

**Old Ravians' Union: An Association of former students**

Former students are actively involved in the welfare of GC University, Lahore and have their organization called, "Old Ravians Union". It was established in 1934 by Prof. Garrett, then Principal of the College. It was revived in 1995 and since then the Union has been working consistently. It is not only been affiliated with the University but has also been given an office in Prof. Salam Hall. According to the Union's constitution, Vice Chancellor GCU is its ex-officio Patron. However, Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Chairperson, department of Political Science is Honorary Secretary of the Union.

After passing out from the university, old students can apply for its membership. Being a democratic organization, its biennial elections of various posts are held on the Campus. The recent elections were held in December 2016 in which Kazi Afaq Hossain, former Federal Secretary and currently Judge Court of Federal Employees elected as its President. The following are the elected office bearers of the Union for session 2016-18: Mr. Asjad Ghani Tahir Director General, Protocol, Punjab and GM PTDC (Vice President), Dr. Sheeba Alam, Head, Urdu department, Kinnaird College, Lahore (Vice President - Ladies), Rana Asadullah Khan Advocate, former Secretary Lahore Bar Association (Secretary), Dr. Salman Haider Kazmi, General Secretary Young Doctor's Association, Pakistan (Treasurer), Col. (R) Ikram Ullah Khan, President Pakistan Forum, Advisor VC, PU (Representative decade 1931-40), Mr. Muhammad Naeem Tahir, dramatist & artist (Representative decade 1951-60), Mr. Najum Latif, Businessman (Representative decade 1961-70), Prof. M. Anwar Ul Haq Chaudhry (Representative decade 1971-80), Mr. Farrukh Hayat Pannoun, District Officer Cooperatives/Deputy Registrar, Lahore (Representative decade 1981-90), Mr. Usman Saeed, TMO Shahpur, Local Govt. Department (Representative decade 1991-2000), Dr. Abdul Basit, Columnist, (Representative decade 2001-2016).

Members of the Union enthusiastically take part in the elections to elect office bearers and generate lots of heat. The Union

arranges social, cultural, intellectual, sports and recreational activities for the members and keeps the link alive between the old students and their Alma Mater. The Union is also playing an important role for fund generation for the Endowment Fund Trust which is meant to provide financial aid to deserving students of GCU.

Though in a year, Union arranges events like concert, festival Cricket and Hockey matches, debate, Mushaira and Seminars yet annual founder's day dinner has become its prime and most popular event which attracts numerous Old Ravians not only across Pakistan but also from India and other countries. It is pertinent to mention that besides major cities of Pakistan, the Union also has its separate affiliated chapters in India, UK, USA and Canada.

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