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KHS OGA NEWSLETTER NO.3 – 2021/2022

Dear Friends,

We hope you are all keeping well.

The Committee's continued work during the past few months since our last Newsletter has found fruition, and we are excited to share all the news with you:

Fund Raiser / Raffle Draw

We are extremely grateful to all who stepped forward and purchased raffle tickets, donated gift items, contributed generously in cash donations and helped us in so many ways to see this year's Fund Raiser by way of a Raffle Ticket Draw see its completion. The Raffle Ticket Draw itself which was initially scheduled to be held on 25th September 2021 had to be postponed due to the then enforced stringent health protocols which prohibited gatherings of any manner.

After considering the limited options available to us, and as informed at short notice by us on the Members' WhatsApp Group, the rescheduled Raffle Ticket Draw was held on 9th October 2021 at the Hilton Colombo Residences attended only by the Committee and a limited number of past Presidents / Patrons.

We are happy to announce the following prize winners, and we heartily congratulate them all!

MAIN PRIZES

Place	Prize	Winner	Ticket No.	Book No.	Ticket book sold by
1 st	Singer Washing Machine	Lakshmi Wickremaratne	6520	652	Sylvia
2 nd	Samsung 32" TV	Vindyani Madawala	6254	626	Sylvia
3 rd	Black & Decker Electric Oven	Imali Jayathilleke	1476	148	Imali
4 th	Gift Voucher from Multilac	Pushpa Yakandawela	2992	300	Sylvia
5 th	Gift Voucher from Colourcon	Devika De Fonseka	4154	416	Ranjani
6 th	Abans Microwave Oven	Sahan J.	5765	577	Sylvia
7 th	Abans Vacuum Cleaner	Tamaara Jayakody	2482	249	Mayanthi
8 th	Medifacial Voucher from Ninewe	Nirmala Elvitigala	934	94	Shirani
9 th	Medifacial Voucher from Ninewe	Sahani Gunasekera	2174	218	Uditha
10 th	Maximo Airfryer	Krishna Dayawansa	1392	140	Arieni

CONSOLATION PRIZES

1 st	Singer Food Processor	Ruwan Weeraman	1039	104	Ranjani
2 nd	Gift Voucher from Dinemore	A. M. Jasenthuliyana	3759	376	Sylvia
3 rd	Gift Voucher from Rhythm World Dance Studio	Gayathri Karunaratne	4707	471	Ranjani
4 th	Gift Pack from Hemas	Manel Rodrigo	1275	128	Aruni
5 th	Gift Pack from Hemas	Arosha Amarasekara	5592	560	Uditha
6 th	Bluetooth Headset	Anita Shankar	4864	487	Ranjani

And here are some of our winners with their prizes!



Sharing with you some images of our gathering for the raffle ticket draw:



It was definitely a challenging task to generate funds this year from donors, with restricted movements, but the members came forward with much enthusiasm to assist us with contributions and ticket purchases. Of course, our energetic committee too were able to obtain large donations from companies and banks and other donors too with their charming persuasion skills. Hence, the response that this year's effort received was overwhelming, and we were able to raise the funds needed to complete building the Middle School IT Laboratory.

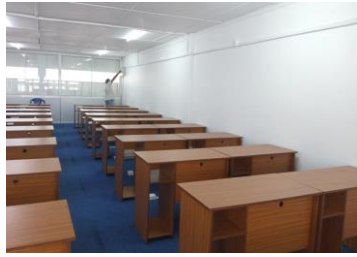
School Project

In addition to our numerous donors, we were also most fortunate to have been joined by the family of the late Mrs. Chandra De Silva, former Vice Principal, through whose magnanimous gesture we were also able to fully equip the Laboratory with computers and UPSs. Below are some pictures of the fully equipped facility which is now ready to be handed over to the school. Supervision of the fabrication and installation was also challenging with travel restrictions continually being enforced, but we are happy to report that construction was completed and handed over well within the expected timelines.

During construction:



Completed Lab:



A formal handing over of this laboratory will be organized and attended in person, no sooner travel restrictions are lifted and it is safer for us to gather. In the meantime, the school will utilize the facility as a space for teachers who are now fully vaccinated, to collectively continue with online lessons if they continue to be required.

Charity Projects

In early August, the Association also took the opportunity to participate in a timely charity project on a societal level, by donating three premium quality pediatric sucker machines (aspirators) to the Lady Ridgeway Hospital. These were in critical need at that time, with children's hospitals seeing alarming numbers of patients being admitted with severe breathing difficulties. The Hospital Administration was grateful to the Association for this gesture. A few images shared with us are below:



And in mid August, the Association also made a donation of Rs.100,000/- towards the care and upkeep of former Principal Mrs. T. K. Ekanayake. Our collective donation was readily matched by a generous Member, and together, a sum of Rs.200,000/- was deposited in the nominated account of Mrs. T. K. Ekanayake.

Constitution of the Association

This project was completed, and copies of the newly printed edition are now available for distribution when we have the chance to meet again.

The Committee wishes to extend gratitude to Mrs. Nanda Wanasundera who assisted us ably, proofreading the drafts with her keen hawk-eyed scrutiny. We are happy that this long felt need for a streamlined and recompiled Constitution is now achieved.

Senior Members

As we have continually been affected by the extended travel restrictions amidst alarming numbers in new infected cases and rising death toll in the past couple of months, we have considered the vulnerability of our most senior members in that environment, and restricted our outreach to two Senior Members, with gift vouchers and tokens of friendship.

Senior Members' Questionnaire

Our Senior Members (those aged 70 years and above) are the custodians of personal memories and experiences of their time spent as students of KHS. Collectively, these memories and experiences, though anecdotal, give us a treasure trove of insight of girlhood during an era, which will soon be lost to time.

Therefore, we have felt the need to collect these memories in the form of a Senior Members' Questionnaire and you will find it as a second attachment to the email by which this Newsletter has reached you.

We kindly invite our Senior Members to take a little time off, to reminisce, recollect and share with us some of your personal stories through this questionnaire. It is an editable document, so if you wish, you can simply open it and start filling it, or save it elsewhere for filling it in parts, as and when time permits.

Please be good enough to return the filled form back to the Association's Secretary by return email on khsogacolombo@gmail.com OR post it to the Association's President to 'Sylvia Wijekoon, No. 19, Balapokuna Place, Colombo 06'.

Your responses will be confidential to the Association only and will not be used for public use.

In Memory and Appreciation

In the past year or more, while we have been grappling to adjust to a new normalcy, we have also sadly lost some stalwart members who were past Patrons/ Presidents of the Association - Mrs. Sujatha Gunatilleke, Mrs. Lily Weerasinghe, Mrs. Nalini Senanayake and Mrs. Jennifer Latiff.

We will miss their quiet counsel in all the work that we do as an Association, and their company at our future gatherings. We wish them all peaceful rest.

Christmas Dinner

While it is too early to predict viability, we still hope that we may be able to hold this year's Christmas Dinner if health protocols are relaxed sufficiently.

As usual, this will be a December event, and we will keep you informed of the arrangements should this function become a possibility.

Please keep visiting our website from time to time, as we update the content as and when we have any news to share with you.

Best regards,



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Hony. Secretary



Sylvia Wijekoon
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