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New Dining Hall, Staff Housing for Mfantsiman

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), Mfantsiman now has a dining hall that can accommodate the total student population—on track for full use when the students return from their long vacation. Built for GHC483,899.95, the new hall has a capacity of 2,500 - one of the largest in Ghana. The PTA raised GHC131,450.00, while Ghana Education Trust Fund (GET Fund) contributed GHC352,449.95 to complete the project.

Former PTA Chairperson Mrs. Joana Felicity Dickson joined Headmistress Charlotte A. Addo in thanking the PTA and government for solving one of the school's greatest problems. Prior to the new construction, students had to eat in shifts - which ate into their study time.

Also new to the campus is a four-unit, self-contained accommodation for staff. Built by the PTA to address the lack of adequate faculty housing, the final construction budget was GHC158,995.97.

Both buildings were dedicated by School Chaplain Rev Kwasi Boakye, assisted by Rt. Rev Jeremiah A. Morrison, Mfantsiman's past Chairman of the Board of Governors and the former Bishop of the Winneba Diocese of the Methodist Church. Rt. Rev. Morrison appealed to school authorities and students to take care of the building.

MOGA salutes the PTA for their yeoman's job. We hope this will spur us all on to complete the Visual Arts Studio project, which commenced way before the dining hall extension.

MOGA NKOMO

MOGA Cape Coast & Canada Chapters Created

MOGAns in Cape Coast now have a platform to undertake activities, following the formation of an official chapter on 13 November, 2011. While the initial meeting was held at Adisadel College, the Chapter has now secured a permanent meeting venue at the Social Welfare Training School. Chapter Chair Vivian Etroo heads the meetings on the second Sunday of every month.

MOGA Canada was successfully established in the Greater Toronto Area upon its first meeting in August 2011. The association is made up of 30 members with a stated mission to empower women and extend their hand to the school that made us all MOGAns. Their aims include serving as a social and professional network forum for Mfantsiman alums, and supporting Mfantsiman through the provision of requisite facilities and resources. MOGA Canada is actively seeking members.

Akwaaba, Cape Coast and Canada Chapters!

MOGA President Stresses Registration, Accountability

MOGA National President Dr. Grace Bolfrey-Arku wants every Chapter and Year Group to formally register with MOGA's Executive Committee, start presenting annual financial reports of funds and dues raised, and remit 30%

of their revenue to the Executive Committee on an annual basis. Pointing to articles in the MOGA Constitution, Dr. Bolfrey-Arku stressed that the rationale for these constitutional provisions was to make the Executive Committee accountable to Chapters and Year Groups, and vice versa. It would also allow the Executive Committee support and advise groups on project activities to avoid duplication.

“Like any institution,” she explained, “the Executive Committee needs money to function properly.” The new structure of MOGA currently means the Executive Committee will no longer have to rely on the personal resources of the Executives to meet administrative costs.

The Executive Committee’s operational costs include maintenance of the website (which has, hitherto, been an individual effort); honouring past headmistresses, teachers, and patrons; provision of token souvenirs for leaving students during induction ceremonies, past MOGA executives, and MOGAns who have contributed to the sustenance of MOGA; fundraising projects for Mfantseman; and coordinating activities for the impending Homecoming in August 2012.

MOGAn becomes PTA Chairperson



Theodora Froko (*née Aye-Danquah*)

Theodora Froko (*née Aye-Danquah*), class of 1981 has assumed the mantle of PTA Chairperson. An Export Development Practitioner with the Ghana Export Promotion Authority, Froko proceeded to the Cape Coast University Practice School and the Kwame Nkrumah University for Science and Technology (KNUST) after graduating from Mfantseman.

Her vision for the next two years is to build the capacity of the teachers and provide them laptops to enhance research and teaching.

She also intends to spearhead the construction of an ICT/Library complex, as the school currently does not have a library.

MOGA Projects

The MOGA-VAS remains incomplete. We need to complete this project so that it does not become a scar on our conscience. Individuals are making efforts in diverse ways to raise funds to complete this project, but this is not enough. Contact Vivian Etroo, Endowment Fund Chairperson at vivianetroo@yahoo.com to make a donation.

Upcoming Events

Final year students Induction Ceremony, Saltpond, 6 May 2012

Sponsored Walk and Family Fun Day: 30 June 2012. Flyers have been sent via email and text message.

Homecoming 2012: Saltpond, 2-5 August 2012.

For more details on all the above programmes, please check out our website under Social Basket and Current Events.