

## **SHEILA HYMAN**

(Class of 1950)



The Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg has recently honoured one of our Epworthians, Miss Sheila Hyman with a Community Service Award.

In the citation, the Rotary Club paid tribute to “her commitment to the empowerment of previously disadvantaged groups, and the promotion of their self-esteem, thus embodying and epitomizing Rotary’s motto of SERVICE ABOVE SELF.”

For the past 11 years, Sheila has been responsible for the Adult Basic Educational and Training (ABET) project at the Victoria West Literacy Group at which English is taught as an additional language to illiterate adults twice a week.

In addition to this, Sheila initiated a Communication Skills Programme at the Cavern Berg Resort for the entire staff. She has run this for the past 6 years.

Sheila matriculated at Epworth in 1950. In her final year she was appointed a prefect and House Captain for Rhodes, and was an active member of the Debating Society and the Choir.

After a ‘gap’ year during which she travelled overseas, she trained as a teacher at the Natal Training College. In 1953 she was the first student to receive the Silver Medal Award awarded by the College to the best student teacher. She then taught at St Anne’s, St John’s and Epworth, after which she returned to St John’s where she was vice Principal for a number of years.

Apart from these two major interests, Sheila spends one afternoon a week helping the children at the local SOS Children’s home with their homework and is a volunteer at her church’s soup kitchen.

Any time left over in her week is spent playing Bridge