

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

**(February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012)**

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

A Non-Profit Organization founded in 1975

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Bethesda, MD 20824-0295

AND

Its affiliate

## **SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC.**

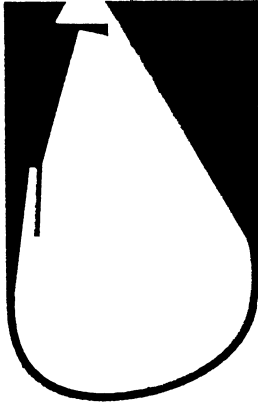
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**Secretary – Sandra Ismail**

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March 31, 2012

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I invite you to the 37th Annual General Meeting of SLAWDC, on Saturday 31st of March 2012 for the official handing over of the office to the succeeding president and the new Board of Directors.

It has been an honour to serve as the president of SLAWDC this past year. The Board of Directors worked hard to achieve our initial goal we set in 2011. During the AGM I had mentioned two goals for this past year. One was to stabilize the finances and the second was to generate more awareness of the organization through an increase of events and visibility of the organization in the community. I am proud to say we achieved both this year.

Through this past year we have collaborated in putting together events with many organizations as well as the Sri Lankan Embassy. The visibility of the organization was increased through these involvements. And we have doubled the financial balance in our accounts from last year. However I would like to highlight an important factor in the success of these achievements. A strong Board working together makes the organization. Our board was very active and contributed enormously to this success.

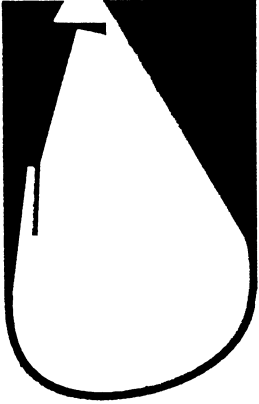
The community has shifted in the past years. As a result the state of the organization is being questioned and weak. The current Sri Lankan diasporas tend to create their own events. A result of this is having 5 cricket tournaments during the summer instead of one. A thoughtful review of the mission and our direction for the future has to be done in a structured manner. Unless we do this, there is a possibility the state of the organization will be in grave danger of losing its foothold within the Sri Lankan community. I urge the membership and especially the senior level membership to look at this part of carefully and plan a future direction carefully.

I am sad to say I will not be able to continue on as the president in the coming year due to personal reasons. We leave this year with a stable bank account and increase participation from groups within the Sri Lankan community.

As I step down this year, I wish the new board and future president every success in the coming year.

*Roy Braine*  
President - 2012

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**NOTICE OF THE 37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington DC., and its tax exempt affiliate, the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc., will be held on Saturday, March 31st, 2012 commencing at 11:30 a.m., at Argyle Park Activity Center, 1030 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901.

**AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Agenda and the Notice to convene the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Association.
2. Adoption of the Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting of the Association held on March 12th, 2011
3. Adoption of the Annual Report and the Statement of Accounts of the Association for the year ending January 31, 2012
4. President's Address
5. Election of the Board of Directors for 2012/2013. Members may nominate candidates from the floor at this meeting in accordance with the procedures of Article VII (B) of the constitution
6. Election of the President
7. Election of the honorary auditor
8. Any other business
9. Adjournment

## **Election Committee Report**

**To:** The Board of Directors, Sri Lanka Association of Washington DC  
**From:** Election Committee  
**Subject:** Nominations for the election of Board Members at the Annual General Meeting on Saturday, March 31, 2012

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The undersigned members of the election committee have not received nominations for the election of the Board of Directors postmarked by February 16, 2012. As a result we are going to have a floor discussion followed by nominations from the floor for the board next year.

**MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA  
ASSOCIATION OF WASHINGTON, D.C., (SLAWDC) AND THE SRI LANKA  
ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON, INC., (SLAWDC) HELD  
SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2011**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., (SLAWDC) and its tax exempt affiliate, Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc., (SLAGW) was held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at the Argyle Park Activity Centre, 1030 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, with President Sandra Sourjah in the Chair. Associated with the President in conducting the meeting was the President Elect Roy Braine and Secretary Ms. Kamini Wickremaratne.

With a quorum of 30 out of the 98 members the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was called to order at 2.30 PM.

President, Ms. Sandra Sourjah welcomed everyone to the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C., (SLAWDC) and The Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc., (SLAGW).

**1) Adoption of the Agenda and the Notice convening the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association**

The Agenda and Notice convening the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was adopted as in order: Proposed Mr. Edward Peiris and seconded by Mrs. Hyacinth Wickramemanayake.

**2) Address by the president Ms. Sandra Sourjah**

Vice Patrons, Past Presidents, Fellow Board Members and members.

I consider it an honor to have served on the Board of SLAWDC in two different capacities during the last two and a half years. My journey began in 2008 as the Secretary to SLAWDC. Ever since, I never regretted my decision to serve the community and I have enjoyed every moment of it.

Last year, I stood at this very same desk and pledged to serve the board in the capacity of president. Together with my board of directors we accomplished a very successful year. When I took on office, one of my main goals was to bring the entire Sri Lankan community together. 2010 Sri Lanka Day Celebrations was a spectacular event enjoyed and appreciated by all. This I feel is a huge achievement.

I know that plans are already on its way for the 2011 celebrations and I wish the working committee all the very best. Yet another achievement this year was the certificate of appreciation from Montgomery County. We received recognition from the County for SLAWDCs leadership in bringing a minority community together at our events. Since 2009, SLAWDC participated in the Montgomery County Resource Fair during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month in May by showcasing Sri Lanka. As mentioned by the county representative, the recent local census showed that Sri Lankans are a fast growing minority group in the county. The SLAWDC got on their map as the umbrella that brought the community together. I owe a big Thank You to an amazing board of directors without whom the association wouldn't have been able to achieve much. I would like to extend a special word of appreciation to director Lasitha Gunawardena for an outstanding job with the SLAWDC website and for his help transmitting SLAW communications via webmail. I am much beholden to Kamini, Hafsa and Amjad for working closely with me at all times. My thanks to Gothami for a great job with maintaining the SLAW accounts. Also to our Auditor Suraj Navaratne for his help. It's been wonderful working with all of you. Most of all, it was a joy to see the entire Board come together as a Team on location at all events to achieve a successful finale. My special thanks to our wonderful friends and other organizations who volunteered to help the working committees at the Pool Tournament, Carom Tournament and the Sri Lanka Day celebrations. I enjoyed a fantastic one year as President of SLAWDC and enjoyed working with all of you and will miss the team very much. Finally, as I step down to join the line of past presidents, I wish Roy Braine, the incoming president and the new Board nothing but the best in all you do, and to SLAWDC I know the best is yet to come! Thank you.

**3) Address by Mr. Tissa Wijeratne from the Sri Lanka Embassy, representing H.E. Jaliya Wickramasuriya**

Thank you SLAWDC for your continuous contributions to the Sri Lankan community in the United States. We appreciate your efforts tremendously. I hope the board will continue with their events and projects this year. I wish the new board a successful new year.

**4) Adoption of Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association held on March 12, 2011**

**5) Adoption of the Annual Report and Statement of Account for the year ending January 31, 2011**

The annual report was adopted by the membership. After further discussion concerning the Statement of account the statement was approved as well. Mr. Lasantha Dahanaik brought up the fact of the association having a decline in the revenue intake and the question of auditing the accounts. Clarification of the audit as well as present discrepancies within the SLAWGW account was clarified during this discussion.

## 6) Election of the Board of Directors for 2011-2012

**The Chairman Mr. Terry conducted the elections.**

The following were declared the new Board of Directors:

President -	<b>Mr. Braine (auto succession)</b> Proposed by Seconded by
President Elect- Secretary -	Vacant <b>Ms. Sandra Ismail</b> Proposed by Mrs. Anjalika Silva Seconded by Hyacinth Wickremanayake
Assistant Secretary-	<b>Ms. Kamini Wickramaratne</b> Proposed by Ms. Hafsa Miskin Seconded by Mr. Alex Perera
Treasurer-SLAWDC	<b>Mrs. Gothami Gunasekera</b> Proposed by Mr. Lasitha Gunawardana Seconded by Mr. Roy Braine
Treasurer-SLGW	<b>Mr. Suraj Navaratne</b> Proposed by Mr. Lasitha Gunawardana Seconded by Mr. Roy Braine
Directors (5)	<b>Ms. Zara Atukorala</b> Proposed by Ms. Hafsa Miskin Seconded by Ms. Kamini Wickramaratne <b>Mr. Lasitha Gunawardana</b> Proposed by Ms. Kamini Wickramaratne Seconded by Mr. Amjad Moulana <b>Mr. Upul Abeywarna</b> Proposed by Mr. Lasitha Gunawardana Seconded by Mr. Roy Braine <b>Ms. Hafsa Miskin</b> Proposed by Mr. Alex Perera Seconded by Mr. Roy Braine <b>Mr. Ajith Pushpakumara</b> Proposed by Ms. Gothami Gunasekera Seconded by Mr. Alex Perera <b>Mr. Amjad Moulana</b> Proposed by Ms. Sandra Sourjah Seconded by Ms. Kamini Wickramaratne

## 7) Election of the Hon. Auditor

### **Hon. Auditor - Mr. Dakshi De Silva**

It was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Dakshi De Silva as the Hon. Auditor of the association for the year 2011/2012.

## 8) Address by the Incoming President Roy Braine

Vice Patrons, Past Presidents, Fellow Board Members and members.

Thank you for your time. I consider this responsibility as both a privilege and an honor. I will keep my remarks short.

This year will be a challenging year for us. Our finances are in deep trouble and our membership has steadily declined. Our charge is to build a sustainable membership base and to improve our financial situation. Our goal is to increase visibility at the end of 2011 and to have at least \$5000 in our bank account by the end of the fiscal year. I will need your service, your knowledge and community connections to achieve this goal. I encourage all of you to give you support and share your ideas with the board on improving the current structure and activities in the organization.

Our mission statement has to reflect the need of an ever growing Sri Lankan Diasporas. The community has lost interest in the organization because of a lack connection to their needs. We will look into bridging this gap in the upcoming year.

The board plans to focus on improving community-based activities this year. In addition we want to move ahead with developing resources for our youth, especially concerning employment. Considering the current job market, we would like to develop a networking event, skill and resource based workshops and understanding the job market.

As you can see, we have a lot to do this coming year and it will be a busy one.

I would like to thank President Sandra Sourjah for doing a great job last year with limited funding. She created a very good base for us to operate from and move forward in the year to come. I would also like to thank the members of the board for giving their time to the betterment of the organization.

Thank you.



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2011 TO JANUARY 31, 2012**

The Board of Directors is pleased to present the following Annual Report of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, DC (SLAWDC)

**Patron**

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States, His Excellency Jaliya Wickramasuriya

**Vice Patrons**

Dr. Greg Fernandopulle and Mrs. Anjalika Silva

**Sustaining Members**

The following are recognized by the Board as Sustaining Members, who continue to pay annual dues, regardless of their Honorary or Life member status:

Dr. & Mrs. Raj & Deepika Barr-Kumar  
Dr. & Mrs. Hilarian & Sheila Codippily  
Mr. Edward Peries

**Life Members**

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. ABEYEGOONEWARDENE, Clement & Anastasia | 16. FERNANDO, Vijitha & Sarla       |
| 2. ABEYWICKRAMA, Kenneth & Bernadette     | 17. FONSEKA, Lalin & Ranmalee       |
| 3. AMERASINGHE, Dr. Ranjan & Wimala       | 18. GOONEWARDENE, Nihal & Crystal   |
| 4. BADDELIYANAGE, Don & Mangala           | 19. GUNASEKERA, Ronald              |
| 5. BADDELIYANAGE, Ravi & Nadira           | 20. HAPANGAMA, Ratna & Anoma        |
| 6. BARR-KUMAR, Dr. Raj & Deepika          | 21. HERATH, Saliya                  |
| 7. BASNAYAKE, Sena & Nelum                | 22. KARUNARATNE, Shantha & Saman    |
| 8. BUDDHADASA, Harsha                     | 23. KURUPPU, Terrance & Ranjini     |
| 9. CODIPPILY, Dr. Hilarian & Sheila       | 24. LENORA, Nihal & Pradipa         |
| 10. DAHANAIKE, Lasantha & Chathurika      | 25. LOOS, Janine                    |
| 11. DE FONSEKA, Dr. Kamal & Tara          | 26. MAHMOOTH, Rizmy & Sharmaleen    |
| 12. DE SILVA, Dakshi & Romanie            | 27. MOTHA, Guy & Cecilia            |
| 13. DE ZOYSA, Rani                        | 28. MCCOY, Billie                   |
| 14. DON, Milroy                           | 29. MIRCHANDANI, Chandru & Yolette  |
| 15. FERNANDOPULLE, Dr. Greg & Sulocha     | 30. MUSHIN, Mohamed & Sithy         |
|   | 31. NANAYAKKARA, Jim & Badhra       |
|   | 32. NANAYAKKARA, Iroshana & Shayami |
|   | 33. PADMAKUMARA, Hiru               |

34. PERERA, Alex
35. PERERA, Cecil & Therese
36. PERERA, Srilal & Yaeko
37. PERIES, Edward & Anna
38. PERIES, Kumar
39. PILAPITIYA, Tissa & Lakshi
40. RAJAKUMARAN, Basil & Devika
41. RANASINGHE, Bandula & Geetha
42. RANGANATHAN, A.
43. RUDRAN, Dr. Rudy & Ranji
44. SALGADO, Dr. Ranjith & Surangani

45. SALGADO, Ranil
46. SAMARASINGHE, Drs. Stanley & Vidya
47. SENANAYAKE, Shantini
48. SOURJAH, Sandra
49. STORK, Ralph Ainslie
50. TANTULA, Kosala & Ruki
51. VITHANAGE, Charmini
52. WIJETILLEKE, Lakdasa & Padmini
53. WIRATUNGA, Ranjith & Christine

## Members

1. ABEYGUNAWARDENA, Saumya
2. ABEYWARNA, Upul & Dilini
3. ABEYWARNA, Mahil & Nisansa
4. ATUKORALA, Zara
5. BRAINE, Roy & Shannon
6. BURAH, Tuan-Azmin & Avanthi
7. CHERUBIAM, Prasanth & Chemali
8. DHARMASENA, Kumar & Ayanthi
9. DORABAWILA, Kamal & Nilmini
10. FERNANDO, Roshan & Dinesha
11. FINE, Steven
12. FONSEKA, C.D
13. FONSEKA, Prishani
14. FONSEKA, Dilantha & Everista
15. GUNAWARDENA, Lasitha
16. GUNAWARDENA, Kapila
17. GUNASEKERA, Gothami
18. HERATH, Piyatilleke & Manel
19. ISMAIL, Shane & Sandra
20. MENON, Radesh
21. MIRCHANDANI, Chandru & Yolette
22. MISKIN, Hanif
23. MISKIN, Hafsa
24. MOULANA, Seyed Amjad
25. MOULANA, Seyed Ali & Tanuja
26. NAPOLI, Dominic & Ramani
27. NAVARATNE, Suraj & Hirani
28. NAZICK, Fahmi & Farhana
29. NAZICK, Fazna
30. NEDIMALA, Edward & Loretta
31. OBE-WICKRAMARATNE, Kamini M

32. PERERA, Dhanika & Sharon
33. PERERA, Malan
34. PERERA, Marlon
35. PERERA, Prasanna
36. PONNAMPERUMA, Dhanu
37. PUSHPAKUMARA, Ajith
38. RAHAMAN, Timur
39. RATNE, Mithra
40. RUMINSKI, Mark & Miriam
41. SENEVIRATNE, George Neil
42. SILVA, Sathy & Anjalika
43. WICKRAMASURIYA, Sameera
44. WIJEGUNAWARDENA, Sumith & Thamalie
45. WIKRAMANAYAKE, Ignatius & Hyacinth
46. YAKEEM, Harshan

## Membership

The Association announces a membership of 46 single and family dues paying members, **53** life memberships and 1 honorary life member

## Finances

SLAWDC ended its financial year with a balance of \$ 5,781.52 (See Statement of Accounts)

## Annual General Meeting

The following office bearers were elected to serve on the Board for 2011/2012 at the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, March 12, 2011.

President -	Mr. Roy Braine
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### **Honorary Auditor for 2011/2012**

Mr. Dakshi de Silva was appointed Honorary Auditor of the Association for 2011/2012

### **Board Meetings for 2011/2012**

The Board had eleven (11) regular meetings during the year 2011/2012

### **Resignations:**

Hafsa Miskin board member tendered her resignation in September due to a move to attend school in California.

### **Board Changes:**

Ms. Sandra Ismail assumed the duties of Secretary and Mrs. Kamini Wickramaratne moved up to the post of Assistant Secretary. Mr. Suraj Navaratne assumed the treasurer position for SLAWGW.

***CHARITABLE PROJECTS***

**SLAWDC Health Fair**

On July 9th, 2011, The Sri Lanka Association of Washington D.C. in collaboration with the International Buddhist Temple in Wheaton, Maryland, held a health fair for the Sri Lankan community of the greater Washington DC metropolitan area. This health fair was designed specifically for the Sri Lankans living in the states who do not always have the resources to access the best medical care. While offering education on preventive measures, our goal was to spread awareness concerning the common health conditions suffered within the community. While free blood pressure, blood glucose, bone density and BMI screenings were provided by our very own health professionals in the community, useful information and resources on cancer, eye health, dental health, food poisoning and legal information were also offered on site. Healthy refreshments were served and free at-home screening tests and other free goodies were given away. This event will be the first of many annual services we hope to provide to our members and the Sri Lankan Community as a whole with the collaboration of the Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI).

We would like to thank Shazra Azeez and Sandra Sanders for their hard work towards the planning and implementation of this great event. We would also like to thank our volunteers who helped us on-site, our generous sponsors and our The International Buddhist Temple in Wheaton, without whom the event will not have been a success.

**Mini Cricket Tournament 2011**

We had a very successful mini cricket tournament in 2011. A total of 12 teams participated in this year's event. The tournament committee was led by Mr. Suraj Navaratne and Mr. Upul Abeywarna. Because of the early start and a new venue, we had more spectators in attendance than in the past years. The organizers did a very good job with the logistics and the event went on without any major incident. The Lanka Lions team came out victorious at the end beating Royal College to win the trophy and represent SLAWDC in annual DC/NY Cricket match.

I would like to give special thanks to Upul Abeywarna, Lasitha Gunawardena and Suraj Navaratne for putting together this very successful event.

**De Lanerolle Brothers Concert**

For the first time in the USA - The Sri Lanka Association of Washington DC (SLAWDC) co organized the hosting of **De Lanerolle Brothers** in Concert on August 6, 2011.

The De Lanerolle brothers, Rohan and Ishan had recently concluded a successful European Tour that included performances in Geneva – Switzerland and Graz – Austria where they gave diverse recitals and debut Christmas Concert at the Banbury Cathedral – UK. The concert was a benefit for the Jaffna Library in Sri Lanka. The event was very successful. Special thanks to Mrs. Anjalika Silva and Ms. Sandra Ismail for organizing this event.

## ***COMMUNITY EVENTS***

### **Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebrations - 2011**

The Sinhala Tamil New Year Celebrations for 2011 was held on a very rainy day in April. We had close to 100 people in attendance.

The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington, D.C. was represented by his Excellency Jaliya Wickramasuriya, Ministers Nimal Karunatilake, Wasantha Perera and Defense Attaché Brigadier Vijitha Ravipriya. The occasion was also graced by our special guests Major General Shavendra Silva. A special thanks to the Sri Lanka Ranga Kala Kavaya, Ape Kattiya and community children for their participation.

After the lighting of the traditional oil lamp by our distinguished guests, and singing of the National Anthem the Maha Sangha inaugurated the event with their blessings followed by prayers by representatives of the Hindu, Muslim and Christian religious groups, Mrs. K. Ranganathan, Mr. Amjad Moulana and Mr. Kenneth Abeywickrama , respectively.

In his welcome address SLAWDC President, Mr. Roy Braine thanked the clergy and distinguished guests. He also mentioned the significance of our community living abroad and working together as one. The address was focused on how critical it was for the community in this area to work as a whole group instead of fractures organizations. After introducing the new Board of Directors, the President thanked all members and well-wishers who generously contributed kiribath, various curries and other traditional sweet meats towards the community brunch.

Due to the weather Avurudu Kumari/Kumaraya, the games and the food all were held inside the venue.

A big thank you goes out to Mahalon Lowe and D.I. Senaratne for providing the music and sound system on this occasion. Thanks to the Directors of SLAWDC and contributions from the community, the tables were laden with kiribath and other traditional foods which everyone enjoyed.

A big thank you to the organizing committee and the MC's for the day - Directors, Kamini Wickramaratne and Amjad Moulana.

## **Sri Lanka Sports Festival 2011**

On September 17th SLAWDC held a successful Sports Day at Stewarton Local Park. It was a very eventful day with members mingling around the crowd as well as vendors and children playing in the park. The festival had four sports events occurring concurrently. In addition to the sports events, we had food vendors providing food for our membership. This aspect added to the festive feeling for the day and made the event more memorable.

The event was divided into four separate mini events. For the second time SLAWDC retained the DC/NY Cricket trophy by defeating SLANY with a comfortable margin.

The other three events were the Ladies Cricket Tournament, Tennis tournament and the Basketball Tournament.

## **Sri Lanka Day Festival 2011**

On October 15th we had our first Sri Lanka Day in Olde Towne Gaithersburg. This was the first time we tried a format without a sports day. We had 12 vendors participating in the event. They sold a variety of items to the community as well as food. The event was advertised to the local community via the local newspaper. In addition to the vendors we also had performances commencing from 10 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. The performances were done by our community in and around Washington DC area. The stage was provided by the city and the community who attended had a lot of good feedback concerning the format of the event. The cultural performances were a major attraction to many Sri Lankan and non Sri Lankans in and around the greater DC area.

I would like to extend special thanks to Kamini Wickramaratne, Upul Abeywardena and Lasitha Gunawardena for all the hard work they put into getting this event together.

## **Children's Christmas Party**

The Children's Christmas Party was held on a December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Arora Hills Clubhouse. It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon and over 25 little boys and girls dressed in their Sunday's best accompanied by their parents, joined the SLAWDC board to celebrate this annual event.

The festivities started off with Christmas Carols, accompanied by Jonathan on key boards. A big Thank You to Jonathan for his help with this event. The children, their parents and everyone present joined in the singing. Thereafter, the games began and the winners were awarded with gifts!

It was time for the much anticipated arrival of Santa Claus with the all familiar ringing of the sleigh bells and Santa's all famous HO! HO! HO! Santa arrived carrying a sack full of toys and the children gleefully joined him in singing "Santa Claus is coming to Town"! It was a merry sight to see the children seated with eager smiling faces waiting patiently for their names to be called by Santa. The children happily sat on Santa's lap and posed for photographs while accepting their gifts. All who attended were treated to a variety of refreshments and soft drinks.

A big THANK YOU to all those who contributed towards the refreshments table.

### **31st Night Dance**

The board worked hard on putting together a successful New Years Eve Dinner Dance this past year. It was crucial for us to have this event within a certain budget but also to give the membership something to remember. We had capacity attendance at the Holiday Inn in Gaithersburg. Europa was the headline band for this year's event. The night was very successful largely due to Mr. Suraj Navaratne's leadership in getting the logistics together and Ms Sandra Ismail's organization skills in putting together a program. We had over 200 people in attendance and for the first in time in years we made a profit on this occasion.

We had many obstacles and distractions from the community throughout the fall months, however the membership and the board came together to make this event a successful fundraiser for the organization. I would like to thank all of you who supported our event and who continually attend this event to support this organization.



## ***ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS***

We thank –

Our Patron, Ambassador, Hon, Mr. Jaliya Wickremasuriya;  
Vice Patrons, Dr. Greg Fernandopulle and Mrs. Anjalika Silva;  
Advisory Board –Mr. Sena Basnayake, Mr. Lasantha Dahanayake, Mr. Raj Barr-  
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For and on behalf of the President and Board of Directors.

*Sandra Ismail*  
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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**(February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2012)**

**THE SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF GREATER WASHINGTON (SLAGW)  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD  
FEBRUARY 1, 2011 TO JANUARY 31, 2012**

### **Governance**

The Board of Directors of the Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C. (SLAWDC), duly elected at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Saturday, March 30, 2012 provides the overall guidance, stewardship, and management to SLAGW. As the affiliate organization of SLAWDC, responsible for its humanitarian, charitable and educational activities, SLAGW receives support from the parent organization in carrying out the mandate granted by its members. The Board held seven meetings during the course of the year.

### **Patron**

Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States, His Excellency Jaliya Wickramasuriya

### **Vice Patrons**

Dr. Greg Fernandopulle and Mrs. Anjalika Silva

### **Sustaining Members**

The following are recognized by the Board as Sustaining Members, who continue to pay annual dues, regardless of their Honorary or Life member status:

Dr. & Mrs. Raj & Deepika Barr-Kumar  
Dr. & Mrs. Hilarian & Sheila Codippily  
Mr. Edward Peries

### **Life Members**

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. ABEYEGOONEWARDENE, Clement & Anastasia | 12. DE ZOYSA, Rani                    |
| 2. ABEYWICKRAMA, Kenneth & Bernadette     | 13. DON, Milroy                       |
| 3. AMERASINGHE, Dr. Ranjan & Wimala       | 14. FERNANDOPULLE, Dr. Greg & Sulocha |
| 4. BADDELIYANAGE, Don & Mangala           | 15. FERNANDO, Vijitha & Sarla         |
| 5. BADDELIYANAGE, Ravi & Nadira           | 16. FONSEKA, Lalin & Ranmalee         |
| 6. BARR-KUMAR, Dr. Raj & Deepika          | 17. GOONEWARDENE, Nihal & Crystal     |
| 7. BASNAYAKE, Sena & Nelum                | 18. GUNASEKERA, Ronald                |
| 8. BUDDHADASA, Harsha                     | 19. HAPANGAMA, Ratna & Anoma          |
| 9. CODIPPILY, Dr. Hilarian & Sheila       | 20. HERATH, Saliya                    |
| 10. DAHANAIKE, Lasantha & Chathurika      | 21. KARUNARATNE, Shantha & Saman      |
| 11. DE FONSEKA, Dr. Kamal & Tara          | 22. KURUPPU, Terrance & Ranjini       |
|   | 23. LENORA, Nihal & Pradipa           |

24. LOOS, Janine
25. MAHMOOTH, Rizmy & Sharmaleen
26. MOTH, Guy & Cecilia
27. MCCOY, Billie
28. MIRCHANDANI, Chandru & Yolette
29. MUSHIN, Mohamed & Sithy
30. NANAYAKKARA, Jim & Badhra
31. NANAYAKKARA, Iroshana & Shayami
32. PADMAKUMARA, Hiru
33. PERERA, Alex
34. PERERA, Cecil & Therese
35. PERERA, Srilal & Yaeko
36. PERIES, Edward & Anna
37. PERIES, Kumar
38. PILAPITIYA, Tissa & Lakshi

39. RAJAKUMARAN, Basil & Devika
40. RANASINGHE, Bandula & Geetha
41. RANGANATHAN, A.
42. RUDRAN, Dr. Rudy & Ranji
43. SALGADO, Dr. Ranjith & Surangani
44. SALGADO, Ranil
45. SAMARASINGHE, Drs. Stanley & Vidya
46. SENANAYAKE, Shantini
47. SOURJAH, Sandra
48. STORK, Ralph Ainslie
49. TANTULA, Kosala & Ruki
50. VITHANAGE, Charmini
51. WIJETILLEKE, Lakdasa & Padmini
52. WIRATUNGA, Ranjith & Christine

## Members

1. ABEYGUNAWARDENA, Saumya
2. ABEYWARNA, Upul & Dilini
3. ABEYWARNA, Mahil & Nisansa
4. ATUKORALA, Zara
5. BRAINE, Roy & Shannon
6. BURAH, Tuan-Azmin & Avanthi
7. CHERUBIAM, Prasanth & Chemali
8. DHARMASENA, Kumar & Ayanthi
9. DORABAWILA, Kamal & Nilmini
10. FERNANDO, Roshan & Dinesha
11. FINE, Steven
12. FONSEKA, C.D
13. FONSEKA, Prishani
14. FONSEKA, Dilantha & Everista
15. GUNAWARDENA, Lasitha
16. GUNAWARDENA, Kapila
17. GUNASEKERA, Gothami
18. HERATH, Piyatilleke & Manel
19. ISMAIL, Shane & Sandra
20. MENON, Radesh
21. MIRCHANDANI, Chandru & Yolette
22. MISKIN, Hanif
23. MISKIN, Hafsa
24. MOULANA, Seyed Amjad
25. MOULANA, Seyed Ali & Tanuja
26. NAPOLI, Dominic & Ramani
27. NAVARATNE, Suraj & Hirani

28. NAZICK, Fahmi & Farhana
29. NAZICK, Fazna
30. NEDIMALA, Edward & Loretta
31. OBE-WICKRAMARATNE, Kamini M
32. PERERA, Dhanika & Sharon
33. PERERA, Malan
34. PERERA, Marlon
35. PERERA, Prasanna
36. PONNAMPERUMA, Dhanu
37. PUSHPAKUMARA, Ajith
38. RAHAMAN, Timur
39. RATNE, Mithra
40. RUMINSKI, Mark & Miriam
41. SENEVIRATNE, George Neil
42. SILVA, Sathy & Anjalika
43. WICKRAMASURIYA, Sameera
44. WIJEGUNAWARDENA, Sumith & Thamalie
45. WIKRAMANAYAKE, Ignatius & Hyacinth
46. YAKEEM, Harshan

## **Membership**

The Association announces a membership of 46 single and family dues paying members, **52** life memberships and 1 honorary life member

## **Finance**

SLAWDC ended its financial year with a balance of \$ 1464.34 (See Statement of Accounts)

## **Annual General Meeting**

The following office bearers were elected to serve on the Board for 2011/2012 at the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday, March 12, 2011.

President -	Mr. Roy Braine
President Elect-	Vacant
Secretary -	Mr. Sandy Ismail
Assistant Secretary-	Ms. Kamini Wickramaratne
Treasurer-SLAWDC	Mrs. Gothami Gunasekera
Treasurer-SLGW	Mr. Suraj Navaratne
Directors (6)	Ms.Zara Athukorale
	Mr. Upul Abeywarna
	Mr. Lasitha Gunawardena
	Mr. Ajith Pushpakumara
	Mr. Amjad Moulana
	Ms. Hafsa Miskin

## **Honorary Auditor for 2011/2012**

Mr. Dakshi de Silva was appointed Honorary Auditor of the Association for 2011/2012

## **Board Meetings for 2011/2012**

The Board had eleven (11) regular meetings during the year 2011/2012

## **Resignations:**

Hafsa Miskin board member tendered her resignation in September due to a move to attend school in California.

## **Board Changes:**

Ms. Sandra Ismail assumed the duties of Secretary and Mrs. Kamini Wickramaratne moved up to the post of Assistant Secretary. Mr. Suraj Navaratne assumed the treasurer position for SLAWGW.

## SLAGW CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES FOR 2011/2012

### **SLAWDC Annual Carom Tournament**

SLAWDC held its annual Carom Tournament on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2011. The tournament was held at **Arora Hills Clubhouse**. As usual the event drew a large crowd. This year we had a similar format to the year before. However the group was capped off at 16 teams. The groups were split into two traditional categories: Doubles and Singles.

At this juncture, we would like to make special mention of Mr. Razeen Mannan and who worked tirelessly in setting up the framework and structure of the tournament, which in turn resulted in a complete success.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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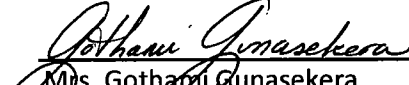
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See attached Audited SLAGW Financial Statement

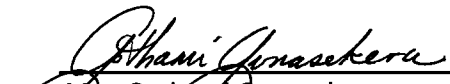
Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C.		
Balance Sheet		
For Period Ending January 31, 2012		
	1/31/2012	1/31/2011
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	\$4,030.82	\$2,907.20
Receivables - 2011 Dinner Dance	\$1,750.70	
Facilities Refund		\$300.00
Paid Web Hosting		\$136.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,781.52</b>	<b>\$3,343.20</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>		
Beginning Balance	\$1,893.20	\$2,712.72
Net Surplus/Expense	\$2,783.52	(\$819.52)
Ending Balance	\$4,676.72	\$1,893.20
Payable to SLAGW	\$1,104.80	\$1,450.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$5,781.52</b>	<b>\$3,343.20</b>


  
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 Ms. Gothami Gunasekera  
 Treasurer

  
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 Hon. Auditor

**Sri Lanka Association of Washington, D.C.**  
**Statement of Income and Expenditures**  
**For the Period ending January 31st 2012**

	1/31/2012	1/31/2011
Income		
Membership Fees		1,130.00
Dinner Dance-2011		2,723.46
Christmas Party Carom Tournament		73.00
Rugby Tournament		159.04
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ 4,085.50</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
SL Day		(251.00)
SL Sports Day		(15.16)
Annual General Meeting		(620.57)
SL/Tamil NY		(160.00)
Lockbox Charges		(91.00)
Check Order		(28.25)
Web Hosting		(\$136.00)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$1,301.98)</b>
<b>Operation Surplus/Expense</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,783.52</b>


  
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**OPERATING STATEMENT***In US\$ for year ending January 31, 2012*

	2012	2011
Revenues		
Deposits		\$ 100.00
Pool Tournament Profit		\$ 812.24
Contributions-Network for Good Corp		\$ 9.53
Total Revenues	\$ -	\$ 921.77
Expenses		
NEST		\$ (150.00)
Kosala Dullawa Foundation		\$ (150.00)
CCC Foundation		\$ (607.81)
Reversal of Payable	\$ 550.00	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 550.00	\$ (907.81)
Bank Charges		\$ (20.00)
Net Bank Income (Loss)	\$ -	\$ (20.00)
<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>	<b>\$ (6.04)</b>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ 2,019.14	\$ 2,372.36
Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 2,569.14	\$ 1,454.08



Suraj Navaratne  
Treasurer - SLAGW

Date:



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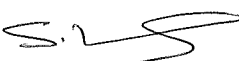
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**BALANCE SHEET***In US\$ as of January 31, 2012*

	2012	2011
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash/Deposits - Dollar	\$1,464.34	\$1,119.14
Pledges Receivable SLAGW	\$1,104.80	\$1,450.00
Long Term Assets		-
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,569.14</b>	<b>\$2,569.14</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities - Current		
Grants Payable		\$550.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00	\$550.00
The Barr-Kumarkulasinghe Endowment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Anura Karunaratne Fund	\$ 1,585.00	\$ 1,585.00
General Fund	\$ 1,569.14	\$ (565.86)
Net Assets	\$ 2,569.14	\$ 2,019.14
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,569.14</b>	<b>\$ 2,569.14</b>

**CASHFLOW STATEMENT***In US\$ for year ending January 31, 2012*

	2012	2011
Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 1,119.14	\$ 1,725.18
Cashflow from Operations		
Donations Received - SLAWDC	\$ 345.20	\$ 1,521.77
Grants		\$ (2,107.81)
Net Cashflow from Operations	\$ 345.20	\$ (586.04)
Net Bank Income (Loss)	\$ -	\$ (20.00)
<b>Ending Cash Balance</b>	<b>\$ 1,464.34</b>	<b>\$ 1,119.14</b>



Suraj Navaratne  
Treasurer - SLAGW

Date: 3/22/2012



Dakshi Desilva  
Hon. Auditor

Date: 3/22/2012