



## *"One Heart One Voice Uplifting"*

Ladies' College Old Girls' Association 1909 - 2009

January 2009

On the 23rd of October 2008 at the Annual General Meeting we entered the centenary year of the OGA, which will culminate with the celebration of our 100th birthday in 2009. The Centenary year will be one of great emphasis on solidarity: whether young or old, whether we live in Sri Lanka or abroad, we remain as one, linked by the bonds of friendship and kinship as old girls of this, our best loved School.

Our theme for the centenary year is taken from our school hymn; "One heart one voice uplifting" which we believe is very appropriate in that our focus is on 'coming together through bonds of love, loyalty and commitment to our school.

As a forerunner to our theme we have over the past year organized regular fellowship evenings at which we keep in touch with our senior old girls who find it difficult to attend our regular events. This has been a resounding success as have been, all our other events in the past year.

I would like to stress the importance of continuing with one heart and one voice to support each other and the school for it is the only way in which we can effectively play our part. It is our privilege as old girls to provide expertise in many fields to help the school, whilst also maintaining institutional memory which is of great

importance to future generations of Ladies' College girls.

We believe the launching of the OGA Website is an appropriate opening event for our centenary year celebrations and one that propels us into the 21st century! With this website, we have created an 'electronic media highway' to bring our Alumni residing in all parts of the world into closer contact with the OGA and each other. It is a place where we could take a nostalgic virtual walk down memory lane whilst being informed of OGA- sponsored projects. It is our sincere hope that many old girls will re-connect with us and get involved with our activities.

Another important event that has been planned for the centenary is the "Lillian Nixon Memorial Oration" which will be delivered by Prof. Savitri Goonesekere.

May I take this opportunity to encourage and urge you to attend all the events that are being organized for this special and important landmark year. Those of you who live overseas, we would be delighted if you join us at some of these events.

Thank you & God bless you.

**Deepthi Attygalle**



## SCHOOL NEWS

Founders' Day Service  
at the Chapel

**13th February 2009**

Sports Meet

**20th February 2009**

## 100th Anniversary Publication



"The OGA will be issuing a publication to co-incide with its 100th anniversary. The Publication will contain articles of interest to the membership including its history, events organized by the Association and other activities. Please send in articles or other creative work that is relevant to or depicts any of the areas referred to, as well as pictures and news snippets. You will appreciate that we may not be able to use all the material forwarded due to space constraints. Please email Dhara at **dhara wij@hotmail.com** with your contributions or mail to **78/1 Old Road, Nawala**. Please forward the material as early as possible but definitely by January 30th, 2009.

*Building a house?*



**For Structural Engineering Services**

**Contact Prashanthi Edirisinghe  
(Chartered Engineer)**

**Tel. 0777385493**

# Centenary Dance

with  
*Misty and  
Sohan & Xperiments*



**Cinnamon Grand 24th July 2009**

## Flames of Friendship

Calling all Old Girls,  
School Girls, Parents,  
Teachers & Retired Teachers  
to celebrate together the  
centenary milestone of the  
Ladies' College  
Old Girls' Association



Join the school girls  
in fellowship and fun,  
music and song  
by the Campfire.

Come in your  
coolest  
casuals.  
Chat,  
sing,  
dance or  
just relax  
and  
reminisce.

A variety of  
stalls with  
**HOT HOT**

**Entrance Rs.100/-  
per ticket**

out from Founder's Day onwards.

Available from the  
school office or DVS office

stations .. snacks, bites,  
dinner & beverages

**27th March '09 from 5 p.m. onwards at the back garden**

## OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION CENTENARY

LILIAN NIXON MEMORIAL ORATION

“Womens’ Education: a Pioneer’s Vision”

PROF. SAVITRI GOONESEKERE

6pm Thursday 15th October 2009

Mabel Simon Hall

CENTENARY

Grand

*Birthday Celebrations*

Saturday 24th October 2009

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Chapel Of The Hope Of The World

10 am - Followed by Fellowship

GARDEN PARTY

At 5 pm

Galle Face Hotel

## Saturday 14th February 2009

### Founders' Day Service 9.30 am

Unveiling of plaques in memory of Ms Simon and Mrs Sirancee Gunawardana in the Chapel. The plaque for Mrs Sirancee Gunawardana was donated by the Ladies College Old Girls of Canada.

### Launching the Website 11am

At the Mabel Simon Hall

### Founders' Day Lunch 12noon

At the old hall

Ticket Rs 750 Only available with the committee and office till 10th February

### LAUNCHING THE WEBSITE - [www.lcoga.lk](http://www.lcoga.lk)

We would be happy if all members would be present at the launch to celebrate another milestone in our forward march. A colorful & impressive launch is planned and would include a demonstration to show each one of you present the ease of use and make 'e-connecting with the LC community' a happy & enjoyable experience. Each new year and each new activity takes us a step forward in the march of our alumni's history.

With this website we wish to achieve our ambitious plans of creating strong threads of nostalgia that would bring all our alumni in close contact. Very importantly our need is to connect and be in close communication not only in Sri Lanka but also globally too with LC girls around the world.

### Features

An informative website that will include the following:

- details regarding the history of the OGA, projects / activities
- connectivity with LC community and support areas.
- members could write in or forward musings, pictures and anecdotes.
- downloading of membership forms and donation forms
- website updates will be sent to your email on request (RSS feed)
- online news letter
- information on programmes and activities both past and future
- advertising facilities

***Thank you to AFFNO who waived the website development costs.***

# A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS EVENING

by Anne Abeysekere excerpts from the Sunday Island of 14th December '08

It was a charming gesture by the committee of the Ladies' College OGA to hold a "A Christmas Serenade Magical Christmas Evening for Elders." Ninety senior members of the OGA and a sprinkling of retired teachers, met on November 24 in the spacious dining hall of the school hostel for a well-planned evening of fun, fellowship and dinner. All were over 70, but more of us were well-above the biblical span of 3 score years and ten and we smiled at one another as we held on to our walking sticks and were guided to our tables by a welcoming committee of comparative youngsters who placed a bracelet of jasmines round our wrists as they greeted us. The fragrance of those jasmines seemed to permeate the room throughout the whole happy evening.

Oldsters don't often get about much, so this opportunity to catch up with friends from kindergarten days and talk of shared memories of times past in surroundings that were full of nostalgia for us, was a blessed event. A game called "Musical Lotto" was played before savory "bites" were brought to our tables together with glasses of milk wine that ushered in the festive mood. The more ambulatory among us moved around to chat with friends at other tables until we were all riveted to our seats to watch a fine exhibition of ballroom dancing given by a young man named Dilan (who holds classes attended by many Old Girls), partnered by an equally expert former student of his, one of our younger members.

Dinner was then served and it was a sumptuous, Western-style Christmas feast specially cooked by Old Girls whose culinary gifts were well-known. All those who waited on us that evening were attired in red blouses and had on their heads the typical Christmas-elf kind of red cap trimmed with white (our school colors), with a loop that ended in a white pompom. The table cloths and serviettes were also in red and white. The "cooks" wore attractive aprons as well. A tantalizing fresh mushroom soup whetted our appetites and the menu that followed lived up to the promise of the soup. For dessert, we had Delia's Christmas Pudding with brandy cream and some melting marzipans were served at the end.

"O Holy Night" was sung solo by a second generation "Old Girl" whose glorious voice held us spellbound and the beauty of that loved carol, as she sang it, will stay with us for a long time. A sing-along was on the program and we each received a neat little booklet containing the words of old songs and of carols, bound in red and white, to take away with us as a memento. We sang with happy gusto, even if not all our voices were at concert pitch. Finally, we sat for group photographs according to our ages those who were 70 to 75, 80 to 85 and 85 to 90.

All of us would unanimously join in a sincere Vote of Thanks to the OGA Committee, and particularly to those who worked so hard to see that everything went perfectly. It was indeed a memorable "Magical Christmas Evening" that we Seniors will not forget.

## WANTED

Songsters let's enlarge the LC OGA choir.

Practices are every Tuesday at 6.30 pm at the chapel.

Contact Shiralee 2810529 / 0777 270888 Anushka 0777357997.



## Newsletter

The cost of sending two newsletters (Rs 15/- each) to the membership (2500) per year costs Rs. 75,000/- This is more that the OGA can afford. It was therefore decided to curtail printing and postage by...

1. Emailing the newsletter to as many members as possible which would save on printing and postage.

2. Asking those who wish to receive a newsletter by post to reaffirm their addresses to confirm correct address and the desire to receive the newsletter.

We would appreciate a donation for Rs 100/-or more in favour of Ladies' College OGA to cover the cost of printing and stamps for the year.

Please complete the tear off in the newsletter giving your email / postal address and return it to the secretary ASAP before the 28th of February.

### Advertisements for the newsletter

**Rs 4000/- for a B5 size (half page)**

**Rs. 2000 Strip Advertisements**

**Rs.8,000 for flyers**



Name .....

(Maiden Name).....

Address .....

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.....Tel. No. ....Mobile: .....

☐ Please send the newsletter by email, Email address is .....

☐ Please send the newsletter by post

I enclose a donation of Rs .....towards the newsletter.

*(Please draw cheque in favour of Ladies' College Old Girls Association)*

Signature.....

Membership No:

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2008/2009

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Mrs Manisha Peiris - 250 1180

### TRUSTEES

At the AGM it was decided that members of the trust would be selected by the membership on the basis of the OGA constitution - which states the trustees should not be appointed to a trust for a period exceeding 7 years.

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**R re-elected** - Shayami Dodanwela and Sonia Fernando had completed two terms in office and therefore were not eligible for re-election.