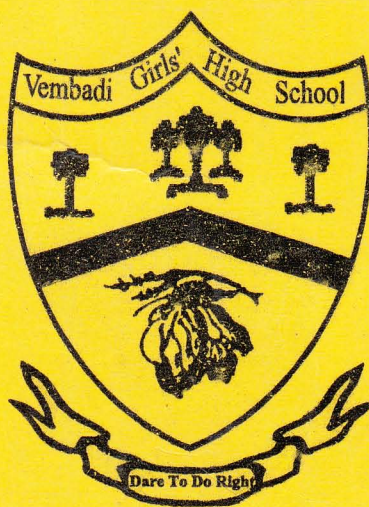


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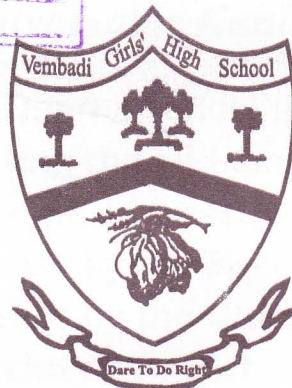


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Vembadi Girls' High School

Old Girls' Association

SUNDAY 24 JUNE 2007

Venue : Mabel Thambiah Hall

Chief Guest

Dr.(Ms). Navamalar Kanagaratnam

10.00 a.m

Hosting the school flag
Lighting the oil Lamp
Welcome address by the President
Address by the Executive Patron
Address by the Chief Guest
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Vote of Thanks
Members introducing themselves
Election of the office bearers
Suggestions
Entertainment Students, VGHS
School Hymn

- Executive Committee -

The Vembadi Girls' High School Old Girl's Association

Executive Committee 2004 - 2007

Executive Patron:	Mrs.K.Ponnampalam
Vice Patrons:	Mrs.N.Ganeshalingam Miss.P.Gunaratnam Mrs.A.Kirubairajah Miss.R.Rajaratnam Miss. K. Veerasinham
President:	Mrs.M.Rajaram
Vice Presidents:	Mrs.R. Mahesan Mrs.G.Paramarajah
Past President:	Dr.Mrs.G.Sivapathasundaram
Secretary:	Dr.(Mrs)S.Sivachandran
Asst. Secretary:	Mrs.T.Kugan
Treasurer:	Mrs.S. Ananthakumarasamy
Assistant Treasurer:	Miss.T.Punniyamoorthy
Committee Members:	Miss.A.Balasingham Mrs.G.Ganeshalingam Mrs.D.Ganeshamoorthy Mrs.L.Mahesan Mrs.R.J.Mariyanajagam Mrs.T.Tharmaratnam Mrs.K.Sabanayagam Miss.S.Selvaratnam Mrs.Y.Selvaratnam
Coopted Committee Members:	Mrs.K.Rasanayam Miss.S.Sinnanathanby Mr.D.Thanabalasingam
Auditor:	Mrs.R. Balasubramaniam



Seated left to right:
 Mrs. Y.Selvaratnam, Mrs.A.Kirubairajah, Mrs.N.Ganeshalingam, Mrs.M.Rajaram (President), Mrs.K.Ponnampalam (Principal),
 Dr.Mrs.S.Sivachandiran(Secretary), Mrs.R. Mahesan, Miss.P.Gunaratnam, Mrs.S. Ananthakumarasamy

Standing left to right
 Miss.A.Balasingham, Mrs.G.Ganeshalingam, Mrs.D.Ganeshamoorthy, Miss.S.Suganthi(Office Assistant), Mrs.G.Paramarajah,
 Miss.T.Punniyamoorthy, Mrs.K.Rasanayam, Miss.S.Selvaratnam, Mrs.K.Sabanayagam, Mrs.L.Mahesan, Mrs.T.Kugan

Absent:
 Dr.Mrs.G.Sivapathasundaram, Miss R. Rajaratnam, Miss. K. Veerasinham, Mrs R.J.Mariyanajagam, Mrs. T.Tharmaratnam,
 Miss.S.Sinnanathanby, Miss.D.Thanabalasingam

Message from the president

The executive patron Mrs.K.Ponnampalam, Deputy principal Mrs.S.Sockalingam, The chief guest Dr.Navamany Kanagaratnam members of Vembadi Girls High school old girls association, staff and friends.

It is my pleasant duty and privilege to welcome you all to the annual session. I am very much pleased to have you all today. We have worked with the main objectives of promoting a sense of loyalty, fellowship and good will among old girls of our Alma Mater.

I am proud to mention that old girls of Vembadi are doing very good service for the betterment of the school in the development of Education, co-curricular activities, which help them in the development of their personalities, and skills in Information Technology, Western music and English language. Our old girls are identified all over the globe as competent leaders in all walks of life.

The teachers are honored on the teachers day by our association. On the prize day the talented students are motivated by awarding gold medals in the name of our past principals, past teachers and past old girls. In the year 2004 Ms.Gowry Ganeshalingam volunteered to offer two gold medals. It gives me pride to mention here, that in the year 2006, Vembadi Girls' High School produced hundred percent passes in the G.C.E O/L examination and all were qualified for G.C.E. A/L. We congratulate the principal, teachers and the students.

We convey our gratitude to Vembadi old girls association, Canada for financing the payment for two teachers, supply of school bags, financing for buying band instruments western music and for the tutor Mrs.Jebaneshan who is an expert and our former teacher, for training western music after school hours. They also financed for participating in world youth chess competition and for boundary wall for the safety and security of the students.

It is my privilege to mention that old girls association U.K. branch gave financial support for the purchase of books, shoes for 100 most deserving students and financial support for 100 most deserving students in the secondary classes as projects. They are prepared to help in promoting Information Technology education by financing to set-up a computer laboratory and equipment and advanced £ 700 pounds for this purpose. We thank our U.K Vembadi Education Trust(VET) for financing to purchase a multimedia projector and the activities in the school curriculum.

Our old girl and former deputy Principal Mrs.Sivambikai Ponnambalam came forward voluntarily to give free English classes after school hours. We had a get together on the 8th of April 2006 with our old girls from various departments and fields. New members enrol every year. A former staff Mrs.N.Pathmanathan from USA visited our school and gave a donation for the development of school.

We are grateful to the Old Girls' Association of Canada, UK, UK-VET, Colombo and past pupils for their kind assistance for the betterment of the school and upliftment of the students. We thank the old girls for their dedication, faithfulness, sincerity and sentiments toward our Alma Mater. My thanks are due to our committee for their co operation given to make the projects a success.

I thank you all for your presence here today

Dare to do right!

Mrs.Mangayakarasi Rajaram (B.Sc, M.A.Ed)

Message from our Executive Patron & Principal, VGHS

I take great pleasure and enthusiasm in sending this message to the souvenir published by the Old Girls' Association of our school, on their Annual General Meeting

The achievements of the students of Vembadi Girls' High school upholding the prestigious highest pedestal in the Peninsula both in curricular and extra curricular activities through the traumatic periods are commendable. It is their courage; wisdom and hard working that make their success possible. The credit should also go to the enthusiastic parents and dedicated past pupils.

I wish to endorse my sincere thanks to the OGA, Jaffna for extending their helping hand to the school not only by donating school bags, shoes and financial support to the needy children and volunteer teachers but also by building the 100' eastern boundary wall in collaboration with the Alumni living abroad. It is remarkable that they offer 10 gold medals at our Annual Prize Giving to the best students in various activities.

I wish to exploit this moment to express my sincere thanks to the Alumni in UK and Canada.

I wish the association every success in their future endeavours.

Mrs. Kamaleswary Ponnampalam

Executive Patron & Principal VGHS

Message from the Deputy Principal, VGHS

It gives me great pleasure to pay my tribute to the Old Girls association of Vembadi Girls High School, Jaffna, on behalf of the Executive Patron - the principal.

The Vembu (neem tree) is always sacred and held in high esteem by the Jaffna man for its purity, sturdiness and herbal value. True to the word "Vembadi" has turned out women who are best known for their steadfastness, efficiency and untiring work. Every student who stepped into this institution has received a valuable all embracing education from her childhood till she reached the threshold of an adult. Our girls have left their mark wherever they have been, holding challenging positions and have made remarkable achievements.

I take this opportunity to thank all our past pupils for the great honour they have brought to their Alma Mater through their innumerable contributions.

The parent body of the OGA in Jaffna as well as its branches strewn all over the world have helped the school in many ways by their financial support and other incentives which have encouraged our students immensely.

I wish the OGA - Jaffna will remain as a beacon to lead all its branches world over by "STANDING BY THEIR DUTY AND LOYALTY TO THEIR ALMA MATER"

S.Sockalingam
Deputy Principal,
Vembadi Girls' High School
Jaffna

Message from the president OGA - Canada

Dare to do right and dare to be true...

As president of the VOGA Canada, I have great pleasure in sending greetings and good wishes from our association to yours.

We regret that the situation in Jaffna has not been conducive to holding regular meetings of the association but at the same time, we are not surprised that you are making an effort to meet as often as possible. After all aren't determination and perseverance hallmarks of Vembadi Girls? It is our hope to be able to help you in whatever manner possible to reach your goals as an association. Due to unavoidable circumstances, we were unable to send you the finances last year.

Our school has made us what we are and though time and distance have separated us from our Alma Mater, our love and loyalty to her, continue undiminished. With the aim of fostering these feelings, we try to provide many opportunities to showcase our talents and virtues. Such events as our film shows to collect money for the school; Picnics, Kalaivizha (this year in association with the Jaffna Central College OBA), participation in netball and badminton tournaments organized by Jaffna school sports association, and of course, for our grand finale, the annual dinner dance - are all part of our year's programs. But underlying all these activities, it is our earnest desire to be a source of strength and support to our school.

In spite of all these problems and difficulties that face her, may Vembadi continue to function as efficiently and effectively as she has, from the time she was founded.

LONG LIVE VEMBADI and LONG LIVE VOGA all over the world

Sincerely and with much love,
Rathy Arulanantham, nee Sellthuri
President September, 2005 - 2007
VOGA Canada

Message from the President OGA - UK

It is with great pleasure that I send this message for inclusion in the souvenir marking the Annual General Meeting to be held on the 23 June 2007.

This year represents the 23rd year for VOGA UK, which was inaugurated by the late Miss Mabel Thambiah in 1984. Since then the Association has grown from strength to strength with the hard work, dedication and determination of the Executive Committee. We have organised events to raise funds to support our Alma Mater at its time of need. Our current main aim is to help the school with their computer equipment project to increase the students' access to the important world of Information Technology.

We are proud to note that the students of Vembadi Girls High School achieved an outstanding performance of 100% pass rate in their O/L exams in December 2006, which is indeed gratifying. On behalf of VOGA UK, I would like to congratulate the Principal Mrs K Ponnampalam and her fellow teachers for their sincere hard work and dedication in achieving their goals.

We are filled with nostalgic memories of our Alma Mater, Vembadi. Our education moulded us to become well developed and responsible individuals, who are sensitive to the needs of society. It is our duty to pass these traits on to future generations.

On behalf of our Association I would like to wish VOGA Jaffna every success for the future.

Best Regards to All

Mrs Geetha Vijayadeva

President VOGA UK

Secretary's Report

The Executive Patron, the Chief Guest, the Vice principal, members of the OGA, staff and friends,

I have immense pleasure in submitting this report on behalf of the executive committee of the OGA, Vembadi Girls' High School. First of all, I wish ^{to} apologize for the delay in conducting this Annual General Meeting. We had made several attempts to conduct AGM but due to unavoidable circumstances we were not able to conduct the meeting as planned.

This Executive Committee held fifteen executive meetings and majority of the members attended for all the meetings.

In the first executive meeting it was decided to appoint an International Coordinator and to coordinate all the OGA's around the world under the Executive Patron-ship of the Principal. Dr.Mrs.G.Sivapathasundram was unanimously elected as International Co-ordinator.

At the first meeting of the committee a unanimous decision was made to continue with the projects undertaken by the last committee and also to identify more projects for the enhancement of the students and upliftment of the school.

The following projects were undertaken,

- **Supplying Shoes and Socks for Needy Students:**
100 needy students were issued shoes and socks. Rs.40,000 was spent at the rate of Rs.400 per student. This was funded by OGA, UK.
- **Financial Support to Needy Students:**
Hundred vulnerable students were given financial assistance and OGA, UK supported to this project.
- **Employing Science Teachers:**
To alleviate the shortage of teachers to teach the science subjects two science teachers were employed by OGA, OGA Canada supports one teacher while OGA, Jaffna supports the other teacher.

- **Physical Training to Students:**
Provide support to the supply of refreshment during physical training. This was funded by the OGA, UK.
- **Special English Class:**
With the view to enhance the English language knowledge of the students, the executive committee requested Mrs.S.Ponnampalam to conduct special English classes. She voluntarily rendered her service and OGA wishes to convey its gratitude to her for her valuable service. Students were encouraged to participate in this programme.
- **Reconstruction of the Western Band:**
The executive committee decided to identify students with special talents and give training especially in Western music. The service of Mrs.Jebanesan was obtained for this OGA paid her an honorarium to her to appreciate her valuable service and her travel cost was also met by the OGA.
- **Assistance to Library Development :**
With the help of OGA, UK a complete set of illustrated Encyclopedia of Science and Nature and software, to computerize the library were purchased and handed over to the Library.
- **Boundary Wall:**
A boundary wall was constructed on the northern side of the school compound at the cost of Rs.154,000. OGA, Canada assisted for this construction work.
- **Assistance to Student to Participate in the World Youth Chess Championship:**
Miss Vithiyaranee, a student of Vembadi Girls' High School was selected to participate in the World Youth Chess Championship in Greece. The OGA came forward to give financial assistance to this student to cover the travel and other expenses. The amount donated for this was Rs. 1,15,946.75. Out this expenses OGA Canada gave Rs.83.000, OGA UK gave Rs.20,000 and and the rest was met by our OGA. The student and her parents are very thankful to the OGA for this assistance.

- **Multimedia Projector:**

A multimedia projector was purchased and handed over to school. The Vembadi Educational Trust (VET) gave financial assistance to purchase the multimedia projector.

New Members

The following persons were enrolled as new life members,

Mrs.T.Tharmaratnam

Miss.P.Nethagini

Miss.P.Ketharini

Miss.T.Nanthini

Miss.I.Jeyanthi

Miss.S.Sobiga

Miss.N.Namitha

Miss.K.Thayamanthi

Miss.T.Jeyathesewary

Miss.A.Sutharabavani.

Scholarships and Awards

This executive committee also continued to give eight gold medals for excellence to students in various disciplines. Our committee could not add more fund to the scholarship fund as planned initially.

Felicitation to the Principal

We honoured the principal of Vemabdi Girls' High school with a gold medal as she was awarded the best principal awards '*Vidya Wijaya Sri Sammana 2005*' by his Excellency the President of Sri Lanka at the National Teacher's Felicitation Ceremony.

Appointment of Auditor

Since the auditor Mrs.R. Balasubramaniam left Jaffna, the executive committee decided to appoint Miss.S.Kanagaratnam as the new auditor.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Principal and staff of the school, the executive members and other members of the OGA for their co- operation and the assistance rendered to me during my tenure as secretary.

Thank you and wish you all the best.

Dr.Ms.Sivamathy Sivachandiran
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Income and expenditure Account of the VGHS-OGA Account From 01 March 2004 - 31 May 2007

Expenditure

Paper Advertisement & Printing	7,706.00	Membership	1,200.00
Stationery	2,571.75	Donations	
Ex-Co meeting	3,129.00	OGA(UK)	251916.00
Cheque Book	300.00	OGA (Canada)	369867.00
		OGA (UK Trust Fund)	249862.00
Debit Tax	1,181.78	Dr.K.Kurunathan's Contribution	20000.00
Scholarship (100 Students-2004)-UK	60,000.00	Mrs.Aston Library	17953.00
Shoe (100 Students-2004)-UK	40,000.00	FD Interest	
Salary (OGA Staff, Teachers)	229,000.00	From BOC	113016.76
Band Training & Improvement	55,815.00	From Commercial	23,516.44
Prize day 2004, 2005 & 2006	18,880.00	Interest earned from PS A/C	19,342.37
		OGA- Shop Recovery	117250.00
Transferred to Prize giving Fund	4,000.00	Balance from Colombo OGA)	21500.00
Teacher's Day	38,155.00		
PT refreshment & PT Transport	22,010.00		
Ground Leveling & Refreshment	6,703.00		
Boundary Wall	154,000.00		
AGM Expenditure	4,488.00		
Library Development	87,953.00		
Contribution to Vidyarani's Visit	32,946.75		
Multi media Projector	221,375.00		
Table Cloth	5,260.00		
Founder's Day 2005	20,580.00		
Best Principal's award	4,000.00		
OGA Shop Advance	152,250.00		
English Class	3,000.00		
Get-together and re-union day	2,905.00		
Transports Fee (Donations-UK)	7,000.00		
Income over expenditure	20,214.29		
	<u>1,205,423.57</u>		<u>1,205,423.57</u>

OGA Fund Account Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2007

Accumulated Fund	877,719.00	Fixed Deposits	
		Commercial	100,000.00
Add		Bank of Ceylon	480,000.00
Income Over Expenditure	20,214.29	Saving A/C Commercial Bank	107,889.70
Undeared Cheque (667823)	13,500.00	Cash at Bank of Ceylon	219,589.88
		Cash in Hand	3,953.71
	911,433.29		911,433.29

Signed: Miss.S.Kanagaratnam
Auditor

Signed:- Mrs.S.Ananthakumarasamy
Treasurer

Details of the Fixed Deposits of the OGA Account

Bank of Ceylon Super Grade Branch, Hospital Road, Jaffna

1.	711370	30,000.00
2.	711377	15,000.00
3.	711379	35,000.00
4.	711380	50,000.00
5.	711382	100,000.00
6.	711383	100,000.00

Total Amount of Six Receipts 330,000.00

Bank of Ceylon Second Branch, Stanley Road, Jaffna

1.	733635	100,000.00
2.	733636	50,000.00

Total Amount of two Receipts 150,000.00

Commercial Bank of Ceylon Ltd., Hospital Road, Jaffna

1.	2001.J.2189	100,000.00
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Total Amount of one receipt 100,000.00

**Income and expenditure Account of
the Vembadi OGA Scholarships and Prize Giving Fund Account
From 01 March 2004 - 31 May 2007**

Expenditure		Income	
Debit Tax	82.60	Gold Medal Deposit (Mrs.G.Ganeshalingam)	32,000.00
Gold Medal Cost 2004,2005, 2006	112,000.00	Gold Medal Cost (04-06) (Mrs.G.Ganeshalingam)	22,400.00
		Transferred from the OGA Fund	4,000.00
		FD Interest from Commercial Saving Interest	93,392.47 5,012.04
Income over Expenditure	44,721.91		
	<u>156,804.51</u>		<u>156,804.51</u>

Prize Giving Fund Account Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2007

Accumulated Fund	442,234.90	Fixed Deposits	
		Commercial	450,000.00
Add		Saving A/C Commercial Bank	36,416.81
Income over Expenditure	44,721.91	Cash in Hand	540.00
	<u>486,956.81</u>		<u>486,956.81</u>

Signed: Miss.S.Kanagaratnam
Auditor

Signed:- Mrs.S.Ananthakumarasamy
Treasurer

Details of the Fixed Deposits of the OGA Prize Giving Fund Account
Commercial Bank of Ceylon Ltd., Hospital Road, Jaffna

1. 3060000490	100,000.00
2. 3060014789	300,000.00
3. 3060040666	50,000.00

Total Amount of Six Receipts **430,000.00**

Expenditure for School

Scholarship (100 Students-2004)-UK	60000.00
Shoe (100 Students-2004)-UK	40000.00
Salary (OGA Staff, Teachers)	222500.00
Band Training & Improvement	55815.00
Prize day 2004, 2005 & 2006	18880.00
Transferred to Prize giving Fund	4000.00
Teacher's Day	38155.00
PT refreshment & PT Transport	22010.00
Ground Levelling & Refreshment	6703.00
Boundary Wall	154000.00
AGM Expenditure	4488.00
Library Development	87953.00
Contribution to Vidyarani's Visit	32946.75
Multi media Projector	221375.00
Table Cloth	5260.00
Founder's Day 2005	20580.00
English Class	3,000.00
Transport Fee (Donations-UK)	7000.00
	1004665.75

Funds From The Foreign Branches

Cash Account of donations from the OGA- UK Branch From 01 March 2004 -31 May 2007

Receipts

	Balance C/F (see AGM Report 2004)	158,173.50
20.Sep.04	Projects+Library	126,616.00
24.Jan.06	Computer Laboratory setup (£700)	125,300.00
		410,089.50

Payments

Tranport fee from Colombo (Donations - Computers)	7,000.00
Library Development (Books & Software)	87,953.00
Shoe Project-2004	40,000.00
Financial Support to 100 students -2004	60,000.00
Financial Support to World Youth chess Championship (Partial)	20,000.00
PT refreshment & PT Transport	22,010.00
Balance B/F	173,126.50
	410,089.50

Cash Account for the OGA- Canada Branch
From 01 March 2004 -31 May 2007

Receipts

	Balance C/F	30,341.25
	Financial Support to World Youth chess	
Dec.04	Championship	83,000.00
	Donation Canada for	
06.Dec.04	projects	219,867.00
29.Aug.05	Boundary Wall	150,000.00
		<u>483,208.25</u>

Payments

	Band Training & Improvement (CAN Proj 1)	55,815.00
	Financial Support to World Youth chess Championship	
	(Partial)	83,000.00
	Teacher's Salary(CAN Proj2) Mar 04 - May 07	97,500.00
	Boundary Wall	154,000.00
	Balance B/F	<u>92,893.25</u>
		<u>483,208.25</u>

Cash Account of donations from the Vembadi Trust Fund- UK
From 01 March 2004 -31 May 2007

Receipts

	Balance C/F	0.00
	Donation for	
	Multimedia Projector	249,862.00
		<u>249,862.00</u>

Payments

	Multimedia Projector	221,375.00
	Balance B/F	<u>28,487.00</u>
		<u>249,862.00</u>

The Committee really appreciates the valuable co-operation from our sister branches to support our Alma Mater.

Signed

Mrs.S.Ananthakumarasamy

Treasurer

College Hymn

Dare to do right! dare to be true!
You have a work, that no other can do,
Do it so bravely, so kindly so well.
Angels will hasten the story to well.

Chorus:

Dare, dare, dare, to right!
Dare, dare, dare, to be true!
Dare, to do right, dare to be true!
Dare to do right, to be true!

Dare to do right! Dare to be true!
Other men's Failures can never save you;
Stand by your conscience your honour your Faith
Stand like a hero and battle till death.

