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SPEAK TRUE WGHS OGA monthly newsletter

Issue #03

From the President's Desk A charge to keep I have.

The Wesley Girls' High School Old Girls' Association has existed for over 50 years. Its membership is made up of all past students of the school, currently from as far back as the 1940s.

Over the years, the OGA has instituted and upheld several time-tested traditions. One of such traditions is the annual hosting of a grand dinner dance to socialize and raise funds for various projects.

For years, funds raised were used to support the school in the areas of infrastructure, refurbishing of classrooms, provision of teaching and other materials among others. In recent times however, the emphasis has shifted from raising funds for the school to community-based projects as a form of corporate social responsibility (CSR).

In 2019, the 25th Anniversary celebrants, the 1994 Year Group, pursued an innovative fundraising drive and successfully executed a major undertaking in the form of rehabilitation of the female ward at Ankaful Mental Hospital, in the Central Region.

The global outbreak of Corona Virus and the containment measures imposed in 2020 made it impossible for the 1995 YG to organize the 2020 Annual fundraising Dinner Dance. cont'd on page 3





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May - the Month of Mothers.

No matter what stage of motherhood you're in - or even if you aren't a mom, this is for you!

To those who gave birth this year to their first child - we celebrate with you.

To those who lost a child this year - we mourn with you.

To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains - we appreciate you.

To those who experienced a loss this year through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away - we mourn with you.

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment - we walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms - we need you. To those who have disappointment, heartache, & distance with your children - we sit with you

To those who lost their mothers this year - we grieve with you.

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of their own mother - we acknowledge your experience.

To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood - we are better for having vou in our midst.

To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year - we grieve & rejoice with you

And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected & surprising - we anticipate with you.

Mad. Effie Simpson. President Wesley Girls' High School Old irls' Association.

To those who have warm & close relationships with your children - we celebrate with you.

Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst. We walk with you. We remember you.

Amy Young

The President's Desk

Mad. Effie Simpson

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OGA Scholarship Scheme Committees

Membership Established.

The WGHS OGA Tertiary Education Scholarship scheme was originally launched in 2017 by the 1977 YG in commemoration of their 40th Anniversary as the **1977 YG Tertiary Education** Scholarship Scheme for Needy but Brilliant Students.

After successfully operating it for nearly 6 years and sponsoring a minimum of one student a year, the OGA has put its weight behind the 1977 YG following discussions held during a national general meeting.

On 5th May 2022, the National Executive Committee put out a notice inviting Old Girls to serve on the committees of the WGHS OGA Tertiary Education Scheme. The under listed Old Girls responded to the invitation, and we are extremely grateful.

Fundraising & Publicity

Naa Adoley Azu - 1990 Cynthia Martey Yaro - 1990 Mabel Pobley - 1990 Kokui Gameli-Kwame - 1990 Adjoa Banson - 2004

Finance & Strategy (Investment)

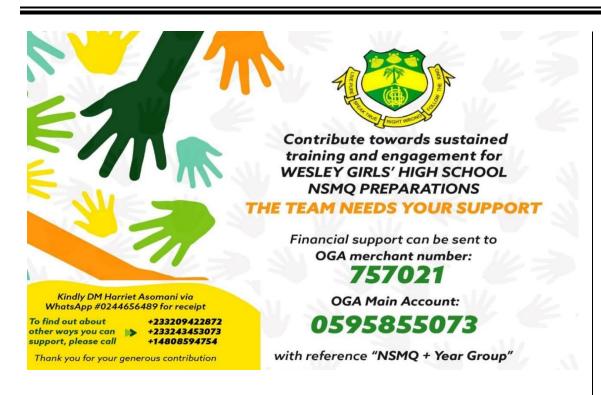
Ophelia Ama Oni - 1997 Naaku Dzakwasi - 1987 Joyce Heman-Ackah – 1977

Administration (Interviewing & Selection) Dr Barbara Entsuah - 1973 Esther D. Ofori - 1966 Nunya Ameyo (Torgah) - 2013 Felicia Ankra Quarm - 1999 Dr. Evelyn Opoku - 1999 Madam. Effie Simpson - 1970 Evelyn Asiedu - 1977

Sincere gratitude to all the volunteers. May God guide their footsteps aright and bless them alway.



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Support the WGHS NSMQ team

NSMQ OGA Support Working Group

The latest updates to get you through the day

OGA Annual Fundraising Dinner Dance Baton Change

1996 YG hands over to 1997 YG

On 28th May 2020, the 1996 YG in accordance with the OGA's tradition executed their 25th anniversary project albeit their inability to host the annual fundraising dinner dance due to Covid 19 containment restrictions.

They donated an incubator, 2 firefly phototherapy machines and a radiant warmer to the Neo-Natal Intensive Care Unit of the Cape-Coast Teaching Hospital worth 110,000 cedis, funded through their own internally generated resources.

They also handed over the baton to the 1997YG. The National President, Mad. Effie Simpson graced the occasion with her presence, words of wisdom and gratitude and encouraged the 1997 YG to endeavour to uphold the traditions of the OGA.

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At the last OGA General Meeting held in April, there was a brilliant presentation by a team of OGs on a strategy to enable our Alma Mater to clinch the ultimate award at the National Science & Maths Quiz (NSMQ), an achievement that is long overdue.

Following the presentation, it was agreed by consensus to recognize the group: the NSMQ Support Working Group as an Ad-Hoc Committee of the OGA.- This is to allow the Group to be imbued with the necessary mandate to carry out its core duty of preparing our students for better performance at the competition. The OGA also pledged an amount of **GHS 20,000.00** to support the cause as a demonstration that the girl-child can hold up her own against stiff competition in the STEM arena

As the preparatory program for the 2022 NSMQ Squad gets underway, the Committee is seeking to raise additional funds to support its comprehensive package of initiatives to fully equip the squad as well as to support contestants beyond 2022. Your generous contributions are welcome.



Donation from the 1996 YG to the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit of the Cape-Coast Teaching Hospital in commeration of their 25th Anniversary / handing over of dinner dance baton to the 1997 year group. Visit wghsoga.com for the full album.

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From the President's Desk cont'd



Presentation to the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit of the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital. 28th May 2022

None-the-less, the 1995 Year Group persevered and in commemoration of their 25th Anniversary, presented the first ever Hemodialysis Machine to the Pediatric Ward of the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital.

This year, another gesture of appreciation to the Cape Coast community has been exhibited by the 1996 Year Group through the presentation of equipment to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the Cape Coast Teaching Hospital. The OGA welcomes with particular interest projects such as these that benefit the Cape Coast community where the school is located.

By this honourable gesture, the 1996 Year Group has completed a cycle of fundraising and we congratulate them. They have handed over the baton to the 1997 Year Group who have graciously accepted the challenge.

I am confident that the 1997 Year Group will carry the baton with honour. The entire OGA is firmly behind them and is looking forward to supporting them in their endeavours to uphold our traditions.

Long live WGHS, long live WGHS OGA Daa daa daa Wey Gey Hey.



Sisters lost in May

With the hope of resurrection, we remember our sister who passed on to glory, as communicated to the secretariat in May 2022.

Mrs. Maud Ekelaba Blankson- Mills nee Blay (1956 YG)



8am Accra Ridge Church Burial

Private Interment Reception Follows mmediately at Accra

Reception Follows Immediately at Accra Ridge Church Fellowship Centre

Attire: Black



Wesley Girls' High School Old Girls' Association Legacy Project.

Maud Ekelebah Blankson-Mills nee Blay (1966 YG)

A 3-storey multi-purpose resource center, designed for the holistic development of Staff and students. To be completed by the year 2024.

Spearheaded by the 2000 Year Group, 2001 Year Group and 2002 Year Group supported by their decade year groups.



2021 YG

Launch Fundraising Products

The 2021 YG out doored their fundraising products to raise funds for their 20th Anniversary Speech Day project – Phase 2 of the 3-storey multi-purpose Resource Centre, in May.

It coincided with this year's Mother's Day celebration and the launch of the 2021 *Ewuraba Mother's Day Gift Packages* with prices ranging from 150 cedis to 500 Ghana cedis.

The items contained in the gift packages include WGHS branded temperature bottles, pens pendants. key holders, t-shirts and car stickers. The fundraising products are available at the WGHS OGA secretariat or in the WGHS OGA online store found on the WGHS OGA website, wghsoga.com. May 2022

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An invitation to list your business

Are you an Old Girl with a privately owned business? Email the under listed details to wghssecretariat@gmail.com, get listed on wghsoga.com and boost your sales. 1. Name of business owner 2. Year group 3. Business name 4. Short business profile 5. Logo and tag line 6. Products / services 7. Description / benefits of the products / services. 8. Contact details. Call 055 903 3147 if you have any enquires

Upcoming Events

Sunday July 3rd 2022, 1.00pm

Moba & Gey Hey USA Jollof War & Picnic

Ballenger Creek Park, Shelter #1 5420 Ballenger Creek Pike. Grederick, **MD** 21703



Saturday July 9th, 2022, 5.30pm

Sunday, June 26th, 2022.



Year Group Presidents Meeting. Terra Verge Restaurant. NCTE premises Trinity Road. East Legon.

Volunteers Needed





WGHS OGA (UK & Ireland) Summer Ball 2022. Senate House, University of London, Malet St. London WC1E 7HU



Are you an Old Girl with a passion for social media and networking or all things WGHS OGA and would like to volunteer support? Please let us know.

Contact us



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