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STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH A PANDEMIC

The world is witnessing an unprecedented global health crisis wreaked by the COVID-19 pandemic. 2020 has been a year marked by uncertainty, lack of predictability and fear of the unknown as the world continues to grapple with the virus.

For the LC OGA, this has given rise to unique challenges which we have not faced before. Following a lockdown of almost three months at the start of the year, plus restrictions on gatherings in the face of the 'second wave' of COVID-19 in Sri Lanka, the LC OGA has had to cancel or postpone almost all of the events we had planned for the year, including the Annual General Meeting.

Read on for an update on how we have been keeping our membership connected and engaged despite the restrictions on movement and gatherings.

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ONLINE INITIATIVES

Determined to keep a sense of connection and spirit of fellowship alive amongst the LC alumni community, the Executive Committee of the LC OGA launched a number of initiatives via its social media platforms this year.

LC Star Files

LC-ites are accomplishing great things and taking enormous strides in diverse arenas. The purpose of the 'LC Star Files' initiative is to showcase these exceptional ladies and celebrate their achievements, while inspiring our members.

We have had a wonderfully enthusiastic response to our LC Star Files posts on our Instagram and Facebook pages, with our members celebrating our home-grown 'LC Stars'.

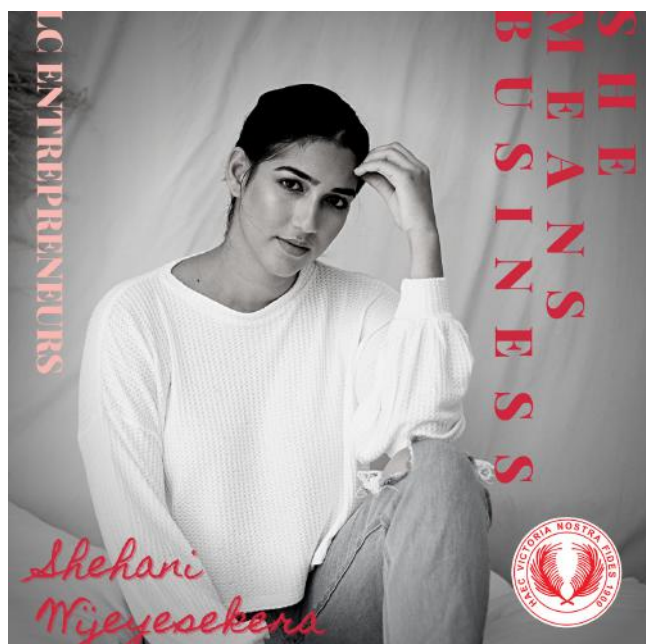
Each LC Star File takes the form of a brief interview, with the featured LC-ite answering a set of questions designed to give readers a glimpse of the personality behind the name.



To date, we have showcased eight LC-ites who are excelling in fields ranging from science and conservation, to music, architecture and advocacy, and the series will continue into the new year,

She Means Business - LC Entrepreneurs

The 'She Means Business' series showcases our upcoming LC-ite entrepreneurs and is intended to shine the spotlight on the fascinating businesses and brands they have created. LC-ites are carving niche markets for themselves across a spectrum of industries and this series celebrates their achievements while giving us insight into their entrepreneurial journeys and the lessons they have learned along the way.



We have featured five LC-ite entrepreneurs and their businesses so far via 'She Means Business' and the series will continue into the new year,

The Ruby Room - LC OGA Virtual Book Club

In a first for the LC OGA, a group of ladies met via Microsoft Teams for the inaugural session of The Ruby Room, the LC OGA's virtual book club, on Saturday, 3rd October 2020. A number of Old Girls dialed in from around the world for the session which was moderated by Manique Wijewardane-Bloom. The book discussed was Michelle Obama's wonderful memoir, *Becoming*. The discussion was open and engaging and the session was thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated.

Virtual Cook-along with Jo of Big Bird Delights



The LC OGA streamed its first live-action cook-along on Saturday, 12th September 2020 via Facebook Live.

The cook-along was hosted by Old Girl Jovanka Jayaweera of Big Bird Delights, a catering business based in Colombo. A number of LC OGA members tuned in to watch Jo whip up an indulgent yet easy-to-replicate feast. Jo generously shared her recipes for the dishes and our viewers left the session determined to try out the dishes at home.

KANDY BRANCH DONATION

The Kandy Branch of the LC OGA donated 1000 pampers and bottles of sanitizers to Tikiri Sevana Children's Home in Kandy on an urgent request made to Chrisanthi Seneviratne, President, Kandy Branch of the LC OGA.

Unfortunately, as members could not visit the Home due to COVID-19 restrictions, these items were handed over to the Department of Social Welfare Probation & Childcare Service Affairs, Central Province by Ummu Hassen, Treasure, Kandy Branch of the LC OGA, to be delivered to the Home.

LC CARES UPDATE

Due to the prevailing situation in the country, LC Cares reluctantly suspended its monthly fellowship lunches and home visits to our senior Old Girls in March this year, focusing instead on providing support through a Wellness Phone Call program as well as volunteering, in certain cases, to deliver provisions, and medicines, and assist with essential errands such as bank visits.

LC Cares continues to support senior Old Girls with the Wellness Phone Call program as well as providing helpful information on the delivery of groceries, other essentials and meals. LC Cares also offers guidance and counselling to those who need it, and checks in with participants of LC Cares on a bi-monthly basis either by phone call, text or email.

LC Care remains committed to serving its members during this unprecedented global health crisis, recognising that for many of the more senior members of the LC OGA family, the COVID-19 outbreak in Sri Lanka has brought stress, anxiety and loneliness. LC Cares is currently exploring ways to help our senior members stay positive, active and engaged while staying at home.

If you have questions or concerns, wish to access to our services, or know of someone who does, please call 0755 800 900 or email onefamilyunbroken@gmail.com.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - POSTPONED

The Annual General Meeting of the LC OGA was postponed indefinitely, in terms of Article 12(1) of the Constitution of the LC OGA, due to the prevailing situation in Sri Lanka caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the communique regarding public gatherings dated 6th October 2020 issued by the Ministry of Health.

The Executive Committee is monitoring the situation in the country, subject to which the Annual General Meeting will be held at the earliest opportunity. Members will be notified of the same in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

UPCOMING EVENTS

28th NOVEMBER 2020

The Ruby Room - Session 2

on 'Girl, Woman, Other'

by Bernadine Evaristo

(via Microsoft Teams)

5th DECEMBER 2020

Christmas at Home

Cooking Demonstration with
Ruwanthi Fernando of Roo's Deli
(via Facebook Live)

DECEMBER 2020 (Date to be confirmed)

Christmas Decor DIY Demonstration

(via Facebook Live)

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