

S.THOMAS' COLLEGE AT GURUTALAWA
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE 2015/2016 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
PRESENTED AT THE 57TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2016

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Executive Committee of 2015/2016, I take pleasure in presenting the secretary's report for the period concerned to the General Membership.

We achieved many difficult targets for the benefit of the association due to the unstinted support rendered by the general membership.

56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 21ST February 2015 AND REUNION CELEBRATIONS

The reunion celebration commenced with the arrival of old boys on Friday, February 20, 2015. A head count was taken at the main gate as well as in the dormitories, for the purpose of catering of food. The members of the EX-CO were present early to welcome the Old Boys at the main gate. It is always the intention of the Ex-Co to provide the best facilities and food to make the occasion a memorable one.

A calypso band provided the music, at the required tempo, throughout the weekend, to add to the fun. Food was of a high standard again, which was appreciated by all.

CRICKET MATCH – PRESENT BOYS vs. OLD BOYS

The Cricket match between the present and Old Boys being the most popular event, was played at the College grounds on Saturday 21st February 2015, creating the normal sporting atmosphere and great fellowship. The cricket match was won by the Present Boys by 30 runs. The man of the match was Master P.H.K.Wickremasinghe

Mr.Rienzie Fernando of M/s. Roots Ltd. & Mr. Lal Edirisinghe of Edna Group as Old boys both being chairmen of these two organizations, yearly sponsorships were received from these two organizations to make this sporting event a success.

The Old Boys returned to College after the match for the usual dip in the swimming pool. A Basket ball match was played between Present Boys vs. Old Boys.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

The AGM was held at the Canon.A.J.Foster Memorial hall at 7.00 p.m. on 21st February 2015. In the usual manner the Headmaster, who is the President of this association delivered the welcome note at the AGM. Please refer to the AGM minutes enclosed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE

The following members were elected as Executive Committee members for the year 2015/2016. There were 10 meetings held in the year and the attendance sheet is attached herewith. Apart from the above meetings the Sub Committees met independently and frequently.

There were few members who were inactive for a long period of time and ceased membership from the EX-CO as per Rule 9(5). These members were sent many notices (email, SMS and even through word of mouth messages) without any success.

Therefore, all OBA members are hereby reminded and kindly requested to re-consider the capacity/caliber of new EX CO member appointments in the future. The wrong choices impede the progress of our Association and it is difficult when the full quota of the representatives are unavailable for the work envisaged and the others have to bear a bigger burden.

Annual OBA Meeting @ Gurutalawa

Annual OBA meeting was held on 07th August 2015 @ Gurutalawa with the required quorum for the meeting. The Ex-Co members were able to present for the Prize Giving on the next day the 08th Saturday 2015. It was a success to have most of the Old Boys for the event.

Other Ex-Co Meetings

Our thanks to the Management of Diocese of Colombo & Kithu Sevana for the use of their facilities for our meetings held in Colombo and to the Headmaster and Staff, at STC Gurutalawa for their hospitality at the meetings held at Gurutalawa.

OBITUARIES

It is with deep regret that we mention the demise of the following old boys and benefactors, and sympathies and condolences are conveyed to the bereaved family members.

Mr.Kuru Utumpala, Mr.J.B.Peiris, Mr.Hirantha Dias Essankamal, Mr.Gerty Amarasinghe,Mr.Nawaratnam, Mr.Radhakrishnan, Mr.Sinnen (Father of Mr.Ziard Sinnen), Mr.Gunaratne, Father of Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi,Prof.Dayasiri fernando, Mr.Anderw Taylor,Mr.Opananda Sellhewa, Mr.Jayantha Weerasooriya and Mr.E.S.Perera

INFRA STRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- The IT unit was renovated & shifted to the Office block with the donation Rs.850,000 given by Dr.Sarath de Alwis Seneviratne at the request of Mr.Milinda Hettiarachchi.
- The sports development Sub committee of the EX-CO was able to do the land scrapping of the tennis court.

OBA CONTRIBUTION

• Keble Roof Project	Rs.300,000
• Water Pump (From Mr.Nihal Wickremaratne)	Rs. 25,000
• Multimedia Projector, White board, Computer & Screen	Rs. 150,000
• 5 Volleyballs,12 shuttlecocks, 1 glove	Rs. 28780
• Prize Giving	Rs. 60,000
• Paint to Headmaster's Bungalow	Rs. 35,649
• 10 Hockey sticks, 2 Badminton nets	Rs. 15,900
• Payment to the coach - 3 Visits	Rs. 15,000
• 2 squash Rackets & 6 Dunlop squash Balls	Rs. 37,700
TOTAL	<u>Rs. 668,029</u>

GURU DAY AT STC MOUNT LAVINIA/ Dr.R.L.HAYMAN MEMORIAL - UNDER 15 CRICKET ENCOUNTER

This year too, the Old Boys' of STC along with the Warden was able to organize the above event in a grand scale on the 20th May 2015. Mr. Milinda Hettiarachchi, helped in the co-ordination and liaison between the two Schools and many Old Boys from different eras participated.

A memorial service was held at the chapel and followed by an assembly, fellowship & the Under 15 Cricket match between STCML & STCG. STCML won the match.

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

The Annual Prize Giving was held on the 08th Saturday 2015.The Chief Guest was Rev.Marc Billimoria, the Warden of S.Thomas'College, Mt.Lavinia and the Former Headmaster of STC - Guru.

The Vote of thanks was proposed by the senior Vice President of OBA STCG Mr.Ziard Sinnen. The EX-CO members of OBA were present and all were treated to a good lunch at the Headmaster's Bungalow.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT SUB COMMITTEE

M/s Amila Halpage,Chandana Fernando,Mujitha Mayuranath & S.M.Khan were appointed as coordinators of the Sports development committee. The above members visited Gurutalawa every weekend and engaged in coaching the students with an expert namely,Mr.Rohan Fernando.

WALKATHON 2015

This event was organized to raise funds to renovate the existing swimming pool and was able to raise Rs.2,782,630.00.

Mr.Saroj Perera,Mr.M.P.D.Fernando & OBA UK pledged Rs 1 million each towards the modification of the existing swimming pool.

Mr.Senka de Fonseka,the Manager of STC Guru was the chief organizer of the event.

OUR NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following members who joined the OBA in 2013/2014:

Messrs.Anadavelu Ramesh,Dr.C.U.Kumarasiri,Mr.L.P.Rodrigo and N.N.Silva

The online membership Directory

The online Membership Directory was added to the site along with the re-launch of website. The unique feature is members that members can update their details by themselves online. Several members have done this. Members are advised to visit the website and update their own details as it will help us to maintain an up to date directory.

GENEROSITY OF OLD BOYS

- Dr.C.U.Kumarasiri donated Rs.50,000 towards the Keble Dormitory renovation project.
- The OBA of New South Wales, Austarlia had donated 1000 Australian dollars towards the deep well project.
- Mr.Faham - Managing Director of Fazaal Ceramics donated tiles worth of Rs.300,000 to the IT Unit
- Mr.Chandana Fernando donated wooden computer tables worth Rs.100,000 to the IT Unit
- Mr.Delan Pereira and his batch mates contributed Rs.40,000 to purchase costumes for the Oriental Band.
- Mr.Ranjith Gunaratne & Mr.Prabath Jayasundare sponsored Rs.100,000 to the Annual staff trip which was organized by the staff welfare society and Mr.Gayan Arapaksha provided accommodation & meals at his Rest house in Katharagama.
- Mr.Ilyas renovated the RED Gate by replacing the old gate.
- Mr.Abdul Cader donated cement bags to renovate the road.

SPECIAL THANKS

We are most grateful and thank Rev. Marc Billiomoria the Warden STC Mt.Lavinia & Mr.Senaka de Fonseka for all guidance and assistance to STC at Gurutalawa, and the OBA, and their highest interest in our affairs.

We are grateful to Mr.Milinda Hettiarchchi who has been the Ex Secretary, who willingly made all efforts in finding donations from the Old Boys and well wishers, very especially from his foreign OBA connections.

Thanks are due to Mr.Lakshman Jayathilake for updating all the events of the OBA in the website www.stcg62group.org and Mr.Bandu Wanigasekera for assisting us in Accounts & Secretarial tasks.

Finally, I thank members of the Ex-Co who have generously contributed and come forward for all assistance when requested at all time to make this year a success.

CONCLUSION AND APPEAL

We are indeed gratified with the commitment and generosity of some of our Old Boys and we are confident there are still a large number of Old Boys who have been successful in life and who could afford to help the School to reach higher standards and to bring it to the level that it will be the envy of others. There are many areas that need further improvement in the infrastructure and enhancement in the academic structures. We solicit your help and assistance. Those who would like to contribute financially are requested to deposit any cheques or cash (however small or large), to our account No. 1930010988 at Commercial Bank Mt. Lavinia Branch from any Commercial Bank and

indicate your name and purpose in the cage marked Ref. Number in the Bank Deposit slip and post it to the Treasurer and you will receive a receipt in acknowledgement with thanks.

On behalf of the EX-CO 2015/2016

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S.Kaviharan
Hony.Secretary
STC at Gurutalawa OBA
05th February 2016.