

LANKA LINK
SLCFA NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2015

**BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY & HAPPY 2016 -
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

SUNIL EDIRISINGHE DINNER

A meet and greet dinner was held to welcome the renowned singer Mr Sunil Edirisinghe and his troupe on October 30th at the Association building to a capacity crowd of adults and children.

The sumptuous potluck dinner was organized primarily by Lakshaman and Chandra ably assisted by the EC and a few others. All attendees had a very enjoyable time specially since it afforded a rare opportunity to meet the esteemed singer and take photographs with him etc., a feat not possible on the day of the show as the singer and troupe were catching a flight immediately after. Some of the highlights are depicted in the photos that follow.



The enthusiasm and prompt response of all attendees to this function is much appreciated and we are thankful for all the delicious food brought. We are sorry for having to restrict the numbers attending due to the capacity of the building and apologize for any inconvenience caused.

CASINO

Another successful Casino was completed on November 29th and 30th thanks to the efforts of the following volunteers in alphabetical order who dedicated their valuable time.

Rushan Amarawickrama, Celia Daniel, Chandani Devapura, Eeshani de Silva, Viraj de Silva, Himani Ferdinandis, Ramona Fernando, Shyama Fernando, Liyana Jayathilake, Tony & Priyanthi Joseph, Hifli Marikar, Sunil & Nelum Ranasinghe, Lakshaman Samarasinghe, Bandula Samaratinga, Mano Senaratne, Sandamali Senaratne, Chris & Sharmini Senaratne, Asoke Weerasinghe, Sarath & Gothami Wickramasekara, and Chandrani Wijayasinghe.

Whilst the exact revenue brought in is not known at present the estimated value is around \$80,000.00. The next Casino is scheduled for the third quarter (July, August, September) of 2017.

The General Manager Tony Joseph, the Assistant General Manager Chris Senaratne and the EC appreciates the services of all above.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) 2016 REMINDER

AGM 2016

SUNDAY JANUARY 31 @ 2.00 PM

ASSOCIATION BUILDING

2913 - 66 STREET

EDMONTON

Returning Officer - Sunil Ranasinghe
196 MacEwan Drive
Edmonton AB
T6W 1R2

If you wish to be a member of the EC or wish to nominate someone please fill the nomination form that will be coming to you shortly and mail either to the returning officer or the association building at the above address.

EXCELLENCE AWARD - NAME ON PLAQUE

Congratulations to Shehan Devapura whose excellent performance at the Alberta High School Diploma acquiring an average of 92% won him the privilege of having his name engraved on the Plaque of Excellence in the association building. Unfortunately no money could be awarded as casino funds could no longer be utilized for this purpose.

Our congrats also go out to all our children who have successfully completed the High School Diploma this year, and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

INTERESTING READING ON SRI LANKA - a list of Books on Ceylon that you can read/download - compiled by our professional librarian Gothamica Wickramasekara

1. The Book of Ceylon
2. The Discovery of Ceylon by the Portuguese in 1506 by Donald Ferguson c.1507 <https://ia902606.us.archive.org/6/items/discoveryceylon00ferggoog/discoveryceylon00ferggoog.pdf>
3. The History of Ceylon from the earliest year to the year MDCCCXV by AM Philalethes. C1817. http://books.googleusercontent.com/books/content?req=AKW5QacU5A2uwCX1OSw3R17fqrKGAQm23EFRCvNFPB1aRGGacCGIV5UnbW87ijwAGfwNV62ukO2A5VS9idux9EoR699himDTVySluPiZhdUwGd-sq_Qdl6K6btLi9EFGaVYvBUCVVKIPrpB18-ufLEOIlZR2gGVJgUsWT2TuwskonzyaZ0D_iSnTQVCanQWHXOSwxkU7zjK5tElBrmD0buyIKT_eXek4G0XeWDyNjzl1QYi4RcNQ7E8S5rhIlZVbrJKpwWlQAEWxkl8zqBpglXZ3J7en9w5ug
4. Two happy years in Ceylon. By C.F. Gordon Gunning. Volume I. <http://ia902608.us.archive.org/20/items/twohappyyears01cummgoog/twohappyyears01cummgoog.pdf>
5. Village Folk-tales of Ceylon – Volume 3. Collected and translated by H. Parker. <http://ia801409.us.archive.org/8/items/villagefolktale00parkgoog/villagefolktale00parkgoog.pdf>
6. Yakkum Nattanawa and Kolan Nattannawa: Cingalese Poems. Translated by John Callaway. C1829. <http://ia601409.us.archive.org/8/items/yakkunnattannaw00callgoog/yakkunnattannaw00callgoog.pdf>

IN CONCLUSION

The majority of our members have given their time to the association and likewise benefitted from it. The EC comprising of the president Chris Senaratne, Vice President Viraj de Silva, Secretary Priyantha Silva, Treasurer Lakshaman Samarasinghe, Director of Social affairs Nelum Ranasinghe, Director of Membership Gothamika Wickramasekara, Director of Cultural Affairs Himani Ferdinandis, Director of Fund Raising Tony Joseph, Director of Publicity and Communications Sharmini Senaratne and the immediate past president Dilu Fernando would like to thank one and all for their support, assistance, valuable advice and input given during our term. We hope the association will continue to grow as one big family and the same positive support would be given to the new incoming committee and would like to wish the incoming committee all the very best in the coming year.

SRI LANKA CANADA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION OF
EDMONTON

2913 - 66 Street
Edmonton, AB
T6K 4C1

Phone 780 414 0206
E-mail: slcfa@slcfa.org
Website: www.slcfa.org

Compiled by Sharmini Senaratne on behalf of the SLCFA

