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SLCFA
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To: All SLCFA members

In the throes of COVID-19, we have learned to adapt and are doing our duty by wearing masks, social distancing and washing hands in public settings, to combat a deadly virus. And still there is no end in sight. Consequently, we have had to cancel most of our annual activities, keeping with the Canadian health advisory. Please keep safe and spend quality time with your family.

October has swiftly crept upon us, with its ever enchanting and glorious hues and the past summers warmth is now soon to be only a memory, gradually dwindling away. For some of our young families, it is also the back-to-school season. As we head into fall and winter, the days are becoming shorter, and soon, the white stuff is bound to fall. Halloween and Christmas this year, might be strange, and time will tell how they might be affected.

In August, we contributed towards the annual **Heritage Festival**, which was a virtual experience this year, and was enjoyed by the public from the comfort of their own homes.

A message from the President of SLCFA - Nirmalee Namasivayam

Edmonton Heritage Festival Association requested the public to engage on Facebook using #VirtualHF to reach out to a Local and International Audience. I did engage on Facebook and got lots of good reviews on the pictures I posted. It was sad that we do not have any good caterers to cater our Sri Lankan cuisine in Edmonton.

Go to <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-17/clip/15790374> to listen to Nimmi being interviewed by CBC Mark Connolly and Tara McCarthy.



Free Masks Giveaway for SLCFA Members:

Contributing towards the battle against the pandemic, SLCFA purchased 3-ply, washable cloth masks from Sri Lanka and distributed them to our members, at the SLCFA building parking lot, on August 29th. Every member that responded to us received a mask. Thanks to Nimmi, Savitri, Maya, Priyantha Silva, Judith Namasivayam and Jayantha Ranatunga for helping with the mask distribution. Also, thanks to the SLCFA members that sent emails and gave telephone calls appreciating the masks.

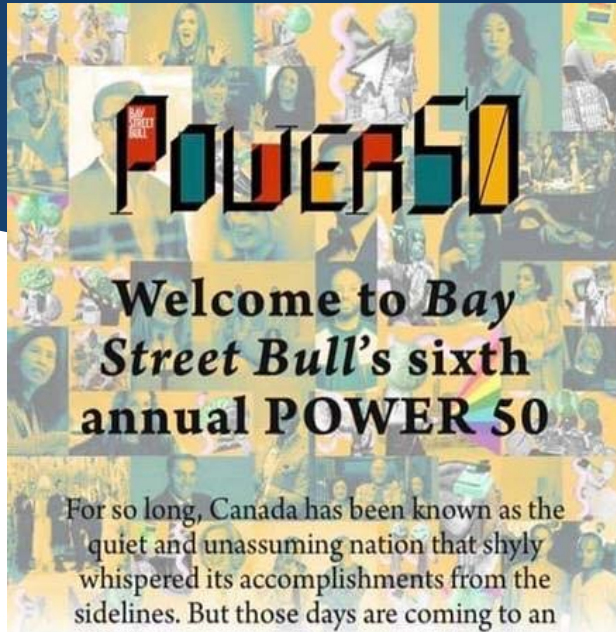


(Savitri, Maya, Priyantha & Nimmi at the entrance to the SLCFA building) (Maya delivering masks to Shirani and Bandula Samaratunga to their car)

SLCFA Executive Committee Members

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

The following articles were published by Bay Street identifying 50 “movers and shakers” in Canada for 2020. Dr. Jayan and his partner were ranked number 31. Permission to reproduce these articles in this newsletter was granted by Jayan’s mother, Shyamala Nagendran



For so long, Canada has been known as the quiet and unassuming nation that shyly whispered its accomplishments from the sidelines. But those days are coming to an end. We have much to be proud of and as we continue to further establish ourselves as leaders in the global landscape, we've found our voice—and we've got something to say.

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Here is a pair of unsettling facts: 1) About 33 percent of patients die waiting for a lung transplant; 2) Less than 25 percent of all donated organs are suitable for transplant. But now, as if pulled from the pages of science fiction, comes a Canadian invention that may begin to address that problem. **Tevosol** has created a device that mimics the conditions of the human body to keep organs alive between transplants (think, lungs breathing outside the body). The technology has yet to be approved by Health Canada and is still in clinical trials but, if successful, it could prove transformative not only for transplant recipients but also for drug trials. Being able to conduct such trials on individual organs may, in the future, provide a means of expediting and validating new treatments. - TB

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the First Friday Night and the Senior's Function to be held in September were cancelled.

Ramona Fernando, our past president of SLCFA, received a message from a long time SLCFA member family, notifying that they were moving out of province.

Kamalesh, Renu and Neha Vatani family has let SLCFA know that they have moved to Port Moody, British Columbia. On behalf of SLCFA, we would like to wish them all the best on their move. We will miss them.

Note from Kamalesh

Thank you for organizing various SLCFA Events Dinner Dances, Cultural Shows and specially the First Friday Events. We are going to miss you all. I first met Asoke Weerasinghe in 2002 and over the years through SLCFA, connected with the Sri Lankan Community.

Thank you.

Kamalesh Vatani

Ramona noted:

Kamalesh also performed his role well at Irangani Kaluthanthri's concert in 2004, I believe, and his Sinhala lines were perfect. Kamalesh also requested me to introduce him to the Sri Lankan community in BC. I was happy to introduce him to Eric Motha (very interesting and non-partisan person) who has been living in BC for a long time.

Membership News

SLCFA Welcomes New Members

1. **Shyama and David Schmidt** – Couple membership

One past member renewed membership

1. **Pamela Loep** - Single membership

We appreciate that two small business owners placed advertisements in our newsletter as follows:

1. Priyan Fernando (780-436-9499)

2. Tharanga Senadipathi (587-585-0681)

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Editor's Notes:

If you have any interesting stories, articles or pictures that can added to our next newsletter please forward them to Maya Silva, email address:

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