

The Old Sherwoodians' Society (Regd.)

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My Dear Fellow Old Sherwoodians,

It is my privilege to write to you as the first President of the recently registered **Old Sherwoodians' Society.**

The Society was formally registered at the school address in Nainital on November 15, 2002 just the way alumnus of other well known public schools have done. Not only does this give the Society a centralised bearing but also gives it permanency of address and continuity. The School, through the Principal, has officially recognized this to be the official ex-students' society. Till now, Sherwood alumni had only been regionally mobilized. The attempt now would be to bring everybody under one umbrella without in any manner dampening the spirit of the regional chapters. How this will be achieved is one of many matters on which members' views and assistance would be required in the future.

Most of you will agree that the strength of any alumni association lies in the universal acceptance of its objectives by as many members as possible. I, therefore, urge you to enroll as members since this Society will help bring us together and we can thus assist each other and the School in a more cohesive manner.

Since some ex-students were immediately needed to form the Society and to complete the formalities of registration, the present Executive Committee consists only of volunteers like me. Henceforth, the Society will be run democratically. The Society will, therefore, formally hold its first General Body Meeting on June 4, 2003 at the School, during which, the elections to the Executive Committee will also be held so that an elected Committee may take the place of the present one. Enrolled members will be receiving a formal notice of the meeting and the agenda in the coming days. Alternatively, you may refer to the website www.oldsherwoodians.com for details in this regard. The meeting will be followed by a contributory lunch.

I once again urge all of you to help and cooperate in establishing this Society as a permanent representative body of ex-students of Sherwood College. Please complete the attached form, and mail it to the addresses given above with a Cheque or Draft for Rs.5000/- towards Life Membership Fee. I may add that we have fixed this amount after much deliberation and consider this to be the minimum required to form a corpus through which the financial needs of the Society can be initially met. A one-time fee also saves the Society the burden of periodic collections.

We hope to see many of you at Sherwood in June for our first meeting.

With best wishes,

S. Sharmes

Tindy Sharma (Lt.Gen. -Retd.)

President