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SLCFA Members

Welcome to the **December issue of Lanka Link**. This is the final issue of our SLCFA **newsletter for the year 2020** and wow, what a year it has been. There is no denying that it has had its share of ups and downs, uncertainties, and challenges. But now, it is time to discard our shackles and delve into fostering the spirit of joy, kindness, compassion, and togetherness that is the epitome of this season. Well, at least to the extent of the limitations enforced by the current pandemic regulations.

The cloak of pristine white snow, holiday decorations and glittering lights have rendered upon our city, Edmonton, a magical transformation that has transported us away from the ills that have affected us, most of this year. But now it is time to celebrate. There is hope in the horizon, in the form of a vaccination. What we need to do is survive for a few more months, until the vaccination program is successfully implemented. So, keep on wearing masks, wash hands and maintain social distancing. And one more thing, desist from social gatherings. In short, abide by the recommendations of the Canadian Health Advisory.

Thousands of miles away. Sri Lanka is reopening to tourists after nine months of travel bans, imposed under COVID-19. For now, it is a pilot project with plenty of restrictions, but hopefully, the situation can soon attain some normality.

This year, we at SLCFA, have had to forego some annual activities that have been popular amongst our members, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Some of these are, First Friday Night, Seniors' Day, Movie Night, Edmonton / Calgary Sports Encounter, and the Year-End Gala. Our planned participation in the Edmonton Heritage Days also failed, due to constraints to the normal format. Nevertheless, thanks to all the hosts and volunteers for their dedication.

SLCFA Executive Committee Members -2020

Nirmalee Namasivayam - President, Anil Fernando -Vice President, Yohan De Silva -Secretary, Nayanthara Witharana - Treasurer, Savitri Senaratne - Director,Cultural/Social & Recreational Activities, Maya Silva -Director,Membership & Welfare/Publicity & Communications, Amintha Coonghe - Director, Projects & Fund Raising, Ramona Fernando - Past President

SLCFA Scholarship Award for the year 2020

This year the \$1,000.00 SLCFA scholarship award winner is **Pramuditha Tennakoonwela**. **Congratulations Pramuditha!**. She achieved the required mark level and also met other criteria stipulated by SLCFA. Her name will be added to the scholarship winners' plaque in the SLCFA building.

Membership renewed

Mark and Padmini Perera - Couple membership

SLCFA membership receipts 2020

All membership receipts for the year 2020 have been issued by email and the task has been completed.

NHSP Seniors Grant 2019 - \$5000

(1) March - SLCFA distributed \$ 100.00 grocery gift cards to 28 of our senior members (65 years and older),

(2) 400 face masks were distributed amongst members and their families.

(3) December - The balance of the NHSP grant, was distributed amongst 29 senior members (65 years and older) in the form of \$ 75.00 grocery cards. An additional \$25.00 was added by an anonymous donor to make to increase the value of the gift card to \$100.00.

Thanks to Ramona Fernando for your effort in raising the NHSP grant and thanks to the anonymous donor for your generosity to the SLCFA senior members.

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This year we conducted 8 EC meetings, beginning from June. EC members, initiated and creatively organized the EC dinner/meetings complying with the Covid-19 guidelines. Thanks to Savitri, Ramona and Nirmalee for hosting the dinner/meetings. They were fun and productive meetings.

At the Bulgogi House (Korean food) in Edmonton



At the Cartier Restarant (French food) in Beaumont.





The Director of Membership & Welfare, Gothami Wickramasekara, and the Director of Publicity & Communications, Sharmini Senaratne relinquished their duties due to other commitments, and both of these positions were given to Maya Silva during the year. Thanks to both Gothami and Sharmani for the period they served on the EC.

SLCFA -AGM 2020- Sunday January 31, 2021 will be on Zoom
All members will receive the AGM Document Package two weeks prior to the meeting. Please keep an eye on your email for more information. SLCFA cordially invites all members to attend the AGM on zoom.

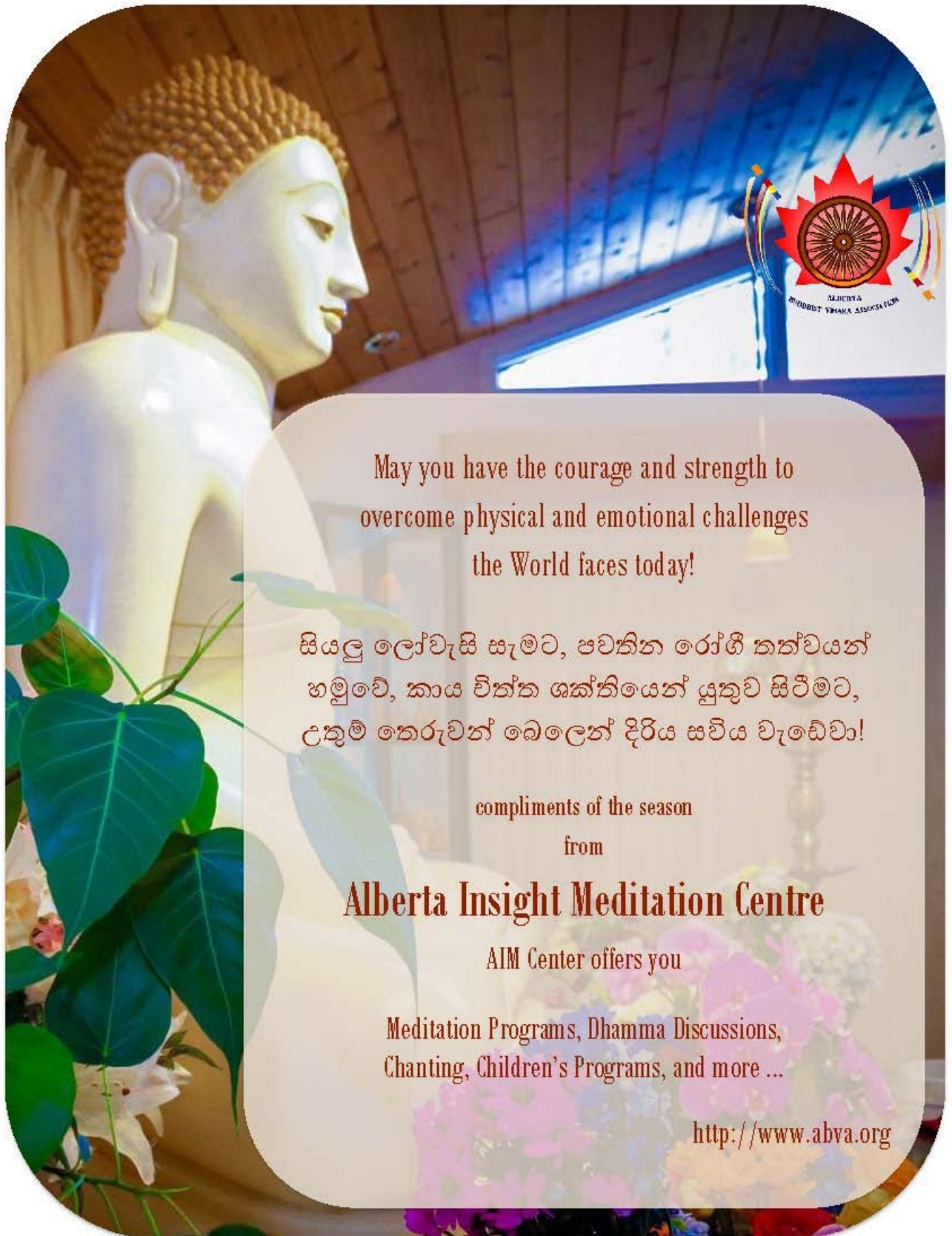
SLCFA needs new blood for its continuance. Please give consideration for joining the new EC for 2021.

SLCFA EC, would like to take the opportunity thank all of members a Very Happy New Year.



Maya Silva
Editor

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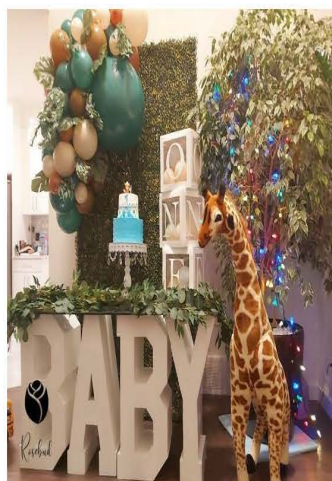
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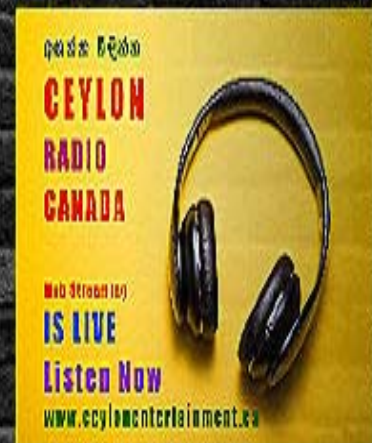
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