Demetri was voted man of the match in their victory against the Lions at Newlands, Cape Town. (WP 28-26 Lions, 19 August 2011)*



### 2) Chris Froome (2003 - Nash)

Chris Froome attended St John's College from 2000 to 2003 where he developed his passion for road cycling. He was a boarder in Nash house. He went on to spend two years cycling for the Italian based Barloworld team, with whom he competed in his first Tour de France in 2008.

After the demise of Team Barloworld, Chris joined the British based Team Sky where he has been working his way up the team hierarchy for the past 2 years. This year however, Chris had a breakthrough performance at the Vuelta Espagna, where he not only aided his team leader Bradley Wiggins to a 3rd place finish on the final podium in Madrid but went one better to come 2nd himself.



The Vuelta Espagna is similar to the Tour de France in that it is raced over 21 stages, 3 weeks and almost 3500km in distance. Only 13 seconds separated Chris and the eventual race winner Jaun Jose Cobo from Spain. The two riders battled head to head to what was arguably one of the most exciting Grand Tour finales.

The highlight of Chris' Vuelta was winning Stage 17 which ended up the steep slopes of Pegna Cabarga in Northern Spain.

Chris has now re-signed with Team Sky for a further 3 years and hopes to shift his focus to the Tour de France in 2012.

Read more about Chris' professional cycling career and profile page on Team Sky's website: [http://www.teamsky.com/profile/0,27291,17543\\_6638000,00.html](http://www.teamsky.com/profile/0,27291,17543_6638000,00.html)

### 3) Andrew Duvenage (1999 - Alston)



On 12 November 2011, Andrew Jonathan Duvenage (Matric 99 and current treasurer of OJA) and Colleen Oliva Lawson (St Mary's 2001) tied the knot in a very intimate ceremony at the St John's main chapel. The ceremony was conducted by Bishop Duncan Buchanan.

Colleen looked beautiful and relaxed whilst walking down the aisle to live renditions of David Gray played by a local guitarist, James Hendrey (old boy from 1994). Around 150 of Johannesburg's finest gathered to watch the momentous occasion and a number of old boys from a variety of years were in attendance.

The ceremony was very light-hearted; and after being pronounced man and wife the Duvenages's made their own tradition and exchanged a quick "high Five" at the altar.

After the ceremony, the bridal party took advantage of the school's grounds for a photo shoot against the backdrop of Sir Herbert Baker's architecture. Guests quenched their thirst on a very warm day with drinks in the David Quad and then slowly made their way to IL Gardinio at 44 Stanley for the reception. The reception was held in an open court yard where guests enjoyed glasses of champagne and delicious snacks while enjoying the fresh summer's air.

At around 7pm, guests gathered in the main hall for dinner and speeches. The hall was beautifully decorated with white candles and roses. Guests were seated on three long tables and

matching benches that gave a very warm traditional feel to the evening. Rob Lawson, the father of the bride made a speech to tremendous applause and welcomed his new son-in-law into the Lawson family. Rob Fox (old boy 1998), the best man, humoured the crowd with some stories of Andrew's past indiscretions and stories from his youth.

Andrew started off his speech in his normal calm and deliberate manner and began to recite a speech that was clearly well prepared and thought out. About half way through his speech he was thrown a little off guard when one of his esteemed guests decided to grab his speech, rip it up and eat it! Andrew being the quick thinker and well educated man he is, still managed to deliver a fantastic speech despite the setback and only forgot to thank a few crucial members of his family for attending.

After the speeches were finished, guests enjoyed a great party into the early hours of the morning. All in all the wedding and after party was a tremendous success and enjoyed by all. We wish Andrew and Colleen a happy and long life together and best wishes for the birth of their son and first child in March 2012.

*-Rob Fox*

#### 4) Dexter Moren (1970 – Clark)



#### **We congratulate DMA on winning the Hotel Designer/ Architect of the Year Award**

Dexter Moren Associates was announced Hotel Designer / Architect / Constructor of the Year at the International Hotel Investment Forum (IHIF) Awards, held at a ceremony at London's Hilton Metropole Hotel on Tuesday 1st November 2011.

The awards celebrate and recognise the "best in class in Europe", voted for by several thousand senior figures within the European Hotel Industry.

"DMA are delighted to win this award and we wish to extend our appreciation & thanks to our clients, our team and all those who voted for us" said Dexter Moren.

Andrew Sangster, editor of Hotel Analyst and chairman of the judging panel commented: "The judges said Dexter Moren Associates was the best concept architect practice in the sector."

The Hotel Designer / Architect of the Year award is given to the practice that has demonstrated the best value added work around hotel investment. Factors taken into consideration were the ability to overcome unique challenges, provide creative solutions to problems and deliver value enhancement to clients, as well as work that contributes to the wider hotel investment community.

### Community Service 2011

This has been a very productive year for St John's College in terms of community service. Every boy is required to do 18 hours of community service throughout the year. These were some of the highlights:

- Two community service camps at Kloofwaters where 41 boys collectively served the community for 1312 hours. Jobs undertaken ranged from upgrading facilities at rural schools in the area to cleaning up the environment.
- Monica Rowe, a SJC mom initiated the after school project at H.A Jack Primary. It involved 52 boys from the College as well as some Six Form boys and girls who ran an after school project for three weeks during the August break. They coached sports, taught crafts, read books, danced, sang and tutored students from the school.
- Rev Matubatuba accompanies boys three afternoons a week, 14:00 – 16:00. They visit Little Eden, Noah's Arch and Nazareth House to lend a helping hand.
- The Johannesburg Zoo is a favourite amongst many of our boys. During the April holidays we had 58 boys working there.

### Clothing4Children

During November 2010, Clothing4Children was founded when Schalk Burger challenged the boys of St John's to collect clothing for the disadvantaged communities in Johannesburg.

At the first collection 520 bags and 290 shoe boxes were collected to the value of R1,7 million. Thereafter, during the first phase of collection, a further 15 schools participated on a national basis including schools like Laerskool Jan Celliers, Grey College, Oranje Meisieskool, Paarl Gymnasium, Hoerskool Waterkloof and St Mary's School for Girls Waverley.

These 16 schools collected a total of 30,674 bags (206 tons) amounting to R93,19 million. These bags were distributed by the churches located in the school communities. It was found to be time consuming and costly to do each collection on a separate basis.

Due to these shortfalls, it was decided that the next phase of collection would be done mobilizing a large number of schools within a limited time frame. In order to achieve this goal, the Blue Bulls Rugby Union was approached and a partnership was formed. The Blue Bulls Rugby Union assisted Clothing4Children in mobilizing 41 schools in and around the Pretoria/Tswane metropol.



The culmination of this effort was on the 17 September 2011 at Loftus Versfeld when the Blue Bulls played Western Province.

During this 6 week period over 51,000 learners participated, collecting 55,290 bags (382 tons) to the value of R165,87 million. These bags were stacked on a 50m X 100m X 1m high clothing field behind the Northern Pavillion.

Clothing4Children partnered with Turn the Tide for children (Rev Martin Deacon), and together all the churches in Pretoria were mobilized to distribute the collected clothes to the 1,2 million desperately needy people in region. This brought the total collection to 85,964 bags (588 tons) worth R257,892million to date.

Please visit [www.clothing4children.org](http://www.clothing4children.org) for further details.

*-Schalk Burger*

## SPORTS

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### OJ's vs Prep cricket match – 19 November 2011



The Old Boys Cricket Day has long been a highlight of Old Johannian annual sports events and this year proved to be no different. The event was held on Saturday 19 November and saw the Old Johannians take on the St. John's Preparatory School 1stX1 and 2ndX1 teams.

For the OJ's, the day serves as a great opportunity to put on the old cricket kit and spend the day reliving school memories. In fact, many of the OJ's had played in the very same fixture when they had attended the Prep.

Both games were played in great spirit and the results went down to the wire.

The Old Johannian Club hosted the post-match celebrations, where five outstanding 1stX1 Prep players were awarded Old Johannian Awards of Excellence and congratulated for their contribution to Prep cricket. For many of them, it was to be the last game of cricket they would play before leaving the Prep School.



Thanks goes out to all who were involved in making the day a success and ensuring that the Old Boys Cricket Day continues to be a celebration of the strong connection that runs throughout the entire St. John's Community.

### **Water polo**

OJ Eagles have continued with the success they have experienced since the clubs inception in 2001. By winning the Old Ed's National Short-Course Water Polo championships for a sixth time this year, they have once again cemented their position as South Africa's number one club team.



The OJ Eagles have no less the two teams in the Gauteng Premier League. With a first and second place finish in last year's Premier League, the high flying Eagles continued with their separation policy of their teams. They split the senior and junior (school boys) players into two equal teams, so that the senior players and juniors all have an equal opportunity to play at South Africa's highest level.

Currently, the OJ Eagles P2 team is leading the Gauteng Premier League, two points ahead of the OJ Eagles P1 team, who lost to the P2 team 9 - 8 in the derby of the season. OJ Eagles still have the highest number of South African Water Polo players and South African Junior Water Polo players, along with an almost unending list of Gauteng representatives at school boy level.

The future looks very bright for the soaring Eagles with a new world class facility built by their host school St John's College. With this complex, they will be able to get their junior development league going and this should see the club grow to new heights.

*-Pierre Le Roux  
St Johns College Sports Department*

## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS:

Our St John's boys excelled in many of the sports this year, and below are two examples of what was achieved. Well done to our boys!

### 2011 Gauteng Schools Rowing Championships (Oct 2011)

St John's College was crowned Gauteng champions for the first time in their eleven-year rowing history. St Benedict's College has held this title since 1994. After two days of close competition in a variety of events, the outcome was still hanging in the balance, with the main race being the event to clinch the title, namely the prestigious boys' Open 1st Eights.

The St John's senior crew pulled out all the stops, bringing the overall title home in fine style when they led from start to finish, ahead of six competitors. A total of 19 schools and clubs participated in the championship, eight of which were boys' schools.



*Andrew Morgan, Laurence Nel, Michael Papas, Nicholas Greeff, Barry McNeice, Dimitri Theofanidis, Matthew Wolfe, Jason McNeil (Cox), Jamie Odgers*

### St Stithians Water Polo National Tournament (Oct 2011)

St John's College Water polo players are this year's champions!



*Back:*

*Luke Penney, Nicholas Martin, Ivan Karlovic, Wesley Antonites, Charlie Verwer, Jarryd Stevenson, Julian Cowper and Devon Henson*

*Front:*

*Nardus Badenhorst, Nicholas McLaughlin, Alex Kuttschreuter, Brett van Staden, Roarke Olver, Vlad Trninic, Dan Trninic and Neil Vosloo*

**"In Flanders Fields the poppies  
blow.....between the crosses,  
row on row"**

*-John McCrae*

The Poppy of Flanders is each year a symbol of remembrance – the white poppy turned red by the blood of sacrifice...



On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November we remembered all Old Johannians who lost their lives in time of war and conflict. But our remembrance also went out to all those in the St John's community who had lost loved ones.

Many Old Johannians gathered in the Chapel, which is a War Memorial to St John's, and took the time to pause and reflect and give thanks.

We thank Roy Fury for laying the wreath on behalf of the Old Boy – and for standing in acknowledgement to the last post.

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## EAGLE AWARDS

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The Eagle Award Ceremony was held the day before Gaudy Day at the beginning of July this year. At the Eagle Award Ceremony 75 boys and girls received an Eagle Award for completing a five-day community service project.

At the same ceremony two Old Johannians, Professor John Pettifor (1962 - Thomson) and Mr Clive Rice (1966 - Thomson) received Eagle Awards for their service to the wider community. Professor Pettifor has spent his life serving in the medical community with a research specialisation in bone disease. He has worked at Baragwanath Hospital for much of his life. Mr Clive Rice led South African cricket out of isolation as the first Protea's Captain in a test match against India.

The school prayer written by Father Nash eloquently set out our purpose for St John's boys that they should be *"rightly trained in body, mind and character to serve Thee well in Church and State"*. Every boy at St John's has an obligation to begin the process of service to others through a requirement to do 18 hours of community service every year.

The Eagle Award and President's Award are rewards for a basic requirement of every St John's pupil. It is, we hope, a beginning of a life-long attitude that we find our value and worth when we

give of our time, talent and treasure to help others. Charity needs to be a good characteristic in the lives of all who are part of our St John's Community.

*-Roger Cameron  
Headmaster*

## **OBITUARIES**

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- Johann Strauss (1963 - Hill) – passed away 11 November 2011
- Meme Walker – passed away 25 October 2011

## **OLD JOHANNIAN CLUB**

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The Old Johannian Association governing committee and I thank Mark Van Der Griendt for his hard work and input over the past two years during his tenure as Chairman of the Old Johannian Club. Mark will continue to serve on the Governing committee of the Association and we look forward to many more years of his input and guidance.

The club is still in the hands of Mandy and Kim who continue to serve the community. The club this year has been the chosen venue for many of the reunion dinners and get-togethers, as well as hosting drinks before the OJA dinner which is held in Darragh Hall on the evening prior to Gaudy day.

Gaudy Day was also particularly busy again this year with the OJ rugby players hosting KES and many of their supporters to drinks and a bite to eat after their great battle on Burger field. This is a great tradition and speaks of the true relationship between our schools based on a tradition of fair play and good sportsmanship; many friendships were rekindled and a good many drinks were consumed.

Every Friday our club, through KMS, hosts a Harvest Table served at Lunch time – this is well worth a visit! The food is always superb. Also the "Cake Table" is a daily indulgence with a wonderful spread of decadence. This will continue into 2012.



The Christmas Market held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 was a very successful day once again, with some thirty exhibitors.

The Johannian Wine Club is a great place to learn about the different Wine Estates that this country has to offer! Come and spend an enjoyable evening with us. These dates will be advised on the website throughout 2012.

We have made available, from the club, a boutique wine with an Old Johannian label. The wine is a Sauvignon Blanc and is a delicious, easy drinking wine that comes from the grapes of the Klein Dassenberg farm in Franschoek. It is described as an elegant wine with crisp and flinty fresh mineral qualities with a distinct passion fruit flavour. A percentage of profits from sales are paid directly into the OJA bursary fund.

The Committee has embarked on a programme of renovation and upkeep that started just prior to Gaudy Day and will continue for the next four months. We ask for and thank you for your patience in this regard. We extend grateful thanks and recognition to Irene Maxton who has given much time and expertise in order to improve and maintain the club gardens. We look forward to summer when we will see the true fruits of her labour.

The Seattle Coffee shop at the club provides a place for parents, staff and boys to be able to get a quick coffee of choice to kick off their day. Please remember that all profits from this venture go directly to our bursary fund. The shop opens from 07h00 each morning Monday to Friday and on selected weekends.

Please remember that we have a service comment card system in place at the club which is made available in order to assist management to address requests or requirements that you may have. Please ask for a card at the club or feel free to contact me directly should you wish to discuss any pertinent issue. My email address is [damian@adsat.co.za](mailto:damian@adsat.co.za).

We have revised some of the club rules. Please acquaint yourself with them when next you make use of your club.

We have installed a point of sale system in an effort to deliver on-going improved service. Finally we ask members to check their subs account that may be due to the club and we thank you for your support.

Please consider us when planning your next function whether it is for work or family, we really do rely on your support.

Note: the club will be closed from Sunday 11 Dec and will re-open Tuesday 10 January 2012.

*-Damian Boyce  
Club Chairman 2011*

*Club Committee 2011: Ed Ward, Dave Patricios, Mitch Mackay, Craig Macfarlane, Mark Van Der Griendt, Anthony Futter*

#### **DATES TO DIARISE - 2012**

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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
San Francisco OJ get-together	16 January
Rugby festival	Easter weekend
Golf day	28 June
Annual dinner	29 June
Gaudy Day	30 June
On the Night	29 September
Remembrance Day Service	7 November
Combined Carol Service	11 November

### **OJA Memorabilia**

We have a variety of ties, cufflinks, rugby jerseys and many other items of memorabilia for sale at the school shop. Please contact the shop at [shop@stjohnscollege.co.za](mailto:shop@stjohnscollege.co.za).

### **OJA Website**

Please visit the website for more information on the events and happenings taking place with the OJA – [www.oja.co.za](http://www.oja.co.za).

You are also welcome to join us on:



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