



BISHOPS ODU NEWS

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Dear ODs

NOSTALGIAS

In last week's newsletter I informed you of the passing of Basil Bey. I have been overwhelmed with e-mails from ODs, parents and staff with memories and reminiscences of their time being otherwise taught or coached by, or worked with Basil. I will be compiling a collection of these. If you would like to submit your recollection, please e-mail it to me as soon as possible. I hope to send it out along with next week's newsletter.

A reminder that Basil's funeral, a celebration of this iconic man, will take place at 3pm today in the Memorial Chapel and the wake will be held at the Heatlie Pavilion thereafter.

DELAY

We regrettably need to postpone our event, "Can Zuma Survive?" scheduled for Thursday 24th November to early next year. I will assess who has purchased a ticket through Webtickets and arrange for those ODs to be reimbursed.

MENTORING PROGRAMME

Join the existing Mentor panel of 300 plus ODs who are making a difference at <https://form.jotformeu.com/61863512428356>

We have received a lot of affirming feedback on the Mentoring Programme. Below are a few notes from Mentors and Mentees.

Mentees

"The OD mentoring programme has led me to my first ever encounter with a mentor. I assumed mentoring would be very superficial, where one can ask a mentor for advice once in a blue moon, meet them and then not make contact for many weeks afterwards. Surprisingly the level of interest and enthusiasm that my mentor has shown me, along with, obviously, a professional history has been astounding. I really look forward to many more enlightening engagements. I would like to thank Nicky and the OD Union very much for this opportunity. So far it has been the most inspiring part of being an OD in that ODs are actually getting together, forming a community and wanting to enrich each other."

Mentors

"I meet my mentee once a week. It began as a general discussion as to his expectations and needs and then we began a more specific approach regarding his career development. He is doing a broad undergraduate degree and as yet uncertain of the direction his post-graduate options, as such I have introduced him to a variety of business contacts. He is meeting with them to gain professional input. I have also organised vacation work for him to give him an idea of what it is like to work in the area where he has indicated an interest. The key with these activities is to ensure that they remain useful to both parties and that one is clear, as a coach, regarding the frequency of meetings, calls and usefulness of them. Like any relationship it requires constant *fine-tuning*."

“This programme is an excellent approach for older ODs to engage with younger ODs. On a personal note I was more than happy to share my views and experiences with a younger fellow OD who had international aspirations. Overall I think this is an excellent initiative that helps bring and create value to and for the OD Union members.”

“The initiation process was very smooth as Nicky made a good match in terms of industry and sector. The initial meeting, over a good lunch, went smoothly and we discussed the mentees objectives and identified issues to think about and discuss further at a follow-up lunch scheduled three months later.”

“My arrangement with my mentee is to meet for lunch every fortnight, to catch up, navigate the highs and lows of a career spanning law and arts, and just talk nonsense. I have undertaken to introduce him to my colleagues at the Cape Bar and take him with to consultations with Counsel. This will give him a flavour of the more refined aspects of legal practice, as opposed to attorney’s practice, which is largely dominated by low-level squabbling and bickering. I have taken him with to a hearing. This gave him the opportunity to observe two advocates with very different styles in action.”

Keeping with this

A JUDGE IN THE MAKING

Zandy Bicket (1973S) spent a day with Nicholas Peile (Grade 10), showing him around Pittsburgh where he lives. Nicholas is currently doing a brief stint at Shady Side Academy, a private school in Pittsburgh. Nicholas expressed an interest in the law and a desire to study it in the future, so Zandy showed him around the Courthouse where he works. See photo attached. Nicholas looks very comfortable sitting in Zandy’s chair on the bench in his courtroom. Zandy is currently serving in the Criminal Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He hears cases ranging from murders to retail thefts, most of which are tried before a jury.

BULLETIN

The November UK ODU Newsletter can be viewed at <http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=7b5bd99f91896bec2e1ae7f9d&id=5fb733fea8>

REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATE

The ODU Annual Dinner will take place on Thursday 16th March 2017. A formal invitation will be sent out shortly.

UK

The UK ODs Year-end Drinks will take place on Thursday 1st December. Please RSVP at <https://form.jotformeu.com/62702030344341>

CAROLS WITH RICHARD COCK (1967O)

Christmas Carols takes place on Friday 16th December in the Memorial Chapel at 18H00. Don’t miss out! Book your tickets at

http://online.computicket.com/web/event/christmas_carols_with_richard_cock/1075370625/0/75325410

OD INTERNATIONAL SPORTS ACHIEVERS

If you fall into this category or you know an OD who does please e-mail your/his achievement to dorourke@bishops.org.za

EPIC

The “*Blessing Boots*” ceremony was held on 13th November. Daniel Le Jeune (Grade 10) read a

prayer written by Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav (1722 - 1811): -

Master of the Universe

Grant me the ability to be alone;

May it be my custom to go outdoors each day,

Among the trees and grass, among all living things.

And there may I be alone, and enter into prayer,

To talk with the one to whom I belong.

May I express there everything in my heart,

And may all the foliage of the field, all grasses, trees, and plants,

Awake at my coming,

To send the powers of their life into the words of my prayer,

So that my prayer and speech are made whole.

Through the life and the spirit of all growing things,

Which are made as one by their transcendent source.

Amen

Brian Robertson (1979W), the OD Union's Ex-Chairman, embarked on the Epic journey in 2014 and wrote, "The independence the Epic gives boys; many of whom have never been hungry, or thirsty, or had to cook or fend for themselves is a form of newfound freedom. The more independent we become and the less dependent on others, the more freedom we have to operate as an individual. This is how Bishops lives its motto and inspires individuals." Please see Brian's full account attached.

SPORT

Congratulations to Nizaam Carr (2009M) who has been selected to play for the Springboks when they take on Italy at 15H00 on Saturday 19th November.

College sports fixtures can be seen at <http://college.bishops.org.za/sport/Fixtures.aspx>

AID

The Annual Four Charities Book Sale is taking place at St Paul's Church in Rondebosch on 25th November from 13:00 to 21:00 and 26th November from 08:30 to 16:00. Please see flyer attached.

"Dream big. Start small. But most of all start" - Simon Sinkek

Have a lovely weekend.

Best regards,

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