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AND SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC.

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## Message from the President

Many of our members have dispersed on vacation or visits to Sri Lanka. Yet, the level of SLAWDC activity during summer has remained hectic, especially on the sporting front. SLAGW has seen a surge in activity, as recorded with pride in this issue of Serendib. The proposed renovation of the Embassy residence is also discussed in this issue.

We lost a dear friend on June 25 with the passing of Ambassador Warnasena Rasaputram, who served with distinction as the Ambassador to Washington and Patron of our Association. He is remembered here.

Our membership rolls have seen scant improvement at 112, well below the target of 135 for this period. The August 30 NY-DC Annual Cricket Encounter and the First Annual Ladies Cricket Match are expected to add 30 – 40 more new members. The discount price on tickets offered to members for the August 30 Dinner Dance and the New Year's Eve Gala is expected to drive home the benefits of membership. I hope the cumulative benefits offered to members will prompt others to enroll.

We also lost two able directors this summer. Mr. Chaminda Fernando, director since March 2002, will begin medical studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Ms. Anomi Wijesooriya has resigned due to pressures of work and increased responsibility in a new position managing three apartment buildings. The loss of these reliable colleagues is tempered by their availability to assist us on major projects like the year-end Gala. The Board of Directors join me in wishing both Chaminda and Anomi all success in future endeavors.

In closing, I invite our community to welcome our counterparts from the tri-state region represented by the Sri Lanka Association of New York on August 30. We'll be hosts to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual DC-NY Cricket Encounter and the First Annual Ladies' Cricket Match between DC and NY. Please join us for the dinner dance capping the day's festivities.

**Nihal Goonewardene**

## SLAGW Certified as NGO in Sri Lanka

The Ministry of Social Welfare has certified Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc. (SLAGW), as a registered Voluntary Social Services/Non Governmental Organization under the Voluntary Social Services Organizations Act No. 31 of 1980, as amended in 1998. SLAGW President, Mr. Nihal Goonewardene met with the Hon. Ravindra Samaraweera, Minister of Social Welfare, during his June visit to Colombo and requested approval for SLAGW to operate as an approved charity in Sri Lanka. The Minister extended his support and instructed Secretary of the Ministry, Mrs. V. Jegarasasingam, to assist us in expediting the application process for registration. Eschewing the usual six-month process, the SLAGW application of June 13 was approved and certified by the Registrar, Mr. Sunil Samaraweera, on July 16. This remarkable show of support and expeditious service extended by the Ministry is all the more impressive given that the Ministries of Defense and Foreign Affairs also had to weigh in with their approval, as SLAGW is considered a foreign NGO. Kudos to Minister Samaraweera and his able team.



**Deniyaya family receives gift of implements from SLAGW** (Story on page 5)

## In Memoriam

### A Tribute to Dr. Warnasena Rasaputram



Photo Credit : McCoy Archives

As we mourn the recent loss of Dr. Warnasena Rasaputram, memories of his many-faceted life remain within us. He was a rare combination of a scholarly economist, a distinguished diplomat, and a deep humanist who never lost his common touch with the community at large. Service spirit was his hallmark, quality was his guiding principle, and geniality was his constant trait. He was a true friend, philosopher, and guide to the Sri Lankan community here.

Dr. Lal Jayawardena and Messrs. Evan Melder and Lakdasa Hulugalle, to name a few were amongst Dr. Rasaputram's first students at the University of Ceylon, Colombo, in 1951. He had just joined the Central Bank, graduating with honors in Economics and Statistics, but continued to lecture in Statistics at the University of Ceylon. In the late 1950s, he proceeded to the USA, on a scholarship to pursue graduate studies, and received a Master's degree in Statistics and a PhD in Economics from the University of Wisconsin. Upon his return to the Central Bank, he was appointed the Director of Research in 1968.

My association with Dr. Rasaputram goes back some thirty years -- to the early 1970s -- when we at the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs were housed in the Central Bank building. I have had the good fortune of knowing him as a Central Bank Deputy Governor, as the Alternate Executive Director at the IMF, and later as Governor of the Central Bank - when he was invited in 1977 to assume this important position by the late Hon. J.R. Jayawardene. The year 1977 was a major milepost in Sri Lanka, marking a radical departure, from a government-controlled economy, to a market oriented one. Policy reforms included the unification of the exchange rate, the adoption of a flexible exchange rate policy, import liberalization, de-control of most prices, a realistic interest rate structure, tariff reforms and incentives for investment. Dr. Rasaputram's challenge was to lend support to these reforms, by guiding monetary policy and the work of the Central Bank. At the international level, he played an important role in the development of the East Asian Central Banking Forum. At the local

level, he initiated the setting up of regional branches of the Central Bank. He was also instrumental in the development of Regional Banks throughout Sri Lanka.

As Ambassador to the US, he strengthened the bilateral relationship, orchestrated the Government's stand against terrorism, and helped obtain the needed support from the State Department. This was no easy task, as he had a challenging role in guiding Sri Lanka's relationships with Congress, the Administration, the State Department, the World Bank, and the IMF. Notwithstanding his onerous official duties, he always found time to participate in activities of the Sri Lankan community, as a partner rather than an official. I recall vividly his presence at all the functions of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., including the Washington - New York cricket match, while recovering from major surgery. As the Patron of the Association, he encouraged the bringing together of our multi-ethnic, multi-cultural, and multi-religious society. As a keen supporter of our traditional arts, he has lent considerable backing for the Sri Lanka Ranga Kala Kavaya.

During my tenure as the President of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington DC, the Board accorded him a farewell and presented him with a decorative international clock - to preserve memories across space and time. Some months later we visited him in Sri Lanka and he proudly showed me the clock, which was displayed in a prominent place! His final endeavor was to help improve the living standards in villages in the Southern Province, starting with the village he grew up in. I am confident that the Sri Lankan community of Washington will fondly remember Dr. Rasaputram for a long time to come.

**Dr. Hilarian Codippily**

#### **Dr. Rasaputram is Remembered**

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Dr. W. Rasaputram was held at the Washington Buddhist Vihare on Sunday, June 30. Organized by the Sri Lanka Ranga Kala Kavaya, several organizations including the Buddhist Vihare, the International Buddhist Center, SLAWDC, FOSUS and the Embassy of Sri Lanka were represented by their leadership in paying tribute to the memory of a dear friend and patron. Several speakers gave moving accounts of Dr. Rasaputram's humanity and generosity. It was a ceremony of great dignity, befitting in large measure a life devoted to service.

## Community News

### Embassy to Undergo Extensive Renovations

There she sits forlorn and decrepit amidst well-tended mansions on 30<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, thanks to years of neglect and patchwork maintenance by a succession of distracted governments preoccupied for more than two decades with a fight for the nation's territorial integrity and political stability. The final reckoning for its very survival came when Ambassador Devinda Subasinghe tried to occupy the official residence upon his appointment in December 2002. Alas, the residence was not deemed safe for habitation. Extensive water damage, unsafe masonry, exposed wiring, gas leaks, antiquated plumbing, leaky walls, wood rot and an eroding foundation greeted his family instead of the welcoming residence the community has grown to cherish over the past 55 years as the symbol of their nationhood in America.

Purchased outright for the Government of Sri Lanka in October 1948 by the first envoy accredited to the United States, Sir Claude Corea, the residence was a dignified jewel beckoning the promise of a newly freed nation to the movers and shakers of the American colossus. From the then Vice President Richard Nixon to the current Chief Justice William Rehnquist have graced its once elegant confines during happier times.

Shocked into action by the benign neglect visited upon this grand residence, the President and Prime Minister of Sri Lanka have firmly decided to reverse further deterioration by commissioning an extensive renovation of the premises. This is a major expense and a time consuming task for the Government of Sri Lanka, yet so essential for shoring up the nation's burgeoning ties with the remaining superpower. It will be money well spent even if the final bill approximates \$2 million, and Ambassador Subasinghe has to languish in rented space for the duration. His personal discomfort will, no doubt, hasten the renovation process and restore the residence to its elegant roots.

A tripartite committee headed by the Director General – National Budget, Ministry of Finance will visit Washington, D.C. shortly to prepare a feasibility report on the repairs to be made. The Committee will, no doubt, lean heavily on the recommendations made by a firm of reputed American architects, with far flung credits from Houston to Shanghai, about the structural flaws and damage that will require a complete renovation of the building. The architects in question have not had any role in work done at the residence over the past 20 some years, according to Ambassador

Subasinghe, a point of cogent interest to the present government and the Sri Lankan community.

The time for a complete turnaround in the fortunes of the official Embassy residence is finally here. Ambassador Subasinghe did all of us a favor by forcefully making a case with Colombo to preserve and protect this national asset for generations to come. Although we are into the eighth month of preparations to renovate, the process needs to gather some urgency to prevent the winter snows from wreaking further damage on the already leaky flat roof. Help is finally on the way.

It is anticipated by all parties that the Government in awarding the renovation work to a competent contractor will adhere to a transparent process.

**Nihal Goonewardene**

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### Citibank is SLAGW's Banker in Colombo

SLAGW has established a rupee savings account at Citibank, NA in Colombo to facilitate disbursement of funds to local charities, and to receive donations in local currency from our well-wishers. President Nihal Goonewardene and SLAGW Treasurer Gayanga Opatha are the board authorized signatories to the account.

Ms. Nishamie Dharmaratne is the Citibank account executive for SLAGW liaison. Many recent activities related to the Emergency Fund for Flood Victims in the South were facilitated through this mechanism. We have already received donations in SLR from resident supporters in Sri Lanka. This account will also enable our well-wishers in the US with rupee funds to make tax-deductible donations to SLAGW. All donations will be acknowledged by the President and by the Treasurer, who provides a separate tax receipt.

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### Land Mine Project Presentation

Presentation by Mr. Perry F. Baltimore III, Executive Director of The Marshall Legacy Institute on the Canine Land Mine Detection and De-activation Project in Sri Lanka will be on August 17 from 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. at the Rudran Residence, 13518 Winding Trail Court, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

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## Presenting Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne

The founder and chairman of Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement, the largest NGO in Sri Lanka, Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, delivered an inspiring lecture on the nation's rich traditions of village re-awakening and self help for community advancement at the Sligo Creek Community Center in Silver Spring on July 13 at 3 pm. As the exemplar of this national movement, Dr. Ariyaratne commands a unique position as teacher and practitioner in the lives of millions of Sri Lankans through the message of community empowerment.



His sincerity and forthright views on the state of the nation and the need to cooperate at all levels to uplift living conditions, found resonance among the audience of 65 or more persons who sacrificed their treasured Sunday naps to attend this educational event organized by SLAGW. Deputy Ambassador Janaka Nakkavita and diplomatic officers from the Embassy, members of the Sri Lanka Ranga Kala Kavaya, Friends of Sri Lanka in the US (FOSUS), and Sarvodaya USA joined our members and guests in this lively discussion.

The hard lessons learned and difficult challenges faced by NGOs, both big and small, in the face of political interference, bureaucratic ineptitude, and the prescriptive influence of multilateral donors were artfully dissected by "Ari" with insightful logic and disarming wit throughout the hour-long presentation. He fielded some tough questions by World Banker and former SLAWDC president, Dr. Hilarian Codipilly, and Mr. Kenneth Abeywickrama, among others, to shed further light on Sarvodaya's guiding principles and practices. In responding to a professional query by Dr. Greg Fernandopulle, practising psychiatrist and former SLAWDC president, Ari also demonstrated his versatility as philosopher, student and teacher.

During the reception hosted by the SLAGW/SLAWDC Board of Directors, following the educational portion of the afternoon, several members and guests had the opportunity to meet or renew ties with this remarkable

man. Ari's biographer, Prof. George Bond from Northwestern University, Sarvodaya USA Executive Director, Dr. Richard Brooks from University of Wisconsin - Madison, and Sarvodaya USA Treasurer and SLAWDC member, Dr. Robert Russell and wife, Hemamalie, were also present at the event. Several copies of Dr. Ariyaratne's publications on sale during the reception were eagerly snatched up by the energized audience. It was a truly inspiring afternoon.

**Nihal Goonewardene**

## Youth Committee organizes Shramadana



The SLAWDC Committee for Youth and Young Professionals (CYYP) organized a Shramadana on Sunday, July 20, to help the Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN) Foundation, Inc. Their goal was to provide a range of one-on-one recreational activities for children with disabilities in a non-competitive environment, which encourages the participants to develop self-esteem and confidence, as well as recreational skills and talents. The 12 CYYP volunteers started the day with an orientation on how to interact with the children before helping them play with toys, take part in games, and interact with others. The kids who attend KEEN could not take part in normal social activities such as Boys Scouts and sports because of their disabilities. The outing with CYYP was important to them and made a difference in their lives.

**Prasanna Perera**

## **SLAGW Assists Flood Victims in Deniyaya to Regain Homesteads : A Lesson in Cooperation**

The unprecedented generosity of our members, well wishers and friends of Sri Lanka enabled SLAGW to respond both timely and meaningfully in alleviating the plight of one of the hardest hit communities in the South. Deniyaya was devastated by massive landslides during the record deluge that engulfed Southern Sri Lanka in the latter part of May, making whole communities homeless and destitute. Our appeal for Emergency Relief for Flood Victims in the South brought in \$3,325 in donations in the first two weeks, in time for SLAGW President, Mr. Nihal Goonewardene, to put these funds to good use during a brief visit to Sri Lanka in mid June.

In Colombo, he resumed a dialogue with the Venerable Galaboda Sri Gnanissara Thero, Chief Priest of the Gangarama Temple near the Beira Lake in Colombo, about how best our assistance could be channeled to the most vulnerable communities in the South. Known widely as the "Podi Hamuduruwo", this highly respected and talented clergyman is known for his motivational and leadership prowess, and proven organizational acumen in uplifting the vulnerable through vocational training, job creation and numerous other good works for the benefit of all.

Our initial plan to provide emergency supplies of food, clothing and other essentials through the Gangarama Viharaya was scrapped as a result of this field visit. The outpouring of assistance from all corners of Sri Lanka, its neighbors in the Subcontinent, and the traditional donor countries had overcome the initial requirements for food, medicine and shelter for the displaced. The immediate challenge was to enable the people to return to their homes or to get help for the most needy families to repair and reclaim their damaged homes. The conditions in Deniyaya, in particular, were considered acute, prompting SLAGW to extend assistance to 300 families striving to regain their homesteads.

We pledged to provide a set of six tools/implements per family for a total consignment of 1,800 implements, including an alavangu, kaththa, shovel, axe, 10" knife and mamotty per set. We soon discovered that no one supplier could service this large order on schedule. A fact that became evident when Mr. Jayantha Jayawardena, a Trinity Lion and former General Manager of the Mahaweli Authority, set about assisting Mr. Goonewardene in consolidating this procurement. As luck would have it, the Building Materials Corporation (BMC) offered to put together a

large portion of the consignment in 4 weeks. Mr. Goonewardene visited the BMC warehouse and obtained the cooperation of its Vice Chairman, Sales Manager, the Showroom Manager and staff to make up the whole order for delivery to Gangarama Temple in 15 days. BMC Management also extended an attractive discount upon learning of the SLAGW mission to help the flood victims in the South. SLAGW's banker in Sri Lanka, Ciibank NA, facilitated the transaction within 24 hours to consummate the financial arrangements.



President-elect, Mr. Lasantha Dahanaike, presenting shipment of 1800 implements from SLAGW to Ven. Galaboda Sri Gnanissara

Our President-elect, Mr. Lasantha Dahanaike, was on hand on July 8 to personally take delivery of the BMC shipment at Gangarama Temple and turn it over to Podi Hamuduruwo for distribution to the 300 beneficiary families in Deniyaya, on behalf of SLAGW.

Mr. P.K. William, Member of the SLAWDC Committee for Youth and Young Professionals, was also present at the ceremony. He continued to monitor the distribution of implements by the Gangarama organization, to the accompaniment of video recordings and signed receipts for all gifts made on our behalf.

This activity provided an opportunity for your Board of Directors to work with a proven intermediary, such as the Gangarama organization, in getting through quickly and efficiently to the intended beneficiaries in Sri Lanka without incurring any overhead or delivery charges. The entire donation from SLAGW was deployed for the intended purpose without unnecessary delay or excuses. The spirit of partnership with NGOs and businesses, such as BMC and Citibank, also gave us a window on how best to harness public-private partnerships in achieving our humanitarian objectives.

## 7-A-Side Cricket Tournament

The Thirteenth Annual 7-A-Side Cricket Tournament organized by the Sri Lanka Cricket Society of Washington, D.C., was held on June 28th at Lake Fairfax Park, VA. Over two hundred fans, spectators, and supporters were at hand to enjoy a day of cricket. Over the last decade, the 7-A-Side Cricket Tournament has become the place for players and teams to showcase their talent and go up against the best cricket teams in the area. The anticipation along with the competitive atmosphere brings out the best cricket on this day.

The following sixteen teams took part this year: Maris Stella College, Kabaragoyas, Serendib, Lanka Lions, St. Peters College-Gold, Unikel Sports Club, St. Peters College-Blue, Munta Loose Bajaj from New York, St. Thomas College, Trinity College, Old Joes, Ahindas, Calvin Cricket Club, Carolina Islanders from North Carolina, Achcharuwa, and Belluwa Nelluwa.

The tournament organizers had prepared four cricket grounds side by side the day before to accommodate the thirty-one cricket matches that were to take place. The tournament kicked off at 7 AM with a brief update on the rules and regulations. Once the games got in full swing it was absolute cricket mania. Tents were up and people were seamlessly moving about between the grounds to cheer for their favorite teams.

After several hours of competitive cricket the first round came to an end. A total of twenty-four cricket matches had been played by that time. The top two teams from each of the four groups advanced to the next round to take part in the knock-out format. The Kabaragoyas, one of the dominant teams in the past, bowed out of the tournament after falling victim to the Net-Run-Rate in a fierce three team tie. By the end of the second round the four teams standing tall were Ahindas, Munta Loose Bajaj, Old Joes, and Unikel Sports Club, a new comer to the tournament.

This year the Cricket Society took another step in its mission to promote cricket amongst Sri Lankans in the area by having a cricket match for the ladies. Over twenty women took part in this match and for many this was their first taste of cricket. Played before the Final Match with the crowd cheering on, the ladies showed that they too had cricket skills with brilliant batting, bowling, and fielding displays. At the end of the match it didn't matter which team won. What mattered was that they had fun playing this match. The two captains, Rashika Padmakumara and Ramani Napoli along with Ann Amaratunga, Devika

Wimalkantha, and Arunie Wijesinghe assisted the Cricket Society in setting this match up.



Participants in Women's Cricket Match

The Final Match took place between Old Joes and Munta Loose Bajaj from New York. The Old Joes, captained by Terry Kuruppu had gone unbeaten all day to get to the finals after being absent from the Tournament for a brief period. Munta Loose Bajaj, captained by Waruna Buwaneka fielded a strong team to get back to the finals after being last year's First Runner Up. Once the dust settled, the Old Joes emerged victorious to win the 7-A-Side Cricket Tournament for the first time. Unikel Sports Club was the Second Runner Up to finalists Munta Loose Bajaj.

Dakshi De Silva, the President of the Cricket Society and the able team of tournament officials, including Saliya Perera, Prasad Dharmasena, Iroshana Nanayakkara, Rashika Padmakumara, Bandula Ranasinghe, Dhanika Perera and Don Baddeliyanage were roundly commended for the smooth operation of the Tournament, and the record turnout. The hard work that goes into such a demanding operation was not lost on the players and fans. Ambassador Janaka Nakkawita, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Sri Lanka, presented the trophies and praised the high quality of cricket witnessed throughout the day.



**7-A-Side Cricket Champions – 2003:** The Old Joes  
**Man of the Tournament:** Upul Abeywarna (kneeling without hat)

**Iroshana Nanayakkara and Saliya Herath**

## Joe-Pete Cricket Match

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Joe-Pete Cricket Encounter took place on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect for the 35-over per side game that was expected to be competitive from the start. Peterites were determined to take the trophy home after their loss last year. The Joes were under pressure to deliver after winning the Seven-a-Side tournament a month ago.



Peterites won the toss and put the Joes to bat. Old Joes got off to a steady start but the Peterites kept them at bay by taking wickets at regular intervals. The Joes couldn't find a long partnership and ended with 111 all out in 33 overs. Upul Abeywardana was the top-scorer with 34 runs. Peterites started the innings positively and gathered runs easily. At one point they were cruising towards victory with 56 runs on the board after only 15 overs for the loss of 2 wickets. However, the Joes came up with some good bowling and fielding that resulted in Peterites losing 3 quick wickets. After that onslaught, Peterites lost wickets in regular succession and were soon bowled out by the Josephians for 75.

The Old Joes, captained by Terry Kurruppu, Vice Patron of SLAWDC, won the 13th Joe-Pete encounter by 36 runs. Peterite's Saliya Herath was awarded the Best Batsman; Joe's Mahil Abeywardana the Best Bowler, and Upul Abeywardana, the Man of the Match, a repeat after winning the same distinction in the Seven-a-Side Tournament.

A joyful gathering of nearly 50 Old Joes, spouses and friends celebrated the day's win at a dinner party hosted by the Old Joes of America at the residence of the Old Joes President, Mr. Nihal Goonewardene, with their Patron, Dr. Greg Fernandopulle orchestrating the raucous songfest.

**Mahil Abeywardana**

### Scheduled Events .....

- DC-NY Cricket Match - August 30, 2003 at Lake Fairfax Park, VA @ 11 am.
- Dinner Dance – August 30, 2003 @ 8.30 p.m. at Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg.
- Shramadana at Buddhist Vihare to clean and paint public areas: Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5 from 10 am. Contact Gayanga Opatha at Tel: 240 353 3920 ( C ).

For details and more information ..... please check the website WWW. SLAWDC.COM

## DC Cricket Team Try-Outs for Selection

### *Men's Team*

- Sunday, August 17, @ 3 pm At Lake Fairfax Park - Cricket grounds
- Sunday, August 24, @ 10 am for final team selection at the same grounds

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### *Women's Team*

Practice dates from Aug. 10 (Please contact Ramani or Iroshana for more details)

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Iroshana Nanayakkara - See above

All candidates for selection must be current members of SLAWDC for 2003, and they must participate in a minimum of two try outs for final selection by a selection committee appointed by the SLAWDC Board of Directors.



**SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON D.C.**

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