

## **Headmaster's Message**

### **60<sup>th</sup> STCG – Re-Union Celebrations February. 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Dear Brothers,

We have entered in to the Diamond Jubilee.

As an Old Boy you have a lifelong connection with the School and its community and you are always warmly welcome to come back and visit us.

S. Thomas Old Boys' community has always played an important part in the School's life and served as a network of friendship, advice and support.

The Old Boys have helped with countless efforts here at S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa, and donating their time raising funds for annual giving and capital campaign initiatives. No matter the task, Old Boys have been a part of every important project at college. In fact in recent years, unlike in the past when development in the school was entirely sponsored by the Old Boys.

Due to its age our Alma Mater, needs substantial infrastructural rehabilitation and modern learning facilities; a need which the Government cannot solely provide and for which it encourages our Old Boys Association to assist in providing. My job is to serve the boys, parents, staff and other stakeholders of the school, and as such all of you are welcome to phone me or engage with me at any time. I can guarantee you that your needs and concerns will always be dealt with as a priority.

I want to honour all of you, for the role you play in the community, for the contributions you make to the school, for honoring the traditions of the school through your actions and just generally for taking pride in the fact that you are Old Boys of the school.

God Bless each one of you.

**Esto Perpetua**

**Ven. S. P. Nesakumar**

**Headmaster/President OBA**

**S. Thomas College,**

**Gurutalawa.**

**S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION  
60<sup>th</sup> AGM AND RE-UNION CELEBRATIONS**

**CODE OF CONDUCT & FORMALITIES**

**Executive Committee kindly request to members attending the OBA Annual General Meeting or the Reunion Celebrations or both to abide by the following Code of Conduct and Formalities -**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. This reunion weekend is meant for the Old Boys of S. Thomas' College at Gurutalawa who are members of the STCG OBA. As such, entry to the school premises will be strictly on the OBA membership card or proof of been registered as a member of the OBA. If any old boy who is not yet a member of the STCG OBA and wishes to attend the reunion weekend, he must be introduced and recommended by a classmate who is a member and must submit an application for membership with the required fee ( Rs.1,500/- ) at the point of entry. Please note, however, that participation at the Annual General Meeting will only be open to paid-up members of the STCG OBA.
2. A coupon will be issued to all those who purchase the ticket on paying Rs.7,500/- for the entire weekend and the holding of this coupon throughout the weekend will be mandatory and no participant will be allowed into the Dormitory & Dining Hall without the ticket. Separate tickets will be issued for Lunch /Dinner on 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday 2018.
3. Meal hours stipulated by the executive committee must be strictly observed, as food will not be available thereafter.

**Dress Code - AGM & Annual Reunion Dinner will be FORMAL or NATIONAL.**

4. Drivers will be given separate accommodation and will not be permitted in the Dormitories.
5. **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHIN THE SCHOOL PREMISES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**
6. You are reminded to comply with the security arrangements initiated by the Headmaster, with reference to the reunion weekend and in the event of unruly behavior, the security officers have been instructed to remove the concerned member / members from the premises.

**FORMALITIES**

1. Participants must confirm their attendance in advance to facilitate the accurate meal count and information to the college kitchen.

2. Old Boys who are not yet members of the STCG OBA are requested to obtain membership before the reunion weekend.
3. If a member wishes to bring a non Thomian to attend the OBA Celebrations he will have to obtain prior written approval from the executive committee and the member should honor the decision of the Executive Committee.
4. The sum of Rs.7500/- to be levied per Old Boy is for Full Board and Accommodation, from Friday Dinner to Sunday Breakfast. Saturday Lunch to Sunday breakfast (Half Board) - 5000/-.Saturday Lunch and evening tea - 2000/- and Saturday Dinner - 3000/-. Charges include ex gratia payment for minor staff. The intention is to allow some contribution to be made to the College Development Fund from this levy.
5. Every Old Boy who is a member of the STCG OBA and utilizing the special package must attend the AGM compulsorily.

Your compliance with the above Code of Conduct is respectfully solicited and greatly appreciated in the interest of the reputation of the School and the traditions of our fraternity.

Thank you

**Executive Committee**  
**STCG OBA**

**60<sup>TH</sup> STCG- OBA RE-UNION CELEBRATIONS**  
**FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup> 2019**  
**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEB 2019**

- **03.00pm**                      **ARRIVAL**

Arrangements have been made for those old boys who arrive on Friday to Swim, play Squash Racquet or Badminton.

- **07.00pm to 8.45pm**      **DINNER**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEB 2019**

- **07.00am to 8.30am**      **BREAKFAST**

**08.30am – 11.00am**      **TRADITIONAL CRICKET MATCH Vs PRESENT BOYS**

Those who wish to play contact Chandana Fernando 0716 107 072 or Leo Sebastian 0777 338113

Age: -	25- 30	: 02 members
	30- 40	: 03 members
	40-50	: 04 members
	Over 50's	: 02 members

**ACM LAFFIR – REV FR. H.C. GOODCHILD MEMORIAL HOCKEY MATCH Vs PRESENT BOYS**

Those who wish to play contact M.T. Moorthi 077 399 0192 Shiraz [Khan 0775 35 0196](tel:0775350196)

- **12.00noon – 01.00pm**      **SWIMMING COMPETITION Vs PRESENT BOYS**

Very limited number of events and there after any one could join to take dip in the pool before lunch - Those willing to participate please contact A.V.D. Maddumage (MAV) 0777 443 177 or M.A.M. Rizwan 0774 28 509.

- **12.30pm - 02.00pm**      **LUNCH ( Please note Lunch will not be served after 2.00pm)**

- **4.00pm**                              **TEA – (SHALL BE SERVED BY THE BADMINTON COURTS)**

- **04.00pm - 05.00pm**      **BASKET BALL & VOLLEY BALL MATCHES Vs COMBINED STAFF**

Those who wish to participate please contact A.V.D. Maddumage (MAV) 0777443177 or M.A.M. Rizwan 077428509

**DRESS CODE FOR AGM & DINNER – FORMAL or NATIONAL**

- **06.00pm**                      **AGM REGISTRATION (ENTRY PERMITTED STRICTLY TO OBA MEMBERS)**
- **07.00pm**                      **60<sup>th</sup> STCG OBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Canon A.J. FOSTER HALL**
- **08.00pm**                      **FELLOWSHIP**
- **09.00pm**                      **OLD BOYS FORMAL SIT DOWN DINNER**

Grace before dinner – HM / Payment of Honorarium to Minor Staff / College Song

**Members and Old Boys who have purchased tickets will only be permitted attend the fellowship & Dinner**

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEB 2019**

- 07.30am HOLY COMMUNION & THANKS GIVING SERVICE AT THE COLLEGE CHAPEL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
  
- 08.30am BREAKFAST
- DEPARTURE
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- **CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE FORMALITIES**
- PLEASE READ THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE FORMALITIES. THE EXCO HEREBY SOLICIT YOUR COMPLIANCE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE REPUTATION OF THE COLLEGE & THE TRADITIONS OF OUR ALUMNI.
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- **SALE OF ALCOHOLIC SPIRITS & ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**
- THERE WILL BE NO SALE OF ANY ACHOLOLIC SPIRITS & AHCHOHOLIC BEVERAGES
- WHAT SO EVER WITHIN THE COLLEGE CAMPUS DURING THE OBA CELEBRATIONS.
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- **ACCOMADATION**
- Members and Old boys will be given accommodation and meals from Friday February 15<sup>th</sup> to
- 10.00am Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> 2019. **ALL ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR OWN PILLOWS BLANKETS, BED LINEN & TOWELS ECT.**
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- **MEALS**
- Charges for meals will be as follows
- All meals from Friday Dinner to Sunday Breakfast Rs. 7,500/-
- Saturday Lunch to Sunday Breakfast Rs. 5,000/-
- Saturday Lunch & Evening Tea Rs. 2,000/-
- Saturday Dinner (OLD BOYS' FORMAL SIT DOWN DINNER) Rs. 3,000/-
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- **ENROLMENT OF NON MEMBERS**
- Members are welcome to bring any Non Member colleague who wish to attend the Reunion Celebrations or they may be directed to contact Hony Secretary Athula Talagala 0703053563, Hony Asst Secretary Leo Sebbastian 0777351271 or by Email to [guruoba@gmail.com](mailto:guruoba@gmail.com)
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- IT'S YOUR PRESENCE WHAT MAKES OUR ANNUAL REUNION CELEBRATIONS A SUCCESS. YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT IS WHAT WE EARNESTLY LOOK FORWARD TO STRENGTHEN OUR BOND WITH COLLEGE WHILST RENEWING OUR FREINDSHIP AT THIS CONVIVIAL FELLOWSHIP AND CELEBRATIONS.

ESTO PERPETUA.  
HONY SECRETARY

**S. THOMAS'' COLLEGE GURTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**  
**60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given of the 60th Annual General Meeting of the above Association to be held on Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. in the Canon A. J. Foster Memorial Hall at S. Thomas' College Gurutalawa.

**AGENDA**

- Prayer
- Calling the Meeting to Order
- Notice of Meeting
- Messages of excuse
- Obituaries
- Welcome Address by the President
- Adoption of the Minutes of the 59th AGM 2018
- Matters Arising from the Minutes
- Adoption of the Annual Report of the Hony. Secretary
- Adoption of the Audited Accounts for the year ending 31/12/2018
- Election of Office Bearers and Executive Committee.
- Election of Auditors
- Video Presentation - Projects completed during 2017/2018
- Headmaster's Report
- Resolutions
- Any other Business
- Vote of Thanks - SVP
- College Song
- Adjournment

Any Resolution/s under Rule (4) ii should reach the undersigned 15 days prior to the date the AGM. Under Rule 12 (5), The Audited Statement of Accounts, Hony Secretary's Report, any notice of resolution/s shall be emailed by the Hony Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM to those members whose addresses are registered in the data base of the Association. Any other Members who require copies of these documents may contact the undersigned.

By order of Executive Committee.

**Leo Sebastian**  
**Hony Asst. Secretary**  
**STC Gurutalawa OBA**

**Email : - leo.sebastian@dialog.lk**  
**Telephone: - 0777338113**

**S. THOMAS' COLLEGE GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES OF 59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date** : Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 6.30 p.m.

**Place** : Canon A.J. Foster Memorial Hall, S. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Rev. Philip Nesakumar	President/Headmaster
	Mr. Krishantha Weerawadana	Senior Vice President
	Mr. RuwanWeerasuriya	Hony. Secretary
	Mr. Rajendran Kandiah	Hony. Treasurer

Number of Old Boys in attendance was 107, in excess of the required quorum of 30.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The President, Rev. Philip Nesakumar, chaired the AGM and called the Meeting to order.

**2. Notice of Meeting**

Notice convening the Meeting had been distributed and taken as read.

**3. Welcome Address**

The President welcomed the Members attending the Meeting.

**4. Messages of Excuse**

The Secretary tabled messages of excuse, as follows:

Mr. ErasmonSaldin,

**5. Obituaries**

The Secretary announced that the following Members had passed away since the last Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Ravi Yogarathnam, Mr. NalinPalawatha, Mr. Percy Gunasekara, Mr. P. N. Wijewardana, Mr. Asoka Samarasinghe, Dr. Kumarasiri, Mr. D. M. Sarath, Mr. K. K. Perera, Mr. P. J. Fernando, Mr. SheryPiyasena , Father of Mr. Chandana Fernando and Mr. Shervon Fernando.

**6. Correspondence**

None

**7. Adoption of the Minutes of the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

The minutes had been distributed to the Members before the Meeting and were accepted as a true record, proposed by Mr. S, Kaviharan and seconded by Mr.Kamal Nilaweera.

**8. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None

**9. Adoption of the Annual Report of the Hony. Secretary**

The Secretary's Report had been distributed before the Meeting. It was formally adopted, proposed by Mr. BandulaVithanage and seconded by Mr. Kulasinghe.

**10. Treasurer's Report and tabling of Annual Accounts for the Period Ending December 31, 2017 and adoption thereof.**

The Annual Audited Accounts had been circulated, along with the AGM Notice. The Accounts were accepted, proposed by Mr. BandulaVithanage seconded by Mr. Kamal Nilaweera

**11. Election of Office Bearers and the General Committee 2018/19**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS			
	Name	Propose	Seconded
Senior Vice President	Mr. BandulaVithanage	Mr. Kamal Nilaweera	Mr. Athula Talagala
Vice President	Mr. Moorthy M.T.M	Mr. NihalWanniarchchi	Mr. Athula Talagala
Vice President	Mr. Amila Halpage	Mr. Leo Sebastian	Mr. Krishantha Weerawardane
Vice President	Mr. A.V.D. Maddumage	Mr. Chandana Fernando	Mr. NihalWanniarchchi
Secretary	Mr. Athula Talagala	Mr. UdithaWijesean	Mr. JayasriPriyalal
Treasurer	Mr. Rajendra Kandiah	Mr. Kamal Nilaweera	Mr. PerumalDayabaran
Asst. Secretary	Mr. Leo Sebestian	Mr. BandulaVithanage	Mr. Athula Talagala
Asst. Treasurer	Mr. Ilanko Arunachalam	Mr. Athula Talagala	Mr. Rajendra Kandiah
Over 50 Years	Mr. Athula Kumaranayake	Mr. Leo Sebastian	Mr. Kamal Nilaweera
	Mr. Krishantha Weerawardane	Mr. BandulaVithanage	Mr. Athula Kumanayake
	Mr. Ghanaraj T.D.M	Mr. PalithaRajapaksha	Mr. Panini Edirisinghe
40 – 50 Years	Mr. Chandana Fernando	Mr. Amila Halpage	Mr. S.Kaviharan
	Mr. Siraz Khan	Mr. Thamodaram	Mr. Isha
	Mr. UpulJayawardane	Mr. Indika Weerawardane	Mr. JayasriPriyalal
30 – 40 Years	Mr. RuwanWeerasuriya	Mr. NihalWanniarchchi	Mr. M.A.V. Maddumage
	Mr. MujithaMayranath	Mr. Amila Halpage	Mr. Ilanko Arunachalam
	Mr. M.Asalam.M.Rizwan	Mr.NihalWanniarchchi	Mr. MujithaMayuranath
Below 30 Years	Mr. Peter Preira	Mr. NihalWanniarchchi	Mr. M.T.M.Moorthi

**12. Election of Auditors**

Mr. Rajendran Kandiahthanked SJMS Associates for having acted as Auditors. Mr. S. Rajmohan proposed them for re-election as Auditors, which was agreed upon without division, seconded by Mr. Kamal Nilaweera.

**13. Headmaster's Report**

As attached on page 13.

**14. Resolutions**

There were no resolutions

**15. Any Other Business**

Old Boys proposed to handover a bus to college commemorate the 75th Anniversary.

**16. Announcements**

There were no announcements

**17. Vote of Thanks**

Mr. Krishantha Weerawardana thanked the EX-CO Members 2017/2018, the Headmaster, and his staff for helping the OBA with the organizing of various activities and the services provided.



**18. College Song**

Every one present sang the College Song

**19. Adjournment**

The Meeting was declared adjourned at 8.00 p.m.

Confirmed as correct

**Chairman**

**Rev. Philip Nesakumar**

**Headmaster**

**Ex officio - President - STCG OBA**

**S.THOMAS' COLLEGE AT GURUTALAWA OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION**  
**HONY SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2018/2019**

On behalf of the Executive Committee, it is a pleasure to present the report of Hony Secretary on activities during period of Feb 2018 to Feb 2019.

**CRICKET MATCH - PRESENT BOYS vs. OLD BOYS**

The traditional Cricket match between the Present and the Old Boys, being the most popular event, was played at the College grounds on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The cricket match was won by the Present Boys. Later the swimming competition was held and there after many old boys enjoyed a dip in the pool. Later in the evening the Basketball match was played between the Present Boys and the Old Boys.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018**

The AGM was held at the Canon A. J. Foster Memorial hall at 6.30 p.m. on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018 presided by Headmaster, Ex officio - President of the Association. Please refer to the AGM minutes attached.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS & ATTENDANCE**

Office bearers and Executive Committee members appointed for the year 2018/2019 are stated in the minutes attached. The Ex- Co formally held 10 meetings during the period under review and the attendance of the individual members are recorded in the chart below.

**Ex – Co member attendance for year 2018/2019**

**P- Present    E- Excuse    A- Absent    R-Resigned**

	Name	Meeting Attendance										
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	Ven. P. Nesakumar President	P	E	P	P	P	E	E	E	E	P	5/10
2	Bandula Vithanage Snr VP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	10/10
3	M. T. Moorthy - VP	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	8/10
4	A. V. D. Maddumage VP	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	P	7/10
5	A. H. U. Halpage- VP	A	E	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	1/10
6	Athula Talagala Hony Secy	P	E	P	E	E	E	E	E	P	P	4/10
7	K. Rajandran Hony Treasurer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	10/10
8	Leo Sebastian Hony Asst Secy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	10/10
9	I Arunachalam Hony Asst Tr'srer	P	E	P	E	E	P	A	E	E	P	4/10
10	Ruwan Weerasuriya	P	P	P	E	E	E	A	E	E	A	3/10
11	K. T. C. Fernando	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	P	P	7/10
12	Peter Pereira	A	E	A	E	A	E	A	A	A	A	0/10
13	Mujitha Mauranath	P	E	E	E	E	A	A	A	A	A	1/10
14	Shiraz Khan	A	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	1/10
15	Athula Kumaranayake	A	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	P	6/10
16	Krishantha Weerawardena	E	E	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	Resigned
17	T. D. M. Gnanaraj	P	P	P	P	E	E	A	A	P	P	6/10
18	Upul Jayawardana	P	E	A	P	E	E	E	P	E	P	4/10
19	M. A. M. Rizwan	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	E	E	6/10
<b>CO-OPTED MEMBERS</b>												
20	Nihal Wanniarachchi			P	P	E	P	E	E	E	P	4/10
21	Dilshan Coilparampil			P	P	E	E	A	A	A	E	2/10

EX -CO held its mandatory meeting in College as required by the OBA rules on 08<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The Ex Co also informally met on several occasions in preparation to the Fellowship Dinner and later to make arrangements for 2019 OBA Re Union Celebrations.

Hony Secretary Athula Talagala unexpectedly got disposed due to a health issue to undergo emergency surgery and was advised to rest thereafter hence his functions were carried out by the Hony Asst Secretary Leo Sebbastian.

### **OBITUARIES**

It is with profound sadness that we record the demise our dear former College Chaplain and of our dear fellow Thomians

Rev. Father Harold C. Goodchild,  
Mr. K. Wijendran (Old Boy 1986 batch)  
Mr. Selvaratnam (Former College office staff)  
[Mr. Tilak Wanigasekera \(1968 – 1972\)](#)  
[Mr. Sudesh Lanka Bulathsinhala.](#)

The Association conveys its deepest sympathies and condolences to all the members of the bereaved families. May they rest in eternal peace.

### **SUB COMMITTEE**

The following were appointed to the sport committee- Amila Halpage, Mujitha Mayuranath & M A V Maddumage.

### **COLLEGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FEB 2018- FEB 2019**

Ex CO is happy to place on record that the OBA successfully completed the following projects undertaken.

1) **Painting of Class Room Furniture: approx cost Rs 80,000/-**

On a request made by Headmaster, OBA Ex CO members donated the entire quantum of paint (120 ltrs Enamel) required to paint chairs and tables in all the class rooms.

2) **35 Seater - School Bus. - Rs. 4,000,000/-**

The commitment undertaken by the OBA in 2017 to gift a school bus to College was successfully achieved. A Brand New Ashok Leyland 35 seater bus worth Rs 4,500,000/=. The OBA procured the bus for Rs. 4,000,000/- and thanks to the Senior Vice President who negotiated and obtained a discount of Rs. 500,000/- on the quoted price.

Our most sincere thank to all those who contributed by way of donations and a very special thanks to Prabahath Jayasundera's commitment to raise 50% of the total cost. A sum of Rs 2,000,000/- was collectively donated as follows - Prabahath Jayasundera Rs 650,000/-, Ranjith Gunaratne Rs. 650,000/-, Samantha Perera Rs. 500,000/-, B.S.R. Fernando Rs 200,000/-

Prior to handing over the bus the OBA got it Registered, Insured and Licensed it under the College Name and delivered with a full tank of fuel.

3) **Play Ground Project for Primary School Students - Stage I – approx cost Rs. 1,600,000/-**

Since the school introduced the primary classes from Kindergarten to Grade five a couple of decades ago, there was this need for a play ground facility within the 45 acre main campus specially for the Primary School Students to play Football, Hockey, Rugby and for Athletics.

The OBA along with the College took up the task in July 2018 - turning out the abandon tennis courts and its surrounding area to set up 125 Meter X 80 Meter playground with minimal impact to the environment.

Stage I of the project - Preparation of Contour Plans, Evaluating the Contractors, Clearing the site, mobilizing machinery for Earthwork, Leveling and Compacting.

We are extremely thankful to Anil Gammampila who spontaneously responded by donating a sum of Rs. 1,000,000/- to get the project of the ground. Our sincere thanks also to the following well wishers Kavinda Nanayakkara /CTC Rs. 300,000/-, Arujuna Rajawasam Rs. 100,000/- for their donations and to all others who generously contributed.

The following members Chrishantha Jayawardhana - Chartered Surveyor & Developer, Uditha Wijesena Chartered Civil Engineer and Krishantha Somanayake - Chartered Architect generously contributed their valuable professional time, expertise and resources to Plan, Design, to Execute and successfully complete the Stage I work by December 2018.

Stage II will be to Turf the grounds, Install a Sprinkler System and Fencing the boundary.

We kindly look forward to your valuable contributions by way of professional expertise, funding, supply of material requirements, labour or machinery that may be required or any other product or services that you may be able to contribute.

#### 4) **OLD BOYS FELLOWSHIP DINNER - approx Profit Rs. 350,000/-**

Our main objectives were to -

(1) Felicitate our living founder members of the OBA who are now in between the ages 80 to 90 years. We managed to locate about twelve living founder members and invited them to be our guests of honor. Only three of them could be present M/s Arthur Perera, B. Munasinghe and Bandula Wanigasekera.

(2) To be a fund raiser for College Development by to completing the Stage Two of the Playground Project.

(3) To ceremonially handover the gift of the School Bus.

On 10th November 2018 we held the Fellowship Dinner at "SUMMERFIELDS", almost 300 old boys & well wishes participated and raised approx Rs. 350,000/-. Our sincere thanks to all those who participated, and to our advertisers, sponsors, donors and special thanks to all the Ex Co members and others members who contributed to make this event a great success.

#### **ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING**

The Annual Prize Giving was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The Chief Guest was Dr. Mohan De Silva distinguish old boy Prof of Surgery & the Chancellor University of Sri Jayawardenapura & Chairman University Grants Commission. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Senior Vice President STCG OBA Bandula Vithanage. Some Ex-Co members and a few old boys were also present at this occasion.

### **GURU DAY AT MT. LAVINIA**

This was held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018 commenced with a Service of thanksgiving at the Chapel of the Transfiguration and Special Assembly thereafter with Prof Mohan De Silva as the Guest of Honor delivering a very thought provoking speech to the students. The Under 15 cricket match for the Dr. R. L. Hayman Memorial Cup was played at the STCM grounds.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO COLLEGE BY MEMBERS OF THE OBA**

Chandana Fernando gifted to college a very valuable Staff Dining Table designed and crafted in his own woodwork facility.

Old boys from the batch of 1995 initiated a tree planting campaign by donating 45 varieties of fruit plants.

Mr. Upali Jayewardene donated hockey sticks to the under 14 Team.

M.A.M Rizwan & Leo Sebastian has donated stockings for the under 14 Hockey Team

Old boys from 2000/2001Batch has donated rugby balls & jerseys

### **INFRASTRUCURE DEVELOPMENT REQUESTS FROM COLLEGE**

- 1) To complete Stage II the new play ground (Turf /Sprinklers/ Boundary Fencing)
- 2) Refurbishment of the basket ball court
- 3) Refurbishment of the Badminton courts
- 4) New Class Room Building
- 5) Refurbishment of Faculty Quarters

### **REV. FR. HAROLD C GOODCHILD**

Rev. Goodchild passed on, on Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> January 2019. He was 96 years. He served the college for four decades or more from the early 60's as our College Chaplain. He taught Divinity and English. He was also our Scout master in charge, coached Hockey and Soccer, assisted in college swimming and bird watching.

To the vast number of students who knew him – they will always have fond memories of this humane and godly human being for all the good he instilled in us.

From retirement onwards Father Good child was cared and loved by our colleague Athula Senaratne his wife Sharmila & the two sons until he passed on. Our very sincere thanks to Athula and Family and we deeply appreciate your voluntarily undertaking and the responsibility you took to take father into your family and to take good care of him.

We also very sincerely thankful to all the old boys who supported and contributed in many ways to Athula & family in his endeavours to give father the best and very specially to the few old boys who spontaneously came forward to undertake and assist in all the funeral expenses & arrangements.

Our sincere thanks to Warden Rev Marc Billimoria, staff and students of STC MTL and the many members of the clergy for arranging the funeral service at the college chapel and for their participation. Head Master Ven. Nesakumar, staff and students of STCG, old boys, family members & relatives, friends & well wishes who attended the funeral and those who expressed their sympathies & condolences.

### **OUR THANKS**

Our sincere thanks to Headmaster Ven. Philip Nesakumar and his former Deputy Mr. Samantha Perera, Manager Mr. Senaka de Fonseka and all the members of Staff for their hospitality extended to us at our 2018 OBA Reunion Celebrations and the support for all other OBA activity throughout the period under review

Our thanks to the Management of Diocese of Colombo & Kithu Sevana for providing the services of their board room by levying a very nominal fee to hold our meetings in Colombo.

Our thanks to Mr. Lakshman Jayathilake for his enthusiasm and keenness in timely updating all the STCG OBA news and events and whatever other news related to the Thomian fraternity through the website [www.stcg62group.org](http://www.stcg62group.org)

Finally, my sincere thanks to the Headmaster and all the members of the staff at college, to all the OBA members & Old boys, well wishers and to my dear members of the Ex-Co for their valuable advice and unstinted support in discharging the duties entrusted to me.

**ESTO PERPETUA**

On behalf of the EX-CO 2018/2019

**Leo Sebastian**  
**Hony. Secretary**  
**S.Thomas' College, Gurutalawa**

