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Thank you for having read the first issue of our Jappa Times. With several new developments since then, we invite you to peruse this quarter's issue and remind you to take every step to become actively involved in the Association.

Dear Sister & Friend

Another year of success and happiness has passed.

We take time to reflect on our experiences in 2016 and our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our success possible.

Though we have lost a few along the way, we appreciated everyday working with you. It is in this spirit that we say thank you. We hope the New Year will bring for you success, happiness and renewed possibilities. *Dra Et Labore!!*



Westwood High - 135 Years Old

It is with great pride that we celebrate this significant milestone in our school's history – 135 years since our beloved school was established in 1882. 135 years of producing scholars, engineers and outstanding community leaders. Our alma mater continues to be a beacon among educational institutions across the Caribbean. As we take the time to celebrate the years gone by, let us bear in mind the responsibility that lies with us. We have a duty to endeavor to improve the quality of our school, increase its standards and work assiduously toward this. This year, we look expectantly to the future. Let us pray for continued blessing as we continue to work toward one vision.

135 years have passed, 135 years are yet to come... Be inspired as we proceed into the future on our Journey to Greatness!

Tea Time!

Tea Parties are typically social gatherings in the afternoon at which tea, cakes, and other light refreshments are served.

As a way of raising funds and to relive one of our treasured meal times at Westwood High 'Tea Time', WOGA hosted 2 virtual tea parties over the last quarter.



Westwood Old Girls Association
invites you to our

Virtual Independence Tea Party

Saturday, August 6, 2016
3:00pm

Our first tea party held on August 6, 2016 was in celebration of Jamaica's Independence.

At 3:00 p.m. Westwood Old Girls, friends and family were invited to partake of the cup of tea they purchased remembering Jamaica's journey to independence and say a prayer for our beloved country.

On October 17, a similar party was held.

This occasion was for the men and women we celebrate as heroes who fought tirelessly for the freedom and rights we now enjoy.

So, on Heroes Day 2016 at 4:15 p.m. each person was expected to *"Celebrate our Heroes with a Sip"*.

Each tea was sold at a cost of \$100.00JMD.

We hope to continue this tradition and invite you to join us next time.

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Heroes Day
VIRTUAL TEA PARTY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016
4:15PM

South Florida Tea Party 2016

The Jurors are back! The verdict is out! SFCWOGA aka The Jippy Jappa Girls found GUILTY of hosting the best Tea Party in 2016, Tea Time in Summer on July 16.2016!

The main charges were laid against the executive members who conspired to take \$25 from each person to give them in return, 'Fun cyaa dun!' Donna Nicholson, Cheryl Spence, Clytie Grant-Williamson, Everly Hines Clarke, Juliet Bond.....QUILTY as charged!

Some highlights of the party included:

- The inaugural Jippy Jappa Awards presented to 5 Westwood ladies; Dorrett Jones-Smith, Gloria Tomlinson-Abrahams, Hazel Hylton, Iris Campbell-Allen & Sheila Douglas-Hamilton.
- MC Extraordinaire Sophia Nicholson and Entertainers par excellence – Steve Higgins, Michael W. Schloss, Rod Spence, our nominee to The Voice, Kimberly Taylor & rising star poet Cilayana Parris.
- Fashion 'flow' from Yve' Pearle Boutique and hats by Josie Tucker-Simmonds.
- Paul Hamilton (DP) and Dr Hillary Johnson-Morgan brought knowledge and inspiration.
- Dignitaries included Commissioner Eileen Sparks-Rathery & Howard Berger, Sam Stephens (retired World Bank official) and many more.
- Marcia Delvees was also charged in connection with the procuring of most of the ads for the lovely magazine which showcased many businesses and service.
- Devon Nicholson was recognized with a trophy for his consistent assistance in providing the coveted gate prize annually.

It is reported that investigation is underway to find all the other coconspirators which include SFCWOGA members and members of other Jamaican Alumni Associations in South Florida.



Photo Credit: Cheri Warren



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WOGA NY Fun Day

The New York Chapter of WOGA hosted its first fund raiser in July 2016.

This was in the form of a Luau - Family Fun Day.

It was a wonderful day at the Valley Stream State Park, New York.



Several Westwood Old Girls from classes of 1974 to 1999 were present as well as their families. The day was well spent playing games like ludo, dominoes and lime & spoon race.

Please visit the www.TheWoga.org to view photos of the exciting day they shared as well as a full report by the New York team.



Photo Credit: Marva Craig

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WOGA & COBA Lyme

On Friday, August 12, 2016 Calabar Old Boys Association (COBA) and Westwood Old Girls Association (WOGA) had a joint Lyme at the Office of the Calabar Old Boys Association.



This lyme facilitated big screen viewing of the Olympic Games held in Rio de Janiero.

This was also a special moment for the gentlemen of COBA who were also having the official opening of their COBA store which featured many branded items. WOGA was invited to showcase some of our memorabilia and consider the COBA store as host of some of our paraphernalia.



Food on sale was a given. This included chicken, fish, rolls, fries and an assortment of drinks. WOGA too had items on sale in the form of soup (mannish water) and assorted pastries. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming with just enough anticipation brought on by the races that were scheduled for that evening. It was a good evening. We hope to have many more occasions where we can relax and share with our brothers from Red Hills.



Our Queens

On August 7, 2016 history was made.

For those of you who had followed or were tuned in to the coronation of the Miss Jamaica Festival Queen 2016, WOGA reports victory!!! We happily announce that all four ladies represented us well.

Two of the ladies, **Godiva Golding** and **Monique Robb** placed in the top 5 with Monique Robb being placed 2nd runner up to the Queen. **Kacia Whilby** copped the prize for best talent, with her performance titled 'Skeeta Justice' centered around mosquitoes.

*We are indeed **PROUD!***



Kacia Whilby
Miss Trelawny



Monique Robb
Miss St Mary



Godiva Golding
Miss St Catherine



Shanique Shand
Miss Kingston & St Andrew

Farewell Mrs. Piggott



The Westwood Old Girls Association (WOGA), joins with the extended Westwood family to express sadness at the passing of an outstanding;

- *Science Educator*
- *Ranger Guide Leader*
- *Principal*
- *Lay Preacher*

MRS. EILEEN GORDON- PIGGOTT.

In September 1971, the classes from the upper school waited anxiously to meet the new Chemistry teacher who we were told was arriving from Ireland to take up duties at our school. For many of us, that was an intriguing prospect as Ireland was in the news a lot in those years due to internecine turmoil. We were as anxious learn about her country as she was to learn about hers and the bond grew as we learnt about Inorganic Chemistry and the Periodic Table she tried to speak patois.

She will never be forgotten by the Westwood community as she dedicated her life to our Alma Mater and its students. She was a shining example and role model to every life she touched. She was magnanimous, energetic, altruistic, caring and philanthropic. Many of the ladies who attended Westwood in the 1970s, will admit that Eileen Gordon as she was then, was one of the teachers who helped to make boarding life manageable.

Mrs. Piggott's popularity among Westwood old girls knew no bounds. As the news of her passing on December 11, 2016 spread, and the reality that she would no longer be with us on this side sunk in, the outpouring of grief began; this was from old girls who attended Westwood in the 70s when she arrived in Jamaica, to the Millennials who were at school while she served as Principal.

Mrs. Piggott, for some you may have been the candle but for us you were our light, our inspiration, our teacher extraordinaire. Sleep on and take your rest. You will be greatly missed.

We extend heartfelt condolences to Mrs Piggott's church family and colleagues, on their immeasurable loss. May you be comforted by peace, and the outpouring of love surrounding you, during this time of bereavement.

Ora et Labore

Retro Party

The major fund raiser for 2016 for the team in Jamaica was a Retro Party held on Friday November 25th, 2016.

We danced the night away at: *Waterfalls*, 160 Old Hope Road, Kingston 6.

Old Girls, friends and family members enjoyed the soothing sounds of DJ Craig Ross - *The Young Lion*. Manish Water, Chicken Soup and a variety of drinks were on sale all night. The atmosphere and party vibe was sizzling even considering the size of the crowd.

The WOGA executive kept us on our feet with a variety of spot prizes. Prizes included a day pass at Half Moon Hotel, a dinner for two at Spanish Court Hotel, pedicures and dinner at Half Moon. Hats off to the winners of each prize,

It was a great experience and we are happy to announce that we will be back again next year for another staging.

See you soon!!!



Photo Credit: Chantal Clarke

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WOGA Call To Action

The intention of *The Jappa Times* is to disseminate information on what has happened, is happening and will happen within the Association quarterly.

However, we have several other communication media. As such, if you are not on our mailing list or connected to any of our channels but would like to be, please send us an email at westwoodite@gmail.com or sign up on our official website www.TheWoga.org.

Please be reminded that all ideas are welcomed for the benefit of our alma mater and this Association.

- Do you have a fundraising idea?
- Would you like to donate to an initiative or even start one?
- Do you just want to share your thoughts on the performance of the school and the Association?

We need to hear from you!!!

Stay informed... Be in the know!!

Also, if you have pictures of our students or old girls at an event you would like to share, send them to us at westwoodite@gmail.com. We will publish them for you.



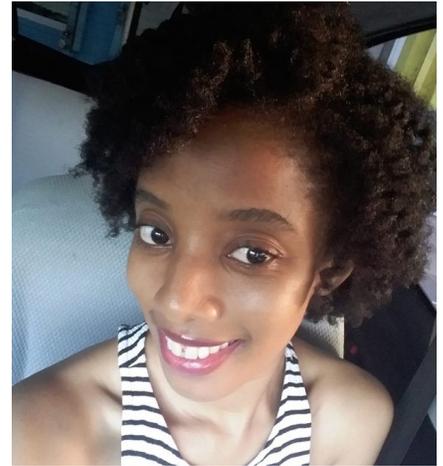
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The Association belongs to all of us... Only through working together can we make it better!!!

Featured WOGA Old Girl

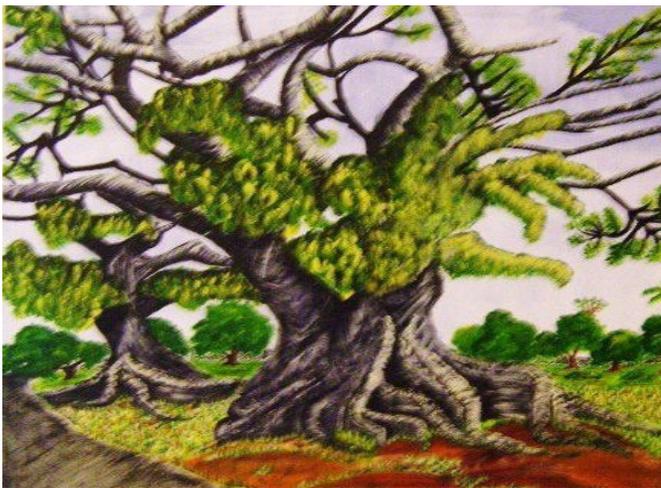
Kadene Donna-Marie Gray is a 26 year old Jamaican who aspires to be an artist, educator and philanthropist. She considers herself a very reserved yet adventurous person who believes there is absolutely no limit to what one can do; once it's conceived and believed, it can be achieved.

Kadene's love for art was noticed at a very tender age, when she would always doodle in her notebooks which eventually led to her entering art competitions from as early as nine years old at the Whitehall Preparatory School in Negril, Westmoreland.



She then attended Westwood High in Trelawny where her artistic abilities were groomed allowing her to better express herself on paper. She found therapy each of her pieces.

For a period, similar to many artists, she was scared to think outside of the box and allow her art to soar. Mrs. Wilson, her Visual Arts teacher from grades 10 to 11 shared the secrets to making statement pieces. Her excellent tutelage aided Kadene in obtaining a credit in the CSEC examination.



Kadene was happy to know she had the support of her parents in achieving her dreams, through their purchasing of quality painting equipment and when requested to remain at school during the final Christmas holiday, her father journeyed with her from Lucea, Hanover to Stewart Town, Trelawny every morning and picked her up every evening.

Having left Westwood, she gave up Art with the hopes of having a career in Psychology and a plan to pursue her Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology immediately.

Instagram: @kadenegrayllc
www.facebook.com/kadenegrayllc

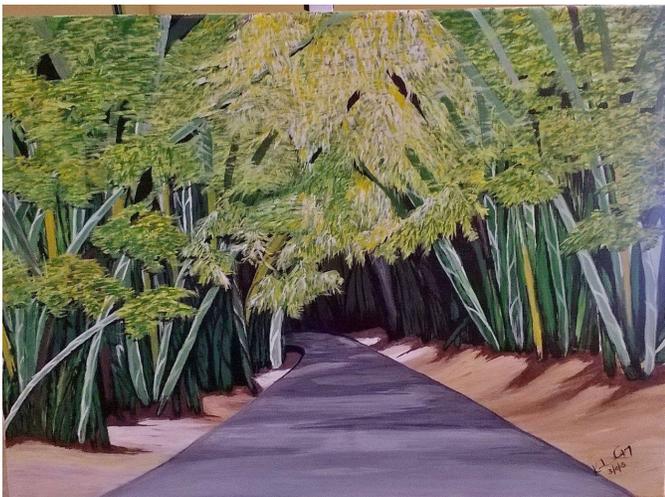
Kadene Donna-Marie Gray

She then decided to take a break from school and earn some working experience. Kadene started in the call centre and felt too confined to a chair and cubicle. This was not where she belonged. Next stop was the Hotel Industry but within eight months she knew it was time to leave.

During her final months at the hotel a coworker, Mrs. Andrene Coates, saw one of her paintings on Facebook and decided she wanted three of them for her office, Being strapped for time she was unable to complete the orders and they kept piling on.

After much prayer, a good talk from her mother, loads of encouragement from her sister and peers; she decided to quit her day job and start painting full time. It has really only been a month and she has received much encouragement and support.

“I am overwhelmed and excited to see where the love of my life will take me. Dream...There are no limits to what we can dream, no boundaries to what we can achieve”



Kadene hosts Paint Night on the first Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

Support the dream!

'PAINT NIGHT'
WITH KADENE GRAY

Location: Mystic India, Whitter Village
1st Monday EVERY Month @ 6pm
Adm: \$3500
All supplies included
(canvas, paint, paint brushes, easel, apron, artist palette)
and Complimentary glass of wine

For Reservations:
kadenegraysllc@outlook.com / (876)940-6662

Mystic India
Authentic Indian Cuisine

Spice's
Butcher

If you know a Westwood Old Girl that you think deserves to be featured please email westwoodite@gmail.com.

Memorabilia

As a part of our fund raising efforts we have the following items for sale.



\$ 300.00 JMD



\$ 2700.00 JMD



\$ 2500.00 JMD



\$3500.00 JMD



\$ 1200.00 JMD



\$1000.00 JMD



\$ 400.00 JMD



\$ 1000.00 JMD

Invitations

Come Join The Fun...

To participate inbox us or submit your details on the WOGA website at: <http://thewoga.org/contribute/mentor/>

Name	Email Address
Phone Number	Location
Occupation	Class of

Volunteer As A Mentor!

Mentorship Programme 2016/17



Westwood Old Girls Association

We are calling for volunteers to participate in WOGA's Mentorship Program "*Sister Sister*" for the school year 2016-2017.

Sign up today!
www.TheWoga.org

The South Florida Chapter WOGA invites you to their Post Valentines Dance on March 4th, 2017 from 9pm-2am.

Come on out and enjoy this flash back to the 70's dance with the Jippy Jappa Girls.

Jippy Jappa Girls

POST VALENTINES DANCE

Villas Social Club
 4301 NW 48th Ave,
 Lauderdale Lakes FL 33319

DJ Janice The Empress

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH
 9:00PM - 2:00AM

TICKETS **\$15** 954-684-0879
 954-609-4119
 954-854-9425

The South Florida Chapter Westwood High School Old Girls Association



Sowing Seeds of Inspiration for 135 Years

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, JAMAICA W.I.



WOGA NEW YORK
 in collaboration with STOOSH IMAGES

Tea Party, Fashion Show & Silent Auction

April 8th, 2017, 2:5pm!

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HALL
 21 S. FRANKLIN AVE, VALLEY STREAM, NY 11580

MC SHARON Addison : www.AddisonMediaGroup.com
 DJ MEGAN C : www.facebook.com/DJMeganCProductions
www.TheWoga.org | www.StooshImages.com

WOGA New York invites you to their first Tea Party on Saturday April 8th, 2017 from 2pm-5pm.

Tea Party, Fashion Show & Silent Auction.

For WOGA's complete calendar of events please visit www.TheWoga.org/Events

Coming Soon



The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Westwood Old Girls Association will be held on **Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Renford Shirley Building, Mico University College, 1A Marescaux Road, Kingston 5.

As this is our 135th anniversary as a school, we will need to come together to decide on how best the association can assist the school in achieving their milestone activities.

We hope you will attend and please take along an old girl.. or two!

Thursday June 22 - Sunday June 25, 2017 will be a weekend you will never forget!

There will be a series of activities to remind us of our days at school, reunite us with old friends and allow us to bond with current students.

WOGA New York cordially invites you to our benefit event, **GREAT GATSBY – “Flourish Edition”**.

Saturday October 7th, 2017 from 8pm - 1am. Join us for a night of cocktails, dinner, motivation, entertainment and dancing in your 1920's attire.



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