



St. Joseph's College, Colombo 10, Old Boys' Union
Ja-Ela Wattala Branch

25th Annual General Meeting, 23rd March 2013
Naval Club House, Usswetakeiyawa

ANNUAL REPORT

It is my pleasure and honour to present the Annual Report for the period of 1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013 under the presidency of Mr. Suranjith Gunawardena.

Review of activities for Year 2012/2013 is as follows;

Executive Committee Meetings

During the year of review we had 12 Executive committee meetings hosted by members individually and jointly. A special vote of thanks to the family members for the excellent support given.

Meetings were hosted by Isuru Perera, Prasanna Kuruppu, Wimal Prasanna, Gerard Thissaweerasinghe, Nalaka Amaratunge, Anuja Fernando, Rohan Hettiarachchi, Rohan Ponweera, Hesketh Kuruppu, Angelo Kuruppu, Neil Pigeera, Dayan Fernando, Thilan Rupasinghe, Harendra Abeysundara, Dr. Maithri Perera, Mahesh Fernando, Ranisha Silva, Vindaya Solangaarachchi and Suranjith Gunawardena.

Membership Drive

President Suranjith was very keen on increasing the membership towards the advancement of the club. The task of heading the Membership drive was handed over to Wimal Prasanna. He was able to collect information of 953 old Joes. Communication was constant by way of providing information of the club & its activities.

Club House

A proposal was brought forward by President Suranjith to have a club house. Its objectives & functionalities were discussed at length. Further the biggest obstacle faced was finding a donor & proper premises. We hope that the project would be a reality during tenureship of the new president.

Annual Trip

The annual trip was spearheaded by Vindya Solangaarachchi and was held on 07th & 8th July 2012 at "Taprospa Resorts (Pvt) Ltd" Beruwala with around 40 participants and their families. It was a memorable moment with many unforgettable experiences.

Web site

The web site was continuously updated by Wimal Prassana with all events organized by the club.

Face book

With the guidance of President Suranjith, spearheaded by Vindaya Solangaarachchi a face book account was created to attract the youth. Further, it was also used as a tool to interact & to inform events organized by the club.

Dinner Dance

The most important event in the calendar was the annual dinner dance which was held on 8th September 2012 at Hilton Colombo with two bands in attendance namely Marianes & Heat. This was a special occasion since the club was celebrating its Silver Jubilee, The dance was a roaring success which brought in a net income of Rs.850,000/- It's a great achievement & a job well done by Chairman of dance committee led by Preethiraj De Silva & his not so young team. I would like to thank all sponsors for their generous contributions, if not for you the dance would not be a success.

Donations

The club donated a sum of Rs.350,000/- to SJC Endaramulla School for the upliftment of sports activities, Further a sum of Rs.50,000/- was donated to SJC Rugby wing.

Annual Cricket Encounter

This was organized by the SJC OBU Ja Ela Wattala branch at SJC Endaramulla on 10th February 2013. The Ja-Ela Wattala branch managed to win the trophy with the guidance of it's able captain Ranisha Silva for the second consecutive year with a splendid performance by the team outshining Negombo branch in all departments.

Establishment of Mobile network

During the year of review we were able to establish a mobile network of approximately 400 members. Events organized by the club were communicated through use of SMS.

News Letters

During the year, very informative & constructive news letters were circulated to all members. We would like to thank the Editor Cecil & his team for a excellent job done.

Christmas Party

The Christmas party was held at Hotel Ramada on 16th December 2012 with the attendance of Members & their families.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the President Suranjith Gunawardena for his dedication & commitment in steps taken to uplift the club in every aspect. Furthermore, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for the support rendered to me in performing my duties successfully. Further I would like to congratulate in advance the new president & new office bearears for the year 2013/2014.

Terrence Martyn
Hon. Secretary