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## EDITORIAL

As I write this all members of the Adelaide Technical High School Old Scholars Association are faced with a brand new year. The question is what should we do with it and why?

Fortunately we do not have to consider matters of international importance such as global warming, terrorism and whether Port Power will ever win another premiership. For us, the question is what can we do to strengthen our Association to enable it to better fulfil its objectives of:

- Establishing and maintaining close relationships among Old Scholars.
- Arranging functions to assist in the fostering of those relationships
- Promoting the memory of ATHS by assisting with causes such as financing the GIHS IB Diploma Scholarships
- Collecting and preserving school memorabilia.

The common thread to these objectives is maintaining the memory of the Adelaide Technical High School which most of us believe made a significant contribution to our lives.

Obviously, the key to strengthening ATHSOS is to increase the membership base by making the Association relevant to all Old Scholars, regardless of whether they attended at North Terrace or Glenunga. Our embracing of the worldwide web was largely driven by the Committee's search for a better means of communicating with younger Old Scholars. The changes to the format and content of the Newsletters made last year were also driven by the need to provide members with better sources of information about the Association's activities presented in an attractive way.

Nevertheless, the Committee still needs input from members to ensure that it is providing what they want. Letters such as the one from Dr. Don Love (Class of '68) published elsewhere in this issue provide invaluable feedback to guide the production of future Newsletters and Magazines. Please let's have more of them! The other thing (never have an editorial without asking for something) is that articles about people and periods do not write themselves – we need your contributions, especially from Old Scholars from the years 1962 on. It is no good for people to claim the Association is biased towards the North Terrace years if those from the Glenunga years remain silent.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PICNIC

In keeping with past practice, this year's Annual General Meeting and Picnic will be held in Heywood Park, Northgate Street, Unley Park on 28 March 2010 from 10:00 am. The formal meeting part of the proceedings will commence at 12 noon and is expected to take approximately half an hour. The main item of business will be the election of the Committee for 2010.

While all members of the present Committee have offered themselves for re-election, nominations from others will be welcome. Nominations for positions on the Committee must be submitted formally on the Nomination Form included elsewhere in this Newsletter or obtainable from the Acting Secretary, Warren West—phone 8376 0938 (home) 8234 7810 (business) 0417 816 603 (mobile). Nominations may be submitted by any financial member of the Association for candidates of their choice who are also financial members. It should be noted that for a nomination to be valid, the candidate must have signed the form to indicate his or her preparedness to accept the position if elected. Nominations close on Friday, 19 March 2010.

Financial members of the Association unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to appoint a proxy to vote on his or her behalf on any issues that arise during the meeting. The appointed proxy may be any financial member of the Association and you may direct how your proxy is to vote on a particular issue. Should members have no particular person in mind to appoint as their proxy, they may nominate the President or any Committee Member to vote on their behalf. Proxies can only be appointed using the form included with this Newsletter and the completed form must be in the hands of the Secretary by no later than Friday, 19 March 2010.

The Picnic has by now become a tradition of the Association, presenting as it does, an opportunity to meet Old Scholars in an informal atmosphere to share a few memories of Adelaide Tech, as well as lunch.

The Committee looks forward to seeing you there.

### Nomination and Proxy Forms

- Nominations for positions on the Committee close on Friday, 19 March 2010.
- Members unable to attend the meeting are encouraged to appoint a proxy using the form included in this Newsletter and forwarded no later than Friday, 19 March 2010.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

In accordance with Clause §27 of the Constitution, the Committee hereby advises members that it will be seeking approval to amend Clause §15.1 of the Constitution of the Association at the AGM to be held on 28 March 2010.

The proposed change and the reasons for them are:

Clause §15.1 – Quorums

Currently, Clause §15.1 states:

"A quorum at any General meeting of the Association shall be twenty five (25) members or twenty (20) per cent of the members, whichever is the lesser."

The purpose of this requirement, which has been difficult to meet in the past, is to make certain that there are sufficient members present to ensure that the wishes of the membership receive due and proper consideration when the business of the meeting is conducted. Since Clause §16 provides for the appointment of proxies and allows the appointees' votes to be recorded in the same way as the vote of those present in person, it is illogical for the determination of a quorum not to include proxies.

If the change is accepted, the reworded Clause §15.1 will be:

**"Twenty five (25) members or twenty (20) per cent of the total number of members, whichever is the lesser, present or by proxy shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any General Meeting of the Association."**

**FRIDGE REMINDERS**

**Adelaide Technical High School  
Old Scholars Assoc Inc**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association will be held on  
Sunday, 28 March 2010**

at 12 noon at Heywood Park, Northgate Street, Unley Park

In accordance with the Constitution, all positions on the Committee become vacant at the time of the AGM.  
Retiring Committee Members may offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations are called for the following positions:

President	Vice Presidents (2)
Secretary	Membership Secretary
Treasurer	Members (5)

**Nominations must be lodged with the Acting Secretary, Warren West  
phone 8376 0938 (home) 8234 7810 (business) 0417 816 603 (mobile)  
by Friday, 19 March 2010**

**Adelaide Technical High School  
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**The ANNUAL PICNIC/REUNION will be held in conjunction with the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on  
Sunday, 28 March 2010**

Between 10:00 am—4:00 pm at Heywood Park, Northgate Street, Unley Park

**Free Chicken Lunch**

to commence after the Annual General Meeting  
which is scheduled for 12 noon—12:30 pm

**Please bring a Salad or Dessert to share.**

**BYO drinks plus table, chairs etc**



**Adelaide Technical High School  
Old Scholars Assoc Inc**

**Class of '53 Reunion : 70th Birthdays**

**Thursday, 27 May 2010**

Achieving the biblical three score years and ten is an achievement worth celebrating.  
What better way could there be than to spend time with your similarly-afflicted school friends?

**DETAILS OF VENUE AND COST WILL BE SENT TO CLASS MEMBERS IN APRIL.**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM**

To: The Secretary—ATHSOSA Inc

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print full name)

hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ (please print full name)

for the position of \_\_\_\_\_ on the ATHSOSA Committee

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I accept this nomination \_\_\_\_\_

Received \_\_\_\_\_ Nomination Valid Yes / No Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Adelaide Technical High School**  
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**PROXY NOMINATION FORM**

To: The Secretary—ATHSOSA Inc

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (please print full name)

hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ (please print full name)

to vote on my behalf at the 2010 Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I accept this appointment \_\_\_\_\_

Received \_\_\_\_\_ Proxy Valid Yes / No Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OLD SCHOLARS

### Margaret Kneebone (Dodd) 1955-1957

*Margaret Kneebone from the suburb of Beverley began at the Tech. in First Year Commercial in 1955 and left after her Intermediate Year in 1957. A city girl, in 1964 she married and moved to the South East where she still lives. While she claims no special distinction, she has contributed to her community in a variety of ways which I believe is indicative of the sense of communal responsibility fostered by the school in its students. This is her story.*

I attended ATHS for three years in the commercial stream and was fortunate enough to have as Class teachers Miss Topperwein, Mr Magor and Miss Balchin. I enjoyed the challenge of Shorthand in First Year with Miss Topperwein and continued with it through to Intermediate when it was taught by Miss Balchin. It is a skill that has stood me in good stead all my working life.

After leaving Adelaide Tech I worked in the Department of Lands as a shorthand-typist, a job I really enjoyed. In 1964 I married Frank Kneebone and moved to Kingston S.E. where we lived for 28 years. Both of my children, Peter and Susan were born there, but have since moved to Adelaide for employment reasons. Peter is the Production Manager of an engineering company while Susan teaches English as a Second Language at Flinders University.

While in Kingston I managed the school canteen for a couple of years and then entered full time employment with the District Council of Lacedpede Bay as a shorthand-typist. After 10 years with the Council the computer revolution rendered my job redundant. I then worked in a land agent's office for a further two years before retiring from the workforce.

Away from my employment, in Kingston I was involved with the Uniting Church, playing organ and piano for services. I was also involved with my husband in the Scout movement in various ways including eight years as Cub Leader.

Since moving to Keith in 1992 I have organised a Craft Group at the local Uniting Church, become a volunteer at the local activity centre, playing piano for elderly residents singing sessions and delivering meals for the local Meals on Wheels organisation. I have also moved into the computer age and am producing the weekly Church Newsletter. Now that my husband has retired we are enjoying caravan travel around Australia which we are trying to do for three months each year. We also belong to the local Probus Club where I have been installed as President for 2010.

I remember my time at Adelaide Tech with great affection and also with gratitude for the opportunities it gave me to learn the tools I have used throughout my life.

### Margaret "Peg" Himmelreich (nee Dunnet) : Class of '49

#### What's in a Name?

Margaret has often wondered why ever since she can remember she has been called "Peg", more so since two close friends, also named Margaret, are called Peg by friends and family.

In typical Adelaide Tech fashion, she was not content to leave this mystery unsolved and has recently come upon an explanation in a book entitled "The Clans and Tartans of Scotland" by Robert Bain.

The answer is that Margaret is a name of English derivation, while in the north of Scotland and in Ireland where Gaelic was and is commonly spoken, the Gaelic equivalent of Margaret was either Mairghread or Peigi. In her case, Peg's grandparents were from northern Scotland and hence she became known as Peggy or Peg. Similarly her two friends were from an Irish heritage and so were also called Peg.

All very logical, once you know.

## CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OLD SCHOLARS contd

### The Davies Girls

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*Mr and Mrs Davies of Royston Park were loyal supporters of Adelaide Tech in the 1950's, sending all three of their daughters, Diana (1951–1953), Luella (1954–1956) and Joan (1956–1958) there for their secondary education. The three are now somewhat scattered but all remember their time at the school and maintain contact with the friends they made there.*

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After leaving school, eldest sister **Diana** worked as a stenographer for the Adelaide branch of an insurance company. As the result of taking part in the Miss Australia Quest as "Miss Honey" she was offered a job as an Air Hostess with Ansett Airlines. Working with Ansett gave Diana the urge to travel, beginning with a trip to Japan for the Cherry Blossom Festival. On her return she worked for Avis in Alice Springs where she met many people from overseas and this led to her undertaking a round the world flight. During her travels she worked in England, Europe, America and finally Canada. After marrying Ken Koo who she met at work, Diana has lived in Vancouver, Canada for the past 36 years, working in Administration at the Simon Fraser University in Vancouver for 20 of those years. Retired, she now enjoys yoga, walking and artwork. Diana and Ken have one son, David, who works in IT.

Middle daughter **Luella** became a secretary with the Victoria Insurance Company before joining Airlines of South Australia. Not satisfied with attending Adelaide Tech herself, she strengthened her connection with the school by marrying old scholar Ian Mackay who many would remember as a journalist with The Adelaide Advertiser and as the author of the book "Australians in Vietnam". Their first posting after marrying was to Singapore where they travelled extensively through South East Asia while Ian covered the Vietnam War. After Singapore they spent two years in Canberra, with Ian in the National Press Gallery, followed by three years in London which provided opportunities for many holidays in Europe for the entire family.

In between, or possibly during their travels they had two children, a son who now lives in London where he manages the famous Comedy Store in Piccadilly and a daughter who is a well known Melbourne chef with three children of her own.

Returning to Melbourne after London was something of a challenge but Luella soon found a fun job as Hospitality Manager for the brewer known variously as Castlemaine Perkins/Bond Brewing/Lion Nathan which lasted for ten years. By then it was 1995 and retirement beckoned. They moved to the Whitsundays in Queensland where unable to help themselves, Luella became Office Manager in the Airlie Beach Branch of the Mackay Regional Apprenticeship Employment organisation while Ian became Editor of the local paper, the Whitsundays Times. A second retirement has now seen them move to Metung in East Gippsland, Victoria to be nearer their daughter.

Youngest daughter **Joan** left school at the end of 1958 and joined the Electricity Trust where she trained as a Cooking Demonstrator, attending the School of Mines for a further three years giving herself a further connection with the school. In 1963 Joan married Robert Blanden, a city boy who had attended Urrbrae and had farming in his veins. The young couple moved to the small vibrant community of Caltowie where the family owned the General Store and held all the usual farming type agencies.

While in Caltowie she taught Home Economics at Gladstone High School, took night classes in cooking and became the caterer for many community events. These activities plus her love of all sports which began during her time at school helped her to become a valued member of the community. In between times Joan had four children, one boy and three girls.

In 1977 the family moved to a farm at Bundaleer while maintaining an agricultural business at Jamestown. After selling the business in 2008 Joan and Robert retired and are still living on the farm where Joan is enjoying the next phase of her life, thinking of ways to spoil her four Grandchildren and following the family tradition of travelling.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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*On 1 October 2009 Old Scholar, Dr Don Love PhD, MIBMS, FRCPath wrote from his home in New Zealand where he is Director, Diagnostic Genetics, LabPLUS, Auckland City Hospital.*

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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I very much appreciate receiving copies of the ATHS Old Scholars Association Newsletters and Magazine. The new style Newsletter is refreshing and perhaps represents a new phase for the Association.

I only joined the Association a few years ago, but have found the Newsletters full of interesting recollections, albeit of those who attended the Old Tech on North Terrace. In contrast, my brother, sister and I attended ATHS when it had moved to Glenunga. My brother was the first of us who attended 1964-1968, while I followed him in 1968-1972, and then my sister in 1969-1970.

It appears that the Association is going through a phase that recognises that it cannot continue in its present form, and acknowledging that changes must be made. The suggestion made by the President in the September Newsletter that the present Association might be a separate or annexed Association of Glenunga certainly sounds worthwhile. However, I found it odd that many Old Scholars do not feel an attachment to Glenunga International High School. As one of the last class of students to attend ATHS, I can feel a little sympathy with this view, but I think the school's core values have never wavered.

My own impression of ATHS is very much coloured by my memories of the interactions I had with the teachers, and it is here that I must highlight Mr Pitman. He was my class teacher in 1970, and of course was the senior chemistry teacher for ATHS. I found him to be a no-nonsense person who had high expectations of his students. His values were clear for all to see, and indeed are those that are commonly referred to as core values of the Old Tech.

I shall always remember his final statement before exams, "I wish you as much luck as you deserve". I know that Mr Pitman was not everyone's cup of tea, but he was certainly mine. I was very saddened to hear of his death, especially as I had not had the opportunity to thank him for the interest he took in me and the lasting impression he made. To me he was ATHS.

From time to time I reminisce and indeed miss the past, but I take a great deal of pleasure in the present and feel that the work of the Association will continue, but probably in a new way that becomes part of the Old Scholars' Association for Glenunga. Whatever it is called, I am proud to be an ATHS Old Scholar and to have a touchstone of excellence that remains with me still.

Yours faithfully,  
DON LOVE

### EDITOR'S RESPONSE

On behalf of all of those who contribute to the production of Newsletters, my thanks to Don for his words of support and encouragement. It is letters such as his that brighten our day and make our efforts seem more worthwhile.



## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that subscriptions for the period 1 January to 31 December 2010 fell due on 1 January 2010. While many members have already renewed their subscriptions for 2010, there are others who have not.

If you received a Subscription Form with this Newsletter, we have not received your subscription for 2010 and we ask that you re-subscribe as soon as possible. The Association would prefer not to have to use its reserves to pay the very high expenses incurred at this time of year for the production and mailing out of the Magazines and Newsletters.

If no Subscription Form was included with your copy of the Newsletter, your subscription for 2010 has been received and no further action is necessary.

## SOUVENIRS AVAILABLE

History book "ATHS—The Story"	
<b>On Sale</b> : includes postage	\$ 35.00
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wish to purchase merchandise.

## FUTURE EVENTS

The only other major event planned for the year is the Annual Luncheon in October.  
Details of the date, venue and cost will be provided together with the Registration Form in the June Newsletter.

Consideration is being given to organising reunions for those from the classes of 1940, 1950, 1960 and 1970 who will be celebrating their 70th, 60th, 50th and 40th anniversaries respectively of their commencement at ATHS.

The Committee would be pleased to hear from anyone from these classes who would be interested in attending such events or is available to help with their organisation.

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*Please note that your personal details will not be divulged to other Old Scholars except to those responsible for management of the Association nor to any person or organisation without your express permission.*

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