

The Board of Directors of the Seniors' College unanimously agreed to honour Johan Geldenhuys as the first recipient of a Lifetime Membership in SCANS. Below is the address given to Johan by Lois Block, Chair of the Board at the Annual General Meeting on March 18, 2019.

I first heard the name Johan Geldenhuys several years ago, when we received feedback forms electronically from him and which were then to be completed and submitted electronically. At the time I could not put his face to the name, not understanding then that this is a hallmark characteristic of Johan ... a quiet, unassuming man who does not seek the glory or limelight but who has indeed been pulling our computer strings from behind the scenes- not just with feedback forms, but with just about every computerized program SCANS has! He automated many of our processes, most noteworthy the on-line registration process, and continues to work on this to this day- most recently having worked with Bill Li to make modifications to the registration system that would allow us to indicate course preferences . He regularly met with Alison, our previous Office Manager to provide assistance with all of our computer programs, and continues to provide regular support to Sue our new office manager. He without a doubt has spent more time in the office working with the Office Manager than any one of us, and I know of no one who better understands the inner workings of SCANS. If we give him a chance he could probably automate the whole office. Perhaps then, Johan, you will turn your computer wizardry to creating a robotic Board of Directors!

Johan also served as Technical Support Coordinator for several years, and initiated the process of meeting with instructors prior to their delivering courses to ensure they could correctly hook up. He or members on his team were on hand in every class to provide technical support, a practice which continues under the capable direction of John Stewart, our current Tech Support Coordinator. And when John is away, Johan is still the go-to person, even as recently as this past November.

In 2017, Johan together with his granddaughter worked for the better part of the year to create a new Website for SCANS. I don't think any of us will ever know the time and effort, and of course the knowledge, skill

and expertise that went into that initiative, and for that alone, we could be honouring Johan.

Johan served on the Finance Committee from 2016 till 2018. In 2016, at a time when we were in serious financial difficulty and worrying about how to sustain our organization, Johan together with his wife Carol, who was SCANS treasurer, did a feasibility study and demonstrated through charts and graphs various scenarios which ultimately pointed to the way out of our financial difficulty.

Over the years, I have become better acquainted with Johan, and have worked with him on several projects. He still impresses me with his quiet, unassuming ways, but I also understand this about him... ask him if he can do something, and he has two stock answers 1: "Sure, that's easy" or 2: "No problem".

Johan, we are pleased to ask you to accept this lifetime membership certificate, and know that it is with great affection and heartfelt appreciation and gratitude that we bestow this honour upon you.