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|  | **ANNUAL REPORT 2021**  **Doreen Dietrich** |

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**COMMEMORATIVE ART ON COVER**

REACH !

Introducing 'Reach!' Artwork dedicated to WOGA as we continue to build momentum from WOGA 90 to WOGA 100 and 'Reach!' for accomplishments.

Many thanks to alumna Danielle McGhie, class of 2019, for this creative and lively interpretation of our School's emblem and our Association's mission.

**About the pineapple, the main image on our school pin:**

The pineapple is considered to be the noblest fruit in the universe, and the queen-of-queens of fruits. It is a symbol of warmth, friendship, hospitality and royalty. It is included in the design of the Jamaican coat-of-arms, and several other coats-of-arms worldwide. Indigenous to Jamaica, this fruit was introduced to Hawaii from Jamaica, by Captain William Bligh of 'Mutiny on the Bounty' fame, about the time that he took the Breadfruit from Tahiti to Jamaica, in the late eighteenth century.

The chevron (inverted V) below the pineapple (on our school pin) , is symbol of heraldry, and signifying stateliness.

**MEETING NOTICE**

The Annual General Meeting 2021 of the Westwood Old Girls Association will be held on  
**Saturday, March 20, at 3.00pm**

Venue to be announced.  
  
To receive the President’s Report   
  
To receive the Treasurer’s Report  
  
To elect officers to the following executive positions:  
1) President  
2) Vice President  
3) Secretary  
4) Assistant Secretary  
5) Treasurer  
6) Assistant Treasurer  
7) Public Relations Officer

Annual subscription is $1,500 for general membership and $1,000 for members 60 years and over. This can be paid at the meeting or lodged at any BNS Bank to the Westwood Old Girls Association Current Account # 255718 Liguanea Branch.

Members of the Western Chapter will meet simultaneously to participate in the voting exercise.

Notice hereby given  
February 27, 2021

Meeting Venues Subsequently Announced

KINGSTON VENUE   
Stella Maris Pastoral Centre   
62 Shortwood Road, Kgn 8  
  
WESTERN VENUE  
Calvary Baptist Church Education Centre  
Corinaldi Ave, Montego Bay

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order  
  
2. Prayer  
  
3. Welcome and Introductions  
  
4. Apologies  
  
5. Courtesies (Birthdays, Congratulations, Condolences, Obituaries and moment of silence)  
  
6. Minutes of AGM held July 25. 2020  
6.1 Reading  
6.2 Corrections  
6.3 Confirmation  
6.4 Matters Arising  
  
7. Reports for 2020-2021  
  
8. AOB  
  
9. Election of Executive Officers  
  
10. Acceptance by New Executive  
  
11.Vote of Thanks  
  
12. Meeting Closure

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD SIMULTANEOUSLY AT KINGSTON AND WESTERN VENUES  
 ST MARGARET’S CHURCH HALL, LIGUANEA, ST ANDREW  
ROCK WHARF, FALMOUTH, TRELAWNY**

**SATURDAY JULY 25, 2020**

**Present were:**Kingston  
Doreen King Dietrich                         Bridgett Small Wilks                          Khandice Henry  
Lorna Naraysingh Dixon                    Tamara McKayle                                 Hope Campbell Codlin  
Jennifer Scott Lai                                Phoebe Buchanan                               Dawn Stoney Grant  
Cesna Mc Cain                                    Bulah McCain  
**Western**  
Janet Shirley                                        Claudia Tavares                                  Karlene Thomas  
Carolyn Stewart                                  Shaun deSouza                                   Octavia Foster  
Aileen Wolfe Stephens                       Charmaine Peart  
  
**Apologies for Absence:**(Kingston and Western)Pansie Bisnott                                     Jean Nelson Bramwell            Allison Green  
Rickaye Brown                                   Mishka Murray                                    Joan Buchanan  
Camille Owen                                     Nordene Campbell                              Pauline Taylor  
Dawn McNaughton                            Monalee Gibbs                                    Fiona Hyman

**1. Call to Order**The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m, by President, Doreen King  
  
**2. Prayer**The opening prayer was offered by Tamara McKayle

**3. Welcome and Introductions**The President welcomed all present and special welcome was extended to the members of the Western Chapter who were participating in their first annual general meeting as a chapter.  
Introductions were done in the usual manner with each person indicating their class.

**4. Courtesies**

Alumnae Allison Levy and Leila Parker had passed on. The husband of Dorothy Clarke had passed on .

**5. Minutes of previous AGM**

5.1 Reading and Corrections  
The minutes were read and edited.  
5.2 Confirmation  
The minutes were confirmed on a motion by Hope Codlin, which was seconded by Jennifer La  
5.3 Matters Arising  
Computers Donated  
Computers that had been donated, through the initiative of the NY Chapter had been received but some had been damaged. Some had been installed and were being used.  
  
**6. Reports for 2019-2020**

6.1 President  
Present Doreen presented her report and this was accepted by the meeting  
6.2 Treasurer  
Treasurer Lorna presented her report. Clarifications were sought, after which the report was accepted by the meeting.

6.3 Western Chapter  
Chapter Liaison Janet presented her report and the was accepted by the meeting.  
6.4 Principal  
President Doreen presented the Principal’s report on behalf of Miss Karen Francis.  
 **7. Election of Officers**Jennifer Lai was asked to be the Director of Elections and she accepted.  
All positions were declared vacant and nominations were received. In each case there was only one nomination and individuals were declared. There was no nomination for the position of Vice President.  
Positions were filled as follows:  
         President – Doreen Dietrich  
         Secretary – Jennifer Lai  
         Asst Secretary – Khandice Henry  
         Treasurer – Lorna Dixon  
         Asst Treasurer – Dawn Grant  
         Public Relations Officer – Tamara McKayle

President Doreen reminded persons that members were being asked to join working committees: and  advised that Committees would meet and select  chairs and agree to Terms of References.  
  
 **9. Vote of Thanks**

President Doreen thanked all who had assisted in the planning and arrangements for the meeting and thanked all present, especially as there had been  restrictions due to COVID related public health protocols .

**10. Meeting Closure**  
The meeting was brought to closure at 6.00pm.  
This was followed by the singing of the School Song

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT 2020-2021**

The Administrative year 2020/2021 can arguably be described as one of the most challenging for WOGA. We were in the throes of a global pandemic which saw restrictions being imposed on gatherings and movement of individuals. This resulted in a late start to the year as we were not able to hold our AGM until July as opposed to the March due date. In order to achieve a quorum were given permission by the Companies Office of Jamaica to hold two physical meetings, one in Western Jamaica involving the Western Group and the other in Kingston. This was necessary as the Jamaican law does not permit registered companies to hold virtual Annual General Meetings (AGM). The Administrative year was therefore shortened to eight months.

In spite of these challenges, we accomplished much, thanks to the use of technology we were able to reach and involve our members through Zoom, WhatsApp, emails and various social media platforms such as Face book, Instagram, and Twitter.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

**Working Committees**

Seven Working Committees were established namely: Hospitality and Membership; Finance; Fundraising; Public Relations and Publicity; Mentorship and Student Welfare; School Development and Resources and WHS 140th Anniversary; in order to engage the expertise of our members in supporting the various projects and activities of the Association.

Terms of Reference (TOR) were done and members were invited to join the various committees. The support was overwhelming and all committees met and have made remarkable contributions in the short period.

Quarterly, Executive and Committee Meetings

All meetings have been held using the Zoom platform. The Executive held monthly meetings and General Quarterly meetings were held in October 2020 and January 2021. The attendance at General Meetings was very good, as on average over 50 members joined from all over the world. At the October meeting the Special Guest was Rev. Mrs. Karen Kirlew, the new Board Chairman. Alumna Opal Levy was the Special Guest at the January meeting.

**Annual Church Service and Reception**

We participated in the Mona Baptist Church Service on Sunday December 6, 2020. Genevieve Sydial rendered a beautiful rendition of ‘O Jesus I have promised” and Georjean Edwards read a lesson, President Doreen brought greetings on behalf of the Association and presented a donation of $10,000.00 to the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Stephen Jennings. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions and protocols only seven Alumnae attended the service, however many joined from all over the world via YouTube live stream.

Immediately following the service several members joined the After Church Service Reception and shared treasured memories.

**Fundraising Activities**

One major Fundraising Activity was planned during the Administrative year. This was a Virtual Pre Valentine’s Day Fashion Show, to fund the purchase and installation of an Intercom System for Westwood. This project was chosen to assist in enhancing Communication and Security needs at the school that was necessary to help overcome the challenges caused by the pandemic.

The Fundraising Committee is to be commended for the outstanding work done in staging the show which netted over Six hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($650.000.00).

An online payment company was engaged to collect proceeds and donations for the event as well as payments were made directly to the Association’s bank account via transfer of funds.

Thanks to Alumnae, as well as friends and family for the generous support given by purchasing tickets and making donations. Special thanks also to Guardian Life Foundation and Sagicor Foundation for their donations.

Plans are in place to install the Intercom System for the Academic Year 2021/2022.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Tablet Initiative**

Teaching and Learning in schools island-wide had to be converted to online mode due to the pandemic. This resulted in many students facing serious challenges as they did not possess devices needed to effectively engage in this mode of learning.

Several Alumnae made personal donations along with funds from WOGA to purchase 20 tablets valued at Twenty five thousand ($25,000.00) each. These were donated to the school to assist the senior students with their online learning.

**International Women’s Day (IWD) 2021**

The Mentorship and Student Development Team headed by Halicon Virgo, held inspiration talks and hosted a Debate with the students on International Women’s Day 2021. This year’s theme was “#ChoosetoChallenge”. President Doreen brought greetings on behalf of WOGA and Winsome Christie gave a “heart to heart” inspirational message.

**Leadership Master-Class Series**

The New York and South Florida Chapters in collaboration with Union of Jamaica Alumni Associations (UJAA) hosted a series of Leadership Training webinars.

WHS 140th ANNIVERSARY 2022

I encourage all Alumnae to participate in WHS 140th Anniversary Celebrations in 2022. In the midst of all the uncertainties the Committee is forging ahead with plans and we will need your full support. The plans include: a “Grand Reunion” Thursday, October 20-Sunday, October 23, 2022 and an Awards Banquet. The Anniversary Project/Love Gift to our Alma Mater is the “Restoration of the Enid Beal Building”. Cost to implement this project is Four Million Dollars ($4million) and we wish to have it completed for the start of the 2022/2023 School Year.

OBITUARIES  
During the administrative year we bid farewell to the following alumnae:  
Natalie Eileen Dinham Dewar  
Jeanette Grant-Woodham   
Ingrid Spence  
Ann Crawford  
Sybil Iton  
  
CONDOLENCES  
During the administrative year we extended condolences to the following alumnae:   
Primrose Little on passing of son  
Shirley Palmer on passing of brother  
Therese Chambers on passing of mother  
Jarmila Jackson on the passing of her stepfather  
Valencia and Jacqueline Dawson on the passing of their father  
Murna Hamil Whittaker on the passing of her husband  
Ingrid Coy Hanson on the passing of her husband

CONGRATULATIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
During the administrative year we shared in the accomplishments of the following alumnae:  
Paulette Williams and Carol Bourke received National awards in the CD category  
Simone Mayhew was appointed as Queen Council, being called to the Inner Bar  
Jasmin Beckford-Johnson received an award for Excellent Contribution to Education through the Jamaica Teaching Council in partnership with the LASCO Foundation  
Marisa Veira Dalrymple-Philbert, Marsha Smith and Tova Hamilton were elected as Members of Parliament; with Marissa also being appointed as Speaker of the House  
Sophia Frazer-Binns was appointed Senator.  
Ana-Kay Belcher was featured in the news for her role as an air traffic controller Alumnae  
Devene Sutherland was featured in the Gleaner for her role as a teacher and University Lecturer.  
Kadene Gray, as owner of Kadene Gray LLCn was featured in the Gleaner as an artist.  
Roxanne Francis and Deon Green were nominated for Prime Minister’s award and Deon, whose professional name is Deon Simone Art, received an award, in the category of Arts.  
Phelisa Ricketts was featured in the EduJam Magazine, as educator and entrepreneur, highlighting her role in establishing the Western STEM Academy.  
Godiva Golding was selected for the Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative Fellowship Programme 2021  
Viviene Harris, also a member of the school board, was appointed as Judge in the court of appeal  
Carole Barnaby was appointed as a Puisne Judge  
Sophia Green completed her MD programme in Pathology at the UWI  
Donna Hemans received a Caribbean Readers award for her book ‘Tea by the Sea’, which was was featured in the Oprah Magazine.  
Danielle McGhie was awarded the NCB Trelawny Icon Champion 2020   
Imega Breese McNab was appointed Executive Director of the Private Sector Organization of Jamaica (PSOJ).  
Karlene Segre was appointed as a Director of Regional Services in the Ministry of Education Youth and Information.  
Janet Vaughn was appointed Vice President of Regulatory Affairs ass Teva Pharmaceuticals.  
Kelly Kellier Anderson received the JN Mathematics Teacher of the Year Award for 2020.  
  
  
It was noted that, as a count of graduates, the school with the highest number of Members of Parliament/Legislators and also Judges in the Courts, is Westwood. It was the shared view that this is a reflection of the formation and training that Westwood provides.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all Alumnae who ensured the Association made such great gains in the face of a pandemic. You have made our Alma Mater proud, and have shown that the training we received prepared us for life’s challenges.   
Let us continue to work together and embrace the strength provided by this great “sisterhood”, so together we can help our fellow Alumnae and our Alma Mater overcome the hurdles that lie ahead.

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Doreen King Dietrich

President

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The year under review (2020-2021) was surprisingly fruitful in spite of the Covid pandemic. The online platforms were utilized and we were able to raise some funds. Kudos must be extended to Madam President and the Fund Raising Committee for their efforts.

1. Dues

There has been an increase in the total dues collected for the year from $33,000 to $55,500.00. This was due to the increase in the amount payable from $1000 to $1500 as well as lump sum payments from individuals. We need more persons to pay their dues so we have some funds to run the Association.

2. Masks

President Doreen took on the task of purchasing masks from Westwood and selling them to our members. From this venture we have made a modest $79,500.

3. Tablets

Thanks to the persons who made it possible for WOGA to donate some 20 tablets to students who were without. WOGA donated $169,533.12 along with the donations of $240,000 received.

4. Intercom System

Westwood urgently needs an effective Intercom System especially in light of the pandemic and in keeping with the social distancing protocol. It was with this in mind that the Fund Raising Committee planned a Virtual Fashion Show which was very successful. As at March 6th, tickets sold amounted to $300,041.98 while contributions amounted to $378,175.80. After expenses of $112,688.61 were deducted a profit of $565,529.23 was realized.

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| **INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT FEBRUARY 28, 2021** | | | |
| **CURRENT ACCOUNT** |  |  |  |
| Bal b/f 01/03/2020 |  |  | **$500,428.44** |
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| **RECEIPTS** |  |  |  |
| **Dues** | $55,500.00 | $55,500.00 |  |
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| **Contributions** |  |  |  |
| Care Packages | $5,800.00 |  |  |
| Towards Sanitization | $7,050.00 |  |  |
| Tablets | $240,901.68 |  |  |
|  |  | $253,751.68 |  |
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| Transfer from Foundation a/c for Westwood | $200,000.00 | $200,000.00 |  |
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| **Fundraisers** |  |  |  |
| Sale of masks | $183,500.00 |  |  |
| Boat Cruise | $397,300.00 |  |  |
| Intercom System | $441,088.17 |  |  |
|  |  | $1,021,888.17 | $1,531,139.85 |
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| Total Receipts |  |  | **$2,031,568.29** |
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| **PAYMENTS** |  |  |  |
| Bank Charges (Mar 2020- Feb 2021) | $9,328.36 |  |  |
| Stamp duty | $3.40 |  |  |
| Chungs Catering | $87,637.12 |  |  |
| B & D Trawling | $80,000.00 |  |  |
| Permit fee - JAMMS | $16,892.50 |  |  |
| Bartenders etc | $23,875.00 |  |  |
| DJ Edson Johnson | $40,000.00 |  |  |
| Tarik Cole (Liquour for cruise) | $35,160.00 |  |  |
| Payment for masks | $104,000.00 |  |  |
| Rental of Church Hall for AGM 2020 | $20,000.00 |  |  |
| Contribution to Mona Baptist | $10,000.00 |  |  |
| Payment to Gleaner Co. for MP congratulatory ad | $50,000.00 |  |  |
| Payment to WHS re donation for sanitizers | $7,000.00 |  |  |
| Transfer of funds deposited to WOGA instead of WHS | $200,000.00 |  |  |
| Payment to Royale Computers for tablets | $410,434.80 |  |  |
| Reimbursement for gas | $5,000.00 |  |  |
| Refund to M. Richards | $5,927.63 |  |  |
| Payment to streamer | $40,000.00 |  |  |
| Payment for Music | $15,000.00 |  |  |
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| **Total Payments** | $1,160,258.81 |  | **$1,160,258.81** |
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| **Balance at Bank** |  |  | **$871,309.48** |

OTHER ACCOUNT BALANCES  
Savings Account 2,699,198.87  
Dorothy Parsons Fund 674,897.29

**WESTWOOD HIGHLIHTS**MARCH 2020 - MARCH 2021

“Like a phoenix she will rise from the ashes of despair and soar”...This definitely is indicative of Westwood having been forced to close, based on the order given by the government with the arrival of the first case of the CoVid-19 in March, 2020. The fact that school was closed physically, this did not prevent us from educating our students. Both teachers and students rose to the challenge and navigated the virtual space to facilitate online learning. The teachers used various platforms such as Zoom, Google Classroom, Schoology, Edmodo, Whatsapp and email to reach students. We did not reach everyone. About 65% to 70% of the students were reached. Daily reports were compiled and sent to the Ministry. For the Summer Term 2020 the number of students attending online classes fluctuated due to issues of connectivity, lack of data, lack of device, lack of parental supervision, and anxiety. We had Senior Staff Meeting and Academic Staff Meeting via Zoom. Teachers were contacted daily via Whatsapp. An app to facilitate students and parents to access information and material for online learning and notices was implemented in July 2020.

The Girl Guides hosted their Thinking Day Sports Day2020.

Students of the Environmental Club were engaged in the Wisynco Eco Club Recycling Competition 2020.

The Student Council under the leadership of Tiana Huie participated in the National Student Council Exchange during Student Council Week 2020. They also embarked on rewarding a student of the week for positive attributes.

One Girl Guide participated in The Girl Guide Girls’ Forum in September, 2020.

Two students participated in the Global Emerging Leaders Seminar in February, 2021sponsored by WOGANYC.

The Student Council had their election virtually in March 2021.

The WOGA hosted a Motivational Talk virtually for Grade 10 students in celebration of the International Women’s Day. They also hosted a Debate for Grade 11 and Sixth Form students. This was organized by Mrs. Halicon Virgo Furrs (Class of 88).

The Guidance Department produced a You tube video of the Award Ceremony 2020 for the students on the Honour Roll.

Danielle Hoilette placed second in the Scientific Research Council Essay competition.

Jammella Blackwood, Deputy Head Girl 2020, entered the Nature Photography Competition put on by the Environmental Solutions Limited and the Jamaica Climate Change Youth Council and was placed first.

The teachers created a Youtube video for the students for Children’s Day 2020.

Shoii-Anne Smith, a Girl Guide, did a video for Read Across Jamaica (May 2020) especially for exiting students from either primary or high school.

- We have been rearing rabbits. Thanks to Miss Natalia Whyte, a teacher, who has been caring for them since March, 2020.

-The students of the class of 2020 amassed an average of 95.05 in the CSEC and 95% in the CAPE examinations with 100% pass in English A and 93.75% in Mathematics.

-Jammella Blackwood, former Deputy Head Girl, earned six (6) distinctions in CAPE and there were four (4) students earning eight (8) distinctions in CSEC including Tianna Virgo, former Deputy Head Girl, Yesika Dunn, Owenicia Scarlett and Rochelle Robinson.

-Thirty five (35) grade 9 students sat the CSEC Electronic Document Preparation Management (EDPM) and all thirty five (35) students earned a distinction. Congratulations are in order for the students, teachers and parents.

The Guidance Department hosted two Parent Month Webinars in November 2020.

Two Sixth Form students, Joeline Saunders and Ashawna Laing have been nominated as members of the Jamaica Prefect Association.

The school was invited to attend the Trelawny JCDC Virtual Awards Ceremony in December 2020.

The Girl Guides and Rangers participated in Guiding National Events virtually.

The School Challenge Quiz team 2021won their first match against Calabar High School and played an excellent match against Jamaica College. We lost the match 35:32. We have emerged Top Girls school in the Championship.

In December 2020 the Class of 88 collaborated with the Guidance Department and shared in a Career talk with students of Grades 9 and 10. Miss Donna Hemans, renowned author and Old Girl was guest presenter.

Examinations were held in January 2021 for upper school students and February 2021 for lower school students.

Donations

The WOGA chapters donated One Hundred and Five care packages to assist needy students. We extend heartiest thanks to the Old Girls.

WOGA has also donated twenty (20) tablets to upper school students.

One Old Girl donated a thermometer, dispensers and sanitizer to the School.

Two Old Girls donated tablets for students.

Science Laboratories

The construction of the laboratories paused in July, 2020. Work restarted at the beginning of October, 2020. Equipment has been purchased by Dr. Janice Robinson for the laboratories.

**SCHOOL SONG**

Oh! Westwood sitting there upon a hill top  
As if you were a tribute to the sun  
Oh, Alma Mater you have helped to build up  
The careers of a thousand little ones

Westwood! Westwood!  
You have helped to develop our attitude  
Alma Mater,  
You have our gratitude

The discipline we practiced there at Westwood  
Will stay with us as onward we will strive  
It teaches us to live as sisters all should  
Ora et Labore ! all our lives

Westwood! Westwood!  
You have helped to develop our attitude  
Alma Mater,  
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