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Message from the Editor



Jim Helm, editor

This is the 2009 edition of our ***Gift of Education*** Newsletter, providing you with news of what is happening on the campus of Lady Doak.

The biggest news from the campus is of the change in administration. Dr. Nirmala Jeyaraj, Principal of the College for 12 years, has left for a position as program director in the Hong Kong office of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. Although originally slated for mandatory retirement in 2009, she couldn't resist this opportunity to take her expertise to a wider circle. She was a mainstay of the College for those 12 years and will be very much missed. Below you will find an appreciation of her 12-year tenure as Principal.

The new Principal is Dr. Mercy Pushpalatha of the Chemistry Department, who specializes in Organic Chemistry with interests in Organic Spectroscopy and Electro-organic Chemistry. She has served the College in a number of administrative capacities and brings a wealth of experience to her new duties. We welcome her to this important post.

If you received this Newsletter by post, please save us some postage and send us your email address at ladydoakcollege@oberlin.net and be sure to add ladydoakcollege@oberlin.net to your list of allowed senders and contacts to ensure that future mailings you

receive from the College aren't mistakenly blocked by antispam software.

Dr. Nirmala Jeyaraj's Legacy

During Dr. Nirmala's tenure as Principal enormous changes took place at the College. Seven new buildings were built or acquired, two were enlarged, paths within the campus were paved, water harvesting was introduced, and ramps and elevators for the differently-abled were added. The entire campus was networked, providing access to the internet and e-mail, and Smart Classrooms were added.

Meanwhile the National Assessment and Accreditation Council awarded the College Five Stars, their highest rating, and later re-accredited it with an "A" Grade. The University Grants Commission designated LDC as a 'College with Potential for Excellence', and ISO Certification for Quality Management was granted. The faculty gave the curriculum greater breadth together with more choice in major programs ("Choice-based credit system"), and added 8 new bachelors degrees, 13 masters degrees, 3 PhDs, and several new PG Diplomas. The College developed eight new centres: the Centre for Women's Studies, the Centre for Environmental Studies, the Centre for Inter-faith Relations, the Science Instrumentation Centre, the Music Centre, the Faculty Training and Development Centre, the Career Guidance Centre, and the International Studies Centre. Education was internationalized with more overseas visitors, intercultural exchanges, and national and international conferences. Service Learning was begun, an Endowment Fund was established, and nine books were published. The College upgraded the library significantly and added an E-library.

Finally, a new campus was secured as a base for the College's extension activities and rural development projects, so as to expand educational opportunity for women in the Madurai area.

Dr. Nirmala writes about this period: "Our focus during the past decade was to reform and fine-tune our system, infrastructure and curriculum to achieve excellence with the right blend of values, character and service. Efforts have been taken to equip our students with skills that would make them not only employable or employment providers but also worthy human beings who would promote justice, equality, peace and harmony. Hence our curriculum is dynamic, eclectic and innovative."

The New Principal



Dr. Mercy Pushpalatha



Dr. Nirmala Jeyaraj passes the baton to the new principal, Dr. Mercy Pushpalatha on October 6, 2008.

College celebrates its Diamond Jubilee

The Diamond Jubilee culminated in a celebration on July 26, 2008. The Vice-Chancellor of the Indira Gandhi National Open University, Prof. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, delivered the Chief Guest Address and launched the LDC-IGNOU Partnership Programme.

Katie Wilcox Community College was initiated on the new campus by Rev. Fr. Xavier Alphonse, Member of UGC & Director of the Indian Centre for Research and Development of Community Education, Chennai,

to impart inclusive education for School dropouts. He also unveiled the stone plaque to mark the opening of the Women's Hostel (sponsored by UGC) for PG & Research Scholars.

A Special postal cover on 'Lady Doak College, Madurai' was released by the Indian Postal Services.

MOUs established

Several Memoranda of Understanding have been signed: for a student exchange Programme with Mary Baldwin College, Virginia, USA, with MADITSSIA, with Institute of Human Rights Education of People's Watch, Madurai, and with Renison College, University of Waterloo, Canada.

Faculty

The following faculty received the PhD degree:

Mrs. Lily Jayaseeli Balasingh (History),
Mrs. Rosammal Elizabeth Jebarani (Commerce),
Mrs. Synthia Mary Mathew (Social Science),
Mrs. Manorama Dhanaseeli (Botany),
Mrs. Bindhu (Physics),
Ms. K. Sujatha (Biotechnology),
Mrs. Christianna Singh (Economics),
Mrs. Geetha Kanagaraj (English),
Mrs. S. Vasantha (Chemistry),
Mrs. A. Mahalakshmi (Zoology), and
Miss B. Sandhya Kiran (Zoology).

Dr Sri Sudha, Reader in Botany has received a major research grants from the UGC and CSIR. **Dr. Shenbagarathai**, HOD of Biotechnology has received major research grants from DBT & UGC.

Dr Rachel Regi Daniel, Dean of Student Services and Reader in Botany, has been awarded the "National Environmental Award" by the Khadi and Village Industries Development Agency of India and the "Best Teacher Award" by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education.

Mrs. Suka Joshua (Dept of English) and **Mrs. Priya Rajendran** (Dept of Bio Tech) received a Certificate of Appreciation from Oberlin Shansi USA for their "commendable service in connecting worlds".

The College published three books: *Human Rights and Higher Education*, edited by **Dr. Lily Balasingh**, **Dr. Brigit Mary**, & **Rev. Dr. Jesudason B. Jeyaraj**, *Butterflies of Lady Doak College Campus*, by **Mrs. Priya Rajendran**, and *Introduction to Research*

Methodology – A Multidisciplinary Approach, edited by **Dr. Nirmala Jeyaraj**.

We are deeply saddened to report the death of **Mrs. Anna Abraham**. She had played so many different roles in the College, beginning with a member of the faculty in the History Department and then Head of Department from 1971-1994, Dean of Students, Dean of the Faculty, and Vice Principal. She was so instrumental in helping me (the Editor) enter the world of Lady Doak College on my first visit. Her straight-forward counsel and genuine concern were always so refreshing. Anne and I will surely miss seeing her on our visits to Madurai.



Mrs. Anna Abraham

Friends of Lady Doak College

The US Friends of Lady Doak College will host another trip to India in January, 2010. Focusing on the culture and social services of South India, the tour group will leave from the East Coast of the US, fly to Madras (Chennai), tour the city and Mamallapuram, then travel to Madurai. There they will stay at Lady Doak College, which will be their base for excursions in the area. Then on to Kerala on the west coast and Kanyakumari at the southern tip. An optional add-on to New Delhi and the Taj Mahal is available. Contact the editor for more information (jameshelm@oberlin.net).

Pongal celebrated in Ohio!

Aggie Sojka was a member of the group of Friends of Lady Doak College that visited the College last January. She was much impressed by the Pongal harvest celebration that we witnessed in Karuppayurani. As it happens, she owns a grove of sugar maple trees that produce maple syrup in the spring. This year at harvest time she also celebrated Pongal at her usual annual Sugarhouse get-together. She included a description of Pongal in her invitation letter, then cooked pongal rice over an open fire and

served it to the guests. A fun way to increase international understanding!

Student Body

The total number of students at Lady Doak College is 3299 – 1301 (aided) and 1998 (Self-Financed). As a “minority institution” it is required to fill 50% of the seats with candidates from the minority community (in this case Christians). The government also stipulates that the College admit a certain percentage of minorities in each major, and this is meticulously followed. The Dalit community (former “untouchables”) is particularly disadvantaged when it comes to higher education. Thus the College makes special efforts to enroll such students. Although a large number of Christians are from the Dalit community, they are not considered separately from the 50% Christians.

Out of the remaining 50% in the aided course, there are at present 28% who are Dalits (184/1301 students, not including Dalit Christians). In the self-financed courses, this percentage is 9% (89/1998 students). Unfortunately the College does not get many applicants from the Dalit community for the self-financed courses due to the cost, but Lady Doak has a tradition of never refusing such candidates admission, even if they are a little below the other applicants in their academic achievement.

LinkedIn "Lady Doak College" Group

Vidhya Srinivasan (Mathematics, 1989-1992) has organized a Lady Doak College group on LinkedIn. She writes, “<This is> a very professional and useful business community to connect with past classmates/colleagues, search for job opportunities, make referrals or just simply network.”

Orkut "Lady Doak College" Group

There is also a long-standing LDC Group on Orkut organized by Sangeetha Kandavel (Commerce, 2000-2003), which now has almost 900 members. See www.orkut.com and See www.orkut.com and the notes from her and from Sharmila below.

Former Faculty News

Manorama Talaiver (Former Economics Faculty and Dean of Students at LDC, 1970-1981) has received the prestigious 2009 Black Engineer of the Year Award for Promotion of Elementary Education in the United States, and was commended for this by a Virginia State

Senate resolution in February. The award was presented at the STEM Global Competitiveness Conference sponsored by Lockheed Martin Corporation, *US Black Engineer & Information Technology Magazine*, and the Council of Engineering Deans of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Mano is the director of Longwood University's Institute for Teaching through Technology & Innovative Practices (ITTIP).

Mano received her bachelor's in mathematics from Madras University, master's degrees from Madurai University (Mathematical Economics) and from the Victoria University of Manchester (Agricultural Economics), and a Doctorate in Education from the University of Georgia. She moved to the United States in 1981 and worked as a teacher at the Richmond Christian School, as a technology specialist with the Chesterfield County Public Schools and the Mathematics & Science Center in Richmond, and as director of learning technologies at the Science Museum of Virginia.

She now helps teachers integrate technology into the classroom and disseminates research-based best practices in schools in Central and Southern Virginia, working with low-income and minority students and rural school divisions to encourage science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education. Some of the impressive projects that the students work on include interactive game design, computer programming, and building an underwater robot. The Senate resolution was presented as an expression of their admiration and respect for her commitment to the field of education. <Mano@nitpr.us>



Mano Talaiiver

Alumnae Notes

Rama C (Mathematics, 1968-71): I have recently quit my Math teacher position with Padma Seshadri Bala Bhavan School and taken over as Head Teacher (Principal) Calibre Academy in Chennai. This school started just 3 years ago but is already making waves in Chennai plus in U.K. where it has a partner school.

The school has just added its Middle school and is seeking affiliation with CBSE. Rama

<ramanarayananaswamy@hotmail.com>

Revathy Krishna (Social Sciences, 1972-75 - the period of Ms. Shanti Manuel): Thanks for remembering me and sending out mails. I am residing in Chennai for the last 30 years. I am a professional Veena Artiste, giving stage performances all over India and abroad. My husband, C.R. Krishnan has a silk saree business in Kanchipuram. My son Narayan is a fashion designer who graduated from NIFT, Chennai, completed a Masters as University topper in Marangoni University in Milan, Italy. At present he is doing his internship in an international company called Calvin Klein.

Thank you and good day.

Revathy Krishna <revathykrish@hotmail.com>



Revathy Krishna

Kalpana Rengarajan (Zoology, 1977), Ph.D., RBP, is the Assistant Director, Biosafety Officer, of the Environmental Health and Safety Office at Emory University in Atlanta, USA. <krengar@emory.edu>

Mala Nadarajan (Social Sciences, 1983-1986; PG English, 1986-1988): It is very nice to hear from LDC - you have activated my nostalgia - I feel like coming there right now.

Here are some details about since I left LDC. I came to U.S. in 1990 December, did a few courses which only got me feet wet in the way academia works in U.S. Shortly after I had 3 kids in a row which occupied all my time till the past 6 years. Once my kids started school, I went back to school also:

2003-2005 MA (Elementary Education)

2005-2007 EdS (Elementary Education - cognate Math Education)

2008-present PhD (Elementary Education - cognate Math Education)

While studying I have been working as well. Between 2005-2007 I worked at Holy Spirit School as a Science teacher for fifth and sixth grade. Between 2007-2008 I

worked at Loxley Elementary School as a math teacher for fifth and sixth grade.

My husband is a Dentist at the Daphne, Alabama, Dixie Dental Center. Our first son, Annamalai Nadarajan, Jr, is 16 and in the 11th Grade at the Alabama School of Math and Science. Our daughter, Ramayee Nadarajan, is 15 and in the 9th Grade at FairHope High School. Our last son, Ganesh Nadarajan, is 13 and in the 8th Grade at Christ The King School in Daphne.

We live in a place called Loxley, close to Mobile in Alabama. We are very close to the beach and surrounded by tropical plants and pleasant weather round the year.

We are planning a trip to India this summer and I will be sure to visit LDC. Keep me posted with the news in campus - I long for those memorable days. Also, please give send me the email address of the Social Science faculty members I requested. I want to keep in touch. Thank you, Mala

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Geetha P. Rani (Economics, 1984-87 and MA in Economics, 1987-89) is currently working as an Associate Professor at the National University of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi. She sends her warm regards. <geethselva@yahoo.com>

Veeralakshmi Rajasekar (Social Sciences 1985-88): Thank you very much for all the newsletters. I belong to the 1985 batch of undergraduates. I was a resident & spent my 3 years in James Doak, Wilcox, & Pandian hostels. I enjoyed my best years of life in the hostels in LDC & I should say that they were extremely good learning years too. After LDC, I did my Masters in Social Work, specialising in Medical & Psychiatric Social Work, from Madras School of Social Work, Chennai, & MPhil. from NIMHANS, Bangalore. I have worked as an educator, trainer & practitioner in the field of Social Work. I am now in Coimbatore. I am married and have a son who is 9 years old.

I owe a lot of what I am to LDC - Mrs. Abraham, Ms. Manuel & Dr. Rani George were inspiring, while Ms. Grace, Ms. Jeyalakshmi & Dr. Caroline were mentors. Wardens of hostels - Ms Gandhi Mary, Ms. Lily Ernst, Ms. Ann Stevens, Ms. Christianna Singh & Ms. Nirmala were such patient guardians (I am sure we were quite a handful for anyone to handle) & the Paatis (I remember Meenakshi Paati) were real darlings.

I am lucky to be in touch with some of my batch mates - Roopa, Seetha & Sasirekha. All of us have

moved on in life but still remember our LDC days with lot of pride & nostalgia. Regards, Veera

<veeralakshmi.r@gmail.com>

Jeyarani (Zoology, 1987-1990): Now I have passed M.L.I.Sc. and I want to go for higher studies, like a Ph.D.(library science). <jeyaranikumar@yahoo.co.in>

Meenakshi Girish (Zoology, 1992-95): Thank you for contacting me. After LDC I did my post graduation in Environmental Science from PSG, Coimbatore, and I worked as a lecturer in Fatima College, Madurai, during 1999-2000. Then I worked with ICICI Bank, Ltd., as Branch Operations Manager from 2000-2007. Now I am residing at Ghana, West Africa, working as Administrator in IPMC, one of the top IT schools in Ghana. I am married and we have a son, Aditya who is 6 years old. Thanks & Regards, Meenakshi

<meenakshi.girish@gmail.com>



Meenakshi

Rajee Thomas (Economics, 1992-95): I am so proud to say that I did my B A in Lady Doak College and CCd my college mates Gokila Lakshmi and Maheshwari.

A little bit of my personal life is I am married and mother of a 5 year old son, settled in Dubai and working for a largest bank Emirates National Bank of Dubai. Have a great day. Regards, Rajee

<kavithasamvo@yahoo.com>



Rajee Thomas

S. Anitha (English, 1993-96, MA English, 1996-98): Present Occupation: Lecturer in English (Regular)

at the V V V College for Women, Virudhunagar.
Previous Experience: Lecturer in Bangalore.

Anitha Ravi <anitharavi76@yahoo.co.in>

Premalatha Chidambaram (English, 1993-1996):
For the past 7 years I am working as Personal
Secretary to Director-Technical in Standard Fireworks
(P) Ltd., Sivakasi. Thanks for your updates. Please do
keep on updating information regarding LDC.

Premalatha <lathahai@yahoo.com>

[She included Email Ids of some of her Doakian friends
– that helps us a lot!]



Manimaran & Premalatha with Harirathan

Yuvana Satya Priya (Botany, 1995-1998): After leaving
the college I pursued my PG degree in Integrated
Biology from Madurai Kamaraj University. Following
that I stepped into Indian Institute of Sciences, Bangalore
as summer fellow and then as R & D assistant in the
Centre of Ecological Sciences under Prof. R. Gadagkar.
Once again I came back to MKU in the Dept. of
Biotechnology as project assistant under Prof. Gupta.
Finally in the year 2001 I registered my Ph. D in Biology
under the guidance of Prof. G. Marimuthu and was
awarded by the doctoral degree in the year 2006. At
present I am working as a CSIR-Research Associate at
Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
in the Dept. of Applied Animal Sciences and looking
for a teaching position. Thanking you. Yours truly,
(Dr.) Yuvana Satya Priya <yuvana76@yahoo.com>

Sharmila N (1997-2000, English): After College.... I
have a lovely family of a daughter and a son. I'm
presently working as a teacher in English, at Velammal
Mat. School, Viraganoor. I'm also doing my B Ed now.
It would be great if I can get back in touch with my
friends. I have managed to get in touch with many of
my classmates, junior and seniors, have formed a big
chain, in my orkut profile at www.orkut.com. We also

managed to meet up (UG classmates--directly in
Madurai GRT), after 9 solid years, because of this
network, and I am very happy to say, we had a gala
time, together this January at Madurai. I have also
posted your mail to me, for my friends there; hope they
get in touch with you. I'm proud to be a doakian! Hats
off to our College! With Love and Regards, Sharmi 🌹

<chai2sha@yahoo.com>



Sharmi

Kannathal Kanna (Mathematics, 1998-2001, PG
2001-03): I served as PG assistant in Shri V.K.K.
Playgroup Matriculation School from June 2003 to
December 2005. I am now a Lecturer in the Department
of Mathematics, Lady Doak College, till date from
January 2006. I did not receive the previous news
letters. <rmkannathal@rediffmail.com>

Radhi Senthil (Economics, 1998-2001): After college
life I worked as a teacher for a period of two years in a
school. Later I had a baby and had to resign my job to
take care of my baby. I'm a homemaker now. My
baby is studying in LKG and we are leading a very
happy family life. <radhisenthil@gmail.com>

Annie Nirmala Paulraj (2000-2003, Social Sciences):
Hello everyone, I'm still in Columbus, Ohio. Last year
we were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Josita. She
keeps me pretty busy. I'm still holding on to my Social
Worker License hoping to work soon. Annie

<annienirmala@yahoo.com>



Annie, Sam, & Josita

Sivagama Sundari (Zoology, 2001-04, PG 2004-06): After my PG I did my MPhil Biotechnology as a distance education programme and simultaneously I was selected as Staff Scientist at Osho Biotech Research Institute, Annanagar, Madurai, which is affiliated to Annamalai University. I have registered for a PhD in Marine Biology at Annamalai University in 2007. My area of work is molecular biology, genetic engineering & rDNA technology, Bioinformatics. My Guide at Osho Biotech Research Institute is Dr. Rajamanickam, former HOD, School of Biological Sciences, MKU, Madurai. With regards,

Sivagama <preethivelmurugan@yahoo.co.in>



Sivagama

Kalpana S (Tamil, 2002-2005; PGTamil, 2005-2007): I am now settled in Singapore working as a Tamil Teacher in Clementi Woods Secondary School. I really miss my college and my lecturers and friends very much. Whenever I get time I am still keeping in touch with my lecturers at Lady Doak. My college life is the best one and it helped me to identify my talents and future. I can never forget my lecturers who in other hand showered their love as my mother and guided me in the right path. I am proud to be a Doakian and I will prove myself in this country as Doakian. Thank you for your e-mail. Kindly send the newsletter continuously. Best regards, Kalpana

<funnyrock82@yahoo.co.in>



Kalpana

Ponmalar Robin (Social Sciences, 2002-05): That was great to hear from you. I am doing good...how are you??? It's always nice to get updated, so please send me the newsletters. I haven't received any. Will definitely forward this mail to my friends.

After LDC I did a MSc in Counseling Psychology from Madras School of Social Works from 2005-07. Then I got married and now am settled in the States, North Carolina. With love, Malar 😊

Malar Robin <ponmalarrobin@yahoo.co.in>

Yamunadevi S (Zoology, 2002-05): Hi. After LDC I did Postgraduate work in The American College. In addition to that I did an Advanced Diploma in Bioinformatics (PG diploma) sponsored by the Department of Biotechnology, India. Presently I am working as a Junior research Fellow at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. I didn't receive any of the previous newsletters. Kindly send me all of the five Issues. Thanks a lot. Yamunadevi

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Susan Linda Rajkumar (Social Sciences, 2003-06): Hello All, Since graduation I have completed a Masters in Social Work from Madras Christian College and then worked for a few months in Bangalore. I am presently doing an internship with the Attorney General's Department – Office for Women in Adelaide, Australia, as I was awarded the Endeavour Scholarship by the Government of South Australia and University of South Australia (UniSA) while doing my Masters. My first 'aussie' journey began in LDC and it has carried on. I am having a wonderful learning experience.

My foundations at LDC have helped build my Social Work Identity as I work in the area of Gender Equity focusing on Gender Based Violence, Inclusion Matters (Gender and Policy) & Women's Safety Strategy. I would like to congratulate the Department of Social Sciences as they have started a Social Work Programme and wish them all best as they empower women into the society!

Remember, no economic climate is bad for a Social Worker to find a job! Cheers,

Linda <susanlindarajkumar@yahoo.co.in>



Linda

Vidya S. (BCA, 2003-2006): Dear friends, I feel very happy to tell you all that I am doing second year BL in Madurai Law College. I got married in August, 2006. My equal half's name is Pradeepkumaran. We lead a happy and peaceful life. We have a boy child, named Sanjeev, now 8 months old. We reside in Avaniyapuram, Madurai. I have not received the first five issues of the newsletter and would like to have them.

I hope that you all live happily with all your loved ones surrounding you. I also pray to God for the same. Take care everybody.

Vidya <vidhusubbiah@yahoo.com>

Zubeda Hamid (English, 2003-2006). After my BA, I did a one-year diploma in journalism from the Asian College of Journalism, Chennai, and am presently working as a reporter for the new Indian Express.

Thanks and regards, Zubeda <zubeda.h@gmail.com>

Abirami M (Commerce 2004-2007) Following my BCom degree, I entered St. Joseph's College, Trichy, for post graduation in Commerce. While the one year after LDC was going good there, my parents decided, along with my total satisfaction, that my second year has to be better than that and got me married!!

I'm now Abirami Praveen, wife of Praveen N Sethuraman. He works for ABB India. We live in the Garden City and I am a happy homemaker.

P.S. I have your mail to all my friends, say 10 or 15 of them.. Hope they'll get in touch with you soon.

Abirami <hai_abirami@yahoo.co.in>

Sathya Priyadharshini Sekar (Physics - PC Hardware & Networking, 2004-07): Hi Everyone! Ton of thanks for giving me this privilege. Currently I'm working for Infosys as Operational Analyst. Keenly waiting to see our Alumnae Newsletter :) Wishing you all Good Luck,
Sathya <dharshanpriya@gmail.com>



Sathya

Unnamalai V (BCom, 2004-2007 batch): I am currently pursuing my final year MBA, in Thiagarajar School of Management, Madurai. Regards, Unnamalai

<unna_talldoll@yahoo.co.in>

Nathiya P A (MSc – IT, 2006-08): Now I am doing my MBA (HR) in IGNOU. Yours Faithfully,

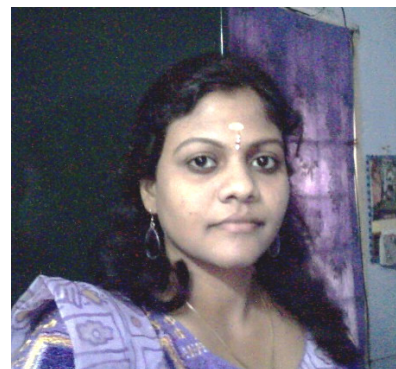
Nathiya <nadhiya_a@yahoo.com>



Nathiya

Raja Rajeswari K (IT, 2006-08): Now I'm doing my MBA (HR) in IGNOU. Yours Faithfully, Raji.

<raji_banjo@yahoo.com>



Raji

Angeline Sophia P (English): It's a great pleasure and privilege for me to receive mails from our college. Thank you. Please keep sending me them. I was unable to come for the Alumnae meet. I always feel proud that am a Doakian, because I learnt a lot from Lady Doak College. Wherever I go people appreciate me seeing my work and that credit definitely goes to Lady

Doak College. So I would always like to be in touch with my college. With regards,

Angeline Sophia <sweetsophi@yahoo.com>

Shansi Fellows

Charlotte Penfield Gosselink: We are very happy with our lives in Kennett Square, PA, but we still enjoy international travel. Chuck will make a two-week trip to Iran in Mid-May sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Char <RevCPG@aol.com>

Cynthia Scherr (1982-1983) and her family were at Lady Doak in December, 2008. She addressed a group of faculty and students on 'Organizational Leadership' and gave a special number during the College Carol Service. <cynthia@scherrconsults.com>

Jill Rothstein (1999-2001): I am now working at the New York Public Library, running the children's room and children's programming at one of the branches. I'm also still doing some photography for fun and am active in international women's rights movements. I'd like to come back and visit India again sometime! Jill <jhrothstein@hotmail.com>

Pamela de Bourg (2004-2005): Hello, It is good to hear from you. Since my departure from Madurai, I've been involved in many academic, social, and spiritually enriching activities. I earned a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. I currently work as a social worker and family therapist for foster kids in Broome and Chenango County in the state of New York. It is a rewarding profession that keeps me on my toes daily. I continue to be involved in the choir and missions team at my local church community. I've revived my health kick - I enjoy daily exercise and a diet routine to keep me in shape and full of energy for my tasks.

With agape love, Ms. Pamela de Bourg

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Anonymous, Oberlin OH
Cynthia & Geoffrey Andrews, Oberlin OH
George and Marlene Andrews, Oberlin OH
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Paul & Sally Arnold, Oberlin OH
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David & Ricarda Clark, Oberlin OH
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Donald & Joylynn Illig, Oberlin OH

Evan Roth-Howe (2004-2006): Since leaving Madurai, I have been teaching preschool and taking graduate courses, and I'm happy to announce that I just graduated from Tufts University in Boston with a MA in child psychology. I hope to continue working with children with developmental delays and disabilities in the coming years. I owe a great debt to the Creche program at LDC for supporting my growth as a multilingual educator! Evan

Our Donors

The Lady Doak College Endowment Fund is managed through the Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which is one of several groups that support Lady Doak. In the past 6 years, over \$150,000 has been contributed. Several endowed scholarships have been established:

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