



*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

November 2011

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011

The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association was held on 29th October 2011 at 5 p.m. in the Mabel Simon Hall and the new President Roshini Cabraal took office for the period 2011 to 2013. The Office Bearers and Committee Members for the period 2011 to 2012 are listed on page 9.

ADDRESS OF THE NEW PRESIDENT AT THE AGM ON ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

Our Patroness Mrs. Nirmali Wickremesinghe, immediate Past President Shiralee, Fellow Members –

It is with a sense of pride and humility, that I assume office as President of the Old Girls' Association of our School. My pride stems from the fact that ours is a school which has a great history and is steeped in tradition, as is the OGA.

I, together with the newly elected committee members will strive to ensure that the objectives for which this Association was founded are achieved.

We will continue to support the School, the two OGA Trusts and the Department of Vocational Studies.

We will make every effort to enhance and develop programmes to fulfill as best as we can, the various needs of all our members. I am mindful that the profile of our membership is constantly changing and now comprise a rich source of professionals and many talented individuals and those who I call "Research Associates in the field of Child Development and Human

Relations, Associate Research Assistants and Senior Research Assistants”
- The mothers, aunts and grandmothers.

The President and committee are there to represent all of you, and are those you have chosen, but the Association is yours. That is why we need all the help and support that you can give us, so that together, we can, as one family of past students, achieve the objectives for which this Association was founded.

I have been serving on the committee consecutively for the last five years and have seen the dedication and hard work put in by the Presidents with Ramona first, then Deepthi and finally Shiralee and their respective committees. Having been a part of these committees I have seen first hand the amount of time given and the commitment with which each of the activities is carried out and the amount of energy with which committee members work - because we have to do everything ourselves. We cannot outsource. We are the event managers. We are the back office and the front office. Together, we are all of these things and that is why those who agree to serve on the Committee need to be sincere in their commitment to find the time to take on tasks and work as a team.

I wish Mrs. Wickremesinghe, Principal, and Mrs. Speldewinde, Vice Principal all the best. The OGA will support you, in all of your endeavours, as always.

As I take office, I pledge to uphold the values of this Association and the principles that govern it, and to do my best during my term in office and I hope that we as a team will be able to help you enjoy a most memorable and exceptional membership experience. I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Seniors Christmas Dinner (only for members over 70)** will be held on Monday, 28th November 2011 at the School hostel starting at 5 p.m. Tickets are Rs.1,000/-.
- **Annual Christmas Dinner**
The Annual Christmas Dinner is fixed for Monday, 5th December 2011 at the Ramada Colombo. The colourful event will usher in the festive season for all the old girls at an evening of great fun and excitement. Among the many Christmas activities surrounding the event, “Silent Hands” will entertain the audience with a hilarious skit for the season. The Police Brass Band will also delight the crowd with a mix of contemporary and classical Christmas tunes together with a wonderful selection of other popular music releases. As in previous years there will also be prizes and surprises for the members. Tickets for the event are priced at Rs. 4,000/-.

Tickets for both events are available with the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Susu/Mangalika at the School office.

- The **OGA Founders’ Day Service** will be held on Saturday, 11th February 2012 at 11 a.m. at the School Chapel and will be followed by lunch in the Old Hall. The price of the ticket will be notified.

VOLUNTEERS

Members who wish to assist the Committee in organising events by helping out are requested to contact Swun Kou, the Administrative Secretary - OGA Secretariat or any other Committee Member and let us know your area of interest.

ADVERTISING

Members and non-members who wish to advertise in the newsletter may contact the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer for the advertising rates for a full/half page advertisement or an insert.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members who wish to notify the death of an OGA member or wish to have a tribute inserted in the Newsletter should contact the Secretary or any Committee Member or have their families contact us.

TRUST NEWS

New Appointments to the Board of Trustees

At the OGA Annual General Meeting held on 29th October 2011 Mrs. Tanya Cooray was elected to the Board of the Chapel Trust Fund (CTF) to replace Mrs. Lilamani Wanigasekera, who completed her 3-year term. Ms. Savithri Gunasekera, Mrs. Shyamali Fernando and Mrs. Ren Lan Mather were elected to the Board of the OGA Trust Fund (OGA-TF) to replace Mrs. Roshini Cabraal who now becomes an ex-officio member and Mrs. Rohini Yoheswaran and Mrs. Priti Fonseka, who have completed their 3 year term.

The Board of Trustees for the CTF and the OGA-TF for the year 2011/2012 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

Dr. Deepthi Attygalle (2009-2012)

Ms. Savithri Gunasekera (2011-2014)

Mrs. Shyamali Fernando (2011-2014)

Mrs. Ren Lan Mather (2011-2014)

MEMBER SERVICES

- **OGA Secretariat**

In order to serve the members better, an OGA Secretariat now functions in the OGA Room (located near the pool area). Swun Kou Fernando has been appointed the Administrative Secretary of the OGA Secretariat and started work on 7th November 2011. The Secretariat will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Committee will be very happy to receive donations of desktop computers, fax machines, photocopiers, laser printers to equip the OGA room or any assistance with sourcing sponsorships for these items.

- **Membership Cards**

The OGA is in the process of upgrading the membership card to a plastic card. Members who wish to have their cards upgraded are kindly requested to send their old cards by registered post or hand them over to Swun Kou at the OGA Secretariat or Susu Senanayake at the School office. The new cards would be couriered back to the members. Please include a cheque for Rs.300/- to cover the cost of the new card and courier charges.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL

- Prize Giving - 6th December 2011
- Carol Service - 8th December 2011
- Founders' Day - 10th February 2012
- Sports Meet - 17th February 2012

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 week ends
- Leisure Time Courses
Costume Jewellery, Fabric Painting, Painting on Canvas,
Photography classes for beginners
Interior Design & Table Décor and Card Making
See www.dvs.edu.lk for further details

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"*

**THE OFFICE BEARERS AND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2011/2012**

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*May your Christmas sparkle with
moments of love, laughter & goodwill.*

*And may the year ahead be full of
contentment & joy.*

*Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year*

From all of us in the OGA Committee.