

LANKA LINK

SLCFA
Newsletter Edition 1
March 31, 2021
Editor: Maya Silva

SLCFA Members,

Welcome to the **March issue of Lanka Link**. This is the first issue of our SLCFA **newsletter for the year 2021**. March is an interesting month here in Alberta, as it heralds the official beginning of Spring. Yet the frosty bite that is still in the air, is a sharp reminder that winter is not quite done with us. Slowly but surely, the daylight hours are getting longer and longer. I am sure that all of us are waiting to get outside to enjoy the outdoors. So be it may, spring brings new hope to all of us. Let us wait patiently as nature awakens from its deep slumber, as it is the season for rebirth and rejuvenation.

Finally, the first dose of the much-awaited vaccine rollout has now commenced. If you have not already received it, please get it when it is your turn. After many months of isolation, working from home, not being able to hang out with friends and family, the social animal in us is rearing to get back to normalcy. At least to partial normalcy, as wearing masks, washing hands, and maintaining social distancing will be the recommendations of the Canadian Health Advisory.

The following is the new EC for 2021. Some are new while others have held EC positions in the past.

1. Susantha Tennakoonwela – President (new)
2. Anil Fernando – Vice President
3. Jayantha Ranatunga – Secretary (new)
4. Nalin Fernandez – Treasurer (new)
5. Jayan Somatillaka – Director, Membership & Welfare (new)
6. Maya Silva - Director, Publicity & Communications
7. Raja Liyanage – Director, Cultural Activities (new)
8. Ravi Giragama – Director Projects & Fund Raising (new)
9. Rushan Amarawickrama – Director, Social & Cultural Activities
10. Nirmalee Namasivayam – Past President



These are the faces of the ten volunteers that serve on the SLCFA Executive Committee.

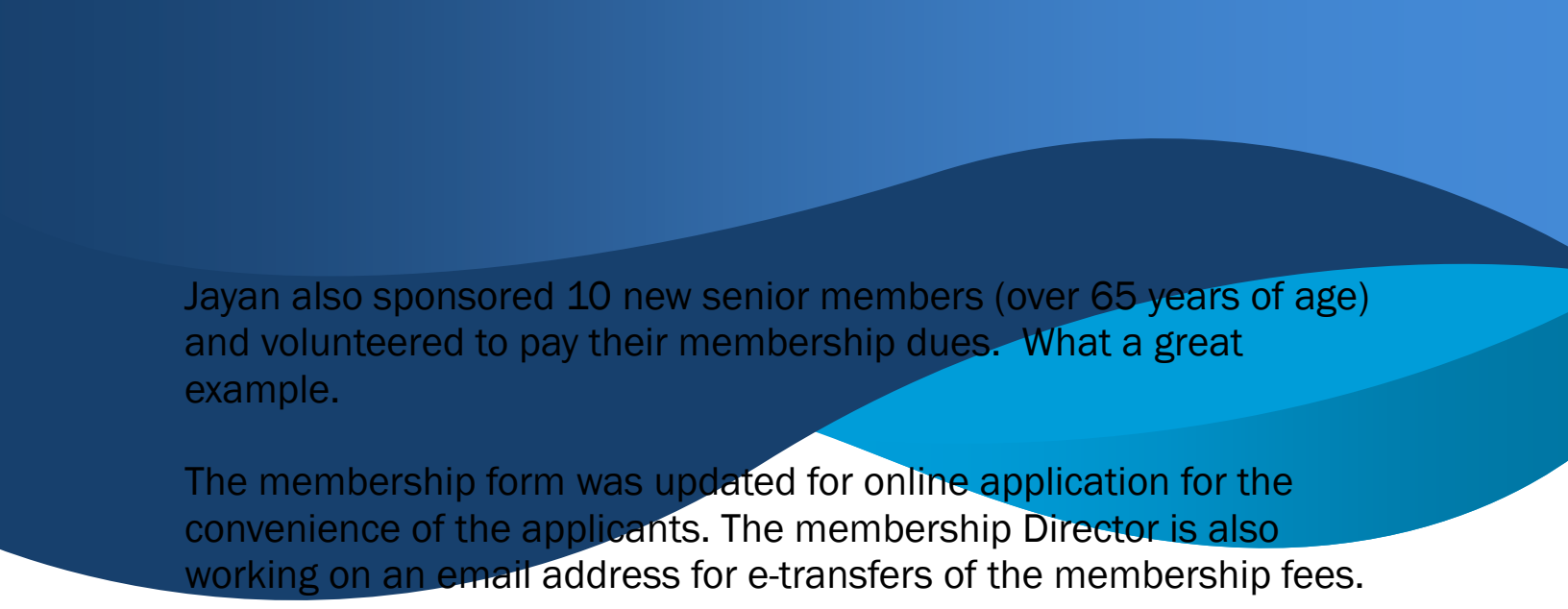
The following is from Ramona Fernando, a past EC President:

All EC positions are important, as they strive to reach out to the SLCFA Community. They need to be focused and constantly stay connected. This involves diplomacy, courtesy, perseverance, and innovation.

For the EC members, the volunteer experience provides an opportunity to serve the Sri Lankan Community, keeping inline with the AGLC, City of Edmonton, Alberta Government and Federal Government guidelines. SLCFA is mandated to serve the community at large and not just a few privileged SLCFA Members.

Membership registration for the year 2021

In an attempt to attract new members and to increase general awareness, letters in Sinhala and English, summarizing the benefits of becoming an SLCFA member was sent to all past members and as well to over 400 members of ABVA. Some positive responses were received from many recipients who were not aware of the benefits that SLCFA has to offer. To date, 40 new members have obtained SLCFA membership. We are thankful to our new Membership Director, Jayan Somatillaka who has worked tirelessly to boost the membership registration.



Jayan also sponsored 10 new senior members (over 65 years of age) and volunteered to pay their membership dues. What a great example.

The membership form was updated for online application for the convenience of the applicants. The membership Director is also working on an email address for e-transfers of the membership fees.

Dancing class project for SLCFA members and non-members, using AGLC funds

In an effort to engage the children of our community, and for promoting and preserving the Sri Lankan culture, SLCFA initiated a project to provide free cultural dance classes. Chethumini Rathnayake is retained to provide Sri Lankan and other culturally appropriate dancing lessons to children and young adults of the community. To date 17 students have registered in the group 1 (4-11 years) and 13 students have registered in the Group 2 (12 years and above). Currently, we are conducting these classes via Zoom and the children as well as their parents are very excited and see the value of this initiative.

Dance classes are held on Sundays from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

The following three are paid advertisements:

1. ABVA
2. Imperial Legacy
3. Canlan Foods

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Cultural Dance Lessons



Dance Lessons conducted by professional dance instructor, Chathumi Rathnayake



Dance classes are held every
Sunday from 10AM - 12PM
Please contact
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Raja - 780-430-6302
Jayan - 780-478-8659

NHSP Seniors Grant 2021 2nd Grant- \$10,000

SLCFA received a second grant of \$10,000 from the New Horizons Seniors' Program (NHSP) Fund. We have already spent \$1,417 for various items for seniors, as per the spending guidelines. The EC appointed a sub-committee comprising of Maya, Nimmi, Raja and Susantha, to purchase groceries from the remainder (\$8583) from different Sri Lankan Stores. An Email was sent out to the membership and we have received responses from members over 65 years of age. The Grocery Hamper project is well underway now and expected to be distributed before the Sinhala/Tamil New year. Emails will be sent out to those who responded to collect their Grocery Hampers in the first week of April. Please stay tuned.

From the Director of Publicity & Communications:

What emails can we share with the SLCFA membership?

1. Mainly important emails to the members sent by the EC.
2. Members' news, such as notable achievements and receipt of awards by members and their families (with their consent).
3. Obituary Notices of members (with their consent). The EC recently approved that we will also share obituary notices of non-members (with their consent and if we are informed)
4. Any news that we consider of interest and benefit to the membership.

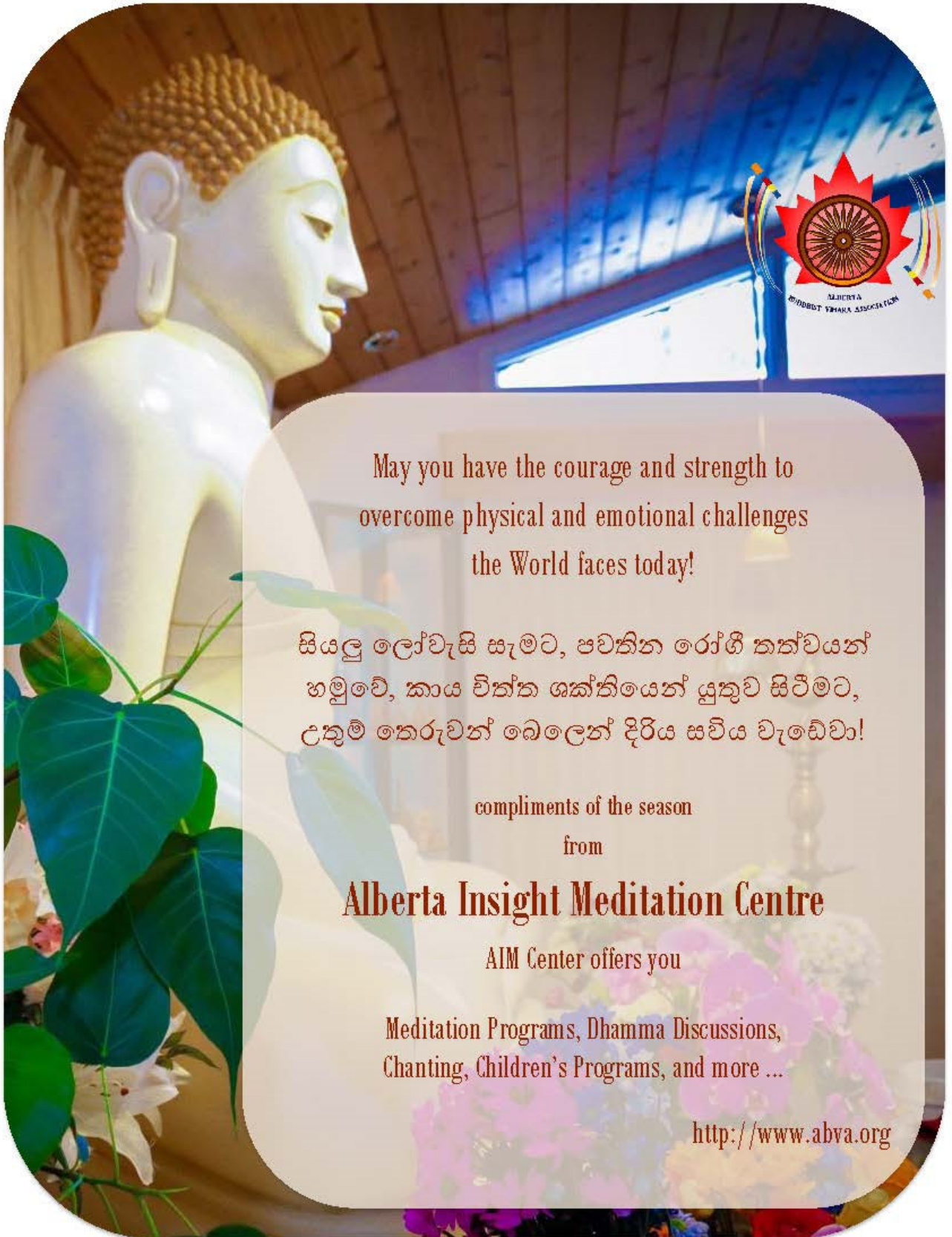
What emails we won't share with the membership?

1. Any commercial emails that would be considered advertisements and would be more suitable for publishing in the newsletter.
2. All emails that do not fall under the shareable email category.

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2. Can publish 1 or 2 paragraph articles of research papers, interesting articles (Sri Lankan theme) from the members or non-members.
3. SLCFA membership news

We wish all our Christian members and their families a **HAPPY EASTER**



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overcome physical and emotional challenges
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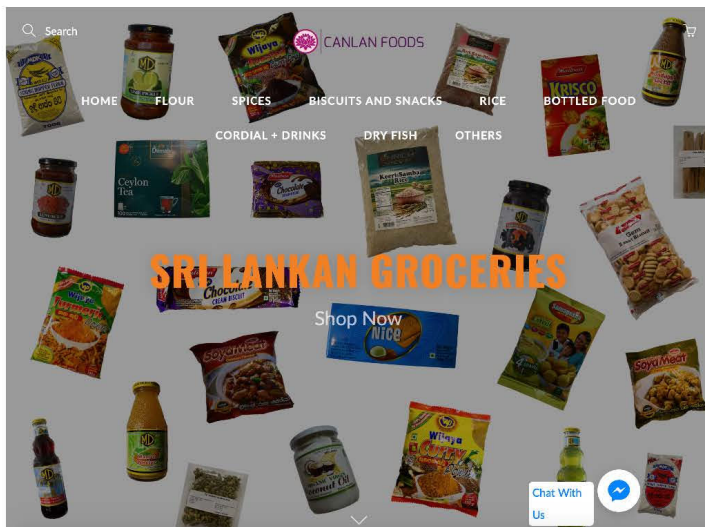
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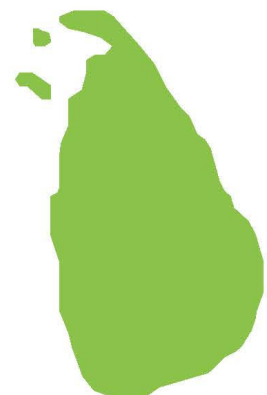
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ALL SLCFA Members,

We are now in the middle of summer, enjoying the long hot days, and beautiful, sultry warm nights, albeit bemoaning the blistering heat accompanied with incessant mosquito bites. We complain when it gets hot, and also when it gets cold. That indeed is human nature, and we just have to go with the flow. Anyway, we have to put up with mother nature for a while longer, until travel restrictions are completely eased. Although as citizens or as permanent residents, we will not be subject to quarantine when we return to Canada, that is of course if we are fully vaccinated, we will still have to show proof of a negative PCR test taken before returning and also take a second test upon arrival. We will also require a battery of tests depending on the country we are visiting. These tests can be expensive and bound to dampen our travel spirits. So, keep in mind, the pandemic is still not over, especially with the unwelcome variants that keep cropping up. During this hot weather we should all take proper safety precautions to protect our families and neighbors, drinking plenty of water to stay hydrated, and rescheduling outdoor activities to cooler hours of the day,

Covid cases seem to be going down as 34% of the eligible population in Edmonton have completed their second vaccine. However, we still must follow regulations, wearing masks and keeping the appropriate distance from each other. Stay calm until we get back into normalcy. Please, follow the recommendations of the Canadian Health Advisory.

2021 SLCFA Executive Committee

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We will let all our members know when we can re-open our usual SLCFA functions for business as usual. Stay tuned.

Current SLCFA Projects

1. NHSP fund distribution – completed
2. Combat Covid situation in Sri Lanka – fundraising still ongoing.
3. SLCFA 2021 Membership Drive – completed
4. Dance Classes - ongoing
5. Heritage festival – It will be on virtual. Our membership director Jayan Somathilake has undertaken to provide the dancing groups for the event which will be held in August.

Projects & Activities on hold due to COVID-19

1. First Friday Night
2. Movie Night
3. Senior's day
4. Sinhala & Tamil New Year event
5. Annual Picnic
6. Edmonton / Calgary Sports Encounter
7. SLCFA year-end gala

The new members that joined SLCFA during 2021

We have 46 New Members this year, thanks mostly due to the efforts of Jayan, our Membership Director.

Alwis, Kusumalatha - NEW
Amarasinghe, Nelka & Rajith - NEW
Ariyaratne, W.P.G - NEW
Basnayaka, Sandya & Tilakaratna - NEW

Biyanwila, Harshani & Bandu - NEW
Devapura, Shehan - NEW
Devapura Ferguson, Shehani & Carl-Chris - NEW
Don Pathirage, Nilakshika & Thimira - NEW
Don Philip Mudalige, Inoka & Asitha - NEW
Edirisinhage, Piyadasa - NEW
Ekanayaka Mudiyansele, Shakila & Walpola - NEW
Ferdinandez, Nalin Herman & Ruwani - NEW
Fernando, Ratnasiri & Sujatha - NEW
Fernando, Pushpika & Sunesh - NEW
Gangodage, Manoja & Sudeera - NEW
Haggal Poththe, Nayomi & Amila - NEW
Herath, Haris & Champika - NEW
Hiripitiya, Nimal - NEW
Jayatunge, Victor & Lalithie - NEW
Kaur, Harvinder - NEW
Liyanage, Lalith & Bhagya - NEW
Liyanage, Terrilynn & Sheran - NEW
Lokumannage, Don Karunawathie - NEW
Mahamadakalapuwage, Niluka & Lal Keerthi - NEW
Maraweera, Sriya & Kumudu - NEW
Maraweera, Shainy - NEW
Meddegedara, Harshani & Amila - NEW
Navaratnam, Joybelle & Rajan - NEW
Ramanayake, Pemawarthie (R.A.D.) - NEW
Ranasgalla, Thilindi & Rajitha - NEW
Ranathunga Arachchige, Dulari Nisansala - NEW
Ranaweera, Udayanganie & Kamal - NEW
Ratnayake, Cecil & Nayani - NEW
Rupasinghe, Evelyn - NEW
Samarajeewa, Upali - NEW
Samarakoon, Vindiya & Amitha - NEW
Subasinghe Arachchi, Mahinda & Kamini - NEW
Tennakoon, Jinadasa - NEW
Thambugala, Shyamalie & Shiran - NEW
Waththe Vidanelage, Hiruki - NEW
Wickramasinghe, Daya - NEW

Join the EC in welcoming the new members. Although we are currently handicapped and cannot provide too many activities, we hope that can be remedied in the near future.

Helpful information for our members:

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3. SLCFA membership news

Our last EC meeting before the summer break was held in June. Next EC meeting will resume in October after the summer break.

Have a great Summer. Be safe.

Maya Silva
Editor

One new advertisement from Lal Keerthi for this quarter.
The advertisement from Imperial Legacy is a continuation from the previous quarter.

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**Newsletter Edition 3
September 30, 2021
Editor: Maya Silva**

ALL SLCFA Members,

Greetings to all of you and welcome to the fall season. I Hope you enjoyed the glorious summer months. The changing colors heralding the advent of fall, is now swiftly upon us. And soon it will be winter with its snow and cold temperatures. Well, let us not get too far ahead of ourselves, and enjoy the warmth of the retreating sun, the best as we can.

Covid-19 Update:

This unprecedented pandemic is still not over. They say that we are now going through the fourth wave of Covid -19, and it is wreaking havoc on the human race. Our only hope is to get the full complement of vaccinations and follow the Health Department advisories and guidelines. Wearing masks is now mandatory in all indoor places.

When going to a restaurant they will request:

1. One piece of identification and
2. Your vaccination certificate

Make sure you carry them with you at all times.

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Current SLCFA Projects:

(1) Combatting Covid Situation in Sri Lanka

Project #1 – At the request of the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka's office in Ottawa, funds were collected for the "Itukama" fund and have been forwarded to the appropriate Bank Account in Sri Lanka – the project was completed. Those members that contributed to this fund, are as follows:

Susantha Tennakoonwela
Padmasiri Kumara Wickramasinghe
Jayan Somatillaka
Seeli Somatillaja
Mahinda Witharana
James Namasivayam
Gayan C Hettiarachchi
Sirima Kamburutenne
Jayantha Ranatunga
Pram Thennakoonwela
Priyantha / Maya Silva
Keerthi Wijesinghe
Gabrielle Kruger
Ravi Giragama
Kamani Rajapakse
Ramona Fernando
Carl-Chris Furguson/Shehani Devapura
A.L.S Ameresekere
Chandrani Wickramasekara

Total Contribution from donors	\$ 1805.00
Total Donation to ITUKAMA Fund (Equivalent to one million Sri Lankan Rupees)	\$ 6350.00

The following is an email that we received from the Office of the Sri Lanka High Commission:

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: SLHC Ottawa <slhcit@rogers.com>

To: Susi th <susithe@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021, 03:11:23 PM MDT

Subject: Re: Donation to Itukama Fund

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your E-mail and the valuable contribution to the Itukama Fund made on the request of the Sri Lanka High Commission in Ottawa.

The High Commission will request for a confirmation from the relevant authorities in Sri Lanka and respond at the earliest.

Your support and contribution is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Acting High Commissioner

Sri Lanka High Commission
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(2)SLCFA Cultural Dance Classes – The project is ongoing.

Projects and Activities on hold

1. First Friday Event
2. Movie Night
3. Senior's Event
4. Annual Picnic

5. Edmonton/Calgary Sports Encounter

SLCFA Year End Gala – 2021

Rushan Amarawickrama (Director, Social & Recreational Activities) and Anil Fernando (Vice President) are planning on organizing this event.

Venue: Holiday Inn, Southside Edmonton (a deposit of \$1,000/- with insurance return policy has been paid to the hotel)

Date: To Be Announced

Total Guests: 200 to 250 expected

This event will be held, depending on the restrictions of the prevailing Covid situation. All members will be notified as soon as we make the final decision.

Edmonton Heritage Festival – 2021

We are proud to have been able to participate this year, at the Hawrelak Park Edmonton Heritage Festival, after a lapse of several years. Our pavilion was Tent #21. Originally, the EC had decided not to participate in the festival this year. However, just days before the event, the President, Susantha received a request from the Heritage Festival Organizing Committee, requesting confirmation of our nonparticipation. It was then that Susantha decided that SLCFA needed to participate, having arrived at the conclusion that the benefits of participation far outweighed that of nonparticipation. There was only four days left to plan for this event and no time for the usual protocols. A few EC members, including Susantha Tennakoonwela, Jayantha Ranatunge, Ravi Giragama and Jayan Somatillaka, went into full gear, and laid the required framework. But, alas, not having prior involvement in organizing this event, our team hit some snags, resulting in the SLCFA tent not being able to sell any food on the first day. The SLCFA cultural tent was however allowed to open. After the requirements were comprehended, the shortcomings were rectified to the satisfaction of the Heritage Festival Organizers, and tent #21 was up and running from the start of the second day. The third and final day also went through without mishap.

Special thanks to all organizers and volunteers that helped out,

including Bhagya Liyanage, Lalith Liyanage, Maya Silva, Priyantha Silva, Pushpa Liyanage and Raja Liyanage. Errors were made and lessons were learned, but we now have a crew of capable organizers that would prove invaluable for participating in this festival in the future.







When Jason Kenney walked into the SLCFA pavilion.



EC is welcoming a new member.

1. Rajapakse, Hasindu

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3. News of SLCFA member (no charge).

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 (original 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 be re-evaluated during this COVID period)
5. **Deadline for Application – October 31, 2021**
6. **The current application forms must be used.** Outdated forms will be rejected.

7. Please forward your application to:



President, SLCFA, 2913 – 66th Street NW, Edmonton, AB T6K 4C1.

An application form is given in the last page.

All information have been provided in the next page to all students who intend to apply for the SLCFA Scholarship 2021.

SLCFA Academic Scholarship 2021

The scholarship committee members as follows:

1. Chrisantha Senaratne
2. Gothamika Wickramasekara
3. Priyantha Silva (new)

Please proceed to the next page for the application and for the guidelines. A pdf copy of the application is attached for your convenience.

Our final newsletter (edition #4) will published on December 31, 2021.

Till then,be safe!

Thank you.

Maya Silva



SLCFA - EDMONTON

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
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T6K 4C1*

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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:

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Newsletter Edition 4

December 31, 2021

Editor: Maya Silva

ALL SLCFA Members,

We are now into December, the last month of 2021. It has been an eventful year, even with the undesired restrictions on our activities. This season is all about Peace, Love and Joy. So, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Covid-19 Update:

The soaring Omicron variant has brought forth a host of new regulations and requirements. Please reconsider your plans for new year celebration gatherings and follow the Health Department advisories and guidelines.

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Following is the year 2021 at a glance. We thank all EC members and volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

1. March – Obtained AGLC funding and **formed the Sri Lanka Cultural Dance Group.** Jayan Somathilake (Director of Membership) **and** dance instructor -

Chethumi Rathnayake

2. April - Sinhala/Tamil New Year celebration and Distribution of the NHSP fund for the SLCFA seniors.

Sub-Committee members: Nirmalee Namasivayam, Maya Silva, Raja Liyanage.

3. May – SLCFA Membership Drive—achieving the highest SLCFA membership count by Jayan Somatilake, Membership Director .

4. August – Heritage Festival – Sri Lanka Pavilion. Sub Committee Jayantha Ranatunga, Ravi Giragama.

5. August –Combating Covid Situation in Sri Lanka – At the request of the Sri Lanka High Commission in Ottawa, SLCFA donated to the Itukama Fund (Canadian funds equivalent to one million rupees).

6. December –SLCFA Year End Gala 2021 – Was cancelled due to the current Covid-19 situation. Sub-Committee: Anil Fernando and Rushan Amarawickrama

We appreciate the work provided by the Treasurer, Nalin Fernandez, working in the background, backing up all SLCFA activities. A job well done as mentioned by our honorary auditor, Chris Senaratne

Combating Covid Situation in Sri Lanka

Project #5 – At the request of the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka's office in Ottawa, funds were collected for the "Itukama" fund and have been forwarded to the appropriate Bank Account in Sri Lanka – the project was completed. Those SLCFA members that contributed to this fund, are as follows:

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Jayan Somatillaka
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Ravi Giragama
Kamani Rajapakse
Ramona Fernando
Carl-Chris Furguson/Shehani Devapura
A.L.S Ameresekere
Chandrasiri and Maya Wickramasekara

We appreciate the service provided by the past two SLCFA Scholarship Committee Members:

Chris Senaratne
Gothami Wickramasekara

The newly appointed SLCFA scholarship committee members are as follows:

1. Pathma Wedage
2. Jeewani Fernando
3. Priyantha Silva

The new team's goal is to review the current scholarship form and propose revisions for 2022.

We welcome a **New Member** to the SLCFA Membership

1. Nadeeka Kumari Senaratne

SLCFA Cultural Dance Classes – This project is ongoing

Projects and Activities on hold

1. First Friday Event
2. Movie Night
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Reminder to all members of SLCFA:

We encourage all SLCFA members to renew your membership status for the year 2022. For your convenience a fillable SLCFA membership application form has been attached (please check the attachment).

Applications are accepted by e-transfers and by mail to: The Director, Membership & Welfare, SLCFA Building address.

All information provided in the membership form.

SLCFA AGM will be held in January 2022. The membership will be receiving an AGM package via email. All SLCFA members are invited to attend the AGM virtually. Please look out for the next important detailed email you will receive from the EC.

2022 the New Executive Committee will be formed at the AGM

SLCFA members and youth are encouraged to apply for the EC positions.

Thanks to all 2021 Executive Committee Members and especially to all our SLCFA members.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Maya Silva
Editor