

Johannesburg

63rd anniversary celebration of the GCB

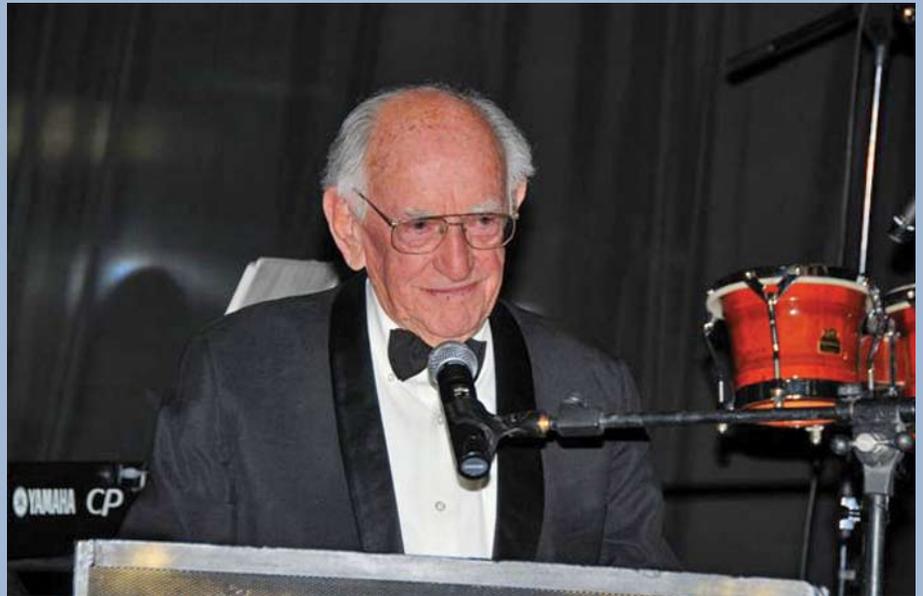
Contributed by Shirnae Londt-Jacobs, Johannesburg Bar

The Johannesburg Bar hosted the 63rd anniversary of the General Council of the Bar at Glenburn Lodge in Muldersdrift. The 'Black Tie' event was held on 25 July 2008 and started off with a welcoming cocktail party on 24 July 2008. The theme for both the events was 'The Gentlemen's Club' and the detail in décor (including gifts which guests received) epitomised that era.

At the cocktail party, in true style, the invited delegates were welcomed at the entrance door by gentlemen dressed in top hats and tails. The décor at this event created an ambience of luxury and sophistication. Soothing music by saxophonist Cathy Del Mei hovered in the background with the thick aroma of cigars lingering throughout. You could have been mistaken for being in Havana.

The style, form and manner of the main event on 25 July 2008 could be considered as a first in many respects. Some 250 guests attended the gala from various provinces and it was the first time in the history of this event that members could be accompanied by their spouses.

The master of ceremonies was the well-known TV personality Peter Ndoro. Guests were entertained with music by Wendy Twyford and a four-piece band known as 'Atmospheric' that allowed guests to dance the night away on the specially-created white and black dance floor



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that took you back to John Travolta's 'Saturday Night Fever'.

The celebration was opened with a welcoming speech by the Johannesburg Bar chair, Gerrit Pretorius SC. The past chair of the GCB, Jannie Eksteen SC, welcomed former Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson who honoured Jules Browde SC.

Jules Browde SC was the guest of honour and the recipient of the Sydney and Felicia Kentridge Award, presented by Jannie Eksteen SC on behalf of the GCB (see page 6 of this issue).

Amongst other things, this event provided an invaluable opportunity for guests to exchange ideas and cement relationships. **a**



The detail in décor at the Johannesburg Bar function epitomised the era of the 'Gentlemen's Club.'

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