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SLCFA
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SLCFA welcome the newly formed Executive Committee for the year 2020.

Nirmalee Namasivayam – **President**

Anil Fernando - **Vice President**

Yohan de Silva – **Secretary**

Nayanthara Witharana – **Treasurer**

Savitri Senaratne - **Director – Cultural / Social and Recreational Activities**

Maya Silva – **Director - Membership and Welfare / Publicity and Communications**

Amintha Coonghe – **Director – Projects and Fund Raising**

Ramona Fernando – **Past President**



Front row from Left: Savitri Senaratne, Maya Silva Nirmalee Namasivayam, Ramona Fernando, Nayanthara Witharana

Back Row from Left: Anil Fernando, Yohan De Silva, Amintha Coonghe

This month, many of the Summer Festivals and events that we regularly look forward to every year, have been postponed until a later date. However, it is important to remember that kindness and relationships are not postponed nor cancelled. You will find many online events and virtual activities to take part with your family or simply to help you stay entertained on your own.

SLCFA organized Summer events: The picnic was planned for June and the Calgary/Edmonton sports encounter for July. Both events have been cancelled.

The First Friday event coordinator is Mano Senaratne, Seniors' Function September event volunteers are Shirani Samaratunge, Maya Silva, Naamalee De Silva and Chandra Samarasinghe. The Movie Night coordinator is Lakshaman Samarasinghe. These events will be re-opening in September. Members will be notified via email.

SLCFA Membership Renewal Cutoff Date was May 31, 2020.

SLCFA welcomes the following **new members** for this year:

1. Mahendra Weeratunge
2. Lasith Witharana
3. Sandya Dissanayake
4. Mahasri Weerasooriya
5. Naomi Munaweera,
6. Aloma & Sam Sharma,
7. Pandula & Teshani Wickramaarachchi

The current SLCFA membership for the year 2020:

Couples – 42, Family 14, Single – 22, Student family – 3, Student Single – 4,

Life Family – 14, Life Single – 1

SLCFA anticipates more new members will join in the months to come. Please encourage your non-member friends to join SLCFA organized events.

The New Horizons for Seniors (2019) Government of Canada (NHSP) Grant:

29 Senior (65 years and older) eligible members received free \$100.00 grocery gift cards worth \$2,900.00.

SLCFA appreciate the Past President, Ramona Fernando's effort for applying and getting this grant. Thank you Ramona, for making it happen.

Edmonton Heritage Festival of 2020 scheduled for August 1, 2 & 3.

The following is an update (dated June 24) from **Jim Gibbons of EHFA**:

“The drive through portion of this summer’s event (Food Sales) has been cancelled by the Government of Alberta. I do not want to discuss my disappointment or my frustration with the Government, but I will say the decision was wrong and leave it at that.

The multicultural goods sales are still going ahead and we need your information as soon as possible. The store goes online next week, for Heritage Fest products, so get your images and items into Chelsea!!!

Virtual Entertainment Part of the Festival “Heritage VFest” is still on.”

Following is the response from SLCFA:

“SLCFA will be taking part only in the Virtual Entertainment Part “Heritage VFest” with no cost. SLCFA will request EHFA to apply the Fees Paid for 2020 \$2,212.12 to be carried forward to 2021.

SLCFA Academic Scholarship Fund

As you are aware the SLCFA awards a scholarship to eligible high school graduates based on the following criteria. If any of the member children qualify, please send us the details for consideration of the award after confirmation of the eligibility. The award is for \$1,000.00 per eligible student (guideline for maximum amount is applicable). The names of recipients will be engraved on the Scholarship Plaque displayed at the SLCFA building.

Criteria: Academic – Have achieved an average of 91% (or greater) in the 5 core subjects at the High School Diploma Examination (transcripts to be submitted when applying).

1. **Member of Good Standing** – Have to be a member of good standing for a minimum of 3 consecutive years at the time of application.
2. **Post-secondary enrollment** – Student must be enrolled in a post- secondary institution for further studies during the year of application.
3. **Maximum Amount** – Allocation of a maximum of \$4,000.00 of the General Fund annually to continue awarding SLCFA Academic Scholarship. If there are more than four applicants, then the scholarship award will be equally divided.
4. **Giving back to SLCFA Community** – SLCFA Scholarship recipients are encouraged to serve the SLCFA by taking executive member positions, volunteering and promoting all SLCFA sponsored activities.

AGM 2019 Resolution: Add to existing requirements. To volunteer minimum of 50 hours at the time of applying or commit to volunteer. (Editor’s note: This requirement will probably be re-evaluated during this COVID period)

5. Deadline for Application – October 31, 2020

6. The current application forms must be used. Outdated forms will be rejected.

Please forward your application to: **President, Nirmalee Nawasivayam**, SLCFA, 2913 – 66th Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6K 4C1. An application form is attached (last page).

Miscellaneous:

Non-members who would like to attend SLCFA planned events like The First Friday Night Potluck will have to pay a drop-in fee of \$2.50 per person or pay \$15.00 per year and it will also be required to bring a dish of your own to share.

SLCFA offers building rental for small group gatherings. The building capacity is maximum 65 people. For rental inquiries please call: Anil Fernando @ 780-438-2409.

The Newsletter also offers space for advertisements that would be of benefit to our members. The advertisements and contents will be subject to the approval of the EC. Advertisements from Dentists, Medical Doctors, Hair Salons, House Renovators, Dressmakers, Sri Lankan food providers etc. are some examples.

(a) Full page advertisement - \$30.00

(b) Half page advertisement - \$25.00

(c) Quarter page advertisement - \$20.00

To place advertisements, you can call: Maya Silva @ 780-487-7834

July 1st, 2020- Canada Day, formerly (until 1982), called **Dominion Day** (courtesy of Google)

“It is the national holiday of Canada. The possibility of a confederation between the colonies of British North America was discussed throughout the mid 1800s. On July 1, 1867, a dominion was formed through the British North America Act, as approved by the British Parliament. It consisted of territories then called Upper and lower Canada and of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The Act divided Canada into the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, and it included provisions for other colonies and territories to join in the future, which made possible the growth of Canada into its present form. The act served as Canada’s constitution until 1982, and July 1st was celebrated as Dominion Day.”

Editor’s Note: Thank you all members being part of the SLCFA. Wishing you and your family good health during these challenging times. Be kind to each other.

Maya Silva



Sri Lanka Canada Friendship Association of Edmonton

Application for Annual Academic Scholarships for Post Secondary Studies

To Apply for Academic Scholarships for Post Secondary Studies awarded by the Sri Lanka Canada Friendship Association of Edmonton, please forward a completed copy of this form together with a photocopy of your high school transcript or results notification to:

*President
Sri Lanka Canada Friendship Association,
Cedars Professional Park, 2913 - 66 Street
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
T6K 4C1*

Eligibility: Should have been a member in good-standing for a consecutive period of 3yrs (inclusive of the year of application for the scholarship)
Should have gained admission/be enrolled for further studies at a University
Should have achieved an average of 91% or higher for the 5 core subjects at the High School Diploma Examination.

SCHOLARSHIP YEAR :

Applicant's Name:

Address:

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High School Attended:.....

Post Secondary Institution:.....
(intended)

Parent/Guardian's Name:

Address (if different from applicant's):.....

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I hereby confirm that I am a member of the Sri Lanka Canada Friendship Association as of the date noted, and the photocopies submitted are true copies of original documents.

Signature of the applicant:.....

Signature of the Parent/Guardian:.....

Date: