



February 9, 2010

Dear Old Blues and Friends:

I am writing to give you a brief report on fundraising. Donations to FCH amounted to \$126,954 in 2009, bringing our total in our first nine years to \$928,236. Indeed if we include other donations from US Old Blues in that period to the School and Foundation (these others mostly via BUSF or direct from UK accounts), Old Blues and friends living in America have donated over one million dollars, \$1,087,296 to be exact, in the nine years that FCH has existed. Gifts have ranged to date over four orders of magnitude, \$10 to \$100,000. We welcome and gratefully acknowledge all. We know you have many calls on your benevolence.

Our youngest donor was again Mark Laichena, now in his sophomore year at the University of North Carolina. Our most senior was Bill Sladen who will be celebrating his 90th birthday this year in Antarctica where he made his name as an explorer, naturalist and physician some 60 years ago. You can join him on the Clipper Adventurer from November 25 to December 14.

We made grants to the Foundation in 2009 of \$92,500 with a further grant of \$30,000 on January 4 of this year. Most of our grant money continues to go to new buildings or building renovation with the major current project being a total redo of the kitchens.

We have nominated two Old Blues, George Matcham (PeB 1963-70) and Roger Thomas (PeB 1952-60), for election to the Court of Governors as Governors representing Friends of Christ's Hospital. George is a Senior Scientist at Celgene, the multinational pharmaceutical company. Roger is the John Williamson Nevin Professor of Geosciences and Chair of the Department of Earth and Environment at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA.

The generosity of US Old Blues has not gone unnoticed in the UK. FCH was invited to send a team to the Treasurer's Conference on HMS Wellington on January 20. John Allan-Smith ThA, ThB, 1986-93), Michael Allen (MaA 1949-57) and Sally O'Brien (5s 1970-77) volunteered. After an introduction by Michael Allen, Sally shared our experiences, and her own considerable expertise in fund raising with the seventy plus attendees. We heard subsequently from the Chairman of the Court Senate that *"The contribution of the Friends of Christ's Hospital (USA) was probably the defining point of the Conference. They were unifyingly influential as they came across to Old Blues as 'one of us' and to other attendees as fine examples of what Christ's Hospital achieves for children in need."* If you have not yet met Sally I encourage you to attend the third Transatlantic

Exchange Dinner that she will host in Baltimore on April 10.

I also wish to thank Belinda Reiser (4s, ColA 1979-86), whose efficient handling of our database and communications has taken a large load off my shoulders. She and Trevor Tomkins (MaA 1960-66) are hosting a Mid West Old Blues Brunch in Chicago on Sunday, February 28.

Belinda is one of four Hertford-to-Horsham transition Old Blues we know of living in the US. We thank her, Kate Kerr (4s, BaB 1983-1990), Sophie Till (4s, BaB 1982-1989) and Melissa Whichelow (5s, ColA 1982-1989) for their generosity of time and money. In their spare time they are raising at least eight future exchange students!

My very best wishes to you all for 2010,

On behalf of the FCH Board,

Lance Reynolds

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