



The Bishops' High School 10th International Reunion

The Legacy Lives On at Reunion 2011

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO ALUMNI

Dear Fellow Alumni

REUNION 2011 – RELEASE No. 2

Very many thanks to those of you who have responded to the “Reunion 2011 Announcement and Information” which was circulated by e-mail on June 3rd.

Most of the comments were positive and enthusiastic, but we were particularly taken aback by a note from an alumna who said “the \$300 registration is steep especially for those of us who also have to travel to the island”. So we thought that we should put matters in perspective by doing a comparative analysis with the costs of the Toronto Reunion.

We are obliged to begin by pointing out that those of us who do not live in the USA or Canada have always had to do the following:

- Pay the registration fee
- Purchase an airline ticket (approximately US\$700) (we do not get special airline discounts)
- Pay the hotel bill AND for meals and the attendant taxes, unless we are fortunate enough to be able to stay with a friend or family member
- Pay an exorbitant cost for a Visa (Cdns\$175)
- Tips at the hotel

Reunion 2008 (Toronto)

Hotel single occupancy
Cdn\$ 195.00 PLUS taxes
Pay for all meals and drinks

Reunion 2011 (Jamaica)

J\$170.00 (including taxes)
No extra charge for meals and drinks

You may recall that in Toronto there were paid bars at the Receptions and the Dinner

Note too that in July 2008 the Canadian dollar was higher than the US dollar

Your Registration fee of US\$300 (early bird) or \$325 (after March 31st) will include:

- A beautiful tote bag with various enclosures including the 10th Reunion Anniversary Magazine
- A matching lanyard ID holder
- The Welcome Reception
- The Business meeting with a special coffee break
- Organised Beach Sports for the young and not so young
- Cultural Evening with a flavour of Jamaican culture
- Visit to Kingston and lunch at the Vice Chancellor's Residence on the UWI Campus
- The Dinner Dance (including a welcome drink)

Though we encourage all Alumni to register for the full package we recognise that some Alumni may not be able to travel to Ocho Rios until the weekend and will not be able to have the benefit of the early events, as such these Alumni may pay for the last two events as stated below under guest registration.

GUESTS

Questions were asked about the Registration fee for guests. We have reviewed this. The nomenclature was misleading. There will be no "registration fee" for your guests. Your guests will be most welcome at the following events:

- The visit to Kingston and Lunch US\$60.00 per guest
- The Dinner Dance US\$120.00 per guest
- Sports Day
- Cultural Evening

Since we anticipate that many Alumni will be using this as a family vacation, we have chosen a hotel that is family friendly and provides entertainment and baby-sitting for the young ones and for your convenience.

Children are also welcome at our:

The Visit to Kingston and Lunch	<5 years	no charge (if sitting on parent's lap)
	5 – 10 years	US\$20
	>10 years	US\$60
Sports Day		
Cultural Evening		

We have chosen to use an all-inclusive registration fee because

- the main source of our income will come from the registration fees of participants.
- Our group is small and our efforts at fund raising over the last two years have not yielded a great deal of funds. The Guyanese population here is relatively small
- We do approach sponsors, but we have very limited intrinsic appeal as an organisation and more particularly for a Reunion which is viewed as an opportunity for people to have fun
- We are selling this to possible sponsors as a tourism product, but there again our targets are limited

- If we offer too many alternatives for persons to opt out of events then we will have to increase the cost of the more popular events to cover the overhead/administrative costs of the other events
- Giving participants too many options will give our small group logistical nightmares. We would have to ticket every event and police and control every entrance. We do not have the manpower. Even Toronto had problems with this aspect.
- We would like all alumni to be together to enjoy each other's company for a few days and to really reunite

So all in all the participants must bear the cost of the reunion. We have come up with a price that we think is fair and spreads the overheads as thinly as possible therefore less burden on individuals.

Did you make a mistake to agree to come to Jamaica? Of course not. In a subsequent release we will send you further information on the individual events and the amazingly beautiful island of Jamaica.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Wilkinson-Eytle
President.