

Past Pupils' Association - Annual Report – 2012/2013

From the President.....

This Report documents the Programs and Activities of the Past Pupils' Association of St. Bridget's Convent for the period 23rd March 2012 to 22nd March 2013. It highlights the initiatives taken by the Committee during the year and its accompanied accomplishments. These accomplishments are a testament to the dedicated work of our Executive Committee and the many Sub-Committees that were in operation. We are also grateful for the support extended to us by our Patroness and the Principals and the many Companies and Individuals both Bridgetines and non-Bridgetines for their generous support for specific programs. The work carried out of course would not have been successful if not for the tremendous participation of our members and the entire Bridgetine family.

It was a year of rapid progress but also many challenges, the challenges inherent with the creation of new actions and programs. The Executive Committee and the Sub-Committees rose to all the demands and worked with much passion to leverage results to match the plan for the period 2012/2013. As detailed in this Annual Report, we expanded member activities, we backed the infrastructure development of the school, we initiated E-based communication systems, we supported Corporate Social Responsibility projects, we participated in school activities and most importantly we championed Student, Teacher and Parent development programs for the school.



Nirmala M. Pieris

THE PATRONESS

The Patroness of the Association continued to be the Rev. Mother Superior of St. Bridget's Convent with the position being currently held by Rev. Sr. Solange Fernando

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Association comprising of Life members and Honorary Life members records a high of approximately 3500 with 89 joining the Association during the period under review. 39 approved applications are pending, awaiting the School leaving certificate and/or payment of membership fee. 11 Honorary Life memberships to members of the tutorial staff of the school who have completed 25 years of service will be awarded at the AGM scheduled for 22nd March 2013. Membership of five members was terminated due to death. The Membership data base was continuously updated with current information received from members. However 385 memberships yet lie inactive due to inaccurate contact information. There are no Affiliates of the Association

All applications for enrolment as members followed the process as detailed in the Constitution. Three membership applications that were pending from 2002, 2008 and 2009 were formalized and membership granted whilst several lost cards were replaced. With the previous membership cards being over, a new membership card was designed and issued from November 2012.

BANK ACCOUNTS

All Bank accounts have been in the name of the Association and have been maintained at the Standard Chartered Bank, the Hatton National Bank and the Bank of Ceylon. No changes were done.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & MEETINGS

The Executive Committee comprised of 22 members inclusive of the Office bearers. The Committee was appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 23rd March 2012. Subsequently there were two resignations and the vacancies were filled with immediate effect by the members of the Committee. The Committee thus comprised of 22 members at all times during the period of review.

The Executive Committee regularly met on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except in the month of December where the meeting was held on the 2nd Thursday and in January and March where the meetings were held on the 2nd Wednesday). During the period under review 13 General Meetings, two Special Meetings and one Emergency Meeting were convened. Detailed Minutes of all the meetings have been recorded. Statements of receipts and payments were tabled at all meetings commencing from August 2012. Minutes of the meetings and the financial statements were transmitted via E-mail to all Committee members prior to each meeting and hard copies provided to the Patroness and pasted in the Minutes record book. Committee members and their attendance at meetings from March 2012 to March 2013:

Name	Attendance at Meetings			
	General (13)	Special (2)	Emergency (1)	Total (16)
Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris (President)	13	2	1	16
Prof. Rohini Fernandopulle (1 st Vice President)	8	2	1	11
Dr. Swinitha Ranasinghe (2 nd Vice President)	9	0	0	9
Ms. Jayani Wickremanayake (Jt. Secretary)	13	2	0	15
Ms. Anusha Hettigoda (Jt. Secretary)	13	1	0	14
Ms. Nilani Pieris (Jt. Treasurer till 26/06/12)	4 of 5	0	-	4 of 5
Ms. Ishara Gunawardena (Jt. Treasurer from 27/06/12) (Committee member till 26/06/12)	12	1	1	14
Ms. Rochelle Tayabally (Jt. Treasurer)	11	2	1	14
<u>Committee</u>				
Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya	13	2	1	16
Ms. Faleena Mohamed	10	2	1	13
Ms. Habeera Lafir	11	2	1	14
Ms. Hiranthi Fernando	11	2	1	14
Ms. Indika Jayawardena	9	1	1	11
Ms. Joanne Amarasinghe (till 10/10/12)	4 of 7	1	0	5 of 8
Ms. Namalie Herath	10	2	1	13
Ms. Nareshka Perera	12	2	1	15
Ms. Rishda Zarook Ishaq	12	2	1	15
Ms. Roshy Tillekaratne	5	0	1	6
Dr. Sarojini Perera	10	0	0	10
Ms. Tamara Sivagurunathan (from 28/06/12)	7 of 9	1	-	8 of 10
Ms. Sonali Rassool	9	2	1	12
Ms. Swarna Ratnayake	10	1	1	12
Ms. Upekha Wickramaratne (from 11/10/12)	5 of 5	1	-	6 of 6
Ms. Yu Mei Kumarasinghe	12	1	1	14

- Ms. Nilani Pieris resigned with effect from 26th June and was replaced by Ms. Ishara Gunawardena as Joint Treasurer. The vacancy in the Committee was filled by Ms. Tamara Sivagurunathan
- Ms. Joanne Amarasinghe resigned with effect from 10th October and Ms. Upekha Wickramaratne was appointed to fill the vacancy.

SUB-COMMITTEES

Eleven Sub-Committees operated during the year. All Sub-Committees comprised of the President, Executive Committee members and Volunteers. The Sub-Committees were as follows:

- Bridgetine Drive
- Mini Fair
- Jolly Jaunt
- Bridgetine Fire
- Sports Meet
- Memorial Oration
- St. Bridget's Day
- Religious Activities
- Guest Lectures & Seminars for School
- Shamrock & Website
- CSR Projects

Meetings of the Sub-Committees were convened as and when required, with each of the Sub-Committees having between 2 and 4 meetings during the period under review. The following Volunteer members of Sub-Committees took on significant and lead roles:

- Ms. Dilani Yatawaka – Bridgetine Drive, Sports meet, Guest Lectures and Seminars for School
- Ms. Upekha Weerawardena – Bridgetine Drive
- Ms. Tamara Sivagurunathan – Shamrock & Website
- Ms. Upekha Wickramaratne – Guest Lectures, Seminars for School

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

Communication with members was effected through both the written and the Electronic media with five types of communication channels being used regularly as follows:

Circulars

Three Circulars (dated 18th April 2012, 22nd October 2012 & 15th February 2013) were issued.

Website

The first-ever PPA Website was created and launched on 31st July 2012 by our Patroness in the presence of the School Principals, Past Presidents and Executive committee members. The website contains information on the History of the PPA, Past Presidents, Executive Committee, Membership information, Activities and Programs and Foreign PPA's. The website is continuously updated and maintained so as to be most current. Hitherto the PPA had only restricted space in the SBC website with no real PPA identity. The new website can be viewed at www.sbcppa.org

E-mail

An E-mail database was created and presently has contacts of over 950 members. This database has been continuously used to transmit information to members. The address is ppasbc@gmail.com

Shamrock

Two issues of Shamrock the bi-annual Newsletter of the PPA have been issued and circulated to all members via the post as well as uploaded on the website and transmitted via e-mail. The issues contains detailed information on the Activities, News and Upcoming events and covers the periods April to September 2012 and October 2012 to March 2013.

Facebook

The Facebook page that had been created by the previous committee was maintained. The 'Likes' has now increased from 400+ when we took over to more than 1000 at present. This page is also kept current at all times with the upload of Program activities both before and after programs, Photographs and Albums and has been proved to be most popular particularly amongst the young Bridgetines. The page can be viewed at www.facebook.com/pages/St-Bridgets-Convent-PPA

For specific events the commercial print, voice and visual media were also used as follows:

- Bridgetine Drive & Mini fair – Trailer on CSN TV & Air spots on Gold FM and Sun FM
- Jolly Jaunt - Advertisement in Daily Mirror
- Bridgetine Fire – Advertisements in Daily Mirror and Sunday Times
- St. Bridget's Day – Advertisement in Daily Mirror

FOCUS AREAS

We focused on six areas, when planning our programs and activities

- Social integration and fellowship (Member events)
- Events with school (Conducting supplementary programs)
- School upgrading (Projects for school)
- Religious activities
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects
- School support (Participation in school events)

MEMBER EVENTS

Six events were successfully concluded with two of them restricted to members only whilst the others were open to all Bridgetines and well wishers. Of the six events, the Primary fundraiser was the Bridgetine Drive and Mini Fair whilst the supplementary fundraiser was Bridgetine Fire. The Primary school ground was the venue for three of the events.

Bridgetine Drive & Mini Fair (29th May 2012)

This was an immensely popular event with participation of over 1700 Bridgetines and friends. 112 cars were flagged off from Malalasekera Mawatha with the first car being flagged off by our Patroness, Rev. Sr. Solange Fernando. The Organizing committee worked tirelessly to get the logistics in place to enable the movement of the cars within the Colombo metropolitan area. At the end of the rally the participants romped along to the mini fair which was held at the Primary school grounds. The fair was officially opened by a former President of the PPA, Ms Deepa Edirisinghe. A carnival atmosphere prevailed throughout the day. It was a day enjoyed by both young and not so young Bridgetines as well as Non-Bridgetines. (Participation – 1741)

***Bridgetine T'shirts** - A Bridgetine T'shirt was designed and approximately 700 were sold amongst PPA members, past and present Bridgetnes. This project was undertaken as a branding exercise*

Jolly Jaunt (14th July 2012)

It was the member's day out when 250 beautifully clad Hawaiian beauties descended at the Jetwing Blue at Negombo. Garlands, bracelets, flowers, a lot of fun and games dominated the day. We snacked on achcharu and many other snacks which were heavenly. The scrumptious buffet was followed by the selection of the Hawaiian queen and dancing and then it was the bus ride back home. (Participation – 250)

Bridgetine Fire (28th September 2012)

Ramada Colombo was ablaze with excitement, when 507 Bridgetines, their families and friends sang with gusto and danced with gay abandon to the music Sohan & the X'periments. While singing dominated the program, short competitions provided some variety and amusement and the guests were engulfed with laughter at the pithy comments of Sohan and racy jokes by the guest artiste, Ronnie Lietch. The dinner was served in buffet style mid way, during the program, and was proclaimed by the guests to be delicious. A ticket draw was held with valuable prizes being given. (Participation – 507)

Sports Meet (01st December 2012)

What an absolutely memorable day it was when we gathered in the primary school grounds, to re enact the annual sports meet. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Yasmin Zarook, a past President of the PPA and an outstanding sportswoman. The present day sports meets, was simulated with much fanfare in every respect and there were special events and a shuttle relay for every age group. The highlights of the day were the drill display and the march past where for the latter the school uniform, tie, shoes and socks seemed to have magically erased the lines of age. Borgia house emerged winners. The meet ended with a fireworks display. (Participation – 269)

Memorial Oration (15th January 2013)

We honoured the most celebrated student of our school, Hon Sirimavo R D Bandaranaike, by organizing the inaugural 'Sirimavo Bandaranaike Memorial Oration'. The program commenced with a documentary film on Madam Sirimavo Bandaranaike which was followed by an Introductory Address by the Patroness of the Association. Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris, President then provided a preamble to the Oration and then introduced the orator. H. E. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, yet another proud product of St. Bridget's Convent who delivered the oration on "Educating Women for Leadership". Dr. Swinitha Ranasinghe, 2nd Vice President proposed the Vote of Thanks, whilst Ms. Jayani Wickremanayake, Joint Secretary of the Association was the Master of Ceremonies. The event was attended by Members of the Association, Past Presidents, Rev. Sisters, Teachers, Students and Distinguished guests. (Participation – 510)

St. Bridget's Day (01st February 2013)

01st February evening was special to all PPA members when we celebrated St. Bridget's day. Rev. Sr. M. Thomas Aquinas graced this special occasion as the Guest of Honour. The evening's program was attended by Rev. Sr. Solange Fernando our Patroness, the Principals of all 3 schools, Past Principals and several other Sisters from the Convent. The evening commenced with a Welcome address by the President Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris, followed by a presentation on Sr. Thomas Aquinas by Ms. Sharmini Mendis. Priyanthi and her choir then gave a special Tribute in song to Sr. Thomas. Sr. Thomas expressed her deep appreciation, with an inspiring address. Jayani Wickremanayake, Jt. Secretary PPA did a perfect job as the Master of Ceremonies. The evening ended with dinner well after 9.00pm. The event was the first, to be held outdoors on St. Bridget's Day. (Participation – 363)

Invitation Relay - A PPA team comprising of Ms. Dilani Yatawaka, Ms. Gayathri Hewawasam, Ms. Dilini Perera and Ms. Nishika Aponso participated in the 4x100 Invitation relay at the Sports Meet of the Old Girls Association of Ladies College held on 16th February 2013

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

We participated in three Religious activities; one was organized by the School whilst two were organized by the PPA

Corpus Christi

We took an active role when the school celebrated Corpus Christi on 15th June 2012 by decorating the 3rd Repository that was set up at the Convent Balcony, participating in half hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and procession. The cost of the decoration was shared with the School Development Society

Mass for departed Souls

The Mass for the departed souls to thank God for the lives and memory of all those in the Bridgetine family who have left this world, was held on Wednesday 07th November 2012 at 5.00pm at the St. Bridget's Convent Chapel. The Celebrant & Preacher was Rev. Fr. Angelo Wijewickrema, OMI, Parish Priest, Fatima Church, Maradana. A time of Fellowship for all those who attended the Mass followed.

St. Bridget's Day

The Mass on St. Bridget's Day was held on Friday 01st February 2013 at 5.00pm at the St. Bridget's Convent Chapel. The Celebrant & Preacher was Rev. Fr. Angelo Wijewickrema, OMI, Parish Priest, Fatima Church, Maradana

Requiem Services - The PPA was represented at the Requiem Services of the late Ms. Shiromi Abeysekera (April 2012) and the late Ms. Anouchka Weeratunge (July 2012) who were both members of the PPA

EVENTS WITH SCHOOL

We conducted 7 programs for Student and Teacher development and 3 programs for parents of students of the Collegiate school. Bridgetines who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields were the Resource persons for all programs other than for the Outbound Training program that was organized for the Teachers of the Collegiate and Primary school.

- Montessori (300 children) - 'Zippy the Zebra' Puppet show by Ms. Sulochana Dissanayake (03rd October 2012)
- Grades 1 & 2 (400 students) - Personal Cleanliness and Healthy Habits by Dr. Yoshani Fernando (05th November 2012)
- Grades 3, 4, & 5 (615 students) - 'Your Teeth are like Stars' by Dr. Gayathri Iraivan (24th September 2012)
- Grades 6, 7 & 8 (450 students) – 'Your Changing Body' by Dr. Sharmila Amerasekera (30th July 2012)
- Grades 11, 12 & 13 (450 students) – 'Beating Exam Stress' by Dr. Sunera Fernando (11th May 2012)
- Teachers of the Collegiate School (100) and Grades 11, 12 & 13 (450 students) – 'Personal Grooming' by Ms. Ramani Fernando (04th October 2012)
- Teachers of Primary & Collegiate School (125 Teachers attending) - 'Teachers make a difference: from good to great' – Outbound Training program by Mr. Namal Heenatigala, assisted by Mr. Ajith Kumara and Mr. Gamini Bandara (03rd September 2012)
- Parents of students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 (27th February 2013), Grades 9, 10 & 11 (28th February 2013) and Grades 12 & 13 (01st March 2013) - "Education of Children is a Partnership Enterprise " By Deshabandu Jezima Ismail

SCHOOL UPGRADING

Upgrading of the Libraries of the Collegiate and Primary schools and the establishment of a Library for the Montessori school were identified as priority area for assistance.

Collegiate School

Attention was paid to polishing and overhauling existing book cupboards that were in fairly good condition and replacing all perished cupboards and racks and installing new units. The library furniture layout was also improved to keep in line with a school library.

Primary School

A complete overhauling of the library was carried out, by repairing of walls, ceiling and floor – with new tiles being laid and the setting up of a separate area for audio visual use. The library was furnished with new book racks, and the tables and stools that were in use were all polished. The entire stock of books was sorted and only books suitable for primary school children were retained.

Montessori School

The Montessori did not have a Library and it was an urgent need as per Education Department requirements. A room that had been used as an office was completely upgraded to a Library. This culminated in an attractive colorful library, complete with book racks, colored cushions and carpets and attractive mobiles which have fully enticed the little ones.

Admissions to Montessori

President, PPA followed up on 17 appeal letters that had been sent to the school and copied to her by PPA members regarding admission rejections of their children to the Montessori. A comprehensive document providing justification for admission was prepared and handed over to Rev. Sr. Superior. Subsequently all appeals were considered favorably

Vajira Fernando Memorial Award

The 'Vajira Fernando Memorial Award' for the best student in Commerce (at the GCE O-Level examination) that had not been awarded for a few years was revived (at Prize Giving held in July 2012) subsequent to discussions of the President with Ms. Sarala Fernando and a meeting with the Principal of the Collegiate school. The award is donated by her daughters Dayamani, Dayanthi and Sarala Fernando who are all Life members of the PPA and Dayamani was also a teacher at SBC.

Supplementary facilities for Prefects & Teachers Day

Made arrangements with Etisalat Pvt. Ltd and Cargills Ceylon Ltd. for providing flags and sale of ice cream, milk etc. to make the outdoor event more exciting for the students

Sister's Feast Days & X'mas

We remembered with love and gratitude Rev. Sr. Superior and Rev. Sr. Principals on their Feast days and at X'mas

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL EVENTS

The PPA was represented at all special events of the school for which we received invitations. A total of 19 events were attended.

- Cancer Walk organized by the Interact Club – 12th May 2012
- School Development Society (SDS), AGM – 23rd May 2012
- Prize Giving (Primary school) – 25th May 2012
- Daphne Attygalle Scholarship Awards Interview panel – 05th June 2012
- Corpus Christi – 15th June 2012
- Swimming Meet (Primary) – 22nd June 2012 (Ms. Anusha Hettigoda was the Chief Guest)
- 'Estrellas 2012' (Collegiate school) – 29th June 2012
- Prefects day (Collegiate School) – 4th July 2012
- 'Sing & Swing' (Primary School) – 8th July 2012
- Prize Giving (Collegiate school) – 12th July 2012
- 'Twisted' (Collegiate School) – 8th September 2012
- Inter House Aquatic Meet (Collegiate School) – 28th September 2012 (Ms. Upekha Wickramaratne was the Chief Guest & Ms. Nareshka Perera and Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris participated in the Victory ceremonies)
- Under 15, A Division Inter-schools Basketball championship Final held at SBC Courts - 05th November 2012 (Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris was the Chief Guest)
- Carol Service (Primary School) - 08th December 2012
- Carol Service (Collegiate School) - 15th December 2012
- St. Bridget's Day Celebrations & Prefects Investiture Ceremony - 01st February 2013
- Blessing of new Band Instruments - 11th February 2013
- Inter-House Athletic Meet (Collegiate School) - 21st February 2013
- Inter-House Sports Meet (Primary School) - 28th February 2013 (Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris and Ms. Jayani Wickremanayake participated in the Victory ceremonies)

PPA Office

As far as possible the PPA Office was kept open every Wednesday from 9.30am to 11.00am for receiving membership applications, monies and also for any other matters.

Receipt Books and PPA Letterhead

A new format for Receipts and a new Letterhead were designed and has been used since July 2012

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECTS (CSR)

In an effort to have an overall positive impact, our Corporate Social Responsibility Project focused on 3 major areas of i)Community ii) Environment and iii) Employees.

In the focus area of the Community we continued to provide assistance to the two schools that had been identified in earlier years.

Community Project in Kottantivu

The project focused on the Perakuwatana Sinhala Vidyalaya in Kottantivu, a mixed school of 174 children with classes from Grade 1 to Grade 9. The school has minimum facilities for the extremely underprivileged children who come from very distant places to attend classes. We supported three children to attend O-level and A-level classes in other schools and we also provided an allowance to a Trainee Teacher. On the 24th October 2012 a group of us visited the school with a van load of stuff that included shoes & socks(for all the children), school needs such as books, pencils, pens, goodies etc. also a bicycle for two girls (sisters) who were walking 10km to school on a daily basis. We were also fortunate to have been able to set up a modest Computer Centre with five Computer's received from Associated Motorways (Pvt) Ltd., two dongles (donated by Etisalat Pvt Ltd.) and a printer, and computer tables donated by the PPA

Community Project in Ragama

The project focused on the St. Josephs School for the Deaf which is a charitable Institution run by the Sisters of Perpetual Help for the education of young students who are impaired in hearing. Presently the school has 200 students of whom 125 are day students whilst 75 are provided accommodation facilities. The PPA Excom team made three visits to the school. Assistance was provided to renovate an old kitchen within the premises to a lunch room which was an urgent need. The room that was also furnished with tables and benches will be officially opened on 19th March 2013. Five Computers (donated by Associated Motorways (Pvt) Ltd), two Dongles (donated by Etisalat Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.), and computer tables (donated by PPA) were given to the school for the use of the children.

Environment Project

We facilitated a program aimed at encouraging E – Waste recycling in school. The program was conducted via a workshop on 'E-Waste' that was conducted by the Cinnamon Grand Hotel in association with 'Think Green', on the 31st July 2012 for Grades 9, 10 and 11 with over 450 students participating. Following up on the Workshop the collection of 254kg of E-waste (comprising of 15 CRT Monitors, 11 CPUs, 3 Printers, 2 Fans and 2 UPSs) was facilitated for the school.

Our Appreciation to a Teacher, Principal and Rev. Sr. Superior

We facilitated a visit for Rev. Sr. Thomas Aquinas to attend a spiritual retreat at Divine Retreat Centre (DRC) in Chalakudy in Kerala, India in appreciation of 19 years of dedicated and exemplary service to our Alma Mater. We also remembered her completion of 50 years of committed service as a Sister of the Good Shepherd Order

Assistance to Past Employees

This area included the provision of financial assistance on requests from Teachers and Employees of the school (who have served the school for over 10 years) One request was fulfilled

Elders Home - In March 2013, a team from the Executive committee visited the Elders home at Mabile run by the PPA of Good Shepherd Convent. This was a learning exercise for gathering information on the running of such a Home

INTERACTION WITH ASSOCIATIONS ABROAD

We were in active contact with all five Past Pupils' Associations that are in operation in foreign countries. Information on their Committees and events and their Newsletters has been regularly posted on our website. Our Circulars, E-copies of Shamrock, Website and Facebook links have been sent to all the associations. Additionally the following were carried out.

PPA - Ontario, Canada

Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris met Ms. Ziyana Abdul-Razzak, Vice President in June 2012 and exchanged information regarding our respective activities. At the request of the Association, we also forwarded to the Principals of the Collegiate and Primary schools, information regarding a trophy to be awarded in memory of Sithie Faira Bari (Rosie Bari) at the Sports meet or Prize giving.

PPA - Melbourne, Australia

Ms. Marie Mendis, President and Ms. Chitra Perera, Treasurer were guests at the Mini Fair held on 29th May 2013. Our President met them both and subsequently provided a Message for their Souvenir of 'Bridgetine Breeze 2013' their fundraiser held on 09th February 2013. We record with much appreciation the Association's contribution of 1000 Aus\$ (Rs. 131,270/-) towards upgrading the Collegiate School Library. This contribution facilitated the completion of Phase 2 of this Library project.

PPA - Sydney, Australia

E-mail communications were exchanged with Ms. Janette Koelmeyer the Vice President of the Association regarding the transfer of monies that had accumulated over the past 25 years in fixed deposit to St Bridget's Convent to be used equally for projects in the Montessori, Primary & Collegiate Schools.

PPA - Southern California

On a request that was made a meeting was arranged and held on 28th July 2012. The meeting was attended by Ms. Janaki Sarathchandra, President, Ms. Kumari Gunasekera and Ms. Deepa Somasunderam, Vice Presidents, Rev. Sr. Solange Fernando, Rev. Sr. Shermila Jayawardena and Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris. The discussion focused on the assistance that can be provided to the school. The Association subsequently provided funds for the school Western Band costumes. A Message was provided by President, PPA for their Souvenir of 'Bridgeteen Autumn Breeze' which was a fundraiser held on 16th September 2012. In August 2012, our President met Ms. Nihili Senarath, the Secretary of the Association. We were also happy to have Janaki with us when we launched the PPA website on 31st July 2012.

PPA - United Kingdom (UK)

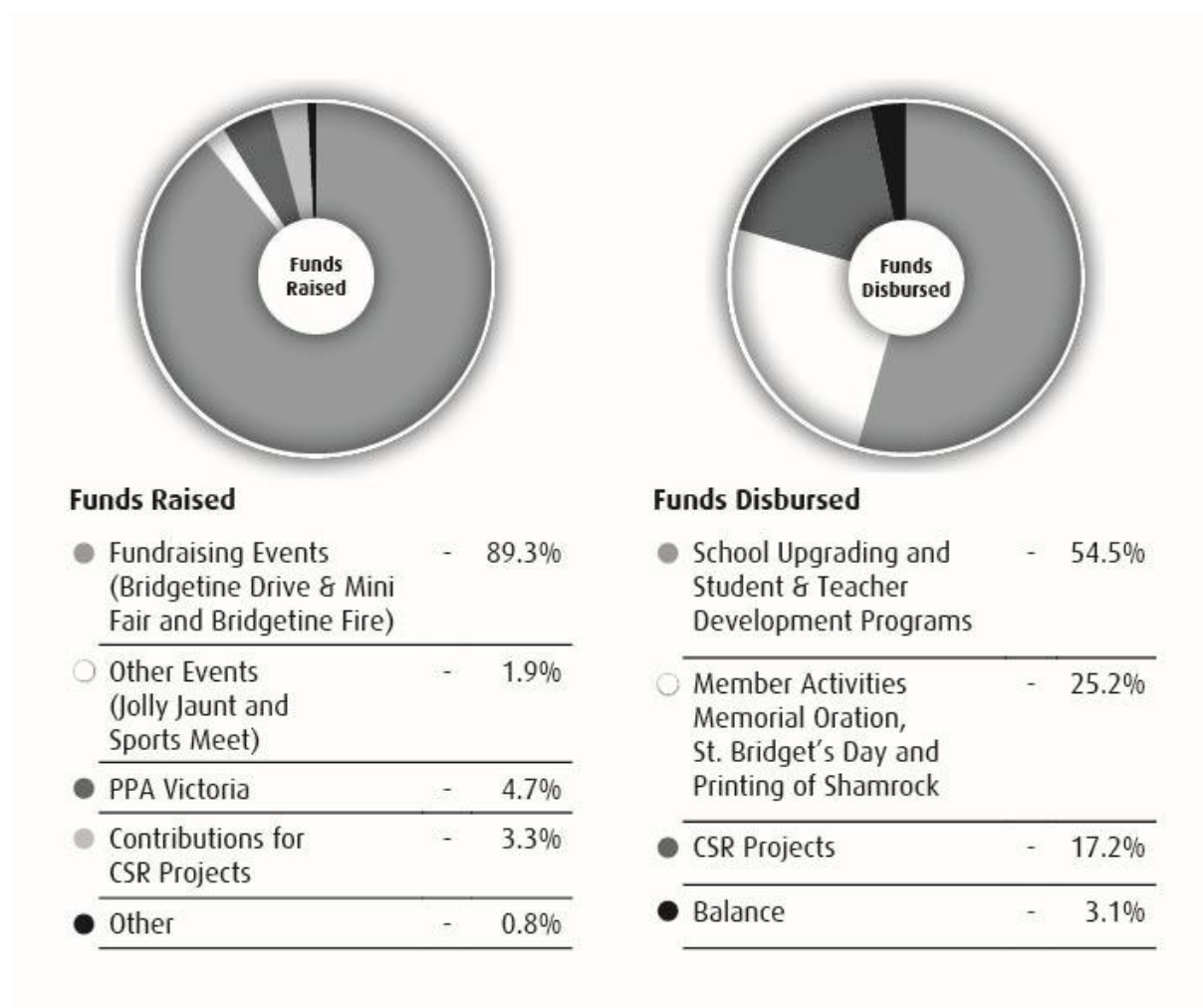
Several e-mails were exchanged with Ms. Nelun Ansar, President of the Association with respect to their activities and their AGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2013

Thirty days notice in writing of the AGM to be held on 22nd March 2013 was given to members. Due notice has also been given for two resolutions relating to membership and subscription that are scheduled to be presented for adoption at the meeting. Circulation of the name of the candidate nominated for election to the office of President by the Patroness was facilitated.

Funds Raised and disbursed

Total funds raised (for Projects) – Rs. 2,815,218/- (April 2012 to March 2013)

**General Fund**

Please see Financial Statement (January 2012 to December 2013)

Report compiled by: Nirmala M. Pieris & Dilmani Warnasuriya
Membership data provided by: Jayani Wickremanayake & Anusha Hettigoda (Joint Secretaries)
Financial data provided by: Rochelle Tayabally & Ishara Gunawardena (Joint Treasurers)
13th March 2013

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OUR APPRECIATION TO.....

- *Rev. Sr. Solange Fernando, our Patroness for her support*
- *Rev. Sr. Shermila Jayawardena, Principal, Collegiate School, Rev. Sr. Alexandra Mendis, Principal, Primary School and Rev. Sr. Remona Nugara for their cooperation and enthusiasm in supporting our programs and the invitations we received for the School programs*
- *Our many Sponsors who gave so generously*
- *PPA members who went out of their way to assist us in our many activities. We specially thank Ms. Indi Somapala for supplying our many needs with no charge when our venue was the school for the Mini Fair, the Sports meet and St. Bridget's day, Ms. Raina Cader & Ms. Raisa Cader for their support for Bridgetine Fire and St. Bridget's day, Ms. Priyanthi Seneviratne Vandort for compilation of the Eucharistic Services for Corpus Christi, Mass for the dearly departed and St. Bridget's day and together with her Choir for singing at all the services and Ms. Sunethra Bandaranaike for arranging significant concessionary rates at the BMICH for the Memorial Oration*
- *Our members for their continued interest, participation and encouragement and*
- *All Bridgetines and well wishers who joined us in our many activities*