



Adelaide Technical High School

OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION INC.

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In accordance with the Rules

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the above Association will be held at

The Performing Arts Centre of

Glenunga International High School

L'Estrange Street Glenside

at 7:30pm, Wednesday 18th February 2004.

Basket Supper

NOMINATIONS

are hereby called for the following Committee positions:

President

Vice Presidents (2)

Secretary

Minute Secretary

Treasurer

Membership Secretary

Committee Member (4)

Please make your Nominations to Secretary
Judy

on 8353 3910

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Annual Subscription for Membership or
Joint Membership is again \$25

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From the President

Dear Old Scholars,

I am pleased to write to all of you. I have completed a fascinating year as President into which role I stepped unexpectedly at the last AGM.

Meeting many old scholars, some quite senior, has been a privilege. I have gained a greater insight into what the ATHS achieved, as well as a new appreciation of the staff and individual old scholars.

I have also gained an appreciation of the GIHS, the successor to our great school. The Old Scholars Association Scholarship went to a deserving young lady, Jane Norman. Jane will now start doing the International Baccalaureate Diploma which opens doors worldwide. Like ATHS the aim at GIHS is for excellence. Deciding the scholarship winner was not easy. A larger Old Scholars Association base would enable us to present more than one scholarship. There are a number of very capable and deserving students whose parents or in one case grandparents will struggle to see them through the International Baccalaureate or maybe they will just not be able to attempt it.

We have had successful social events through 2003 culminating in the Vice Chancellor's great Centenary Morning Tea, with the unveiling of the AHS plaque, in Brookman Hall on 12 December. The regular picnic and luncheon were also held.

A present goal is to replace the Honour Roll adjacent to Brookman Hall. We expect to qualify for a grant for this purpose.

Let me encourage those who are still hesitating to consider membership of the Old Scholars Association. You will receive the magazine which for 2003 will have articles about people from the 20's to the 60's. Perhaps you will even get a freebie at the luncheon as well as discounted entry! Looking forward to seeing more of you in the near future.

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Don S Warren (1943-46).

Welcome to Another Year!

About his time last year we faced a dilemma. Would we wind up the Association or was the flame strong enough to keep us going?

Well, response to our questionnaire was indeed heartening. Over 200 replies were received, mostly in favour of continuing the Association and we seem to have breathed afresh. Also, a few new and enthusiastic faces on the committee has helped.

The Picnic

The year saw a change in venue for the picnic. Botanic Park provided easier access for some but the rural setting of the home of Tom and Maria Frossinakis takes some beating. Tom and Maria are moving to New York this year (and away from teaching) and we wish them well for their change of direction and their future. We are not likely to forget the picnics at Birdwood.

The change in venue brought some new faces – I remember Bruce White and David Stoba, among others.

Also, the Picnic was an opportunity to endow Kath Harrison with Honorary Membership as

reward for her years of dedication as Treasurer.

The Old Scholars Luncheon

The change to Classics Restaurant in Walkerville Terrace was well received – and well attended. The chicken breast steeped in Henry Martin liqueur was just fine, washed down with some very pleasant white wine. Placemats, featuring the Old Building, were quite novel. I got totally absorbed in conversation with John Saunders from my year [1951]. I had not realised that John's father, Geoff – also an Old Scholar – had been my Strength of Materials and Engineering Design lecturer at the School of Mines and Institute of Technology. I remember him well as an imposing gentleman in a tweed jacket on a superbly kept BMW motor cycle.

Remarkable how memories come flooding back.

Honorary Membership

During the year, the Committee decided to award Honorary Membership to Jim Cleator who has served the Committee in its several incarnations.

Unfortunately, Jim passed away before the award could be made and it was forwarded to his family in the country.

The History Project

The proposal to compile an history of AHS was a bit like a revolving door. Invariably it stalled because of the prohibitive cost of producing a book.

However, I think it was Jill Chenery who suggested that we compile it on a CD-ROM. Under the leadership of Bryce Kohler, a great deal of material has been collected. It is an excellent way to handle the project – a disk will store much more than the content of a book and the material is available for others to review and edit.

Centenary of Brookman Hall

The Centenary of the dedication of Brookman Hall occurred in February 2003. To celebrate this occasion, a Morning Tea was held in

December. Some 500 people, Old Scholars of ATHS and Alumni of the School of Mines and its successors attended to see the Vice-Chancellor of the University of SA, Professor Denise Bradley, unveil a plaque. This plaque acknowledges the Adelaide Technical High School as the junior day school of what is now the University of South Australia.

She spoke of the significant contribution made by former students to the development of South Australian industry and commerce, and the meaning of our motto: "*Labor Omnia Vincit*"

Honour Rolls

At the Morning Tea, President Don met an Old Scholar who remembered a photograph of the Honour Rolls which have gone missing from the entrance to Brookman Hall. If you are aware of such a photograph, please call Don at 8289 1090. He is anxious to talk with you.

Keeping in Touch

Apart from personal contact, the Newsletter is the best method for keeping in touch with former scholars of ATHS.

There are about four Newsletters per year which aim to tell you what is and has been happening.

The first Newsletter is published in January each year and goes out to the 3000 or so living old scholars for whom we have an address on our database. Many of these addresses will have changed. The other newsletters go out to old scholars who are financial – about 350. This is why some have had one newsletter and no more.

Newsletters which are returned to us tell us that your address has changed and Graham Maguire swoops into action to locate the new address.

Annual Survey

Usually, with this issue we send out a survey form which helps us to record faithfully your address and phone numbers. We are not doing this year but, if your address or contact details have changed, please call the Membership Secretary, Peter Keen, 8364 4566 who will amend the record.

Your Programme for 2004.

The front page is designed so that you will have contact details for committee members and the program for the coming year. Please keep it in a safe place and note the information on your calendar.

Reunion for 1953 First Years

There is nothing to stop groups of Old Scholars from holding a reunion. In fact it is in accord with our Objectives.

In February, a group of male former students who attended First Year in 1953 will hold a reunion to celebrate that they commenced with ATHS Fifty Years Ago.

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