



Ladies' College Old Girls' Association

Founded 23rd October 1909

Patroness **Principal**, Ladies' College
Mrs. Nirmali Wickremesinghe

January 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all who placed their trust in me to carry on the work begun by our founder Ms Lilian Nixon and the founder president of the OGA, Mrs. Theodora Martensz and her committee of 1909, 100 years ago.

After joining the OGA I had the opportunity of serving under 4 past presidents. These years of service made me mindful of the fact that our contribution in whatever capacity is miniscule and a mere whiff in the greater picture of what Ladies' College is and will be as time rolls by. It is foremost in my mind as I take office, that the OGA must maintain its focus, primarily to strengthen the bonds of friendship and unity among its membership and to work closely with the Principal, to meet the needs of the school by way of fund raising.

I am also concerned and mindful that fund raising activities will be that much harder to achieve in the current economic climate and may not always cater to or meet the budgets of all our membership at the same time. On the other hand, I am excited at the prospect of working out a calendar of events for 2010.

Our first function the over 70's Christmas Serenade 2009, was held on the 23rd of November 2009 and was well attended and enjoyed by all. A befitting finale to the 2009 birthday celebrations was the Grand Centenary Banquet held on the 14th of December 2009. We had the opportunity of pinning badges of recognition on our past Presidents who graced the occasion, and seating them at the head table in recognition of their contribution towards ensuring the continuity of the OGA and all it stands for. Having witnessed the walk of our past presidents I was reminded of the words of Sir Isaac Newton – "if I have seen further – it is by standing on the shoulders of giants". I wish to thank all who showed their appreciation by way of writing to me and calling to congratulate our committee for organizing a memorable evening of fireworks and music followed by a sumptuous dinner.

Our first function in 2010 will be the Founders' Day Service on Saturday the 13th of February at 09.30 am followed by lunch. Tickets will be available by the 1st of February in the school office and with committee members. Please purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment...

The over 70's get together will be on the 9th of April 2010. All over 70s who have given in their names will be notified by post and all who have not joined so far could please fill in the attachment and return it to Mrs. Fathima Aziz.

Ladies' College completes 100 years down Flower Road in 2010. A Walk to mark our presence on Flower Road will be held on Saturday the 31st of July 2010. It would once again bring together the entire community of Ladies' College with the participation of students, teachers, parents and old girls. All proceeds from the Walk will go towards the construction of a much needed Sports Complex for the school, including Badminton and Squash Courts. This step will help our girls to reach even greater heights in the field of sports.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Nirmali Wickremesinghe Principal/Patroness and Mrs. Eesha Speldewinde Vice Principal/Vice Patroness for the warmth and support extended to me when I took on the office of President. I also wish to thank Mrs. Susu Senanayake and Mrs. Niranjani Ramanayake for their unstinted help at all times.

As we look forward to the next 100 years I wish to call upon all Old Girls to contribute to the growth of the OGA by writing in any ideas and suggestions for fund raising activities and strengthening bonds of unity and friendship.

May the New Year usher in an era of growth for the OGA, the Nation and to each one of you.

May God bless you all

Shiralee de Z Hallock

FUTURE EVENTS

- **Founders' Day on 13th February 2010**

The Founders' Day service will be held on Saturday 13th February 2010 in the Chapel of the Hope of the World at 9.30 am followed by a fellowship lunch in the School Old Hall. May we remind the membership to please bring their donations to the Chapel Trust on this occasion.

- **The Senior Members Fellowship on 9th April 2010**

- **LC Walk on 31st July 2010**

The LC Walk will be held together with the School and PTA on 31st July 2010 and will celebrate 100 years down Flower Road.

- **Members Night to be held in September**

- **Sale of Centenary DVD**

The Centenary DVD will be available for sale at a nominal cost. Please Contact Shiralee de Z Hallock or Radhika Fernando to obtain copies.

- **Sale of Centenary Souvenir**

The Centenary Souvenir is priced at Rs.600 each and is available in the School office and with Shiralee de Z Hallock or Radhika Fernando.

- **Sale of Centenary Calendar 2010**

The price of the Centenary Calendar has been revised to Rs.200 with effect from January 2010 and is available for sale in the School Office and with Shiralee de Z Hallock or Radhika Fernando.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

School Founders' Day Service will be held on 12th February 2010

Sports Meet will be held on 19th February 2010

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL STUDIES

Courses commencing in January 2010

- Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers – commences 30th January
- Diploma in Special Needs Education – commences 16th January
- Diploma in Specific Learning Disabilities –
 1. Class room based – commencing 23rd January
 2. Online Course – refer website <http://lcdvs.nodes.lk>

For Post Ordinary Level Students

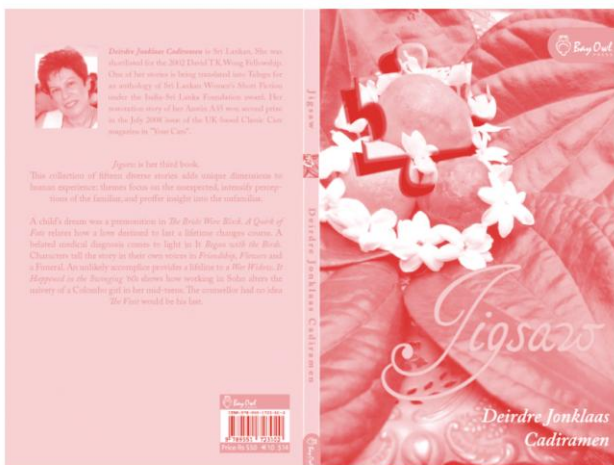
- Life Skills for students after O'Levels – commences 19th January
- Keyboard Skills (touch typing) - 15th January
- **CIM** – Introductory Certificate in Marketing – commences 15th January

For Secretaries

- Certificate Course in Secretarial Studies – commences 10th January
- London Chamber of Commerce & Industries International Qualifications - **LCCI** Executive Secretary's Diploma – commences 16th January

See www.dvs.edu.lk for details

Special Price to LC OGA members - Rs500



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May we remind members who have obtained an Annual Membership, to kindly renew their membership. The OGA calendar year runs from October to September of the following year.

The Annual Membership Fee	Rs. 500/-
Life Membership Fee	Rs. 3000/-
Associate Membership Fee	Rs. 1500/-

Those who wish to receive their Newsletter by regular post are kindly requested to include a sum of Rs. 100/- towards the annual cost of postage.

SLIP FOR THE RENEWAL OF OGA MEMBERSHIP

Ms. Fathima Aziz
Hony Secretary
No.4/6B, Lake Drive
Colombo 08

Name:

Address:

Telephone Contact: (Home) (Mobile)

E-mail:

Date of Birth OGA Membership No.

I would like to receive the Newsletter by E-mail / Regular Post.

I enclose Rs..... to cover the Annual/Life Membership Fee.

****All cheques to be made out to "Ladies' College OGA" and 'A/C Payee'***

VISITING SENIOR OLD GIRLS

The OGA Trust would like to invite those interested in visiting senior members of the OGA. There are senior members who would welcome a visit from younger OGA members as they are sometimes very lonely. If you are in a position to visit them, please fill the attached reply slip and mail it to us, so that we could coordinate the visits.

VISITING SENIOR OLD GIRLS SLIP

Ms. Fathima Aziz
Hony. Secretary
No.4/6B, Lake Drive
Colombo 08

I would like to visit a senior member on a weekly / monthly basis.

My contact details are as follows:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Contact: (Home) (Mobile)

E-mail:

SENIOR MEMBERS EVENTS

The next Senior Members event for over 70's will be held on the 9th of April 2010. If you wish to participate at future events for over 70's, please return the completed tear-off slip by 15th February 2010 to facilitate communication.

SENIOR MEMBERS EVENTS REPLY SLIP

Ms. Fathima Aziz
Hony. Secretary
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Colombo 08

I would like to attend future events for Senior Members.

My contact details are as follows:

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