



The 2016 Annual Report from the Chairman of the SAHS Foundation to the Annual General Meeting July 2018

The year 2016 which this report covers was an exciting and successful one, filled with activities for the SAHS 90th Anniversary which culminated with Homecoming Week held April 10-16, 2016.

90TH ANNIVERSARY: HOMECOMING WEEK

From the feedback we received all the events during the entire Homecoming week were of excellent quality and a tremendous success. The Directors of the Foundation participated fully in the implementation of the activities. Key roles were played by the following Directors: **Elsa Leo-Rhynie**, as *Patron*, **Maxine Henry-Wilson**, *Chair of the 90th Anniversary Committee*, **Jessica Jones**, *Secretary*, **Fay McIntosh** Treasurer /Accountant, **Pat Durrant**, Awards Committee, **Deanna Ashley**, Conference Committee along with **Barbara Bailey** and **Gloria Barrett-Sobers**.

The Conference:

The Foundation took the lead role in the organization of the Conference ***“Maintaining the Legacy, Impacting the Future”*** held on Thursday 14th April in the Margaret Gartshore Hall. Despite the relatively small numbers of participants the presentations and discussions were of excellent quality. Of significance were the questions posed by the students which enhanced the debate. The Conference sessions were videotaped and are available for use by educators and others who are interested in discussing the issues and recommendations to insure the we prepare our students for the 21st Century. In addition, Old Girl **Dr. Robynne Chutkan**, provided a one week all expenses paid trip to Washington DC for a medical student to shadow her in office and hospital. The award was won by Old Girl **Ginelle Williams** who was a 2nd year medical student at UWI.

The recommendation for the future is that the Conference should be a separate event outside of Homecoming Week as there were probably too many events scheduled, especially as it came the day after the SAOGA cocktail event at Pigeon Valley which was a hit, and the day before Open Day at school which required a lot of preparation by the students and teachers.

Gala In The Garden & Awards Ceremony:

The culminating and highly successful event of the week, the all-inclusive ***Gala in the Garden*** was presented in collaboration with the Old Girls Association and held in the formal garden at Devon House on 16th April 2016.

The SAOGA SAINT, SAHS Trailblazers and the Foundation’s Legacy Awards were presented on that evening and documented in the 90th Anniversary Commemorative Magazine. The Foundation’s Legacy Awards went to **Principal Sharon Reid** and **Camille Parchment** in recognition of their “extraordinary and dedicated service to the School.” The Gala received compliments on the staging, décor, food café’s and open bars and entertainment. The Art Auction that was held at the Gala was also a success generating \$500,000 from sales.

Our donors and sponsors were generous in their support, and special thanks must be given to our lead sponsors Jamaica Broilers Group, Rainforest Seafoods, Grace Kennedy, Wray & Nephew, Desnoes & Geddes/Red Stripe and Jamaica National. We also received tremendous support from Old Girls and friends of the School who gave their service free or at discounted rates. ***The Gala in the Garden*** made a profit of \$3.8 M. From the proceeds of this event \$1M was given to the School for the renovation of the Margaret Gartshore Hall and \$1.5M towards the building of the proposed residential annex.

THE PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL ANNEX

Following discussions with Mrs. Reid, Old Girl Architect **Ann Hodges** developed a concept paper and floor plan for the proposed residence for students in need. This was discussed at the September meeting of the Board of Directors of the Foundation and also shared with the representatives of the SAOGA and the overseas Chapters. Based on the feedback received Ann revised the floor plan which sets 2 blocks of dorms around a courtyard. The staff apartments are on either side of the entrance, and the kitchen is to the Hope road side easy access to the service entrance.

It was proposed that the development of the property could be done in phases, starting with the block that houses the kitchen, laundry and common areas. A provisional cost for phase 1 is estimated at Ja \$70M (US\$550,000). The further development of this project has been delayed as there is need for the vendors to address the boundary errors that have been identified on the title. This matter is being addressed and the property is to be surveyed for the corrections to be documented and the revisions submitted so that a new title can be prepared.

CONCLUSION

After the major events and efforts associated with the 90th Anniversary the Foundation Board of Directors took the decision to postpone the Golf Tournament for 2016. Commendation and my sincere gratitude to all Directors and Old Girls who contributed to making 2016 a tremendous success. My special thanks to Directors **Jessica Jones** and **Fay McIntosh** for their continued support to the management of our projects, accounts and administration of the Foundation's office.

To our Principal and Foundation Director **Sharon Reid** our sincere gratitude for the leadership that she continues to provide for the School to ensure that the *Legacy is Maintained* and the ladies attending St Andrew receive excellent quality education and the opportunity to live a ***Life More Abundant***.



Dr Deanna Ashley
Chairman
29th July 2018