

THE POLICE WIVES' ASSOCIATION

The Police Wives' Association has been in existence since the pre-Independence era and is the brainchild of the late Juliet Serena Griffith, wife of the late Senior Superintendent of Police Joseph Griffith. It came out of the recognition that while policemen were developing themselves academically and gaining upward mobility their wives seemed to be left standing on the sidelines as mere onlookers in the developmental process.

This led to the first meeting of the body being held on April 27, 1953 with the objectives of the Association being to develop a friendly atmosphere among the wives of policemen, to equip the wives to improve conditions in their homes through home improvement classes and to assist in the development of the children of police ranks.

Over the years the Guyana Police Wives' Association has grown from strength to strength and, with the support of the Force Administration, has made significant contributions to the social development of the wives of policemen and female police ranks. The Association is directly responsible for the administration of the Police Force's Juliet Griffith Day Care Centre.

On Saturday April 19, 2008, the Police Wives' Association realized a longtime dream when their Office and Meeting Hall was officially opened at the Police Officers' Mess Compound, Eve Leary.

The Police Wives' Association recently celebrated their 55th Anniversary with a week of activities which commenced on Sunday May 04, 2008, and included a Church Service, the Association's Annual General Meeting, an Exhibition, a Seminar on Women's issues, a Senior Citizens' Party and Community Work.

The present Patron of the Police Wives' Association is Ms. Gail Stoll.

Office Bearers serving on the Executive Committee of the Association for the period 2008/2009 are:

- Chairperson - Ms. Tessa Greene
- Vice Chairperson - Ms. Eileen Robinson
- Secretary - Ms. Janet Sweeney
- Treasurer - Ms. Desiree Robin
- Assistant Secretary/
Treasurer - Ms. Grace Smith
- Committee Members - Ms. Daphne Lacish
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