

Embracing The Past



NY CHAPTER INC.

Enriching the Future

NY Chapter 2013 Annual Report

I am pleased to present to you the MHGS PSA NY Chapter second annual report, our year in review. This following pages detail the Chapter's many achievements and our impact for 2011. Our biggest accomplishment this year and previous is to keep past students in touch with MGHS. We do this by encouraging participation in events; creating loyalty as members and past students; and facilitating interaction with MGHS faculty and student body.

The past year represents one of growth, outreach, achievement and celebration. Although there were no new initiatives launched, our events were extremely well received and attended. The Chapter celebrated a primary goal for the year 2011 – the issuance of our first scholarship. In the past year we also

- Welcoming Lilieth Ferguson as Vice President
- Members sponsored 30 students to the Jamaica Chapters Fish Fry
- The formation of a Scholarship Committee
- Grew our mailing list
- Awarded 17 financial vouchers

The end of this fiscal year marks the end of my term as president of the NY Chapter. It has been a pleasure to reconnect with old friends and to also form new friendship. I am grateful to all the past students for their support and to the executive committee for their dedication and commitment.

I believe that once you have read about the Chapter's accomplishments and initiatives during the past fiscal year, its budding partnership with MGHS and sponsors, and its programs for both past students and current student body, you too will want to become a dues paying member of the MGHS PSA NY Chapter Inc if you are not there already.

All the best,
Sharon L Wilson

The Merl Grove High School Past Students' Association NY Chapter Inc. is a membership base association whose purpose is to develop alumni support for Merl Grove High School. It is anticipated that we will contribute funds to the school to:

- Augment equipment and supply budgets
- Help fund activities and programs for needy students identified by the school
- Support the activities for the students through gifts to school clubs and after school activities including academic and sport programs.

While we aim to accomplish all of the above, we also intend to as an association to have some fun and provide events for our membership base to get together in a relaxing and sometime causal atmosphere.

Significant Milestones

- Awarded 2 Ellorine Walker Scholarship
- Increase in the executive committee composition

Executive Committee Actions

The Executive Committee held two face to face meetings on July 2, 2013 and August 25th. Issues the committee considered:

1. Spring Fete
2. Holiday Fete
3. 2013 general meeting and events calendar

2012 Executive Committee

Sharon L Wilson
President

Lilieth Ferguson
Vice President

Ouida Young
Secretary

Vacant
Asst. Secretary

Vacant
Treasurer

Vacant (Ouida)
Asst. Treasurer

Norma Williams
Membership Chair

Dahlia Lyons- Harrison
PR Coordinator

Events

The PSA NY Chapter strives to provide quality events and activities for past students, friends and family to get together to socialize, network and celebrate their MGHS heritage. During 2011 we had 13 past students and their friends and families attend the Caribbean Celebration,

1. Women's History Month Caribbean Celebration.

March 18th we held our 2nd Women History Month Caribbean Celebration. Our partnership with Banana Boat Productions, to present MAMMA DECEMBA in honor of Jamaica's 50th Independence Celebration was a huge success. Our tickets sales totaled \$2305.00 and program advertisement sales of \$925.00. Below is the net amount raised after event expenses plus all donations received.

2012 Funds Raised	2011 Funds Raised	Difference
\$368.64	\$275.00	\$93.64

2. Family Fun Day

The 2nd annual picnic was held August 18, 2011 at Cunningham Park in Queens NY. Our family fun day was to provide comradeship amongst our membership base, meet families and friends. The funds raised were slated to support the breakfast program.

2012 Funds Raised	2011 Funds Raised	Difference
0	0	0

3. Holiday Fundraising Fete Event

Our 2nd Holiday Fundraising Fete was a huge success in terms of attendees. We had over 50 past students and friends at this event. Attendance was increased by over 300% of 2011. Unfortunately no funds were raise.

2012 Funds Raised	2011 Funds Raised	Difference
0	0	0

Membership

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Six new dues paying members were welcomed in 2012. The membership period runs from September thru August. The spring membership campaign drive “**Spread Chapter Fever Around**” was not successful. This year we also ran another membership campaign “**100 Members in 100 days**”. Although it ran for several months the membership base did not embrace either concept.

Category	Members	Percentage
Annual	13	22%
Associate	0	
Honorary	1	1.8%
Non –paying Dues	45	77%
Total	58	

Members	Years	Members	Years
2	1972	1	1992
1	1973	1	1994
4	1975	1	1995
1	1976	1	1996
1	1977	1	1997
1	1978	1	1998
2	1979	1	2000
2	1981	1	2003
2	1983	2	2005
2	1984	1	2007
3	1985	1	2009
1	1987	22	unknown
1	1990		

As the chapter’s actives increase we hope to see an increase in annual dues paying membership increase by 185%.

Revenue from dues **\$400.00**

**Membership was determined from the meetup group and mailing list numbers*

Projects

With several projects planned we were unable to launch due to lack of funds and participation by the membership base. However we hope for 2013 this will increase.

Adopt-A-Class/Club

Due to lack of support the executive committee voted to discontinue the Adopt-A-class/club project. For those of you who participated last year thank you for the support.

Spare A Penny Change A Life Campaign

The chapter was asked by former principal Ms Allen to contribute to the building fund. We launched Spare a Penny Change a Life on March 2011 with the goal to collect a million pennies. This translated into \$10,000.00. To date there has been only \$15.00 contributed. Members will be encouraged to bring pennies to all events and general meetings. **Overall donation .0015%.**

Communication

Communication with the membership base is of the utmost importance to a non-profit organization. We have updated the following:

1. **Chapter News & Update**

The Chapter's monthly New & Update have been move to MailChimp, email marketing and list manager system. With less than 2000 subscribers, we have the opportunity to send 12,000 emails monthly totally free of cost.

2. **Google Phone Number**

The chapter has obtained a Google phone number. We are in the process of transitioning to the new number, all stationary, website and FB page has been updated. The new number is 347-433-6794.

Fundraisers

Fundraisers are the primary activity of the chapter to raise funds. This year the chapter had four (4) such activities.

1. **Women's History Month Caribbean Celebration**

This event was held to raise funds for our scholarship fund. We were able to raise \$368.64.

2. **Mega Raffle**

This year the chapter held one major fundraiser by participating in UJAA (Union of Jamaica Alumni Association) Mega Raffle. We received 3000 tickets to sale. Participation from the member base was not as stellar as anticipated. Out of 2050 distributed to the NY membership and past students nationally, only 1024 were sold.

3. **Family Fun Day Picnic**

This event was slated to raise funds to initiate a year round breakfast program. Unfortunately due to inclement weather and lack of participation zero funds were raised.

4. **Holiday Fundraising Fete**

In aid of the science department we were unable to raise funds to start the journey.

Total fundraising efforts 2012 \$3215.86

Finance

Statements of activities for the fiscal year ending 2012

**MGHS PSA NY Chapter Inc.
Balance Sheet for 2012**

Assets

Cash in Bank	\$	493.39
Cash in Bank for charitable purposes	\$	1,442.53
Other Cash	\$	15.00
Subtotal	\$	1,950.92

Total Assets	\$	1,950.92
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Liabilities

Scholarship Fund	\$	1,000.00
Adopt-A-Class/Club	\$	-
Elorine Walker Scholarship Fund	\$	-
Building Fund	\$	15.00
Other (vouchers)	\$	442.53
Subtotal	\$	1,457.53

Chapter Equity

Beginning Equity	\$	-
Net Income for the year	\$	493.39
 Subtotal	 \$	 493.39

Total Liabilities + Equity	\$	1,950.92
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MGHS PSA NY Chapter Inc.
2012 Income & Expense Report

Income

Operations

Membership Dues	\$	300.00
Membership Renewal	\$	100.00
Visitors	\$	20.00
Loan	\$	-
Subtotal	\$	420.00

Charitable

Fundraisers	\$	2,847.22
Donations	\$	100.00
Investments	\$	-
Scholarship	\$	-
Building Fund	\$	-
Subtotal	\$	2,947.22

Events	\$	7,588.92
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Total Income	\$	10,956.14
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Expenses

Operations		
Meetings	\$	105.81
Other		

Total Operating Expense	\$	105.81
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Administrative		
Post Office Box	\$	126.50
Website Hosting	\$	117.66
Postage	\$	-
Business Registration	\$	-
Banner(Picnic)	\$	-
Printing & Copying	\$	-
Miscellaneous		
Total Admin Expense	\$	244.16

Miscellaneous		
Bank Charges	\$	64.00
Paypal Fees	\$	7.75
fundraising	\$	2,727.78
Events	\$	9,001.00
UJAA Membership	\$	200.00
other		

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<i>Total Misc Expense</i>	\$ 12,000.53
Total Expense	\$ 12,350.50
Net Income	\$ (1,394.36)

