



Class of '61 – Reunion

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Founder's Day 2017 took place on the 20th of October this year and a couple of us local oldies attended the ceremony at the school which, as usual, was outstanding.

Phillip Gutsche, Entrepreneur, Philanthropist and Old Boy (1956) gave an excellent keynote address. I have attached the Ceremony program and Phillip's speech to this Bulletin.



Another highlight of the morning was "I am a Selbornian" eloquently written and read by **Qamani-Nande Siwundla**, Junior Vice President of the Old Selbornian Association. I have also attached the text of "I am a Selbornian" to this Bulletin.



Well known Old Selbornian, **Chappie Moll**, sat in the stands near us and was the sole representative of the class of 1947 (wrote matric 70 years ago). He is often seen at the Old Boys Club and we occasionally play bowls together on a Sunday morning.

After the Ceremony, **Peter Turner, Owen and Marion Thompson, Dave Tuck, Leslie Jamieson, Charlie Harris, Hilton Dalbock, Kingsley and Beth Kingon, Lyn and Werner Illgner** met at the Country Bumpkin at Floradale Nurseries for a light lunch and some drinks. It was good to see some of the "Old" faces again. **George Lord** also attended the Ceremony.

Errol Sapire has tabled an interesting idea. Basically, it is as follows: Our 60th Reunion year is 2021 and the Selborne College 150th anniversary is 2022. Errol's suggestion is that we do not make a big thing of our 60th but kind of postpone our celebration to a year later and really encourage all members of our Class of 61' worldwide to attend the week of Founders Day 2022 and we celebrate both events together.

I agreed with Errol that I would float the idea past you guys and get your feelings. Therefore I am earnestly requesting that you consider the idea and take the time to give me your feedback.

I had a meeting with **Alan Parsons** of the OSA this week and asked him to endeavor to get me the current thinking as to what the school and OSA plan for the 150 anniversary and he promised to get the information to me by the beginning of the New Year. I would naturally feed this through to you.

You might recall that **Clive Jones** was unable to attend our 55th Reunion last year as he was desperately ill with kidney problems and spent over a month in hospital. I am pleased to advise that he has made an excellent recovery and is back playing tennis twice a week and sounded like the old Clive when I last spoke to him on the phone.

Rod le Roux was also unable to attend the last Reunion because of heart problems – thankfully modern medicine came to the rescue and he is back on track and working – hopefully not as strenuously as before.

I would ask all of you to share any personal news, like the above, that you believe would be of interest to all members of our group.

I urge you, once again, to please give me some feedback regarding Errol's suggestion around our 60th Reunion/Selborne 150th celebrations. We would really be interested to know how many overseas members would consider attending.

Kind regards

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