



**Jamaica Best Kept Secret**

## **MGHS PSA NY CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT**

It is with deep appreciation that I would like to thank all of you who supported the NY Chapter over the past year. For those who have supported us in the past, thank you as well. The good work the NY Chapter does with your valuable gifts is far reaching. Please know the committed and capable members of the Executive Committee are very careful stewards of the gifts we receive. At each Board meeting I was continually amazed and thankful for the present members who are focused on the task at hand of supporting our alma mater.

Change happens in all organizations and this year the NY chapter was no exception. We welcomed Norma Williams as our Membership Chair. For those of you who are acquainted with Norma, you know she is tireless in her position as she works hard to increase the Chapter's membership base and general meetings attendance. We also accepted Angella Golding's resignation as our treasurer, and look forward to her valuable support as an active chapter member.

2013 was by far the most challenging year for the Chapter financially, but we saw great strides in terms of past student participation. Below are the highlights of our third (3rd) business year:

- ❖ The launching of the Ellorine Walker Scholarship (EWS), by awarding two (2) full scholarships to Alana Harvey and Shantel Beckford.



- ❖ Our first online fundraising campaign, "Change for a Cause" – raising funds for the Ellorine Walker Scholarship fund. We achieved 28% of our \$2000 goal through both online and offline donations. To those of you who got behind the campaign by donating and/or reposting on your Facebook pages, your friends and family pages, thank you so much for the support. We are still accepting donation, so please visit our page to donate online.
- ❖ The Mega Raffle, our biggest fundraiser, saw an increase in sellers for 2013. Last year we sold only 963 tickets compared to 1,024 in 2012. Once again thank you to all the sellers nationwide and to those who supported by purchasing a ticket or two.
- ❖ Our Spring Fete was a huge success in terms of past students attendance, but we were unable to achieve our fundraising goal.
- ❖ Although we had an increase in the mailing list numbers, our dues paying membership declined in 2013. Our mailing list of past students was increased by ten (10) new additions. Our list consists of 109 past students, with 85 in the tri-state area. Our membership year runs from January to December and dues are \$50.00 annually.
- ❖ Our Facebook page has seen a steady increase of followers from amongst the past student community, friends and family. We hope to increase our numbers ten-fold for 2014, so tell your family and friends to "like" our page.

It has been my pleasure to serve, along with the other Executive Committee members, and we look forward to a vibrant and successful 2014. We are also looking forward to seeing you at the rescheduled Holiday Fete on January 18, 2014.

Sincerely,  
*Sharon L Wilson*  
President

# 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITES

Year ending December 30, 2013

	Operating Acct	Special Acct	Total
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Membership dues	376.85		376.85
Non- Member Fee	40.00		40.00
Mega Raffle	4064.87		4,064.87
Spring Fete	1979.74		1,979.74
Holiday Fete	475.00		475.00
Donations			
Fundraisers	300.00	215.88	515.88
Other Revenue	20.06		20.06
Special Events		188.00	188.00
Total	7256.52	403.88	7660.40
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Mega Raffle	2351.35		2351.35
Spring Fete	2855.49		2855.49
Holiday Fete	2294.64		2294.64
General Administration	432.21		432.21
UJAA Membership dues	200.00		200.00
Misc. Expense	95.02		95.02
*Special Events	99.99	188.00	287.99
General Meetings	53.59		53.59
2012 Scholarships & Vouchers	942.53		942.53
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Total	9744.77	188.00	9932.77
Difference	<b>(2488.25)</b>	215.88	<b>(2272.37)</b>

Due to the December 14, 2013 predicted snow storm, the Holiday Fete was postponed for January 18, 2014. This caused the deficit in our account reflected in this activity statement.

\*Special Events was the facilitation of funds collected for the Quiz Team and a contribution for retired principal Amy Allen gift.