



**EPWORTH IS 113 YEARS YOUNG -3 AUGUST 1898- EPWORTH SCHOOL ENROLLED ITS FIRST PUPILS- ".HAPPY BIRTHDAY EPWORTH!**

"Thank you for the best years of my life! May you continue to inspire young women in years to come!"

**Disebo Makatsa 2002** (Face book message)

Congratulations! **Epworthian Brenda Hulett(Starr)** celebrated her centenary 2 July on with family at Salt Rock.

The year is more than halfway - many of you will have noticed that we have been using our Epworth Epworthians Face book site frequently to flash news and results- some may prefer a more leisurely "read" – you haven't been forgotten.

**Reunion news- as the planning and tracing for decade reunions in 2012 starts I'd like to share news of this years reunions.**

This year we celebrated 70 years in Scottsville- the move from town took place in 1941-yes; our Art Deco buildings date back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War. . The rain did not dampen spirits of our reunion goers, some from Denmark, Australia and The UK. The chapel service led by Chaplain Diane Worryingham was a highlight Epworthian Honorary Life membership awards were bestowed on **Averil Barker(Hulett)'58** and **Sally White** – both ladies have served Epworth generously and we thank them with this tribute.

Representatives from the decade years participated in the service and we were treated to a song by **André Hattingh'71** Unseasonal weather called for some venue changes but otherwise the day went off well. Groups from 1951 to 2001 gathered - it is always so special to hear the buzz in the dining room (by the way- the dining room has had a revamp- the floor has been repaired and resealed and the stage area removed) **Anton Immelman** or "Mr I" as he was affectionately known by his drama students was an entertaining Master of Ceremonies. It is heartwarming to see how the "old girls" appreciate the presence of former staff, **Miss Bindon, Miss Metcalfe, Bev Ellis , Carol Dalling(Allan) Gwyn Pendock(Johns) and Mrs Lake** to mention a couple .

A reunion can only be a success if there is someone in a class encouraging, sometimes cajoling classmates to attend, thanks to **Barbara Dowse(Brown)'51, Tish McDonald(Wessels)'61, Sally Bairstow'71, Pippa Smith( Anderson)'81, Rebs Mogoba and Helen Weaver(Garner)'91 ,Shannon Mansfield and Melissa van Rooyen(Warburton)'96 and Justine Wimble(Fincham)2001** for their support. Nothing beats a "face to face" meeting back at school!

**Carmen Mans (Barnard)** the 1941 Head girl sent us a video message which will be shown at our Golden Ladies Tea later this year. Thank you Carmen.

**London Reunion**- Early in July Liz Klug the Principal met with a couple of enthusiastic Epworthians – we hope to follow this up with future gatherings in other places- I have had enquires about Australia and The USA- please contact me if you have ideas for reunions away from Pietermaritzburg.

**1-5 year reunion – Class of 2006** this year several girls travelled from afar to attend this unique gathering -once again it is again up to some girls to take the lead and show they are not "too cool for school" (**Aba Graham**, I like that phrase- thanks) **Class of 2010**- it was great to see you too- albeit not in your check dresses, thank you for your interest. Classes **2007, 2008** and the solo **Gugu from 2009**- next year we need more support!

Forthcoming dates-

**JOZI : 15 October** Lunch at Wanderers, our numbers have been increasing steadily over the past few visits, come on girls join us and charge your batteries with some Epworth energy. RSVP to Renee by 7 October

**Epworthian Family Day 2012 5 MAY-** The decades celebrating milestone anniversaries- '42 '52 '62 '72 '82 '87 '92 '97 2002- make this a bumper year, I wonder which class will have the best attendance?

HELP REQUIRED – Alumni to assist with the recording of Epworth history

**For a while now we have been talking about writing the history of Epworth, many photos and anecdotes have been collected- exciting and interesting - now it is time for action. We are in need of help, are there Epworthians who can offer assistance/advice with graphic layout and design, editing, photography and printing, please contact us if you can help in any way- we need to get this publication onto our coffee tables !**

Please share with us any news about Epworthians the “old girls” section of the school magazine reflects some of the news we hear and makes for interesting reading we attempt to keep the website up to date with engagements, deaths, marriages and births so please send any updates

Visit <http://www.epworth.co.za/community/epworthians/>

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