

Hi Etienne,

I was thrilled to read your mail.

Gudrun had alerted me to a possible mobilisation of forces to stage a 50th reunion.

I remember going to our 25th reunion just before my final Obstetrics & Gynae exams in 1987, and then another reunion (was it the 40th?) where I met you again. Both were bitter-sweet occasions but profoundly worthwhile and I shall make every effort to be there on 21 Sept. How extraordinary to think that 50 years have whizzed by since we left KHS, all bright-eyed & bushy-tailed... with no inkling of what would follow!

I left SA in 2005 for the greener pastures of Ireland and am now back full-circle in Germany: the land of my birth. I go to SA frequently - 2 weeks ago my mother, who now lives in Pretoria, turned an impressive & spritely 100 yrs and 4 generations of Irsiglers there to congratulate her. Longevity in the family obliges me to continue working albeit at a less hectic pace than in the past: after all I don't want to appear at the reunion worn out, hollow-eyed & "done for"!

You describe last year's reunion in glowing terms & I think that a very similar format would be brilliant. To be back at school after 50 years & walk the old corridors & look out of the Maths class window (Tommie ? our Maths teacher) onto the beloved hockeyfields & the blue Magaliesberg beyond would stir such happy, carefree

memories.I should think that the more time could be spent at the school & on the schoolgrounds the better.

I also remember an occasion one morning in Assembly(then still in the old schoolhall)when an old-boy came to talk to us about his life in Alaska..it made such an impression on me that I never forgot it.Perhaps one of us could similarly give a short,inspiring address to this new generation of youngsters.

So,Etienne,here I am full of ideas as to what to do but offering no help at all.I know that my living in Germany now is no excuse to remain idle but I am useless at the computer,and so busy still establishing myself in this part of the world.Also,I have lost touch with absolutely everybody from my schooldays so can,t even help in tracing anyone.Sorry!

Nevertheless,if you can think of any way in which I possibly could be of use do let me know.

Good luck with arrangements & hope you get lots of support from old-boys/girls.

Uta (Irsigler)