

Brraavoo! Scouting Alumni

December 2017

Dear members of the Alumni Database and Alumni Network,

As the Scouting year comes to a close we want to answer some of your queries, share a few of our success stories and introduce you to our new Chief Scout. We also want to give you some dates to diarise as we hope to be able to meet you and rekindle Scouting stories and friendships.

Bill Sewell – Chair: Alumni Network Committee

The Alumni Network explained



We have received a few queries with regards to **what the Alumni Network entails** and **what would be expected from you**. In summary, the Alumni Network aims to give those who have been involved in Scouting a new network in which to remain a supporter, stay informed on key Scouting matters and have an opportunity to share of their talent, contacts and time with the organization to the extent they are able to. A small annual membership fee will help fund any administration and contribute to the overheads of taking Scouting to more children and youth in our society.

What's in it for you?

As an Alumni Network member you would be invited to events where you can reconnect with fellow alumni network members and rekindle friendships.

What we ask from you?

We are not asking you to step into uniform and to take on formal roles, unless that is something you have time for and are keen to do. We are simply asking you to come back home and let us keep you informed of what is happening in the Scouting family. If you would have time to help we would ask you to assist us by

- Connecting and introducing SSA to potential financial supporters / partners
- Offering SSA some of your professional or technical skills / time / assistance
- Serving on National, Regional or Group support committees

How to apply?

We received feedback with regards to the complexity of our **Alumni Network application** forms and have since then **simplified the form**. **To join the Alumni Network simply fill in this form** (click here), **pay your annual membership fee** of R199 to SCOUTS South Africa, NEDBANK – Foreshore Cape Town, Branch Code – 108309, Account number – 1083278509. Ref: Alumni{surname} and email **your registration and proof of payment** to alumni@scouts.org.za . Alternatively you can post it to SCOUTS South Africa, PO Box 2434, Clareinch 7740 Cape Town. Attention of Alumni Network.

The new Scout Board appointed

We are honoured to present the new Governing Board of SCOUTS South Africa. The new Scout Board was elected through a consultation process with members, alumni and the executive management committee. The Scout Board comprises of Professor Brian Figaji, Mr Michael Gee, Mr Trueman Goba, Mr Alec Hogg, Mr Gary Pienaar and the newly appointed Chief Scout of South Africa, Dr Brendon Hausberger. [Read Scout Board member profiles here.](#)

be prepared.....



Inaugural speech Chief Scout Dr Brendon Hausberger



"As I start my journey as your [Chief Scout](#), I am not going to tell you the solutions to the world's problems, or the cure for cancer, or how to save the climate, nor have I climbed great mountains or swam the seas, I am just a Scout. But that means that I have promised to do my best.... at whatever I do.

I want our young people to become the most awesome adults of the future. I want them to have self-esteem, I want them to be proud of who they are, to take care of each other, to learn to share some of their extra energy on those that need it, and to appreciate and be grateful for the beautiful and amazing world we live in, and to be aware of their power to be a positive influence in that world and be prepared to exercise it. [Read more here.](#)

Message of gratitude from former Chief Scout Sibusiso Vilane

On the 7th of October Sibusiso Vilane stepped down as Chief Scout and addressed the Lekgota delegates with words of gratitude and pride in the Scouting Movement. "I end with an **expression of gratitude to the entire Movement**. It has been 3 years of learning and growth. Through Scouting I have become a better leader and I leave with the knowledge that leadership is not protecting a position and only managing people, leadership is taking people from here to there, and taking an organisation from a state of current reality to somewhere better. I have learnt that a leadership journey is like running a relay, you take the baton and race as hard as you can without fading completely before handing it over to a better runner. I do that now with pride and honour! [Read full message here.](#)



Scouting stories: "I turned my life around, I was a Scout"



Ronny currently works as an IT Support Administrator for a big firm in Johannesburg. However, a few years ago his life was heading in a whole different direction.

"I was 14 years old and preferred hanging out with my older friends than focusing on school. I was drinking, smoking and sleeping around. Then one day I joined a Scout meeting. Initially I wanted to score a girl, but what I left with was a chance to succeed. I remember going home thinking how much fun it had been to just be a child, without the added pressures. Since becoming a Scout I have turned my life around. I matriculated, studied at university, got a job with career opportunities and I am furthering my studies once more. " [Read his story here.](#)

Diarise the date!

- Kontiki Western Cape, 23 -25 March 2018
- Kontiki Gauteng, 18 - 20 May 2018
- KZN Rally, September 2018

SSA accepted as a beneficiary for the MySchool programme



SCOUTS South Africa is a registered beneficiary of the **MySchool** rewards programme. At **no additional cost to yourself** you could **help us raise funds** for Scouting whilst purchasing your Christmas gifts and snacks. All it will take is to either apply for a card or to add us as one of your 3 beneficiaries. If you have a Woolworths reward card, just add us as a beneficiary through the same process below.

- [Apply for a card and make SSA your beneficiary](#)
- [Keep you current beneficiary and just add SSA as an additional one.](#)

Friends of Scouting



In order to sustain Scouting in SA **monetary donations and bequests ([codicil to be added to Will](#))** made to SCOUTS South Africa are kept in an **endowment fund** managed by an **independent SCOUT Foundation**. When donations are made towards the endowment fund, the donor becomes a member of the prestigious **"Friends of Scouting"**.

The [Friends of Scouting Recognition Programme](#) serves to thank corporate and legal individuals that contribute towards the SCOUT Foundations Endowment Fund. Depending on the donation, FOS, bronze, silver, gold or platinum recognition status can be issued. **[More info or to join "Friends of Scouting" click here!](#)**

Thank you

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Thank you to all volunteers who give to Scouting daily, weekly and monthly in kind by sharing your **expertise** and **services**.

Have you heard?

Did you know that 2018 marks 100 years of Rovering?



Have you seen the **new 2018 badge**? Wondering why its red and why it bears a sword and a dragon? [2018 marks 100 years of Rovering both worldwide and in South Africa \(read more here\)!](#) To honour Rovering, SSA's 2018 membership badge showcases the following three elements:

- **The Dragon** – Represents the symbol of St. George, Patron Saint of Scouts. When he was faced with difficulty or danger, however great it appeared, even in the shape of a dragon - he did not avoid it or fear it but went at it with all his power.
- **The Sword** – Most Crews today either have a sword or knob kerre or similar symbol, this is by no means a weapon of the Crew, but a symbol representing the strength of the Crew.
- **Inverted 100** – This number has been stylised with the number 8 to advertise the Rover centenary.