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From the Editor's Desk

I have a 20-year old confession to make.

As a 17-year old trying to settle on a college to spend my undergraduate years in, WCC didn’t even make my list. I had already been accepted at four other institutions and only agreed to visit WCC since it seemed to mean so much to my mother, who wanted to show me around her old Alma Mater.

But the very first time I walked through those gates, all of nature conspired against me. Summer was in full bloom and the campus was covered in a carpet of yellow. The sharp fragrance of cycus spores pierced the balmy air and just like that, I fell in love. All thoughts of other colleges evaporated and my casual visit turned into a 3-year stay.

20 years later, nothing has changed. I still enter the college gates, heart thudding, eager to experience the beauty and nostalgia that our campus affords so generously. Every single time. Die-hard WCC-ites reading this will know exactly what I mean.

Imagine my excitement and delight therefore, when the Alumnae Executive Committee so kindly invited me to be the Editor of the Alumnae Sunflower Magazine, for the 3rd year in a row, and in the college’s Centenary Year at that! My deepest gratitude to the President, the office bearers and the members of the committee, for this great privilege and their continued trust in my abilities.

I would also like to place on record, my thanks to Ms. Letitia J. for her cooperation and professionalism in getting this issue printed and delivered on time. And how can I not thank God for my husband Felix, who once again has freely given of his time and talents to create the design and layout for this issue.

Apart from the reports that will inform you of the wonderful work that the Alumnae Association is doing on campus, this issue is also packed with emotionally-charged reminiscences from alumnae, remembering their glory days on campus. There are accounts of the wonderfully accomplished women that WCC raised in her matronly bosom and endowed upon the world and also excited accounts of alumnae from around the world, who chimed in to celebrate the Centenary Year from across the seas.

As you read, it is my fond hope that you too will be inspired to join us on July 6th and 7th this year, as our beloved college turns 100. She celebrated you in your youth. She was your mother, your confidante, your song. Now, it is your turn to celebrate her, to thank her for choosing you, to appreciate the heritage that she endowed on every graduate that passed through. And I pray too, that your feet will find their way, back to her familiar paths.

Happy Centenary Year, everybody!

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.
– 1 John 1:7

God be with thee, our college, God protect thee, His light shine through thee – now and evermore...

Hannah Lauvanya
(Class of ’98)
Dear alumnae,

Greetings from the members of the Alumnae Executive Committee. We are a new body entirely – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Correspondent and five new biennial members. As President of the Association, it has been a true learning experience and a challenging one too, for me. I pray for God’s guidance in carrying out my responsibilities. I also earnestly request my fellow alumnae to support us in our activities in the forthcoming months and years.

We are well into the Centenary Year Celebrations of our beloved Alma Mater. These were kickstarted in July 2014 with a midnight Thanksgiving Service. The celebrations will culminate in another Thanksgiving Service at midnight on July 6th, 2015. A centenary is a once-in-a-lifetime event and I do hope as many of you as possible will join in this service and the celebrations to follow.

The alumnae are planning a contributory lunch on July 7th to raise funds for the Centenary Building. At the ‘Turning the Sod’ ceremony held on January 19th, we were given a glimpse of this new addition to the college campus. Read on for more details about this new building.

An appeal for an R.O. drinking water plant was given by the college and the alumnae decided to undertake it as one of our centenary projects. Generous donors have helped us achieve our target of Rs.3.75 lakhs. We hope this will ensure the availability of pure drinking water in plenty, when you visit WCC in July 2015.

We have also refurbished the Alumnae Committee Room on the ground floor of Main Hostel and thank the Principal, Dr. Waller and the PRO, Ms. Sarita Deepak for seeing to our creature comforts. We are now comfortably housed in this pleasant room where

A portrait of Miss McDougall smiles benignly down upon us as we plan our activities, seated around the conference tables and chairs, all donated by various committee members.

Our main outreach programme is the McDougall Nursery School. Since it is a charitable venture, we depend on funds raised from the Annual Food Fair as well as generous donations from our alumnae and well-wishers. The Food Fair is a time of fun and frolic for the students and faculty, who have wholeheartedly supported our cause by putting up stalls at the fair. This year we were able to raise Rs. 2.83 lakhs. The school offers the 80-odd children who study there, a pleasant and safe environment. Thanks to the generosity of Ms. Zubeida Asgarali, the electrical wiring and lighting were redone at a cost of Rs.20,000/-. We need about Rs.5 lakhs per annum to meet the upkeep of the school, the wages of the watchman and maid and for the mid-day meal and snacks for the children.

On January 30th, 2015 the ‘Alumna of the Year’ award was presented to Ms. Elizabeth Thomas of the class of 1965. She is a well-known educationist and social worker who singlehandedly established the first Law College for women in Karnataka. She started her career at WCC and is one of the distinguished alumnae listed on our website.

We are thrilled to announce the formation of the 100 Voice Centenary Choir. A long-felt lacuna has been filled by this choir which is a true amalgam of students, staff and alumnae. The choir mistress, Ms. Jayanthi Kamalaratnam Prabhakar is an alumna who is a very talented pianist, vocalist and conductor. She sings for several choirs and groups including the Madras Musical Association and the ‘Octet Cantabile’ and also conducts a children’s choir, the ‘Crotchets and Quavers’. Come and listen to the 100 Voice Centenary Choir perform at the Thanksgiving
Service in July 2015 and in the Festival of Choirs organized by the college at Christmastime. Singing together has forged a link in the chain of unity and brought the young, the old, the past and the present together, on a musical platform.

The ‘Homecoming’ celebration held on January 26th, 2015 was an occasion for the alumnae to renew their ties with batch mates, faculty and their Alma Mater. This year it was held in the Convention and Examination Center as the auditorium is under renovation. Our grateful thanks to our distinguished Principal, Dr. Ridling Waller and the faculty for hosting our Homecoming which is now an annual feature of college life.

I must share another piece of good news with you. Our Scholarship Fund, which stood at Rs. 3 lakhs when I took over, has now reached Rs. 6 lakhs. We provide scholarships to the college students and support staff as the need arises. We hope to enhance the core fund in the years to come.

On March 18th, 2015 we initiated 1067 students into the Alumnae Association. Our guest speaker was Dr. Ms. Nithila Masilamani, a distinguished retired faculty member. The worship leader was Ms. Georgina Abeysekera, an alumna of WCC and a teacher par excellence.

Our magazine, the Alumnae Sunflower, as you can see, is out on time. Our Editor, Ms. Hannah Lauvana-ya has achieved a creditable hat-trick by editing the Alumnae Sunflower for 3 years in succession. May I offer our deepest gratitude to Hannah and her husband, Mr. Felix Chandran for their devoted service to the Alumnae Association. No less do we owe a debt of gratitude to Ms. Letitia for printing and publishing the magazine in time for its release on D-day.

A Visitor’s Book, gifted by Ms. Sareena Mathew has been placed in the Principal’s office. I invite all alumnae visiting the campus to record their visit in this book.

We will be holding our Annual General Body Meeting in June 2015. I earnestly request all our faithful alumnae to keep this date free and support us with your presence at the AGM.

I thank all the committee office-bearers and the college office staff for their unstinted support and cooperation.

Vasanthi Mathew (née Edwards)
(Class of ’65)

The Secretary’s Report

Greetings from the Alumnae Association’s Executive Committee.

This is a special year in the history of our college! For those of us who are not in touch with our Alma Mater, this happens to be our CENTENARY YEAR as our college turns 100! On the 26th of June, 2014 the General Body met and welcomed the new office bearers of the Alumnae Executive Committee who had taken charge, as the terms of office of several members including the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Correspondent came to an end.
Soon after assuming responsibility, the committee renewed the Association’s registration as is routinely done and proceeded to spruce up the Alumnae Room. Thanks to the efforts of our President Ms. Vasanthi Mathew, Vice-President Ms. Nirmala Alexander and Asst. Secretary Ms. Kalpana Oommen, who spent hours cleaning up and changing the furnishings, the room is now very conducive for meeting together.

Our first task was to plan the Food Fair, the annual fund raiser for the McDougall Memorial Nursery School, a project of the Alumnae Association. The fair was held on 19th November, 2014. The day was bright and sunny and it was a lovely sight to see the entire college community out in the field, feverishly selling and buying a variety of items ranging from food stuff to costume jewellery. The alumnae stall was as usual filled with yummy cakes, sandwiches, puffs, coffee, pickles and plants. As a result of the enthusiastic buying and selling, we were able to raise nearly Rs.2.80 lakhs for the school! My special thanks to Ms. Anitha Srinath and Ms. Sudha Rangarajan who helped with the sale of the raffle tickets and at the Khazana stall.

Ms. Rani Paul, the new Correspondent of the school, along with the Assistant Correspondent Ms. Usha Kumar and the Mess Secretary Ms. Vandana Rachel, has been working sincerely to get several processes streamlined and has met all the government requirements for the year. This year, we had a strength of 80-odd students in both the LKG and UKG divisions. More details about the school in the Correspondent’s Report in this issue.

On 10th December, 2014 the Christmas Program was conducted at the college and the tiny tots of the McDougall Nursery School participated. They enacted the nativity with great enthusiasm and enthralled the audience by delivering their long scripts without a hiccup! We enjoyed the program along with the college students who encouraged the children with their clapping and cheering.

After the Christmas program, we met with the Senate members for lunch. Once again it was a time of fun and fellowship as we sang a few carols, played some games and the senate members listened to the anecdotes narrated by the alumnae members and bonded with us.

On 19th January, 2015 the Alumnae Executive Committee was privileged to join the college at the ‘Turning the Sod’ ceremony for the Centenary Building.

This year, the Alumna of the Year Award was given to Ms. Elizabeth Thomas (née Elizabeth Mathew – batch of 1965, Home Science) in recognition of her contribution to the field of education. She is a Doctorate holder in the area of Child Psychology and has served several institutions such as Mt. Carmel College, Bangalore and Bishop Cotton Women’s Christian College, Bangalore (where she served as Principal). She also helped establish Bishop Cotton Women’s Christian Law College, Bangalore – the first All India Women’s Law College in Karnataka and the second in the country. At WCC, she had served in the Home Science Department as lecturer and helped plan the Laboratory Nursery School for the Home Science Department.

The Initiation Ceremony welcoming the outgoing students of the college into the Alumnae Association was held on 18th March, 2015 soon after the Spring Sing (a musical extravaganza), presented by both the College Choir and the Centenary Choir (which is comprised of staff, students and a large number of alumnae). The Initiation Ceremony was a very solemn function as 1000 odd students passing out of the college, were inducted into the Alumnae Association. Dr. Ms. Nithila Masilamani delivered a short and crisp message to the students, giving them tips to face the challenges of the world outside. The worship service was conducted by Ms. Georgina Abeysekera (batch of ‘61) who gave a short message from the Bible, stressing the importance of being a light in the world, dispelling the darkness around. A special word of thanks to Ms. Sudha Rangarajan who helped us get the lamps ready for this ceremony.

The term of office for the following biennial members is coming to an end – Ms. Zubeida Asgarali, Ms. Javanthi Singaram, Ms. Sethulakshmi, Ms. Kanchana Manavalan and Ms. Ruth Prashant. I would like to place on record, their enthusiastic support, encouragement and motivation that gave us the confidence and courage to take up various Alumnae Association activities this year. A special thanks to Ms. Zubeida
and Ms. Javanthi for the financial support extended towards the McDougall Nursery School and the scholarship fund.

As the centenary celebrations of the college continue into the new academic year, I urge each and every one of you to take an active part in the activities of the college and the Alumnae Association, by keeping a close watch on the college website (wcc.edu.in). The Alumnae Association is also organizing a subscription lunch on the 7th of July, 2014 (more on this, inside) and the proceeds will go towards the Centennial Building Fund. Tickets are limited to only 500 participants. Therefore, do buy your tickets well in advance to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to meeting you all at the AGM which will be held in the last week of June 2015.

Priya Cycil
(Class of ’79)

Friday mornings are special. Retired folk like I, who have celebrated Golden Reunions, usually enjoy lazy mornings. Fridays however involve checking for WhatsApp messages. Where will the choir meet for rehearsal? Auditorium, CEC Hall (which used to be our new dining room those days), or the chapel? Creaky joints can’t get down on the floor, so the chapel is full of chairs.

It takes a few minutes for almost a 100 of us, including some staff and students as well, to organise our music.

Once the rustle of music sheets and folders has ceased, Jayanthi Kamalaratnam Prabhakar, our enthusiastic and very patient choir director, starts with warm-up exercises. If we seem sluggish, we have to stand up! Sruti Lall, a staff member from the Department of Psychology, is our equally patient accompanist on the piano.

Then, on to the actual singing. In my opinion, we are unevenly matched. The altos are professionals while the first and second sopranos are an entirely different story! Jayanthi once even asked us to Google memory tips because we kept forgetting our parts! Thanks to two strong voices on either side of me, I have been able to hold my own thus far.

Resplendent in pink uniform sarees with gold borders, we performed at the MCC School and in our very own Festival of Choirs last Christmas. This year, we have already sung at the Spring Sing and the Convocation. Our grand finale however will be at the centenary celebration event coming up on July 7th, 2015.

After singing in the choir under Dr. Corfield so many years ago, it is delightful to be able to sing again in the Centenary Choir. I enjoy the music and fellowship very much.

This daughter’s voice is having a joyful experience indeed!

Sareena Mathew
(Class of ’63)

Old Students Raise Their Voices
Greetings to you all!

The McDougall Memorial Nursery School is now 68 years old. 86 boys and girls (in the age group of 3 to 5) are studying in the LKG and UKG divisions. We have two teachers and the Headmistress is Ms. Anila Devakirubai. The LKG teacher Ms. Beulah is currently on maternity leave and a new trained teacher, Ms. Mahalakshmi has been appointed in her absence. We have also appointed a new watchman, Mr. Adhisayamani. His wife Ms. Kala has taken over the duties of the school ayah.

The temporary teacher, watchman are ayah are paid from the school fund. School maintenance, the electricity bill, the telephone bill, water tax, transportation expenses, mess expense and stationery expenses are all also met out of the school fund. The children are also provided with a daily lunch that is a healthy, balanced diet, inclusive of an egg.

Independence Day and Republic Day were celebrated by hoisting our national flag while the children sang the national anthem marvelously well.

Assistant Correspondent, Mrs. Usha Kumar has donated several things, including a stainless steel filter, a big stool and a few kitchen utensils that are currently being used at the school. I wholeheartedly thank her for her interest in the school and generosity. I also thank our Mess Secretary, Ms. Vandana Rachel for taking great care and showing a lot of interest in both the students’ diet and the mess accounts.

Sincere thanks to Ms. Zubeida Asgarali for generously contributing towards all electrical repair work and new fittings at the school, which cost more than Rs.25,000/-. I also thank Ms. Saraswathy Paul (batch of ’48) who donated a cot with a mattress for the servants’ room and am grateful to Ms. Kanchana Manavalan and Ms. Javanthi Singaram for their donations of a Garden Kit and 20 big mats, respectively.

On August 22nd, 2014 twenty final year M.Sc. Home Science students, along with 2 faculty members, conducted a seminar on “Food and Nutrition” and “Health and Hygiene” for the children and their parents. I appreciate and thank all the organizers for their great work.

On August 28th, 2015 an internal Audit was held for the school. I specially thank Alumnae Association Treasurer, Ms. B.S.Catherine for helping and guiding our teachers in preparing all the statements and reports.

September 5th, 2014 was celebrated as ‘Teacher’s Day’ and gifts were given to both teaching and non-teaching staff. Sweets were also distributed. A few Class 8 students of Asan Memorial Higher Secondary School donated 100 sets of note books, pencils, erasers and table books to our students. I thank them for this kind deed.

On October 19th, 2014 two DEEOs from DPI visited our school for inspection. They gave a good report on all the work, activities and records of the school.

As instructed by our corporation officials, we conducted a ‘Dengue Awareness Camp’ on November 7th, 2014 and a “Flu A H1N1 Awareness Camp” on February 16th, 2015.

On November 14th, 2014 Children’s Day was celebrated and sweets and special snacks were distributed to the students.

On December 10th, 2014 our children gave two fantastic items at the WCC Christmas program. The UKG children performed the Nativity Play wonderfully well while the LKG children danced graciously to a Christmas song in beautiful red frocks. Both
items were greatly admired and appreciated by the audience. I thank all the participants and teachers for their good effort. After returning to the school, the children were provided with cakes, bananas and a Tang orange drink, all sponsored by Ms. Usha Kumar. I thank her very much for the treat.

On December 19th, 2014 we celebrated Christmas with Ms. Kanchana Manavalan as our very jolly Santa Claus. The whole school was filled with joy and laughter as she entered the school, dancing and singing and the kids were all so excited to receive balloons and chocolate from Santa! Ms. Zubeida Asgarali provided us with loads of Christmas plum cakes, large 5-star chocolate bars and mango juice in cartons for all the students and staff. All of us enjoyed her treat and thank her for her frequent generosity. Each child was also given a lovely Christmas gift. Dr. Ms. Nirmala Alexander sponsored gifts for the UKG students, Ms. Ruth Prashant for the LKG students and Ms. Kalpana Oommen for the teaching and non-teaching staff. I thank all the donors and sponsors for their generosity and kindness that reflects our college motto, ‘Lighted to Lighten’.

Sports Day was celebrated in March and was graced by many visitors from out of town and abroad. They enjoyed their visits and cheered up our tiny tots by donating snacks. Sports Day prizes were sponsored by Ms. Hannah Lauvanya and I thank her for this.

Fire safety and sanitation certificates for the school have been renewed this year.

I sincerely thank our Principal, Dr. Ridling Margaret Waller for her great support and help. I also thank all the staff and students of WCC for helping us raise funds for the school, via the Food Fair. My special thanks to the Alumnae Executive Committee members for their strong support and encouragement. I also thank the teaching and non-teaching school staff for cooperating with me in all the school activities and for taking care of the school and children, so well.

Finally, I praise and thank God greatly, for His guidance and wonderful blessings over the last year.

Rani Paul
(Class of ’71)

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WCC comes to New York City!

Thanks to an email from my batch mate Ms. Sareena Mathew, I could go and meet the WCC team when they visited the Concordia College in the US. The venue being almost an hour and a half away from my dwelling in Manhattan, I was unable to attend the meeting and dinner that was scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Instead, the Principal graciously agreed to meet me at Concordia at 3:00 p.m. itself.

I was happy to meet her and the two people accompanying her who were handling the filming and script for these meetings. I was taken to the office of the President, who is from Chennai and whose sister studied Home Science at WCC (Ms. Pushparani), passing out about two years ahead of us.

They brought the Centenary Flag to the President’s office and draped it behind the chair on which I sat. Then the Principal brought a streamer on which I signed, mentioning the subject I had studied at WCC and the years I had spent there. She stood by me as I signed and the entire event was filmed. It was all very festive!

Many thanks once again to Sareena, for letting me know about the NYC get-together that I enjoyed thoroughly!

Renuka Ravindran (née Rajagopalan)
(Class of ’63)
Dear Alumnae, Friends and Well-wishers,

Greetings from WCC!

We are delighted to inform you that Women’s Christian College is celebrating 100 years of service to women and Higher Education on Tuesday, 7th July, 2015. On the eve of this historic occasion, 6th July, 2015, a Midnight Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Auditorium. Rev. Canon James G. Callaway, General Secretary, Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC), New York City, USA, will bring the Word of God.

A celebratory event is being organized on Tuesday, the 7th July, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the college.

- Release of Commemorative Postage Stamp
- Centenary Felicitations: Chief Guest, Guests of Honour & Distinguished Alumnae
- Centenary Anthem: 100 Voice Choir
- Centenary Film
- Planting of the 100th Centenary Sapling
- Hoisting of the Centenary Flag and Centenary Streamers
- Cultural Event

Details of the programme will be mailed in June 2015.

We wish to extend a very special invitation to you to join us in our celebrations on both days.

I hope this notification will enable you to schedule your travel plans and prepare to participate. You are requested to visit the official website of the college (wcc.edu.in) for updates.

**June 2015** – Chain of Prayer for 100 hours – from 6th midnight

Special events have been planned all through the Centenary year, **July 2015 to July 2016**, on the 6th/7th/8th of every month:

- **August 2015** - Sound and Light Show - depicting history and milestones of WCC
- **September 2015** - Centenary College Play
- **October 2015** - College Play - performance in other states / cities
- **November 2015** - Coffee Table Book
- **December 2015** - Festival of Choirs and Launch of Daily Devotion Book
- **January 2016** - Centennial International Conference on Viable Synergies in Mathematical and Natural Sciences
- **February 2016** - Centenary Sports Day
- **March 2016** - Centenary Graduation Day and Book Launch
- **June 2016** - Centennial International Conference on Gender Perspectives
- **July 2016** - Inauguration of Centenary Block & unveiling of Centenary Tree

Looking forward to a grand Centenary celebration. For additional information and assistance, please contact:

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Warm regards,
Ridling Margaret Waller
“If food be the source of satiation, then let’s have more of it” (with due apologies to Shakespeare for the derivation and deviation)! This could very well have been the slogan for the Food Fair held on November 19th, 2014 from 12:00 p.m to 2:00 p.m. The Fair is conducted annually for the sole purpose of raising funds to support the McDougall Nursery School run by the WCC Alumnae Association for economically underprivileged children.

The Food Fair was declared open by the Principal, Dr. Ridling Margaret Waller after a short prayer and the introduction of the new President, Vice President and Secretary of the Alumnae Executive Committee. The students, alumnae and guests were welcomed and invited to wholeheartedly participate and enjoy themselves.

The day was marked by love, laughter, fun and frolic for both the present batch of WCC-ites as well as those of us who have already passed through WCC’s hallowed halls and into its history. A variety of cakes, sandwiches, cutlets, samosas and hot and cold drinks had everyone rushing to the stalls and the sweet aroma of mutton biriyani filled the air. We all enjoyed a grand variety of delicious dishes that lured all our senses and tingled our taste buds.

The raffle draw and Khazana stall also operated side by side and several lucky participants carried away attractive gifts that day!

Of course, the alumnae stall had a green corner too, that showcased a wide variety of plants in beautifully designed pots.

The few hours that the Fair lasted, simply flew by as most of us watched the music, dancing and general revelry by the students who thoroughly enjoyed themselves and in no time, all the stalls were sold out!

Our thanks to each one of you who participated whole-heartedly to raise funds for the McDougall Nursery school through the Food Fair and were instrumental in generating a total net collection of Rs.2.83 lakhs this year.

*The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’* – Matthew 25:40

**Nirmala Alexander**
Vice President - Alumnae Association
(Class of ’70)
A major part of my life was associated with my dear Alma Mater, WCC. As I look back, I remember with what trepidation I arrived in Madras (now Chennai) to join WCC for a B.A. in History, especially since I was born and bred in Kerala where I studied in Malayalam medium schools. But the moment Miss Mason, the Principal, extended a warm welcome with her hearty smile and endearing words, as she did with all freshers, I felt assured of a friendly, homely atmosphere.

That was the turning point in my life. I became a resident student and slowly built up friendships with my classmates and roommates. Slowly I gained confidence and started talking to them in English.

It was 1949 and there were plenty of missionary staff in the college in all departments, from England, Canada, the US, Scotland and Australia. They were all such simple, efficient, dedicated and friendly women and we had to familiarize ourselves with their different accents. To meet students from all over India, Sri Lanka and other foreign countries was also most exciting.

It is with great admiration and respect that I remember my faculty – Miss Mason (who taught us Scripture), Miss Moore, Miss Padmabhai, Miss Chacko (later Ms. Jacob), Miss Bamford (for English), Miss Thomson, Miss Wigan, Miss Theophilus (later Ms. Palmer), Miss Samuel, Miss Thomas (later Ms. Olcott – for History, Politics and Economics).

My second language was Malayalam. There were just four of us in the Malayalam class. Our master, Mr. Kuttikrishna Menon was however very popular amongst all Keralites, staff and students alike. Our Physical Directress, Ms. Oommen, was very strict and efficient. Miss Dodd, a charming and doll-like lady with soft and sweet manners, was the Superintendent of Residence.

I’d like to mention two of my brilliant classmates – B.H. Vatsala and Kalyani Menon. The latter had a triple first class in the Final University Exam and received the prestigious McDougall Prize and the Miller medal for 1951.

The staff-student relationship was unique. The teachers were like our sisters or mothers, always concerned about our well-being and progress in studies. They visited our rooms and made enquiries about our problems and needs. We hostel-dwellers had the opportunity to meet all the resident staff during dinnertime when they mingled freely with us. In fact, it was my hostel life in Bungalow and Main Hostel during my B.A. (between 1949 and ’51) that provided immeasurable happiness and gave me my deep attachment to WCC.

The chapel service which I regularly attended every night and on special occasions gave me a new spirit and outlook. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire congregation devoutly singing church hymns and sang along. Some of my favourite hymns were, ‘Worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness’, ‘Silent night’, ‘Lead, kindly light’, ‘All hail the power of Jesus’ name’, etc.

We also enthusiastically sang our favourite College Songs, especially the songs meant for the Principal and the Senior Student. As I loved piano music, I would accompany my roommate, Mary Jacob, when she went to the Assembly Hall to practice on Saturdays. Three of us (Lakshmi Muthayya, Padmini Isaac and I) also got permission from Miss Chandravathi to practice on the veena kept in a special cupboard in the Assembly Hall.

I remember nostalgically my dearest Padmini teaching me a lovely song, ‘It’s moonlight on the river, Colorado’ and my next door roommate, Shanti beautifully singing Mohammed Rafi’s famous Hindi song, ‘Sohaani Raat’. In later year’s Miss Corfield’s ‘Spring Sing’ was an event that we looked forward to, very much. We also enjoyed listening to western
classical music at the Museum Theatre, rendered by the Madras Musical Association and conducted by the Late Mr. Handel Manuel.

The first Republic Day was celebrated in 1950 and we were taken in the college bus to see the fantastic illuminations in the city. WCC’s first Student Government constitution was also introduced and I remember our Senior Student, Anna Cherian, being cheered as the first Student President.

Between 1953 and 1985, I worked as a non-resident librarian at WCC for 32 long years and had the privilege of serving under four wonderful Principals during this time – Miss Eleanor Mason, Ms. Renuka Somasekhar, Ms. Anna Zachariah and Ms. Indrani Michael. I also met two of our early Principals, Miss McDougall and Miss Rivett when we celebrated the college’s 40th anniversary and Golden Jubilee, respectively.

While serving as the Treasurer and as the Secretary of the Alumnae Association, I came in close contact with several early alumnae such as Miss Pithavadian, Ms. Lily Edwards, Ms. Sarah Verghese, Ms. Tharyan, Ms. Philip, Ms. Susheela Kumar, Ms. Mercy Thomas, Ms. Devaneshan, etc., who gave me a lot of moral support and help especially during the Golden Jubilee celebrations and later at the Alumnae Sale Stall. I feel so grateful for all the love, understanding, generosity and consideration that I received during my student days and career.

Now at the ripe, old age of 82 plus, nostalgic memories of my precious association with my Alma Mater keep me feeling alive and happy. May the college motto, ‘Lighted to Lighten’, guide us always.

K. Ambika
Student (Class of ’51) and Librarian (1953 – ’85)

The AGM was held on June 26, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the WCC auditorium. The meeting commenced with an invocation song by the college students followed by prayer by Ms. Asha Alexander.

The Principal, Dr. Ms. Ridling Margaret Waller gave a short and crisp PowerPoint presentation highlighting all the achievements and activities of the college. WCC has made significant progress in the city and national ranking and is now ranked 5th among the top 10 colleges in the city and is also one among the top 50 colleges in the country. A number of national and international level conferences, seminars and workshops were organized. The college attracted much media attention when the students and staff actively donated hair for underprivileged cancer patients. In yet another fresh initiative the college hosted the Homecoming Day on 25th January, 2014 which threw open an opportunity for alumnae of all ages to walk into the college and to walk down memory lane. The Principal outlined the various programs planned by the college to mark the Centenary Celebrations which included a Thanksgiving Service on 6th July followed by a special program on the 7th that consisted of tree planting and a special flag hoisting ceremony. The chief guests were the Vice Chancellor of Madras University and UGC Vice Chairman. She also said that the college proposes to build a Centenary Block with all modern amenities at an estimated cost of 12 crores. The Principal urged the Alumnae mem-

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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING**

**ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION, WOMEN’S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**
bers to take an active part in all the activities planned towards the Centenary Celebration of the college.

**President’s Welcome Speech:**
The President, Ms. Susan Abraham welcomed the gathering and requested all to observe one minute of silence in memory of those who had passed away during the last year. She thanked the members of the Executive Committee and the Principal for her guidance. She mentioned that the Food Fair which is the main fund raiser for the McDougall Nursery School supported by the Alumnae Association, should he conducted earlier in the calendar year in order to raise the required resources. She also thanked all who helped make the Food Fair a success with particular reference to Ms. Reva Pershad and Ms. Pamela Thomas who contributed towards prizes for the raffle. She thanked Ms. Valli Alagappan for the donation of a computer to the Alumnae Office. The President mentioned that all activities of the nursery school went on as usual under the able supervision of the correspondent Ms. Rene George. She thanked Ms. Hannah Lauvanya for the efforts taken to make available the Alumnae Sunflower Magazine online, which will go a long way in reducing the cost incurred in printing and postage expenses. The President thanked Ms. Jayanthi Kamalaratnam who helped to train the Centenary Choir constituting of alumnae and students of the college. As her term of office came to an end this year, she thanked the Principal and the Alumnae Executive Committee for giving her the opportunity to serve the Association.

**Secretary’s Report:**
The Secretary, Ms. Sunita George reported that the new year commenced with the Food Fair which was held on 1st October, 2013. She observed that the usual enthusiasm was not there probably due to the fact that the students were busy preparing for other college-related functions. However, the Food Fair helped to raise Rs.2,31,020/-, the much needed resource for the upkeep of the McDougall Nursery School. The Secretary reported that Ms. Anita Reddy was chosen as the Alumna of the Year in appreciation of her efforts to create people-centric, participatory and viable housing projects in different slums in Bangalore city and her efforts for the upliftment of weavers and artisans. The Initiation Ceremony this year was yet another solemn ceremony with Ms. Meera leading the worship service and the speaker was Ms. Susan Koshy. The Secretary expressed her appreciation to Ms. Hannah Lauvanya for her efforts taken in making the Alumnae Sunflower Magazine available online for readers. She thanked Ms. Vasanthi Mathew and Ms. Rebecca Thomas for the efforts taken to add to the corpus of the scholarship fund through their sustained efforts. Thanking the President, Ms. Susan Abraham for her committed service to the Alumnae Executive Committee, the Secretary presented her with a floral bouquet. The Secretary thanked Ms. Rene George, Ms. Susan Thomas and Ms. Suryakala for their support and co-operation. She thanked Ms. Elizabeth, the Treasurer, for her efficient maintenance of the Association’s accounts.

**The Treasurer’s Report:**
The Treasurer, Ms. N. Elizabeth presented the account for the period 2013-2014 ending 31st March 2014 and requested the members to go through the accounts. The excess of expenditure over income was due to the cost of printing and postage incurred for the Alumnae Sunflower Magazine and also due to the high cost of food items being provided to the nursery school children. She said that since the magazine had gone online, the expense would come down to a great extent in the following years. Government grants for the school were received as usual. The balance sheet was approved.

**Proposed by:** Ms. Susan Koshy  
**Seconded by:** Ms. Shantha Ambat

As her term of office as Treasurer came to an end this year, she thanked the Principal and the Alumnae Executive Committee for giving her the opportunity to serve the Association.

**The terms of the following Office Bearers came to an end in June 2014:**
Ms. Susan Abraham (President), Ms. Vasanthi Mathew (Vice President), Ms. N. Elizabeth (Treasurer), Ms. Sudha Rangarajan (Asst. Treasurer), Ms. Suryakala Mohnot (Asst. Secretary), Ms. Rene George (Correspondent) and Ms. Susan Thomas (Mess Secretary).
Election for Office Bearers
1. Ms. Vasanthi Mathew - President – proposed by Ms. Susan Abraham, seconded by Ms. Gracy Joseph.
3. Ms. B.S. Catherine – Treasurer – proposed by Ms. Usha Kumar seconded by Ms. Elizabeth.
5. Ms. Kalpana Oommen – Asst. Secretary - proposed by Ms. Lakshmi Rajagopal seconded by Ms. Rene George.

The terms of the following Biennial members came to an end in June 2014: Ms. Rani Paul, Ms. Susan Koshy, Ms. Nirmala Alexander, Ms. Hannah Lauvanya, Ms. Anita Srinath.

Election for biennial members
1. Ms. Lakshmi Rajagopal – proposed by Ms. Reva Pershad, seconded by Ms. Shantha Ambat.

Auditors:
Mr. Sabu John, GSPU & Associates will continue as the auditor for the year 2014 - 2015.
 Proposed by: Ms. Susan Abraham
Seconded by: Ms. Kanchana Manavalan

The Secretary, Ms. Sunita George expressed her desire to step down from the post of Secretary.

Election for Secretary:
Ms. Priya Cycles – proposed by Ms. Vasanthi Mathew, seconded by Ms. Hannah Lauvanya.

The Secretary, Ms. Sunita George thanked the Principal, President, Treasurer, and the Executive Committee members of the Alumnae Association for the help and co-operation extended during her tenure as the Secretary of the Association.

Correspondent’s Report:
The Correspondent of the McDougall Nursery School, Ms. Rene George, gave a brief report on the activities of the school. The total number of children (LKG & UKG classes) is 70. The children celebrated Independence Day and Republic Day and Sports Day as usual. A sum of Rs.5000 was donated for prizes by well-wishers. This year the toddlers celebrated their Christmas Program in the college auditorium and Ms. Zubeida Asgarali donated sweets and snacks while Ms. Kanchana played Santa to the kids. A sum of Rs.5,98,527 was received by way of a Government grant. Ms. Poongothai donated shoes for the school children while about 300 sq. ft. of area was tiled thanks to the contribution of Rs.15,000 by Ms. Tanya Prasad. The Correspondent thanked the staff of the school for their cooperation and service extended to the nursery school as her office came to an end this year.

The former President, Ms. Shantha Ambat expressed her special appreciation for the sincere and meticulous services of the outgoing Treasurer, Ms. N. Elizabath.

The AGM was concluded by the Vice President of the Alumnae Association, Ms. Vasanthi Mathew, who proposed the vote of thanks.
Turning the Sod

With WCC gearing up to celebrate its Centenary, every day brings new happenings and excitement. The celebrations which began in July, 2014 are expected to go on till the end of 2016.

To mark the centenary year, the management has decided to construct a Centenary Building in our magnificent campus. The spade work for this project was begun much earlier and after getting all the paperwork in place, the ‘Turning the Sod’ ceremony was fixed for January 19th, 2014.

The day was perfect and as the function began at 4:00 p.m., the campus looked its glorious best. The programme began at the Convention and Examination Center, in front of an august audience which included the board members of the governing body of the college, the well-wishers of the college, the alumnae, staff, retired faculty and a large gathering of students. The Chief Guest for the evening was Brother Paul Dhinakaran, Chancellor of Karunya University and co-founder of the Evangelical Ministry, ‘Jesus Calls’.

The evening began with a welcome address by the Principal and this was followed by a very short address by Mr. Abraham Zachariah, President of the Governing Body of WCC. The Chief Guest, Brother Paul Dhinakaran spoke at length about his association with the college and his happiness at being a part of the Centenary Celebrations. He connected well with the students when he lightened the mood with many personal anecdotes. The evening was interspersed with beautiful singing by the Students’ Choir.

The later half of the ceremony was held at the site where the Centenary Block is to come up. The area was cleared and demarcated and there was a festive aura all around. Hundreds of balloons were kept ready to be released the moment the first brick was laid. Preceded by a short prayer, Brother Paul Dhinakaran and his wife laid the first brick and then, in order of hierarchy, representatives from every department, the student body, retired faculty, alumnae and non-teaching staff, laid a brick each.

The Vice Principal, Dr. Jannet Jeyasingh invoked God’s blessings on the occasion and the air was filled with a feeling of happiness and bonhomie. The evening concluded with snacks and tea/coffee for all.

Usha Kumar
Asst. Correspondent, McDougall Memorial Nursery School

Distinguished Alumnae in Recent Times

YAMUNA KRISHNAN (Chemistry, 1994), was awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science & Technology, the highest science award in India, for the year 2013, in the chemical science category. She is the youngest woman recipient of this award. She was also the recipient of the Indian National Science Academy Young Scientist medal in 2007. After working as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Cambridge, she worked at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, TIFR, Bangalore, before she moved in 2014, as professor, to the University of Chicago.

ASHA VERGHESE (Physics, 2003) who is an Assistant Manager at Tata Consultancy Services has been awarded the Best Young Manager 2015 by the Madras Management Association (MMA). The MMA Competition is a platform for young managers to exhibit their talent and leadership skills and thereby win recognition of their potential to excel and lead.
Ms. Padmavathy P. Naidu: A legend

She stood out as a staff member, wrapped in deep coloured silk sarees with borders and a typical hairdo, with jasmines adorning it in the traditional South Indian style. She was the only teaching staff member who drove her own car to the college from the fifties. A very soft spoken, gentle person, she knew students who did not study Hindi under her tutelage, and observed who were friends among the students too.

Joining the college in the fifties when Dr. Renuka Mukerjee Somasekhar was Principal, she served the college for more than two decades. Ms. Naidu was sent on a teacher-exchange programme to the United States of America in the sixties. She was away from college in 1965 and returned when Dr. Somasekhar invited her to, on the retirement of Ms. Kalyani in 1972. She was one among three staff who were on superannuation for two years after their retirement at the request of the Management (the other two being Dr. Somasekhar and Dr. Florence Theophilus, who served as Vice-Principal).

Ms. Naidu was a very popular teacher though she was very strict in her corrections. She talked in Hindi alone to the students so that they would be able to converse in Hindi. She was the only teacher who handled Hindi Paper I and Paper II and she cared very much about her students. When I was in the Pre-University class, she called me to find out about a friend who was not present in class that morning. I reported to her after checking that my friend was ill.

Ms. Naidu also helped in the cultural activities of the college and participated in several events at WCC. She endeared herself to many students and staff and several WCC-ites were her friends. She enjoyed their company and entertained alumnae.

I requested a classmate, Ms. Renuka Ravindran, who studied Hindi under Ms. Naidu to convey her thoughts and this is what she had to say: “My thoughts go back to over fifty years ago, when Ms. Naidu taught us Hindi. She was a dignified person on campus, tall and composed with not a hair out of place. Though she never raised her voice, she commanded respect. She would drive up in her old black car from her house in Kellys and was never rushed or in a hurry. She kept in touch with many of our classmates over the years and even attended our ‘ruby’ reunion. We remember her with love, gratitude and respect.”

Ms. Naidu’s grand-daughter, Roshini studied Psychology in the 1980’s at WCC. Ms. Naidu wanted her to experience WCC to the fullest as a resident student in the hostel. She took part in the College Play all three years of her study here.

Displaying her generous nature, Mrs Naidu deposited an amount with the college for the Premavathy Naidu Hindi Prize a few years ago, instituting four prizes for the best students in Hindi.

She had a list of friends from WCC that she kept in touch with regularly and she gave her family the name of one of these friends to contact, upon her demise. Ms. Naidu was a noble soul who lived by our college motto, ‘Lighted to Lighten’, to light many lives. We thank God for such a life as hers!

Adella Paul
(Class of ’63)
Celebrations At McDougall Nursery School
Ms. Elizabeth Thomas, a well-known educationist and social worker, was chosen and honoured as ‘Alumna of the Year’, 2015. Rolling shields were also awarded for highest collection in the Food Fair, among Shift 1 & Shift 2 Departments.
Homecoming Day - 2015

Alumnae of all ages came home to celebrate their common love for WCC on January 26th, 2015 by forging a new bond with the current students and strengthening their enduring bonds of sisterhood with each other.
The sweet voices of students, faculty and alumnae ring out together in a mellifluous blend of past and present, under the able baton of Ms. Jayanthi Kamalaratnam Prabhakar (Class of ‘87).
This year’s recipient of the ‘Alumna of the Year’ award, Ms. Elizabeth Thomas (née Mathew), charmed us with her demeanour and friendliness when we met for tea before the ceremony on January 30th, 2015. This prestigious award was instituted 6 years ago by Ms. Indrani Michael in memory of her parents. The Alumnae honoured Ms. Elizabeth Thomas with this award at the Convention Centre in the college campus and her impromptu speech about herself and WCC, brought back wistful memories to many of us. She said she felt deeply honoured to receive this award from her Alma Mater, especially in the Centenary year.

Young Elizabeth had polio as a child, but being disabled in no way affected her path in life and her strong will to do her best. The turning point for her was at the young age of 12 when her physiotherapist said to her, “Everyone is disabled in some way or the other, but you must always strive to do your best.” Many years later in Boston, she was told the same thing by a psychologist, Zola, in a wheelchair. Ms. Elizabeth also mentioned that throughout her school and college days, she was not given any preferential treatment, but was treated like any of her peers and did not ever feel different.

Ms. Elizabeth completed Pre-University and B.Sc. Home Science between 1961 and 1965. During this time she held many positions on various committees in WCC, such as memberships in the Assembly Committee, Home Science Association, Stores Committee and College Play Costume Committee (all 4 years). She also served as College SCM Secretary and as Vice President of SCM, North Arcot District. In her final year, she served as Chairperson - Religion and as a Senate Member.

She continued her studies at M.S University, Bada with M.Sc. in Home Science - Child Development. As she was interested in working with physically challenged children, her dissertation topic was “Self-Evaluation and Aspiration Level of Orthopaedically Handicapped Children.”

She then decided to come back to WCC and take up a teaching position in the Home Science Department from 1968-70. She is fondly remembered by her first batch of students, some of whom are members of the current Alumnae Association Committee. As ever she was willing to shoulder many responsibilities. She helped plan the Laboratory Nursery School of the Home Science Department, was the Staff Advisor to the SCM unit and the Costume Committee for College Plays, served as Staff Rep (Jr.) on the Alumnae Association Committee, was Staff member in charge of the Food Stall for the College sale and was also in charge of the stores for the mid-day meal of the children at McDougall Memorial Nursery School. All this was an indication of the causes she would later achieve towards the betterment of Women and Children. She further holds a Doctorate in Child Development Psychology from the Madras University.

Ms. Elizabeth has had an illustrious career in the education of Women. She was with Mt. Carmel College, Bangalore for 20 years, teaching Human Development, Women’s Studies and Extension Education. Training students to be nursery teachers was of special interest to her. She became the Head and later Dean of the Department.

A lot of experience was gained by working in preschools in Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A. She was also the Principal of Bishop Cotton Women’s Christian College, Bangalore for 4.5 years and the Principal of Bishop Sargent School (ICSE stream) and Pre-University College, Tumkur, Karnataka for 3.5 years. She established the Bishop Cotton Women’s Christian Law College, Bangalore, which is the first all-women’s law college in Karnataka, and the second in the country.

Ms. Elizabeth was a member of the Academic Council, Bangalore University and also a Council member on the Board of Goodwill Christian College for Women, Bangalore and WCC, Chennai. She was also a member of the Education Committee, a pol-
icy-making body of the Karnataka Central Diocese, which runs many schools and colleges including professional colleges. Ms. Elizabeth served as consultant cum Director to establish the Prudence International School, Tumkur, Karnataka and she is currently a member on its Management Board. She is also a Preschool consultant to the Jain group of Institutions, Bangalore.

Between all these achievements, Ms. Elizabeth successfully raised 2 children - Sushma who graduated from W.C.C in 1973 (B.Sc. Zoology) and Varghese, a lawyer in Mumbai. She is married to Mr. P.S.S Thomas, IAS (Retd.).

In 2001 Ms. Elizabeth was the recipient of the F.T.A. Mathias award instituted by AIACHE for Best Principal.

Elizabeth continues to show an active interest in Women’s issues and is actively involved with the YWCA, being the former President of YWCA, Bangalore. She is keenly involved with Mobility India, which is an NGO for Training and Rehabilitation of the disabled and was a former President of this organization. Her interest has always been in giving back to the society that we live in and her achievements in this direction are highly commendable.

Her parting advice was, “Work hard and do the college proud and it is important to do the best you can!”

Padma Ashok  
(Class of ‘79)
About 20 years ago, a plump young woman faced a herculean challenge. She had to lose weight, about 18 kilos of it. What made it herculean was that she was the only one chosen out of 4,000 young women from South India who had answered an advertisement for pilots from the Indian Air Force. The message from the IAF was clear, “You meet all our requirements, except for the extra kilos. Lose them.”

Sweat and abuses followed (not tears though). Nutritionists were consulted. The entire family went on a diet so she wouldn’t be tempted to sneak a murukku (or three) on the sly. Everyone rose at four thirty in the morning to swim for an hour, followed by an hour of running in Guindy National Park and finally played shuttle badminton for an hour. And then she faced watermelon for breakfast instead of pesarattu upma. This gruelling schedule was repeated in the evening. A hundred and twenty days and a few thousand laps later, Deeptha Chitrapu, from WCC’s History Department class of 1993-96 was in the Air Force Academy in Hyderabad.

At the end of her first month in the academy she sent us an audiotape where she narrated her experiences including how she had incurred the undying wrath of all the young men from the National Defence Academy - famous for being the cream of the Indian armed forces - for pointing out rather artlessly, that for a woman who had never held a rifle in her hands, she seemed to have better aim than they in the marksman classes.

She rose to the rank of Squadron Leader, serving in Jorhat, Sulur and Agra, picking up the honour of being the first female pilot in the country to be cleared for bombing. “You have to fly level,” she explained, “while opening your ramp in mid-air and calculating how the difference in weight as you drop the bomb, is going to affect you.” However, at that time, the Air Force did not retain women officers for more than ten years and so in 2008 she retired and joined IndiGo airlines as a commercial pilot, captaining Airbus A-320s.

In 2013 her persistent complaints of acidity, stomach cramps, weight loss and exhaustion were diagnosed as third-stage stomach cancer. She wrote down all her passwords and made sure at least three members in the family had them. She asked to stop at an Udipi restaurant so she could have a spoonful of pav bhaji one final time before checking into the hospital for surgery. Chemotherapy followed and it gave her a brief respite of a few months before the cancer recurred, months that she spent collecting and planting flowering perennials at the farm in Andhra Pradesh where our parents live.

She planted spinach and potatoes and anything in the kitchen that had sprouted, including onions, ginger and turmeric. She asked for goats and chickens. She changed her WhatsApp status to ‘Carpe Diem’. She said she had a bonanza the day she watched two mynas in addition to her daily visitor, the blue jay. She threatened the domestic help with sit ups if she dropped anything. She planned menus with our mother and wrote her will asking for her savings to be spent on “mitigating hunger and promoting wom-
en’s empowerment” in the village. “I would like to get better,” she explained, “but if I don’t, a good captain has to prepare for all eventualities.” She asked for one window to be left open when she realised that the bamboo and tile farmhouse was in the direct path of cyclone Hudhud. “That,” she said as she monitored the weather updates from her bed, “is what a 180 kmph wind feels like.” When she could no longer walk to her nursery, she made us take pictures so she could monitor the daily progress of her plants.

In her final moments as she faced an excruciating bout of pain, she sang out loud. She sang Billy Joel’s song, ‘In the middle of the night’ (In the middle of the night/ I go walking in my sleep/ Through the desert of truth/ To the river so deep).

The first chicks on the farm hatched the next day. A hornbill watched us as we gathered her ashes. The turmeric harvest has just come in.

_Sunitha Chitrapu_
(Class of ’92)

Initiation into the sisterhood

When graduating students reach their last semester in college, they feel the inevitable pangs of leaving and never returning to the place they have learned to love so well over the last three years. The Initiation Ceremony meticulously planned and conducted by the Alumnae Association, is a way of inducting the final years into the Alumnae Association, and assuring them that their bond with WCC remains unbroken, even after graduation.

This year, the ceremony was held on March 18th, 2015 and included all students passing out from both the Shift 1 and Shift 2 streams. The programme started with the lighting of the kuttuvilakku by the Principal, the office bearers of the Alumnae Association, and the senior alumnae in the audience. Following this, Ms. Sweetlyn Moses prayed, invoking God’s presence at the ceremony.

Ms. Nirmala Alexander, Vice-President of the Alumnae Association, then took the stage and introduced the Speaker for the day - Dr. Ms. Nithila Masilamani (former Vice Principal and Head of the English Department) and the Worship Leader for the day - Ms. Georgina Christobel Abeysekera.

Dr. Masilamani advised the initiates to prepare themselves for the choices they will make on leaving college. She reminded them that whether they chose to study some more or begin their careers or get married, they should never fail to draw from the values, knowledge and skills acquired at WCC.

Ms. Vasanthis Mathew, the President of the Alumnae Association, lit the lamps of the Members of the Student Union, and they in turn lit those of the Student Representatives of each department. Together they read the oath that is taken by every student passing out of WCC.

The choir performed two songs, and Ms. Abeysekera led the worship. Her message was that a lamp should not be hidden under a bushel, but should be kept high above, so that the light touches and illuminates a larger circle. After this, the department representatives collected the lamps and Alumnae Association membership cards for the students of their respective departments. The ‘Alma Mater’ was sung and the programme concluded with about 1000 students becoming Life Members that day.

_Javanthi Singaram_
(Class of ’75)
Musings of an Alumna:
60 odd years ago

It is 60 years since I graduated from this prestigious institution and had the privilege of attending the midnight service commemorating the 100th year of our Alma Mater. As I was preparing myself to attend the celebrations, my mind raced back to my time in college when we celebrated its 40th Birthday. I had memories of my aunt (one of the early alumna), bearing the college flag and leading the procession in front of the Science Block. As I was reminiscing the past, I had the urge to pen down my thoughts and so here they are.

After completing my Intermediate studies at Holy Cross College, Trichy, I visited my aunt’s house in Coimbatore for the holidays. There her assistant’s two sisters were getting ready to go to WCC. So my aunt decided that my sister (Dr. Vimala Jepegnanam) and I would also join them and go to study at WCC. My mother had often told us that her name was written in a paper and buried under the chapel. So, excited to be a part of the institution where our mother had also studied, my sister and I joined WCC in the year 1952.

I joined B.A. History and my sister, the Intermediate course. We were residents and our room was in the top floor of Main Hostel. Six of us shared the corner room and we became good friends. Our friendship continued even after we all married. Recently, I had the opportunity to spend time with one of my roommates, Valli (a Maths student), during Homecoming - 2014.

The Clock Tower and the flowering trees were something we enjoyed very much. I remember with reverence the High Table that we had every week. We took turns to be at the High Table. It was considered a privilege to have dinner with the Principal and Resident Staff members. Good food was served at the High Table but for us students from remote parts of Tamil Nadu, it would be an evening of awe and dread and we rarely ate our fill though the spread was good.

I also remember the mobile canteen that came in, on a particular day in the week. The canteen owner had good food, but alas he was stationed just behind the Principal’s office and resident students dared not skip their lunches to go and eat in the canteen! Of course once in a way our taste buds got the better of us and we would go and relish some delicious dosa or puri.

On evenings when outings were permitted, I remember crossing the Cooum river and walking up to ‘Hansas’, a favourite ‘hangout’ of yesteryears. It is where we got all our stationery and if funds were sufficient (money was always in short supply those days unlike today), we would have a taste of the delicious Hansa ice cream and walk back to the hostel before 6:00 p.m. to sign the register.

I cherish fond memories of our trip to the Ajanta Ellora Caves. On our way back, we went to Hyderabad and visited the Salarjung Museum, the Palace and the Golconda Fort. And hold on to your hats, but the entire trip cost us only Rs.75/-!

Once we went to the Trade Fair and saw Sherpa Tensing and his wife standing on a raised platform. There was a big crowd around them, asking questions and touching them. They were full of smiles.

In those days WCC never declared ‘rain holidays’. So the very first time it happened, we wrote ‘WCC makes history. Enjoy yourselves!’ on the board.

I still remember the last day after we wrote our exams. We came back to our room, threw our books on the cot and washed our hair saying, “Let us put a full stop to our studies!” We all then chatted the entire night and left the next day to Coimbatore.
I had a memorable time at WCC. I love my Alma Mater and am proud of being an alumna. I will cherish its happy memories and the values it taught me, all my life. I thank my God and Creator who gave me the opportunity to study at WCC.

History did not stop with me however; Three of my four daughters studied at WCC and one of them currently works in the Department of Zoology. I am also proud that four of my six granddaughters have had the privilege of studying at WCC. There is just one thing I have always told my children and grandchildren – “To enjoy WCC to the fullest, you must be a resident and none of you have had that privilege!”

LONG LIVE OUR ALMA MATER!

Sugantha Thomas née David
(Class of ’54)

The Senate Lunch
Where the past met the present

The Alumnae Executive Committee is an active body that plans and arranges events to bring together, past and present students and faculty of the college. It is a vital link in the Chain of Unity and now that we are in the landmark centenary year, it is our earnest and pleasant endeavour to ensure that this link is further strengthened and more members join in to become an important part of this celebration.

To reach out to our present students and give them a taste of our spirited involvement, the Alumnae Executive Committee hosted an informal get-together for the senior representatives of the Student Senate body in the Riverlands Dining Hall.

The tone was set with a mix of games to introduce and familiarize the alumnae members and the senior students. After this entertaining ice-breaker, the alumnae members served a scrumptious lunch to the students and then ate with them, while regaling them with stories of “our time” at WCC and swapping notes on what had changed in the hostel and on the campus since then.

Ms. Sareena Mathew, a former Vice President of the College Student Union, asked about the room that the Student President currently occupies and was surprised to learn that it is the same room that she had been privileged to occupy during her time at the college.

After exchanging such pleasantries over second helpings of the delicious carrot halwa, the afternoon’s repast enthused the senior students to keep their ties with the college going and to continue their close association with their Alma Mater even after graduation, making the link, longer and stronger.

Reva Pershad
(Class of ’69)

JUBILEE ALERT

50th Year Reunion of the Class of 1965
Date: July 5th, 6th and 7th, 2015 at WCC
50 years is a great reason to celebrate our sisterhood. Please don’t miss it!

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I will be attending the AGM on 26th June, 2015
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Life Member: Yes [ ] No [ ]

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Phone: ____________________________ Email: ____________________________

My contribution by local cheque no: _________ / Outstation DD no: __________

drawn in favour of the ‘Treasurer, Alumnae Association, Women’s Christian College’

for Rs. ____________________________

The Alumnae Scholarship Fund [ ] The Good Samaritian Fund [ ]

The McDougall Memorial Nursery School [ ] Dr. Elizabeth George
Scholarship Fund [ ]

Events for the Year – 2015 to 2016

July - First meeting of the Alumnae Executive Committee members

August - Food Fair in aid of the McDougall Memorial Nursery School

September - Alumnae Executive Committee meets the Senate members

December - Christmas entertainment by the McDougall Nursery School children in the College Auditorium

January - Presentation of the ‘Alumna of the Year’ award instituted by Dr. Indrani Michael in the memory of her parents
- Homecoming

March - Initiation ceremony for the outgoing college students
- Publication of the Alumnae Sunflower Magazine

April - Farewell for retiring faculty and staff and committee members, hosted by the Alumnae Executive Committee

June - Annual General Body Meeting
AGENDA

1. To approve and adopt the accounts of the Association for the year ending 31st March 2015
2. To appoint the auditor for the year 2015 - 2016
3. To read the Secretary’s report
4. To elect members to the Executive Committee for the year 2015-16
5. Any other business

The terms of the following biennial members are coming to an end
1. Ms. Kanchana Manavalan
2. Ms. Ruth Prashant
3. Ms. Zubeida Asgarali
4. Ms. Javanthi Singaram
5. Ms. Sethulakshmi Jayaraman

The following names have been proposed for biennial membership for 2015 – 2017
1. Ms. Anitha Srinath
2. Ms. Rene George
3. Ms. Jemima Ruban
4. Ms. Mariam Andrews
5. Ms. Susheela Rajendran

Biennial members for 2014 – 2016
1. Ms. Lakshmi Rajagopal
2. Ms. Padma Ashok
3. Ms. Sareena Mathew
4. Ms. Reva Pershad
5. Ms. Georgina Christobel Abeysekera

Invitee Editor: Ms. Javanthi Singaram

List of Executive Committee Members for 2015 – 2016

Office Bearers

President - Ms. Vasanthi Mathew
Vice President - Ms. Nirmala Alexander
Secretary - Ms. Priya Cycil
Treasurer - Ms. B.S. Catherine
Asst. Secretary - Ms. Kalpana Oommen
Addl. Secretary - Ms. Sweetlyn Moses
Asst. Treasurer - Ms. Susan Koshy
Correspondent - Ms. Rani Paul
Asst. Correspondent - Ms. Usha Kumar
Mess Secretary - Ms. Vandana Rachel
Staff Rep – Shift 1 - Ms. Kalavathy Santhi
Staff Rep – Shift 2 - Ms. Asha Alexander
Staff Rep – Shift 2 - Ms. G. Nancy Elizabeth

All other nominations to be sent before June 15, 2015
Mariam Chandy Jacob (née Chacko) was a true daughter of Women’s Christian College, having spent most of her life within its portals. She entered as a student to do her Intermediate, finished her BA, spent two years at Madras Christian College where she obtained an M.A. in English Literature and returned to WCC to serve as a staff member in the English Department. She remained to become the Head of the Department and continued till her retirement in 1977.

She was a stately figure, always dressed in starched fine cotton sarees in white or pastel colours, with a serene demeanour. Ms. Jacob had many talents. She was a fine needlewoman and would teach those who wanted to learn, smocking, cross-stitch and all kinds of embroidery. She was also a good cook and the English Department often enjoyed pot-luck lunches which were the envy of other Departments. Under her benign leadership, all the other members had contented lives where there was hardly any friction. One could opt to teach the subject of one’s choice and all decisions were taken democratically. Ms. Jacob was always ready to help people, but she was also strict and had high standards.

She had a great sense of humour and would regale us with stories of her childhood, her classmates (some of whom were still teaching in the college), and of course about the “madamas” under whom, she studied. I always felt she should have written it down, calling it, ‘Glimpses of the past at WCC.’

Here is one about Miss Coon: In those days, hot water would be heated on the campus and delivered to the staff rooms by the gardeners. There was one fellow who brought the water to Miss Coon’s room and she opened the door of the bath and said, “Pour, pour.” The poor fellow thought she was telling him to go away in Tamil, which he did! After this happened a few times, it was sorted out by the Matron.

Ms. Jacob was not prejudiced or hide-bound, but she had a loveable quirk. Whenever she saw a girl from Kerala who was dark and rather plain, she would say, “She doesn’t look like a Malayalee, does she?” This would amuse the whole Department, but it was said with such guilelessness that it would offend nobody.

She married late, but was an incurable romantic. Mr. Jacob would drop her off at Rivett House every morning. She would stand on the verandah and wave to him till he was out of sight.

A good, sound teacher, she had a host of admirers. Her life and work were a testament to the college and reflected its culture and values.

She lavished her love and care on her only son, and he in turn, was very attached to her and cared for her with great devotion.

When I joined the college after my honours, she took me under her wing. I will always be grateful to her for her kindness and concern. We enjoyed a long and unbroken friendship till her passing in 2014.

A wonderful and loveable person, I am sure she is at peace with God.

Nithila Masilamani
Former Vice Principal and
Head of the Department of English
Out of the blue last year, I got a telephone call from Ms. Sarita Deepak, the College PRO, asking if I could attend a meeting with the Principal and other alumnae in London on October 4th, 2014. Of course I agreed immediately. After some initial hiccups surrounding the venue, Ms. Titty Elizabeth Philips (the Head of the History Department) who was accompanying the Principal to London, telephoned to confirm the meeting and venue. So, off I went.

We were about 20 alumna – mostly very young – with a few of us ‘oldie goldies’! We were warmly welcomed by the Principal, Dr. Ridling Margaret Waller and Ms. Philips. They were accompanied by Mr. Rajkumar, the official photographer of the centenary celebrations, and Ms. Babita, responsible for developing the College website. We were very happy that Ms. Elizabeth Palmer could attend. She had travelled some distance to be there. Such commitment!

The event commenced with a short presentation by the Principal, setting out arrangements for the centenary celebrations. She sought our collective help in delivering the centenary projects and requested that we all attend the jubilee celebrations in July 2015.

Over tea and nibbles we introduced ourselves and generally reminisced about our time at the college and how we considered those years to be the most valuable and happiest of our lives. It was great to network and communicate with each other, coming as we were from different majors and different periods of study at WCC.

Soon it was time to leave, but not before signing the Centenary Banners that would be hoisted, along with the Centenary Flag, on 7th July 2015 and having our group photo taken for the Coffee Table Book to be released at the same time. We had all enjoyed being there and would not have missed the occasion for anything. I was a student during the Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1965 and I certainly hope to participate in the July 2015 Centenary celebrations too.

I conclude with special thanks to Dr. Waller and Ms. Philips for travelling to UK, Ireland, USA and Australia to raise awareness and meet with the alumnae. Given their busy administrative and academic schedules, we appreciate their time and effort. They even brought us gifts – fridge magnets depicting scenes of the College campus and a mug (only for the old timers like me). The magnets are now proudly displayed on my fridge and the mug is frequently used. Following the meet, we all received a thank you note from the Principal as well, which was much appreciated.

Long may our College continue to prosper and go from strength to strength.

Chandrika Badrinath
(Class of ’68)
EVENTS CALENDAR FOR THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Starting with the 6th and 7th of July 2015, an event a month is being planned through 2015-2016 to celebrate the centenary year of our college. The alumnae are welcome and encouraged to be present and to participate in these events.

On 6th July, you could possibly plan to visit the college, spend time with old friends, teachers and acquaintances and visit old haunts, and then participate in the Midnight Thanksgiving Service scheduled to begin at 11.00 p.m. that night.

7th July is the day for celebrations and festivities, the details of which are in the Principal’s letter to the alumnae and well wishers (included in this issue).

The Alumnae Association will also host a subscription lunch on campus for WCC’s alumnae and well wishers between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on 7th July. The subscription will be Rs.2,500/- per head, with the proceeds, after meeting the expenses, going towards the Alumnae Centenary Project Fund. Those interested in attending may please register using the form below, by 15th June, 2015 at the latest. Please note that seats are limited and only the first 500 subscriptions can be accommodated.

Please visit the alumnae page on the college website (wcc.edu.in/alumnae) for details of the celebrations. You can also follow us on Facebook.

Do join in and celebrate with us!

REGISTRATION FOR LUNCH ON 7TH JULY, 2015

Name: ___________________________________________ Number of guests: __________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________ Telephone No: __________________________

*Cheques may be drawn in favour of ‘The Treasurer, Alumnae Association, Women’s Christian College’ and sent to, Women’s Christian College, College Road, Chennai 600 006 or handed over to any of the members of the Executive Committee. Please write your name in full and also mention ‘Centenary Lunch’ on the back of the cheque and on the envelope. Kindly also provide an email id so that we can acknowledge your registration.

For more details about the lunch, please contact any of the following Alumnae Executive Committee members:

1. Ms. Kalpana Oommen - kalpana.oommen@gmail.com
2. Ms. Zubeida Asgarali - zubedhala@gmail.com
3. Ms. Lakshmi Rajagopalan - rajagopalan.lakshmi@gmail.com
4. Ms. Sareena Mathew - sareenam@me.com
5. Ms. Reva Pershad - revapershad@yahoo.co.in
AUDITOR’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
WOMEN’S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHENNAI ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of Women’s Christian College Chennai Alumnae Association, as at 31st March 2014, Receipts and Payments Account and also the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date annexed thereto. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An Audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We further report that:

i) We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

ii) In our opinion, proper books of account as required by law have been kept by the association, so far as appears from our examination of those books.

iii) The Balance Sheet, Receipts & Payments Account and Income and Expenditure Account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of accounts.
iv) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the said accounts give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India:

a. in the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the Association as at 31st March 2014; and

b. in the case of Income and Expenditure Account, of the Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended on that date.

Place: Chennai
Date: 29-05-2014

For G S P U & Associates
Chartered Accountants
FRN: 011266S

Sabu John
Partner
M No.214882
WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHENNAI, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
No.51, College Road, Chennai 600 006

BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31ST MARCH, 2014

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As per our report of even date
For GSPU & Associates
Chartered Accountants
FRN 011266S

S. Abraham
President

Sunita George
Secretary

Elizabeth N
Treasurer

Sabu John
Partner
M No.214882

Chennai
5/29/2014
### SCH 1 - CAPITAL FUND

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| Opening Balance | 559,125 |

### SCH 3 - DESIGNATED FUNDS

#### 1. Dr. Elizabeth George Scholarship Fund

| Opening Balance | 41,564 |
| Add: Bank Interest | 456   | 42,120 |

#### 2. Centenary Year Project Fund

| Opening Balance | 216,832 |
| Add: Bank and FD Interest | 17,404   | 234,236 |

#### 3. Dr. Florence Theophilus Prize Money

| 23,674 |

#### 4. Clock Tower Fund

| 23,674 |

#### 5. Good Samaritan Fund

| Opening Balance | 198,896 |
| Add: Bank & FD Interest | 1,844   | 53,100 |
| Donation          |         | 253,840 |
| Less: Donation Given |       | 253,840 |

#### 6. McDougall Memorial Nursery School Fund

| Opening Balance | 691,307 |
| Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure | (203,886) | 487,421 |

#### 7. Ms. Indirani Michael Endowment

| 40,000 |

#### 8. Scholarship Fund

| Opening Balance | 248,266 |
| Add: Bank and FD Interest | 1,269   | 2,001 |
| Add: Donations Received | 251,536 |
| Less: Scholarship Given | 25,000   | 226,536 |
| **Total**          | **1,331,501** |
### SCH 6: CURRENT ASSETS

1. Life Membership Fund  
   - Cash at Bank - IOB A/c 2630: 88,534  
   - SBI A/c 9960: 21,387  
   - Advance to MM Nursery School: 41,419

2. Alumnae Association Fund  
   - Cash on Hand: 9,215  
   - Cash at bank IOB a/c 2689: 50,995  
   - Advance to LM Fund: 45,000  
   - Advance to School Fund: 163,480  
   - Advance to EGS Fund: 6,285  
   - Advance to GS Fund: 3,000

3. McDougall Memorial Nursery School  
   - Cash on Hand: 14,519  
   - Cash at Bank - IOB 5691: 44,739  
   - SBI 70902: 565,943  
   - CBI 41203 (Mess A/c): 2,602

4. Dr. Elizabeth George Scholarship Fund - CBI 158: 11,725

5. Centenary Year Project Fund - CBI 815: 50,431

6. Good Samaritan Fund - IOB 8630: 36,867

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2014**

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**Excess of Expenditure over Income (A-B)**: (115,776)

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Chennai
21/05/2014
WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHENNAI, ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
McDougall MEMORIAL NURSERY SCHOOL

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2014

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| **CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2014** |

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