

## E- NEWSLETTER

November 2016

Ladies' College Old Girls' Association



The 107<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association was held on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 at 10.30 a.m. in the Mabel Simon Hall. A tribute to Mrs Sirancee Gunawardena to commemorate her 10<sup>th</sup> death anniversary was held prior to the AGM where the Sirancee Gunawardena Memorial Scholarship Fund was launched.

### Tribute to Sirancee Gunawardena

The tribute to Mrs. Gunawardena commenced with the OGA Choir singing one of Mrs Gunawardena's favourite hymns 'Great is Thy Faithfulness' under the direction of Sureka Amarasinghe. Sureka and her singers gave another moving rendition, of 'Love Changes Everything' which was made even more poignant as Mrs Gunawardena's young granddaughter, (who is currently studying in the primary school) accompanied the singers on the flute. Chitra Simithraaratchi read a passage from the Gospel of St John, Chapter 14, and a poem by David Harkins.

Shehara de Silva gave a fitting tribute to Mrs. G as she was affectionately called illustrating with anecdotes, very personal to her, but very much pertinent to the experiences of many students of the Gunawardena era. She voiced what a truly unique and wonderful person Mrs G was with her out-of-the-box thinking, understanding, tolerance and empathy for all her students, be they rebellious or compliant, inspiring a whole generation of girls to attain their full potential.

Our President, Preethi Adhietty, said that "many of us had the privilege and fortune to study under Mrs G's aegis which was indeed 'dowered with gifts beyond all praise'." She also stressed that if what we had gained at Ladies' College under Mrs. Gunawardena had any significance in our lives, we should strive our utmost to prove faithful to her vision. It was in this context that the OGA committee had decided to launch a Trust Fund in the memory of "Mrs. G", a principal who was much loved and respected due to her willingness to accept and embrace the diverse interests and talents of her students. The objective of the Fund is to assist recipient students with a monthly or annual stipend when pursuing tertiary education. The selection of students will be carried out by an elected board which will include the OGA President, President - elect and three other OGA members. She thanked Lilanthi for the first donation of Rs 500,000/- and appealed to the Old Girls to contribute towards this worthy cause. The programme concluded with the distribution of dry rations to the supporting staff in Mrs G's memory.





The 107th Annual General Meeting began with our Patroness, Mrs Eesha Speldewinde, leading the house in prayer.

President Preethi Adhihetty thanked the 250 plus Old Girls present for attending the AGM saying that the great turnout was indicative of the Old Girls' support of and cooperation in OGA activities held in the past year.

She said that one of her primary objectives in line with the constitution of the LC OGA was to foster goodwill and fellowship amongst the Old Girls and encourage a spirit of loyalty and service to the school. She felt that in the past year that she and the committee had achieved much of this objective and hoped to continue doing so through the next year with her new committee as well.

A Power Point presentation was given on the activities completed which included, to name a few, the Seniors Christmas Lunch, The Red Hot Christmas Party, Founders' Day , OGA Inter House Sports Meet, Members' Day, Spellkasters Spelling Bee and the Motivational Evening for Present Students with Kumar Sangakkara.

Preethi congratulated old girls who have made significant contributions their respective fields such as Dhara Wijetileke, Shea Weerasekera, Lakmini Wijesundera, Asha de Vos, Nayantara Fonseka and Natasha Balendra, saying that the AGM was the perfect platform to recognize and celebrate LC talent for the year 2015/16.

Preethi reported that from the time of taking over in October 2015 to date, the current Committee had made a profit of Rs 4,866,797/- (excluding the interest monies and membership fees which amounted to a further Rs. 1,195,093/-). She thanked the membership for their generous contributions and sponsorships and said that out of the profits earned, the OGA had donated Rs 2,500,000/- towards the Chapel Roof Restoration Project and that a further Rs. 1,000,000.00 was set aside for the School Motivational Fund which will be used towards motivating current students in the fields of Sports, Arts and Drama. Two large cooler boxes were donated to the school by the OGA and handed over to the Principal.

She informed the house that Dr Deepthi Attgalle, the manager of the school, was retiring at the end of the year, she thanked her for the support and guidance given to both the school and the OGA. She said that Dr Attygalle's commitment and passion for the school has been a source of strength to all of us and her presence will be missed immensely.

Preethi also thanked her committee, members many of whom had served their term in office, for their support and hard work. She concluded her speech by quoting Le Baron Russel Briggs who said "As has often been said, the youth who loves his Alma Mater will always ask, not 'What can

she do for me?' but 'What can I do for her?' and said that in the spirit of "one family unbroken", we must constantly question ourselves as to what we can do in our individual ways. bringing our talents, skills, contacts, time and efforts to develop and propelling us to be among the best educational institution in the world.

Our Patroness and Principal, Mrs Speldewinde, in addition to the school report (refer attachment) was pleased to announce that the students had achieved excellent results in the local and London examinations. She said that universities from around the world were offering our students scholarships and assistance to pursue higher studies and emphasized the importance of teachers and teacher training and said that she has started a collaborative teacher training programme. She was also hosting a programme for parents in collaboration with Natasha Balendra of NCPA and Hans Billimoria. She thanked the Old Girls for their support and said that she had been blessed with two wonderful OGA Presidents since she took over as Principal of the school.

**LADIES' COLLEGE OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2016/2017**

Preethi Adhihetty	President	0777 886 578
Niloufer Vandergert	President - Elect	0777 387 607
Dilko Samaranayake	Vice President	0777 772 888
Lilanthi Goonewardene	Hony. Secretary	0755 000 333
Anushia Cooray	Hony Treasurer	0773 999 292
Ashanthi Ranabahu	Asst. Secretary	0773 945 608
Rangika Perera	Asst. Secretary (School)	0727 833 422
Gayathri Manatunga	Asst. Treasurer	0770 209 600
Nirupa Karunaratne	Publicity Secretary	0777 377 921
Nirmali Wickremesinghe	OGA Rep on CMS GOVERNING BODY	0772 011 648
Adhirupini Tyagarajah		0777 885 434
Anisha Wickremeratne		0777 466 188
Ayanthi Gunasekera		0773 427 117
Chethini Weerasekera		0777 473 041
Damayanthi Gomez		0777 260 187
Dilrukshi Modder		0777 776 766
Dinuka Hettiaratchy		0773 938 018
Isuri Beneragama		0773 114 934
Kaushi Gunesekeera		0777 792 544
Menaka Perera Balendra		0777 715 855
Neelakanthi Jayaratnam		0779 690 401
Nilanthi Fernando Nanayakara		0773 508 795
Niloo Daluwatte		0777 356 764
Pathhumi Abeysekera		0773 436 035
Ruwinika Ranasinghe		0777 371 611
Sharmini Wikramanayake		077 7702 642
Shanila Alles		0777 344 927
Shivanthi Jayawardena		0777 222 891
Sushanya Samarakkody		0773 330 499
Tania Samarasinghe		0772 967 898

## ***The Board of Trustees***

### ***Ex-Officio of both Trusts***

Mrs. Eesha Speldewinde -*Principal, Ladies' College - Chairperson*

Mrs. Deepika Dassenaiké - *Vice Principal, Ladies' College*

Mrs. Preethi Adhihetty - *President, OGA*

### ***Chapel Trust***

Mrs. Malathi Algama

Mrs. Inoka Fernando\*

Mrs. Srimathi de Silva\*\*

Mrs Dushyanthi Perera \*\*

\* Inoka Fernando was re-elected to the Board of the Chapel Trust Fund (CTF) for a period of 3 years as previously she was elected to replace a vacancy

\*\* Elected at the AGM

### ***OGA Trust***

Ms. Savithri Gunasekera

Mrs. Shyamali Fernando

Mrs. Renlan Mather

Mrs. Lilamani Goonewardene

## **AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The following resolutions proposed by Dr Deepthi Attygalle were unanimously passed.

The Constitution of the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association be amended by the repeal of paragraph (1) of Article 5 and the substitution of the following new paragraph (1), therefor –

Subscriptions 5 (1) The subscription payable by a Member, "Life Member and Associate Member" to the Association shall be as determined by the Executive Committee. "

The second sentence in Clause 25 be amended as follows —

### **Representative on the Board of Governors**

The Association in General Meeting shall nominate a senior member to be the representative of the Association on the Governing Body. Such member shall serve as the Association's representative on the Governing Body for a period of three years and shall be eligible to be nominated to serve on the Governing Body for a further period of three years.

## OGA Christmas Party

"Ice Queens" A Christmas Masquerade will be held on Sunday, 27th November at the Main Function Hall at Temple Trees. For further information please contact Nirupa on 0777 377 921 or Anushia on 0773 999 292. Entrance to Temple Trees is from Perahera Mawatha. Ample parking will be available. Tickets will be available at the OGA Secretariat from Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November.



## The Over 70's Christmas Party

The over 70's Christmas Party will be held on Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 at 11.00 am in the Old Hall. It will be free of charge and tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. The tickets will be available at the OGA Secretariat from Wednesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of November.

Please note that as the number of invitees is limited, nonattendance of those who have collected tickets to the function will be depriving another member of attending it and the absentees will be liable to a payment of Rs.1500/- being the non-refundable payment per head due to the caterer.

## Flashback



### Spellkasters – The Spelling Bee

Spellkasters the first ever LC OGA spelling bee contest was held on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September in the Mabel Simon Hall.

Well known author Ashok Ferry moderated the event and Dr Harshana Rambukwella was the judge. Twelve teams each comprising of six old girls took part in the ultimate spell-off. The winners were awarded a cash prize of Rs 25,000/-. All 12 teams got into the spirit of things taking on a catchy group name and dressing in character. The most creative team was given a prize.

Spellkasters was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. The winners hope to challenge a team of students from the school in the near future.



### School Motivational Programme

The OGA launched a motivational programme to encourage, uplift and motivate the students of the school in the fields of sports, arts and drama.

The first programme which was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2016, was related to sports and was organized for the Rowing, Hockey and Water Polo teams. Kumar Sangakkara was invited to speak to the girls at this special event. The girls too were given the opportunity to question 'Sanga' at length after his speech.

The students were hosted to dinner in the back garden and each student was presented with an LC branded sports bag.



### “Red Wave” OGA Cheering Squad



Red Wave was created with the aim of getting our Old Girls together to support the school during competitions. The membership was asked to submit ideas for names and Red Wave was selected as the winning entry. The winner was awarded Rs 25,000/-

Two Red Wave T-shirt designs were produced and sold at the Secretariat. Currently, both designs are out of stock. If anyone wishes to purchase a T-shirt, please call the Secretariat and place your order.



We also have a few aprons, (Rs 500/-) House T-Shirts (Rs. 750/-) and Caps (Rs. 200/-) for sale as well.

### Trail Sri Lanka

Trail SL 2016, a crowd funded initiative with the aim of building a new Cancer Hospital in Galle commenced in October. The OGA supported this cause by taking part in the walk from Galle Face Green to Moratuwa. A sum of over Rs 375,000.00 was collected and was donated on behalf of the Old Girls Association. It was great to see a big turnout of Old Girls of all ages supporting this worthy cause.



## **Appeals**

### **Chapel Restoration**

The OGA is collecting funds for the Chapel Renovation Project where there is still a shortfall of Rs 1.8 million rupees in relation to this project. Old Girls who wish to donate to this project can contact the Secretariat for more information.

### **Mrs Gunawardena Scholarship Fund**

The OGA set up the Sirancee Gunawardena Scholarship Fund to assist students with a monthly or annual stipend when pursuing tertiary education in Sri Lanka. Anyone who wishes to make a donation can contact the Secretariat for more information.

### **LC Cares**

The LC Cares monthly fellowship is held every third Wednesday of the month in the OGA Room. A Free lunch is provided for 70 old girls and retired teachers. Those who wish to sponsor a lunch (including specific class batches) please call the hotline on 0755 800 900. LC Cares also do home visits and assist old girls and former staff in need. For further information please call the hotline.

### **Payment Gateway and OGA Bank Account Number**

Our payment gateway is still in the process of being set up and would be up and running shortly. However, those who wish to contribute directly to the OGA bank account can do so using the following bank details.

**HNB Bank A/C No. 005010149781 Bank Code 7083 -005 Swift Code HBLILKLX.**

### **Newsletters**

The Newsletters will be emailed to the membership. Those who wish to have the newsletter delivered via post will be required to pay an annual sum of Rs. 200/- towards printing and postage costs. Cash or a cheque drawn in favour of the Ladies College Old Girls' Association and crossed 'A/C payee' can be handed over to the OGA Secretariat.

### **Plastic Membership Cards**

Due to the increase in the cost of production we have been compelled to raise the price of a new plastic card to Rs 400/-.

### **SLIP TO OBTAIN A PLASTIC MEMBERSHIP CARD / CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS / RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS BY POST**

- I would like a new plastic membership card. I enclose Rs. 400/- together with / without my original membership card. This slip is to be handed over to The Secretariat along with payment. It would take up to a minimum of two weeks to process the new plastic card.
- I would like my newsletter posted to the address mentioned below. I enclose Rs. 200/- cash/cheque being payment for the printing and postage of Newsletters for 2017.
- For change of name or address please email ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com or post the changes to The Honorary Secretary, Ladies' College OGA, 66 Sir Ernest De Silva Mawatha Colombo 7.

Name..... Maiden Name .....

Address.....

Telephone (Home).....(Mobile ).....

Email:.....OGA Membership No.....

All cheques should be made payable to "Ladies' College Old Girls Association" and crossed "A/C Payee".

**OGA SECRETARIAT** (located near the pool area)

Administrative

Hours of operation : Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Telephone : 0112-575469

Mailing address : OGA Secretariat, c/o Ladies' College,  
66 Sir Ernest De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 7.

Should you have queries, Ms. Amanda Van Hoff, the Administrative Secretary, is available at the Secretariat and can be contacted on 2575469

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**OBITUARIES**

We are sad to announce the deaths of Mrs Hermione Unambuwe and Ms Malika Kanannagara.

Members who wish to notify the death of an OGA member or wish to have a tribute inserted in the Newsletter should contact the Secretary or any Committee Member in this regard.

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**Upcoming Events and Dates from School**

1<sup>st</sup> December – Prize Giving  
2<sup>nd</sup> December – School Carol Service





**LADIES' COLLEGE, COLOMBO 7  
ADMISSIONS TO  
NURSERY & GRADE 1 –  
YEAR 2018**

Application forms for the Year 2018  
admissions will be available at the  
school office from  
16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017  
between 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. (Working  
days only)

Vacancies also exist in the Tamil  
medium - Grade 4 (2018).

**PRINCIPAL**

**VACANCIES AT SCHOOL**

1. Post of School Counsellor

Applications are invited for the position of a fulltime School Counsellor. Candidates must be female above 35 years of age with professional qualifications in counselling and psychology and experience in counselling children and adolescents. She should be computer literate and fluent in the English Language.

Please submit a Curriculum Vitae with names of two non-related referees to [lcprincipal@sltnet.lk](mailto:lcprincipal@sltnet.lk) on or before 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

2. Teacher for Christianity English and Tamil

3. Teacher for Art in Grades 6 to 9 (Tamil)

4. Teacher for Science in the middle school. Grades 6-11 English and Sinhalese or Tamil

5. Nurse

**CALLING ALL EX- GIRL GUIDES** who can volunteer for 2 hours (2-4pm) on Tuesdays to help with the Guide Company. Please call Marlyn Dassanaik (Capi) (077) 643 6002, Dushyanthi Perera (011) 269 3515) or Gayani Weerasekera (0727944666).



BEFORE



AFTER

The Ladies' College Institute of Professional Studies (LCIPS) is pleased to announce that we have just completed the renovation of our hall. The new hall is now fully air conditioned and the entire hall which can accommodate up to 200 seats can be rented out. Alternatively, it can be rented out as three separate sections separated by foldable partitions. Each section can seat up to 60 persons and includes wifi and attached washroom facilities.

For more details contact: 011 2301671 / 011 4939222

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