



ΣΑΗΕΤΙ ALUMNI CONNECT

ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni Association Newsletter

Term 3 - 2014



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAIRMAN

THE ΣΑΗΕΤΙ ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A year of change aimed at new heights for SAHETI – in my view, these words best characterise 2014 as we welcomed SAHETI's new Executive Headmaster, Warwick Taylor.

During the year, we enjoyed a number of highlights and activities. For the third consecutive year, the annual SAHETI Rugby Sevens and Netball Festival included hosting the spirited participation of SAHETI old boys and girls in alumni matches. In April, the class of '81 - '83 celebrated a special reunion dinner. SAHETI hosted its biennial career expo (designed to provide our high school with valuable and pragmatic insights into various career choices) – most presenting professionals being our very own Alumni. The scope and talent of our many Alumni was showcased to our very own learners. In June, two decades on, the ever popular musical production *Grease* returned to the stage, with cast members from the 1990 production attending as honoured guests and later meeting the 2014 cast. A superb production where our unbelievably talented SAHETI high school learners staged a jaw-dropping performance!

The musical and cultural spectacular at the Linder Auditorium featuring SAHETI's learners alongside award winning bouzouki virtuoso and composer Thanasis Polykandriotis included special participation by the ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni band. This was truly an outstanding performance. The first official function of the ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni Association which took place in July this year was very well supported and the guest speaker, Peter Economides (international marketing expert and brand ambassador appointed by the Greek government), delivered a fascinating talk on safeguarding our Hellenic heritage and the survival of memory. This was a significant night attended by many Alumni spanning most of SAHETI's 33 classes of matriculation.

The Matric prize giving and Valedictory dinner took place in October. The guest speaker was SAHETI Alumnus, Byron Vos (2009), who delivered an inspirational message to the Matrics and a fitting tribute to the schooling he received at SAHETI. At the Valedictory dinner and rite of passage I had the privilege of welcoming the 2014 Matric leavers into the Association. The Association presented them with a gift, a symbolic gesture representing their transition from learners to alumni. We wish them well as they go forth into the world as true SAHETIANS, and wish them every success in their endeavours.

Many Alumni have been excelling in business, sport, academia and society in general. The Alumni Office has been highlighting these notable achievements and activities through the use of social media platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and the ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni webpage as well as through our regular newsletter. We encourage all our members to join these platforms and keep up to date. Send an email with your contact details to alumni@saheti.co.za and ensure you receive electronic communications.

Special thanks to:

- Nick Catrakilis (2000), Stratis Fotakis (2000), Koula Gargassoulas (2000) and Eleni Christodoulou (2013) for coordinating the sports teams for the SAHETI Rugby Sevens and Netball Festival.
- Paulette Comninos (1987), Anthea Sotiropoulos (1986) and Aliko Tappous (1983) a dedicated and passionate ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni event organising team.
- John Generalis (1985), Melissa Generalis (1990) and Ria Mouskides (1983) for their generous sponsorship at the launch event.
- Heidi Brauer (1983) for her hard work and assistance with the '81 - '83 reunion.
- The Archive Committee, Mrs Martha Cavaleros and archivist, Dr Mary Reynolds, for pulling together superb exhibits.
- The ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni Office for the work and time they dedicate to the advancement of the association.

On a sad note, in August this year we saw the passing of SAHETI Alumnus, Dimitri Anastassopoulos. Dimitri, who matriculated in 1983, is fondly remembered for his contagious smile and good nature. Someone who was a great person, who gave of his best with an undeniable zest and passion for life. Our condolences go out to his family and to his sister Nicolette (SAHETI Alumna, 1984).

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni community, who give freely and generously of their time, expertise and resources, simply because they are passionate about this great institution. To the leadership of the school, thank you for your continued support.

I wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and happy festive season.
Best regards,

Gary Tappous

Chairman - The Σαηeti Alumni Association

SAVE THE DATE

7 March 2015: SAHETI Rugby 7's and Netball Festival

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SAHETI PUPILS BRING RHINO PLIGHT TO THE FORE



SAHETI School ran a rhino awareness and fundraising campaign called the 'Forever Wild – Rhino Protection Initiative.' Led by principal of the primary school, Mrs Sophia Zachariou, SAHETI undertook various activities with learners in recent weeks to raise awareness of the plight of the rhino, such as themed lessons and projects.

In addition to the educational component, the opportunity was used to raise funds. Pupils aged between 18 months and three years created artwork to place in frames, which were then sold to their parents. The funds raised here were then used to purchase two life size Rhinos made out of wire. The pupils then tied different coloured ribbons, priced between R10 and R200, to the Rhinos.

The initiative culminated in a handover function on 7 November, with Dr William Fowlds (veterinarian and well-known champion of the rhino crisis) delivering a special talk to the pupils.

A total of R60 000 was raised by the pupils and was donated to the Thandi Rhino Injection Fund initiated by Dr Fowlds to help treat rhinos that survive poaching attempts. This is administered by the Wilderness Foundation and managed under their project 'Forever Wild – Rhino Protection Initiative'. Thank you to the Alumni who contributed to this worthy cause.



Dr William Fowlds spoke to the pupils on the plight of the rhino



Handing over of the cheque

SAHETI GOLD MEDALLISTS IN SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

This year SAHETI School entered 21 projects to participate in the Regional ESKOM Expo for Young Scientists. The results were exceptional and learners doubled the awards from 2013 bringing home a total of 13 medals – 3 Gold; 1 Silver and 9 Bronze. The learners did extremely well and were great ambassadors for SAHETI School.



Gold medals were awarded to (left to right):

Vibhav Naiker (Grade 9) for his 'Micro-computer based application'
Gerry Reynders (Grade 8) for his 'Tesla coil construction'
Stelios Hajimarkos (Grade 9) for his project 'Geothermal: full steam ahead'

Silver medal was awarded to:

George Tsakiris (Grade 9) for his project "Poor man's alarm"

Bronze medals were awarded to:

Nadia Tappous (Grade 9) for her 'DNA extraction'
Emmanuel Mefsut (Grade 8) for the project 'Water purification'
Andrea Kapacos (Grade 9) for her project 'Water leak detector'
Jo Bert (Grade 9) for her project 'Pure biogas with aided scrubbing'
Gabriela Steenekamp (Grade 10) for her project 'Roof Shape'
Lethabo Modipane (Grade 10) for his project 'Self-Sustaining Car'

PROVINCIAL WINNER OF THE ACCOUNTING OLYMPIAD



The South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA), in partnership with Sage Pastel Accounting awarded George Cambanis the Gauteng Accounting Olympiad Award. This year's Accounting Olympiad attracted a record of 5 747 Grade 11 and 12 learners from 439 schools across the country, compared to last year's 4465 participants from 338 schools. The main objective of the Accounting Olympiad is to recognise young accounting talent and attract top young accountancy minds from schools across South Africa. George was awarded a certificate and a cash prize of R2,000.



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SAHETI GOLD MEDALLISTS IN ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

The English Olympiad is run under the auspices of the Grahamstown Foundation, the South African Council for English and De Beers. This country wide festival of writing takes place every year, in the form of a national essay writing competition based on text selected by the committee. SAHETI School has entered this prestigious competition for many years and has been met with much success.

The following Grade 11s excelled:



Gold award: Anna Chrysostomou and Andreas Hadjipaschali

Silver award: Tatiana Iacovazzo-Simshauser; Eleni Pouroullis.

Bronze award: Kelly Michelle Bosman Jansen; Nicholas Ferretti; Katerina Hajiphilippou; Jamie Ioannides; Kyriakos Ioulilianou; Stefania Kapoutsis; Nicholas Kastanos; Audacious Murewa; Demarae Nair; Errin Lea Payne; Tejal Pillay; Ethan Voster; Carrie-Ann Webb; Haroula Zayannakis; Chasley Zervos.

Merit award: Daniela Akakios.

SAHETI NETBALL TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE GLOBAL ARENA



Alexia Panayi

Congratulations to Alexia Panayi (Grade 9) who was selected for the South African U16 Indoor Netball Team.

In 2015, Alexia will represent South Africa and SAHETI at the World Netball Series in Australia against England, New Zealand and Australia.

SAHETI'S STAR IN THE STAR DESIGN-AN-AD COMPETITION

Built on a long tradition of multiple awards, SAHETI's talented artists once again made their mark in the STAR's annual Design-an-Ad competition.

With approx. 19,000 entries from across schools in Gauteng, Eleni Xourafis won second prize in the Grade 10-12 section.



Eleni Xourafis

SAHETI DOMINATES WITH ROCK CLIMBING

Mr Brett Nicolson, SAHETI's Vice-Principal of Student Affairs & Sport for primary school was appointed as coach of the junior Gauteng Rock Climbing team this year.

At an interprovincial climbing competition which was held in Cape Town in October this year, SAHETI's juniors dominated the podium:

U13 Top rope (boys) 1st and 3rd place
U13 Top rope (girls) 2nd and 3rd place
U13 Lead (boys) 1st and 2nd place
U13 Lead (girls) 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Rock climbing which was introduced by Mr Nicolson, is growing into a popular sport. Apart from being an adventurous activity, it develops balance strength and concentration, teaching perseverance, responsibility and cooperative interaction with others.

Well done to all involved.



SAHETI TACKLES MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD WITH GREAT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Victor Spirou (Grade 9) on progressing to the 4th round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad. Well done to Victor on a great achievement.

SAHETI SCHOOL INTRODUCES A SUPPORT PLAN FOR THE HELLENIC COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

The ability of the Hellenic communities in South Africa to offer sustainable Hellenic education against the background of the declining financial and human resource support from Greece has diminished significantly. A number of communities no longer offer classes.

Up until 2009, SAHETI and the Hellenic Community schools had the unwavering support of the Greek government but no longer have the following at their disposal:

- Secondment of teachers from Greece at no additional cost;
- Access to free material and textbooks;
- Fully sponsored academic and cultural programmes in Greece for learners;
- Fully sponsored educational and teacher training programmes for locally trained Greek educators; and
- Academic scholarships and bursaries.

SAHETI is determined and committed to preserve Hellenism for the broader Hellenic Communities, and has introduced and implemented a support plan on a pilot basis for non – SAHETI students in the Johannesburg area with the following aims:

- a. To strengthen and enrich the teaching of the Greek language and culture in the operating community schools;
- b. To cover the lack of teaching in the community schools that recently stopped operating; and
- c. To provide accessibility to Greek education to all Greek children in the Johannesburg area, regardless of which day school they attend.

The programme which commenced in July 2014, started with a total of 19 students from various community schools as well as private schools, and to date boasts a total of 35 students. The classes are hosted at SAHETI School on Saturday and the programme covers core areas of Greek language, history, culture, bible studies, folk dancing and music.

To date the programme has proved successful with positive feedback from both students and parents. SAHETI SCHOOL will continue to offer the support plan for 2015. For more information, contact the Greek department secretary via email avidalis@saheti.co.za or 011 479 3749.



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MATRIC PRIZEGIVING 2014

The Matric Prize Giving for the Class of 2014 brought about a dignified closure to their formal schooling at ΣΑΗΕΤΙ. This special event which took place on 10 October 2014 honoured top achievers with academic, cultural and sporting awards in the various subjects. A highlight of the event was the memorable and inspirational address by guest speaker ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumnus Byron Vos - dux scholar 2009, who shared his thoughts on the importance of hard work and self-discipline in achieving academic and professional success. To read Byron Vos' speech visit <http://www.saheti.co.za/2014/ByronVos2009Dux%20Scholarspeech.pdf>

The Andrew Butow Trophy for Academic Excellence (Dux Scholar award) went to George Cambanis who was also awarded the Gold Wreath Award – an award for exemplary academic excellence awarded for the first time. Over the years, a number of ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni have generously donated trophies which are awarded on the day. A new trophy donated by ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumna Tijana Sakota (2013) for Dramatic Arts was awarded to Andreas Burger.

The trophies donated by ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni were as follows:

- The Angela Akakios Life Sciences Trophy:
Anthea Van Den Bergh
- The David Branco Physical Science Trophy:
Alan Yeung
- The J P Coelho Business Studies Trophy:
Kieran Kikillus
- The Joannides Family English Trophy:
Chloe-Marie Kikillus
- The Michaela Juby Mathematics Literacy Trophy:
Andreas Burger
- The John Palmos Advanced Programme Mathematics Trophy:
Alan Yeung
- The Karina Paxinos Long Service Trophy:
Vageli Koularmanis
- The Alexia Piperidis Modern Greek Trophy:
Eleonora Angeliniadis, George Cambanis, Chloe-Marie Kikillus
- The Chrysis Sofianos History Trophy:
Chloe-Marie Kikillus
- The Nicole Stephanou IsiZulu Trophy:
Chloe-Marie Kikillus
- The Kiki Spyropoulos Accounting Trophy:
George Cambanis
- The Dino Theodorou Information Technology Trophy:
Nicholas Aikman



- The Dimitri Yiotopoulos Afrikaans Trophy:
George Cambanis
- The Yotta Zachariou Mathematics Trophy:
George Cambanis
- The Christina and Nicholas Eleftheriades Trophy for academic full colours in Grade 10, 11 and 12:
Eleonora Angeliniadis, George Cambanis, Effhimia Daras, Dimitri Gonatas, Chloe-Marie Kikillus, Kieran Kikillus, Anthea Van den Bergh
- The Sofianos Family Trophy to a learner of Greek origin with outstanding results in Modern Greek & promotion of the Hellenic Ethos:
George Cambanis
- Visual Arts Class of 2004 Trophy:
Chloe-Marie Kikillus

(The following trophies were not awarded in 2014: The Ninon Livanos Hellenic Studies Trophy; Ageliki Vidalis Geography Trophy; Leah & Rachel Branco Trophy).



MATRIC VALEDICTORY DINNER 2014

The Valedictory Dinner is an event recently added to the ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni calendar and marks the journey of a matric learner to that of alumni. The event which was hosted on the evening of 10 October 2014 included the participation of the ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni Association chairperson, Gary Trippous, who delivered the 3rd Matric Rite of Passage induction speech. It is here where the Matriculants are officially inducted into the ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni community.

This evening recognises and celebrates that the Matrics move from one stage of their lives to the next. "You are leaving behind what society deems 'youth' and moving into adulthood. It really does take courage to face yourself and to decide who you are and who you want to be. This is a great time to do some serious reflecting, so that you can make choices that will set you on the right path to becoming who you decide you want to be", expressed Gary.

He added that, "Every association starts with a group of distinguished matriculants and without you, it cannot exist. As only ΣΑΗΕΤΙΑΝs know, ΣΑΗΕΤΙΑΝs are unique – not only do we build strong friendships amongst our class mates, but this extends and transcends the boundaries of time. We are in a class of our own. We have the ability to adapt, to succeed, and to make a difference. There are now more than 1 700 alumni across the world, from New York and London to Shanghai and Sydney, each and every one of us, with something unique to give and gain."

In closing, Gary asked the Matriculants to consider carefully how as custodians of the future of the school, they can make a difference, to keep the common bonds among ΣΑΗΕΤΙΑΝs together - and that even though they exit the school as Matriculants, that they re-enter its gates as its custodians.

It has become customary for the ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni Association to hand each Matriculant a gift, a symbolic gesture and reminder that they are armed with over 40 years of a rich heritage, a proud history, and a bright future. That they must wear this gift with pride and to continue to make your valuable contribution in safe keeping ΣΑΗΕΤΙ for the generations to follow. This year's gift saw the start of a new tradition, a modern bracelet with a sterling silver "Σ" rooted in the centre of the bracelet. The sigma represents the 'S' in ΣΑΗΕΤΙ; a Hellenic feature unique only to our school.



ADV GB 87th BIRTHDAY GALA DINNER

The 87th Birthday celebration of Adv George Bizos styled 'in conversation with Former First Lady Graça Machel' was held on Saturday 15 November, at the school's George Bizos Hall. ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni expressed their support by attending in great numbers. This fundraising event was aimed at raising funds for The George Bizos Saheti Scholarship and Bursary Fund which helps pay for the education of deserving children who would otherwise not be able to attend ΣΑΗΕΤΙ.

George Bizos, Graça Machel and Sam Ramsamy captivated and inspired the audience with their conversations of national importance. The colloquium was moderated by Elizabeth Sidiropoulos (Alumna, 1985) and The Master of Ceremonies was the very talented, Aki Anastasiou (Alumnus, 1986). ΣΑΗΕΤΙ's High School and Primary School pupils presented a superb selection of musical items which showcased our school among esteemed guests. ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni John and Melissa Generalis (1985, 1990) planned and coordinated the event with class and sophistication.

"If everyone is educated and skilled, they can regain their dignity and be able to make a decent living."

- Former First Lady Graça Machel

Collector's items, an autographed copy of the 21 icons coffee table book and a portrait of Advocate George Bizos were auctioned on the night. The funds generated will go towards The George Bizos Saheti Scholarship and Bursary Fund.

"The likes of the late Madiba ended up being philosophers because of education."

- Advocate George Bizos

Thank you to the Alumni who gave their time and support in helping to achieve the goals and purpose of the school in this domain celebrated on this memorable occasion.

For more information on the GBSSBF go to
<http://www.saheti.co.za/gbssbf.htm>



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ΣΥΚΕΕΣΦΥΛ ΣΑΗΕΤΙΑΝΣ ΑΒΡΟΑΔ

They say the roughest roads often lead to the top. The profiles of these ΣΑΗΕΤΙΑΝs is testament that circumstances do not define our destiny but rather that we can choose to overcome adversity and be extraordinary. Not losing hope of their dreams with continued hope and ambition these profiles attest that ΣΑΗΕΤΙΑΝs are in a class of their own. Armed with the Hellenic spirit and ethos, ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Alumni have the ability to succeed on a global stage.

ΔΟΚΤΟΡ ΛΥΚΥ-ΜΑΥ ΗΟΛΤΖΗΑΥΖΕΝ (ΡΥΛΕ)

Musculoskeletal Doctor, Medicine and Specialist at Marua Medical Centre, New Zealand

Lucy matriculated in 1981 and was part of the first group to matriculate at ΣΑΗΕΤΙ. As first Head Prefect of the School, she recalls that it was at a time when the dismantling of apartheid had commenced.

She graduated from the University of Witwatersrand Medical School in 1987, and completed a two year postgraduate Honours degree in Sports Medicine at the University of Cape Town in 1992. She undertook research into the management of collapsed ultra-endurance athletes and the provision of best-care emergency medical care at ultra-endurance athletic events whilst lecturing at the Department of Anatomy and Physiology, Cape Town University between 1990 and 1999. She emigrated to New Zealand in 2000 with her husband, Norman, and two children, Richard and Kirsty.

In 2005, Lucy completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Musculoskeletal Medicine through Otago University (New Zealand) with distinction, and a Masters in Pain Medicine through the University of Newcastle (Australia) in 2008. Toward the end of 2009, she completed her fellowship training with the Australasian Faculty of Musculoskeletal Medicine and now is in practice as a Musculoskeletal Pain and Sports Medicine Specialist. She has been the Medical Director for the New Zealand Ironman Race event since 2003.

It was Mrs Podlashuk her biology teacher who encouraged her to enrol for Medicine as a vocation. The small focussed class sizes makes ΣΑΗΕΤΙ school unique, and also the emphasis on instilling the values of Hellenism - the right to freedom, equality, democracy and citizenship. This gave her the confidence to discuss, debate and challenge - a very useful skill which prepared her for University years and life at large. This gave her great insight into another culture besides her own.

Lucy dreams of seeing fellow ΣΑΗΕΤΙΑΝs doing more to improve the lives of others and never to lose sight of the contribution they can make to those who are less fortunate.

ΒΑΣΙΛΙ ΣΓΟΥΡΔΟΣ

Chartered Accountant, Executive Director at Naspers Ltd, Hong Kong

Vasili, who in recent months was promoted from Chief Financial Officer and Financial Director to Executive Director of the Naspers Group, matriculated in 1987. Despite facing numerous challenges as a child together with his mother and brother, it was ΣΑΗΕΤΙ who recognised his strength to help him go from good to great.

Vasili's favourite part of the school is 'The Big Avli'. "It was a melting pot where we all gathered. So many vivid memories, faces and experiences,"

he adds. He recalls the excitement, pride and the impact it had on the school, when the new high school wing opened and they moved from the prefabs to an incredible learning environment.

At ΣΑΗΕΤΙ Vasili had the opportunity to learn, grow and discover one of the greatest schools with wonderful friends, classmates and teachers. "I always knew I was experiencing something special and unique," he adds. His last visit to ΣΑΗΕΤΙ was in 2004 to attend the wedding of his good friend Nicholas Katsikides.

At the young age of 20, Vasili worked to pay for his studies at the University of Witwatersrand. Whilst completing his B Comm Honours degree in Accounting part-time, he signed up to complete his articles at PriceWaterhouseCoopers - a challenge which he overcame with great sacrifice. In 1995 he qualified as a Chartered Accountant and accepted the job as Financial Controller of Naspers - a broad-based, multinational media group which has grown to be part of the Top 10 index over the past number of years.

Twenty years on Vasili is still with the Naspers Group fulfilling his new role as Executive Director and a member of the board. He spends 200 days of the year on the road meeting fantastic people and seeing the world. Vasili and his wife are based in the bustling city of Hong Kong.

ΣΑΗΕΤΙ reinforced Vasili's learning of Greek history and culture which he adopted as his own personal core values of honesty, integrity, hard work and understanding of others. It encouraged him to 'Know Thyself' and to embrace and celebrate diversity. His words of wisdom to ΣΑΗΕΤΙ is to continue these learnings among the pupils; to allow them to spend time to understand themselves, to express freedom within boundaries but to never forget 'philotimo'.

ΤΗΡΕΣΑ ΠΑΤΡΙΚΙΟΣ

Actuary, Head of Proprietary Investments at Catlin Group Ltd - Zurich, Switzerland

In high school Theresa was an achiever in both the academic and sporting arena; holding the title dux scholar several times and victrix ludorum in 1993. Growing up, ΣΑΗΕΤΙ provided her with strong foundations to achieve at university. Inspired by Mr Hill, by far her best teacher, she was encouraged to enrol for additional subjects Computer Science and Additional Mathematics - a offering unique at the time.

After matriculating in 1994 she applied to study at the University of Witwatersrand. In 1998 Theresa qualified with a BSc Honours degree in Actuarial Science and Statistics. By 2004 she qualified as an Actuary and accepted her first job at Swiss Re - a leading wholesale provider of insurance with a global presence. In 2005, Theresa left South Africa and settled in Zurich, Switzerland where she currently resides.

She continues to pursue her passion in the reinsurance industry and heads up the proprietary investment division at Catlin Group Ltd - a company with worldwide team of more than 2,400 underwriters and actuaries, and a network of offices in over 50 cities.

Theresa, who last visited ΣΑΗΕΤΙ in 2013, explains that her favourite part of the school is 'The Big Avli'. Her advice to the school and its pupils is to continue to finely integrate the Greek ethos, culture and traditional dimensions in all it offers.

ΣΑΗΕΤΙ's motto Know Thyself - ΓΝΩΘΙ ΣΑΥΤΟΝ is what will continue to educate learners to take their place in a rapidly changing world with confidence and success.

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30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1984 CLASS OF ΣΑΗΕΤΙ SCHOOL



A reunion with a difference! It all started from a message in cyberspace. Sharon Sheather and Tanya (Van Zyl) Cairns started the ball rolling by creating a Facebook page to get a 30 year reunion underway. Most of their class mates are all over the world but nothing could stop these eager ladies from whipping this new form of reunion into shape. The decision was taken to hold a virtual reunion.

And so the journey commenced. They devoted an enormous amount of time tracking most of their class mates and connecting with long lost friends. They shared updates which covered everything from sharing pictures, stories, comments and contact information with friends. All this brought back great memories of great times.

Despite the distance this group of Alumni displayed that ΣΑΗΕΤΙΑΝs are unique. And although there was no fancy venue or fancy dinner and speeches this cyberspace reunion brought this class together. Sharing laughter and tales, embarrassing moments and moments in time that remain etched in their memory. This made the effort really worthwhile.

They have set the bar high to celebrate the 40th reunion at ΣΑΗΕΤΙ with all the Alumni flying in from across the world.



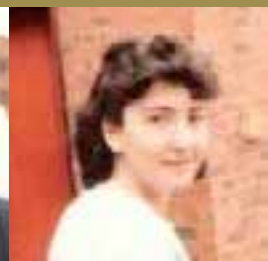
Tania Patricios, Sharon O'Leary and Tasso Anastasiou



Tanya Kiros



Theresa Parolis



Katina Nicolau



Phil Apollonatos, Angela Poulitis, Pamela Cook, Zeta Souris, Lisa Paizes, Eleftheria Theotokatos, Chantal Venter, Margarita Tsangaris, George Christodoulides, Maria Savvas, Helen Voulakis, Tanya Van Zyl



Christine Covary, Sean Hanlon, Maria Savvas, Lisa Paizes, Eleni Tourlotis, Theresa Parolis, Katina Nicolau



Jenny Beaver, Eleftheria Theotokatos, Maria Savvas



Class of 1984 waitresses and waiters for the 1982 matric dance



Maria Savvas, Tania Patricios



Sean Hanlon



Aki Hadjipetros



Kosta Lymberopoulos, Phil Apollonatos



George Hadjikyriakos





Michelle Drake (Odell), Jordan Joannides, Mr Kruger, Wesley Fuller, Morgan Gill, Brett Riskowitz, Nikki Savides, Kyria Elena Piperidis, Natalie Odell, Lorraine Giacovazi (Kammitis).



Natalie Odell, Lorraine Giacovazi (Kammitis), Mr Warwick Taylor, Michelle Drake (Odell).



Kyria Elena Piperidis, Nikki Savides, Michelle Drake (Odell), Lorraine Giacovazi (Kammitis).



Ashley Fuller, Wesley Fuller, Mr Kruger.



Gabriella Moraitis (Tsiaparis), Nikki Savides.

Wesley Fuller, Morgan Gill, Brett Riskowitz.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2004 CLASS OF SAHETI SCHOOL



On Saturday 1 November 2014, the class of 2004 descended together with spouses and partners, to celebrate their first reunion at the Hyde Park Hotel. 10 years since we matriculated. Feels like yesterday we were all sitting at the infamous tuck shop discussing the much anticipated matric dance, matric holiday and our plans for the future the following year.

Before you know its 10 years later – the year 2014 - and time for our high school reunion. Bianca Prinsloo took the lead by creating a Facebook page to co-ordinate and plan for the big day. There was much excitement for a get together and catch up of a decade of memories and stories. Facebook was buzzing with ideas and suggestions and we decided to go for a relaxed evening at the Hyde Park Hotel to catch up.

The day arrived with much excitement. As everyone started to arrive it felt as though we'd never parted and the discussions flowed uninterrupted. Brett Riskowitz shared pictures of his gorgeous little girl. Lorraine Giacovazzi (Kammitis) described a day in her life with her beautiful children. Natalie Odell beamed with excitement on her engagement; and Morgan Gil arrived as we all remembered him - with a huge smile on his face.

A highlight of the evening was to have Kyria Elena Piperidis and Mr Jaco Kruger attend our reunion. It was an evening filled with fond memories, great traditions, excellent food and top class company. Friendships were rekindled as we reminisced about our great days at SAHETI. We had the pleasure of meeting the Executive Headmaster, Warwick Taylor, who greeted us with open arms and encouraged us to visit SAHETI on a regular basis.

Thank you to SAHETI and especially to Tonia Yiannoulakis for her help, encouragement and support to make this great evening a success. We all received copies of our 2004 year book, an absolute gem with vignettes of our days at SAHETI. Our special gift from the SAHETI Alumni Association, a symbolic gesture to keep the common bonds among SAHETIANS alive, meant so much to us all. For those who could not attend, we missed you but look forward to our next reunion.

It was universally agreed that this was an event not to be forgotten and our hope is to be in a position to send our children to SAHETI to experience what we were lucky enough to experience.

Nikki Savides
SAHETI Alumna Nikki Savides, Class of 2004



THE ΣAHETI ALUMNI COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO GROW

We are pleased to welcome our newest members to the ΣAHETI Alumni Committee. The existing committee, who has thus far made a valuable contribution to the ΣAHETI Alumni Association, is joined by an energetic and passionate group of Alumni who will help ensure the Association remains contemporary and relevant to all its members.

The Association aims to provide ΣAHETI Alumni with a global network promoting career opportunities, profiling ΣAHETI and its quality graduates, or just simply, connecting ΣAHETIANS to one another as well as to the school. The vision of the Association is: to create, maintain and enhance lifelong relationships between ΣAHETI School and its alumni, building mutual loyalty, interest and support, as partners in each other's success.

Our newest members are:

Basil Balassis (1987)
Nick Catrakilis (2000)
Stratis Fotakis (2000)
Nik Halamandaris (1992)
Dimitri Kambas (2003)
Vanessa Kerdachi (1984)
Ria Mouskides (1982)
Pano Stamatiades (1986)
Aliki Trippous (1983)
Symeon Yiallouris (1992)

We welcome them on board and look forward to working with them.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dimitri Anastassopoulos (18 June 1964 - 8 August 2014)

The untimely and tragic passing of ΣAHETI Alumnus, Dimitri Anastassopoulos deeply saddened ΣAHETI and the ΣAHETI Alumni community.

Dimitri, who matriculated at ΣAHETI in 1983, was passionate about cooking and an exceptional chef. Remembered fondly for his electric smile, heartfelt laugh and zest for life, Dimitri travelled the world over in pursuit of his lifelong dedication to the making and sharing of exceptional food. In 2011, he established his very own restaurant in Stellenbosch, Cape Town called Dimi's Bistro – a dream come true.

Never far from the flame, Dimitri was a founder member of the Volunteer Wildfire Services combating dangerous and often deadly runaway fires. A cause close to his heart in support of saving South Africa's natural heritage, property and lives.

Farewell to a colourful and talented chef who put his heart and soul into cooking, giving so much of himself for the enrichment of others.

Remembered fondly by his loving sister,
Nicolette Anastassopoulos.

UPCOMING 2015 REUNIONS

The ΣAHETI Alumni office provides the platform to help facilitate the organisation of reunions and is willing to assist with planning these successful functions. The following reunions are scheduled to take place in 2015:

- Class of 1985
- Class of 1995
- Class of 2005

We are currently looking for reunion organisers from each of the years listed above. If you are passionate about networking and getting in touch with your class mates, kindly contact the ΣAHETI Alumni Office.

If this is your reunion year listed above and you are interested in attending, kindly contact the ΣAHETI Alumni Office on 011 479 3794 or e-mail alumni@saheti.co.za

STAY CONNECTED

We are keen to keep in touch with as many Alumni as possible. Our correspondence is mainly via email so please ensure that we have your correct details on the ΣAHETI Alumni database. Simply send an email to alumni@saheti.co.za and notify us of your most up to date contact details.

Please keep in touch and let us know of important announcements such as marriages or births, accomplishments, such as achievements or adventures and any other interesting details. Wherever possible, email photographs or press releases to alumni@saheti.co.za

Merry Christmas!

