



Jamaica Best Kept Secret

MGHS PSA NY CHAPTER 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

As we reflect on the 2015 year, it was truly a year of us working together.

Once again, 2015 was a very 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.

Below are the highlights of our fifth (5th) business year:

- ❖ We awarded two additional Ellorine Walker scholarships bringing our total to six active scholarships. We did not solicit sponsorships due to the lack of responses for the recipients.
- ❖ The Mega Raffle, our biggest fundraiser, saw an increase in the number of tickets sold. We sold 1046 compared to last year's 720 tickets. Once again thank you to all our sellers nationwide and to those who supported by purchasing tickets
- ❖ Our Family Fun Day in August – **Bring Your Own Picnic Basket** brought out many new faces this year. We were very appreciative of all donations from the PSA community and to our sponsor **Chef K Sorrel, Jamaican Choice** for their

donations.

- ❖ In May we once again participated in the Oracabessa Festival held at Roy Wilkins Park. We shared a table where we displayed the dolls. This was once again a great publicity for the Chapter as we were featured in an online magazine.
- ❖ Although our mailing list has seen continual growth, our dues paying membership declined in 2015 to three paying members. Our list consists of 143 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 were able to secure 475 books from the Book Fairy which was shipped to MGHS. Thanks to Ouida Young who was instrumental in getting the books and arranging the shipping.
- ❖ We represented the Chapter at the Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations 25th Gala Celebrations.

It has been my pleasure to serve, along with the other Executive Committee members, and we look forward to a stellar 6th year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'E' followed by a long horizontal line.

President

