



By Love Serve One Another

JOTTINGS

Faith in God the Father Almighty
and in Jesus Christ His Only Son Our Lord and Saviour
and in the Holy Spirit

Purpose

- Promotion of the full development of women and girls through its programmes
- To develop a membership that is responsive through service to the changing needs of the community in a changing world.

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President's Message

(Priyadarsini John)

(Address delivered on June 24, 2017 at the 142nd AGM of the Bombay YWCA)

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am truly humbled and honored as I stand before you this afternoon in awe of God's grace and delighted by the confidence commended by you to reelect me to this key post as President of the Bombay YWCA.

I am indeed grateful to each one of you for the overwhelming support granted during the past year I also thank the last Board, General Secretary and the staff who stood by me.

It is a privilege and pleasure to serve a longstanding organization like YWCA and I covet your prayers and support during the coming year too. I would like to encourage each of you all to get involved in the areas of your interest so that we can work side by side in meeting the objectives of our organization which is "Seeking justice, encouraging the oppressed. Defending the cause of the fatherless, plead the cause of the widow" (Isaiah 1:17).

As we move forward I look up to God for His wisdom and guidance in enabling us to continue the work in the coming year:

- To enable each Y member to use their talents and potentials in the growth of the Y.
- To enhance the strength of our membership by bringing in new members who share the vision and mission of the Y.
- To encourage the pre youths and youths to take up interest in Y activities.
- To reach out to our communities and touch the lives of the children and women who need our helping hand in meeting their challenges.
- To strengthen the work in the areas of Public Affairs and Social issues.
- To support our senior citizens

The task at hand is large and time to deliver is minimal. I count on your continued support, consistent efforts and constant engagement that we be the beacon that we are called to be in this dark world and bring the light of Jesus to our every touch point. Thank You.

My Heroes

(J.M.T)

No, not the crore-pati cricketers or the Bollywood celebrities, but the conservancy workers, sweepers and boys with bags on their shoulders collecting plastic bottles.

Speeches are made loudly about Swatch Bharat be it be for villages, rivers or city streets. But who piles-up the filth everywhere and floats decaying matter in our rivers and ponds? All of us are guilty, but few of us respect or thank the clean-up men and women.

It is 55 years since I arrived in India and each year has shown larger dumps of waste, more poisoned rivers and overflowing bins at our bus-stops. Someone warned me before I left London that Bombay's streets are splattered with brownish stains of betel juice. To this day, I see it nonchalantly spewed from bus windows, on stair-walls and even from high-rise buildings. All of this is disfiguring every corner of our country along with all other dangerous forms of pollution. Our health is

at stake, particularly that of infants and the elderly.

In our building the sweeper-lady, who cleans toilets and the stair-case, and her brother who sorts and cheerfully wheels away everybody's waste, are indispensable. Both are neatly dressed and unfailingly helpful while surely tied to jobs well-below their capacity.

Happily, their children are getting an education and will surely aim higher. What pleasing news has emerged from this year's results is that as many as 23 workers of the municipal departments have cleared the S.S.C examination. This counts as a miracle for these determined under-privileged folk many of whom studied along with their school-going children after full working day. They well-deserve the salary raise and are an inspiration to their fellow workers.

Sweet Notings

(Sharon Pires)

*To succeed in life, you need three things:
a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.*

- Reba McEntire

As we go through life we realise that our experiences make us the person we are. Life is a combination of happy and sad moments that comes to all at different times and situations. A wishbone can always keep us positive by wishing good and happy thoughts for yourself and others, and prayer too helps at all times. If you have a backbone that is strong, you can

stand up for the right, however challenging the situation. A funny bone brings humour into your life and that of others too. You can turn a sad and morose situation around, your smile can give hope to many and pep yourself up too, as happiness is infectious.

On a lighter note, even osteoporosis would stay away!

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

- Marcus Aurelius

You must have heard this phrase "It's all in the mind" Yes friends, an individual's thoughts determine her actions. If you think good thoughts you can motivate yourself to be proactive and positive. Very often we may think the situation is too demanding and we are just not up to it. However, with a right attitude

we can face up any situation and very soon reach our goals. Everyone wants to be happy and associate with happy individuals. Just as we feed our bodies healthy food, we must also feed our minds with good, fresh and vibrant thoughts every day!

Birthdays for the month of July

1 st July	Ms. Poonam Priya
3 rd July	Maria Corera
4 th July	Elizabeth Palanna
10 th July	OvitaParulekar
15 th July	Brenda Nazareth
17 th July	Shanta John
20 th July	Sarasa Issac
22 nd July	Jeanette Fernandes
22 nd July	Rosy Sequeira
26 th July	Lalitha Dhara
28 th July	Juliet P. Solomon
29 th July	Hilda Patrao
30 th July	Ujwala Babji

Like fresh dewdrops of a new day, May God's loving hand and mercy be upon you on your special day and throughout the year

God Bless, Have a Great Day and Year

We Love You !!!



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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 142nd AGM of YWCA of Bombay was held on 24th June 2017 at Byculla. 58 members were present and it began with a welcome speech by the President, Priyadarsini John. Devotion was led by Juliet Solomon. Pavana Anchees, Finance Chairperson delivered a speech on the theme 'Building Today For Women of Tomorrow'. She said that, 'Let's be Strong, Courageous, Caring and work together in God-centric mission to bring a change'. The



YWCA that were conducted throughout the year was shown by Vidula Raj.

Shama Chatterjee, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, gave her report and declared the Election results. The re-elected President, Priyadarshini John, the Members of the Board of Management and the Nominating Committee Members for the year 2017-18 took an oath by lighting the lamp to serve the YWCA faithfully. The President gave an acceptance speech hoping for cordial cooperation from all the members in the year ahead. The AGM closed with Greetings and Blessings to the newly elected Board.



Treasurer's Report for the year 2016-17 was presented by Mary Cheru. A power point presentation depicting the programmes of the

Women's Development Unit

Capacity building

- A session was conducted by Neeta Dabre on "Love and Infatuation" on 26th April at



Fort with 26 girls and a session on " Gender Sensitization" on 24th May with 40 children of **Salam Balak Trust** at Andheri.

- **Aasra:** Dolcy D'souza conducted session on "Violence Against Women" at Junnet Nagar, Andheri with 37 women.



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Health

- A general medical camp in collaboration with L & T Health Centre was held on 3rd May with 49 service users.

Youth Group

- **Byculla:** - A session on "Impact of Violence" was conducted by Sangeeta Harjani on 6th May with 20 youth.



Staff training - On 4th May a training was conducted by Ms. Deboleena from Quest Alliance on 'Life Skill and Career Development' at Byculla with all WDU staff.

Info - Akanksha self-help group of Fort community

received a grant of Rs 15,000/- and Shakti Mahila SHG received two sewing machines from BMC.

Output - Six service users were recruited for jobs from Kotak Education Foundation in three companies (KFC, SODAXO and FAASOS). Salaries around Rs 9,500/- to 10,500/-

Hospital Aide - Valedictory Function was organized on 12th May. Ms Neha Karle, Nurse Manager of Lilavati Hospital was the Chief Guest. In her address she laid emphasis on maintaining a good and healthy nurse-patient relationship with a peaceful mind for success in the nursing field.



1. A woman from Mira Road Community completed Tailoring Course and is employed with Sai Garment Company at Mira Road and drawing a salary of Rs 3,000/- per month.
2. A lady from Belapur completed her Beautician Course from YWCA and now is employed at Kunda Beauty Parlour at Kharghar and earning Rs 3,500/- per month.
3. A Self-Help Group lady from Mira Road started a tiffin service to the 3 industrial area at Mira Road and earns Rs 6000/- per month.
4. A twelve year old girl from Mira Road Community was motivated by Ranjana Panchal (PSW) to join Quest Mix Martial Arts Academy at Dahisar. After training, she was selected for a judo competition in Nepal and won a gold medal.
5. A XII Std passed helper from our balwadi was motivated by our parasocial worker to do a course from Kotak Foundation. After completion of Hospitality Training now she earns a salary of Rs 10,500/- per month.

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Asha Kiran

Sakhi Project- Renuka Nigappa Bhandari received a sewing machine from Women and Child Department, Andheri Kurla- West ward under the scheme for single women.

Sustainable Livelihood Program-

Vacation Batches-(April-May 2017)

Sr. No	Name of the Course	Total No. of Students
1.	Basic Mehendi Course	31
2.	Self-Grooming Course	15

3.	Self Defence	20
4.	Bridal Make-up (Batch-1)	15
5.	Bridal Make-up (Batch-2)	20
6.	Nail Art Course	23
7.	Hair Cut	13

Our parlour students Ms. Hamida Shaikh, Ms. Nazneen Shaikh have started their own business; they are offering online parlour services to the ladies namely Get Stylish and Magic Home Salon.

PASI

Awareness on 'Human Trafficking' 27(14 WDU staff and 17 HODs) attended a session on 'Human Trafficking' conducted by 'International Justice Mission'. The session began with an introduction. They explained the meaning, methods and the cause for Human Trafficking. Using role play they demonstrated



the links between the Police the NGOs, and the Community in rescue operation. They also covered the legal aspects of the topic. It was

pointed out that society's attitude towards the victimized women and girls needs to change.

Information:

According to the National Crime Bureau Data for 2015,

- India is a major point for sourcing, destination and trafficking of women and children.

State	All Human Trafficking	Child Trafficking	Percentage
West Bengal	1,255	1,119	89
Assam	1,494	1,317	88
Bihar	381	332	87
Haryana	275	200	73
All India	6,877	3,490	51

CONDOLENCE

Mr. Ramakrishnan Nair husband of Ms. Indira Menon, Chembur Area, passed away on 29th April 2017.

May the love of our Lord Jesus grant His comfort to each member of their family.

Byculla Area Prayer Fellowship

Prayer Fellowship will be held at Y Byculla at 11.00 am on every Thursdays of the month except the first Thursday

All members are welcome

PIYA

Beat the Heat:

20 children and 10 volunteers from St. Thomas Orthodox Syrian Parish; Vasai (W) participated in a summer camp organized for the children of Salaam Baalak Trust at Kandivali on



Saturday, 20th May. The activities included Games, Dance, Action Songs and Art & Craft.

Session on Gender Sensitization

A session on Gender Sensitization was held on Wednesday, 24th May at Salaam Baalak Trust, Chakala for 40 children. This was conducted by Neeta Dabre.



The session highlighted the delusion about the gender roles and to be more sensitive; as both play an equal role and

are at par in today's generation.

Session on Personality Development

A session on Personality Development was held on Saturday, 27th May at Salaam Baalak Trust, Chakala for 40 children. This was conducted by Mallika Ramchandran.



It was highlighted that, personality is not developed overnight, but it is developed over the years. One should develop values that will lead to a fruitful life.

Session on Self-Grooming and Personality Development

A session on Self-Grooming and Personality Development was held on Wednesday, 14th June at Salaam Baalak Trust, Malad Centre for 20 children. This was conducted by Mallika Ramchandran.

Games were conducted to teach the values that success is about complementing and not competition.



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Area Reports

Andheri: 31 members attended the meeting held on 1st June. A talk was conducted by Adv. Aileen Marques on 'Women & Law'.

One Day Summer Camp at Asha Kiran

A full day summer camp was held on 21st April for 57 Children from various schools. Activities included Songs, Dance, Art and Craft and Yogato which the children thoroughly enjoyed. All members put in their best to make this camp a BIG success.



Belapur: 6 members attended the meeting held on 8th June. A summer camp was organized for community children at Anugraha, Belapur on 29th & 30th May from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm. It included Quiz, Drawing Competition, Talk on Hygiene, Bible Stories and Games.



Byculla: 12 members attended the meeting held on 6th June with record attendance.

Chembur: 7 members attended the meeting held on 2nd June. A discussion was held on 'Issues of Environment'.

Fort: 7 members attended the meeting held on 7th June.

Bandra: 4 members attended the meeting held on 6th June. 45 children attended the summer camp organized on 16th June at Bosco Hall. On 27th June another summer camp for 30 community children was conducted at YMCA, Bandra. This included a session on 'Dance Movement Therapy', by Mamta and 'Hip-Hop' by a dance group. Children also participated in a drawing competition. The topic was 'Environment'.



Membership

Y Deepa One-Day Summer Camps were conducted in different areas in the month of April 2017. These were interesting, fun filled days with games, dance, debates, motivational talk, self-defence and cookery sessions. YWCA and its activities were also explained to the children. Following are the details:-

Sr No.	Area	Date	Timing	No of Boys	No of Girls	Total
1.	Fort	18 th April	10.30am -3.30pm	10	20	30
2.	Bandra	28 th April	10.30am -3.30pm	Nil	31	31
3.	Byculla	29 th April	10.30am -3.30pm	6	15	21
Total Numbers				16	66	82

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Young Women's Christian Association of Bombay Election Results 2017 - 2018

Board of Management 2017 - 2018 Office Bearers of the Association

President	Priyadarsini John
Vice President I	Lalitha Fernandes
Vice President II	Lavina Shirsat
Honorary Treasurer	Rekha Joshi
Recording Secretary	Sharon Pires

Continuing Board Members

1. Lalitha Fernandes
2. Pavana Anchees
3. Elsa D'Cruz
4. Juliet Solomon
5. Dr. Sonal Ohol

Newly Elected Board Members

1. Priyadarsini John
2. Lavina Shirsat
3. Rekha Joshi
4. Sharon Pires
5. Dr. Lata Clements
6. Yasmin Kuruvilla
7. Elizabeth Mascarenhas

Nominating Committee

Chairperson	Dr. Usha Ubale
Member from the Board	Elsa D'Cruz
Non-Board Members	Miriam Kanga
	Vimala Raichur
	Vinita Reuben
	Rosa D'Souza
	Sandra Francis