



*Jamaica Best Kept Secret*

## M G H S P S A N Y C H A P T E R 2 0 1 4 A N N U A L R E P O R T

As I look back on 2014, I am filled with gratitude of the accomplishments of the NY Chapter.

By far, 2014 was the most challenging year for the Chapter financially since its inception. The success we were able to achieve was directly attributed to our faithful supporters who responded to our frequent call to action with their time and donations. I'm extremely grateful for such support, and we the Executive Committee pledge to be very careful stewards over your gifts.

Once again, the Executive committee saw changes to its membership. We welcomed Karen Robinson-Chambers as our new Treasurer and accepted Norma Williams' resignation as our Membership Chair. We know Norma will continue to working tirelessly on behalf of the chapter.

Below are the highlights of our fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) business year:

- ❖ We awarded two additional Ellorine Walker scholarships bringing our total to four active scholarships. We were also able to garner seven sponsorships from among the past student community plus the continuation of one from 2013.
- ❖ The Mega Raffle, our biggest fundraiser, saw a big decline in the number of tickets sold. We were only able to sell 720 tickets. Once again thank you to all

our sellers nationwide and to those who supported by purchasing tickets.

- ❖ We held an online fundraising for our Science Department Modernization project. However, this fundraiser was not readily accepted as our scholarship fundraiser as we were only able to raise \$75.00. This brought the total donation for the project to \$100.00.
- ❖ At your request, we held our Family Fun Day in August with a new twist – **Bring Your Own Picnic Basket**. We were very appreciative of all donations from the PSA community and to our sponsor Grace Foods for their donation of Reggae Rhythm Juices and coconut water.
- ❖ With the addition of a Marketplace on our website, we are now able to sell MGHS Memorabilia items such as the collectable dolls and school house badges. To date we have sold 4 dolls bringing in \$130.00 in revenue.
- ❖ In May we had the opportunity to participate in the Oracabessa Festival held at Roy Wilkins Park. We shared a table where we displayed the dolls. This was great publicity for the chapter as we were able to let our presence be known to both the MGHS and the other alumni communities. We hope to participate in

2015 festival.

- ❖ Although our mailing list has seen continual growth, our dues paying membership declined in 2014 to five paying members. Our list consists of 129 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. For 2014, we had 99 likes for the year, so continue to tell your family and friends to "like" our page.
- ❖ In November for the first time we were able to have representation at the annual prize giving ceremony in Jamaica. Our VP Lilieth Ferguson attended was able to meet with our scholarship and sponsorship recipients. We hope to make this an annual event.

It has been my pleasure to serve, along with the other Executive Committee members, and we look forward to a celebratory 5<sup>th</sup> year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lilieth Ferguson', written on a white rectangular background.

President

# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITES

Year ending December 30, 2014

	Operating Acct	Special Acct	Total
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Membership dues	250.00		250.00
Non- Member Fee			
Mega Raffle	3650.00		3650.00
Family Fun Day donations	150.00		150.00
2013 Holiday Fete	3018.00		3018.00
Pre-Christmas Party	3818.67		3818.67
Market Place	130.00		130.00
Scholarships		600.00	600.00
Sponsorships		1530.00	1530.00
Events Attended	780.00		780.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11796.67</b>	<b>\$2130.00</b>	<b>\$13926.67</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Mega Raffle	2338.03		2338.03
Family Fun Day	500.00		500.00
Holiday Fete	602.00		602.00
Pre-Christmas Party	2416.00		2416.00
General Administration	458.24		458.24
UJAA Membership dues	200.00		200.00
PayPal Fees	22.76		22.76
Marketplace	313.16		313.16
Events attended	870.00		870.00
General Meetings			
2014 Scholarships & Vouchers	600.00	600.00	1200.00
Sponsorship		1530.00	1530.00
Market Place	290.00		290.00
Special events	200.00		200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8810.19</b>	<b>\$2130.00</b>	<b>\$10940.19</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$2986.49</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$2986.49</b>

Due to the December 14, 2013 predicted snow storm, the Holiday Fete was postponed to January 18, 2014. This caused an inflated profit for 2014 because the expense of \$2294.64 was reported on our 2013 annual expense report along with tickets sale of \$475.00.

**Actual profit for 2014: (2986.49 +475.00) –\$2294.64= \$1293.85**