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HOGA NEWSLETTER

EDITOR'S NOTE

Happy 2015 to all! We trust that the past year has been a rewarding one for you and yours and you will accomplish what you set out to achieve in 2015.

We are so delighted, yet again, to provide you with an insight on some of the happenings of HOGA and the wider Hampton community. The past year has been a challenging one economically worldwide, but we are heartened by the consistency with which a few old girls from far and near have contributed to making the lives of those in need a promising one, particularly through the Education Fund.

The Mentorship programme is an important initiative that HOGA has instituted to provide support for young ladies matriculating to university. Let's join hands and heart to make a difference.

Hampton has done well this past year. HOGA congratulates the very hardworking 2014 Lasco Principal of the year, Mrs Heather Murray, and her team and we pledge our continued support in helping to keep the Hamptonian spirit alive—*Vivat Floriat Hamptonia!*

We trust you will enjoy reading.

Carla (class of '86)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Time sure does fly when you are having fun or working, working, working—and as HOGA has done both, 2014 went by really quickly. As the curtain closes on my third and final term as HOGA President, I take this opportunity to thank all the persons who have stopped by or stayed in 'my corner' between 2012/13 and now and therefore contributed to making the term worthwhile. The three term journey has been very fulfilling and there has never been a dull moment. Special mention has to be made of our overseas chapters who have channeled their contributions through our education fund to the girls and so made the outcomes even more significant.

Of course HOGA didn't raise as much money as we would have liked to and the funds raised was not commensurate with the level of hard work and dedication that the committee put into all the tasks that we were faced with but we feel very accomplished and proud of the work that the handful of us have done. Our focus has been on the education fund and we are very appreciative of the support that has enabled us between 2009/10 and 2014/15 to award \$6.65m to 225 girls. For 2015/16 we will enhance the process of awarding scholarships by opening up the process and allowing girls to apply for the available scholarships. Those shortlisted will be interviewed and the scholarships awarded during the school's prize giving service in November 2015.

While we continue to search for girls who have passed through the 'prison gates' to support our fundraisers and or provide a named bursary in honor or memory of family or friends, we know you will come on board and give back to our alma mater. There is a lot to look forward to in 2015 and we hope that you will continue to stay by our sides. I look forward to supporting the new incoming president as the Immediate Past President (IPP) and thank you for staying with us.

*Dawn-Marie Ebanks (Ms)
HOGA President 2014/15*

CONGRATULATIONS! THANK YOU! 2014 HOGA AWARDEES



Allison Morris



Lorna Gordon Elliott



Donna Lee Messam Raymond



Bridgett Stewart Grant

These four ladies were recognized for their outstanding support to HOGA and Hampton at the Annual Carol Service and Brunch in December 2014 (photos: Facebook)

Congratulations! Donna Parchment Brown new Custos Rotulorum of St. Andrew



Donna Parchment Brown CD, JP (Photo: Bing Images)

Distinguished Hamptonian, Attorney-at-Law, and former chairman of the Hampton School Board Donna Parchment Brown, has been appointed as the new Custos Rotulorum of St. Andrew effective February 2, 2015.

A member of the Jamaican Bar Association, Mrs. Parchment Brown has over 33 years of experience in the private practice of law and in the public sector. She is also a founding member of the Dispute Resolution Foundation of which she has been the CEO since 1994.

HOGA congratulates Donna on her accomplishment and wishes her well in her service to the citizens of St. Andrew.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Greetings Hamptonians!

The year 2014 was a good one for Hampton.

High School Ranking

First came the EducateJamaica.org ranking, which placed Hampton 4th of 161 high schools offering CSEC and 5th among 75 6th form high schools. We applaud Mr. Ainsworth Darby, CEO of EducateJamaica.org, for his organisation's new and innovative approach to assessing school performance across the Jamaican landscape.

New Classroom Block

Next was the building of an 8-classroom block by the Ministry of Education, which was completed during the summer holidays. At our prizegiving Minister of Education, Rev. Ronald Thwaites, was our guest speaker and declared the new block open.

Outreach to Feeder Schools

The other significant achievement in 2014 was the rollout of our outreach to main feeder primary/prep schools. At a strategic retreat about 18 years ago a wide cross-section of the community agreed that critical to raising the academic bar would be to raise the standard of our GSAT (then CEE) entrants and that Hampton should be prepared to play a role in this. Although the retreat did not define a specific approach the dream remained alive and in approaching Digicel Foundation for assistance with Science Labs, this was one of the objectives presented as justification. The pilot will be evaluated with the aim of widening the reach beyond Bethlehem Primary & Junior High and Munro Prep. You may read about this at <http://mobile.jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20141227/news/news3.php>

Munro-Hampton Infrastructure Fund

Recognizing that both Munro and Hampton have financial constraints in maintaining their historic plants, resulting in infrastructure, buildings, sports fields and courts going for years without maintenance, the Munro-Hampton Alumni Association of Canada has launched the Munro-Hampton Infrastructure Fund, aimed at having a global reach to alumni and friends of both schools.

The goal of the Fund is to secure monthly commitments from alumni and friends of these schools to support the maintenance projects of both. On behalf of Hampton's board and staff I commend this to all Hamptonians and Munronians as a means of giving back to your alma maters in ensuring that their historic national heritage buildings, so dear to all of us, may be preserved for generations to come.

Academics

On the academic front we continue to raise the bar towards our 2020 vision of every graduate achieving no less than eight CSEC, matriculating to 4-year college. For CAPE the goal is eight units, also matriculating to professions for which quality CAPE grades are fundamental requirements. To achieve these goals new and innovative teaching/learning strategies are being adopted and we are confident these will yield the desired results.

Commendations and Condolences

We join in commending teachers and students for Hampton's continued good showing in the Jamaica and Caribbean merit awards.

Also to staff who added new bundles of joy to the Hampton family.

Our condolence goes out to staff and students who lost loved ones in 2014, especially to the family of Ms. Heather Royal, young Home Management teacher, whose death was rather sudden and left both her biological and school families in mourning.

JAPSS President and LASCO/MOE Principal of the Year



In 2014, not only did our headmistress, Mrs. Heather Murray, ascend to the presidency of the Jamaica Association of Principals of Secondary Schools (JAPSS) but she was also named LASCO/MOE Principal of the year 2014/15. We all join in congratulating and celebrating

Mrs. Murray for these achievements.

Preview of 2015

We expect great things in 2015, including: -

Building of additional classrooms in collaboration with the Ministry of Education to increase enrollment from 1,250 to 1,450 in five years by adding a 6th stream in 2015/16 school year.

Full rollout of Cyber School Technological Solutions, giving Hampton ladies online access to universal transformative teaching/learning software in Math, Science, Technology and a number of other subjects. We anticipate significant improvement in our exam results.

Echoes 2015. The biennial concert series is compressing a year to odd-number years because of the competition from international events in even years, chiefly Word Cup Football and Olympics. We thank Music Director, Mrs. Allison Morris, and her musical 'stars' for taking on the additional pressure to achieve this feat.

Best wishes for a blessed, healthy and prosperous 2015.

*Trevor L. A. Blake
Chairman
January 9, 2015*

Hampton Old Girls Association Donates \$6.65 million and more

The Hampton Old Girls Association (HOGA) has recognized the plight of many young ladies attending their beloved alma mater.



Members of the HOGA executive body at the 2014 Annual Prize Giving Ceremony at Hampton

The young ladies of Hampton possess such brilliance and academic capability. Alas! The academic potential sans the financial resources can only offer a jumpstart to the vehicle of success. In response to these circumstances the executive body of HOGA have dedicated themselves in assisting these students to recognize their dreams and aspirations.

A young girl immaculately attired in a sky blue tunic and starched white blouse, complete with brown nylon socks and glossy brown leather shoes is being taught to shed the nervousness and stuttering speech of a childhood past and embrace the confidence and grace of being a lady. Walking with the head up and the shoulders pushed back. Shoulders which carry the hopes and dreams of her family and the pride of the community. This is the picture of many girls attending the prestigious Hampton School.

What started as a humble effort to assist one student's matriculation to sixth form has evolved into a long term philanthropic gesture. Through the valiant effort of a handful of old girls over \$480,000 was given in the first year a feat which they initially regarded as their finest achievement. This was later found to be quite an underestimation of their own strength as now 5 years later, the overall contribution stands at a remarkable \$6.66 million.

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Spotlight on 2014 New Scholarship & Special Bursaries - HOGA Education Fund

NAMED SCHOLARSHIP/ BURSARY	2014 AWARDS	RATIONALE
The HOGA/Muriel Lynch Scholarship	This is a new two-year Scholarship awarded to a Lower 6th Former in memory of Miss Muriel Lynch by her sister, Hamptonian Mrs. Kay Wilson.	Miss Lynch, attended Hampton School and served as Head Girl during the period 1936-1937. As an effective leader, she later became headmistress of Cathedral High School in Spanish Town, Merle Grove High School in Kingston and St. Hilda's High School in St. Ann.
Maxine Francis-Barnett Bursary	This Award is in memory of a Hamptonian and is granted to a student from the parish of Westmoreland.	Maxine, who was born and raised in Westmoreland, made an indelible mark on the lives of her children, her sister Leah, her friends and hundreds of students as an educator par excellence.
Madeline Marshall Bursary	Three (3) Awards for 2014 in memory of <i>the mother</i> of Hamptonian Joan Williams. These bursaries are granted to students from the Malvern community.	Mrs. Marshall dedicated most of her adult life to helping the poor in the community of Malvern. She was a Justice of the Peace and a recipient of the Prime Minister's Medal of Appreciation for her philanthropic work.
Lydia Wright Bursary	This Award is in memory of <i>the mother</i> of Hamptonian Naomi Wright-Holness.	Mrs. Lydia Wright single-handedly raised her eight children after the death of her husband. While she was unable to pursue a secondary education, she believed in the value of education and worked tirelessly to provide her children with the opportunity.
Jacque Watson-Diaz Bursary	Contributed by Mrs. Watson-Diaz, Hamptonian from the Class of 1982	Courtesy of a Hamptonian who is giving back to her alma mater.
Dr. Sandra Hill-Cameron Bursary	Two (2) Awards for 2014 contributed by Dr. Hill-Cameron, Hamptonian from the graduating class of 1979	Courtesy of a Hamptonian who is giving back to her alma mater.
The Hylton Sisters Bursary	Contributed by the Hylton Sisters who are Hamptonians	Courtesy of Hamptonians who are giving back to their alma mater.
Etla J. Sawyers Bursary	Contributed by Hamptonian, Bridgette Stewart-Grant	In honour of her grand-aunt Etla J. Sawyers who has had a tremendous impact on her life and the lives of others. <i>Mrs. Sawyers made the presentation in person to the selected student.</i>
Munro-Hampton Alumni of North-East USA (MHAUSNE) Bursary	The Munro Hampton Alumni United States North East (MHAUSNE) Award.	Courtesy of United States North-East Chapter of Hamptonians & Munronians who are giving back to their alma mater.
Munro-Hampton Alumni of South Florida Bursary	Six (6) Munro-Hampton Alumni of South Florida Awards for 2014!	Courtesy of the South Florida Chapter of Hamptonians & Munronians who are giving back to their alma mater.
Class of 1964 50th Anniversary Bursary	The Class of 1964 50th Anniversary Award!	Courtesy of Hamptonians who decided that this was a significant way in which to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their education at our alma mater.

Contributed by: Naomi Holness, IPP & Chairperson of the Scholarship & Bursaries Committee

PICTORIAL



Joint reunion weekend



Joint reunion 5k walk/run



Joint reunion – Courtney Haughton makes a presentation to Principal Murray



HOGA Scholarship awarddees pose for the camera with The Hon Minister of Education , Hampton Board Chairman, and Principal



Sandra Hill-Cameron making a presentation to a student who lost her home



2014 Brunch



Senator Sandrea Falconer and HOGA President Dawn Ebanks at 2014 Carol Service



Hamptonian and Minister of Information Senator Sandrea Falconer converses with Principal Heather Murray and old girl Kay Wilson at 2014 Carol Service



Interview Panel – 2014 Scholarships & Bursaries

Hampton Old Girls Association Donates \$6.65 million and more (cont'd)

There are many sources to this consolidated figure. Altruism is widespread among the extended Hampton family as other old girls (past students) continue to make donations in the interest of the girls at their former school. To date the association has sponsored 225 girls. Most of who continue to receive assistance on a yearly basis. The bursaries and scholarships awarded are named after past principals, the applications for which will be advertised openly in the school for the 2015/2016 academic year.

"It is the stories that we hear that motivate us to do this every year", says Dawn Ebanks, President of HOGA. Aside from direct monetary offerings, the HOGA organizes fundraisers or each quarter including benefit performances one being the Echoes of Blue Concert an exclusive showcase of Hampton's very own Blueprint Steel Band. The annual Carol Service and Brunch held on the 7th of this month is another fundraising initiative put together by the executive body.

"We had a health fair earlier this year where doctors and dentists treated over 150 patients from the Munro and Hampton surrounding communities. We also had our inaugural 5k walk /run which started from Hampton to Munro and then back to Hampton. We hope to make this an annual event as the next is scheduled for July 25, 2015", she further added.

HOGA also promotes integration with the current students at Hampton through their annual scholarship/bursary interviews and rap sessions during the prize giving weekend. These sessions facilitate more interpersonal relationships with the past and present girls as they offer valuable information such as career advice and assistance in exploring options for tertiary studies.

Dainalyn Swaby (HOGA PR Officer & 2009 GK Wesleygammon Scholar)

HOGA TERTIARY LYME

HOGA is dedicated to providing guidance in the academic pursuit of the students of Hampton. To continue this trend our benevolence extends beyond the secondary education experience. An exclusive feature of the Mentorship Programme is the Tertiary Lyme. Through this occasion, HOGA reinforces its commitment to providing relevant support to the girls as they open a new chapter. Since its inception in 2011 there have been 3 consecutive Lymes.

At the start of the first semester the new tertiary students are invited to an afternoon of entertainment with the executive body. Though intended for first year students, the Lyme has expanded to include second and final year students mostly comprising those who continue to support the initiative. This has added to the benefit of the activity as these seasoned students are able to impart their university experience and first year survival skills. This soiree also ensures continued engagement between the association and fresh graduates of Hampton.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS WEEKEND

The Scholarship and Awards weekend held last November saw 28 bursaries ranging from \$10,000-\$55,000 being presented to select students. These bursaries were distributed during a specially held ceremony organized by HOGA, with the parents of most of the recipients in attendance.

The HOGA scholarship and awards weekend provides the ideal platform to initiate the bond between the old girls and the current ladies at Hampton. Through various activities the students are engaged on different levels as HOGA strives to connect with them and provide additional motivation and encouragement for the fulfilment of their studies.

The ladies are able to learn more about the alumni association and its role in the development of the school which hopefully sparks the inspiration for future membership.

Through interaction with bursary recipients and the rap session with the 6th form students, HOGA imparts valuable information regarding career aspirations. Recent graduates are also invited to participate in these sessions and share their tertiary experiences.



Medical student at the University of the West Indies, Sabrina Holness, Rochelle Braham, graduate of the University of the West Indies and

Kathrina Watson student at Norman Manley Law School were this year's participants. These ladies were instrumental in providing different perspectives for the ladies in relation to career ambitions. Each experience shared provided hope and inspiration for the girls especially those expected to matriculate to university this following academic year.

Through this medium HOGA is able to build a solid network of students and strengthen the relationships created. This also sets the stage for the mentorship programme which provides continued guidance and support for many of these ladies.



Etla J. Sawyers, grand-aunt of Bridgette Stewart-Grant, making presentation to bursary recipient

MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

Did you know?

Since 2008 when the Mentorship Programme was officially launched, HOGA has sought to establish a 'big sister/little sister' relationship with the young 6th form graduates as they transition from high school to tertiary level, or into the working world.

As the young ladies leave school and embark on the next phase of their lives, they need, *inter alia*, guidance, moral and financial support and as much practical advice as they can garner. Hence, the main objective of the Programme is that of establishing a mutually beneficial 'sisterly' relationship between an older 'old girl' and a younger 'old girl' with a view of assisting the mentee (younger 'old girl') in her *rite of passage* from the sheltered life at Hampton to the wider world. The Mentorship Programme is a medium through which HOGA reaches out and connect with young Hamptonians and continue the communication link with them after graduation and throughout the immediate years thereafter. Additionally, the Programme allows for the young ladies to become more aware of the activities of HOGA, while at the same time facilitating bonding among the young and older ladies of Hampton and the Association. Our major challenge however, is that of finding enough mentors for the young ladies! So the call is now out for older 'old girls' to come on board and offer to become a mentor today. We have a batch of young ladies from the 2013 and 2014 6th form graduating classes waiting to be assigned mentors. The majority of these ladies are pursuing tertiary studies at the University of the West Indies (UWI) or University of Technology (UTECH).

*For further information on the Mentorship Programme, please contact our Mentorship chairperson, **Sharon Morris** at 995-0905 or by email at: hogamentorship@gmail.com.*

PRESIDENT'S APPEAL

Dear Hamptonians and Friends of Hampton,

The HOGA Education Fund started with news 2008 that a student had excelled in CSEC and couldn't afford to go to 6th form. The executive committee looked at the St Andrew High School model where \$1m was collected by old girls overseas and disbursed annually to the girls. We thought we'd never get to that level of contributions but started anyway. We instituted a system of interviews whereby the Guidance Department shortlisted some girls based on both academic excellence and financial need. Students were required to write to HOGA prior to the interview and a standard interview form was developed to capture ratings and views of the interview panel.

The stories have been heart wrenching since day 1 and even the strongest of us ended up in tears when we read/heard the girls stories. Fortunately or unfortunately many of these stories remain etched in our minds and probably accounts for the continued support of many:

- ⇒ **Year 1:** Awarded \$450k in bursaries
- ⇒ **Year 2:** Launched the G K W two year Scholarship/ total awards \$890k
- ⇒ **Year 3:** Celebrated our million dollar mark
- ⇒ **Year 4:** Joliette Sutherland Scholarship/50 bursaries in celebration of Jamaica's 50 years of independence / introduction of class year bursaries total awards \$1.3m
- ⇒ **Year 5:** Ivy Mitchell Scholarship/ total awards \$1.7m
- ⇒ **Year 6:** Muriel Lynch Scholarship/ total awards \$1.4m

Cumulative Scholarship and Bursary Awards 2009/10 to 2014/15 ... \$6.65m

None of this would have been possible without your support and contributions and so we pause to thank you. Most of the contributions come from individuals who have either provided named bursaries or contributed to the Fund. Many of you have made us a priority in your budget and so have already submitted your 2014/15 contribution even ahead of our appeal. Thank you, Thank You, Thank You!! This year we need your help even more than usual as we have struggled more than usual with our fund raisers and already thinking that we award much less than the \$1.7m that we awarded in 2013/14. We look forward to hearing from you soon and remember that any contribution you can make is welcome.

Imagine if every girl who went through the 'Prison gates and drank the majuba water' contributed even J\$500 per year to the Education Fund ... We'd contribute at least J\$5m annually. Contributions can be made by sending a **cheque** made payable to **Hampton Old Girls Association**. Contributions may also be lodged to our **BNS HWT branch account #487015**.

Dawn -Marie Ebanks (Ms)



2015 Calendar of Events

- ❖ **April (revised)** – Annual General Meeting
- ❖ **June** – Echoes Encore Performance in Kingston
- ❖ **July** – HOGA/MCOBA Annual 5/10k Walk/Run
- ❖ **October** – Interviews for Scholarships and Bursaries
- ❖ **November** – Bursary Awards Luncheon
- ❖ **November** – Scholarship Awards at School's Prize giving
- ❖ **December** – Annual Carol Service HOGA Awards and Brunch
- ❖ Quarterly Fund Raising Benefit Performance




Hampton Old Girls' & Munro Old Boys' Associations




SAT JUL 25 2015

"Jamaica's most gruelling Road Race"

5K & 10K  **WALK-RUN**

GONE TOO SOON



Since our last publication, a number of old girls and family members of old girls have passed on. Sincere condolences to all family members and friends who mourn the passing of loved ones.