

# UPPA



## UPLANDS PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION



A custodian of the culture and ethos of Uplands

### ALUMNI NEWSLETTER – JULY 2012

Greetings to all Uplands Alumni and Friends of Uplands

Our last newsletter concentrated on the upcoming Uplands Festival, which was held at the end of May. And what a great festival it was! Surpassing, if possible, previous Uplands Festivals.

**The UPPA STAND AT THE FESTIVAL:** The UPPA stand was a huge success and became a clubhouse for both alumni and friends gathering there to network, socialise and generally have a great time. Most importantly, the stand succeeded in bringing awareness of UPPA and its mission to the Uplands Schools. Fabulous prizes were won through our very successful raffle and all in all we managed to raise in the region of R60 000 for UPPA.

**DON'T MISS THE UPCOMING UPPA GOLF DRIVE ON 19 OCTOBER AT THE WHITE RIVER GOLF CLUB:**

This promises to be a great fun day with sponsored holes, great prizes to be won and a prize-giving and social event after. We call on as many of our alumni and Uplands friends as possible to start planning and get a group together for a visit down memory lane in the Lowveld. What a great opportunity to have a fun day and to reconnect with the UPPA family. More information will be sent out in due course. We are making an appeal for sponsors so *please* try to assist us. In this regard, kindly contact James Sheard at 083 708 6106 or Craig Nel at 083 630 6084.

**UPPA MEMBERSHIP:** Registration is FREE – but we need our Alumni details. Of particular concern is the UPPA membership from the Prep. The College, having been established in the technological era, has a comprehensive database of past pupils, so the vast majority of College alumni do receive our newsletters by e-mail. The Prep, however, is a different scenario with so many of our past Alumni having no forwarding contact details and particularly e-mail addresses for us to get hold of them. We need to re-double our efforts to have as many alumni registered as possible so we can ensure that they receive UPPA news and information.

Please, please, please assist us in growing our database by spreading the news of UPPA and getting past pupils to register. There are many UPPA members whose parents, siblings, children and friends are not registered on our database. **Registration costs nothing** and it's an easy 2 minute process done on-line at [www.uppa.co.za](http://www.uppa.co.za). **Please assist us to grow our database and if you can't get them to register, send us their e-mail addresses and we will register for them!**

**REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE** [www.uppa.co.za](http://www.uppa.co.za) for up-to-date “what’s happening” – including weekly updates and information on both the Prep and College. There is also an interactive button on the website to comment and to network with alumni. So, please don’t forget to check out the website!

**Remember also that** UPPA, as with other schools’ Alumni, is also actively involved in trying to raise funds for both the Prep and College.

**DONATIONS TO UPPA:** UPPA is delighted to inform you that we have received a substantial R100,000 donation from one of the Prep past pupils from the 60s, currently living in Australia. We will give you more information on how the funds will be spent as soon as the Committee has come to a decision on this. We are eternally grateful for the donation and will ensure that it is used for maximum benefit to Uplands. The donation also comes with a challenge and request to other members of the UPPA community who are in a position to help to please dig deep and give back to this wonderful school that we all love.

(Again bank details and monthly debit order donation forms can all be found on our website [www.uppa.co.za](http://www.uppa.co.za).)

#### **OBITUARY**

It is with deep regret and sadness that we inform you of the sudden passing away of James Macgregor at his home on Lochaber Farm, White River, at the end of June 2012.

James was a pupil at Uplands (Miss Webb’s School) in the late 1940’s. He supported Uplands throughout his life by serving on the Prep Board (Vice-Chairman) and more recently by supporting the establishment and development of the Uplands Past Pupils’ Association.

His three sons, Duncan, Bruce and Flint were second generation pupils at Uplands and his three grandchildren are currently the third generation of Macgregors at Uplands Prep. Duncan is a valued member of the UPPA Committee.

We are thankful for the life of James Macgregor and his service to the Uplands Family.

In a recent meeting, James said of this community and Uplands:

***“This is who we are, this is our identity”***

UPPA expresses our deepest sympathies and condolences to the Macgregor family.

Best wishes to you all

The UPPA Committee