

Report of the Alumnae Association 2016-17

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 50th Reunion was organised along with the Alumnae Accolades 2017 (held in honour of Late Dr. Sr. Cleopatra, Founder of the Association) on 9th 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 8th 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 13th January 2017, the Final On-Stage Round was organised on 24th 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.

Alumnae Accolades held in honour of Dr. Sr. Cleopatra, Founder Coordinator was organized on 27th July 2017. The Chief Guest for the day was Ms. Najeema U, National Best Teacher

Awardee who is also an alumna of Vimala. The following are the awardees: Gloria Award : Ms. Molly Benedict; Excelsia Award: Sr. Chaitanya CMC; Gracia Award: Prof Ratnam M. S.

In collaboration with the UGC CWS, the Association organized a one-day Leadership Skill Training Programme for Mothers on 17th August 2017. Mr. O. A. Babu, Sub Inspector, Mobile Traffic was the Resource Person.