

Dear Members,

The preceding months have been very eventful with back-to-back celebrations and programs commencing with our Founders' Day festivities followed by the Inter House Old Girls Sports Meet and the recently concluded Members Day.

The theme for this year's Founders' Day was 'Back to School' and we had an unprecedented turnout surpassing the initially anticipated numbers. The celebrations begun with a Service of Thanksgiving in the Chapel followed by Brunch in the Old Hall. The entertainment and décor revolved around the theme and every effort was taken to give our old girls a truly nostalgic experience.

The Inter House Old Girls Sports Meet 'Battle of the Ladies' was collaborated with the objective of fostering comradeship and unity amongst the members. From the proceeds of the sports meet, we pledged and will be donating Rs. 2.5 million towards the 'Chapel Restoration Fund' in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the Chapel roof. However the total roof reconstruction cost has been estimated at Rs. 3.3 million. I call on our members to help bridge this gap of Rs. 800,000 by contributing towards the Chapel Restoration Fund.

The Wet n Wild Members Day was held at Club Bentota and the girls were treated to a memorable day filled with surprises, fun games, music and fellowship. LCites across all age groups came together in true LC passion as they participated in the day's activities with absolute enthusiasm and spirit.

With the torrent weather conditions in the island, it was brought to our notice that a few old girls were affected by the recent floods. Myself and a few OGA volunteers called on them and aided them with the immediate relief they required.

The weather also had a bearing on our Secretariat which resulted in a collapsed ceiling and flooded OGA room. I sincerely thank the old girls who forthwith made monetary contributions towards the restoration of the ceiling. However, a more permanent solution will need to be looked at with regards to the flooding as it has become a frequent occurrence.

Many more exciting events have been planned for 2016 and I'm sure that I will have the same participation, enthusiasm, commitment and support of my member family as I have had in the past. Hoping to see each and every one of you soon.

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"SPELLKASTERS" SPELLING BEE - 10TH SEPTEMBER

We will host our first ever Group Spelling Bee Competition "Spellkasters" on the 10th of September 2016 in the School New Hall. This competition is open to all members of the OGA and those who wish to compete are required to form a group inclusive of **five members**. We urge you to take on a creative 'group name' and register with us before the 31st of July. A cash prize of Rupees 25,000 awaits the winning team! Will your team crack under pressure or will it be a walk in the park? Either way we promise that it'll be heaps of fun. Form a group and join the spelling bandwagon!

Application

Mobile	Email Address
Number	
	Mobile Number

A TRIBUTE TO MRS SIRANCEE GUNAWARDANA AND

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OGA

– 8TH OCTOBER

The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association and a tribute to Mrs Sirancee Gunwardana on her 10th death anniversary which falls in October will be held on the 8th of October at 10.00 am in the Mabel Simon Hall. It will be followed by a light lunch. In addition to the tribute and lunch we will also be giving dry rations to the minor staff in her memory.

THE OGA CHEERING SQUAD

The OGA will soon have our very own "Cheering Squad" (similar to the Barmy Army) to support and cheer the present girls at sporting and other events. We need a catchy 'Name & Logo' and seek the help of our members in coming up with one. The winning entry will be printed on the squad tee shirts while a *cash prize* of Rs 25,000/- will be awarded as well. Submit your entries to: ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com via email indicating the subject as 'Cheering Squad Name & Logo'



Save the Date

- 26th November CHRISTMAS PARTY
 (Await more details)
- December - SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY (Await more details)





WET N WILD GOOF OFF MEMBERS DAY

With the intent of forging stronger bonds between our members, a goof off day was devised to allow the ladies to have an engaging and enjoyable day.

Departing from school, accompanied by the tunes of a papare band, the ladies were surprised with a gift pack which included a beach wrap and an umbrella personalized to the 'Wet N Wild' theme.

At the location the momentum was heightened with the presence of live music provided by a DJ and heaps of entertaining games both in the water and on ground. In the afternoon a Wet N Wild pageant was held to choose the girl who best walked the ramp using Wet N Wild elements. The girls cheered and rooted for their batch-mates and the queen was crowned with a pool tube and showered with water guns.



Flashback



BATTLE OF THE LADIES

The OGA Inter House Sports Meet was held on Saturday the 27th of February for which members actively participated with incredible enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

The athletes performed brilliantly while the team relays were executed amidst hysterical cheer. The carnival atmosphere of live music and food stalls further added to the day's excitement.

The evening concluded with a great performance by the OGA Hewisi Band and the March Past for which all houses had prepared for in inventive ways.

Whitney came first followed by Loos, Dale and Nixon.





BACK TO SCHOOL ON FOUNDERS' DAY

The Founders' Day Celebrations were held on Saturday the 13th of February. It begun with a beautiful service at the School Chapel which was well attended. The service was conducted by Rev Melvin de Silva and the OGA Choir excelled under the guidance of Sureka Ameresinghe. This year's service was based on "Commitment to Greater Service" and the Sermon was given by Mrs Deepika Dassenaike. The Collection taken was a record sum of Rs 158,340 which was handed over to the Chapel Trust.

The Service was followed by a brunch and this year's theme was 'Back to School'. In keeping with this theme, the Old Hall was beautifully decorated with pom-poms handmade by the old girls themselves. A fun photo booth allowed the ladies to pose for pictures and relive their cheery school days using themed props. Aprons in the likes of the LC uniform, were sold as memorabilia.

Once seated, the celebrations commenced with the ringing of the hand-bell, after which members were treated to popsicles and pepitas. A roaring 'Happy Birthday' was sung in true LC spirit, and the Birthday cake was cut by a few of the oldest members of the OGA, who were invitees to the event. A Jazz band entertained the crowd with some soothing music.

Members were feted to a Brunch and the festivities continued as they participated in the various games and quizzes which had been planned for the day.



RAINS DAMAGE THE OGA ROOM



AFTER RENOVATION



OBITUARIES



MAHESWARAN - JAYARANEE (retired Teacher, Ladies' College, Colombo 7), Beloved daughter late Nadaraser and late Kanchanamalai, loving wife of late Arumugam Maheswaran, dearly beloved mother of Sumi and Dr Ramani, loving mother-in-law of Prabhakaran and Dr Sivakadadchan, affectionate grandmother of Nishan, Ragu and Lakshi, beloved sister of late Jayasingam, late Pararajasingam, Indranee Vignarajah, Yogaranee Mahesan and Dr Sugirtharanee Kathirgamar, passed away peacefully in Melbourne, Australia on 7th May 2016. Contact Nos. +61417109530 & +61412252472

APRONS, TEE SHIRTS AND CAPS FOR SALE

Aprons, (Rs 500/-) House Tee Shirts (Rs. 750/-) and Caps (Rs. 200/-)are being sold at the Secretariat. Those living overseas too can purchase both for US\$10 + postage and packaging.



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. 300/- 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 below mentioned address. I enclose Rs. 200/cash/cheque being payment for the postage of Newsletters for 2016.

□ 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 Contact	(Home)	(Mobile)
Email:		
OGA Membership No		

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

OGA SECRETARIAT (located near the pool area)

<u>Administrative</u>		
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.

Chapel Roof Renovation

Those who wish to contribute towards the Chapel Roof Renovation can do so by making a donation to the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association Account No 005010149781 at HNB Green Path Branch or a send a cheque in favour of "The Ladies' College Old Girls' Association" with Chapel Restoration Fund written on the envelope along with your name and address. Please do notify us when making a direct contribution to the bank so that we can acknowledge your contribution and ensure that the monies are directed towards this purpose.

OGA Credit Card

Certain members have requested the OGA to get a LC OGA Affinity Credit Card. We request your feedback on whether you would be interested in getting an Affinity Credit Card. Please email ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com. Your feedback will be valuable for us to gage whether to go ahead with getting an affinity credit card or not.

Ladies' College Institute of Professional Studies

The Ladies' College Department of Vocational Studies has changed its name to the Ladies 'College Institute of Professional Studies. Although the name has changed they will maintain the vocation ethos inculcated by the founders and their core values would always be service oriented.

In addition to the name change, the Institute of Professional Studies is making endeavors to offer opportunities for those who successfully complete a diploma course offered by LCIPS to advance into degree programs offered by reputed international universities abroad.

Ladies' College Gym

You may be just a first timer or a regular at work –outs Our Gym is just the place for you ! Its quiet, easy, pleasing and definitely a cool place where the trainers hand hold your work-out journey to suit your pace and ability.

We are geared to adopt techniques such as . cross fit . boxing/punching . abs & core . Plyometric & functional . strength training . sports specific





Constantly upgrading with new equipment ... just arrived to our gym Punching/Boxing stand . Targets and gloves . Dual handle medicine balls . Ab wheel . Push up bars



CALL 011 2575073 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday

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