

## Brraavoo! Scouting Alumni

September 2017

Dear members of the Alumni Database and Alumni Network,

The official SCOUTS South Africa Alumni Network has been launched and we want to say thank you to those of you whom have officially registered. For those of you on our alumni database, we are very excited to be in a position to formalise the Alumni Network and to invite you to register and join.

This newsletter will share more information on how to join the Alumni Network. We will also be sharing some of SSA's latest stories and will elaborate on the Friends of Scouting Programme which is an initiative of the independent SA Scout Foundation.

*Bill Sewell – Chair: Alumni Network Committee*

### The man that is Bill Sewell, Chair: Alumni Network Committee



In March 2017 we welcomed William 'Bill' Sewell back to our Scouting family. Bill not only returned to the Movement he has held dear since he was a young lad, but he has taken on the role of Chair: Alumni Network Committee.

Bill – or Rann (eagle) – as he was known in the Scouting ranks, was born in Pretoria and joined the Scouting Movement in Durban in 1950, when he was 9 years old. Since then he grew as a Scout, lead as a Scouter, served on regional teams and has now returned to the movement to give back on a national level.

Bill is passionate about encouraging Scouting members to build their life skills, whilst helping others to grow too." [Read the full article here.](#)

### The Alumni Network

**Being a member of the Alumni Network will mean** that you will be invited to regional events where you can rekindle friendships and re-engage with current Scouting members, you will receive regular notices from your regional alumni representatives with regards to opportunities to visit or assist in group, district and regional activities and will receive a number of newsletters annually. Your annual membership fee of R199 will contribute to sustaining Scouting in South Africa and to empowering children and youth, predominantly in rural and disadvantaged communities.



**As a registered Alumni Network member, you will also have a say in who governs the Scouting Movement.** As per our Constitution our registered Alumni Network members are eligible to nominate and vote two people onto the Board when their terms come to an end.

## To join and register as a SSA Alumni Network Member, take these 3 steps:

1. Please [click here to find the registration form](#)
2. **Pay your annual membership fee of R199** to SCOUTS South Africa, NEDBANK – Foreshore Cape Town, Branch Code – 108309, Account number – 1083278509. Ref: Alumni{surname}
3. **Email your registration and proof of payment** to [alumni@scouts.org.za](mailto:alumni@scouts.org.za) . Alternatively you can post it to SCOUTS South Africa, PO Box 2434, Clareinch 7740 Cape Town. Attention of Alumni Network.

## Dr Brendon Hausberger to be new Chief Scout

Our **current Chief Scout Sibusiso Vilane's** warrant came to an end at the end of September 2017. The Scout Board called for nominations and we are now honored to **announce that Dr Brendon Hausberger will be inaugurated as the new Chief Scout of South Africa** at the upcoming Lekgotla on the **7<sup>th</sup> of October 2017**.

Brendon is currently SSA's Chief Commissioner and a vital member of the Executive Committee. He has been an active and dedicated member for over 20 years! "I am very conscious of the responsibility that we as the leadership have to support our Movement, not only to our youth, but our adult members too", he says. "I look forward to continuing to do my best to support your hard work on the ground."



## Learn by Doing, the method for success!



Families and commuters who pass the **PWC bike park** on the corner of Sloane and Main Road in Bryanston have most likely been privy to a **huge billboard built by children** which promotes 'Learn by Doing', a methodology that has withstood the test of time. Creatives from the acclaimed advertising agency **DDB SA** and members of the **Gauteng branch of SCOUTS South Africa**, teamed up to **raise awareness about the value that Scouting brings to children and youth in current times.** [Read full story here.](#)

## Do you know this Alumni Network Member?

The Alumni Network strives to help you rekindle friendships. In every newsletter we will strive to focus on one or two of our Alumni Network members. You learnt more about Bill Sewell above and now we would like to present Stuart Ravenscroft.

Stuart currently manages the National Heritage as well as the Western Cape Scout heritage center in Goodwood. He recently joined the Alumni Network and so we met up with him for a cup of tea and to find out why our Scouting heritage has such an important place in his heart. [Read interview with Stuart here.](#)



## Friends of Scouting

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One of our Scout Laws speaks of **managing all resources thrifty**. Therefore, **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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**SSA thanks the following companies and individuals for their support to Scouting:** From what has been reported to the National Office, we would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their monetary and/or pro bono service contributions: Norman Osburn, Norton Rose Fulbright and Cliff Decker Hofmeyr for their pro bono legal services, the Abe Bailey Trust for their monetary support, Gary Irvin (Lava Lamp) for IT support, the German Scout Organization DPSG, DDB SA and Robin De Jager for their pro bono development and making of the Learn by Doing campaign.

**We also thank our donors:** The National Lotteries Commission, the World Scout Bureau and The Scout Foundation.

**We thank our "Friends of Scouting":** Stefano Piller (Blulog), David van Eyck, N&C Abraham, Mahoney, AH Hicks and Filippo Bagarolo.

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

## Have you heard?

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### SSA gets 2 Growth Awards at World Scout Conference



At the 41<sup>st</sup> World Scout Conference in Azerbaijan in August 2017, the World Scout Committee recognized SCOUTS South Africa's efforts in growing the Scouting Movement in Africa. We were awarded **two Growth Awards**. One for achieving **"Absolute Growth in Africa"** and the second one for the **"Increase in percentage of young people reached in Africa"**.

**Growth is never by mere chance, it is the result of forces working together!**

**Congratulations to our Scouting volunteers** as this award should be accredited to their passion, efforts and love for Scouting in South Africa. Their Cubs and Scout benefit from their hard work, their regional and national teams see it and now the World Scout Movement has acknowledged them.

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