

CENTENARY NEWSLETTER



"One Heart One Voice Uplifting" Ladies' College Old Girls' Association 1909 - 2009

September 2009

With our Centenary year drawing to a close, we move into the next century as old girls of a School which provides a rounded education, one of the best in the country.

I hope you have all found this centenary year delightful and rewarding, notwithstanding the stresses and strains of the crises facing our country. We fervently hope that peace and ethnic harmony will prevail, and that we can all look forward to a better future as one united country.

Although the Alumni is now scattered widely, the website launched at this juncture, and the expansion of the email data base have been a tremendous boost and tool which has helped us to reach out globally this year to become a part of one family.

Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, all our fund raising events were well supported throughout our Centenary Campaign and we have exceeded our target of Rs.5 million for the Scholarship Fund. This heralds a brighter future for students of the College, who are in need of financial assistance.

It is not an easy task to satisfy such a large membership of varying ages and interests. We have organized events to satisfy the different needs of our membership which go further than social events alone, aiming to widen the circle of participation.

The highlight of this centenary year is

the commencement of specially focused events. It was a heartwarming delight and pleasure for the committee and friends who rallied round to organize the senior fellowship events, to see our elders revel in the company of their contemporaries, to meet and rekindle their days in school with friends they could hardly have met otherwise.

We look forward to the Memorial Oration held for the first time, and in this centenary year it is dedicated to Lilian Nixon. This event would be of much interest and a diversion from our regular activities and we hope you would attend it with your spouse.

One hundred and nine years ago our foreign founders made a leap of faith in setting up this prestigious school in Sri Lanka. We remember them with gratitude and remember equally our very own Sri Lankan women who took over from them and have led us to date, reinforcing our foundations with strong commitment. We are what we are today for what they sowed. We continue to seek the support of our Alumni to enrich the efforts of the school in its journey of inspiring the next generations of great minds in a wholesome environment.

I conclude by thanking each one of you for your participation and for giving us the encouragement and strength to hold our offices with utmost commitment.

Jeeta A. S. S. S.

The 100th Year of the OGA 2008-09

This special year of celebration has seen unprecedented attendance at all our events. This gives us a strong sense of camaraderie and the promise that our Association will move from strength to strength in the future.

FELLOWSHIP

Magical Evening for the Seniors on the 24th November 2008 to which retired teachers were invited. (90 participants)

Annual Christmas Dinner on the 16th December 2008 at TransAsia Hotel (270 participants)

Founders' Day on the 14th February 2009 -

Communion service with the unveiling of tablets in memory of Ms Simon and Mrs Gunawardana in the chapel. The name board "Ladies' College Old Girls' Association" was placed above the entrance of the OGA room.

Website lcoga.lk launched in the Mabel Simon Hall

Founders' Day Lunch (400 participants due to limited accommodation in the old hall)

The Campfire on the 27th March 2009 in the school grounds focused on encompassing the whole Ladies' College tribe, bringing together school girls, parents, teachers and old girls. The event was enjoyed by all (850 participants)

Personal Development Program on 29th May 2009 A seminar organized by Parkway Health Singapore on Breast and Gynecological Cancers

The Centenary Ball on 24th July 2009 held at the Cinnamon Grand was a resounding success. (460 participants due to limited accommodation)

Photographs of our centenary events are available on the website www.lcoga.lk

The Seniors events which saw its 4th gathering on the 31st July was attended with much enthusiasm by the over seventies who were happy to meet up with their own LC College community in the School environs. Events were planned to accommodate a suitable time, affordability and content. We have seen an increasing interest and participation at the 4 events we have had so far. A Magical evening held at Christmas time was much appreciated.

Help to IDP Camps -Through our website and expanded email data base we were able to call upon the members both in Sri Lanka and abroad to send their contributions to the Kollupitiya Methodist Church to fund the needs of those in the IDP camps. in Sri Lanka and abroad over the last two years.

The 100th Year of the OGA 2008-09

FUND RAISERS

We have been able to exceed our target of Rs 5 million for the scholarship fund from fund raisers held over the last two years both in Sri Lanka and abroad. In Sri Lanka - ECLAT the coffee evening and fashion show in 2008, the Centenary Ball, the Campfire and individual donations raised Rs. 3.4 million. Donations from overseas were received from the Victoria Branch Australia (proceeds of their dance) and the LC Tristate Alumni North East USA. The Ladies' College Alumni of Greater Washington (LCAGW) held a very successful musical concert raising Rs 2 million for the fund.

REMEMBERING THE PAST

The list of Past Presidents of the OGA was engraved on a wooden panel and displayed in the OGA room.

FUTURE EVENTS

Lilian Nixon Memorial Oration 15th October 2009
Birthday Celebrations 24th October 2009
Thanksgiving Service and the Annual General Meeting

JOIN THE SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

A delightful meeting place for senior members over 70

This is a call to ALL those over 70 years to Join the program so that you will not be excluded from any future events !

A much looked forward to event by those who have attended so far. This is organized to ensure you enjoy the get together and leave each time with a light skip and a song in your ear and a happy heart! Wouldn't you like to meet up with friends from your School days and enjoy a delightful evening once in every three to four months.

A nominal fee will be charged for each event to cover the cost of light refreshments and entertainment. A notice with details of each event will be posted to you.

***Please fill the tear off slip in the newsletter and send it to
Malkanthi Perera - 49, D.S. Fonseka Road, Col. 5***

WANTED

Come join the OGA choir and lend your voice to enrich its Choral Harmony
at The Centenary Thanksgiving Service

This is a landmark event of the OGA - a key , historic milestone, along the OGA Journey.

Practices every Wednesday at 6.00 pm

Contact Shiralee 2810529 / 0777 270888 Anushka 0777357997.

FUTURE EVENTS

LILIAN NIXON MEMORIAL ORATION

*The Patron, President & Committee of
The Ladies' College Old Girls' Association*
have pleasure in inviting you to the
Lilian Nixon Centenary Memorial Oration

“Womens’ Education: a Pioneer’s Vision”

PROF. SAVITRI GOONESEKERE

**6pm Thursday 15th October 2009 at 6.00pm
at The Mabel Simon Hall, Ladies’ College**

Please be in your seats by 5.40 p.m.

“Ladies' College begins with Lilian Nixon, a young Irish woman of 26, fired with a belief in the importance of education for women and with courage and the vision to come out to a far-flung colony of the British Empire -- Ceylon --- to found a school for women. Ladies' College was founded by her in 1900 in a house provided by the Church Missionary Society. It was no more than a large bungalow in Union Place, Slave Island in Colombo. Two students enrolled! Now (over) a hundred years later --- a hundred years of phenomenal growth and substantial achievements in women's education, we look back with wonder and humility at the courage, the vision and the faith that made it all possible.” *CentenaryVolume*

RSVP If attending please call, email or return completed tear off slip in the newsletter

LC OGA CENTENARY SOUVENIR

One Family Unbroken

To be launched at the AGM

Pre launch booking and Launch Price
Rs. 500/-

**BOOK NOW
and avoid disappointment
because of limited publication**

2010 DESK CALENDER

**“Hundred years on Flower Road”
1910 - 2010**

**Water Colour Impressions of
Ladies' College
Rs 400/-**

CENTENARY

Grand *Birthday Celebrations* Saturday 24th October 2009

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

at 9.00 am

Chapel Of The Hope Of The World

*The collection will be in aid
of the Chapel Trust*

Fellowship

After the service and before the AGM

*Please call / email or complete and return the tear off slip
below if you are attending the fellowship as we wish to
be able to have informed numbers for catering.*

**Commemorating the
OGA centenary**

**Laying of the
Foundation stone
for the
Archives Building.**

at 10.30am

THE CENTENARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

in the New Hall 11.15 am

This will include
The launching of the
Centenary Souvenir
and A video presentation
celebrating the Centenary

*Make an effort
to keep this date and time free
to attend this
most important event
of the Association
You will never attend
another in your life time!*

**The OGA
Birthday Party**
has been postponed.
The new committee after the
AGM will inform the
membership of the date and
venue



SCHOOL NEWS

**Ladies' College
commemorates**

**The Centenary of the
Ladies' College OGA
with the laying of the
Foundation stone
of the much needed
Archives Building.**

**The Principal has invited
Dr Deepthi Attygalle,
President, OGA
to lay the foundation stone
on 24th October 2009
10.30am**

**Prize Giving
Friday 4th December 2009
at 4.30pm**

**School Carol Service
Tuesday 8th December 2009
at 6 pm**

NEWS FROM THE TRUSTS CHAPEL TRUST

The Chapel Trust, with the aid of donations from the LC'ites in Canada, funded the installation of 3 large exhaust fans in the chapel, 2 tablets in memory of Ms. Simon and Mrs. Gunawardana, and the printing of order-of-service booklets for the Chapel, during the past year.

In order for the Chapel Trust to undertake the annual maintenance of the Chapel over the next few years, we would need further donations of Rs 200,000 to raise the Trust Fund to Rs 1 million.

OGA TRUST

The OGA Trust at present helps four old girls and teachers "on a needs basis". In order to widen our sphere of help we would require additional funds. We have set a target of a minimum of Rs.5 million to make a difference to the needy. Currently, the Trust Fund stands at around Rs 2.5 million. Please help us with donations for this worthy cause.

If there are others you know of, who require some financial support, please inform us so that we can help them when our funds increase.

We also request members to let us know of old girls or retired teachers who would enjoy visits from OGA members on a regular basis.

DVS

**For New
Educational Programmes**

**Access DVS website
www.dvs.edu.lk**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 100th Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' College Old Girls' Association will be held on Saturday 24th October 2009 in the School Hall at 11.15 am

Video celebrating the Centenary

AGENDA

1. Reading of Notice convening the Meeting
2. School Hymn
3. Prayer, led by the Patroness
4. Tribute to members who have passed away during the year
5. Tabling of Apologies
6. Welcome speech by the President Dr Deepthi Attygalle and presentation of the cheque for the Scholarship Fund to the Principal
7. Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM held on 23rd October 2008
8. Presentation of the Annual Report of the Hony. Secretary
9. Presentation of the Annual Report of the Hony. Treasurer
10. Launch of the LC OGA Centenary Souvenir
11. New President takes the Chair
12. Election of Office Bearers and Committee members
13. Election of Trustees
14. Election of Hony. Auditor
15. Address by the New President Mrs Shiralee Hallock
16. Address by the Patroness
17. Any other business *
18. Vote of Thanks

* In terms of Article 12 (2) (d) of the Constitution, any member desirous of moving a Resolution at the AGM under Item 17 "any other business" must give notice of such resolution to reach the undersigned not later than 23rd SEPTEMBER 2009.

In terms of Article 12 (2) (e) of the Constitution, any member desirous of discussing any other matter under that item must give ten (10) days notice to the Hony. Secretary.

Regarding the election of committee members and Office Bearers

In nomination of new members, please keep in mind that the Committee should be a "representative body" of old girls, and we hope to see nominations from all vintages.

Being a member of the OGA Executive Committee involves a great deal of time, effort and commitment towards the work in hand and activities involved.

Please bring your OGA membership card or this newsletter with address label and membership No.

8th September 2009

Malkanthi Perera Hony. Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2008/2009

PATRONESS

Mrs Nirmali Wickremesinghe

VICE PATRONESS

Mrs Eesha Speldewinde

PRESIDENT

Dr. (Mrs) Deepthi Attygalle
269 5697 / 071 2224108

PRESIDENT ELECT

Mrs Shiralee Hallock
281 0529 / 0777 270888

* VICE PRESIDENT

Mrs Malathi Algama - 269 3001

* HONY SECRETARY

Mrs Malkanthi Perera - 258 8183

* ASST. SECRETARY

Mrs Dilki de Costa
269 1274 / 077 3516905

ASST. SECRETARY SCHOOL

Mrs Ruwani Jayatilleke - 5046170

HONY TREASURER

Mrs Aruni de Mel - 232 6363
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* ASST. TREASURER

Mrs. Ren Lan Mather - 258 1089

* PUBLICITY SECRETARY

Mrs Yasmin Ramanayake - 287 8644

OGA REP ON GOVERNING BODY (EX-OFFICIO)

Mrs Manisha Peiris - 250 1180 / 286 3004

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

* Lilamani Goonewardene	257 4021
* Savithri Gunasekera	257 3311
* Roshini Cabraal	0777 255553
* Adhirupini Tyagarajah	268 6509 0777 885434
* Dharini Senanayake	277 8615
* Sharmini Kalpage Varia	251 2502 0777 396376
* Deidre Fernando	281 0553 077 382 0650
* Anushka Abhayratne	269 6636 0777 357997
* Shyamali Fernando	250 2178 0777 744470
* Radhika Fernando	287 4706 077 340 1499
* Shirani Pereira	243 2151
* Chulani Ratwatte	255 4750
Peshali Yapa	286 2144
Sonali Dissanayake	250 7557 0777288026
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CHAPEL TRUST

Siva Obeyesekere - R*
Anila Dias Bandaranaike
Lilamani Wanigasekera - R
Indraneela Fernando

OGA TRUST

Dushyanthi Perera- R*
Priti Fonseka - R
Rohini Yoheswaran -R
Roshini Cabraal

R re-elected - *Siva Obeyesekere and Dushyanthi Perera have completed their terms in office and therefore are not eligible for re-election.

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Mrs. Shiralee Hallock - DZH@drhlogistics.com

Mrs Malkanthi Perera - malkanthiperera@aol.com.au

*Completed their 2 year term / resigned

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Please call or post the relevant tear off slip to the Hony. Secretary or email confirmation of attendance to ladiescollegega@gmail.com

Attendance for Fellowship on Saturday 24th October

I will be attending the Fellowship following the Thanksgiving service

Name..... Membership No.....

LILIAN NIXON MEMORIAL ORATION
15th October at 6 pm

RSVP

My spouse and I will be attending the
Lilian Nixon Centenary Oration

Join the Seniors' Fellowship

I wish to join the Seniors' Fellowship

Name:..... Membership No.....
Address:
Tel No. Mobile:
Date:..... Signature.....

Name