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## Message from the President

This issue of Serendib celebrates the spirit of volunteerism among our community and the broadening of the Association's membership base, which now extends far beyond the smaller confines of the original diaspora that launched SLAWDC. You will, no doubt, wonder why we didn't harness the hitherto untapped energy and variety of youthful talent until now. As the composition of our community shifts in ever greater numbers, representing diverse persuasions, your Association has been making all effort to harness its vitality to achieve meaningful outcomes that ennoble and benefit our constituents and prospective members.

As the season of giving approaches, our community has shown a remarkable talent for contributing in greater numbers to causes carefully selected and sponsored by our tax-exempt affiliate, SLAGW. This year marks a milestone in our Association's history. Your Board of Directors has approved more than \$25,000 in grants to institutions and programs to benefit those in Sri Lanka and in our own neighborhoods. The Sri Lankan community of the national capital region, as well as friends in the USA and in Sri Lanka (and even in Europe and Australia), have made it possible through their generosity for these good deeds to take wing. More significantly, contributions have come from a large number of individuals, some of them first-time donors, to address calamities like the flash floods in southern Sri Lanka, institutional development support to the nascent Lanka Alzheimer's Foundation, educational stipends to the first ever Sri Lankan team to compete in the prestigious Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, and the humanitarian initiative to remove landmines from the embattled North and East in cooperation with the Marshall Legacy Institute, Inc.

Many of these events are recorded in this issue with pride. The Board also orchestrated several social and sporting events, including the annual cricket encounter with our New York counterparts. The day-long event also ushered in the debut of the Annual DC-NY Women's Cricket Encounter, won by the Washington

women. The dinner dance that followed drew nearly 300 guests from DC and NY. Ambassador Devinda Subasinghe was very much in evidence as the guest of honor, mingling with the community and guests from afar. Music was provided by D.J.- Shawn Corera and Serendib, a band from our community, providing a variety of competitive musical styles enlivening the evening into the wee hours.

Finally, the recent political stand-off in Colombo notwithstanding, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka found time during his momentous visit here, for a working meeting with President George W. Bush, to discuss and comment on the contents of a letter from SLAWDC (reproduced on page 3) sent to the Embassy prior to his arrival. He has asked Ambassador Subasinghe to convey the Prime Minister's suggestions and guidance to specific issues raised in the letter. A meeting in this regard is scheduled to take place next week with the Ambassador. Stay tuned.

Thank you for the support and enthusiasm you have extended to the Association's programs, its officers and directors, and most of all, to our pleas for greater participation and generosity. We look forward to your avid presence at the Montgomery County Government's Sri Lanka Day on December 10, celebrating the county administration's support of the De-mining Program, the Children's X'Mas Party on December 6, and the big one on December 31 to close the year in style at the Gala.

**Nihal W. Goone wardene**

### SLAGW Receives \$ 10,000 Grant

A New York-based family foundation has granted \$10,000 to SLAGW's De-mining Program in response to a proposal submitted by the President of SLAGW. In deference to their wishes stipulated in the grant instrument, the donor foundation shall remain anonymous.

## De-Mining Appeal Gains Momentum



Perry F. Baltimore III, President of MLI addressing the SLAGW gathering, shows defused plastic mine found in Sri Lanka

Thirty five members and supporters of SLAGW /SLAWDC gathered by invitation at the home of Rudy and Ranji Rudran on August 17 for a presentation on the Land Mine Removal Project in Sri Lanka supported by SLAGW. The speaker, who held the audience spellbound, was none other than Perry F. Baltimore III, President of the Marshall Legacy Institute in Arlington, VA

Commonly referred to as MLI, their outreach into post-conflict situations requiring the removal of land mines through the use of explosive-sniffing dogs has reached mythic proportions. MLI teams have worked in Afghanistan, Eritrea, Cambodia and Armenia, among other flashpoints of conflict. Sri Lanka is the newest location for MLI intervention to alleviate continued human suffering brought on by the silent scourge of dormant land mines, estimated by the Government of Sri Lanka and other sources to number over 1 million.

SLAGW has joined hands with MLI to use their considerable stature in this humanitarian field, not to mention their unique brand of expertise in deploying teams of mine-sniffing dogs and handlers, to help our fellow Sri Lankans reach a modicum of peace and reconciliation in the North and East as a prelude to normalcy and human security. The presence of mines in unmarked areas has kept many farmers and householders from returning to their former homes and occupations. The widespread evidence of maimed and

amputated survivors, both civilians and soldiers, is a grim reminder of what lies beneath the ground in their home areas. SLAGW launched a fund to supplement MLI efforts in January 2003. The response from several Sri Lankans and Americans has brought us close to our goal of raising enough funds to provide one of the six German Shepherds, about \$20,000. It was heartening to see a dozen individuals in attendance at the Sunday presentation offer nearly \$2,000 in donations.

SLAGW has also received donations for the de-mining program in Sri Lanka rupees from well-wishers in Sri Lanka, such as A. Baur & Company and Ambassador to the Hague, Rupa Karunatileke. Donations can be made to SLAGW's account at Citibank, N.A. in Colombo by US residents with rupees to spare.



Small group discussion following the lecture

MLI plans to begin the procurement and 16 – 20 month training of the dogs in January 2004. Under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Sri Lanka and MLI, the dogs and their trainers will be in Sri Lanka in the second quarter of 2004 to begin the training of Sri Lanka Army personnel who will become the permanent dog handlers and de-miners of the effort initiated by MLI.

The use of dogs in de-mining has the full endorsement of the Humane Society of the United States as a way to save lives among humans and many more animals. The Government has pledged to find a safe and permanent home for the six dogs after their useful professional life of 7-8 years on the front lines. The US State Department is expected to grant up to \$300,000 to the Government for the upkeep of the dogs and transportation of the de-mining teams through this period.

October 31, 2003.

The Honorable Ranil Wickremasinghe  
Prime Minister  
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
C/o, His Excellency Devinda R. Subasinghe  
Embassy of Sri Lanka, Washington, D.C.

Dear Hon. Prime Minister,

I extend the collective felicitations of the Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C. (SLAWDC) and its tax exempt affiliate, Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc. (SLAGW) and the Sri Lankan community for the success of your visit next week to the nation's capital. I congratulate you on the substantive relationship you have nurtured with the Bush Administration during the past two years. The success of your diplomacy is nowhere more readily evident than in the scheduled working meeting with President George W. Bush. I wish you well in your wide-ranging agenda that holds out the tangible promise of peace, security and economic prosperity for the people of Sri Lanka.

Although your overtaxed schedule may not give us an opportunity to meet this time, I have taken the liberty to outline some talking points for your consideration at the suggestion of Ambassador Subasinghe. Let me briefly outline the matters I wish to put before you in order to receive your comments and guidance.

1. The Professor Cyril Ponnampereuma Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was originally envisaged to be set up as an endowment at the University of Maryland, has undergone some modification as a result of the high cost of educating one Sri Lankan graduate student in the US as opposed to several in various graduate institutions in Sri Lanka. To this end, I wish to propose that SLAGW set up an endowment of Rs. 2.5 M to be matched 100 - 150% by the Mahapola Trust, to be supplemented by corporate and foundation support to build an endowment up to Rs. 10 M over the coming two years. This will enable the Ponnampereuma Fund to sponsor up to 25 - 30 MS and PhD candidates per year in the sciences, including information sciences.
2. SLAGW's Volunteer English Teacher Program will see the first US-based volunteer placed at St. Joseph's College, Colombo 10 in January 2004. This program is sponsored entirely by dedicated alumni groups in the US for the benefit of their schools in Sri Lanka. I would be happy to receive

any guidance and support you may extend to broaden the outreach of our efforts to improve English instruction in the nation's secondary schools.

3. The De-Mining program launched in collaboration with the Marshall Legacy Institute has found solid traction among the Sri Lankan community and friends in the US. The Montgomery County Government in Maryland has agreed to sponsor a special program for the De-Mining Program in Sri Lanka for the purpose of educating county officials and residents and to raise funds for SLAGW's De-Mining program. We are confident that our target of \$ 20,000 will be met by December 2003, since we have already achieved 85% of the target.

There are similar initiatives underway to help Sri Lankan charities, including the orphanage in Batticaloa run by the Ramakrishna Mission. In sum, SLAGW will disburse more than \$ 25,000 this year to charities and SLAGW-sponsored activities in Sri Lanka, including the start-up grant to Lanka Alzheimer's Foundation, and Flood Relief and Rehabilitation assistance in coordination with the Ganagarama Vihara for the people of Deniyaya.

4. Several members of the diaspora have asked me to bring up the matter of costly visa fees incurred during visits back to their homeland. This is particularly a sore point for retired US residents who visit their native land for more than a month at a time. Even younger residents who go back for family celebrations such as weddings find it difficult to pay Rs. 80,000 for a family of four when they stay even a day beyond the one month window. We have seen the enlightened policies adopted by India towards its NRIs, who are increasingly seen as a valuable national resource. I would like to explore any means by which this burden could be lifted from the most affected returnees.

I hope you will find a suitable window during this busy visit to convey any thoughts on the above points through Ambassador Subasinghe.

Sincerely,

Nihal W Goonewardene  
President

c.c. Hon. Tyrone Fernando, Min. of Foreign Affairs  
Amb.C. Mahendran, Perm. Rep. of SL to the UN.  
Board of Directors, SLAWDC/SLAGW

## **Volunteer English Teacher Program Launched by SLAGW**

The long awaited launch of the Volunteer English Teacher Program by SLAGW is finally at hand. After careful screening, we have a stellar candidate in Michael Finucane from Chambersburg, PA to initiate this program at St. Joseph's College, Colombo 10 in the first week of January 2004. Financial support from the Old Joes will underwrite this initiative, which provides a \$200 monthly stipend for a year and a roundtrip ticket. The terms of engagement require the partner school to provide room and board to the volunteer teacher, who will teach English to GCE Ordinary and Advanced Level students.



You'll be pleased to know that SLAGW is sending an exceptionally qualified volunteer to St. Joseph's College. We'll be hard pressed to match Michael's range of qualifications and interests in future placements at other schools in Sri Lanka. I'll let you be the judge from the following short resume:

### **MICHAEL A. FINUCANE**

**University of Pennsylvania**, BA in Economics, 1992  
- Men's Basketball (Division 1/Ivy League/Big Five City series)  
- Economics and Math Tutor  
- Penn Study Abroad in Tours, France  
- Coursework at Wharton School in Statistical Modeling, Legal studies, Accounting and Corporate Finance.

**Carnegie Mellon University**, MSc in Public Policy & Management, 2000

## **Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University, MA in Int'l Relations, 2002**

- Concentration in African Studies and Int'l Economics  
- Recipient of 2001/2002 Nitze Fellowship for academic excellence.

**Languages:** English (native), French (fluent), Arabic (fluent in Modern Standard and Tunisian dialect), Italian and Swahili (proficient), Portuguese and Spanish (conversational).

### **Employment:**

- Chambersburg, PA Area School District, Manager of Human Resources (Aug. 2000 and Jan. 2003 to present)  
- Center Business and Public Policy (SAIS), Wash., D.C. Research Associate (March - Oct. 2002)  
- SAIS Tunisia Summer Research Program, 2001  
- Columbia Artists Management Inc., NYC (2/1998-4/1999)  
- Coopers and Lybrand, NYC, Summer Intern, 1997  
- Recass Consulting in Nairobi, Kenya (Feb.-May, 1997)  
- Instructor of English, Muguga Wa Gatonye Secondary School in Kenya (August 1996- January 1997)  
- Peace Corps/Tunisia, Professor of English, Univ. of Kairouan. Taught grammar, comprehension and composition courses, and coordinated basketball program for university and local professional club.

Rev. Fr. Victor Silva, Rector of St. Joseph's, has enthusiastically supported this initiative, and put aside considerable resources to provide room and board for Michael at the school. Michael offers a total package of academic instruction, prowess in sports earned as a Division 1 Basketball player for Penn, and experience as a school administrator in the key arena of human resources management. I dare say, we've done well in our choice.

## The Guruge Trilogy in Review

I wish to recommend two excellent books on Sri Lanka by Dr. Ananda Guruge, former Sri Lankan Ambassador to the U.S. I read the first book of the planned trilogy last year. I just received his second book, and have just started to read it. His style makes for easy reading. He is a fountain of information, which is woven into the story so that you can digest the material, without feeling that you are reading a college text.

*Free At Last In Paradise* (1<sup>st</sup> Books Library, 1998) traces the hundred-year bid for freedom from foreign domination from the rebellion of 1848 to Independence in 1948. It highlights the role of Colonel Henry Steel Olcott of Orange, New Jersey, USA and his proteges, Anagarika Dharmapala and Don Baron Jayatilake. The main character is a 91-year old Monk that traces his start as a youngster in a British religious school, through his career into senior monkhood. I feasted on every page of this most interesting book. One learns a lot about the ways of the British in those days and much about Buddhism, too.

*Serendipity Of Andrew George* (1<sup>st</sup> Books Library, 2003) reflects on life during the best decade in recent history. The 1960s saw the nation through significant political experimentations. Electing the first woman head of government in modern world history, a middle-of-the-road party included communists and socialists in a coalition government during the first five years. For the rest of the decade, a conservative nationalist party formed a coalition with the Federal Party, bringing for the first and last time a political party of the principal ethnic minority to hold office in government. It was an era to be recalled with nostalgia for the peace and security that prevailed and recorded for significant achievements in many facets of development. Chronicling this grand era is exactly what this volume attempts to do.

Dr. Guruge is Dean of Academic Affairs at Hsi Lai University in Los Angeles. He is also adjunct professor of Buddhism, Hinduism and Peace Studies at California State University in Fullerton.

**Donald Y. McCoy**



Amb. Subasinghe presenting the trophy to the winners of the Women's DC-NY Cricket Match. DC Captain Ramani Napoli holding trophy is flanked by Iroshana Nanayakkara, Tournament Chairman and Dasarath Kiridena, DC Men's Captain. Team-mates Dinusha Ranasinghe and Utthama Wijesinghe applaud.

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### For Members Only

Members of SLAWDC will receive tickets at a discounted price of \$55 per person for the December 31 Dinner Dance at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Bethesda, MD. Supply is limited to 180 tickets at this price. Payment to SLAWDC must be received and/or postmarked no later than December 15 2003 to:-

SLAWDC

C/o, ISTI, Inc.

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All other tickets are priced at \$65/person and \$20/child for 12 years or under.

Adult 1 ..... Adult 2 ..... Child 1 ..... (Dof B) Child 2 ..... (DofB)

Individual members are entitled to one \$55 ticket only, and a family membership to two \$55 tickets plus additional tickets for children under 21 years of age.

## **A Tribute to Dr. Warnasena Rasaputram**

On my recent visit to my parents (Ed & Anna Peries), I read with interest and much sadness Dr. Hilarian Codippily's eulogy, "In Memoriam," on the death of Dr. Warnasena Rasaputram (Serendib, Jun-Aug 2003).

I came to know Dr. Rasaputram while he was Alternate Executive Director representing Sri Lanka at the IMF. I vividly remember him politely accepting an invitation to be the Moderator at a Sri Lanka Youth Seminar held at the World Bank in September 1978, which I organized for the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C. The seminar was to provide a forum for students to exchange views on issues affecting them and how best to meet the challenges that lay ahead. Dr. Rasaputram showed up for the seminar by 8:30 a.m. and intently presided over the day's program. Thanks to his diligence the seminar achieved its intended purpose. (The panel consisted of the late Ambassador W. S. Karunaratne, Dr. Gregory Fernandopulle, Dr. Mary Shivanandan and Dr. Mohan Munasinghe.)

As a student at that time, I felt very comfortable engaging in conversation with Dr. Rasaputram because of his amiable personality and his intimate knowledge of how young minds worked. At the seminar, he offered down to earth solutions to most problems encountered by the Sri Lankan youth, especially those who had relocated from Sri Lanka. He was a revered member of the community.

During a vacation to Sri Lanka in 1985, I invited the Rasaputrams to my first wedding anniversary that we celebrated at Wattala. There again, despite his busy schedule as the Governor of the Central Bank, he and Mrs. Rasaputram promptly accepted the invitation and graced the occasion with their presence. In a more relaxed atmosphere, he reminisced on the initiatives he had taken to restore the neglected but treasured paintings in ancient Buddhist and Hindu places of worship, some replicas of which are uniquely presented in the official currency notes of Sri Lanka.

On his return to Washington as Sri Lanka's Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Rasaputram continued to keep in touch with compatriots in North America.

As profoundly expressed in the eulogy, we will all remember and miss Dr. Rasaputram's professional as well as the learned and simplistic touch he brought to most occasions. May He attain Nibbhana!

**Sharmini Amitha Peries, Toronto**

## **In Memoriam**

**Mrs. Sheila Amarasinha**, 74, beloved wife of Gana Amarasinha, loving mother of Sharon Perera, Treherne Fernando, Lyndi Lou Littlefield, Step Mother of Dilani Dias and Lal Amarasinha, passed away after a brief illness on October 31st in Fort Drum, New York.

At the Memorial mass at St. Francis of Assisi in Gaithersburg, Maryland, grand-daughter Katryna Perera, dedicated the following poem to their Nanny on behalf of fellow grand-children Hamish, Jared, Dinesh, Christopher, Megan, Shelby, Devantha and Shalini.

### **A Poem to Nanny**

We really feel quite special  
That God had chosen you  
To be a person in our lives  
Who knows us through and through.

The times spent talking  
We have always felt you heard  
You've been so good at listening  
To each and every word.

And even things we didn't share  
You somehow heard them too  
We think this is a special gift  
That God had given you.

So we just want to thank you  
For being there for us  
And showing us acceptance  
And loving us so infinitely.

### **Scheduled SLAWDC/SLAGW Events ...**

- Children's X'Mas Party on December 6, 3 – 6 pm at Leland Community Center, 4301 Willow Lane, Chevy Chase, MD.
- Montgomery County Government celebration of Sri Lanka De-Mining Program at Historic Red Brick Courthouse, 29 Courthouse Square, Rockville, MD @ 3 - 4.30 pm on Wednesday, December 10.
- New Year's Eve Gala on December 31, 6:30 pm at Bethesda Hyatt Regency Hotel.

For details and more information ..... please check the website [WWW.SLAWDC.COM](http://WWW.SLAWDC.COM)

## Shramadana



The Shramadana at the Washington Buddhist Vihare on Saturday, Oct. 4 was an outstanding success. 42 eager volunteers turned up for a day-long effort transforming the appearance and general cleanliness of the vihare premises to levels unseen in several years. At the end of the effort, the hallways, kitchen, devotional hall, garage, storage rooms, the entire basement and the reading room at the entrance looked orderly and pristine, befitting the premises of a place of worship.

The spirit and energy of our volunteers made the day go fast, with rapid give and take, lots of laughter and good cheer all around. Each one worked hard and cooperatively. Although no one was actually in charge, our directors played a significant role in leading several work parties. Iroshana Nanayakkara, Lasantha Dahanaike and Ramani Napoli played prominent leadership roles. Several directors who could not come provided food for the occasion. Others like Ramani provided cooked fare and dana for the monks. Some volunteers brought food for all. No one left hungry or thirsty.

It was a joy to watch the place taking on a new look. The priests, led by Ven. Vidura, were uniformly pleased and supportive. I found the experience quite uplifting, not only in a spiritual sense but also in seeing how well our community can work diligently and cooperatively to achieve common good.

We thank the following volunteer participants:

1. Abeysekera, Umanga
2. Abeywarna, Dilini
3. Abeywarna, Mahil - Director
4. Abeywarna, Upul
5. Abeywickrama Bernie - Director
6. Abeywickrama Kenneth

7. Amaratunga, Ann
8. Anderson, Susan
9. Basnayake, Nelum
10. Basnayake, Sena
11. Basnayake, Vinoda
12. Dahanaike, Lasantha - Director
13. Devinda, Lahiru
14. Dorabawila, Kamal
15. Dorabawila, Nilmini
16. Dorabawila, Tamara
17. Fernando, Kumara
18. Ganeshan, Meera
19. Goonewardene, Nihal - Director
20. Heendeniya, Harini
21. Heendeniya, Kaushalya
22. Heendeniya, Raja
23. Hettiarachchi, Navin
24. Lenora, Nilantha
25. Lenora, Pradipa
26. Nanayakkara, Iroshana - Director
27. Nanayakkara, Shayami
28. Napoli, Nick
29. Napoli, Ramani - Director
30. Opatha, Gayanga - Director
31. Perera, Alex
32. Ranasinghe, Bandu
33. Ranasinghe, Geetha
34. Ranasinghe, Pubudu
35. Ranasinghe, Sanjaya
36. Serasinghe, Rajeeva - Director
37. Weerakoon, Dinesh
38. Weerasinghe, Kavan
39. Wijesekera, Saliya
40. Wijesinghe, Arunie - CYYP Member
41. Wijesinghe, Utthama
42. William, P.K. - CYYP Member



Final touches to the basement ceiling after a day-long effort by eager volunteers.

## Car Washes To Benefit Children/Orphanages

A group of young Sri Lankans from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area is donating \$1300 to various children's charities in Sri Lanka through SLAGW.

Most of the money, earned during two carwash benefits held in Virginia in October, will go to the Ramakrishna Mission Orphanage in Batticaloa. The donation will fund books, supplies, and computers for children there.

The mission maintains an ashram as well as various children's homes. The children in the homes include those referred by the Department of Probation and Child-Care Services, as well as a few recruited directly by the mission. The children are orphaned, destitute or deserted. The mission provides them with basic amenities as well as instruction in a variety of areas, enabling them to lead independent and productive adult lives despite their misfortune.

More than 20 volunteers helped to make the two carwashes not only profitable, but also enjoyable. Many friends contributed generously in both time and money. Volunteers included Kanchani Algama, Ann Amaratunga, George Doe, Kamal Dorabawila, Nilmini Dorabawila, Sean Fernando, Meera Ganeshan, Lasitha Gunawardana, Jerome Isaac, Nishan Jayaratnam, Dell Konate, Amy Langhrer, Iroshana Nannayakara, Prasanna Perera, Sanjeewa Premaratne, Nirosh Rasiah, Saranga Senaratna, Sushanthan Sudaharan, Dinesh Weerakoon, Arunie Wijesinghe, Madhu Wijesinghe, Utthama Wijesinghe, and P.K. William.

Because the group surpassed its fundraising goal, organizers are currently researching other possible beneficiaries for the remainder of the money. Organizers will contact some charities during an exploratory trip to Sri Lanka in December before submitting their recommendations to SLAGW, which will supplement the group's donations with its own resources.

The group's future projects include a Valentine's Day dinner dance in February. All proceeds from the group's work will benefit children's causes.

For further information regarding the children's homes please visit: <http://rkmcolumbo.8m.com/rkmbat.htm>

For any question or comments please email [meera\\_ganeshan@hotmail.com](mailto:meera_ganeshan@hotmail.com)

**By Ann Amaratunga, Meera Ganeshan and  
Utthama Wijesinghe**



## Grant to Sarvodaya

The Board of Directors of Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc. (SLAGW) has approved a grant of SL Rs. 100,000 to Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement for the purpose of rebuilding the Bopagoda Sri Jinanda Sarvodaya Pre-School in Akuressa, which was washed away without any trace by the May floods in the South. The village community will contribute shramadana to reconstruct the school and restore normal operations. The grant from SLAGW will provide the means to procure building materials and amenities. This project was a priority request submitted for consideration by Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, Founder-President of Sarvodaya.

## Cricket Match DC-NY on August 30 at Lake Fairfax Park, VA



The Men's Team from Washington, D.C.

**More pictures .... DC-NY Cricket Match**



New York Men's Team

**Dinner Dance at Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg on August 30**



President Nihal Goonewardene, DC, Marie Fernando, NY, and Ambassador Subasinghe with winners from NY



New York Women's Team



Washington Women's Team



NY Teams with Men's Trophy

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I/We wish to enroll as a member(s) of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and agree to abide by the constitution and by-laws of the Association.

**Membership Information:** New Membership       Renewal       Other  Year 2003

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**First Name of Spouse:**.....

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3. \_\_\_\_\_ M  F       *Date of Birth: Year \_\_\_\_ MO \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ M  F       *Date of Birth: Year \_\_\_\_ MO \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_*

**SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_