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Vice-Chancellor **Sizwe Mabizela (Fort Hare 1985)** reminded his Rhodes graduands in April this year: "*You join a small and privileged segment of society—a knowledge elite. In the globalised world, membership of this elite carries with it special duties, obligations and responsibilities that you cannot and dare not shirk. Never be afraid to raise your head above the parapet on social, economic and political ills that afflict our society. Never allow the fear of failure to drive you into the safety of inaction. Never sacrifice your values of personal integrity, honesty, trust, fairness and respect for the gratification of political expediency.*"

As I warmly greet Fellows across 67 years, Sizwe's words come as a salutary reminder of the underlying tenets of the Abe Bailey Travel Bursary Programme.

1 THE ABES OF 2017

Congratulations to the new Abe Bailey Bursars whom we welcome into our Fellowship, now passing the 900 mark. From 21 universities, 612 applications were received, and 125 of the applicants were interviewed by their university committees. This year the Trust selected 17 new Bursars each from a different university. They are:

CAPE PENINSULA (CPUT)

Mr Athi Ndita is currently reading for the B.Tech. (Tourist Management) degree having been awarded the National Diploma *cum laude*. He serves as Deputy President of the SRC. He assisted with the *Kusasa Breakfast Club* and in fund-raising for this project and for the *Lessons for Life Foundation*.

CAPE TOWN (UCT)

Ms Thembelihle Ncayiyana gained the B.Soc.Sci. degree and the B.Soc.Sci.(Hons) degree in Industrial Sociology, and is currently reading for the M.Phil. degree in Development Studies. She serves as Vice-Chairperson of the Humanities Graduate Council, a member of the Mental Health Task Team and of the Institutional Reconciliation and Transformation Commission Steering Committee.

CENTRAL (CUT)

Ms Chloe De Villers gained the National Diploma and the B.Tech. (Hospitality Management) degree *cum laude*, and is now reading for her Masters in Hospitality and Tourism. She serves as an Assistant Lecturer and assists with the university's Hotel School.

DURBAN (DUT)

Ms Hannah McKay gained the National Diploma and B.Tech (Chiropractic) degree and is engaged in research towards her Masters degree. She served as Secretary of the World Congress of Chiropractic Students and is Head of Social Media and Advertising for the Durban Chapter of the WCCS, and is involved in community service activities.

FORT HARE (UFH)

Ms Nomfundo Phambuka was awarded the B.Com. degree and is reading for the B.Com.(Hons) in Business Management. She served as Deputy Chairperson of the *Indlovukazi Women Empowerment Society*, and was involved in redeveloping UFH's Institutions Sexual Harassment Policy, and in the *Activate Leadership Programme*.

FREE STATE (UFS)

Mr Gosego Moroka is reading for the LLB degree. He serves as Golden Key Community Service Director which operates a range of community service projects. He founded an NGO *Handprint* which teaches skills to school students. He was selected to attend the University Scholars Leadership Symposium at the United Nations in Thailand.

JOHANNESBURG (UJ)

Ms Megan Smith was awarded the National Diploma *cum laude* in Radiography and is now studying for the B.Tech.(Radiography) degree. She is a member of the Golden Key Society. She was a guest speaker at the SORSA Conference last year, and a motivational speaker to 1st year students.

LIMPOPO (UL)

Mr Desry Lesele was awarded the B.Com. and B.Com.(Hons) degrees in Accounting, and is studying for the Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting. He serves as Advisor to the Student Mentorship Executive Committee. He volunteers at a Foundation which assists matric learners with extra lessons.

NELSON MANDELA METROPOLITAN (NMMU)

Mr Michael Balie was awarded the B.Com.(Law) degree and is now reading for the LLB. He is involved in the Black Lawyers' Association and in the Law Student Society. He has tutored Mathematics to school students.

NORTH-WEST (NWU)

Mr Christian Rudman gained the B.Pharm. degree and is enrolled for the M.Sc.(Pharmacology) degree with a focus on HIV/Aids in South Africa. He served as Deputy SRC Chairman: Finances. He was involved in the RAG Community Service and in skills development in a local high school.

PRETORIA (UP)

Ms Clarindi Greeff is studying for the MBChB. She was selected as a *UN Empower Women Global Champion for Change* where she is a Team leader and Digital Learning Developer. She chairs the *Tuks Leadership and Individual Programme* which skills high school students, and runs the *She Leads South African Women Empowerment Course* for high school girls.

RHODES (RU)

Ms Sinenhlanhla Bengu obtained the B.Bus.Sci degree and is currently reading for the Honours degree in Economics. She founded *Signature Soul*, a beadwork business, *Midnight Munchies*, a food business and *Young Geniuses*, an English public-speaking programme for high school learners. She is a member of the Golden Key Society and holds a Nelson Mandela Rhodes Scholarship.

STELLENBOSCH (US)

Ms Lize-Mari Doubell was awarded the B.Comm. Law degree and is reading for the LLB. She is a member of the Golden Key Society, and of winning teams in Human Rights Moot Court competitions. She serves as Chairperson of the Prim Committee Women Empowerment Task Team and in the work of the Transformation Office

TSHWANE (TUT)

Mr Katlego Mashego was awarded the National Diploma (Legal Assistance) and is currently studying for the B.Tech (Bus.Admin.) as well as for an LLB at UNISA. He served as Chairperson of the Soshanguve Campus Residences, and participated in community outreach in an Orphanage and a Community Advice Centre.

VAAL (VUT)

Mr Mohau Mafojane was awarded the National Diploma followed by the B.Tech.(Biotechnology) *cum laude*. Currently he is studying for the M.Tech. (Biotechnology) degree. He is the Music Director of a VUT church organisation and its Programme Director for community outreach activities.

VENDA (UV)

Mr Clarence Mangena is reading for the LLB degree. He served as Chairperson of the Law Students Council. He participates in the *Nahakwe Youth Empowerment Programme* in disadvantaged communities to empower school young people.

WITWATERSRAND (WITS)

Ms Nonkululeko Mabaso obtained the B.A. and B.A.(Hons) (Development Studies) degrees, and is pursuing a Masters degree in Sociology. She is an Intern at Society, Work and Development Institute (SWOP), and presented a paper at the SA Sociology Association Conference. Through Rhema On Campus, she has done community outreach to an orphanage.

2. ABE BURSARS MEET THE QUEEN OF ENGLAND

Goodenough College Director, *Andrew Ritchie*, sent an invitation to a royal visit: "*Her Majesty the Queen will be visiting Goodenough College on the afternoon of Thursday 1st December 2016. The Queen is Patron of the College and the purpose of her visit is to join with us in celebrating 60 years since she opened William Goodenough House and 80 years since her grandmother, Queen Mary, opened London House. She has been a regular visitor since she became our Patron in 1953.*" Two Abes were invited to meet Queen Elizabeth. The bursars drew lots and **Boraine Barnard (SMHSU)** and **Mulweli Mathagu (WITS)** were the happy bursars who were introduced to her Majesty in William Goodenough House during our time in London. Quite a life moment!



3. THE 2016 ABES REFLECT ON THEIR TOUR SPACE

A new feature in the annual tour programme was a one-day visit to the *Headquarters of the African Union* in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, en route to the UK. This proved a fascinating and enlightening experience on which a number of bursars commented very favourably, and we came upon an Old Abe, **Febe Potgieter-Gqubule (UWC 1989)** holding a senior leadership post in the AU.

Here are the reflections from last year's bursars:

"I am thankful to the Trust for introducing the trip to Addis Abba. As much as I read about how the rest of our continent is doing, I was never able to form an emotional attachment to the pain and poverty they are going through. This tour has opened up my mind to the world and has shown me doors I never knew. I find that every person has a story and if we look a little closer, we can learn a lot"

Alyssa Williams (Rhodes University)

"I probably sat with a gaping mouth at every destination, every meal and each person we met. I could not understand how organised everything was, making the entire journey almost effortless. I have learned a lot from everyone's differences and have been inspired by what great people I was surrounded with. I took away from this experience a lot of hope and inspiration."

Anleo Jansen (University of Pretoria)

"The programme was very inspiring...it enriched my personality, my drive for service and my striving for excellence in all that I do. The A.U. visit was enlightening and has fuelled my passion for the development of Africa. I realised that my identity matters as a black person. I met so many people of different races from all over the world who are so proud of their races and cultures and that awakened my being that I don't have to be like anybody or confirm to any standard to fit in--there is a place for me in the world to shine and make an impact."

Annah Chuene (University of Limpopo)

"The tour started with a bang in Cape Town. We had our first day of orientation and right there we realised that the tour would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I learnt so much at the orientation - how to get a group (where no-one knows anyone!!) to mingle and become friends before lunch was even served.

Ethiopia reminded me that my life is not just about myself - but about what I can do for others! The Burn was out of this world. To relax, to reflect, to enjoy, to meet new people... I felt refreshed and ready to take on new experiences, new challenges and new seasons. The other Abes have inspired me to follow my dreams and live a selfless life."

Annelie Lombard (Cape Peninsula University of Technology)

"The tour was filled with experiences and conversations with 17 amazing students from different parts of South Africa. These individuals inspired me in my personal life and also challenged some of the views I held, bringing a new and fresh perspective. The Abe Bailey Bursary is truly remarkable. I think reconciliation will always be relevant in every context regardless of how much time has passed. Reconciliation forms the foundation of this bursary. During those few weeks I learned so much about myself - my personality, my strengths and my weaknesses."

Candice Thikeson (University of Free State)

"It was necessary to take 18 leaders from across our beautiful country to a different country for our eyes to be opened in so many different ways. From conversations with other people, my eyes were opened to the injustices I face at my university and how I can contribute to being part of a solution. I was also blessed with the opportunity to meet her Majesty the Queen--a big effect on my life but also on every student at my university--a student from their home got to meet the Queen of England!"

Boraine Barnard (Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University)

"It was a journey of self-discovery...the uniqueness and diversity of cultures and races. I have returned from the United Kingdom more inspired and motivated from the experience. The greatest inspiration was the intellectually stimulating formal and informal conversations which were authentic, enjoyable and contemplative.

The most influential moment for me was meeting Nusrat Gani--a breathtakingly exceptional woman who as a girl lived in absolute poverty in India and went on to be an MP in London. I think if Sir Abe had to see how his legacy has lived on, he most definitely would be honoured."

Fathima Shaik (Durban University of Technology)

"The tour was arranged so well in such a way that it took less than three days for us to start gelling as group. I met the Queen or rather, the Queen met me! What really captured me was how we all had a common vision for South Africa. I realised that my mindset had to change in order for me to build the SA that I would like my kids to live in. I thank Sir Abe for giving me this opportunity. I also thank the Trust for the management of funds and broadening the will of Sir Abe."

Mulweli Mathagu (University of Witwatersrand)

"The Abe Bailey tour was gifted to me at a most appropriate time in my journey as a young white male working in public health care in South Africa. It provided the platform for uncomfortable debate and challenging environments, allowed me...to soak in vast and generous amounts of experience and knowledge...our discussions were full of strife, anger, passion, tension and hope. I was able to apply myself, change myself and grow in such a way that I would describe the man who left and the man who returned as two different people with the same heart for humanity and the same soul for Africa but now only more inflamed and equipped."

Gabriel Nel (University of Pretoria)

"The magnificence of the Abe Bailey Travel Bursary is that it leaves one with a great sense of social responsibility. The tour reinforced the belief that I am indeed a catalyst for change and that I am more than capable of dismantling any barriers that are imposed on me and those I impose on myself. I had the privilege of interacting and engaging with 17 of the brightest minds in the country. The passion they possess for their chosen career paths is inspiring and I'm in awe of the role each Abe actively undertakes to contribute positively in our country."

Inga Macingwane (University of Fort Hare)

"My experience in the United Kingdom was amazing, informative and challenged my perspectives on different aspects of life. Each and every day nurtured my knowledge and personal growth. I cannot thank Sir Abe Bailey and Trust enough for designing the tour programme so incredibly. I returned a transformed person in every sphere. Meeting South African students studying at both Cambridge and Oxford universities humbled me when some of them explained how they made it to such elite educational institutions despite their poor economic backgrounds. It was evident that dedication, self-discipline and hard work can secure educational opportunities for one beyond the borders of Africa."

Mutshinye Manguvhewa (University of Venda)

"The Abe Bailey tour is unique in its capacity to change a person's life in three and a half weeks. While I was inspired by the beautiful architecture, history and culture of the British people, it was experiencing it with other South Africans that gave it its monumental impact. South Africans are a diverse mix of people with a checkered past. It was refreshing to see how productive dialogue was in tussling the problems of our country in a neutral space."

I have never experienced the breathtaking beauty of a place as I did at The Burn. I will always have the fondest memories of a place where I relaxed, reflected and re-engaged with my soul."

Nicholas Wayne (University of Stellenbosch)

"My journey with the Abe Bailey tour was one of the most treasured events in my life. In this adventure, I was exposed to art, culture, theatre, politics, food and much love. Several occasions left me with tears of pure joy and awe. The people that we met left an immense impression on me. Chris Turpin the Managing Director of First State Investments who studied ancient languages and then went into economics, Nadia Shah the youngest mayor of Camden, and the South African students who are studying in Oxford showed me that you can do anything if you pursue your dreams. The bursars are inspirational people who have inspired me to help my community more, to ask more questions, to work harder, to explore more and to love more."

Nalize Venter (Tshwane University of Technology)

"Being a young, black woman in an unjust society where women are still fighting their way for equal economic freedom, it was a privilege to be one to represent not only my university but also my community. To hold a responsibility in ensuring that the people in my country live better lives than yesterday. A responsibility to make a change in my own little world in my own little way knowing that it will contribute to the solutions that South Africa is looking for."

Ibanathi Nonkeneza (Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University)

"Although I was aware of the political issues and the level of poverty in Ethiopia, I could see possibilities and much growth in the future. I left Ethiopia with the agency, not only to improve South Africa but to improve Africa. I left feeling more proud than ever to be an African. The trip was made more amazing by the seventeen other bursars, in whom I found inspiration and growth. I learned a lot from our discussions. I left the UK willing to be out of my comfort zone."

Nonelwa Ngcingane (University of the Western Cape)

"I think that the AU visit was one of the most enriching activities in the tour in that it opened up a new perspective through which to assess a wide range of issues, as well as increasing our knowledge of local mechanisms for developing solutions accessible to input from young South Africans. Two of the greatest assets that the Abe Bailey programme has to offer are diversity of students which it brings together and access that the trip grants to places and people."

Rehana Odendaal (University of Cape Town)

"An immeasurable abundance of life changing moments! I have been gifted a wider lens through which to peruse life on a daily basis. I see more, I understand and appreciate more, I know why certain things are as they are. I offer my sincerest thanks to the Abe Bailey Trust for changing my life for the better."

Paul Maritz (North-West University)

"This travel bursary has changed my perception of life and evolved me into a new person. Goodenough College provided an excellent platform in which we got the opportunity for a phenomenal and life-changing experience."

Sivashen Reddy (University of Kwa-Zulu Natal)

4. ABE BAILEY TRUSTEE JUDGE PATRICK TEBBUTT

We pay tribute to *Judge Pat Tebbutt* who served as a Trustee for many years and took keen interest in the selection of bursars and the Travel Bursary Programme. He passed away in May this year. He was a Judge of the Cape High Court and served as Judge President of the Botswana Court of Appeal. Judge Tebbutt was also well-known as a cricket and rugby radio and television commentator.

Gavin Fernie described him: *"Not too many people can grace life with as much gusto, energy and charm as Pat Tebbutt did for more than 93 years; and still be referred to as, 'The Honourable.' Pat Tebbutt achieved both distinctions with considerable charm, integrity and wit."*

5. WELCOME TO LONDON FOR THE 2017 ABE BAILEY BURSARS

All Old Abes in the UK are warmly invited to join us for the Welcome Reception at Goodenough College in Mecklenburg Square on **MONDAY 27th November at 6.30 for 7 p.m.** Director *Andrew Ritchie* will be our host. In October the College will send out email invitations with details about the event. Please send your name, tour year and e-mail address to the Director's P.A., *Ms Amanda Streeter*, so that she can send you the official invitation. [amanda.streeter@goodenough.ac.uk] It will be a great pleasure to have you join us for that function.

6. NEWS FROM ABES AROUND THE GLOBE

We are sad to record the deaths of **John Visser (US 1960)** and **Paul Ferreira (UP 1965)**, and offer our sincere condolences to their families and fellow bursars:

From **Prof. A D Pont (UP 1951)** a member of the very first Abe Bailey Tour: *"Ek het vandag u skrywe in my posbus gekry waarin alle beurshouers van die Bailey Travel Bursary gelys word. Graag wil ek u daarvoor bedank. Dit is interessant om al die name te sien. Van die eerste groep van 1951 is net ds Tobie de Clercq en ek oor in die lewe. Omdat ek later vanjaar, deo volente, 90 jaar oud sal word, dink ek nie dat ek nog baie maal die geleentheid sal he om dankie te se vir u jaarlikse kennisgewing nie. Ek wil tog stel, by terugskouing, dat die Abe Bailey toer in 1951, een van die interessante gebeurlikhede in my lewe was. Die skeepsreis met die Union Castle redery se skip, het ons groep genoeg kans gegee om mekaar te leer ken en te waardeer en dit het die res van die toer goeie vrugte afgewerp. Hoewel Londen in 1951 nogal plek-plek gehawend was vanwee die oorlog van 1939-1945 was die vriendelikheid waarmee ons oral ontvang is, iets wat ek vandag nog onthou. So was daar 'n rits hoogtepunte. Ek dink dat die toer daarin geslaag het om 'n wyer perspektief te kry van die Westerse-Europese wereld en beskawing as om net daaroor en daarvan te lees. Ek is tot vandag toe nog dankbaar dat ek daardie geleentheid gehad het. Terwyl ek nog kan, wil ek weer 'n keer my dank en waardering uitspreek dat ek die geleentheid gehad het om so 'n toer te beleef. Daarom wil ek u sterkte toewens en u verseker dat hierdie goeie werk wat u doen, sekerlik positiewe gevolge het. Met vriendelike groete en beste wense."*
Werklik 'n riem onder die hart om so 'n pragtige brief en herinneringe van u te ontvang.

Also from the bursary's first decade, **Neville Rubin (UCT 1956)** wrote: *"The Order of Luthuli (Silver) was conferred on me in Pretoria on 28th April. The full citation reads: 'Mr Neville Rubin was President of the National Union of South African Students in 1959 and later chairperson of the International Students' Conference. He fought a successful battle against the Nationalist government's expulsion of African students from the traditionally white universities. Rubin was a radical activist in the Liberal Party of South Africa from its inception in 1953, opposing apartheid in many campaigns. In 1965, having joined the Underground African Resistance Movement, he was arrested by the Portuguese Police on the Swaziland/Mozambique border and jailed until released on the intervention of the British government, which had granted him entry to Britain to take up a teaching post at the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University. In England he was active in the Namibia Support Committee, campaigning for South African withdrawal from the territory. He was adviser to Ethiopia and Liberia at the International Court of Justice in their case for the cancellation of South Africa's League of Nations Mandate in what was then South West Africa (now Namibia). He was a Director of the Defence and Aid Fund of the United Kingdom and legal adviser when its role of transmitting funds to South Africa for the defence of those on trial for political offences and aid to their families was banned by the South African government.'*

I am particularly proud of the opportunity to be associated with the name of the late Chief Albert Luthuli. He was a regular guest of my parents when he visited Cape Town and often stayed overnight at our family home. My father was one of the two people invited to the ceremony in Oslo at which he received the Nobel Peace prize in 1960. Best wishes." Congratulations on this high honour, Neville.

Another Abe from the first decade, **Rob Parker (UN 1959)** wrote: *"Thank you for the Newsletter which I found most interesting... Rudolf Gruber (Rhodes) visited Johannesburg from Germany and I had dinner with him and his wife. It was a very interesting evening after so many years, reminiscing over our tour and catching up on each other's histories. I am still going strong although I am now fully retired and still enjoying my golf. Fortunately I have many friends who have gone out of their way to look after me and include me in their get-togethers since my wife passed away. Regards."*

Bernard Lategan (OVS) and I (**UCT**) also had the pleasure of meeting our **1959** tour mate **Rudolf** in Cape Town.

From **Neil Callie (Wits 1962)**: "Thank you for your update on continued progress within our venerable Abe Bailey Fellowship. I always enjoy the nostalgia that reading your letter engenders for me, and also, I must admit, a frisson of excitement on the part of the new bursars for what lies ahead of them.....they cannot conceive at this early stage of the journey which will now unfold for each one of them.

Gail and I remain in limbo between the stunning surroundings of Plettenberg Bay and our family in Australia....the trips between seem to get longer every year! Warm regards"

Tony Heher (UN 1965) wrote: "Thanks for the latest newsletter. Interesting as always.

I was asked by a very generous donor to chair an organisation to dispense funds he made available, on his behalf. Spending other people's money wisely is quite a responsibility! We used the funds to purchase or build three group homes providing accommodation for 20 handicapped young adults. Has met a strong need in society.

In addition I was involved in a Task Team that interacted with the Premier, Helen Zille, to set up a publicly funded home that catered for another 30 handicapped young adults. This is a pilot project which we hope will lead to more funding for the handicapped in future, so an important venture. It has been challenging engaging with these multi-disciplinary public-private partnerships and by no means all smooth sailing, but the progress is rewarding. Still much more to be done, so no quiet retirement for me!

On a personal level, I am still an active mountaineer and climb regularly. After 6 years I have now also nearly completed a website documenting about 200 hiking and scrambling routes in the Cape. (I have climbed them all). Any Cape Abe climbers, or visitors, may find it a useful resource. It is at www.mountain-meanders.com

Building some houses on the small estate we live on has been another absorbing pastime. Having decided we didn't want to move to a retirement home, we built our own, doing much of the work myself.

I am also a graduate of University of California, Berkeley and recently participated in an African Alumnus research project: http://news.berkeley.edu/story_jump/study-finds-many-african-alumni-do-go-back-give-back/ I would be interested to know if there are other Abes who are also Berkeley alumni." All fascinating projects -strength for your work.

Also from **1965, John Gurney (UCT)** was in touch: "Reading the Newsletter I get the message that an Abe Bailey Bursary has moved on to be a much more significant experience now that the bursars are drawn from the complete South African population spectrum. My year was all white males, 50/50 Afrikaans and English. Very restricted points of view in comparison and not much common ground and not much we could do about it at the time. Yet the format of the tour has not changed that much and seems even more relevant, and the impact higher than ever. You can be very proud of the way things have progressed. Best regards." Yes thanks John. Very powerful and inspiring interaction these days. For fascinating news of the **1967** Abes, see section 7 below.

From two **1968** Abes: **John Inglis (UCT)**: "Thanks for the Newsletter and for keeping in touch with us all so faithfully. I wish the new Abes a very successful and mind-expanding trip, and hope the Farewell event will be a good encounter with those who are able to attend. I'm in Pietermaritzburg and will not be in Cape Town in November. Kind regards."

Olaus Van Zyl (UP): "After 44 years at our previous address, we have moved to Ferndale in Randburg. You can send the Newsletters to my email address. Thank you and kind regards."

Looking ahead to another half-centurion re-union, **Tony Frost (UN 1969)** wrote: "Thanks for the latest Newsletter. The 1969 Abes are heading to their 50th Anniversary. I will try to get them together for a suitable celebration and we will need you there!" Great initiative, Tony. From **Japie Engelbrecht (UPE 1972)**: "It is always a great pleasure to read all the news about new Bursars and the older ones as well. Recently **Christo Van Loggerenberg (UPE 1973)** and I were commenting on the 'Abe-ship' again. I was requested to teach 1st year Physics Mechanics again for a 10 week period, due to staff shortages in our department here at NMMU. Enjoyed delivering lectures, and interacting with the young persons (future of our country!)" Good work, Japie.

Pierre Joubert (OVS 1975) wrote: "I would gladly receive the Newsletter by email. I see you do not have contact details for one member of our group - **Japie Robbertse (Potchefstroom 1975)**. My wife and I recently moved down to the KZN Midlands (Balgowan) after a career working for corporates in Johannesburg. It is a beautiful area and we are involved with conservancy work and community upliftment. I also still do work for the Unisa Business School. The 1975 group is welcome for a reunion in the KZN Midlands!" Thanks Pierre. Still unsuccessful in contacting Japie - can anyone help?

From **Danie Uys (RAU 1978)**: "I am now fully retired from PwC. Please send future Fellowship Newsletters by email." **Kathy Sole (Rhodes 1983)** wrote: "Many thanks for the very interesting update. It is significant to note how many women are now selected for this award. In 1983 there were just 4 of us-and I think it was the highest number there had ever been. Is there an Abe Bailey group on LinkedIn? Kind regards." The gender balance is much healthier these days. Yes, there is an informal closed LI group now with 145 members, managed by **Ryan Lamb (UFS 2011)**. The link is <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/Abe-Bailey-Bursars-6697962/about>

Interesting news from **Indran Naidoo (Durban-Westville 1984)**: "I am now the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office of the United Nations Development Programme, based in New York. I am indeed privileged to serve the UN in this oversight role. Having worked thus far in over 40 countries, with a purview of 140 is more than exciting. My website captures our work www.undp.org/ieo --I see this as a means to ensure the mission of the UN is met-keeping practice in line with promises and promoting accountability and good governance. Certainly the experience as an Abe some 33 years ago and the friendships and fellowship that ensued have helped. The good job done by the Abe Bailey Fellowship cannot be underestimated. The Newsletters provide a glimpse, and it is a privilege. I have managed to keep in touch with some of my Abes and reminisce about the good days

and strong debates we had in 1984. Would be very happy to connect with Old Abes. Best wishes." Well done, Indran, and great fulfilment in your significant responsibility.

From **Ian Douglas (UCT 1986)** in London: "A friend of mine - **Louis Stassen (UPE 1984)** - kindly forwarded your email with the latest Abe Bailey list to me and I noted that I have obviously not kept you up to date with my details, which are now as noted. Thanks for the ongoing work you do to look after the interests of all the Abe's. Best regards." Great to be in contact again, Ian-please join us for the London Reception for the 2017 bursars (see section 5 above).

Mike Joubert (UP 1988) wrote: "I recently discovered the Abe's page on LinkedIn and joined. The last few years have been challenging and ultimately very rewarding. I started my own business, BrandsRock in 2009. I was fortunate enough to sell it in 2015...it has become Saatchi & Saatchi BrandsRock. I am still Chairman for the business but have left the operational part of agency life and started a new adventure this year called The Billybo Group. I follow the Abe Bailey news with great interest. Thank you for managing all so well and keeping us informed and included. It is much appreciated. Warmest regards." You're a great entrepreneur, Mike - all the best in your ventures.

From **Jaco Cilliers (UPE 1991)**: "I am currently based in New Delhi, India as the Country Director of the UN Development Programme. Thanks as always. Best regards." Fascinating that you and Indran both serve in the UNDP.

An Old Abe (more below) wrote: "I do not think he would dream of saying it, but **Robin Pearse (Wits 1997)** was recently elevated to the rank of Senior Counsel. He is one of the Silks at Group 621 here in Sandton where I am completing my pupillage." Hearty congratulations, Robin. From **Ndumiso Luthuli (UN 1998)**: "I am now at the Johannesburg Bar - Thulamela Chambers in particular. Our group has an internship arrangement with Doughty Street Chambers in London, and we send one successful candidate every year to spend a month with them. Best regards." Good to hear from you.

From **Steve Bradshaw (UCT 2002)**: "I'm currently in a period of transition. For no good reason my wife and I quit our corporate careers and went travelling for five years. We've now settled back in Los Angeles and are taking art classes and each working on becoming artists. As I reflect on this recent period of travel and change I recognise a lot of the same spirit of seeking and curiosity from our Abe tour. It certainly was a formative time for me and helped to expand my thinking greatly. I laugh thinking of myself back then, how strongly we debated, how noble and sure we all were. It was a coming of age. I'll always have a fond place in my heart for the Abes on our tour. We met as airplanes in the construction hangar, full of raw kinetic potential, and now we've had the pleasure to see each other in full flight, each on her own beautiful heading. Godspeed and thank you, Sir Abe." An exciting and enterprising life space-and what a powerful metaphor!

Philip Steenkamp (NWU 2003), a senior lecturer in Accounting at NWU, wrote: "I received the Fellowship list this morning which rekindled so many wonderful memories of my experience with the Fellowship and our most memorable time spent in the UK. I very much want to receive the Newsletters electronically. Kind regards." Also 2003, **Mercutio Motshedi (NWU)**: "I obtained my doctorate in Social Work in 2009, at the North West University, Potchefstroom Campus. Kindest regards." Congratulations Mercutio.

Aidan Kingwill (UFS 2008) wrote: "As always, such a great pleasure reading the Newsletter. Most striking, every year, is the feedback from the previous year's bursars. The Fellowship continues to bring inspiring young South African minds together. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and passion to the Abe Bailey Fellowship. I moved to Oxford in July 2016 for work and rehashed some of the good memories, although The Randolph is now very squarely outside my budget! Such an amazing city and this reminds me of the privilege we had in 2008 to experience this with you. All the very best." Thanks Aidan-good times indeed. Hope you can meet the 2017 Abes in Oxford.

From two 2010 Abes: **Keeve De Villiers (US)**: "Fantastic to see you are still involved with the tour. I'm currently practising as a Family Physician in rural Alberta, Canada. Big news on our side is that I will be starting my MBA through the University of Alberta in August of this year to run part time over the next 2 years. Would like to extend an invitation to any Abe's in my area to contact me. Ironically I have an Old Abe **Hercules Van Der Walt (UP 2007)** living across the street from me! Kind regards." **Richard Wilkinson (UCT)**: "I very much enjoyed the Newsletter. Thank you for the time and effort which you put into it. Kind regards."

Rachel Morrow (UKZN 2011) was in touch: "I saw the bit about Addis Ababa and in fact, I'm rather jealous! What a wonderful addition. Foreign policy, conflict, and African diplomacy are all core interests for me, and I hope to build a career in them. I'm currently working for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the UAE here in Abu Dhabi. I am a Policy Analyst within the Policy Planning Department, writing policy papers, talking points, and advices on political positions for the Ministry on a wide range of topics. These relate most often to the developments in the region: Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Israel-Palestine, but also to those in Africa." You've taken on a great challenge-much strength to you.

Kameel Premhid (UKZN 2012) wrote: "It is a treat to receive the Address list and your regular Newsletters about the Abe Bursary. I am honoured to be part of such a diverse and impressive community. What a wonderful Newsletter-as always-a wonderfully rich and informative snapshot of the Trust's history through its Fellows. The diversity and accomplishment are true to what the Trust is about and it is something that you and the Trustees can be proud of continuing. Wonderful, too, to see the innovations. Addis and a visit to the AU is something I am most envious of. Nice, though, to see that old Abes extend opportunities to younger ones as the network grows in strength and number. That spirit of camaraderie is unique to the Trust --as is evidenced by the strong showing at both Cape Town and London events. I have now joined the Bar and practise as an advocate in Johannesburg, mostly in the areas

of public law. It is quite something to get used to the rigours and anachronisms of the Bar, but I am finding it all very enjoyable. No doubt the life skills acquired on a short but impactful trip like the Abe Tour have helped me adapt to my new environment. It is an experience for which I remain so grateful." Thanks Kameel for your affirming comments-much valued.

From **Jordan Griffiths (UP 2013)**: "In the 2016 municipal elections I became a Democratic Alliance city Councillor in Tshwane. To date it has been a very interesting experience and I have learnt a lot. I also recently submitted my completed Masters thesis in Security Studies at the University of Pretoria and I hope to graduate during the course of 2017. Aside from the politics I am also pursuing a career in media research and strategy, working as the Head Strategist for a small start-up called Basemedia."

Curwin Mapaling (NMMU 2014) wrote: "I have graduated with my Masters in Clinical Psychology and Community Counselling and will be doing community service at Drakenstein Correctional Centre." From the same year, **Caitlin Stobie (Rhodes)** wrote: "How wonderful to read everyone's news. The Newsletter came through just as I was travelling to the University of Leeds, where I have just started my PhD in English Literature." Well done to all of you on these significant professional accomplishments.

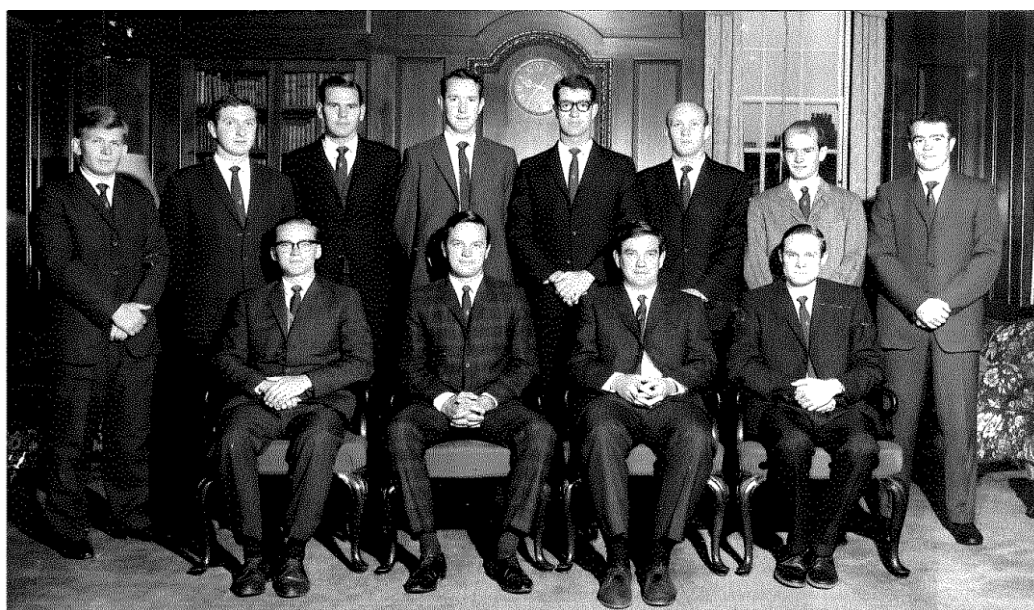
A momentous honour came to **Farai Mubaiwa (US 2015)**, now an analyst at Deloitte, South Africa: "I will be travelling to the UK for the Queen's Young Leader Programme. As the Founder of Africa Matters, I will be receiving the Queen's Young Leader Award at Buckingham Palace on the 29th June 2017 from the Queen. This award recognises exceptional young people across the Commonwealth who are driving tangible change and transforming their communities. I was awarded the QYL award in recognition of Africa Matters and my involvement in the #EndRapeCulture movement at Stellenbosch University. Despite the QYL award being a Commonwealth award and thus linked to colonialism, Africa Matters was praised by the QYL Advisory Board as an important African initiative that created necessary platforms for engagement about African identity, decoloniality and leadership." Congratulations on this outstanding recognition.

Also in the limelight was **Keaton Harris (UWC 2015)** who was awarded the B.Pharm degree *summa cum laude* at UWC in April. This achievement was featured in the local newspaper alongside his handsome photograph. He hopes to proceed with MBChB studies in 2018. He replied to my congratulations: "I reminisce daily on the trip - and the memories we all made together. I'll be honest, I didn't expect to get this much media traction and exposure from my Graduation - but God works in amazing ways - so I have been the proudest of proud being able to say that I am an Abe Bailey Bursar through it all." We, too, are proud of you, Keaton.

From **Gabriel Nel (UP 2016)**: "I've been accepted to complete an MA in Global Health Policy at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. I will be completing it part-time and finishing my internship requirements before going over to London full-time. Kindest regards." Splendid news, Gabe, and best wishes.

7. 1967 ABE BAILEY HALF-CENTURIONS REFLECT ON 50 YEARS

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the **Abe Tour of 1967**. **Boet Coetzee (UN)**, took the much appreciated initiative to invite his tour mates to contribute to the Newsletter on this special occasion. Thank you Boet, and to the 1967 Abes for sharing something of your life's journey with us. Boet wrote: "It was with reluctance that these Old Abes submitted their biographical summaries. Besides acknowledging that whatever they achieved was by grace alone, they also realise it was hardly possible to capture 50 years of one's life in a single page. They hope, nonetheless, that their reflection will highlight the contribution the Abe Bailey tour experience made to their lives."



1967

Back: **Vicci le Roux (US)**,
David Katz (UCT),
Boet Coetzee (UN, Dbn),
Doug Hawkins (Wits),
Danie Straus (UOFS),
Voet du Plessis (UOFS),
Peter Schneider (UCT),
Dries du Plooy (PU/CHO)
Front: **Anton Pauw (UP)**,
Johan Scott (UP),
Basil Budke (UN, Pmb),
Peter Haxton (Rhodes)

Vicci le Roux (US) [Theology]

"On completion of the Abe Bailey Tour, I extended my stay as my wife joined me for a tour of Europe. Back in South Africa I started my career as a minister in the Nederduits Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK) pastoring a congregation in Port Elizabeth. After 5 years I moved to Bloemfontein where I continued my ministry among the students of the University of the Orange Free State. In 1982 my family and I travelled to Lexington, Kentucky USA to further my studies. My field of interest is hermeneutics (interpreting the Bible). This included addressing questions such as what is Black-, White-, Liberation-, Revolution- Theology. As a result of these studies I was awarded a PhD in Theology. On returning to Bloemfontein I served on the Council and Senate of the UOFS before I retired to live by the sea in Jeffreys Bay."

David Katz (UCT) [Medicine]

"After finishing UCT Medical School in 1969, I worked for a year at Groote Schuur and Red Cross Children's Hospitals. Golda Selzer, a distinguished UCT pathologist, and a key figure in SHAWCO, invited me to join her as a junior doctor in Israel. Next I was recruited to Barts in London, where my PhD was on cells from Hodgkin's Disease. A Cancer Research Fellowship in Experimental Pathology took me to University College London (UCL), and I have been at UCL ever since, now as Emeritus Professor of Immunopathology. I explored a key step in the immune response: cells known as 'dendritic cells' had recently been identified, and their role in starting immune reactions was suspected, but not proven. Having succeeded in doing so, I found that the subject became a lifelong interest. The work has now gone full circle, as my successor colleagues are collaborating with UCT, looking at macrophage and dendritic cell responses to HIV infection and the HIV-TB interface.

For many years I packaged research together with diagnostic service and autopsy work, while training junior doctors and participating in the life of a London teaching hospital. As Deputy Chair of the British Medical Association's Medical Academic Staff Committee I make sure that doctors continue to be able to do research and teaching as integral to patient care, and retain their professionalism. My 'hobbies' are reading, religion and running. My continuing interest in medical ethics, entails considerable study of both Judaism and comparative religion. I worked with the UK Jewish religious court on many aspects of medical ethics; have written many responses on behalf of the UK Jewish community to Government and public bodies; and participated in interfaith discussions on biomedical issues. In addition I chair the Jewish Medical Association UK and serve on the international advisory panel of the Israeli Council for Higher Education on medical education. In 1973 I married Jeanne (formerly of Cape Town), a medical sociologist, and we have a son and a daughter, and six grandchildren. I try to meet the Abe Bailey group each year, as I have spent most of my working life within 1 km of Goodenough College in Mecklenburgh Square."

Boet Coetzee (UN Dbn) [Chemical Engineering]

"After qualifying in 1968 with an MSc in Chemical Technology at the University of Natal, I joined AECI as a University Research Officer in the Chemical Engineering Department in Durban. On moving to AECI's Research Department at Modderfontein, I did applied research in the Explosives Group, ultimately as Chief Research officer. After serving in several explosives departments I was appointed Deputy Project Manager in AECI's Technical Department responsible for establishing new decentralised explosives factories. In 1986 I became the Production Director of AECI Explosives and Chemicals and managed Modderfontein Factory with its 10,000 employees and assets worth USD 250m in addition to responsibility for 5 other decentralised explosives factories. When AECI restructured to create AECI Operations Services, I became its Managing Director responsible for facilities and services at Modderfontein, Somerset West, Umbogintwini and Richards Bay. Further restructuring disbanded AECI Operations Services and many employees were retrenched. In sympathy with them, I elected to take early retirement to continue my research in industrial estates through the University of Twente in the Netherlands. Here I obtained a PhD in Management in 2004.

From 1999 to 2005 I served on the SAFEX Board of Governors and then ran the SAFEX Secretariat as Secretary General. SAFEX is a voluntary, non-profit association of explosives manufacturers from all over the world. Its purpose is to promote health, safety, security and environmental performance among its 250 member companies. I retired as Secretary General at the end of 2014.

Outside work, I was active in the Church (Clerk of the Eastern Transvaal Presbytery); in Local Government (Mayor of Modderfontein and Chairman of the Local Government Transition Forum); on the Kempton College Council; and in the Institute of Directors.

My second wife, Bets, (married in 1982) and I live in the Strand. We are blessed with 3 children from former marriages: Izak, Mary and Johann."

Doug Hawkins (WITS) [Statistics]

"Following the tour, I sped up work on my PhD and after graduating spent a sabbatical year at the University of Sussex. Back in South Africa, I became Professor of Statistics at Wits but after a few years left academia for full-time consultancy. In 1986 I emigrated to join the School of Statistics at the University of Minnesota, where I spent 30 years including 6 as the Chair of Applied Statistics. Many years later, I chaired the external review of the Statistics department at the University of Pretoria, and was amused to find that I was the only outsider whose Afrikaans was good enough to read documents! That was perhaps the last thing I would have predicted in 1967! The Abe Bailey Tour had a major impact on my life. The in-depth look at the institutions in the UK inspired me to seek out the opportunity to go to Sussex, and that in turn helped open doors in the USA.

Having officially retired, I still work as a statistical consultant, mainly in medical applications. I live in Arizona with my wife Greer, a former school media specialist. We have two sons."

Danie Strauss (UOFS) [Philosophy]

"In 1971 I was appointed senior lecturer in Philosophy at UOFS. During a second extended stay in the Netherlands in 1973, I

completed and published my PhD on the distinction between Concept and Idea. I was promoted as associate professor and in October 1977 became professor and head of the Department of Philosophy. In 1994 I went to Canada, where as the first Director of the Dooyeweerd Centre, initiated the publication of the collected works of Herman Dooyeweerd in English. I returned to South Africa and from April 1998 to December 2001 was Dean of the new Faculty of Humanities at UFS. Apart from 15 independent publications, 42 international conference papers and 20 contributions to collected works, I have published 295 articles in national and international journals. I authored 15 books. In 2011 my work, "Philosophy: Discipline of the Disciplines" received the award for advancing the cause of the "Philosophy of the Cosmonomic Idea". Since 2013 I have been a Research Fellow at the School of Philosophy, North West University on the Potchefstroom campus.

Squash was my sport of choice and I represented UFS at six South African University Tournaments as well as the Free State provincial team. While in Canada I won the 1996 Thistles Invitational Tournament for the 50-55 year age group, and in 1997 won the Veterans World Championship (Johannesburg) in the same age group.

In 1969 I married Tharina who taught Didactics and Philosophy of Education at UOFS. We have three children: Louise, H el ene and Herman. We are the proud grandparents of three grandchildren."

Voet du Plessis (UOFS) [Law]

"At the OFS I obtained the degrees BA and LL.B followed by LL.D at Unisa where my doctoral thesis was entitled " 'n Arbeidsregtelike studie met betrekking tot die deelname van werknemers in die besluitnemingsprosesses in nywerhede." Appointed lecturer in the Department of Mercantile Law in 1969, I became senior lecturer and then professor in 1976. During my academic career I was Head of the Department of Mercantile Law, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Director of the Centre for Labour Law. I was involved in developing short courses in Labour Law to empower people who did not have the opportunity to attain tertiary education. At the centenary festivities of the UFS in 2004, I was one of the 100 recipients of a centenary medal.

Involved in my community in various ways, I served as a member of school governing bodies, an elder in the church, member of the executive body of the National Party in the Free State and on the Regional Council for the Performing Arts. I was a member of the Bloemfontein City Council, chairman of the Management Committee of the Council and elected Mayor of the City of Bloemfontein. Subsequently I was a member of the Executive Council of the Free State Local Government Association. My interest in Pension Law started with my appointment as member of the Board of the Free State Municipal Pension Fund; then a founder member of the Board of the Municipal Councillors Pension Fund and still a member of the Boards of the Pension Fund and the Provident Fund of UFS. I am a director of the Institute of Retirement Funds of Africa.

In 1969 I married Lydia who taught Music and Afrikaans and is still the church's organist. We have four children and are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren."

Peter Schneider (UCT) [Architecture]

"On returning from the Tour, I spent a year in the SADF Architects' Office in Pretoria. After working for Roelof Uytendogaardt-my mentor in architecture-in Cape Town I became a partner in the practice and also taught part-time at the UCT School of Architecture. We built many buildings between 1969-1977, including some large and very successful low-income housing projects on the Cape Flats.

My family and I went to the USA to teach architecture on a full-time basis, as well as to write and do research. After teaching at Auburn University, I then moved to Ruston in Louisiana to teach at Louisiana Tech University and head the department there. In 1989 I moved to Denver as Director of the graduate Architecture Programmes at the University of Colorado and was appointed Associate Dean responsible for managing the undergraduate and doctoral programs in 2001. In 2013 I retired early and sometimes wish I had thought of taking the plunge earlier!

My first wife and I had two children. I remarried, an American wife, Holly, who is a Presbyterian Minister. Having spent the past 33 years as a preacher's spouse, I learned and enjoyed all of the many new things and orientations that that role embodies. We have two children-both boys, and four grandchildren. I enjoy reading, walking, birdwatching, doing nature photography and lots of cooking. We eat well, but healthily!

Dries du Plooy (PU/CHO) [Theology]

"After completing my studies in 1969, I commenced professional life as a minister in the Gereformeerde Kerk, first in Durban and then in Pretoria Alkantrant. In 1982 I obtained my doctorate in theology at the University of Potchefstroom and was subsequently appointed to the Theological School of the Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid-Afrika as well as to the University's Faculty of Theology. Although I retired officially in 2009, I remain involved in Church and University affairs.

My theological career focused on specific aspects: In Church Polity (Church Law) I was involved in the legal aspects of the GKSA, became its official representative in the Synods with which the GKSA had special relationships within South Africa and abroad. I participated from 1988 to 2012 in Church congresses and events in the Netherlands, Germany, UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and France. Another focus involved membership of the Council for Inter-Denominational Affairs for the three mainstream Afrikaans churches (NGK, NHK and GKSA). I was credited with a number of academic articles in Church Polity and Church History besides contributions to books and journals, and was intimately involved in the training of ministers for the GKSA. Between 1992 and 2009 I concurrently held both posts as Rector of the Theological School of the GKSA and Dean of the Faculty of Theology. The Faculty entered into an agreement with the Greenwich School of Theology in the UK. The GST uses a distance learning model in which a student may obtain a theological degree from NWU. After my retirement I was appointed CEO of the GST and am able to perform this function from Potchefstroom with the help of technology. My focus is on recruitment as well as care and support of Masters and Doctoral international students throughout the world. Every two years the GST and NWU convene a joint convocation in London to confer Masters and Doctors degrees awarded by the NWU. This normally takes place in South Africa House in Trafalgar Square. Old Abe and former State President, Mr F.W. de Klerk, was the guest speaker in 2014.

Thus I manage to visit London regularly and stay in the vicinity of Russell Square--something I could never have envisioned in 1967! I married Heilna Venter, a professor in Afrikaans and literary theory, and we are blessed with four children, a daughter and three sons, as well as five grandchildren."

Anton Pauw (UP) [Classics]

"My studies in Latin, Greek and Ancient History at UP led to an MA-degree cum laude. On furthering my studies in the Netherlands, I was awarded a D.Lit et Phil degree cum laude from the Rijksuniversiteit Leiden. On my return to South Africa, I was appointed as professor at the Rand Afrikaans University (now UJ), a position I held for 31 years in which time I was also Dean of Student Affairs for 3 years. During my academic career I wrote 26 articles and authored 2 books. A highlight was the award of an Alexander von Humboldt Stipendium which made it possible for my wife and me, with our 3 children, to spend a year and later 6 months at the Reichs Universität Bonn, Germany. After retiring in 2001 we now live in Boggomsbaai near Mossel Bay.

My extra-mural experiences were 'hard work, hard play!' A trip my brother and I undertook on a tandem bike to Mossel Bay, along the Garden Route, the East Coast, through the Transkei and the Natal South Coast before returning to Pretoria was a prelude to a subsequent 150 km hike along the Wild Coast. Two friends and I embarked on a rather irresponsible venture travelling 8000km through Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Tanganyika, Belgian Congo and back in a 900cc Renault Dauphine. I completed 14 Comrade Marathons--and I must have jogged 32,000km in all!

Marianne Hurter, the first South African woman to obtain an LLD degree at Unisa and senior lecturer in the Department of Private Law, and I were married in 1968 and have three children who all graduated at RAU: our eldest daughter, Rykie, our second daughter, Elmie, and our son, Anton jnr. We are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren. 'Laus Deo!'"

Johan Scott (UP) [Law]

"Having returned from the wonderful experience of the Abe Bailey tour, I completed my LLB and was fortunate to land an appointment as a law lecturer at my alma mater, the University of Pretoria. This started an affiliation that lasted 48 years--I finally bade farewell to Tuks at the end of 2015, aged 70. My career followed the usual pattern, culminating in an appointment as professor in 1977. In 1984 I became head of the erstwhile Department of Roman-Dutch and Private International Law (which I speedily renamed the Department of Private Law) and remained in that position until 2006. After retiring in 2010, I served in a temporary capacity until 2015. Then I joined the Department of Private Law at UNISA as a visiting researcher, a position I still hold.

After marrying Susan van der Vyver in 1972 both of us decided to pursue academic careers. I obtained the Doctor Juris degree at the University of Leiden in 1976 with a thesis entitled 'Die Geskiedenis van die Oorerflikheid van Aksies op Grond van Onregmatige Daad in die Suid-Afrikaanse Reg' under the supervision of the world-renowned legal historian, Prof Robert Feenstra. Both of us were fortunate to obtain Alexander von Humboldt fellowships in 1986 and lived for a year in Cologne conducting research. From 1981-1996 I was editor of the encyclopaedic work, Joubert's Law of South Africa.

Susan was the first South African woman to obtain the LLD degree from UNISA. We are proud parents of four children, - two pigeon pairs. We are still too young for grandchildren and find great joy in a flock of five French poodles! I am an active sportsman who played a lot of squash and tennis in earlier days. Nowadays I relish swimming and jogging. 'Lucundi acti labores' (Cicero: how delightful is work completed)"

Basil Budke (UN Pmb) [Physics]

"After the Tour I completed my PhD in experimental Physics at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg. Having realised that I was not cut out to be an academic, I decided to enter industry to pursue a career in business management. My PhD opened the right doors. The role I played in student politics and the interaction with other bursars whilst on tour, prepared me well for the challenges involved in handling conflict and dealing with people. After spending 17 years in various management positions at Hulett Aluminium, Metal Box and the Nampak group, I started my own business in Pietermaritzburg in the aluminium foil flexible packaging field in opposition to Nampak. The company I formed, Aluminium Foil Converters (Pty) Ltd, is one of the largest suppliers of yogurt lidding to the dairy industry and foil used in the pharmaceutical industry, amongst other products. When I formally retired in July, the company employed about 100 people. This venture proved to be successful beyond my wildest dreams. Previously divorced, I now live with my partner, Sandra, in Pietermaritzburg. I have a daughter, a son and 4 grandchildren. My time is now spent playing a bit of golf, enjoying rock and surf fishing and being at one with nature in the solitude of the wild."

Peter Haxton (Rhodes) [History]

"After the Tour, I started my first job as a teacher at Queen's College in Queenstown from 1968 to 1992. Having got tired of teaching appallingly biased History, I left teaching and joined the editorial staff of the local newspaper, The Rep, as Sports Editor - a much more exciting job! In 2005 I left the newspaper to return to Queen's College as official archivist in the Queen's College Museum. I plan to retire at the end of 2017. Outside the classroom and newspaper office, I was involved in Border Cricket representing the province for 11 years. In my playing career I made 41 centuries and 115 fifties in a total of some 27 000 with an average of 38. As a bowler I claimed about 500 wickets.

I was privileged to coach Queen's College during which the school won 21 South African Schools caps, and to manage Border Schools, SA Schools, Border Country Districts and Border provincial team. Besides being a SA and Border Schools Selector, I served on the Border Cricket Union executive, and as President of the Border Schools executive. As an Umpire, I was on the National First Class Umpires' panel and was an executive member of the Border Cricket Umpires' Association.

In 1978 I married Jill, one of the longest serving teacher's at Queen's College. We have 3 sons, Craig, Gregg and Robert. My hobby is collecting sea shells with which I have amassed one of the largest private shell collections in South Africa. Besides this, I plan to watch lots of TV (News and Sport channels) and local schools cricket and rugby."

8. FAREWELL FOR THE 2017 ABES: Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Please note the change of day to Wednesday again this year because of the earlier departure of the tour group to Addis Ababa.

Join us at the *ATLANTIC IMBIZO*, at the Cape Town Waterfront to give the new Abes a good send-off. An invitation to the Farewell Dinner with relevant details, directions and free parking information is enclosed if you live in or near Cape Town, or if you receive the Newsletter by email. If you live further afield and can arrange to be at the dinner, please contact me and I shall send an invitation to you. We would be delighted to enjoy your company. A special invitation is given to the **2016 bursars** to share in the send-off for their successors, and to the **Abes of 1967** to mark the 50th anniversary of their tour as half-centurions. Please let me know if you and your partner will attend, preferably by e-mail, or by way of the enclosed reply slip, so that we can make catering arrangements.

9. ABE CONTACT DETAILS

Old Abes with whom we had lost contact have been traced by fellow Abes or have reconnected with the Fellowship. Welcome back! If you know details of any bursars listed as 'unknown' in the March 2017 official address list, or of Fellows who have passed away, please let me know. Please inform me of any changes in your own e-mail or postal details, especially if you receive newsletters by email.

10. RECEIVE FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

Over 300 Abes now receive Newsletters by email in place of posted hard copies. **How about YOU?** Send me an email if you are willing to receive future Fellowship communications electronically. From 2014, all new Abes have received them by email.

11. THANK YOU!

- To all who sent in news, contributions and up-dated contact details
- To those who have agreed to receive Fellowship Newsletters by email
- To **Boet Coetzee (Natal 1967)** for eliciting and editing contributions from his half-centurion fellow bursars to mark their 50th anniversary
- To Chairman **Brian Robinson and Abe Bailey Trustees** for all they do to nurture the bursary award programme
- To **Morag Naylor** for ensuring that the Abe Bailey programme runs smoothly, and for her contact with bursars
- To **Andrew Ritchie, Amanda Streeter, Alan McCormack, David Turner** and their teams who co-ordinate arrangements in the UK and host each year's bursars so generously and warmly.

Greetings and good wishes to you all

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