

# Letter to the Editor



Hi Lorraine,

Hope you and your family are all keeping well and safe.

I was very interested to read in the May/June edition of the SAPJ, only received last week, that the Society, as structured now, was founded 75 years ago in 1946, and the Journal in 1934. This got me thinking of all the people I met during my pharmaceutical political career.

I remember meeting William Patterson, at one of my first Southern Transvaal branch meetings, creator of the original PSSA constitution and Editor-in-Chief of the SAPJ from 1934 until 1963, and Aaron Kramer, editor of the Journal until about 1970. He always arrived at meetings with his little suitcase with all his drafts for the next Journal. I would like to endorse what Susan Buekes (Wormald), my colleague from Durban Tech, said about our being informed of the passing of our colleagues.

I entered the profession in January 1953, but only qualified as a pharmacist in April 1960, having got a supplementary exam along the way. I was one of the last to graduate under the old regulations, three years of apprenticeship and two years of college. In 1958, the system was switched to three academic years. I was forced into pharmaceutical retirement in 2003, when I emigrated to Canada, and was refused employment as a pharmacist.

Thanks and appreciation to all your team for the excellent journal you publish. Keep up the good work.

Regards

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P.S.

Wishing you and all your family and staff at Head Office and the Branches, a merry Christmas and all the best for a COVID-free 2022.