



# NEWSLETTER

January - 2016



## Founders' Day Service and Brunch 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016



The Founders' Day service will be held at the School Chapel at 9a.m. on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, followed by Brunch at 10.30a.m. in the Old Hall. This year, we have a special agenda in store to celebrate and commemorate the founding members of Ladies' College. While we wouldn't want to spoil any of the surprises, we promise that you will have an unforgettable back-to-school experience. Tickets are priced at Rs.1,500 and will be available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (from 9a.m. – 1p.m.) at the OGA Secretariat from the 10<sup>th</sup> of January till the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2016.

We will be felicitating all old girls aged 90 and above on Founders' Day. Please contact Lilanthi on 0755 000 333 on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> of January.

### KEEP THE DATES FREE

14<sup>th</sup> of May – Members Day

**August – Talent Contest** (Yes you heard correct!) Polish those hidden skills, sing, dance, drum, act or display your acrobatics if you must. Whatever you're skilled at, show us and let us judge on how good you are. The contest is open to all old girls of any age group if you think you've got talent then bring it on! To participate contestants should be in groups of 3 or more.

Preliminaries will shortlist the best talent and the winners will get to showcase their talent at the finals which will be held in August. Applications will be available at the Secretariat from the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

Please note that all OGA events are for members only unless otherwise stated.

Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy and Peaceful 2016.

In retrospect, 2015 was an unanticipated year for me. Taking on the role of President of the OGA, I was entrusted with an unforeseen charge and responsibility. However, together with my dedicated team, we successfully completed two very important events in the OGA Calendar. In tribute to the seniors of the OGA, the Christmas Lunch was extended free of charge. It was a memorable day for the ladies and they had an enjoyable afternoon with games, dancing and Santa's company. It was gratifying to hear the ladies speak of the delightful time they had and have them share their joyful sentiments with us subsequently.

The Red Hot Christmas party was a milestone itself. We were sold out within a few days of ticket sales. It was overwhelming to see the enthusiasm extended by the old girls in organizing and bringing together this mega event. Despite the heavy rains that day, we executed an evening which was an epitome of fun and comradeship. Thank you to all of you who made it a very memorable event.

This year, we have a host of equally exciting projects which will further unite our OGA family and strengthen our ties. I hope to have the same participation, enthusiasm, commitment and undivided support of the membership as I avail your aid and assistance in working together and achieving the goals we have set before us.

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### Newsletters

The newsletters will be emailed to the membership while those who wish to have it delivered via postal mail will be required to pay a sum of Rs. 200 annually towards the cost of printing and postage. The next newsletter will only be posted to those who have paid the above amount. Cash or a cheque should be drawn in favour of the 'Ladies College OGA' and crossed A/C payee and should be handed over to the OGA Secretariat.

## "BATTLE OF THE LADIES" OGA Inter House Sports Meet - 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2016



Clock in the date. It's the 27<sup>th</sup> of February at 10am in the School back garden.

While the Sports Meet itself will comprise of several events, for which you would be required to register with your House-Captains, we urge you to get involved with the gamut of behind-the-scene activities which are in place to successfully pull off this mega event. Ladies, join your respective décor committees and help in the making of dummies, rosettes and house décor. Alternatively, you could join the cheering squads and cheer your house-mates to victory or register for the march past parade and salute and do the 'formal bit' of the day's schedule. In an effort to promote fellowship and strengthen our bonds, we strongly encourage you to muster your fellow house mates and get occupied with your house activities prior to the Sports Meet. We assure you that it'll be a lot of fun. Guaranteed!

For general inquiries call our Sports Meet Hotline on 0777-473041 Chethini / 0777-377921 Nirupa.

Please note that all participants have to be members of the OGA.

To register for the sporting event call on the following numbers;

Kaushi 0777792544/Yamindra 0777-937400-Dale  
Maya 0777630055/Shermali 0777743494-Loos  
Niloufer 0777 387 607/ Manoli 0777278464-Nixon  
Dilko 0777 772 888/Eranthi 0777535773-Whitney

House T-Shirts will be on sale from the 15<sup>th</sup> of January and is priced at Rs. 750/-. Entrance Tickets for the Sports Meet will be Rs. 250/- and will be sold from the 15<sup>th</sup> of January at the Secretariat.

Part of the proceeds will go towards the Chapel Trust for the renovation of the Chapel of the Hope of the World.

For more details stay tuned to our OGA Facebook page!

## Past Events



### Annual Seniors Christmas Lunch

The first event organized by the new committee was the 'Annual Seniors Christmas Lunch' which was held on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 in the Old Hall. The aim of this event was to honour and recognize the older OGA members aged 70 and above, for their continued loyalty to our Alma Mater and the support given to the school in their more active years. Among those present were past presidents, office bearers and members who worked tirelessly in the yesteryears, in an endeavor to give back to the school; a philosophy which we are trying to achieve to-date. The lunch was sponsored by "LC Cares" and a few old girls and was extended free-of-charge. The ladies were treated to festive wines and everyone enjoyed in 'merry spirit' while a live one-piece band entertained them with some good ol' oldies. We had various games where everyone participated in sheer excitement and cheer. We also had some dedicated time for the singing of traditional Christmas Carols and a handsome Santa made an appearance and handed out gifts as well. Santa ushered all the ladies to the dance floor and ensured that everyone had a holly jolly time. The ladies commended the committee on a well planned event and claimed that they were taking with them many wonderful memories to reminisce and recall in time to come.

### Red Hot Christmas Party

We took our annual Christmas Dinner to an exciting level with the "Red Hot Christmas Party" which was held at The Balmoral, Kingsbury on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2015. The evening commenced with canapés and cocktails on the terrace followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree and the singing of carols by our very own OGA chorale. Guests were surprised with a fantastic display of fireworks and the doors to the Balmoral were opened thereafter to a new wave of festivities. The ladies came clad in Red, Hot and Christmas attire, keeping in mind that Santa was on watch with fabulous gifts for the 'hottest' old girls at the party. Fun filled games were in plenty. The party continued as the ladies danced into the night to the music of Rajitha and Misty.

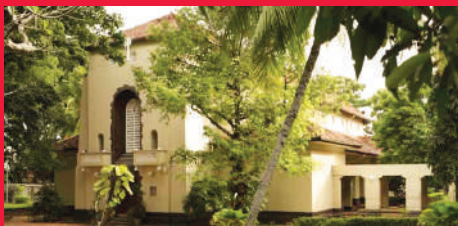


## The Chapel Trust - A Special Appeal

The Chapel of the Hope of the World - the beautiful, historic, heritage, has been the foundation of our faith, that sustained us all since we first trooped in as school girls for morning service. Incidentally, the Chapel has not been renovated since 1933, except for the repairs to the damage caused by the bomb blast in 1991. The Chapel Trust requests the support of the LC alumni and school fraternity, in their endeavor to enhance the renovation fund. This fund needs to be enhanced to Rs. 12 M in order to cover the following renovation work;

- Extensive roof work to stop leakages and ceiling repairs.
- Repair of gutters.
- Replacement of tiles.
- Electrical re-wiring (not done since 1933).
- Repair of dislodged pews and polishing of all wood work.
- Repair of damaged floor tiles.
- Interior and external painting.
- Improvement of quadrangle and garden areas.

Your generous financial donations could be sent by cheque or cash and will be acknowledged most gratefully. Cheques should be drawn in favour of - The Chapel of the Hope of the World, Ladies' College OGA Trust Fund. 'The Chapel Trust' should be indicated on top left hand side of the envelope and addressed to: The Treasurer - Ladies' College Chapel Trust, 66, Sir Ernest de Silva Mawatha, Colombo - 7.



### Vacancies in the School

- Assistant Manager Facilities
- Assistant Administrator and HR Manager
- Matron for Hostel and Day Care
- Teacher for the Special Education Unit (Minimum A levels)
- Teacher for the Learning Support Unit (Minimum A levels)
- Overseer for the Minor Staff

For more information please contact

The School on Telephone - 0094 11 2574303  
Fax number - 5518243  
Email: lcprincipal@sltnet.lk  
or post your application to  
Ladies' College,  
66, Sir Ernest De Silva Mawatha (Flower Rd),  
Colombo - 7.

## Database

We are in the process of updating our members' database and would appreciate your cooperation in this regard.

Please inform us if there is a change in your name, address or email address, or if you know of any member who has passed away by calling the Secretariat on 2575469 or emailing us at ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com

### SLIP TO OBTAIN A PLASTIC MEMBERSHIP CARD

Name.....  
MaidenName.....  
Address.....  
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Telephone (H)..... (M).....  
Email:.....  
OGA Membership No.....

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 "The Ladies' College OGA" and crossed "A/C Payee".

### Change of Name or Address

For Change of Name or Address please email ladiescollegeoga@gmail.com or post the changes to The Honorary Secretary, Ladies' College OGA, 66 Sir Ernest De Silva Mawatha Colombo - 7.

Name.....  
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### Obituaries

Sriya De Silva (nee Fernando)  
Ena De Silva (nee Aluwihare) Ena was the 1st winner of the Ingram Sheild in 1938  
Nilofer Ishak (nee Majeed)  
Lakshani Wijayathilake (nee Kadirigamar)  
Jean Viswalingam (nee Sivapragasam) Jean was a former member of the staff.

OGA SECRETARIAT (located near the pool area)

Administrative

Hours of operation Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Telephone 0112-575469

Mailing address : OGA Secretariat, c/o Ladies' College,  
66 Sir Ernest De Silva Mawatha, Colombo - 7.

Should you have queries, Ms. Aishwarya Napagoda, the Administrative Secretary, is available at the Secretariat and can be contacted.

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Lilanthi Goonewardene  
Honorary Secretary

## Ladies' College Old Girls Association Executive Committee 2015/2016

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