

INANDA SEMINARY ALUMNAE

- December 2016 Newsletter -

Dear Alumna

Summer season is upon us



As we enter the long-awaited festive season, which promises fun, relaxation, turkeys, braai vleis (my favourite), family time, jet setting, and all, we also want to reflect on an awesome year for Inanda Seminary Alumnae.

The past six months have on the whole been the most exciting. The adaptability and improvisational skills of oMemba toward finding solutions are highly commendable. Certainly the cogs in the alumnae wheel are now oiled and the alumnae train is in motion. The destination is still quite far, so let's all hop in and enjoy the ride.

The Steering Committee held its monthly Skype meetings, planning and organizing. We look forward to the day that the alumnae office will no longer be virtual, but physical and resident in the school, run by appointed personnel who can be remunerated accordingly, thereby creating more employment opportunities. What a milestone that will be. Watch this space!!

We thank the alumnae from all classes for the amazing input. We are very encouraged to see classes electing their reps, which will make it easy to build the body and continue with class socials. Classes that do not have a rep yet are encouraged to do so. It is most encouraging to see alumnae rising to the challenge of contributing to the preservation of not only the Inanda Seminary legacy, but also to the rising belief that we can continue making a mark in South Africa and the world. One of the objectives of ISAA is to preserve our music, especially the singing of old Inanda Seminary songs. We thank alumna Hixonia Nyasulu for volunteering to see this through. Mentoring and Coaching are fast becoming a life-line in human development at all stages of life, to assist in navigating the complexities of our post-modern existence. Moreover, the current education challenges in our country demand that students receive as much value-adding support as possible. Inanda Seminary is blessed to have a strong mentorship programme, called CONNECT. Thandeka Mgoduso is on standby to help the school strengthen it where necessary with alumnae volunteers. More later.

Of the countless extraordinary alumnae events we have seen so far this year, AT HOME 2016 has to stand out. Not only was it well attended, but it was indeed quite a colourful, informative event. We saw alumnae descend on the campus from all corners of the world, adorned in their alumnae summer scarves. There was representation from the classes of 1946, 1960, 1963, 1965, 1969, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1991, 1992, 1995, 2006. It was such an amazing spectacle! The Memba magic was evident even among the over 80's, who looked absolutely stunning: Congratulations to Mrs Harriet Goba, Mrs Charlotte Champion, and Mrs Doris Dlomo!!! I, personally, now certainly look forward to being 80 years old one day.



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The school has certainly kept up with the times as well. One could not but admire the presentation of the event itself. Technology usage, the awards, and the food have improved tremendously since our days. The alumnae key note address by Dr Siphokazi Koyana '85 on financial intelligence sealed the event with an encouraging, informative, and empowering touch for the students. Nomthandazo Magwaza '16 received a standing ovation for scooping a DUX award for being an allrounder. She has already been earmarked for scholarship in New York by alumna Mathula Nkosi (nee Magubane). More later. We simply cannot wait for the class of 2016 to join the alumnae endeavours.

With the school's 148th birthday approaching on 4 March 2017, one can look forward to the school's further development with absolute enthusiasm. It is critical and necessary. Please diarise so long. We hope to see you there. Please do bring your pledges toward the fundraising strategy.

By now you should have received a questionnaire from the school. We are on a mission to create a supa- dupa alumnae database. Please take a few minutes to complete it. You can also access same from the school website www.inanda.org under alumnae. We also urge you to send us as many alumnae email addresses as you may have. Thank you to all respondents in face book. It has also been most encouraging to see our newsletter on the desks of neighbouring schools: Ohlange, Marianhill, and Adams College. Looking forward to collaborations with them in the near future.

It remains important and critical that we become and remain organised, so that we can collectively solidify support to the school and address any rising challenges toward the school. This was further evidenced by the recent Sunday Times article to which they subsequently apologised.

In conclusion, I thank you for heeding the call of coming along to play a role in further strengthening the Inanda Seminary brand. With the power of many, so much more can be achieved. Keep on reading and enjoy.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you happy, happy, holidays and safe returns!!!



Best Regards

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Be an active alumna and stay connected!

While we are currently building our database, please feel free to forward this newsletter to other members and/or send us their contact details at InandaAlumni@outlook.com



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STAY CONNECTED~STAY INFORMED

Alumnae AGM

On the 22 October 2016, the AGM was held and was well attended. Thank you for your attendance Memba's. The highlight of the AGM was a historical account of ISOGA (Inanda Seminary Old Girls Association). The story of the ten Inanda old girls, who saved the school, from extinction in the 90's, was so passionately shared by Mrs Esther Sangweni. The re-launch of the alumnae association, as Inanda Seminary Alumnae Association (ISAA) was also presented and is on the table for further discussion. Also on the table is the use of the trust account for assembling alumnae and fundraising monies, to establish a solid account to contribute to the school's financial sustainability.

Because the AGM did not start on time, part 2 of the AGM will be held on the **4 March 2017** at the school at **14h00**.

The agenda will also include further discussion on ISAA, constitution, culture preservation, mentoring, marketing and fundraising

Alumnae Branded Clothing

Thank you Zanele Mthembu for your dedication and making us all pretty at the AT HOME. Membas, Zanele is still taking orders for delivery at the school birthday if you will be attending or you can fetch from her in Johannesburg. Nohle Tshiki has asked on other colours and branded items. As we are looking forward to winter 2017, it is certainly time to look at a winter item. To be discussed at AGM part 2. Check out the gallery further on.

To place an order for your summer scarf, contact Zanele Mthembu @ +27 71 364 6478 or mazet011@gmail.com

Alumnae Trust Account

The details of the Trust account are as follows:

Name of Account: ISOGA Education & Development Trust Bank:

ABSA Branch Code: 632005

Cheque Account Number 40-5637- 4334

Regional House Parties

The envisaged house parties have not taken shape yet. The regional champions are still seeking the assistance of regional alumnae to make this happen. The aim is to market the school regionally mainly through house parties and other means, and the principal will come and present about the school. Inviting potential parents in these regions, with kids in higher primary, for a high tea afternoon. These will ensure that the school has an opportunity to get a continuous flow of students and applicants.

Please contact the following regional champions to get involved:

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Alumnae Activities

- Alumnae continue to excel in their world of work in their respective fields and areas all over the world. The list is countless and achievements many many. Keep it up girls – **Shine Where You Are!!!**
- Inanda Seminary board of governors has launched awards called *Siyavuna Awards*, in recognition of Alumnae activities in society at large. We congratulate the 2016 recipients in the Alumnae category viz; Power of Ten, Prof Nonhlanhla Khumalo, Hixonia Nyasulu, and Adv Thandi Orleyn. Well done ladies!
- Celebrations for Mrs Khoza (former principal) 90th birthday celebrations continued with class of 1985 hosting a grand party on heritage day, 24 September, at the Blue Valley Golf Estate Club House in Johannesburg. *“Ukhule Gogo Connie unghokhobi”*.
- The class of 1976 held a momentous reunion in Durban recently
- The class of 1996 held their 20 year reunion at the school recently, followed by dinner at the exquisite Ushaka Marine world Aquarium. They signed it off with a cruise from the 2 November to 5 November.
- Please also note that the school is on the Woolworths rewards programme. Please be sure to support the school as well via this medium. Thank you Thandi Mvakali for bringing this to our attention.
- It was on such a sad sad note to bid farewell to close dear friends. It is still like a bad dream for many. Class of 1982 lost Dr. Paula Kali (Mbande).
Class of 1978 lost Mrs Yvonne Nompumelelo “Mpsi” Ngubane (nee’ Gcaba).
Class of 1996 also mourned the passing on of Cabangile Gumede. May their souls rest in everlasting peace. Thank you Memba’s for such representation at the funerals. We send our condolences to all the families.

Please continue to advise any steering committee member about what you are up to.

We would love to hear from you. Keep us updated on the various activities taking place near you. Continue posting your ideas at- InandaAlumni@outlook.com



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