



WESTWOOD OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Westwood Old Girls Association (WOGA) will be held on Saturday July 25, 2020, at the St. Margaret's Church Hall, 167 Old Hope Road Kingston beginning at 3pm.

Annual membership subscription is \$1,500.00 for general membership and \$1000.00 for students and members 60 years and older. This can be paid at the meeting or lodged to any BNS Bank to Current Account # 255718 Liguanea Branch.

Please be advised that permission has been granted by The Companies Office of Jamaica for members of the Western Chapter to meet simultaneously to participate in the voting exercise.

Nominations will be accepted for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Public Relations Officer.

Signed
Doreen Dietrich
President

Dated this 3rd day of July 2020.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Apologies for Absence
5. Courtesies (Birthdays, Obituaries etc)
6. Minutes of previous AGM
7. Reports
8. AOB
9. Election of Officers
10. Acceptance by New Executive Team
11. Vote of Thanks
12. Adjournment
13. School Song

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE LIGUANEA CLUB, NEW KINGSTON
MARCH 9, 2019

Present were:

Rickaye Brown	Joyce Williams	Dawn McNaughton
Winsome Christie	Camille Owen	Roxanne Francis
Doreen Dietrich	Khandice Henry	Jean Bramwell
Lorna Dixon	Dawn Grant	Mishka Murray
Hope Codlin	Janet Shirley	Linda Miller
Phoebe Buchanan	Joan Buchanan	Camille Mighty
Terry-Ann Rhule	Cherie-Joy Dewar	Andrea Crossfield
Cesna McCain	Bulah McCain	Jennifer Lai

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m, by President, Rickaye Brown

Prayers were offered by Joyce Williams.

Attendees were welcomed to the meeting by Dawn McNaughton, Vice President. She informed us that the Annual Report booklet was dedicated to Mrs. Hazel Richardson, the great granddaughter of the founder of Westwood, Rev. Webb. Miss Richardson, though not a member of WOGA was unofficially adopted by the group.

Introductions were done by all present.

Apologies for absence were acknowledged and accepted.

The minutes were read and corrected, followed by confirmation from Ms. Winsome Vanhorne Christie and seconded by Ms. Camille Owen.

Mentorship Programme

The Opening Ceremony was held in October 2018. President Rickaye commented that this was the largest turn out since the inception of the Programme as there were thirty (30) old girls present.

The Guest Speaker was Ms. Roxanne Francis of the Class of 2013 who spoke of her experience as a teacher at the Wolmer's High School for Boys.

Other ladies shared their experiences as mentors and highlighted that they too were motivated and inspired by the experience.

School Leaving Ceremony

This was held in July, 2018 and the WOGA was represented by Mrs. Donna Lee Nicholson of the Florida Chapter who presented a cheque in the sum of two million dollars (J\$2M) towards the rebuilding of the kitchen and dining room. The money was earned through fundraising efforts by all the Chapters.

Prize Giving 2018

This was held in October and WOGA was represented by a number of ladies.

Annual Church Service

The ladies joined the congregation of the Pembroke Hall Methodist Church in worship on Sunday April 20, 2018.

Approximately 20 students from Westwood along with Chairman of the Board, Mr. Keith Rowe,

Principal Karen Francis and two teachers attended and participated in the church service by delivering items.

The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) was donated to the church.

Brunch, which was catered by Ms. Camille Owen, was served in the Church Hall.

The 2019 church service is scheduled between April – June.

Fundraising Events

- **Tea Party**

Tea Party was hosted by all Chapters as outlined:

New York	-	June
South Florida	-	July
Jamaica	-	August

The Tea party, which was held in Jamaica, was a success as many ladies from throughout the island attended and participated.

Mrs. Jossett Williams Mellish was the MC for the evening.

Entertainment was in the form of songs and modelling. There were clothes and jewelry on display by Indigo Gold and Jan's Accents.

Special thanks was said to Ms. Bulah McCain who sourced the many gifts which were donated to the performers and given as prizes.

Mrs. Dawn McNaughton was instrumental in organizing the displays and the modeling.

- **Benefit Performance**

Dramatic Performance	- 'Innocence of Guilt' in December
	- Oliver Samuels, 56 East Avenue

Go Fund Me Account

This was established in May 2017 to assist with the rebuilding of the dining room and kitchen. The Account was closed in September 2018 and over US\$500 was raised.

A big thank you to all those who contributed.

Global Leaders Conference

Each Chapter sponsored a student to participate in a one-week long summer camp, which was organised to help with the building of leadership skills among the young people.

The Trainers were drawn from both local and overseas.

Computers Donation

- The New York Chapter was instrumental in having thirty-three (33) computers donated to the school. They arrived in the island on August 2018 but were not cleared until February 2019. President Brown advised that DIGICEL would install the computers to ensure that they are all in good working condition.
- Books, bags and toiletries were donated to the school by the South Florida Chapter.

The President thanked all those who made the fundraising events a success by either, purchasing tickets and or attending.

Principal's Report

This was read by the President.

The members of the Executive were asked to invite the Principal, a member of WOGA, to the Annual General Meetings.

It was pointed out that, she would like to attend but gets little support from teachers on weekends to facilitate participating in the meetings. The members present dismissed the explanation and found it to be an excuse.

It was suggested that the Executive Body should meet with the Principal and provide feedback to the WOGA on all issues at school.

The Principal's non-response to the media regarding 'Spirit Week' was discussed. The President provided an explanation about the meaning and reason for the observance.

Questions were also raised about the leak at the school. It was agreed that following the meeting with the new Executive and the Principal, a response would be provided at the next general meeting.

Regarding the rebuilding of the kitchen and dining room, it was agreed that the members should become more involved and take the issue to the press.

It was agreed as well that, a letter should be sent to the Ministry of Education from WOGA seeking a response to the concerns. Janet Shirley was tasked to write the letter, which should be copied, to the Board.

5K Walk Run

A save the date was issued and the members were advised that additional details would follow. WOGA was encouraged by the President to participate in the event.

Financial Report

This was tabled and the Treasurer was advised to place funds on a special deposit account.

Dorothy Parsons Fund

The last scholarship from this fund was granted in 2014.

Annual Financial Donation from Pamela Burke

An explanation about the proposed use of the donation was outlined by Winsome Vanhorne Christie. Joyce Williams was asked to communicate with Mrs. Burke to determine if she would like to have a scholarship named in her honour. Further discussion would be held with the Principal pending Mrs. Burke's response.

Resolution –

Letter of Objection was sent to the Companies Office outlining that WOGA is a charity organization. Outstanding interest and penalty presently stands at \$140,000 and climbing.

We are now registered as a Company Limited but presently in the process of being registered as a Charity Organisation.

It was outlined that being registered as a Charity Organisation, limits us as we will not be allowed to accept funds from some institutions.

A change in the Articles of Association was recommended - Guidance is to be sought from Linda Miller.

An Auditor is to be sought among WOGA members – to check WhatsApp group.

A digital archive of members is to be established

Elections

An election for the new Executive was held and the following persons were elected:

President	Dawn McNaughton
Vice President	Doreen Deitrich
Secretary	Khandice Henry
Assistant Secretary	Jean Bramwell
Treasurer	Lorna Dixon
Assistant Treasurer	Dawn Grant
Public Relations Officer	Miskha Murray

Immediate Past President	Rickaye Brown
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Volunteers

Mentorship Coordinator	Rickaye Brown
Fundraising Coordinator	Winsome Christie

Endometriosis Month

Flyers were issued by Bulah McCain who also volunteered to share videos via WhatsApp on the disease.

The meeting ended at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Meeting venue was sponsored by Class of 1973, as a gesture to recognize the 90-year milestone of WOGA. The following was read as a toast to the 90 years of WOGA's existence.

WOGA AT 90 - A TOAST TO THE YEARS

“The times have been enjoyable and WOGA has been serving its purpose”. This is the common sentiment running through the years. Ora et Labore !

When do you officially become an old girl? At 4pm on the last day of school, of course. At that point when you can legally trod the hallowed front steps that only visitors, staff and the bell ringer could access. Although membership is open to all alumnae, very few persons formalize affiliation immediately on leaving school or tertiary institutions, and that is understandable: but WOGA has never run short of hard working and dedicated members. As with many organisations, there have been cycles with high points, low points and in between points, but in all our years, we have had a core that carries through. While keeping in touch with each other and with alma mater, our fun ways of fundraising run the gamut of picnics, halloween dances, fairs, tea parties, luncheons, dinners, barbecues, banquets, fetes, benefit performances, reunions, retro parties and virtual tea parties. These efforts have engendered our spirit of congeniality while generating much needed financial resources.

We have had events that were highly rated and eagerly anticipated. Some of us recall guest speakers of eminence and civic prominence at the various times - to name a few:

Governor General, Sir Florizel Glasspole; business leader, Mr Carlton Alexander; political leader, Mr Bruce Golding; wife of Prime Minister, Mrs Beverly Manley; and well known media practitioner, Mrs Barbara Gloudon.

We have undertaken various projects to provide improvements, equipment and benefits for the school eg telephone system, generators and other industrial equipment, office equipment, furniture and fixtures, refurbishing of structures, scholarships, mentorship programme and student welfare.

It is always good to give recognition to the efforts of all who serve and this is especially so for those who accept the challenge to lead; from founding president Mary Carnegie in 1929 to today's president Rickaye Brown. Although we regret the passing of some of our former presidents over the years, we are mindful of their contributions and cherish the memories of them. We are still blessed with the presence, and in some cases active participation, of former presidents - Janice Robinson, Leila Parker Robinson, Dorothy Palmer, Pauline Taylor, Jean Nelson Bramwell, Jean Williams Johnson, Yolande Johnson, Nichole Lawrence Morgan, Heather Ferguson, Andrea Fletcher Crossfield and Phaebia McIntosh Fournillier

This 90th anniversary as a milestone is testimony to the strong foundation laid for sorority and for support to alma mater. Despite challenges, we have stood the test of time and this is good reason for us to be proud of our Association.

What lies beyond?

Fortified with our potent motto “Ora et Labore” we take the plunge into the future with prayer for inspiration undergirded by diligence in action.

As we reflect upon the past and cast our thoughts toward the future, we make most of the present and lift our hearts in thanksgiving to God.

Let us celebrate our history!

Let us celebrate this moment!

Let us raise a toast to the next 90 years ... Cheers!

Prepared by the WOGA Heritage Committee, February 1, 2019

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2019/2020 Administrative year can indeed be described as a challenging one. We encountered many obstacles but we were determined to ensure the viability of our Association. The elected President Dawn McNaughton made a sterling contribution in the first six months March to August 2019, but resigned due to health concerns. Vice president Doreen Dietrich then took charge of the Association effective September 1, 2019. With the support of the Executive and General membership we were able to continue the work started and accomplish many of our planned activities.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

Annual Church Service

This was held at the Church of St. Margaret in Liguanea on Sunday June 8, 2019. Several Alumnae attended and we were honoured to have the Principal and students of Westwood join us. President Dawn McNaughton delivered greetings on behalf of the Association and Vice President Doreen Dietrich read a lesson. A musical item was rendered by one of the students. A cheque of \$10,000 was presented to Father Franklyn Jackson priest in charge of the church on behalf of the Association.

After the church service we had an enjoyable brunch in the church hall. A delectable fare was provided by Alumna Camille Owen.

Visits to Westwood

May 11, 2019 – Several Alumnae journeyed to Westwood for the closing Ceremony of the Mentorship Programme

June 20, 2019 – WOGA members attended the Annual School Leaving Ceremony and participated in the distribution of prizes and certificates.

August 28, 2019– Alumna Dr. Angela Samuels Harris participated in the Orientation for new Students and parents. She gave a charge to the new parents.

October 12, 2019 – Alumnae participated in the 10th Opening Ceremony of the Mentorship programme. The girls listened to inspirational messages and exhortations by Mentorship Coordinator Rickaye and the team and participated in discussions. The selection of Mentors and mentees was done by Miss Francis. The event ended with an ice cream party which was thoroughly enjoyed by the girls.

March 9, 2020 – WOGA participated in The International Womens' Day celebrations at Westwood.

Quarterly, Executive and Special meetings

Quarterly meetings were held on the first Saturdays and Executive meetings on first Mondays. In order to boost membership participation, Alumnae were invited to do presentations at the Quarterly General meetings. In June Phoebe Buchanan of BNS and Monique Ashley of VMBS made presentations on Investment. In September Kaysia Kerr, CEO of the National Parenting Support Commission made a presentation on the work of her organization. A Special General Meeting was held immediately following the General Meeting at which the amended Constitution was accepted. In January Shana Bestly of First Global Bank did a presentation on Loyalty Credit Cards for Alumni Associations and Artist Deon Simone Green displayed some of her pieces.

The proposed AGM and Luncheon scheduled for Saturday March 21, 2020 had to be postponed due to the pandemic.

Fundraising Activities

These included a 5K Wellness Lapathon on Saturday September 28, 2019 at Emancipation Park. Although the turnout was not as expected those who attended enjoyed the event and asked that it become an annual affair. The warm up exercise was led by fitness team from Jamaica Moves. Several sponsors participated by setting up booths to provide refreshment and prizes. Thanks to the main sponsor LASCO foods led by our own Carolyn Llewelyn who provided a variety of breakfast items and water. Other companies included Tops Teas, Nestle and GRACE foods.

The benefit play Feminine Justice by Basil Dawkins was held on Saturday October 5, 2019 at the Little Theatre. Turnout was again below expectation.

The Valentine Cruise on the Harbour was held on Saturday February 28, 2020

Those who attended the events had an enjoyable time. The support and sponsorship was less than expected for these events and the financial expectations were not realized.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

June 22, 2019 – Western Chapter Relaunch - Resulting from the outpouring of a Face Book request for persons to declare their interest in the formation of a Western Chapter, a meeting was held at Rock Wharf in Falmouth Trelawny. Seventeen ladies were present and a Steering Committee of 5 was set up to oversee the success of the group. President Dawn and Vice President Doreen, and Principal Karen Francis were also present to give support to the group. See Report on Western Chapter for details.

July 6, 2019 – Executive Retreat An Executive Retreat was held at Providence Church Hall, Liguanea, with the newly elected Executive Team and members of the Western Chapter Steering Committee, to examine the operations of WOGA and to discuss strategic plans. Alumnae Wyvolyn Gager, Therese Chambers, Marjorie Riley and Carol Coy were invited to offer their expertise to the discussions. Principal Karen Francis also attended.

Activities also included a SWOT analysis.

Thanks to Past President Andrea Crossfield for executing and facilitating the event.

The discourse was frank and stimulating and a report was done to encapsulate the ideas resulting from the retreat to be used for strategic planning and to chart the way forward for WOGA.

September 21, 2019 -Tertiary Students Lyme - This was held at The Barn, on the University of Technology campus. A few students from UTech attended and were treated to games and refreshment. The opportunity was used to encourage the students to be involved in the Association. It was suggested that we include students from UWI at future events.

November 30, 2019 – Western Chapter Beach Fun Day - See details in the Report of the Western Chapter

COVID 19 Relief - Care Packages distribution – Activities of WOGA and Westwood were affected by the Global Pandemic resulting from the COVID 19 Corona Virus. Schools were closed and several parents lost their jobs, thus resulting in many students especially those in the PATH Programme experiencing financial difficulties. WOGA partnered with The Jamaica Association of Alumni Associations (JAAHS),

LASCO Foundation and The Union of Jamaican Alumni Associations (UJAA) to provide over 100 Care packages to the PATH students at Westwood and their families.

Wellness Webinars

The New York and South Florida Chapters and UJAA hosted a series of wellness webinars to help members cope with the health challenges resulting from the pandemic.

90th ANNIVERSARY LOGO AND TAGLINE

Special commendations to Bulah McCain for designing the logo and the ladies who worked together to come up with the tagline. This is displayed on the cover of our AGM Booklet.

OBITUARIES

During the year, we said goodbye to several alumnae and consoled others for the passing of their close relatives, as follows:

Alumnae

Marcia Jones

Novlet Dougherty

Alcia Morgan-Bromfield

Leila Parker Robinson

Allison Levy sister of alumna Opal Levy

Karen Brown Barnes

Gaye Miller

Faith Edwards

Natalie Eileen Dinham Dewar

Close Relatives of Alumnae

Garth Kiddoe - Husband of Corine Pottinger Kiddoe

Diego deSouza – Son of Shaun deSouza

Jaime Binns - Nephew of Jacqueline and Andrea Binns

Marlon Burke - Husband of Sharon Chattoo Burke

Mark Scott - Son of Angella Mullings Scott

Pat Rose - Brother of Madge, Carol and Dahlia Rose

Shahine Robinson - Aunt of Gianna, Melinda, Bianca, Brianna Fakhourie

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The association is deeply indebted to the many persons who gave unwavering assistance and support during the 2019/2020 administrative year. Many ladies worked behind the scenes while others were present at our events. In whatever capacity you served we are grateful and look forward to your continued support for WOGA.

Special thanks to Margery Riley for her role in assisting us to get concessionary rates to host meetings at The Liguanea Club.

Thanks and commendations to The Executive Members, past and present who gave their support.

Let us all commit to keep the Vision of WOGA alive as we continue working to support our fellow Alumnae and our Alma Mater.

Ore et Labore !

Doreen King Dietrich
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

The year under review has been one of mixed fortunes. Our fundraising efforts were not as successful as we had projected. The level of support needed to achieve this was sadly lacking. However, we had three fundraisers:

1. Lapathon

For this event our ticket sales amounted to \$207,490.00 while our expenses to stage the event were \$187,895.00. There was a surplus of \$19,595.00.

2. Play –Feminine Justice

We purchased 100 tickets which cost us \$90,000.00. Of this, 80 tickets were sold @ \$1800 each. From this event we earned \$54,000.00

3. Valentine Cruise

This event was expected to be our big fundraiser for the year. Unfortunately this did not meet our expectations. Only 96 tickets were sold @ \$5000.00, yielding \$480,000.00. From liquor sales we made \$38,800. Expenses amounted to \$644, 976.75 leaving a deficit of \$126,176.75.

In the recently amended Constitution, the annual fees were increased to \$1500 and for Retirees and students \$1000. A much needed move as our dues collected for the year was a mere \$33,000.00.

A total of \$25,500 was raised from the sale of memorabilia.

The Western Chapter obtained donations of \$139,600 for their Library project and \$50,000 for the fun day they put on.

Thank you to the members of the Executive and all the ladies who gave of their time and effort.

WESTWOOD OLD GIRLS ASSOCIATION

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT FEBRUARY 28, 2020

CURRENT ACCOUNT			
Bal b/f 01/03/19			\$2,037,384.25
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	
Contributions			
Western Chapter	\$6,000.00		
From R. Shirley for Funday tickets	\$50,000.00		
From G. Shirley for Library project	\$39,600.00		
From T. Shirley for Library project	\$100,000.00	\$195,600.00	
Fundraisers			
Play- 876	\$87,500.00		
Lapathon	\$207,490.00		
Play- Feminine Justice	\$144,900.00		
Boat Cruise	\$193,800.00		
		\$633,690.00	
Drinks sold		\$19,000.00	
Contribution re Bus to WHS -Mentorship		\$8,000.00	
Contribution re Brunch		\$7,000.00	
Memorabilia		\$25,500.00	-
Funds re returned chq		\$18,000.00	\$939,790.00
Total Receipts			\$2,977,174.25
PAYMENTS			
Bank Charges (Mar 2019- Feb 2020)	\$12,100.11		
Stamp duty	\$7.40		
Cash Float	\$20,000.00		
Contribution to St. Margarets Church	\$10,000.00		
Transporting Champs team	\$15,000.00		

Catering for AGM	\$25,000.00		
Rental of projector screen for AGM meeting	\$2,000.00		
Gifts/Flowers	\$17,227.76		
Tranportation for Mentorship closure	\$30,000.00		
Rental of Church Hall for Brunch	\$5,000.00		
Donation to St. Margarets Church	\$10,000.00		
Catering for Brunch	\$43,000.00		
Duplicate trophy for Westwood	\$900.00		
Refreshment for June 2019 meeting	\$10,500.00		
Catering for Exec Retreat	\$38,600.00		
Annual Dues JAAHS 2019	\$3,000.00		
Rental of room for Sept general meeting	\$12,000.00		
Tax Administration- Minimum Business Tax 2017 +2018	\$150,759.58		
T-Shirts purchased for Lapathon	\$43,500.00		
Printing Logo on T Shirts	\$44,270.00		
St Johns Ambulance	\$26,000.00		
NHT set up fee \$17475+ rental\$ 23000	\$40,475.00		
NHT Rental of tents	\$11,650.00		
Electrical work for lapathon	\$22,000.00		
Catering for New Students social	\$19,100.00		
Tickets for play	\$90,000.00		
Contribions from Tea Party	\$700,000.00		
Contributions from Tea Party	\$652,330.00		
Rental of room for January meeting	\$12,000.00		
Refreshment for January meeting	\$7,200.00		
Decoration for boat	\$112,900.00		
Companies Office to register Constitution	\$10,000.00		
Companies Office copies of constitution	\$3,600.00		
Refreshment for mentorship programme	\$15,146.88		
Memorabilia from R. Brown	\$7,870.00		
Printing Boat tickets	\$5,096.95		
Dessert for cruise	\$47,000.00		
Chungs Catering	\$87,637.13		
B & D Trawling	\$90,000.00		
Bartenders etc	\$23,875.00		
Total Payments	\$2,476,745.81		
			\$2,476,745.81
Balance at Bank			\$500,428.44
Cheques outstanding			
Contribution to Seminar at WHS	\$10,000.00		
Venue & music equipment for social	\$12,000.00		
B & D Trawling	\$80,000.00		

Permit fee - JAMMS	\$16,892.50		
Bartenders etc	\$23,875.00		
Bartenders etc	\$23,875.00		
DJ Edson Johnson	\$40,000.00		
Chungs Catering	\$87,637.12		
Tarik Cole (Liquour for cruise)	\$35,160.00		\$305,564.62

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AS AT July 15, 2020			
CURRENT ACCOUNT			
Bal b/f 01/03/20			\$500,428.44
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Contributions			
Care Packages	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	
Fundraisers			
Sale of masks	\$123,000.00		
Boat Cruise	\$397,300.00		
		\$520,300.00	\$531,100.00
Total Receipts			\$1,031,528.44
PAYMENTS			
Bank Charges (Mar 2020 - June 2020)	\$3,356.23		
Stamp Duty (Mar 2020 - June 2020)	\$1.40		
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	\$69,000.00		
Rental of Church Hall for AGM	\$20,000.00		
Total Payments	\$375,922.25		\$375,922.25
			\$655,606.19

SAVINGS ACCOUNT			
Balance as at July 15, 2020	\$2,893,728.54		
Breakdown			
Donations for the Dining Room			
New York and South Florida Chapters	\$976,243.00		
Jamaica Chapter (already committed)	\$1,023,757.00		
Jamaica Chapter	\$341,730.00		\$2,341,730.00
Donation from Pamela Burke	\$58,090.00		\$58,090.00
(For a scholarship)			
Funds from the Westwood Foundation Account			
To be paid to Westwood High School	\$200,000.00		
WOGA	\$167,963.74		\$367,963.74
Difference (WOGA)	\$125,944.80		\$125,944.80
			\$2,893,728.54

WESTERN CHAPTER REPORT

The ladies of the West met in mid 2019 in an effort to once again start a WOGA Western chapter. The meeting was held at the Rock Wharf with 17 ladies present. From that inaugural meeting a steering committee of 5 persons headed by Claudia Tavares was selected to find a path forward.

Since then the group has had three general meetings, one at the Whitter Village in Ironshore, and the other two at the Rock Wharf venue. Unfortunately the attendance was very poor with a maximum of only 7 present. A *What's App* group has been initiated and it now boasts 64 participants. While this chat room is very active we are still challenged to have persons participate in meetings.

Fun Day

On the 30th of November 2019 the WOGA Western group held a family fun day at the 876 Beach Club in Trelawny. Attendance was disappointing but through donations we were still able to make a profit of \$91,300.00. Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the day and thought the venue was absolutely delightful. It was suggested that this should be made as an annual affair.

Library Donations

The library has also benefitted from donations of books and money through an initiative spearheaded by Janet Shirley (Class of '72). Over 250 books were delivered to the school for the library while cash donations of over \$130,000.00 were collected and are currently being held in the WOGA account pending a decision regarding an E-library. This is ongoing.

In our meeting held on February 2020 it was decided that the following persons will assume the responsibilities indicated below.

Nathalia Whyte	-Hospitality and Promotion & Westwood Liaison
Shana Besley	-Accounts/Finance
Carolyn Stewart	-Sponsorship
Rose Hylton	-General Support
Janet Shirley	-WOGA Liaison

Since then the dreaded pandemic has caused a pause in activities while we wait to be cleared to restart. As the restrictions are lifted, we will attempt to hold our next meeting as there is a lot of work to be done for the alma mater.

Ora et Labore !

PRINCIPALS REPORT

MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 2019

The staff and students take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Dawn McNaughton, Mrs. Doreen Deitrich and the members of the new executive on your election. We anticipate your continued support to your Alma Mater and would like you to know that we appreciate all that has been done for the development and welfare of the students during the last academic year.

During the Summer Term we hosted our second 5k/Walk Run. This was quite exciting though we had fewer participants than last year. The Home Economics Department hosted its Home Economics Day showcasing the work of students. The Westwood Old Girls continue to engage with our girls through the Mentorship Programme and the International Women's Day celebrations. We hosted our Mini and Miss Westwood Talent Pageant. The students of grade eight were excitingly engaged in an Inter-grade Spanish Quiz Competition. Grade 9 students shared in a Career Cocktail held at the Holiday Haven hotel to practise the etiquette they were taught and to interact with professionals. The English Department showcased its open day, exhibiting work from students of Grades 7 and 8.

The students of CSEC and CAPE had their examination season. They amassed an overall average of 94.96 in the CSEC examinations with 100% pass rate in English Language and 97.14% in Mathematics. The students of CAPE amassed 98.96%.

Mrs. Jacquell Tucker and her team the Jamaica Project Team donated gifts of school supplies to needy students from Grade 7-11. The team gave some classrooms and the auditorium a face lift.

The School Leaving Ceremony was an excellent one. Mrs. Sally-Ann Gray was the Guest speaker.

The School Challenge Quiz Club camped for four weeks in the summer practising for the upcoming season.

Markiesh Francis and Shynecka Manderson attended the Emerging Leaders Global Conference at Knox College. This was sponsored by the NYCWOGA.

Two Guncourt classrooms are being retrofitted for the dining area. This will be fully ready for school in the upcoming week. The repair work at the hostel is almost complete. The visitor's lounge was tiled. Lockers were placed in the Main Building and Princess Alice dormitories. Shelves and cupboards were painted at the Hostel and Princess Alice dormitories. Dormitories were painted. A make shift tuck room was created. Tuck boxes at the hostel were painted. Quad classrooms were painted and part exterior of the main building.

This year the school theme is E triple D: Excellence through Discipline, Decorum and Dignity. We had one hundred and fifty (150) grade 7 students enrolled and thirty two (32) grade 12 students added to the Westwood family. We have a total of 50 teachers. We only need one teacher. We have prepared the meals at the temporary kitchen and seventy one students can dine in the temporary dining room. The others ate at the Big Dining Room. We intend to complete two of the Science labs by December 2019.

Thanks to WOGA for your continued support and hard work and efforts to assist us financially.

Thanks to the New York Chapter for sponsoring the students who attended the Global Emerging Conference.

-To the Class of 74 for the new sign at the gate.

-To the Class of 86 for the paint for the Biology Lab.

-To the PTA for the gazebo at the foot of the hill

We wish you all the best for the meeting and promise to support the new executive always as we continue to work for the greater good of our beloved Alma Mater. Viva Westwood!

Prepared by Karen Francis

Principal

SEPTEMBER 2019 TO JANUARY 2020

The staff and students take this opportunity to greet Mrs. Doreen Deitrich and the members of the executive. Since the last report, we completed the two Gun Court classrooms which were retrofitted for a dining area. The students have been satisfied with the meals prepared and provided by the temporary kitchen. The temporary dining room seats seventy one students while the retrofitted classrooms seat close to one hundred students. We were able to have Christmas dinner for the boarders.

We hosted the Passion and Purity Conference 2019 in September 2019. This was a great Conference.

The students of the class of 2019 amassed an average of 96.94% in the CSEC and 98.76% in the CAPE examinations. We have earned places on the Caribbean and Jamaica merit lists. Gabrielle Malabver placed first (1st) in the Caribbean and Jamaica in Family Resource Management. She placed seventh (7th) in the Caribbean in Food, Nutrition and Health. For CAPE, Davia Henningham was fourth(4th) in Animation, Gaming and Design and Rena Brow was seventh (7th) in Spanish in the Caribbean. For the Jamaica Merit list Yashema Fulton and Katja Davis placed fourth(4th) and tenth(10th) in Theatre Arts respectively, Antoinette Sinclair sixth(6th) in Physical Education and Gabrielle Malabver fifth(5th) in Food, Nutrition and Health. For the CAPE Jamaica Merit list Shannel Shand placed 7th in French, Rena Brown fifth(5th) and Jammella Blackwood seventh(7th) respectively in Spanish and Davia Henningham was fourth(4th) and Kenjah Jarrett tenth (10th) in Animation, Gaming and Design.

We needed one teacher of CAPE Biology and CSEC Chemistry and a teacher of Mathematics for grade 7. In October the position of CAPE Biology and CSEC Chemistry was filled.

The students of Agricultural Science presented at the Climate Change Forum in Stewart Town.

The Netballers for the first time in years reached the second round of the ISSA Netball competition. We now have a coach who is training both the netballers and the track team. Some students supported the Albert Town High School's 50th Anniversary 5K Walk/Run.

Prize giving Ceremony was held in October. Mrs. Esther Tyson was the guest speaker.

The students of Spanish entered the Zonal Spanish Festival Competition and will move on to the finals.

The students of the Debating Society entered the JADE/NIA Debating Competition going up against college and university students.

The Sixth Formers participated in the Governor General's I believe Initiative and hosted their Pink Day Sale in support of Breast Cancer Month.

Three grade 11 students won prizes in the ICWI Essay Competition and they also hosted their annual Concert.

Boarders attended the North American Boarding School Fair. Boarders also participated in a series of Etiquette sessions.

The School Challenge Quiz Club has been participating in preparation rallies for the upcoming Quiz season.

The Head Girl is the Vice President of the National Jamaica Prefects' Association.

We hosted a Gospel Concert in December.

The bidding for the Science laboratories has been done and the tender report has been completed and is now at the Central Ministry. We await the Ministry for approval and disbursement of funds to start the labs. The work at the Hostel has almost been completed with a few defects to be corrected by the contractor. The windows at the Main Building dormitories have been grilled, Old Baths bathroom doors have been replaced, three flats at Bird Haven have been tiled, academic staff members from Staff Room 1 have been moved to Staff Room 2, the

classroom under the stage at the auditorium has been painted and fitted with fans for a classroom, the Big Dining Room has been retrofitted to two classrooms (Technical Drawing Room and classroom) also Mallards has been transformed to a classroom.

Thanks to WOGA for your continued support and hard work and efforts to assist us financially.

Thanks to Guardian Life for their gift of five hundred thousand (\$5000,000)dollars to assist with the permanent dining room.

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Principal

JANUARY TO MARCH 2020

The staff and students take this opportunity to greet respectively the Presidents of WOGA, WOGANYC and WOGASFC, the members of the executive bodies and the membership and to wish you well even in this time of pandemic crisis.

The Easter term 2020 began smoothly until mid January when we were faced with serious water issues due the National Water Commission's malfunctioning pump. This continued to the end of the half of the term. The NWC provided trucked water which was not always adequate. We had to purchase water from a private supplier and we also received water from Noranda Bauxite through the instrumentality of Mr. Craig Thompson.

Gratitude is extended to Mrs. Marissa Dalrymple Phillibert, the Member of Parliament and an Old Girl who was our liaison with the National Water Commission.

We hosted our third 5k/Walk Run on February 16, 2020.

We hosted our second Spirit Week Activity. This was a good week. Miss Natalia Whyte, teacher and Old Girl addressed the students, there was a dedication and thanksgiving service and the launch of our School Prayer, there was a Clean-Up campaign and a Mascot competition. The Sixth Formers hosted their After School Jam.

The ISCFers participated in the National ISCF Prayer Breakfast which was held at the Pegasus Hotel.

The Girl Guides hosted their Thinking Day Sports Day.

Students of the Environmental Club have been engaged in the Wisynco Eco Club Recycling Competition.

Janielle McKoy, the Head Girl has been elected as the Vice President of the Region of the Jamaica Prefects Association and Bri-Tanya Morris, the Treasurer. They have participated in the National Leadership training and have paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister.

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

Students have tendered articles for the Passion and Purity Booklet which will focus on Westwood as the Conference was held here in September 2019.

Boarders and Guides attended the National Pantomime in February 2020.

Britney Ellis, a Sixth Former participated in the Rita Marley Foundation Public Speaking Competition.

The students of Spanish participated in the National Spanish Festival Finals. The students have won two Gold medals in Junior and Senior Discurso and Silver medal in Junior Dance.

The members of the Track team have been participating in Track meets to earn their place in the ISSA Boys and Girls Championships. They have already been registered. This has now been cancelled due to the pandemic. We hosted our Sports Day. Webb House was victorious and Trestrail won the Cheerleading competition. Our Table Tennis teams have moved on to the Rural Finals to defend our Title. The Junior team is the Rural Champion and the Senior Team has placed second in the Rural Championships.

The Humanities Department and Culture Club hosted the Jamaica Day activities.

Students of Grade 9 Entrepreneurship participated in the Regional National Careers Week Activity at the Noranda Bauxite Company.

The students participated in the JCDC Music and Speech Eliminations Competition. The students will move on to the next round.

The School Challenge Quiz team won their first round match against Merl Grove High School. The team lost their second round match to Munro College 47 to 29.

Our planned fundraising activity Mini/Miss Westwood 2020 will be postponed due the closure.

Repairs were done at school:

Gazebo –the Gazebo was painted by the PTA.

Main Building-Enclosure doors were installed at the Old Baths bathrooms.

The Biology Lab ceiling is being fixed.

Computers- Repair work has been done to the computers at the Media Centre and more computers have been installed in the Media Centre . However, more work needs to be done in light of the installation of Autocad. There have been serious challenges with the internet supply from FLOW. Three air conditioning units have been installed in the Media Centre and it has also been painted.

The construction of the Science Laboratories has started. The Ministry of Education is responsible for the project. Demolition, excavation and steel work has been completed. This is due to be completed in April, 2020.

Work to be done - The Principal's flat needs repairs to the roof and closet. There is a serious termite issue. The roof of the Vice Principal's flat needs to be repaired. The clinic needs repair. The Class of 19990 has proposed to undertake some repairs. The Staff Room 1 needs to be demolished and reconstructed. The cupboards at the Domestic Science lab 2 need to be overhauled. The Enid Beale Domestic Science Lab needs to be re-roofed due to molded roof. A concrete post needs to be constructed to facilitate electrical wires from the JPS poles.

With the first case of COVID -19 disease in Jamaica, schools were ordered closed as of Friday, March 13,2020. Boarders were sent home on Thursday, March 12, 2020. By Friday, March 13, 2020 all students had vacated the campus. Since then teachers have been using the following platforms to teach and disseminate information: Whatsapp, Zoom, Google Classrooms, Schoology, Instagram and Email. Initially, both students and teachers experienced teething pains and challenges in implementing and setting up the various platforms.

Many students have logged into the various platforms. However, some have expressed issues of unavailability of data, unavailability of internet and absence of a device.

Some teachers complained that after classrooms/groups were set up, some students were not attending as well as that many were late in returning assignments. Students have asked many questions. Some have expressed that they prefer face to face while some have expressed that they prefer this as there is less disruption in class.

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Principal

MARCH 20 TO JULY 2020

The staff and students take this opportunity to greet respectively the Presidents of WOGA, WOGANYC and WOGASFC, the members of the executive bodies and the membership and to wish you well even in this time of pandemic crisis.

The Easter term 2020 was prematurely aborted. School was closed by the Ministry of Education since March 13,2020 to June 08,2020. Since then we launched into online teaching. This has been quite difficult for both staff and students. However, teachers manipulated and navigated various platforms to teach and reach the students. The teachers used various platforms such as Zoom, Google Classroom, Schoology, Edmodo, Whatsapp and email to reach students. We have not reached everyone. About 65% to 70% of the students have been reached. Daily reports were compiled and sent to the Ministry. Since the beginning of 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. Teachers were contacted daily via Whatsapp. We have launched the Westwood app since July 2020 to facilitate students and parents to access information and material for online learning.

Co-Curricular Achievements

Jammella Blackwood, Deputy Head Girl, 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.

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

School Reopening

Face to face classes resumed June 08,2020 with preparation classes for the CSEC and CAPE students. Students are expected to wear a mask. The campus had to be prepared with the Ministry of Health's guidelines.

Thermometers and dispensers were purchased for the dormitory and auditorium. Desks and chairs were removed from the classrooms. Signs and decals have been installed, as well as hand wash sinks and sanitization stations. Nurse Maizielyn Fowler Tapper and the Guidance Counsellors sensitized the students and staff about how to treat with the corona virus (Covid-19). Members of the ancillary staff have been re deployed to the classrooms and quad area to ensure that the sanitization protocols are observed. More dispensers will have to be purchased for the classrooms and office.

The CSEC and CAPE examination began on Monday, July13,2020 and will last until August 04. 2020.

Repairs

The construction of the laboratories is still in progress. A special board meeting was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 to discuss variations to the project. Two of three laboratories are complete as well as the prep room. Painting is being done now.

Repairs have been done to the ceiling at the Biology Lab.

The Clinic has been retrofitted with an isolation area.

Work to be done - The Principal's flat needs repairs to the roof and closet. There is a serious termite issue. The roof of the Vice Principal's flat needs to be repaired. The clinic needs repair. The Class of 19990 has proposed to undertake some repairs. The Staff Room 1 needs to be demolished and reconstructed. The cupboards at the Domestic Science lab 2 need to be overhauled. The Enid Beale Domestic Science Lab needs to be re-roofed due to molded roof. A concrete post needs to be constructed to facilitate electrical wires from the JPS poles.

Donations

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

Mr. Craig Thompson solicited assistance from Noranda Bauxite Company with a donation of three (3) two hundred gallons tanks to set up the wash hand stations. We are grateful to him and his company.

One student was assisted with financial support from an Old Girl.

The JTA/Ministry of Education delivered forty five (45) tablets for teachers.

The Ministry of Education donated two thermometers, hand soap, alcohol, gloves and hand sanitizer to the reopening effort.

Upcoming School Year

We will need financial support as there was no collection of fees for the Summer Term. We will need more classroom space, especially in light of the three feet distancing guidelines. We will only be allowed to have two hundred and fifteen (215) boarders for the new school year.

For the upcoming school year we will use the blended approach which is the mixture of face to face classes and online learning. We will select a specific platform to facilitate this in September 2020. Students will be allowed to have a tablet at school.

We wish you all the best for the meeting as we continue to navigate our way in this trying time of pandemic for the greater good of Westwood.

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Principal

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

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