



*E-NEWSLETTER*  
*May 2020*

## H I G H L I G H T S

### **120<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS**

#### **Service of Thanksgiving**

This year marked the 120<sup>th</sup> year of Ladies' College and the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association ("LC OGA") held its Founders' Day celebrations on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Following tradition, a morning service of thanksgiving, presided over by Reverend Melvin de Silva was held in The Chapel of the Hope of the World which was decorated for the occasion with a beautiful floral arrangement at the altar. The Chapel was filled to over-flowing with old girls of all age groups, joining together to give thanks for their beloved old school.

The theme of the service was, aptly, 'Unity with Thanksgiving'. Mrs Roshanara Page (President-Elect) welcomed the congregation and Mrs Manisha Pieris (OGA Representative on the Governing Body) gave the Thanksgiving Prayer. Mrs Nirusha Ratnatunga (Secretary) gave a Bible reading while Mrs Eesha Speldewinde (Principal, Ladies' College), read the Gospel. A heartfelt sermon was delivered by Mrs Dayanthi Samaranayake, who urged us to view 'Unity' as a need for all of creation to be reconciled and unite with God. To achieve this, she challenged us to surrender to God, respond to our calling to be God's stewards and to serve with love, following Christ's example of forgiveness, humility and servanthood... as indeed our Founders did. The Prayers for the People were led by Mrs Amali David (Treasurer).

The LC OGA Choir, directed by Sureka Amerasinghe and comprising approximately 50 Old Girls, sang three joyful anthems which reverberated throughout the Chapel.

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

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



Mrs Roshanara Page,  
President-Elect, welcomes  
the congregation



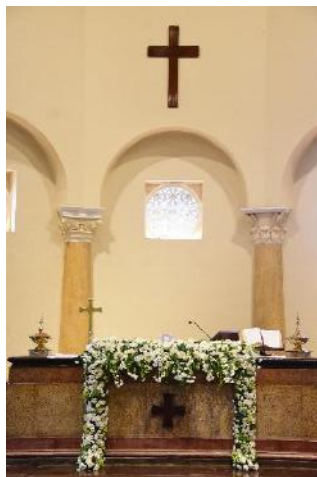
Mrs Manisha Pieris, OGA  
Representative on the Governing  
Body, gives the Thanksgiving Prayer



Mrs Nirusha Ratnatunga,  
Secretary, gives a Bible  
reading



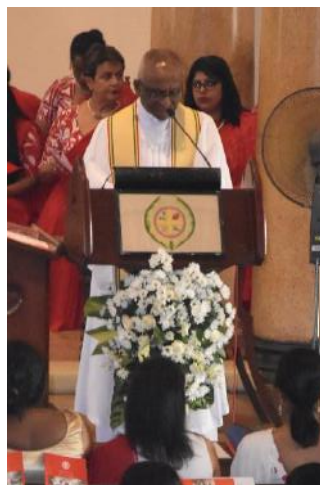
Mrs Eesha Speldewinde,  
Principal, Ladies' College,  
reads the Gospel



Mrs Dayanthi Samaranayake,  
gives the sermon



Mrs Amali David, Treasurer,  
leads the Prayers for the  
People



Reverend Melvin de Silva,  
presiding over the Service  
of Thanksgiving



Ms Sureka Amerasinghe  
directs the LC OGA Choir





The LC OGA Choir



Past Presidents of the LC OGA



Members of the Executive Committee take up the Collection





## **Celebratory Brunch**

The service was followed by a celebratory brunch in the familiar Old Hall which was festively decorated with handmade red and white pom poms to mark the milestone occasion. A scrumptious buffet catered by Raffles was served outside the Old Hall and there was much lively banter and gossip as old friends reunited to reminisce and celebrate. Mrs Parames Coomaraswamy (Vice President, LC OGA) welcomed the guests to the brunch and a beautiful, giant, white and red birthday cake (created for the occasion by Arulini de Silva of Sugar Shack) was cut by Mrs Eesha Speldewinde (Principal, Ladies' College), Mrs Fathima Aziz (President, LC OGA) and Mrs Chrishanthie Seneviratne (President, Kandy Branch, LC OGA) after a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" was sung by the guests. As an extra treat, an Isle of Gelato ice cream cart was in full swing, serving up delicious gelato for the guests.

This year's LC OGA Founders' Day event were attended by eight members of the Kandy Branch of the LC OGA, who made a special effort to join their fellow alumni in Colombo for the celebrations.



*Mrs Parames Coomaraswamy,  
Vice-President, welcomes guests*



*The beautiful birthday cake, sporting  
the school colours, of course!*



*Festive decor*



*Mrs Eesha Speldewinde, Mrs Fathima Aziz and Mrs Chrisanthie Seneviratne cut the birthday cake*



*Members of the Executive Committee*







## Pop Up Market

In a first for the LC OGA, a Pop Up Market was held in the front lawn outside the Mabel Simon Hall during the morning. Over 30 Old Girl entrepreneurs displayed their wares offering everything from gourmet, homemade food, to handmade coasters, notebooks and wrapping paper, framed hand-painted mementos, sustainable alternatives to plastic items, jewellery, bath and beauty products, antiques, string art and apparel. The Pop Up Market was a roaring success, with many of the vendors selling out of their wares during the morning. It was fabulous to see the creative talents of our Old Girls reflected in a range of diverse enterprises.



*Indulgent Desserts by Nashika Salgado*



*String Theory by Sithara Pathirana*



*Shimmer and Shine by Humairaa Deen*



*Sugar and Spice by Lakpahana by Chantal de Saram*



*Divine Designs by Charmalene Perera*



*Inks by Shinks by Shiyanka de Zylva*





D's Meals and Desserts by Shanika Chandrasekera



Aquarelle Keepsakes by Shihara lynne



Sera's Kitchen by Sabera Costa



Bhumi by Shilpa Samararatunge



Shilpi by Chandini Rajaratnam



Aashkii by Jaish Parathalingam



## **LC OGA RESPONSE TO COVID19**

The world is witnessing an unprecedented global health crisis wreaked by the COVID19 novel coronavirus. Here's what the LC OGA is doing to help:

### **Donation of Personal Protective Equipment to the National Institute of Infectious Diseases**

The LC OGA purchased and donated 100 sets of personal protective equipment to the National Institute of Infectious Diseases in April 2020.



### **LC Cares**

LC Cares is providing support and assistance to Old Girls in need during the lockdown period. Please contact the following LC Cares representatives for further information:

<b>Niloo Daluwatte</b>	<b>+94 777 362 247</b>
<b>Anjali Karunaratne</b>	<b>+94 777 356 764</b>

### **Postponement of Members' Night**

Due to the prevailing situation in the country (and indeed, globally), the Executive Committee has decided to postpone Members' Night which was scheduled to be held in the middle of the year.



## **NEW LC OGA NEWSLETTER**

The LC OGA is in the process of re-vamping the quarterly newsletter. From the next issue, we will be upgrading to a new and improved format.

### **Name the Newsletter Competition**

We would like YOU to help us choose a name for the newsletter! Guidelines are as follows:

1. The name should be no more than three (3) words long;
2. The name must have some connection with Ladies' College.

Please send your suggestions in to the attention of the Publicity Secretary at: [ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com](mailto:ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com) by **15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

### **Advertising Opportunities**

We will be offering Old Girl entrepreneurs the opportunity to place advertisements in the newsletter – details are below:

1. Half page ad – Rs 2,500;
2. Full page ad – Rs 5,000;
3. Maximum of five ads per newsletter which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis;
4. Deadline for the submission of details and payment for ads will be published in the prior issue. For the August issue of the newsletter, please send your details in to the attention of the Publicity Secretary at: [ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com](mailto:ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com) by **15<sup>th</sup> July 2020**.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**24<sup>th</sup> OCT 2020 – Annual General Meeting**  
**27<sup>th</sup> NOV 2020 – Annual Christmas Dinner**



## **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.

**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.500/- 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.500/- cash/cheque being payment for the printing and postage of newsletters for 2020.
- ☐ 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 posted to:

Honorary Secretary,  
The Ladies' College Old Girls' Association,  
66 Sir Ernest de Silva Mw, Colombo 7

OGA Membership No.....

Name .....

Maiden Name.....

Address.....

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Tel. (home) ..... Mobile .....

Email .....

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



## **NEWS FROM SCHOOL**



**26<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2020 – LC/BC Hockey Encounter**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> OCT 2020 – Lilian Nixon Debating Tournament**

**10<sup>th</sup> OCT 2020 – Regatta**

**3<sup>rd</sup> DEC 2020 – School Prize Giving**

**4<sup>th</sup> DEC 2020 – School Carol Service**