

## **Report of the Alumnae Association for the Period April 2016 to March 2017**

The Alumnae Association plays a pivotal role in maintaining a very cordial relationship with and among the former students and teachers of the College. 2016 – 2017 being the Golden Jubilee Year of the College, a Grand 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion was organised along with the Alumnae Accolades 2017 (held in honour of Late Dr. Sr. Cleopatra, Founder of the Association) on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The celebration named “The Golden Leaf” was inaugurated by Sri. Kochouseph Chittilapilly, Chairman, V-Guard Industries, an illustrious entrepreneur, writer and philanthropist. The Presidential Address was delivered by Rev. Sr. Anija CMC, Provincial Superior. The Corporation Councillors, Sri. P. Krishnankutty Master and Smt. Sampoorna M. S. And the Principal, Dr. Sr. Maries V. L. offered felicitations. It was a nostalgic gathering for Vimalites who came back to their Alma Mater from around the world. Cultural programmes were organised wherein alumnae showcased their talents. The retired teaching and non-teaching staff were specially honoured. The Golden Jubilarians and Former Stars of Vimala were given mementoes. An Alumnae Bazaar was put up which hosted kiosks and stalls of popular brands of clothing and accessories along with household items. The Gloria Award for achievement at the international level was conferred on Smt. Leelamma Santhosh, a renowned athlete. The Excelsia Award instituted for national achievement was awarded to Dr. Rajalakshmi Achath, Project Leader and Ethnographer, Danish India Project. Prof. Sathy M. Retired HoD, Department of Chemistry was bestowed with the Gracia Award for her meritorious services to the Association.

The Annual Reunion and General Body Meeting of the Association, held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the College Auditorium began at 10:00 am with a prayer. The gathering of former students, retired staff and present faculty members were accorded a warm welcome by the Co-ordinator of the Association, Dr. Sr. Marriette A. Therattil. The ceremonial lamp was lit, followed by the Chief Guest’s address. Ms. Annie T. Mandi, Retired Principal, St. Raphael’s H. S. S., Ollur was the Chief Guest for the day and in her speech expressed her happiness at being back to her Alma Mater and shared her memories with the audience along with an inspiring message to be the best each one could be. Dr. Sr. Ritty J. Nedumpara, the Convenor of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations spoke about the progress of the fund collection towards the furnishing of the Golden Jubilee Conference Hall being sponsored by the Association. The departments of Sociology, Zoology and Physics were doing well and had contributed substantial amounts towards the same. Alumnae who were working hard in this direction were felicitated. Dr. Sr. Maries V. L., Principal, addressed the audience and offered her felicitations. Ms. Sheeji Raphael, Secretary of the Association presented the Annual Report while Ms. Rose V. J., Treasurer, presented the Financial Report of 2015-16. The special invitees, the Silver Jubilarians (Graduates and Post Graduates who graduated in 1991), were presented with souvenirs. The 2016 graduate and post graduate batches were initiated into the Association by their respective tutors and Department Heads with silver badges. Dr. Shinju V., Joint Secretary of the Association proposed a vote of thanks which was followed by the Executive Committee Elections and the General Body Meeting.

The Association in collaboration with the UGC –Centre for Women’s Studies and the NSS organized a “Leadership Skill Training Programme for Mothers” on January 12 2017 at

the New Seminar Hall, Vimala College. The core aim of this training was the development of “Leadership Qualities” among mothers. Mrs. Neelima Ranjith (Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Union Christian College, Aluva, Ernakulum) was the Chief trainer of the programme. The programme had two sessions with the first session starting at 9.30 am. In the first session, Mrs. Ranjith pointed out that every person, especially mothers faced challenges in maintaining qualities and skills and mothers should possess the qualities of flexibility, persuasiveness, delegation, efficiency and compassion. During the process of parenting mothers should be alert to their children’s every action. During the second session (11.15 am to 12.30 pm) she described how mothers become role models to their children especially girl child. The mothers were motivated through the activities and interactive sessions.

The Star of Vimala contest held in honour of Rev. Sr. Stella Maria (Former Principal) to recognise the best outgoing student was organised in January 2017. While the off-stage round was held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Final On-Stage Round was organised on 24<sup>th</sup> January. The following teachers were the judges for the Off-Stage Round: Dr. Sherly M.D., Ms. Anuja J and Dr. Minimol K. and the following teachers were the judges for the Final Round: Ms. Susan David (Situation Round), Dr. O. J. Joycee (Current Affairs) and Dr. Bindhu Ann Philip (Just a Minute). While Archana Vinod (B.A. English) bagged the title, Meera Davi Chalissery (B. Com) and Aparna Thomas (B.A. English) were adjudged the First and Second Runners Up respectively.

(NOTE: This Annual Report has been prepared for documentation at the College level and follows the period April to March. However, the Association observes October to September as its annual period as the General Body Meeting and Executive Committee Elections are held along with the Annual Reunion that is organised on the Second Saturday every October.)

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