



From our Office.

Bev McCarthy has recently joined The Grey Foundation in the position of Fundraising Coordinator. Bev was the Campaign Coordinator at St Andrew's College in Grahamstown for 15 years, having worked on their R42m Jubilee 150 campaign and subsequent R50m Academic Excellence campaign.

Prior to this, Bev was the Foundations & Trusts Manager at Rhodes University's Development Division for 5 years. She has a vast experience and great knowledge of fundraising, marketing and communications, social media and website development and maintenance, particularly in the educational sector. She has a passion for education and considers herself a change agent when it comes to improving systems, processes and relationships with stakeholders. She is able to do extensive research and develop fundraising and communications plans according to strategic objectives.

Her high standard of professionalism and strong analytical skills enable her to build The Grey Foundation into a sustainable and dependable source of alternative income for The Grey Schools.

"I am delighted to join the Grey family and look forward to building relationships with all benefactors and stakeholders. It is imperative that outstanding schools such as Grey are supported by their communities in a way that not only allows the school to continue its level of excellence, but to enable the school to produce well-rounded young men who can make a difference in the world. The school motto 'Tria Juncta in Uno' fittingly encapsulates this vision" – Bev McCarthy

We wish Bev well. This is just the thing we have needed to raise the bar at the Grey Foundation. She will be totally dedicated to the task and we call upon all Old Greys to whole heartedly support her efforts.

Old Greys' Union Annual General Meeting – Election of Committee.

The Old Greys' Union Committee for the year ahead reflects little change from the old committee but we are pleased to welcome an infusion of new blood. Art van Rensburg ('98) and Peter Simmons ('96) have joined and their new ideas and enthusiasm will certainly add to the deliberations. Peter is an architect who has recently moved back to Port Elizabeth after spending several years in London. The Committee is:

David Hurr (President), Gary Sim (Vice –President), Richard Gillies (Treasurer), Sid Gowar (Secretary) , Bryan Knox (Past President), Scott Rollo, Brett Weddell, Grant Jennings, Mike Swanepoel, Art van Rensburg and Peter Simmons. Executive Manager Lauren Malan serves in her position on the Committee.

Bennie Ossher- Our oldest Old Grey.

Following the death of Dr. Denzil Levy last year we were not aware that Bennie was in actual fact our oldest old Grey. He celebrated his 100th birthday on 30 May. We had been under the impression that Mel Baker ('38) residing in Bedford had assumed the mantle of our oldest old boy. Congratulations to Bennie and may you still continue to enjoy life.

Bennie only spent a year at Grey High having come to us in from Grey Junior. He left at the end of 1933 and had he matriculated he would have been of the Class of 1936. His admission card reveals only his mother and that she was a dressmaker. Times must have been tough in those depression years but Bennie made good. There are many who recall this gym which he ran successfully in Newton Park. He was way ahead of his time in providing this type of facility before the advent of the more fancied franchised establishments of the present day.

He opened his first gym in Central in 1947 and he has outlived his wife Phyllis and two of his sons Jeffrey and Brent. His remaining son lives in Israel. Bennie is clear of mind and despite having a bad knee is in good spirits.

Old Grey Membership.

Please open the link below should you wish to avail yourself of the statistics which define our membership. We have divided it by both region and age and some obvious insights can be made in that-

1. 42% of our membership resides in the Eastern Cape and there is a strong representation in both the Western Cape and in Gauteng. This confirms the fact that folk leave Port Elizabeth rather than come to it!
2. In terms of age analysis those who matriculated prior to 1970 comprise 30% of our membership. Those who followed in the 1970's and 1980's also contribute significantly and there is no doubt the older the membership the bigger the number. This we well understand as a vast majority of those leaving school for the first 10 years thereafter have other priorities in life. This may include seeing the world, finding a job and establishing their careers and bringing up a family. Dare we say that when their offspring become of school going age that serious consideration is taken to finding good schooling and an interest surfaces in returning to their old school!

[Membership](#)

Siya Kolisi's finest hour!

Old Greys globally must have been very proud to see Siya lead on our National side at Ellis Park to play England in the first of three rugby internationals between England and South Africa. It was a tremendous victory and when all seemed to be lost in the first 20 minutes of the first half the team regained their composure and achieved a stunning 42-39 victory! Much has been written of the exploits and success in which we as his old school share in reflected glory.

A second victory was to follow a week later in Bloemfontein but as much as we would have liked to have a clean sweep we lost the third test at Newlands in Cape Town. We wish him well as he leads a side that is being rebuilt and with his ability and leadership it bodes well for our Springboks.

He has always been very forthcoming when he has addressed the school assembly and his presence has been much appreciated. We wish him a long and successful career as Captain of our National rugby XV.

Old Greys and the Comrades Marathon.

Ant Daniels was one of a number of Old Greys who completed the recent Comrades Marathon and in addition to his own time noted other Old Grey participants. See the results below. We are sure that other old boys made the finishing line so please let us have your results and we will acknowledge your achievements.

- Barry Curtin – 1995 – 10h19min
- Ant Daniels – 1989 – 10h29min
- Dave Mason – Grey Junior 1996 – 11h21min

Our sporting Old Greys.

Curwin Bosch ('15) made the starting line- up for the Springbok team in their one off test played in Washington . To be selected at this level is a huge accomplishment and we are sure we are going to see more of him as he establishes his rugby career. He has been destined for higher honors since he came to Grey Junior from Alexandria. We are very proud of Siya and Curwin's achievements and we wish both well.

Congratulations to Johan Botha ('05) who has been appointed coach of the Guyana Amazon Warriors taking part in the 2018 Hero Caribbean Premier League which runs from 8 August to 16 September. Johan has had extensive overseas cricketing experience and took 126 wickets for South Africa.

Well done to David Masterson ('16) on being named Player of the Year by the Madibaz Cricket Club (NMMU). He had an outstanding season scoring consistently and averaging 68, 37 runs in making a total of 547 runs for the period. This culminated in David being selected for the Warriors Academy team.

Bravo to Christopher Reid ('14) of the University of Alabama for being named in the Dean's List. This university has more than 12000 students so this is an exceptional achievement. Chris is studying abroad and is at the same time advancing his swimming career.

Murray Schepers ('17) has been awarded his national junior colours in squash and will be participating in the U19 World Junior Championships that are being held in India next month. Murray is presently studying Electrical Engineering at the University of Pretoria and is their No.1 ranked squash player. Well done!

We salute Matthew Breetzke ('16) on being chosen as the SA U19 Cricketer of The Year. He has had a wonderful season. He made 300 runs in five innings against the West Indies and scored 243 runs in four innings in the Tri-Series played against England and Namibia. At the World Cup played in New Zealand he made 203 runs in six innings and had an average of 53 runs including two centuries. A phenomenal performance!

Age will always overcome! Wade Pretorius ('04) playing for Mowbray Bowling Club in the recently held national championships which were played in Port Elizabeth came up against Myron Sandwick ('50) of the PE Bowls Club. Myron rose to the occasion and on the last end edged out Wade to end Mowbray's hope of further participation. Bowls is a wonderful game bringing together age and experience and these two Old Goys had a great game.

News from our Old Greys.

Congratulations to Emlyn Flint ('05) on his success in the Young Analysts Awards where for the third consecutive year he achieved top position in the Non Equity section. The awards are convened by the CFA Society. His paper entitled "Regime Based Tactical Allocation for Equity Factors and Balanced Portfolios" was very highly rated.

Johan Benade ('09) is an enthusiastic and experienced mountaineer. He has recently climbed the 5000 metre high Mount Salcantay in Peru and also in Peru, Machu Picchu which is known as one of "The Wonders of the World". He also just missed very luckily by three days the eruption of Acatenango and Volcano de Feugo in Guatemala but managed to come away with some incredible shots of this active volcano.

Former Woodwork Master Neil Anderson has related an amusing incident from the time of that production called "One for The Pot" which took place in 1966. We referred to it in our last issue. He said that Jacques van Onselen who produced the drama asked him to create the stage to which he duly obliged. He thought he was going to be asked to coach a rugby side! Building the set was a problem as the stage sloped and this led to various issues which were bandied about as only being "minor problems" The cast and set builders set about dealing with these "minor problems" without a hitch. Dave Godden ('66) on returning for his 50th Reunion two years ago met Neil and who promptly greeted him saying "It is a minor problem". Much laughter followed!

Gavin Cowley ('71) whose sporting achievements are legendary is also an author. His latest book entitled "The Cowley's- from Derbyshire to Plettenburg Bay" is a family history on which he spent 14 years to both research and compile a labor of love!

Robert Fowlds ('61) has settled into a residential estate on a wine farm near Stellenbosch. This is after many years spent in Durban where he established a major manufacturing business. Both he and his wife Angela are doing a lot of travelling and they found Iran a most interesting destination

Train Trips.

Iain Judd ('67) sent us a rather amusing account of trips made in his day where for his sins he was appointed by Rector Stan Edkins to act as a monitor. His duty was to report back to him on the behaviour of the Grey boys on his train. In this instance it was the Johannesburg Express which left promptly each day at 15:00hrs with first stop being Alicedale to there connect with the incoming Grahamstown train carrying its contingent from Graeme College and Victoria Girls High.

Iain mentioned that certain collusion existed between these appointed train monitors and it was agreed that Rector Edkins at the start of each term would be provided with a standard form of reply on the perceived behaviour of Grey boys. This note simply read-

"The behaviour of the Grey boys on such and such a train was that to be expected from Grey boys"- and duly signed off!

What that statement really meant is open for discussion with the emphasis on the word "expected" but it seemed to serve the purpose and all were happy including Stan!

Follow the link to this article- [Iain Judd - Dundee & Back](#)

Gleanings of History- By Kelly van Niekerk.

Robert MacLeish was Grey's first Headmaster and died at the young age of 29 years. His grave is situated in what is known as "the Scottish Cemetery" which lies behind the Duck Pond Pavilion of the St. Georges Cricket Ground and is adjacent the Port Elizabeth Tennis Club. The first three Grey heads were known as Headmasters before the title of Rector was put in place.

Kelly produced a brochure on the occasion of a class reunion. We have taken the liberty of publishing a page from it in which Kelly described the education of those early days and the establishment of various schools including those that became closely associated with The Grey Institute.

Follow this link to learn and read more of our Founder John Paterson and Sir George Grey who was the then Governor of the Cape Colony - [Gleanings of History](#)

Ed Lunnon's arrival at Grey – January 1984.

Ed is known by an extra-ordinary number of Old Greys. He is a former member of Staff whose wife Pera has taught at Grey Junior for years and whose sons all have left their mark at Grey. We thought we would ask him to relate his first day at Grey and as to what has happened to those young teachers who joined with him! He has written-

The day before the staff commenced their academic year (which was the day before the pupils arrived), all the new members of staff and a few of the senior office-bearers were requested to meet with the then Rector, Dieter (dare we use his first name!) Pakendorf in his office. The Rector's advice to the new teachers was "Don't smile until Easter!"

I remember some 15 chairs had been set out in a circle in the office and one chair remained vacant – Mr Richard Waterfield did not arrive on his first day! I'm not sure where he is today, but his short tenure at the Grey (and in the hostel) provided us with many tales to tell and a smile, a giggle and a hearty laugh. Richard came from England on a rugby tour and stayed a while in a temporary English position.

Another newcomer to the country was (the now late) accomplished musician Robin Small from Zimbabwe. Charles Bryars was there as he was helping out in the Music Department in Robert Selley's place.

There were eight new permanent faces on the staff and a few temporary ones. Keith Crankshaw (Mathematics and Physical Education), well-known in squash and cricketing circles came from UPE, and left teaching in later years "Lured from education into the financially greener fields of the private sector".

The same happened to ED (Eddie) Lunnon (Computer Science) who came from Stellenbosch University via Oudtshoorn and left in 1989 to Pick 'n Pay. From UPE via Oudtshoorn's Infantry School was Andre van Staden (Afrikaans) who later left via Pearson High (Deputy Headmaster and then Headmaster), and is now Rector of Paul Roos Gym in Stellenbosch).

Brian Dill (Science) also did the Stellenbosch, Infantry School route and is now (teaching?) in Cape Town. Mrs J Potgieter joined the Afrikaans Department from the East Cape Development Board.

Michael Thomson – (Neil's brother) (now at Michaelhouse) – joined from Settlers' High School (History and Geography). Temporary teachers taking the place of teachers on long leave (yes, we still got that!) were Mrs H van Rooyen and Mrs S .Jankelowitz.

Then there were teachers who were there, but would only commence in the second term – Mr Ken Ball (later principal of SACS) who was returning to teaching from FORD and two new Vice-Principals – Mr AH (Sammy) Gunn (from Rondebosch and Queens – now retired from Headmaster: Selborne) and Mr Chris Harker from Queens and now retired Queens Headmaster)

Forthcoming events.

2 August- Port Elizabeth Old Greys Seniors Lunch – Grey High School Pavilion – R150pp. Old Boys only

29 August – Port Alfred & Sunshine Coast Old Greys gathering – details to follow

1 November – Annual London Dinner – details to follow

9 November - Remembrance Day Service – Grey High School

Still awaiting confirmation

- Johannesburg Old Greys Dinner
- Johannesburg Old Greys Seniors Lunch
- Durban Old Greys Social Evening
- Cape Town Old Greys function
- Cape Town Old Greys Seniors Lunch

Missing tributes – the Grey Boarding House.

In earlier years, circa 1967, there existed a small plaque on the back wall of the Dining Hall in the hostel. It was in memory of Joseph Knott who died in 1956 from suspected meningitis. He passed away very suddenly and despite flying him to Johannesburg he could not be saved. He was only in grade 10 (Std 8). Joe was from a well known farming family hailing from the Alice District and was among a number of boarders who came to Grey from that area whose parents were associated with Fort Hare University and Lovedale College. Regrettably the plaque was removed in later years and his memory is no longer.

Stefan Ehlers came to Grey in 2011 from Kirkwood where his parents were citrus farmers. On returning home after a Paul Roos Derby Weekend in Stellenbosch he was killed together with his mother in a car accident near Steytleville. They hit a kudu with fatal consequences. His funeral was attended by many Grey boys and the singing, by special request, of “For all The Saints” in the NG Kerk in Kirkwood is recalled to this day by those who attended his funeral.

It would cost very little to once again remember these young Grey men. It is not too late and perhaps the Hostel Committee could consider two small brass plaques to be suitably erected in the Dining Hall?

Grey Junior – a long time ago!

In 1952 Grey Junior produced its own school magazine for the first time. In previous years the activities of Grey Junior were recorded briefly in a few pages afforded by “Big Brother” across the fence in their own annual magazine issue. The Headmaster Mr. Stanley Edwards at the time in penning his editorial was effusive in his praise for the support that the new magazine had received and the revenue income was covered by advertisers who had each sponsored an insertion at the bottom of every page.

Stanley (or Porky as he was known!) wrote further to record that prior 1930 the Std V and V1 classes were all accommodated on the senior campus while the rest of the school was housed at the Grey Institute on the Donkin Reserve. In July of 1930 the new Grey Junior buildings were completed and under Headmaster Mr. Draycott moved in with an enrollment of 400 boys. Numbers increased steadily and by 1951 the welcomed addition of four kindergarten rooms was completed and the school was able to accommodate 600 boys. In 1953 the first intake of grade V1 boys took place at Grey High – a position which is still in place. A new Grey Junior Hostel opened in Park Drive in January 1952 and in later years the hostel establishment was cared for by Mr. Edwards and his wife who was affectionately nicknamed by generations of young boarders as “Petunia!”

In perusing the staffing compliment, it is evident that Grey Junior had then and still has today a long serving loyal staff. By the mid 1960s the likes of Henry Martin, Ossie Osborn, and Misses Wright, Hunt, King, Parnell and Shaw were still about. As one who was taught English by Miss King your Scribe never has forgotten her saying that, “You should not be allowed any chocolate until you can spell the word chocolate!” Needless to say, every one learnt to spell the word “chocolate” quickly!

Halcyon days were they not? No Maths, Latin and a two session school – that was to follow across the fence!

Brian Thiel writes from Australia.

Brian will be remembered by many Old Greys and on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary this year of the Class of 1958 he wrote to former Head boy of that year Ed Hurr recalling his early days at Grey. Please follow this link to read his delightful letter and to reflect on when things were a little bit different- [Brian Thiel - The Grey High School 1958](#)

Deaths.

We sympathize with the families of the following Old Greys who have passed away.

Charles Robinson- Class of 1957.

Charlie will be remembered as an exceptional sportsman and loyal Old Grey. He was present for his 60th Anniversary last year and despite residing in the Free State for many years maintained a close relationship with our office. On occasions such as our Derby weekends played against Grey College in Bloemfontein he would always be in attendance.

Charlie played First XV fullback in 1956 and captained the side in 1957. In 1956 he also captained the First XV in the Centenary game played against Kingswood on the Crusader ground. He played First X1 Cricket in both those years and was a school prefect. He later went on to play for Crusaders and to successfully represent Eastern Province in the years 1959 to 1964 and may be described as a classical fullback. He played for EP against Transvaal in the last game that was played on the Crusader ground on 29 August 1959 before the venue was switched to the new Boet Erasmus Stadium.

In later life he took an active interest in cricketing affairs and became President of the Free State Cricket Union between 1993 and 2006 overseeing the successful transformation of the game in that province. It was a role in which he excelled. He had a successful salt mining process at the aptly named "Sout Pan" situated near Brandfort and harvested salt from these pans which he in turn marketed to the agricultural market.

Ernie Hobbs - Former staff member.

Ernie will be recalled by many of the older generation and has died in Cape Town at the age of 91. He was on the Grey staff and left to join Graeme College when Grey's Deputy Head MC Marais was appointed in the late 1950s as Headmaster at this school. Ernie became the first Headmaster of Settlers High School in Bellville in 1965 and in 1969 he was appointed a school inspector which position he retained until his retirement.

Miss Joy Tribe.

Joy passed away at the age of 90 years having led a very full life. Older Old Greys will remember her as a young and vivacious staff member at Grey Junior in the early 1960s. She went on to become Headmistress of Erica Girls School – a post that she held for 26 years and can be recalled by hundreds of the fairer sex who will mourn her passing.

The final curtain!

This edition as intimated to you in our May issue will be the last penned by me. Thank you once again one and all for your support over the last ten years. It has been a magic ride especially in meeting Old Greys worldwide and being so much part of Grey. I could have wished for no better ending to my career than in spending this time at our "Home of old renown". And with my parting shot allow me to say that "Remember Grey needs you!"
