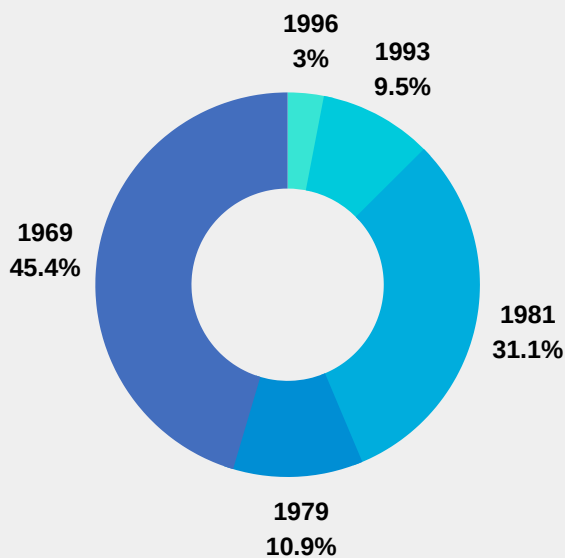




OLD GREY NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from the Old Greys' Union



- CLASS 1969 45.4%**
- CLASS 1996 3%**
- CLASS 1993 9.5%**
- CLASS 1981 31.1%**
- CLASS 1979 10.9%**

From the Old Grey desk

Five Classes have taken on the CLASS CHALLENGE and raised over R190 000 to date. The Challenge began when Rob Hutchison rallied support from the Class of 1993 and they made a collective donation of over R16 000 towards **The Grey Technology Appeal**. A combined effort such as this can make a big difference. Since then, four more Class leaders have taken on the challenge to raise funds toward The Grey Foundation.

As we reflect on the year so far, it is deeply encouraging to see the tenacity and selfless efforts from Old Greys worldwide who have contributed.

Through our **5 Pillars** of support, there are worthy projects making way for the next generation of Grey boys. Regular donor giving is very easy to set up, and whatever is affordable to you at this time is sincerely appreciated and gratefully received. You can set up a monthly, quarterly or annual donations in a few easy steps. Remember that tax benefits apply (we will supply you with a Section 18a tax certificate to submit with your tax return).



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Old Greys in the News



Source: Grey Junior

Grey Junior celebrates their 90th birthday

A heartwarming and informative video from Grey Junior Headmaster, Grant Butler, made for the Grey boys as Grey Junior celebrates 90 years.

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Source: www.heraldlive.co.za/

Greenpeace Africa showcases NMU student's plastic monsters - Luke Rudman '18

Port Elizabeth artist Luke Rudman is collaborating with environmental non-profit organisation Greenpeace Africa to raise awareness about the dangers of plastic pollution.

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Source: <https://www.sabcnews.com/>

Rob Bokelmann '87 who organised the recent Plettenberg Bay Jerusalema Dance Challenge

"They call it the Jerusalema Challenge, but it is more a significance of people coming together with a purpose, to be able to express themselves. And I think we all need expression during this time after all those months of no expression. It gets very deep. So, this was a wonderful way just to come out of it and have a good time," says organiser, Rob Bokelmann.

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Source: www.heraldlive.co.za/

A short film shot in a friend's bedroom opened doors for aspiring Port Elizabeth filmmaker Jason Forsdick '14

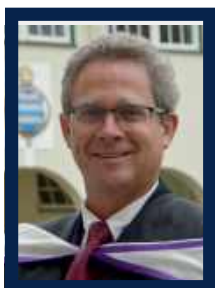
With a budget of just R1,500, Forsdick shot his eight-minute short film The Presence, which resulted in him claiming the best director and best film accolades at the Lavuthi' iBhayi Short Film Festival in 2019.

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Headmaster's Heads Up: Term 3, 2020

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Rector's Report: 31 August, 2020

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Looking Back with Ian Pringle

Martin Barker - Former Meredith House Master recalls the mid 1970s

Jimmy Zondagh '77 was a boarder in Martin's time. He recently received this letter from Martin which was dictated by him to his wife as he has difficulty in using his right hand. We are sure that Martin's recollections will bring memories of those days and the so-called Golden Age of Grey rugby.

Dear Jimmy and the Old Grey boarders of 1976 & 77.

Thank you for sending the photo of the '76 Boda team. It triggered off so many memories from Martin's years at Grey and his time in the Boarding House. Martin is in good spirits, considering the restricting times we're all having with the Lockdown.

As you probably know, Martin has Multiple Sclerosis and is wheelchair bound. One of the problems is that he has lost the use of his writing hand, so I have been relegated to being "Scribe". So apologies if I get some of the facts or memories slightly skewed. I was very impressed when I read the list of surnames that Jimmy sent to me of the Boda teams and Martin could tell me every boy's first name. Not too shabby after so many years!

We have stayed in Cape Town since Martin's retirement as Headmaster of Rondebosch Boys' High. We have two sons. Richard (35) is married to Kiara and we now have a grandson, Ethan Martin who is 6 months old. They are back in Cape Town after a few years on the Cayman Islands, so we are very fortunate to have them close by. Andrew (33) is engaged, lives in Johannesburg and works at Discovery.

1976 was a loooooong time ago but what good years those were. I was in charge of Meredith house and Ken Mackenzie was in charge of Way. For 90% of the year we were one happy family, but on sports days the competition was fierce. That year was a wonderful year for Grey rugby. Nick Kruger's first team was unbeaten and my second team played 17 and won 17. What a happy year.

The hostel was always fun - Saturdays were a blast with the rugby in Winter and Sundays were either Skollop or touch rugby time on the Rectory field. (I have my doubts that this still happens).

Sunday in Summer was Unicorns day. What fun we had. Teachers and students playing together in the Men's 4th league. I was reminded of a game on the Pyott field that came down to the wire and Ken Mackenzie had to face a ball with scores tied. He told Jimmy Zondagh at the other end to run if he got a nick or pad on the ball. Ken was so useless that he missed the ball completely and it hit his pads. He immediately set off for a run, but Jimmy hesitated (something like Alan Donald) and he was run out. The poor chap, he felt so bad. [Scribe: I do hope this story is correct Jimmy and that we haven't incorrectly ruined your cricket team's reputation for ever!!]

Mealtimes in the boarding house were a lottery. Breakfasts could be superb or dodgy porridge and toast. Thankfully mostly the former. Lunches were good on the whole with Sunday always being roast chicken. If there was one master on duty or four, there was always one whole chicken. Evening meals were more than a lottery. From lovely steak to liver patties or 'green gunge stew'!! I think they thought that they were making a curry (probably from all the left overs!) but it had a green hue, and definitely did not taste of curry. I have to admit we were very disrespectful and would leave the boys to 'enjoy' the stew and would retire to Old Grey for a liquid supper.

Another memory - one day somebody at the head table mentioned that the graces were too long at the meals. So a competition evolved where the duty master could shorten the previous day's grace by a word or two at one of the meals. Eventually, the competition was getting tight and it was my turn. Confidently I stood up and said: "Dominus dominicat" and winked at Tony Phillips who was on duty the next day. The following day Tony stood up as all the boarders bowed their heads and said "Ta Pa". What a winner and not one boarder even sniggered!!!

Needless to say, the next day returned to normal and grace was said with the respect that it deserved.

Best wishes to you all and your families.

Kindest regards,
Barks & Jeanet



In Memory

David Pienaar- Class of 1976

David, known as "Lappies" has died in Cape Town of cancer. He was one of four brothers who hailed from Beaufort West all of whom were in the hostel. Lappies was a member of that fabulous unbeaten 1976 Rugby XV which was captained by Mike Burton. A very special bunch of friends who have over the interceding years all kept in contact with each other and attended an annual reunion weekend invariably hosted on a farm in the Karoo. He had suffered from the disease for some time; and it was only in February that he embarked on a trip from Cape Town and called on and stayed with all his old friends. We extend our sympathies to his brothers Jeremy, Tim and Mark and his sister Helen.

Paul Green – Class of 1959

Paul has died in Durban of heart failure. He was one of two brothers who came to Grey from Middelburg – his younger brother being Jon (Sakkie) who matriculated in 1967. Paul was a regular attendee at our Old Grey gatherings in Durban and spent a near lifetime associated with the yachting profession. He had a business which built masts for yachts, and later earned his flying wings flying freight and post between the major cities on an overnight basis.

Nkosinathi Nare - Class of 2000

Nathi joined The Grey Schools in 1995 as part of the Vision 2000 initiative to give previously disadvantaged children an opportunity at enhancing their talents - an opportunity which he grabbed with both hands throughout his tenure at Grey. He played rugby and was also involved in athletics. He matriculated in 2000 and went on to further his studies towards a BCom at the Nelson Mandela University. His last place of employment was South African Airways. He sadly passed away in a road accident on the 23rd August 2020. He leaves behind his siblings, wife and 2 kids. He will always be remembered for his enchanting smile (with dimples) and positive spirit. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

David Perelson - Class of 1957

Dave, ex CFI of Algoa Flying Club, passed away in Port Elizabeth. Dave made a huge contribution to aviation in the Eastern Cape and the wider community in SA through his involvement in Rally Flying. Our thoughts are with Jason and the rest of the Perelson Family.

Michael Miller - Class of 1969

Michael passed away on Monday 10th August from natural causes. Michael began his studies at the University of Port Elizabeth and thereafter received his LLB from the University of Witwatersrand. In 1981 he was admitted as advocate of the High Court of South Africa. Michael received an award as lawyer of the year in 2006 and continued practicing as an advocate and member of National Bar Council of South Africa (NBCSA) until his passing. Our condolences to his friends and family.

Dr Donald Solomons - Class of 1945

Donald passed away in March this year at age 91. He was born and raised in Port Elizabeth and matriculated in 1945. Thereafter he studied Medicine at the University of Witwatersrand and immediately after completing his medical degree went to the UK to become a surgeon. Returning to South Africa with a Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons he went to Cape Town to study Plastic Surgery. He arrived back in Port Elizabeth in 1965 and remained there until his passing this year. Despite having a very busy Private Practice he continued to devote much of his time to State work and teaching juniors. Even after retiring from his Practice he worked at the Livingstone well into his 80's. We offer sympathy to Naomi Solomons, her children, Michael, Ros, Dana and their families on the loss of their loving father and husband.

Bernard (Bengy) Goldberg - Class of 1952

Bengy has passed away in Melbourne at age 84. Bengy was awarded Colours for tennis when in Standard 8 and later became a well-known and excellent golfer at both Wedgwood and Humewood Golf Clubs. After completing his Dental degrees at Wits University in Johannesburg he practiced as a dentist in Port Elizabeth for many years before emigrating to Australia. He is survived by his three daughters, their husbands and eight grandchildren all of whom are resident in Melbourne.

Danny Edgar Saunders - Class of 1959

Danny was at our Reunion gathering last year. He was an excellent rugby player who played for Blues (Olympic Rugby Club.) His entire working life at Continental Tyre [formerly General Tyre], where he was involved in R&D and tyre evaluation, and retired after 46 years of service to the tyre industry. He is survived by his wife, Claire, son Scott [class of 1992], daughter Keri and granddaughter Caitlyn.

Alan Dean Jackson - Class of 1947

Alan Jackson was one of the terrific amateur golfers of the fifties. He passed away at the age of 92 in Port Elizabeth. He was a lifetime member of Humewood and won the South African Amateur at East London Golf Club in 1954, beating Denis Hutchinson at the 37th hole. Amongst many other victories over a long amateur career he also won the Freddie Tait Trophy at Humewood in 1952, as well as the Proudfoot Trophy at Zwartkop in 1955. He represented South Africa as a Springbok three times: 1954, 1957 and 1958. Our sincere condolences to all his family and golfing friends.



THE GREY FOUNDATION

Projects and news at a Glance

The Grey Technology Appeal

Technology remains at the forefront of education, especially during this period of national lockdown. After receiving urgent requests from both schools, The Grey Foundation sent out an appeal requesting assistance for computer hardware such as laptops or tablets, as well as for donations towards data expenses for the school and students. Without the amazing support of the Old Boys, current parents and the greater Grey community, we would not have been able to support the current technology need in both the Junior and High Schools. To date, the Foundation has managed to raise over R405 000 (cash and in-kind donations). With these funds, the schools are able to provide virtual classroom sessions via the online platform, as well as equipping boys' who may not have access to technology hardware or data with the necessary tools.

The appeal for tech assistance launched late in May 2020 with generous response being received both locally and abroad. The UK Old Greys created the Virgin Online Giving Fund (www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/techappeal), and the Foundation would like to thank all those abroad who helped rally support for this worthy cause. The Grey Foundation then made the appeal known to the broader public by ensuring that there was press coverage in local newspapers. With articles featuring in publications such as The Herald, news about the need for tech support reached more prospective donors.

Grant Butler, Headmaster of the Junior School, along with Daniel, his son who is currently in Grade 11, kindly agreed to then make their voices heard by agreeing to feature on air via local radio stations. With two interviews, on MannMade Radio and Kingfisher FM respectively, Grant and Daniel discussed the technology appeal and thanked all who had kindly donated to date. They mentioned that the need for technological assistance was a far-reaching need and would continue even once lockdown has lifted. Many factors, such as co-morbidity and social distancing protocols would mean online learning would be necessary into the unforeseen future.



"I really appreciate all that you are doing for me and all the effort that you put in to make sure I have all I needed during these uncertain times."

- Grey Matric Pupil

Other projects have also been in place during the recent lockdown months. One such project, namely the packing and distribution of food parcels for families who are struggling to make ends meet during this unusual times has been generously supported. Donations were received via the Grey Foundation towards the Kolisi initiative and these funds have assisted many families in need.

The Grey boys, past and present, along with friends of The Grey continue to show that their hearts are in the right place, by helping others who are in need even during a time of unusual stress and turmoil.

MAKE A SECURE ONLINE DONATION

The Staff Accommodation Project – A Pillar 2 project



The Class of 1966 identified a property currently for sale on College Drive, just across from the school. Spearheaded by Jonty Gluckman and Bryan Knox, an appeal for donations was sent to the 1966 Class.

“We are so grateful for the generous donations and pledges so far and in order to achieve the target, the Class of 1966 wishes to extend this appeal to interested Old Greys across the globe,” says Jonty.

The property is presently a Bed & Breakfast with 5 bedrooms which would allow the school to provide great rental and transport perks to first-time teachers. As a discounted staff accommo-

dation benefit, this property will enable the schools to attract and retain quality graduate teachers. With so much development in technology in education, we need to stay ahead of this curve with world-class educators. The house would be a substantial asset for the foreseeable future and its reduced price is an opportunity we wouldn't like to miss. The Grey Foundation would like to purchase the property with the support and contributions from Old Greys.

*“We are presently **R214 000.00 (approximately US \$13 500 or GBP £10,700)** short to clinch the deal and we are appealing to Old Greys who are able to assist us with donations - however small - to allow The Grey Foundation to pull the trigger on this deal.”*

For more information contact Jonty at jonty@mafika.co.za

« [See the house listing here](#)

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THE OLD GREY CLUB

The latest updates from The Old Grey Club



SPECIAL MESSAGE

May I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of the Old Greys, OGC Members and friends of the OG Club that assisted our staff members over the lockdown period, through the 2 fundraising events that we held. I am truly humbled at the generosity from across the globe and it absolutely reinforces the strength and loyalty that permeates through the Grey Family and the importance of the OG Club.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club.

GARY SIM

Old Grey Club President

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