



Loreto House Alumnae Association

Newsletter – March 2007

Dear Friends.

To take up from where we left off...herewith the latest news....

Our last event mentioned in the previous newsletter was the Christmas Bazaar to be held on the 16th December 2006.

It was duly held as planned. All the preparations paid off and we had yet another very successful event. There were the usual stalls full of everything under the sun, including a huge amount of food. There were games and lots of music and a well-stocked, popular 'Treasure Island'. The chaotic crowds lasted from almost 10 a.m. to 6p.m.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to all those who donated wonderful gifts for prizes, and a special thanks to all those who volunteered their services and provided their most welcome helping hands. To the hard working committee members goes a standing ovation.

To all the young students who volunteered to help out in manning some stalls, we offered special thanks, with a special treat on the 27th January 2007. We could not have held this event without their help and without the generous cooperation of the Principal & staff of Loreto House.

The 'old girls batch of 1981' held a grand reunion from the 21st to 23rd December 2006. They contacted each other and turned up in gratifying numbers from all over the world, for a memorable 3 day bash. It was really wonderful meeting all the past pupils...all grown up into awesome family and career women. They wandered about the school on a moist-eyed sentimental trail, visiting their old classrooms and meeting their past teachers. They offered a generous donation to their Alma mater.

We had earlier mentioned the formation of a Loreto Alumnae India, embracing all the Loretos in India. The Kolkata chapter launched their Alumnae in style on the 23rd January 2007 with a seminar named 'Made In Loreto'. This was followed by a dinner, out in the beautifully lit and decorated playground at Loreto House.

The weeklong event was dedicated to Mary Ward. Loreto's educational policies are based on Mary Ward's lifetime endeavours to empower women through education. The event started on the 23rd January 2007 her birth anniversary and ended with a mass on the 30th January 2007, her death anniversary. In between there was a dinner dance on the 27th January 2007.

The St.Xaviers Alumni [ALSOC for short} suggested a joint reunion this year. Our last joint reunion, named 'En Duet' was held in 1994. After a long gap of so many years we held another 'En Duet' reunion on the 3rd February 2007. Our 'Loreto girl' Oindrilla Dutt roped in Usha Uthup, Shyane & others to keep the music flowing and the dancers dancing late into the night.

As we do every year, we gave the children of the Roof School their annual treat of gifts and lunch, and they gave us great entertainment. As you may recall, Loreto shelters over 130 homeless children, on the roof next to the Roof School. They too were present.

Loreto House has finally switched to the ISC board, so our students can finish their class XII, of High School from Loreto House. We have been awarding a Challenge Cup and a silver medal to the outstanding achiever of Class X every year. Now we intend to award the same to the outstanding achiever of Class XII.

This year we have been able to donate two more scholarships for needy students to Loreto House.

Once again we are in the throes of planning our Loreto House reunion in April. There is a suggestion to hold a dinner dance this year. The notices will soon reach you .Do keep your eye on our website for further information.

Please send us your email IDs so that we can keep in closer touch. If you have any suggestions for other events, please write to the addresses given below.

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With fond regards

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