



*E-NEWSLETTER*  
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## H I G H L I G H T S

### Annual Christmas Dinner

The LC OGA's annual Christmas fellowship dinner was held on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo. The LC OGA chose a traditional Christmas theme for this year's celebration. The venue was transformed into a Christmas wonderland with stunning décor, including rustically elegant table centerpieces, courtesy of Poru. The event was styled, with meticulous attention to detail, by Sonali Ratwatte.

Guests were treated to Christmas cocktails, including delicious mulled wine, and canapes in the foyer, before the doors of the main ballroom were thrown open to mark the commencement of the evening's festivities. After the singing of the school hymn and the lighting of the Christmas tree, the President of the LC OGA, Mrs Fathima Aziz, welcomed guests. She spoke of the close-knit LC family whose unity is strengthened by the very fact of the diversity of its members. She highlighted the significance of the choice of the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo (one of the targets of the Easter Sunday attacks) as the venue of the Christmas dinner, which she hoped would send out a message of indomitable positivity and hope which would resonate not only within the LC community but more widely as well.

Part of the proceeds of the event were donated to Caritas Seth Sarana, with a cheque for Rs.200,000 being presented to Father Ramanayake of Caritas on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at the Ladies' College office.

**PATRONESS**  
Principal,  
Ladies' College  
Mrs.Eesha  
Speldewinde

**VICE  
PATRONESS**  
Vice Principal  
Ladies' College  
Mrs Deepika  
Dassenaike

There was something for everyone at this fellowship event which welcomed a cross-section of the Ladies' College alumni community – Old Girls from 20 years to 90+ years attended this year. Christmas carols led by the LC OGA choir got the guests into the festive spirit of things; a couple of games had everyone on their feet, especially the house game which had the guests cheering madly like they were back at the school sports meet in their beloved Back Garden; the inimitable Voice Print delivered tune after rollicking tune ensuring that the dance floor was never empty; an unprecedented number of fabulous giveaways surprised the guests; Old Girls Devashrie de Silva and Amandhi Caldera delighted guests with their renditions of Christmas carols during the dinner; principal sponsors Spa Ceylon and Cargills, ensured that no-one left empty-handed – guests were treated to a private “market stall” where they were able to choose a selection of Spa Ceylon products, while the goody bags were filled to the brim with treats courtesy of Cargills. The Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo pulled out all the stops to serve up a scrumptious Christmas dinner with all the traditional trimmings, culminating in flaming Christmas puddings which were delivered to each table with the mandatory side serving of brandy butter. The evening was compered by the irrepressible Shehara de Silva, who made sure the tone of the event was light and merry with her wonderful banter.

A really marvelous time was had by all present, making all the preparation put in by the Committee over the preceding months well worth the effort.









## Annual Seniors' Christmas Lunch

The annual Seniors' Christmas Lunch was held on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Old Hall. It was a lovely afternoon of fellowship, activity and merry-making in a familiar and much-loved venue for the most senior members of the LC alumni community. The event was organised jointly by LC Cares and the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association.

The program started with the customary singing of the School Hymn and Mrs Fathima Aziz, President of the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association welcoming guests. The OGA Choir leading the guests in singing some toe-tapping renditions of favourite carols. There were several games including a trivia competition and a Christmas card-making competition which had the guests fully engaged and displaying the traditional LC keen but friendly competitive spirit! Santa made a surprise appearance, delighting guests with presents. Lunch was a scrumptious festive buffet including roast lamb and chicken plus delicious sides followed by home-made Christmas puddings with brandy butter and Yule Logs. The afternoon concluded with a baila competition and we were all impressed by our guests' groovy moves!

Our guests left with beaming smiles and great feedback on a morning of fun and fellowship with their sister LC-ites.



## **LC OGA President meets Sydney members of the LC OGA**

Mrs Fathima Aziz, President of the LC OGA, met with OGA members based in Sydney on a trip to the city in December 2019. Mrs Aziz met with several OGA members at a lunchtime meetup at the Epping Club on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

Mrs Aziz also met with Mrs Nalini McIntyre, former Vice Principal of the school, during her visit to Sydney.





**29<sup>th</sup> FEB 2020 – Founders’ Day Service and Brunch**

**25<sup>th</sup> JUL 2020 – Fundraiser Walk and Musical Show**

**27<sup>th</sup> NOV 2020 – Annual Christmas Dinner – Shangri-La  
Hotel, Colombo**

## **LC OGA 120<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDERS’ DAY CELEBRATIONS – SATURDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

The LC OGA will hold its celebrations for the 120th Founders’ Day on Saturday, 29th February 2020. A service of thanksgiving will be held in The Chapel of the Hope of the World at 9:00a.m. and will be followed by the unveiling of plaques in memory of Ms Olive Hitchcock and Ms Gwen Opie.

A celebratory brunch will be held in the Old Hall from 11:00a.m. Tickets for the brunch are priced at Rs2,250 and will be available from the LC OGA Secretariat from 1st February 2020. The LC OGA Secretariat is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

## **FUNDRAISER WALK AND MUSICAL SHOW – SATURDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

Further details will follow, closer to the date.

## **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER – FRIDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

The annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo. Further details will follow, closer to the date.





## PLASTIC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

A large number of plastic membership cards are yet to be collected from the OGA secretariat. If you have paid and requested for a new card, and have received an email from us, please contact the OGA Secretariat on 112575469 to arrange collection.

We strongly encourage you to collect your card as soon as possible. **Please note that all membership cards which are yet to be collected will be available for collection at the OGA desk at the Founders' Day celebrations on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

**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 the 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 under mentioned address and enclose Rs.200/- cash/cheque being payment for the printing and postage of newsletters for 2018.
- ☐ I wish to inform the OGA of my change in address and contact details.

(Change of name or address can be emailed to [ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com](mailto:ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com) or post the changes to the

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OGA Membership No.....

Name .....

Maiden Name.....

Address.....

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Email .....

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



## NEWS FROM SCHOOL



**12<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2020 – School Founders' Day Celebrations**

**20<sup>TH</sup> FEB 2020 – School Sports Meet**

# NEWS FROM LC IPS

## **LCIPS launches Deakin University Early Childhood Pathway program**

Ladies' College Institute of Professional Studies ("LCIPS") together with Prospects Academy, (a joint venture partner of LCIPS) launched the Deakin University Early Childhood pathway program, at the LCIPS auditorium recently.

Under this arrangement made exclusively with Deakin university, students can study for one year at LCIPS, and transfer to the second year of the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at Deakin University Australia. Upon completion, students will be eligible to apply for dual teacher registration (Primary and Early Childhood) in Australia.

The first intake will be commencing in January 2020.

For further details and registrations contact 072-8333387 or e-mail [somesh@prospectsacademysl.com](mailto:somesh@prospectsacademysl.com)

Officials of Deakin university, together with the staff of Prospects Academy and LCIPS, the Principal and Vice-Principal of Ladies' College, and other invitees are pictured below at the launch.



## **LCIPS to commence RMIT University pathway program in Business**

Ladies' College Institute of Professional Studies (LCIPS) in partnership with Prospects Academy, will be commencing the RMIT Bachelor of Business pathway program in June 2020. Students can study the first year at LCIPS, and on completion will be awarded with an Australian AQF national qualification – Diploma of Business. Students can then transfer directly into the second year of the Bachelor of Business at RMIT University, Australia, and choose from a range of specialisations including Marketing, HR, Finance etc. and complete their degree with a further two years of study. For further details and information contact 072-8333387 or e-mail [somesh@prospectsacademysl.com](mailto:somesh@prospectsacademysl.com)

## **Study @ Leading Universities in Australia through LCIPS**

Ladies' College Institute of Professional Studies (LCIPS) in partnership with StudyCO Sri Lanka, offers placement services to leading universities in Australia. StudyCO is a leading Australian student placement agency, in operation for over 25 years. Their head office is located in Collins Street, Melbourne, and they have a presence in over 30 countries worldwide including Sri Lanka.

LCIPS has a dedicated StudyCO office located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of its premises, and parents and students may conveniently avail themselves of the following services free of charge – applying to leading universities in Australia, obtaining scholarships, assistance with the visa process and documentation, advice on the selection of the appropriate degree/course of study, accommodation arrangements, airport pick-up and a host of other services offered by qualified experts.

Students are able to apply with pending examination results.

Applications are now being accepted for the September 2020 intake.

Students of Ladies College will receive special benefits including gift vouchers worth over Rs.25,000 each.

For further details contact 072-8333387 or e-mail [Somesh.perera@studyco.com](mailto:Somesh.perera@studyco.com)



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- Diploma in Special Needs Education - Online



### Professional Courses



- Executive Secretaries & Personal Assistants Diploma
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### Classes for Kids

- Group Singing
- Hiphop
- Drama
- Piano
- Art



### Leisure Time Activity

- Interior Design, Table Decor & Card Making

