



*Ladies' College
Old Girls' Association*

FOUNDED 9TH OCTOBER 1909

Patroness

Principal, Ladies' College
Mrs. Nirmali Wickremesinghe

Vice Patroness

Vice Principal, Ladies' College
Mrs. Eesha Speldewinde

January 2013

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we herald in yet another New Year with renewed hopes for a better tomorrow, I wish all of you and your families a Happy New Year and the strength to face life's new challenges with wisdom.

The profile of the OGA membership has changed considerably over the past several years, with a much larger percentage of our members pursuing professional careers. Sri Lanka's record of education of girls is exemplary and has inspired attitudinal changes that command a respect for the potential of women to contribute to the development of our country. We take pride in the achievements of our own old girls, and are mindful that the OGA needs to cater to the young achievers as well.

The challenge for the OGA then, is to provide a mixed bag of activities that will cater to the interests of our entire membership while continuing to give the space for fellowship, interaction and fun.

We look forward to seeing more of our members at the events that will be held this year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association was held on 20th October 2012 at 9.45 am in the Mabel Simon Hall. This year, the Annual General Meeting was preceded by a brunch. After the meeting we had a short demonstration by Prima Baking School.

The Office Bearers and Committee Members for the period 2012/2013 are listed on page 10.

TRUST NEWS

New Appointment to the Board of Trustees

At the OGA Annual General Meeting on 20th October 2012 Mrs. Lilamani Goonewardene was elected to the Board of the Chapel Trust Fund (CTF) to replace Dr. Mrs. Deepthi Attygalle, who completed her 3-year term.

The Board of Trustees for the CTF and the OGA-TF for the year 2012/2013 are:

Ex-Officio of both Trusts

Mrs. Nirmali Wickremesinghe, Principal, Ladies' College –
Chairperson

Mrs. Eesha Speldewinde, Vice Principal, Ladies' College

Mrs. Roshini Cabraal, President, OGA

Chapel Trust Fund

Dr. Anila Dias Bandaranaike (2010-2013)

Ms. Prithiva Perera (2010-2013)

Mrs. Sharmini Wettimuny (2010-2013)

Mrs. Tanya Cooray (2011-2014)

OGA Trust Fund

Ms. Savithri Gunsekera (2011-2014)

Mrs. Shyamali Fernando (2011-2014)

Ms. Ren Lan Mather (2011-2014)

Mrs. Lilamani Goonewardene (2012-2015)

PAST EVENTS

SENIOR MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Seniors' Christmas Dinner was held on Friday, 30th November 2012 at the Gaster House at 5.30 pm. We are happy to report that the member participation this year was very encouraging and that we were able to arrange a lovely evening for the seniors. As the seniors arrived they were ushered in to have their photograph taken and each guest received a photo mounted card as a souvenir. Besides the sing along carols with Santa, there was also a beautiful performance by the Primary School choir. Festivities included games and draws with many prizes and gifts to take away.

OGA CHRISTMAS DINNER

The OGA Christmas Dinner was held on Monday, 10th December 2012 at the Galle Face Hotel, Colombo.

It was a fun evening involving a whole host of games in a competitive team format. The solo baila dance by an enthusiastic member entertained the crowd while the gangnam dance competition was an absolute hit and PSY would have been profoundly impressed!! There was an array of exciting prizes which included several hampers and three return air tickets to Singapore and Dubai. It was a happy and memorable evening for all those who attended.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of two cheques, one for Rupees 5 million to Mrs. Nirmali Wickremesinghe as a contribution towards the sports complex and the other for Rupees 5 lakhs to Mrs. Mala Salgado for the Department of Vocational Studies, both out of funds raised by the OGA in the year 2012.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Founders' Day

The **OGA Founders' Day Service** will be held on Saturday, 9th February 2013 at the School Chapel commencing at 11 am, and followed by lunch in the Old Hall at 12.30 pm. The tickets for lunch are priced at Rs.1,200/- and are available with Swun Kou Fernando, the OGA Administrative Secretary (Please refer below for OGA Secretariat contact information). Table reservations will be taken only for groups of 10. If you have a group of 10, please contact Swun Kou to reserve a table under your name.

OGA Sports Meet

The Committee has included another new and interesting event to this year's OGA Calendar – A Sports Meet for the old girls (OGA members and non members), to be held on Saturday, 16th February 2013 at 2 pm in the School grounds. The following are the House Captains representing each house:

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| Dale | - | Kaushalya Gunasekera (0777-792544) |
| Loos | - | Surekha Seneviratne (0777-918058) |
| Nixon | - | Chethini Daluwatte (0777-473041) |
| Whitney | - | Dilko Senanayake (0777-772888) |
| Chairperson,
organizing committee | - | Preethi Adhihetty (0777-886578) |

The tickets are priced at Rs. 100/- and will be available at the OGA Secretariat. The enthusiastic organizing committee has arranged a variety of exciting and enjoyable events for each age group. Please contact your House Captains for details.

Lanka Hospitals will provide a medical team and an ambulance on site for first aid and emergencies.

The Committee welcomes assistance from OGA members for sponsorships of:

1. Banners at Rs 5,000/- each (to be placed in the School grounds)
2. Food stalls at Rs 5,000/- each.
3. Gifts to be given away as prizes

If you are able to obtain any form of sponsorship please contact Preethi Adhihetty, Chairperson of the organizing committee.

If any OGA Member wishes have a stall for their own products (art, crafts, etc.) they will be given discounted rates. Please contact Preethi or Swun Kou for details.

Quiz Night

This year's Quiz Night has been scheduled for Friday, 22nd March 2013. As we did last year, members will be required to form groups of up to a maximum of 7 participants who will be allocated a table. Questions will be answered as a combined effort of the team, and not on an individual basis. There will be several rounds of questions on different topics. The questions which would also include video and sound clips projected on a wide screen, would cater to all age groups with varied interests.

Exciting prizes will be awarded to the teams obtaining the highest marks.

Tickets for this event priced at Rs. 1,500/- (which includes dinner) will be available for sale during the Founders' Day lunch and Sports Meet and thereafter at the OGA Secretariat. Please buy your tickets early. The event will be held in the School Old Hall. If you are interested in participating please give your name and contact details to Swun Kou at the OGA Secretariat.

The Committee welcomes assistance from OGA members for sponsorships of:

1. Banners at Rs 5,000/- each (to be placed in the Old Hall).
2. Gifts to be given away as prizes (in cash or in kind).

If you are able to obtain any form of sponsorship please contact Nilanthi Sivapragasam - Chairperson of the organizing committee on 0777-347504.

Lecture Series

The second lecture in our series will be held on 1st March 2013 on “Building Lasting Relationships - the Art, Science and Practice”. Overworked, stressed-out and time constrained, we can barely keep up with the frenzied pace of our lives – and our relationships are breaking down as a result. Men and women respond to stress in unique ways, each individual has a different language to communicate. *“He sends you flowers when what you really want is time to talk. She gives you a hug when what you really want is a home-cooked meal”*. Understanding what is important to the other person helps a great deal in building a lasting relationship.

Dr Piyanjali De Zoysa, BA, MA, PhD, will give a 20 minute presentation on the topic after which there will be a panel discussion and a question and answer session. For your privacy, question cards will be available for you to address your questions. This is a useful lecture and a must for couples of all age groups. The lecture will focus on relationships between couples and also between parents and children, even adult children. It will be open to the public so please bring your friends. Tickets are priced at Rs 300/- for OGA members and Rs.400/- for non members. Tickets will be available at the OGA Secretariat. Please produce your membership card when purchasing your ticket. Time 5-6.30 pm. Venue: School New Hall.

SMS SOLUTIONS

We have signed up with Dialog SMS Solutions – a service that keeps you informed of OGA events. If you wish to be kept informed of future events, please provide your mobile phone number to Swun Kou at the OGA Secretariat.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

Founders Day - 8th February 2013 at 8.00am

Sports Meet - 15th February 2013 at 12.30pm

Source: School Office

SLIP TO OBTAIN A NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD

The Honorary Secretary
Ladies' College OGA
66 Sir Ernest de Silva Mawatha
Colombo 7

Name.....

Maiden Name

Address

Telephone Contact(Home) (Mobile)

Email

OGA MembershipNo

I would like a new plastic Membership Card.

I enclose Rs. 300/- together with my original Membership Card.

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

News from the Department of Vocational Studies **COURSES COMMENCING IN JANUARY 2012**

- * Diploma in Pre School & Sub Primary Training
- * Diploma in Special Needs Education - Classroom based
- * Diploma in Specific Learning Disabilities – Classroom based and Online refer website <http://lcdvs.nodes.lk>
- * Cambridge International Diploma for Teachers & Trainers
- * Certificate Course in Secretarial Studies
- * English Language courses - weekdays and weekend
- * Leisure Time Courses
Costume Jewelry, Fabric Painting, Painting on Canvas, Photography classes for Beginners, Interior Design & Table Décor

See www.dvs.edu.lk for further details

Vacancy - Administrative Assistant

We are looking for a committed an energetic lady to fill the above position.

Basic requirements are as follows

- * Minimum qualification of GCE A/L
- * Excellent computer skills especially in Microsoft Office
- * Flair for customer relations
- * Be able to work independently
- * Be willing to work on Saturdays

Please forward your Curriculum Vitae (CV) with two non-related referees by post or email within seven days to Director, LCDVS

Source: Mala Salgado, Director, Dept. of Vocational Studies

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OGA SECRETARIAT

Administrative Secretary - Swun Kou Fernando
Hours of operation - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am to 1 pm
Telephone - 0112-575469
Mailing address - OGA Secretariat, c/o Ladies' College,
66 Sir Ernest De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 7

Parking: Please note that parking is available within the School premises near the OGA Room for short periods whenever you need to visit the OGA Secretariat.

Sepalika Ratnayake
Honorary Secretary
January 2013

HERE IS A CHANCE FOR YOU TO WIN A PRIZE

Please send your answers to the OGA Secretariat on or before 5th of February 2013 with your name, address and telephone number. Please write **PUZZLE** on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

BRAINTEASERS:

1. If a group of 6 people have an average age of 21, and each person is half the age of the next person, what are the ages of the 6 people.
ANSWER: —, —, —, —, —, —

Your name:

Address:

Telephone no:

2. During a round of golf, my friend had scored a hole in one. There were 5 witnesses:
Here is a list of their statements about which hole produced the amazing feat. It was an 18 hole course.
- A. Not an even number
 - B. It had double digits
 - C. The number was made up of only straight lines
 - D. Not a prime number
 - E. Not a square number

But only one statement was a true one.

Which hole was it? (ANSWER:.....)

Your name:

Address:

Telephone no:

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