

## **Another 're-union' – November 10, 2014: 52 years after matriculating**

Lorraine (Friedlander) Basserabie and Brian Eisenberg happened to be in Johannesburg (Lorraine on family business with her husband, and Brian with his wife visiting their son, daughter-in-law and new grand-daughter) in November, almost exactly 52 years after the Class-of-'62 matriculating – too good an opportunity not to have another 'mini-reunion' and have some of the class still living in Jo'burg meet up with the '*foreigners*'!



Rene (Chait) Sidley was the organiser, and set the scene for a 5.00pm cocktails meeting at the Hyatt Hotel in Rosebank on Monday 10th November and then on to a supper at a restaurant close-by. In consultation it was agreed that this would be a 'spouse-less' event, not wishing to bore partners 'out-of-their-minds'.

The Group l-to-r: Dennis, Rene, Brian, Yvonne, Stan, Peter, Estelle, Ian, Beryl, Fay, Lorraine

Ten class-mates managed to join the group, with a few others (including Merle [Gordon] Waksman, John Coci) sending apologies and unable to attend. 'Miss Kagan' – aka Estelle Brodie, not one to miss an opportunity to be with '*her class*' again, came along too.

Those attending: Rene (Chait) Sidley, Fay (Rabinowitz) Starfield, Beryl (Slavin) Kolman, Lorraine (Friedlander) Basserabie, Estelle (Kagan) Brodie, Yvonne (Kolbe) Droste, Brian Eisenberg, Dennis Goldman, Ian Kennedy, Stan Klaff, Peter Levor.

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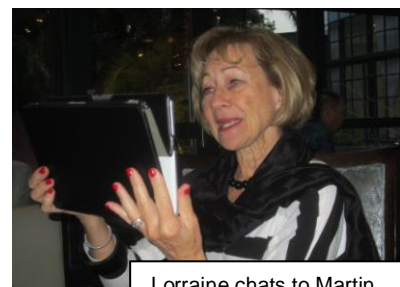


As the timing coincided with the 52<sup>nd</sup> year of writing the Matric exams, it was a perfect time to release the final revision of the class-booklet, and Brian and Martin worked furiously for the weeks prior to ensure its release the prior evening. Many new '*life-after-Northview*' stories and some general interest and anecdotal sections were added to the February pre-release version – obviously providing some talking points at the Hyatt 're-union'.

Dennis chats to Martin



Brian also managed to arrange a Skype link-up with Martin and the tablet with Martin's cheery face, thousands of miles away in California, was merrily passed around the group, until Martin had to leave



Lorraine chats to Martin

for his daily chores – it being 8.30am in his neck of the woods.

After the cocktail hour a few left and those remained moved off to Dopio Zero (in The Firs – for those who know Rosebank) where the happy chatter full of memories and stories regaled into the night – the last few (Brian, Dennis, Ian, Rene and Stan) practically turning off the lights in the parking garage!



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