SIMON'S TOWN SCHOOL

LAWHILL MARITIME CENTRE

Celebrating 21 years of operation in 2016

LAWHILL HIGHLIGHTS – TERM 1, 2016

KARLSHOEJ FAMILY VISITS

2015 ended on a high note with visits by members of the **Karlshoej** family during the December holidays. It was our pleasure to host **Mrs Susan Karlshoej**, chairperson of the TK Foundation and daughter of the late Torben Karlshoej (founder of the Teekay Corporation), her husband Jim, two daughters and son on Christmas eve and **Axel Karlshoej** (Torben's brother), his wife Inge and their two sons, Jens (and his wife Stacey and daughters) and Poul on New Year's eve. Thanks to the TK Foundation, Lawhill will be expanding in 2016 and the Karlshoej visits provided the opportunity to discuss the expansion plans, which include building additional classrooms for electronic navigation teaching and additional cabins for boarders.

SAFMARINE GIFTS

Our new academic year got off to a 'well planned' start thanks to a generous donation of calendars and diaries by our anchor sponsor, Safmarine. The items were a great 'welcome aboard' gift for the group of Grade 10 students joining Lawhill for the first time. In December Safmarine's Head Office in Copenhagen also donated several boxes of branded items and clothing which will be put to good use by our students during 2016, as we celebrate Safmarine's 21 years of support for Lawhill (and the company's 70th anniversary!). We also appreciated the time Safmarine's **Arnold**

Eckersley and **Chantel McCrae** spent with our boarders, sharing details of their careers with Safmarine and Maersk Line and answering our students' many questions!

KZN MARITIME STUDIES WORKSHOP

At the beginning of February Lawhill hosted a 5-day Maritime Economics workshop for 19 teachers from the **Kwazulu Natal Education Department.** Lawhill is helping to prepare those appointed by the respective education departments to teach maritime economics in a number of schools. The workshop provided an opportunity to discuss the Grade 10 – 12 Maritime Economics syllabus and provide answers to the teachers' many questions. The workshop concluded with a harbour tour in Cape Town.

SPECIAL TIMES WITH SMIT AMANDLA MARINE

Another two Lawhill Grade 12 students were fortunate to spend a few days onboard the **SMIT Amandla Marine tug, Peridot**. Archie Leeu and Saluse Tsengiwe sailed from Cape Town for a voyage to Mossel Bay and valued the opportunity to learn from the knowledge and experience of the officers on board and to experience life at sea first hand. The boys were given cadet duties while onboard for the few days and could put into practice much of what they learnt in classroom. They enjoyed standing watches, plotting the vessel's position on the chart, identifying vessels, applying the rules of the road and identifying the movement of other ships simply by looking at their lights. A highlight of the trip was watching the tug, *Smit Amandla* towing the *Zenith Explorer* into Cape Town at the conclusion of a successful towing operation. The boys say the voyage was an experience they "will not forget anytime soon."

SMIT Amandla Marine also sponsored a Lawhill team participating in the **2016 Maritime Industry 7-A-Side soccer tournament.** The tournament was won by the CPUT Maritime Studies team which included a number of former Lawhill students. Our team did very well, reaching the quarter finals.

One of our Grade 10 students**, Menelesi Mkhize,** also benefitted from SMIT Amandla Marine's generosity when the company's commercial manager**, Nomkhita Mbele**, a former Lawhill student, sponsored his air ticket to the Sail Africa prizegiving where he received the Sail Africa trophy, the organisation's most prestigious award. Lawhill and the General Botha Old Boys Association Bursary

Fund were proud to have Menelesi and Ms Mbele represent us at the event, which was attended by various dignitaries.

GUEST TALKS AND VISITS

Hardly a week goes by without someone visiting Lawhill. This term we were fortunate to host, among others:

Chief Officers **Michael Fowkes** and **Rolf Siebold-Berry** (a Lawhill alumni) who shared many interesting stories about their careers at sea;

Ms Mandisa Tani (Transnet National Ports Authority) and **Ms Charity Bodiba and Ms Cloris Ngwenya** (South African Maritime Safety Authority) who met their new Grade 10 bursary students during their visits to Lawhill;

Dockendale Chairman **Garrick Fletcher** and his wife **Susie** who were given a tour of Lawhill by MUR Shipping/GBOBA bursary holder, Ntsika James; Norwegian visitors **Mr Torbjorn Eide**, Vice President of Klaveness Ship Management and **Mr Jan Erik Rogde,** General Manager of Klaveness Ship Management;Mr **John Gilmour,** founder and Executive Director of LEAP Science and Maths Schools and Mr **David Kramer**, CEO of the Sci-Bono Discovery Centre;

Ms Mandy McGuire, Group Training and Development Manager of the Subtech Group and **Grant Wallis,** Diving Foreman, who provided an informative talk on commercial diving as a career; and

Mr Peter and Mrs Judy Newall from the UK. The Newalls are the sponsors of the prizes presented to top performing students at our annual awards evening each year.

(More photos and news on our Facebook page! https://www.facebook.com/LawhillMaritime/)

GENERAL BOTHA OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The **General Botha Old Boys' Association (GBOBA) Bursary Fund** awarded a further four bursaries to students Ntsika James, Avela May, Menelesi Mkhize and Nkazimlo Mtshixa in February this year. The four new bursary holders spent an interesting morning with mentor, Captain Tony Nicholas, visiting SAMSA and the Robinson Drydock. In March, Lawhill had the pleasure of hosting a General Botha Old Boys 1956/66/76 reunion group and the GBOBA bursary holders participated in the annual service of remembrance and wreathlaying ceremony in honour of the General Botha cadets who died serving their country during World War II. Here they had the pleasure of meeting Captain Bill Damerell, who served on the original Lawhill.

CAPE TOWN CYCLE TOUR

Once again the generous support of the **Hamsher family** gave Lawhill cyclists the opportunity to participate in the Cape Town Cycle Tour, the world's largest individually-timed cycle race. The non-riders had as much fun supporting cyclists by giving them a very enthusiastic welcome in Simon's Town!

RISING STARS

Congratulations to Grade 12 students **Thami Hoza** and **Bokamoso Molale** (Simon's Town School Head Boy) who both achieved distinctions (more than 80%) in all eight subjects in Term 1.

The two Sean C Day Scholars recently participated in an International Masterclass in particle physics held at iThemba Labs in Somerset West and have also been invited by the Swiss-based African Innovation Foundation to participate in an Innovation Prize for Africa 2016 event to be held in Gaborone, Botswana in June. They are among the 10 young African innovators who will benefit from AIF support aimed at taking their innovation, the Hot Nozzle portable showerhead, to the next level.

ACADEMIC RESULTS

The Grade 10, 11 and 12 maritime students have once again delivered impressive academic results with a number of our students being placed in top 10 positions in their Grade at Simon's Town School (see table below).

LAWHILL STUDENTS IN TOP TEN - MARCH 2016			
	GRADE 10	*GRADE 11*	*GRADE 12*
1	HELENA SEEBRAN **	BOHLALE MOTSIELOA	THAMI HOZA
2	GUGULETHU KUBHEKA	LIZWE DLAMINI	BOKAMOSO MOLALE
3	SAMANTHA CHETTY **	SIPHELELE NCUBE	SHANON SWART SALUSE TSENGIWE SUSHMITA NOWASES
4	MIHLE MAKOSONKE		
5	MENELESI MKHIZE	NKAZIMLO MTSHIKA**	
6	DUDUZILE MLABA SONAZO VITI	KATLEGO MAKGATO OLWETHU MANELI UNATHI MAKUBALO	BONGO NGXOVU
7			THANDEKA DUMA
8	EUSTON KOCKERA		LEVONIA ARENDSE
9	LUBHAQA NGONGOMA		
10			
	9 out of 10	7 out of 10	8 out of 10

** NON-RESIDENT MARITIME STUDENT

THANK YOU ….

Our programme continues to benefit from the financial and moral support of a number of companies and individuals.

We thank each and every one who has helped us invest in a future maritime generation. Your contribution is highly appreciated!

WARM REGARDS - THE LAWHILL TEAM

Kindly note: The Lawhill offices will be closed for the holidays and will reopen on 5 April 2016