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Adelaide Technical High School Old Scholars Association Inc

EDITORIAL

The Committee has become aware over recent weeks that there have been some former members of the Association who have chosen not to renew their membership in 2011. While the majority of these resignations have resulted from age or health issues, there have been some which give cause for concern. Typical of these is one from a former student from the Class of 1965 who expressed disappointment that she was the only person from her years who attended the 2010 Luncheon and also at the lack of stories about her contemporaries in the Newsletters and Magazines.

While these concerns are real and need to be addressed, the question of how best to address them is not simple to answer. As in any organisation, there will be those who believe that it is solely the responsibility of the Committee to rectify these problems. It can of course be argued with equal validity that the Committee is there simply to assist the membership achieve its objectives for the Association and the cure for the problems rests with the members themselves. Naturally enough, the real solution lies somewhere between these extremes.

In terms of attendance at functions, it is noticeable that many people come as a group each year. These groups are not arranged by the Committee, they are organised by the group members themselves. The Committee is happy to assist people who wish to contact former classmates to organise a group to attend the lunch, but the organisation of the group has to be done by them. Why not begin now to contact your friends from school to form a group to come to the October Luncheon? Details of the function are elsewhere in this Newsletter. We would be happy to help with group bookings should you wish.

Regarding the publication of stories in Newsletters and Magazines about people from particular eras, in the past we have been dependent on someone from that era actually putting pen to paper. In the last three or so years, this approach has changed to the point where the Committee will prepare articles based on people's tales about their experiences at or after school. However, the starting point remains with the person with the story. If you have a story you would like published, contact the Secretary who will arrange for someone from the Committee to discuss it with you.

Remember your input is important if the Association is to continue to flourish.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO LAMBROS KARAVIS (1969)?

Some of us yearn for stability and a life in the suburbs. Some of us seek fulfillment in our professional life, while others devote ourselves to family and friends. One thing is certain: we each have a pathway in life (be it self-directed or in the hands of the Fates) where the journey is often just as, if not more, important than the destination. One person who has certainly moved along a path less travelled is Lambros Karavis. This is his story.

That today I find myself in Qatar is the result of direction and misadventure over the past 41 years. So let's start from the end.

You may know Qatar as the home of Al-Jazeera, the Arab equivalent of CNN. OK, so the "real" reason you know about Qatar is the ever-present rumour-mongering about bribery and corruption during the 2022 World Cup decision by FIFA last December. If you have been keeping an eye on the Jasmine Revolution, starting in Tunisia and spreading throughout the Arab world, then you will know that Qatar's closest neighbour, Bahrain, has for all intents and purposes been placed under martial law. At one level it's about the economic and social injustice to the majority Shiite Muslims by the ruling Sunni brethren. At another level it's part of the regional power plays between the US (which has part of its fleet stationed in Bahrain) and Saudi Arabia on the one hand and Iran on the other hand to take the upper-hand in the regional (MENA – Middle East and North Africa) political landscape.

What am I doing here? Officially, I am here working as a Corporate Planning Advisor to Ashghal, the Qatar Ministry of Works. The corporate mission of Ashghal is to build the roads and bridges, the public buildings (including hospitals, schools and mosques) and the drainage systems required to meet the Qatar National Development Strategy 2011-2016 in the short-term and the Qatar National Vision 2030.

Personally, I am here to be closer to Europe (it's only a four hour flight to Athens) and I'm enjoying living in an Arab society where modern thinking co-exists with traditional Arab culture. I've just moved into an apartment in one of those wonderfully ambitious development projects, The Pearl, which is an expansive marina built on a man-made island. It's not as large (yet) as The Palm in Dubai (where I also have lived) but it's getting there!

In some ways, it feels like I've come full circle or is it just a recurring pattern? In 1973, eight months after graduating from The Australian National University and following a short stint working for Clarks Shoes in Adelaide, I found myself in Tehran (Iran) on scholarship to do my MBA at a business school founded with the financial support of Iran's industrialists and the academic support (and staffing) of Harvard Business School. In 1978, I was in Iran during the Islamic Revolution (when the Shah of Iran was toppled and, following a bloody battle between the republicans, the communists and the fundamentalists, the Islamic Republic of Iran was founded by Ayatollah Khomeini). Let's just say that it was an eye opener for those of us who grew up in Adelaide where Don Dunstan's pink shorts were considered a revolution (chuckle).

In the years that followed, I went to work in Europe (for a Greek multi-national cement company) and to North America (where I became an Assistant Professor in Business Policy & Strategy at Canada's leading business school at the University of Western Ontario). By 1987, following the crash in the stock markets and after a short stint with McKinsey & Co (a leading strategy consulting firm), I was ready to return to the nest (i.e. Adelaide). Living in Toronto was one of the highlights of my stay in North America and I learned to love to cross-country ski and discovered a love of the theatre (especially the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario).

LAMBROS KARAVIS (contd)

Back in Adelaide, I joined the management consulting arm of Arthur Andersen & Co. as a strategy consultant. The life of a management consultant is one of travelling on planes from client to client, living in hotel rooms and, somewhere along the way, doing some great work for clients (or is it working for great clients?). At various times, I had the opportunity to work with Bond Brewing Australia (remember Alan Bond?), BP Australia & New Zealand (trans-Tasman business integration), Devonport City Council (remember the pulp mill to be built there), the Australian Multi-Function Polis project (from the Japanese side), The Committee for Melbourne (on making Melbourne a globally competitive city), Unilever Thailand (customer-driven supply chain management) and Kmart Australia (retail competitiveness). In the midst of this work, I also looked after recruiting for the strategy practice of Andersen Consulting (now called Accenture) and became a National Partner in 1992.

Some of you will vaguely recall that Arthur Andersen became a victim of (or were they contributors to) the collapse of Enron in the US in 2001. Thankfully, I had left in 1994 to join Mt Eliza Business School as Director of Executive MBA Programs and enjoyed working with the corporate and government sector to deliver an MBA program for the working executive.

Those of you who have travelled to the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria will know that it is a wonderful location, the perfect place to raise a family (wife and two wonderful daughters) and has some of Australia's best vineyards located there. Yep, it was a tough life. Even tougher when, in 1997, just before the Asian Economic Crisis hit Australia, I resigned and established myself as an independent consultant. Thank heavens I had established a good relationship with the Jardine Matheson Group in Hong Kong and I assisted them in developing their executive talent for the next seven years.



In 2004 I led a team researching and planning the creation of a new business school in Jakarta, (a joint venture between the Sampoerna Foundation and the Institute of Technology in Bandung), targeting the managerial elite of Indonesia.

Between 2005 and 2007 I spent much of my time teaching strategy, management consulting and Asia-Pacific business in MBA programs in Sydney (Macquarie Business School) and Melbourne (Australian Graduate School of Entrepreneurship at Swinburne University) before returning to the private sector as a contract executive assisting companies in transforming their businesses through productivity improvement, business process re-engineering and organisational development.

In mid-2008, I decided it was time to travel again and I was very fortunate to be offered a position as a Performance Management Advisor at the Roads and Traffic Authority in Dubai. They were in the middle of building their new Metro (rail) service, frantically expanding the road and bus network to cope with the growth in Dubai, improving their wholly-owned fleet taxi service and establishing a marine (ferry) system which would one day connect the world's largest man-made island with the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa.

Of course, I arrived in Dubai at the cusp of another financial disaster, the global meltdown of financial markets in September 2008. The main task quickly shifted from managing explosive growth to surviving the global financial meltdown that finally hit the shores of Dubai in late November 2008 (when we were all on holiday). Somehow, we felt like we were in the eye of the storm, knowing there is disaster all around us but total, eerie quiet in the centre. In the midst of all this, I also found some time to teach in the MBA program at Murdoch University in Dubai.

LAMBROS KARAVIS (contd)

Amongst all of this, my eldest daughter spent a year abroad in Argentina in 2008 as an exchange student in Mendoza (which is near the border with Chile). It is an agricultural economy with cattle and great vineyards. Despite no Spanish language skills at the commencement of her year abroad, Alexandra came back fluent in Latin American Spanish (and is now studying Spanish and International Development at Adelaide University). In 2010, my youngest daughter decided it was her turn to do a high-school exchange and spent the year living and studying in France in a charming community due East of Bordeaux (in a community close to Brive La Galliarde). Needless to say, she now prefers to speak French and occasionally bursts into Gallic phrases that express how she feels better than English.

From Dubai, and now Qatar, I've had the opportunity to spend some time in Europe, mainly in Greece but also in select tourist spots. In December 2008 I was in Athens when riots broke out due to the shooting of a young student. That incident occurred less than 200 metres from where I was staying at the time. In mid-2009, my daughters joined me in Dubai for a holiday that took us to Paris, London and Athens (to visit my sister). Last year, I did spend some time in Miami, Florida and Boston, Massachusetts. I must remind you that Dubai is equidistant from the USA and Australia by air. It was a tough choice, 14 hours flying to Melbourne or 14 hours flying to Boston or Miami. You know which destinations won.

This year, I spent the month of April in Greece, part of which was spent in Athens but the most memorable part enjoying life on the island of Mykonos. It truly is a gem of an island.

Who knows what life will bring next? I may not be rich in financial terms but I am definitely rich in experiences and memories. I am ever hopeful there are more to come.

If you ever happen to be passing by Qatar, drop me a line. You can always find me on LinkedIn. You never know

Some of you will remember that I have a love for poetry. This extract from the poem *Ithaka*, by Nobel Laureate Constantine P. Kavafy, resonates with my philosophy of life:

*"Keep Ithaka always on your mind.
Arriving there is what you are destined for.
But do not hurry the journey at all.
Better if it lasts for years,
So you are old by the time you reach the island,
wealthy with all you have gained on the way,
Not expecting Ithaka to make you rich."*

Both Kavafy and my father, Constantin Karavis, were born and raised in Alexandria, Egypt. Kavafy lived and died there, creating and leaving behind a legacy of poetry. My father left to create a new life and wound up on the shores of Australia, ultimately in Adelaide. All of us have our personal journey.

1st June 2011

GALLIPOLI 2015 CRUISE : From Lesley Moir

I would be grateful to have contact from any old scholar who has booked, or knows anyone who has booked, to go on this Cruise.

Also contact from relatives of AIF servicemen who were in the

- 16th Battalion which landed at Gallipoli on the 25th April and/or
- 48th Battalion which fought in France in 1916/17 (especially the Battle of Bullecourt).

Thank you.

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LUNCHEON NOTICE

Date: Wednesday, 19th October 2011

Time: 12:00 for 12:30 pm

Venue: **Arkaba Hotel**
150 Glen Osmond Road,
Fullarton

Car parking available both on the hotel site and in the adjacent shopping centre multi-level park (entrances from Fullarton Road)

Cost: \$35/head
 2 courses plus self-serve tea and coffee

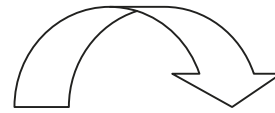
Menu: Mains
 Choice of Chicken Kiev or Beef Fillet

Desserts
 Choice of Pavlova or Apple Strudel

Raffle: \$1 each
 with a \$1 discount on 6 ticket quantities.

Tickets for the raffle will be able to be purchased with the Luncheon booking or will be for sale at the event.

Prizes will be a variety of gift vouchers, wine, books.



This is a special year for former students who started in the years 1941, 51, 61 and 71, being the anniversary of their commencement at Adelaide Tech.

Already the Class of 1941 is planning to meet at the luncheon to mark their 70th anniversary. Those who are interested in being part of the celebration should contact either the Secretary or Evan Cunningham (8242 3868). To those from the Classes of 1951, 61 and 71 why not do something similar? Contact your former schoolmates and book a table for the group.



Tables of ten will be provided and places will be allocated in accordance with the year of first attendance, unless an alternative is nominated on the booking form.

Food to be ordered on the day (no pre-orders).

Closing date for bookings will be 7 October 2011.

For further information
 Contact the Secretary on 0417 816 603 or 8376 0938.

CLASS OF 1954 REUNION

Members should note that the Committee has appointed Lynette Winckel (nee Bissland) to undertake the role of organising a reunion for members of the Class of 1954 which is proposed to be held later in the year. Lynette's appointment is made in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution which allow the Committee to co-opt individuals to help with specific tasks. In this case Lynette will co-ordinate the activities of other members of the class in advising those for whom we have contact details about the event as well as arranging a suitable date and venue for it.

AN HISTORIC LINK

The following item was received from old scholar, Graham Mill.

In preparing for our recent move from Clare to Adelaide I discovered amongst my wife's book collection a copy of the 1911-12 issue of "The Boy's Own Annual". Inside was a plate recording that the book was presented by the School of Mines and Industries Preparatory School to SG King for Agricultural subjects 12 December 1912. It has been confirmed that Stuart Gawler King was indeed a student at the school in that year.

As recorded in Bryce Kohler's "Adelaide Technical High School—The Story" the Preparatory School was formed in 1902 by amalgamation of the preparatory courses of the School of Mines and Industries and the Agricultural School with classes commencing on the top floor of the (then) new Brookman Building.

So who was Stuart Gawler King?

Stuart was the son of Stephen King Jr, a member of John McDouall Stuart's expeditionary party which left Adelaide in 1861 and successfully crossed Australia from South to North

and back again. Stephen was the only son of the eleven children of pioneer squatters Stephen and Martha King who settled at "Kingsford" near Gawler. Stuart later studied at Roseworthy Agricultural College, gaining his Diploma in Agriculture in 1916 as Dux and winner of the 'Old Students Cup'.

What is the link?

In 1956 my wife, Ethyl Turner, a newly graduated infant teacher, was appointed to the Mount Burr Primary School and given board by Stuart and his wife, Crystal (nee Throssell). Stuart was then working as a forester with the SA Woods and Forests Department. Stuart and Crystal became our lifelong friends. I was aware of Stuart's achievements at Roseworthy but had no idea that, like me, he had spent several years roaming the passages of the Brookman Building until reading the bookplate and making the link that the Preparatory School was the precursor of the Adelaide Technical High School, the only truly comprehensive secondary school ever in South Australia.

Small world!

DONATIONS

On behalf of all old scholars, the Committee thanks those members who have made such generous donations to the Scholarship Fund this year. In fact the level of donations has been sufficient to fully fund one of the two Scholarships awarded to students of GIHS to undertake the International Baccalaureate course. (The other Scholarship is paid for from subscriptions and any surplus from the Luncheon raffle etc.)

AUSTRALIAN HONOURS

Over recent years, three former students of ATHS have been awarded Medals of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to the community. They are Barry Duhne (in 2006), Vince Monterola (in 2009) and Barry Fry (in 2011). We congratulate our old scholars on this recognition of their achievements in community service.

While the award to Vince Monterola was covered in the July 2009 Newsletter, we have only recently become aware of the award to Barry Duhne, while that to Barry Fry, was only made this year (which will feature in the next Newsletter). We thank our historian, Bryce Kohler, for the following details.

Barry Duhne OAM

Barry was made a Member of the Order of Australia in 2006, his Citation reading:

“For service to the surf lifesaving movement, particularly as a fundraiser and in executive roles.”



Barry attended *The Tech* from 1957 to 1960 during which time he was already a prominent swimmer. In his second and third years he was second in the School Championship, and won it in 1960. After several years with the Gilberton Swimming Club, Barry transferred to the Henley Surf Lifesaving Club in the 1962-63 season and began a career in surf swimming which won him international selection, an outstanding achievement for a South Australian.

The Blue Ribbon event of surf lifesaving is the Rescue and Resuscitation competition. Henley won the Ampol Shield for this event in South Australia for twenty consecutive years from 1953-74. Barry was a member of that team in his first year at the Club and for a number of subsequent years. He was also chosen in the State team in that year and represented the State on fourteen occasions, being Captain on eight of them. He was also Coach in 1976 and 1977. As a member of the Henley R&R teams he won Silver and Bronze medals at the Australian Championships in 1964 and 1965 respectively.

A highlight of his competitive career would have been his selection in the Australian Surf team to tour New Zealand in 1966.

Apart from being an outstanding swimmer, Barry has been a great administrator in the Henley Club and in State circles. When the Club published its history of its first 75 years in 2000, Barry had held office in the club for 28 years including the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain and Chief Instructor. He was appointed Captain in 1967 and held that position for five years during which time he won the Club Championship on three consecutive occasions. He was made an Honorary Life Member of the Club in 1972.

In 1983 Barry received a Citation of Merit from World Lifesaving and in the following year was granted Life Membership of the Surf Lifesaving Association - SA State Centre.

SOUVENIRS AVAILABLE

History book "ATHS—The Story"

On Sale : includes postage \$ 35.00

Old Scholars' Badges \$ 5.00

Cuff Links \$ 15.00 pr

Special Price

Old Scholars' Badge & Cuff Links \$ 17.50

Key Rings \$ 1.00

Placemats limited numbers

(from luncheons 2005-2008) \$ 2.00 ea

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Old Scholars' Magazines

(1996-2009) \$ 5.00 ea

or 5 for \$ 20.00

(2010) \$ 15.00 ea

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