



Dear ODs

After hearing about our heat wave in Cape Town, in last week's newsletter, **Dr Paul Getaz (1962O)** wrote in to say: "I live in Johnson City, Tennessee in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains at an elevation of about 1,800 feet, where TN, North Carolina, and Virginia meet. The difference from the heatwave you are experiencing is that today we are at -6C and have about 6 inches of snow on the ground with great big flakes drifting down gently. TN, Kentucky North and South Carolina, and Virginia have been declared disaster areas because of the weather, and the massive storm is heading up the East Coast. Washington DC is due for its heaviest snow fall ever and predictions are for up to three feet today with many other states up through New York expecting 1-2 feet. As you can imagine everything is at a standstill, given that Washington was not prepared for a fall of less than 1 inch on Thursday and ground to a halt. Some 8,300 flights have been cancelled to date and 3,300 more are delayed. More than 130,000 people in North Carolina and over 100,000 in Washington DC have no power. Commuter gridlock in DC meant that more than 600 people had to sleep in their cars overnight as they could not make it home. The good news for us is that Brenda and I do not have to go out!!! We are both semi-retired and work from home. The traffic jam here is 20 cars. There are about 150,000 people in each of the Tri-Cities (JC, Kingsport, and Bristol), each about 20 miles apart with all the amenities we need, and if any are missing they are within easy reach. An added advantage is that the rivers have some of the best trout fishing in the USA. I do not usually tell too many people about this area as it is about perfect as it is!!! However, we would be happy to entertain any ODs passing through."

David Boddy (1970O) sent us a note after reading in the magazine about Rollo le Feuvre (1952G) joining the ranks of the octogenarians. He writes: "Rollo taught me history in my Standard 8 year which was in 1968 and in so many ways made that subject really come alive. He was a gifted teacher and at this stage of my life I would love to convey my gratitude to him, though I guess he is not likely to remember me. My other great history teacher was Wilkie who also happened to be my housemaster in Founders, though I matriculated from Ogilvie under Charles Currey. The debt I owe Bishops is a debt that can never be repaid in this lifetime, or any other lifetime for that matter, and it affords me much pleasure that one day my ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance adjacent to the Brooke Chapel."

The OD Union will be hosting a **Business Breakfast** on Monday 7 March at 7:30 for 8am in the Woodlands Pavilion. Our guest speaker will be Gareth Penny (1980F). If you would like to reserve a seat please e-mail dorourke@bishops.org.za

Please reserve your seat/table for the **OD UNION ANNUAL DINNER** taking place on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at Kelvin Grove. Tickets cost R350. Please e-mail me for more details dorourke@bishops.org.za

A **UK OD Senior Lunch** was held on Friday 22 January. 10 Senior ODs, in the company of the ODU President, Raymond Ackerman (1948S) met for lunch at the venerable Carlton Club in London. Raymond spoke about South Africa and Bishops, framing his comments with a quote from George Bush, Snr, "A thousand points of light". The strength and growth of a nation - or any organisation for that matter - comes from the cumulative effect of thousands of ordinary people working as a force for good, rather than a reliance on a government to deliver. And, said Raymond, Bishops produces boys who make up those points of light. Please view photos at <http://ukodu.blogspot.co.uk/>

Bishops Cricket Race Day takes place on 6 February at the Kenilworth Racecourse. Please contact Rose Wilke for more details at marketing@bishops.org.za

For upcoming cricket fixture please go to
<http://college.bishops.org.za/sport/SportFixtures.aspx?Sport=Cricket>

It is with regret that I inform you of the passing of **Kenneth Stuart-Findlay (1946O)** on 23 January 2016. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Val and the entire family.

“The greater the difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it” – Epicurus

Have a great weekend.

Best regards

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