

LETTER FROM THE EPWORTHIAN PRESIDENT: OCTOBER 2010

Greetings to all Epworthians as we near the end of 2010! A special year in many ways and a nostalgic one for me as it was 100 years since my grandmother matriculated from Epworth in 1910.

We lost one of our oldest Honorary Life Members and a very special Epworthian in April this year. Sheila Anderson (nee Holman) who matriculated in 1940 was known to so many of us. Sheila will always be synonymous with the Chapel gardens, which she helped design and tended so lovingly in memory of her daughter, Elizabeth. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends on her passing.

Our sincere sympathies also go to Margaret Fowler (Allwood) on the loss of her beloved husband Richard. We were sad to bid farewell to Margaret who retired from her position as Board Secretary. Her cheerful presence in the Mel Metcalfe Cottage has been missed. We are so pleased that she is able to continue to serve on the Epworthian Executive.

Our Reunion and Family Day was held on Saturday 8 May in beautiful sunny weather. We had class reunions which ranged from the Class of 1950 to the Class of 2000. Our special thanks to the Reverend Diane Worringham, our Chaplain for leading our Reunion Chapel Service and to Val Cameron for playing the organ. The collection at the Reunion Chapel Service went towards our Bursary funds. We held a very short AGM after tea on the chapel lawns. Lunch in the dining room was enjoyed by approx 120 people, thank you to the school for the hosting us and to Sue Keyworth(Pettit) 1970 Headgirl- our charming MC.

As always I am grateful for the support of a committed Epworthian Executive Committee not only for their help at Reunion but throughout the year, as they carry out their portfolio duties and many more besides.

Renée Alcock, our Epworthian Liaison Officer in the Mel Metcalfe Cottage is a very integral part of the school. Our School Archives have progressed amazingly under the guidance and help of our wonderful archivist, Gwyn Pendock (ex staff and parent). Our archives have joined the School Museum and Archive Forum and are being used as an example of what a school archives and museum should aspire to. (Please see archive page)

Our regional reunions are becoming a regular feature of the Epworthian calendar.

In March this year Liz Klug, Fiona Bell and Renée Alcock flew to Cape Town for an Epworth function at the Southern Sun Hotel in Cape Town. This was kindly organized by Jenny Ellis-Cole'73 a financial manager for the hotel group. It was not only a reunion but a celebration with the Epworth girls' cycle tour team who had just successfully completed the Argus and were about to set off for their long ride from Cape Town to Epworth. In October and November we will be having a reunion in Johannesburg, on the North Coast and for the older generations from Pietermaritzburg and surrounding areas in the Chapel Garden.

Please visit the Epworth website (www.epworth.co.za) and the Epworthians section of the website which is constantly being updated, thanks to Renée Alcock and Lisa McLennan. Forms for donations of various types can be downloaded from the website!

Please come and see the Mel Metcalfe Cottage when in Pietermaritzburg. The Archives and Museum are well worth a visit and we would love to see you. The Epworthians are also on Face Book – so stay connected!

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