



St. Bridget's Convent

Past Pupils' Association

Annual Report – 2013/2014

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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 2013 to 28th March 2014. 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. 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.

We continued with much of the programs that we initiated during the period 2012/2013. Our efforts have been richly rewarded through the enthusiastic participation of our members, the knowledge we have helped inculcate in our school children and teachers, the tangible school improvements we leave behind for the posterity of the young Bridgetines, as well as the smiles of our corporate responsibility beneficiaries. Whilst engaging in the above activities, we as a committee participated in all school activities for which we were extended invitations, and also assisted the school in a multitude of other matters where our assistance was requested.

So as we sign off, waving the Green and White flag forever, we take this opportunity to wish the incoming Executive committee all the very best in their endeavors.



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 (as at 21/03)

The membership of the Association comprising Life members and Honorary Life members records a high of 3641 with 166 members joining the Association during the period 1st April 2013 to 15th March 2014. 145 applications were approved during this period and of these 21 applications are pending payment of membership fee. 18 new photo ID cards were issued to replace old membership cards. The Membership data base was upgraded with new software and continuously updated with current information received from members. However 402 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.

BANK ACCOUNTS

The 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 22 members inclusive of the Office bearers. The Committee was appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 22nd March 2013.

The Executive Committee regularly met on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except in the months of December, January, February and March where the meetings were held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month). An Executive committee meeting was also held following the AGM that was held on 22nd March 2013. During the period under review, 13 Executive Committee Meetings, 9 Special Executive Committee Meetings and 1 Emergency Executive Committee meetings were held. Detailed Minutes of all the meetings have been recorded. Financial statements were tabled at all Executive Committee Meetings. The Agenda for the subsequent Meeting, Minutes of the meetings and the Financial statements were transmitted via E-mail to all Committee members prior to each meeting and hard copies of the Minutes provided to the Patroness and pasted in the Minutes record book. Committee members and their attendance at meetings from April 2013 to March 2014:

Name	Excom Meeting (13)	Special Excom Meeting (9)	Emergency Excom Meeting (1)	Total (23)
Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris (President)	13	9	1	23
Dr. Swinitha Ranasinghe (1 st Vice President)	12	6	0	18
Ms. Dilmani Warnasuriya (2 nd Vice President)	13	8	1	22
Ms. Nareshka Perera (Jt. Secretary)	13	8	1	22
Ms. Tamara Sivagurunathan (Jt. Secretary)	13	9	1	23
Ms. Jean Aponso (Jt. Treasurer)	13	9	1	23
Ms. Raemanthi Gunawardena (Jt. Treasurer)	12	6	1	19
Committee				
Ms. Habeera Lafir	11	7	1	19
Ms. Hiranthi Fernando	10	7	1	18
Ms. Indika Jayawardena	7	9	1	17
Ms. Marina Haputhanthri	11	7	1	19
Ms. Namalie Herath	11	8	0	19
Ms. Rishda Zarook Ishaq	12	9	1	22
Ms. Sanjana Selvarajah	11	7	1	19
Ms. Sonali Rassool	10	6	0	16
Ms. Swarna Ratnayake	9	4	1	14
Ms. Tania Anthony	8	8	1	17
Ms. Taniya Perera	11	9	1	21
Ms. Thenusha Amerasekera	11	9	1	21
Ms. Therese Perera	11	6	1	18
Ms. Upekha Wickramaratne	9	7	0	16
Ms. Yu Mei Kumarasinghe	12	6	0	18

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 14th May 2013, 1st February 2014 & 1st February 2014 (AGM Notice) were issued.

Website

The PPA website <http://sbcppa.org> that was launched in May 2012 was kept continuously updated with all our activities and included notifications of upcoming events of the Association. It also contains a wealth of information about our Association. The Membership form can also be downloaded from the website.

E-mail Database

The PPA E-mail database continues to grow and stands at 1134 as at 20th March 2014. E-mail address ppasbc@gmail.com. Notifications and news of events etc. have been regularly communicated via this channel.

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 contain detailed information on the Activities, News and Upcoming events and covers the periods April to September 2013 and October 2013 to March 2014.

Facebook

The Facebook page that had been created on 18th June 2011, by the 2011/2012 committee and had 400+ 'Likes' has grown tremendously with the 'Likes' now exceeding 2045. This page is constantly updated and 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 is also a major promotional and marketing tool. The page can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Bridgets-Convent-PPA>

For specific events the commercial print media was also used as follows:

- Bridgetine Challenge – Advertisements in Sunday Times & Daily Mirror
- Sashay Senioritas - Advertisement in Daily Mirror
- Bridgetine Soiree – Advertisements in Daily Mirror and Sunday Times
- Memorial Mass for Ms. Mahes Brito Muthunayagam – Advertisement in Daily Mirror
- St. Bridget's Day – Advertisement in Daily Mirror

PPA Constitution

We are happy to report that the PPA Constitution which had many amendments throughout the years, has now been printed incorporating all these amendments. The reprinted Constitution is available on the PPA Website. Printed copies are also available for those interested in acquiring a copy.

PPA Secretariat

On St. Bridget's day, the Patroness of the PPA Rev. Sr. Solange Fernando and other Sisters were invited by the President to view the stained glass picture of the Patron Saint of our Alma Mater, St. Bridget which had been hung up in the PPA Secretariat. The beautiful picture would no doubt be a reminder of the guidance and inspiration bestowed on us by our Patron Saint.

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

Five 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 five events, the primary fundraiser was the Bridgetine Challenge and Bridgetine Beat. The Primary school ground was the venue for one event and the Collegiate school ground was the venue for one event.

Bridgetine Challenge and Bridgetine Beat (9th July 2013)

Following up on the Bridgetine rally organized for the first time in 2012, and the enthusiastic response of the members, the Bridgetine Challenge was organized in 2013 in a more innovative manner. Ninety four teams participated, the teams consisting of Bridgetines, family and friends. The first car was flagged off by Rev. Fr. Ivan Perera, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Colombo. In addition to the rally itself, where the cars were expected to follow the routes given, an exciting physical challenge had to be completed by the participants on each route and also answer an array of questions along the way, the answers being submitted through SMS messages on an Etisalat SIM which was handed over to each team.

Attractive prizes were awarded to the first five teams having completed all the challenges and having the most number of points. The best decorated cars, the oldest Bridgetine driver, Past Presidents participating and many more categories were also awarded gifts. To add to the hype of the event, before the events took place, a "Bridgetine Facebook Challenge" was conducted, comprising challenges and questions, and the submission of photographs and videos. This attracted much attention of the younger members of the Association and built up much rapport among the membership (Participation – 424 in Bridgetine Challenge & 424 + 690 in Bridgetine Beat). The Challenge was followed by a Beat Show held at the CR & FC grounds.

***Branding** – Bridgetine T'shirts (200 nos) **were made and** sold amongst PPA members and past and present Bridgetines. Further, Bags (300 nos) with the Bridgetine logo were also made and sold amongst the Bridgetine fraternity.*

Sashay Senioritas (24th August 2013)

A much awaited event in the Bridgetine calendar of events, is the 'day out', or picnic as it was customarily referred to. This year, the event was held amidst the salubrious surroundings of The Sands hotel in Kalutara. Five buses accommodated approximately 250 Bridgetines, and each bus was labelled with Mexican related epithets which signified the different teams, and this indeed set the upbeat tone for the day. At the beginning of the journey, all members were fortified by food packs and drinks,

Activities commenced with team games with the active participation of all the members. The play areas were tastefully adorned with colourful Mexican decorations which added much lustre to the event. After each of the events an inevitable dance session followed. The energetic morning was followed by a sumptuous lunch, and entertainment items which included a Mexican dance performed by the members of the Executive committee. The highlight of the afternoon session was the selection of the Mexican Queen. Around 20, both young and old Bridgetines vied for the crown. Several prizes were awarded. (Participation – 250)

Bridgetine Soirée (1st December 2013)

December 1st was a special day in more ways than one, particularly to the Bridgetine family. It was the start of the Christmas month, and also the day of the Bridgetine Soirée. The event was a entertaining mix of comedy, song and dance which saw the Bridgetines on their toes from start to end. The Cinnamon Lakeside Ballroom was the setting for this exciting evening entertainment. 'Give aways' consisting of a miscellany of items were on offer to both the ladies and gentlemen upon entry. Music was provided by the group BLACK, which name incidentally totally tied in with the theme colours of black and gold. Comedy performances by Wilson Gunaratne and Indu Dharmasena, song items by Mignonne Fernando and Ronnie Leitch, comprised the evening entertainment. A crowded dance floor was maintained throughout the event which ended up past midnight. A raffle draw with three prizes being awarded was held with the first prize being an air ticket to Bangkok. (Participation – 450)

St. Bridget's Day (1st February 2014)

The customary celebration of the school day was held on February 1st commencing with Holy Mass at the school chapel. Contempo, the past Bridgetines' choir added much lustre to the service with their melodious harmony in song. Holy mass was followed by an evening of fellowship with dinner being provided to all. Attendees at the event included Rev. Sisters who were Superiors and Principals of the school, Rev. Sisters of the Convent and many Past Presidents all of whom had been sent special invitations. The President, Dr. Nirmala Pieris addressed the gathering and also gave a brief review of the activities of the Association during 2013, for the benefit of the members. The venue was artistically set out with fairy lights, and chairs and tables bedecked in green and white. Fun and games and dancing were a part of the fellowship where both young and old participated. (Participation – 330)

Netball Fiesta (1st March 2014)

The final event organized by the incumbent committee during their term of office, was the Netball Fiesta. The event was a momentous one for the Association as it marked the handing over of an upgraded and reconstructed asphalt surfaced Netball court to the school. Much enthusiasm and keenness was displayed by netballers of all ages, irrespective of the fact that most of them had not played the game after leaving school. As befitting the religious practices of the Convent, the programme for the day commenced with a blessing of the court by Rev Fr. Gehan Gunatilleke. The official handing over of the Court to the school was done with the symbolic passing of two netballs by the President to Rev. Solange Fernando and Rev. Sr. Shermila Jayawardena. The presence of Ms Cynthia Rasquinho, the school Sports Teacher from 1948 to 1977 as a Special Guest, was indeed a highlight of the event. The presence of nine Past Presidents of the PPA was much appreciated as was the presence of the Presidents of the Past Pupils' Associations of all four schools invited to participate viz. Bishops College, Good Shepherd Convent, Kotahena, Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya and Ladies College, signifying their friendship and support. Mention must also be made of the instant Facebook updates that kept the Bridgetines around the globe well informed and the Facebook competitions prior to the event which again helped to build up the pre-event excitement and anticipation.

The winners of the under 35 age group was Melizan House, over 35 age group Griaux House, and over 50, Coudert House. Exhibition matches were also played between the winners of the over 35 group and the present students, and an over 50s mixed group with the Rev. Sisters. Several prizes and appreciation awards were given. (Participation – 590)

Sports bags with the SBC logo were sold during the Netball Fiesta. In addition, Teddy heads and full Teddys were sold as House mascots. This was yet another branding exercise

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

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

Corpus Christi

We took an active role when the school celebrated Corpus Christi on 7th June 2013 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 (SDS).

Mass for departed Souls

As customary, a Mass was held on 6th November 2013, in thanksgiving for the lives of all those in the Bridgetine family who have left this world and entered into the presence of the Lord. The celebrant was Rev Fr. Angelo Wijewickreme, OMI, Parish Priest, Fatima Church, Maradana. A time of fellowship for all those who attended the mass followed.

Memorial Mass in Memory of the late Ms Mahes Brito Muthunayagam

A Memorial mass for one of the most senior Past Presidents of our Association was held on 10th January 2014, at the school chapel. After the Mass, all participants were hosted to a reception at the library premises, by the family of Ms Brito Muthunayagam.

St. Bridget's Day

The Mass on St. Bridget's Day was held on Friday 1st February 2013 at 5.00pm at the St. Bridget's Convent Chapel. The Celebrant & Preacher was Rev. Fr. Neil Karunaratne

EVENTS WITH SCHOOL

We conducted 6 programs for Student and Teacher development. Bridgetines who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields were the Resource persons for programs conducted for Grades 1 to 8.

- **Montessori** (310 children) - 'Learning begins with wonder', Magic show by 'Dinesh the Dynamic' on Universal Children's Day. (1st October 2013). Incentive was arranged for opening a Savings Account via BOC and a Till and Gifts were provided by the PPA.
- **Grades 1 & 2** (400 students) – 'Kindness is the key, Good manners are for free' by Ms. Shilpi Senanayake (2nd December 2013). Astra packs were provided with the courtesy of Unilever Sri Lanka, and notebooks by the PPA.
- **Grades 3, 4 & 5** (600 students) – 'You are what you Eat – It's up to you' by Dr. Carmeline Motha (2nd December 2013). Astra packs were provided with the courtesy of Unilever Sri Lanka, and notebooks by the PPA.
- **Grades 6, 7 & 8** (550 students) – 'The Super Girl Dilemma – Grappling with the mounting pressure of expectations' by Ms. Dilani Yatawaka (30th October 2013). Notebooks were provide by the PPA.
- **Grades 9, 10 & 11** (500 students) – 'Image Power – The Key ingredient for self branding' by Ms. Dila Hettiaratchy (8th October 2013) Notebooks were provide by the PPA.
- **Grades 10, 11, 12 & 13** (500 students) – 'Facebook – The Good the Bad and the Ugly' by Prof. Ravindra Fernando (18th March 2014).
- **Teachers of Primary & Collegiate School** (130 Teachers) - 'Inspiring and Leading in the Classroom'. The Inbound and Outbound program was conducted by Mr. L.W. Amitha Kumara, Senior Manager, Training & Development together with 8 Facilitators from Loadstar (Pvt) Ltd. as a part of their CSR Initiative. (2nd September 2013).

Netball Court

The largest and most important School project of the PPA for the period 2013/2014 was the reconstruction and upgrading of the Netball Court of the Collegiate school. The project was initiated on 12th November 2013. The first sod was cut by Rev. Sr. Shermila Jayawardena, Principal of the Collegiate School and the PPA Excom members who were present followed thereafter. This new court (with movable goal posts, movable score board etc.) is a total upgrade of the clay court that the School had up to now. The court is located in close proximity to the much loved Banyan tree. The Netball court project was totally funded with finances generated via 'Bridgetine Challenge & Beat show' held in July 2013. The total cost of the construction with ancillary facilities was Rs. 1,247,500/- The court was handed-over to the school on 1st March 2014 during the Netball Fiesta.

Library Upgrading

We further enhanced the Libraries of the Montessori School, the Primary School and the Collegiate School which we had upgraded during 2012/2013. For the Montessori School, a TV and a DVD player were purchased and installed. This was mainly with the objective of interactive learning via educational videos. For the Primary School, Window Blinds were installed to make the Library more comfortable for the children. Window Blinds and two new cupboards that were required to fill in a gap were fitted in for the Collegiate school Library. Our sincere appreciation to the Past Pupils' Association in Ontario, Canada for making a financial contribution of 600 Canadian Dollars (Rs. 71,978/-) towards the Window blinds in the Collegiate School library. Our sincere appreciation also to the Past Pupils' Association in UK for contribution of GBP 500 (Rs. 96,999/-) towards the cupboards in the Collegiate School library.

Sisters' Feast Days & Christmas We remembered with love and gratitude Rev. Sr. Superior and Rev. Sr. Principals on their Feast days and at Christmas
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CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECTS (CSR)

Our commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) that is an important element of good corporate citizenship continued with focus on the Community, the Environment and the Employees of the School.

Community

In an effort to have an overall positive impact on the Community, we continued to provide assistance to two underprivileged schools. We are happy to report that we facilitated a sponsorship of Rs. 960,844/- for much needed projects of the two schools via the Fair Trade Committee of Serendipol (Pvt) Ltd. Both projects have now been completed. PPA Committee representatives attended the handing over ceremonies in both Schools on 20th March 2014.

Our Project in Kottantivu

The project focused on the Perakuwatana Sinhala Vidyalaya in Kottantivu. It is a mixed school of 235 children with classes from Grade 1 to Grade 9. The school has minimum facilities for the extremely under-privileged children who come from very distant places to attend classes. A PPA team visited the school on 9th October 2013. Assistance was provided by way of five Scholarships, Plastic chairs, Dictionaries, Colouring books and Volleyballs and Volleyball net, Garden tools, Stationery, Refreshments as well as Gifts for the staff. The total cost of assistance from the PPA and Committee well wishers was approximately Rs. 200,000/-

A proposal for a major project of upgrading the School facilities was submitted to Serendipol (Pvt) Ltd. that operates from Kuliyaipitiya and has a special fund for the development of Community projects in the Coconut triangle in Sri Lanka. We are happy to report that our proposal was accepted for funding by the Fair Trade Committee of Serendipol (Pvt) Ltd. The total cost of assistance was Rs. 433,304/- for a total upgrade of the School hall and Electrical wiring of five classrooms.

Our Project at Kuliyaipitiya

This project focused on the St. Josephs School for the Hearing Impaired 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 30 students of whom 17 attend the school on a daily basis and 13 are integrated into the school. A PPA team visited the school on 9th October 2013. Assistance was provided to this school by way of Furniture, Stationery, Water kettles, Christmas gifts, Refreshments as well as gifts for the Teachers and Rev. Sisters. The total cost of assistance from the PPA and committee and well wishers was approximately Rs. 60,000/-.

Here again a proposal submitted was accepted for funding by the Fair Trade Committee of Serendipol (Pvt) Ltd. The total cost of assistance was approximately Rs. 527,540.00/- for upgrading the Well, Bathing areas, Toilets etc. The project has now been completed.

Environment

Our projects on the Environment focused on an assignment for the school as well as a collaborative scheme for providing safe drinking water.

AFC Green Pledge School Project

We facilitated the involvement of the Advanced Level students of St. Bridget's Convent, in the AFC Green Pledge School Project. The project is conducted by Alliance Finance Co PLC with the collaboration of two non-profit organizations, Earth Hour Sri Lanka and Think Green Pvt Ltd, whose aim is to create awareness in the minds of the youth who are ready to step out into the world and become the next generation of environmental leaders. The project involved an educational session on 26th June 2013 for students to evoke a sustainable change in their mindset and encourage them to focus on an environment friendlier life style and then roll out a "Green Project" of their own, representing the school. The project report was submitted by the school and the project entered into a competition amongst 14 other schools where 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded. The Report has now been evaluated, but results have yet to be announced.

Water Filter Project

We collaborated with Unilever Sri Lanka in their journey of providing safe water to 1 million households by 2015, with its latest innovation - 'Unilever Pureit'. This revolutionary concept promised to provide water which is safe as boiled water, without using gas or electricity. Whilst promising to destroy all waterborne pathogenic organisms, Pureit also pledges to encourage consumers to use less gas and electricity. We conducted a joint campaign with Unilever, by introducing Pureit and providing filters at discounted rates to the members of the PPA.

Employees

The policy adopted by us was to provide assistance to employees who have served the school for over 10 years, with only one request per year being accommodated. No requests for assistance were received from individuals. However at the request of the Collegiate school for a contribution towards the felicitation of the Past Teachers (Teachers who have served the school for over 10 years), the Committee agreed to provide 60 gifts. The gifts were wallets, gift packed in boxes. Total cost was approximately Rs. 60,000/- . The agreement was in line with our policy.

PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL EVENTS

The PPA was represented at all special events of the school for which we received invitations. A total of 22 events were attended.

- Stone Laying Ceremony for Sports Pavilion (Collegiate School) - 13th May 2013
- Sinhala Day (Collegiate School) - 15th May 2013
- School Development Society (SDS) AGM - 21st May 2013
- Science Day (Collegiate School) - 29th May 2013
- Commerce Day (Collegiate School) - 4th June 2013
- Tamil Day (Collegiate School) - 15th June 2013
- Prefects Day (Collegiate School) - 24th June 2013
- Interact Club Awards Ceremony (Collegiate School) - 26th June 2013
- Art Exhibition (Primary School) - 28th June 2013
- 'Shades 2013' (Collegiate School) - 29th June 2013
- Swimming Meet (Collegiate School) - 1st July 2013
- Swimming Meet (Primary School) - 4th July 2013
- Daphne Attygalle Scholarship – Interview - 4th July 2013
- Prize Giving (Collegiate School) - 9th July 2013
- Prize Giving (Primary School) - 24th September 2013
- Prize Awards Ceremony (Middle School) - 27th September 2013
(Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris was the Chief Guest)
- English day (Collegiate School) - 1st October 2013
- Nativity Play (Montessori) - 30th November 2013
- Carol Services (Collegiate School) - 13th December 2013
- St. Bridget's Day Celebrations, Prefects Investiture Ceremony & Opening of Sports Complex - 31st January 2014
- Sports Meet (Collegiate School) - 20th February 2014
- Sports meet (Primary School) - 26th February 2014

Invitation Relay

A PPA team comprising of Inoshini Perera, Avyaja Fernando, Vasana Fernando (twins) and Nishika Aponso emerged winners in the 4x100M Invitation Relay at the Sports Meet of the Past Pupils' Association of Bishops College held on 29th June 2013

Elders Home

Subsequent to the visit in March 2013 of a team from the Executive Committee to the Elders home at Mabole run by the PPA of Good Shepherd Convent and as per the unanimous decision at the AGM held on 22nd March 2013 we pursued with the idea of providing assistance to deserving PPA Elders, to find accommodation in this Home. However, no requests were received.

INTERACTION WITH ASSOCIATIONS ABROAD

We were in active contact with all five Past Pupils' Associations that are in operation overseas. Information on their Committees and events 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

The presentation of a Trophy to the School in Memory of the Late Ms. Sithie Faira Bari (nee Samad) was facilitated. Ms. Bari was a Founder member who also served as the President and the first elected Patron. The trophy was formally presented by Ms. Bari's daughter, Ms. Minousha Bari on 4th April 2013. Dr. Shanaz Perera (Ms. Bari's sister) was also present. The trophy was accepted by Rev. Sr. Solange Fernando, Sister Superior and Rev. Sr. Shermila Jayawardena, Principal of the Collegiate School.

Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris met Ms. Rose De Mel Navaratne, Secretary, PPA Ontario, Canada on 16th July 2013. After a tour of the school Rose was introduced to the Principal of the Collegiate School. We acknowledge with thanks, the contribution towards the Blinds that were installed in the Library of the Collegiate School.

The Patron of the PPA in Ontario, Canada, Ms. Pushpa Collure, joined the PPA members as a guest, at the Montessori program held on 1st October 2013

PPA – London United Kingdom

Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris met Ms. Chandrika de Silva, President of the UK Association, on 2nd November 2013. We acknowledge with thanks, the contribution towards a Cupboard that was installed in the Library of the Collegiate School.

PPA – Southern California, USA

The President met Ms. Janaki Sarathchandra, President of the PPA Southern California on 22nd August 2013 and together with the Principal of the Collegiate School identified the upgrading of the Junior Library as a prospective project for support by this Association.

Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris, President PPA provided a Message for the souvenir of 'Bridgeteen Winter Storm' a fund raiser held on 25th January 2014. The questions that we used for the Facebook quiz held in June/July 2013 were also shared to be used in a page of the souvenir under the title "Bridgetines take the lead" to highlight the Bridgetines who are pioneers in various fields.

PPA – Melbourne Australia

Dr. Nirmala M. Pieris provided a Message for the Souvenir of 'Bridgetine Breeze 2014' the 30th Anniversary dance held on 1st March 2014

Other

A group of four past Bridgetines from the USA, Canada, Singapore and Australia were given a tour of the school on 8th July 2013 at the request of Ms. Kalyani Thevanayagam from New Jersey who is a PPA member. She also provided a sponsorship of USD 200 towards 'Bridgetine Challenge'.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2014

Thirty days notice in writing of the AGM to be held on 28th March 2014 was given to members. Circulation of the names of the candidates nominated for election to the office of President (2014/2015) and received by the Patroness was facilitated via letter dated 15th March 2014.

Total Funds Raised - Rs.2,350,047.50



Funds Raised

○ Bridgetine Challenge & Beat Show	- 87.54%
● Sashay Senioritas	- 0.12%
● Bridgetine Soirée	- 0.58%
● Netball Fiesta	- 0.01%
● Contributions for School Development Projects	- 7.19%
● Contributions for Student & Teacher Development Programs	- 0.85%
● Contributions for CSR Projects	- 1.53%
● Interest on Capital Savings Account	- 2.18%



Funds Disbursed

○ School Development Projects	- 68.27%
● Student & Teacher Development Programs	- 5.67%
● CSR Projects	- 12.54%
● St. Bridget's Day	- 13.26%
● Balance	- 0.26%

Receipts (Membership Subscriptions) - Rs.826,500/-



Funds Disbursed

○ Printing, Stationery and Postage	- 61.46%
● Website, Database, Secretariat & Equipment	- 14.84%
● AGM (2013) Expenses	- 0.51%
● Religious Activities	- 4.81%
● Presentations & Miscellaneous Expenses	- 5.06%
● Finance & Auditing Charges	- 4.21%
● St. Bridget's Day	- 6.05%
● AGM (2014) Expenses	- 1.63%
● Balance	- 1.43%

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Membership data provided by: Nareshka Perera (Joint Secretary) & Raemanthi Gunawardena (Joint Treasurer)
Financial data provided by: Jean Aponso & Raemanthi Gunawardena (Joint Treasurers)
24th March 2014

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 when the school was the venue for our activities and Ms. Priyanthi Seneviratne Vandort for compilation of the Eucharistic Services for all our Religious activities and together with her Choir, for singing at all the services*
- *Our members for their continued interest, participation and encouragement and*
- *All Bridgetines and well wishers who joined us in our many activities*