

# S E R E N D I B

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## *Message from the President*

Our Association once again got off to a flying start, with the Sinhala and Tamil New Year in April -- a unique event celebrated over the generations, transcending ethnic and religious differences in our multi-faceted society. For the second time, we were able to weld together a combined event of three important groups in the Washington area -- the Sri Lankan Embassy representing our Government, the Sri Lanka Ranga Kala Kavaya that takes our cultural activities to greater heights every year, and the Sri Lanka Association of Washington DC, the oldest in the area, and which focuses on a variety of activities. As in the past, this major event together with the Washington-New York Cricket Match and the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance form the core of our activities. Woven around this core will be a number of smaller events, such as a mid-summer dance, seminars, charity events, and the Children's Christmas Party.

Charitable activities and educational seminars will receive a big boost this year, as we have finally received Federal tax-exempt status for our affiliated organization, the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, which focuses entirely on educational and charitable activities. Achieving this status is indeed an important landmark and was based on good teamwork -- initiatives made by Nihal Goonewardene, preliminary work done by Anjalika Silva, assistance by Attorney Bing Xu of Patton Boggs, our Board members, in particular,



Sheila Codippily, who helped me through all stages of a fairly lengthy process.

Following a very successful year, I am pleased to report that our membership has grown to a record high in recent years, and the financial strength of our Association, as

measured by the equity balance grew by 23 percent during the past financial year. This increase largely reflects the success of the New Year's Eve Dinner Dance of 2001, both as a social event and as a fund-raiser. I wish to pay a special tribute to our energetic Board of last year that successfully implemented the program. As you know an equally energetic and a larger Board was elected at the last Annual General Meeting, comprising:

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| Hilarian Codippily     | President       |
| Nihal Goonewardene     | President Elect |
| Ramani Napoli          | Secretary       |
| Rajeeva Serasinghe     | Treasurer       |
| Ranji Rudran           | Asst. Secretary |
| Mahil Abeywarna        | Director        |
| Maxwell Amirthampillai | Director        |
| Managala Baddeliyanage | Director        |
| Sheila Codippily       | Director        |
| Lasantha Dahanaikie    | Director        |
| Chaminda Fernando      | Director        |
| Gayanga Opatha         | Director        |
| Sharon Perera          | Director        |
| Nalaka Weragoda        | Director        |
| Anomi Wijesooriya      | Director        |

In response to your unanimous support and confidence expressed at the last Annual General Meeting, I agreed to serve as your President for three more months until the end of June 2002. As I pass the baton to Nihal Goonewardene, our new President who has plans to take our Association to greater heights, I seek your cooperation with him and our Board to help serve the Sri Lankan community in the Greater Washington area as best as possible. I wish our new President and our Board all success.

***Sinhala and Tamil New Year***  
*Report by Sheila Codippily*

We could not have asked for better! It was such a gorgeous day to celebrate the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. The Embassy of Sri Lanka in Washington, D.C. and the Sri Lanka Ranga Kala Kavaya once again participated in our events. Their participation, together with the team-work of

our Board and their spouses, ably coordinated by our Secretary, Ramani Napoli proved fruitful.



The Buddhist Clergy arrived, Magul Bera was played, the President Elect, Mr. Nihal Goonewardene, gave his welcome address; the Maha Sangha inaugurated the events with their blessings and a very inspiring homily was given by Ven. Dhammika Thero. Prayers were also read by Representatives of the Hindu, and Christian religious groups, Mrs. K. Ranganathan and Dr. Gregg Fernandopulle, respectively. A representative for the Muslim religious group was unable to be present due to a conflict of schedule. The President of the

Sri Lanka Association, Dr. Hilarian Codippily and the President of the Ranga Kala Kavaya, Mr. Dias Amarawardana addressed the gathering. This was followed by Chief Guest, Ambassador, Dr. W. Rasaputram's address. We were fortunate that Ambassador Rasaputram's departure was delayed, and he was once again able to grace the occasion as our chief guest. (He has since left for Sri Lanka.)



The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Donald Y. McCoy, who went down memory lane and recalled the pleasant times he had in Sri Lanka during his first assignment there (about fifty years ago) and has been privileged to be associated with the Sri Lankans, and the Sri Lanka Association ever since (see excerpts of speech). This was a very significant New Year celebration for our Association this year, as Mr. and Mrs. McCoy made a very generous donation of US \$1,000.00 to give a head start to of our affiliated Organization, the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, which is now eligible to accept charitable donations, which would be exempt from federal taxes. This status, as noted in our previous newsletter, was granted by the IRS earlier this year. These donations will be utilized specifically for charitable and educational purposes. We thank Mr. and Mrs. McCoy for their generosity, and we look forward to contributions from other "would-be" donors.

After the lighting of the traditional oil lamp, the Avurudu Kumari/Kumaraya Contest began. The spectacle of kids in their gleaming outfits, paraded before the judges, who as usual, had the hardest task of

announcing the winners. Lahiru Ranasinghe was selected the Avurudu Kumaraya, while Rehan Baddeliyanage was announced the runner-up. The Avurudu Kumari crown was won by Meneza Fernando and Katryna Perera was the runner-up.

Thanks to the Ranga Kala Kavaya, we were privileged to have two dance performances once again this year. The first was entitled "Surangana Veswala" performed by a bevy of very talented "little ones" to include, Dilani De Silva, Madawi Borlaliyanage, Udari Boraliyanage, Chanaka, and Fenolie Lowe. They were all adorned in spectacular outfits and moved so gracefully to the music, it was such a treat to see them perform. We all know a tremendous amount of time and effort goes into training these kids; and we have to commend Mr. Dias Amarawardana for his dedicated efforts. Thanks also to the little ones for such a great performance!

Equally entertaining was the Boys' dance, a comedy performance entitled "Raigamaya Gampolaya" staged by two very promising artists, Gayan Hettipola and Lahiru Ranasinghe. They too got tremendous applause from the guests.

Everyone was in a very festive mood, and joined the Embassy choir, and Marcellinus Baddeliyanage, in singing the National Anthem and other traditional songs. Our thanks to Mahalon Lowe and others for providing the music for the occasion.

It is 12:30 p.m., an announcement is made calling everyone to partake of the traditional goodies. They all headed toward the food. The tables were laden with kiribath, seni sambol, kavum, kokis and all kinds of delicious sweetmeats. While the adults were mingling with friends and enjoying themselves, the kids were having lots of fun too, playing musical arms, musical chairs, passing the cushion and the donut-kama tharangaya. Nobody seemed to be tired, they had lots of energy saved for the outdoor games organized by the Ranga Kala Kavaya

and some Board members of the Sri Lanka Association. On such a spectacular day as it was, nobody was willing to sacrifice the temptation of participating in the Sack Race, Lime and Spoon Race, Tug-O-War or the Three Legged Race, which were great hits. Even moms and dads, joined in the fun, which to some kids, ended too soon; with desperate pleas for more! We all had a lot of fun, but as the saying goes “All good things must come to an end” so did the celebrations, which concluded at around 4:00 p.m.



***Excerpts from Mr. Don Y. McCoy's Speech***

I am honored and very pleased to be here on this auspicious day. What a better way for me to start the Sinhalese and Tamil New Year!

50 years ago, my wife Billie and our small daughter Melissa arrived in Colombo Port aboard a freighter from the USA. It had taken us 30 days with stops in Karachi, Bombay, Marmagoa and Cochin.



Our first six months were spent at the Galle Face Hotel while we waited for our flat to become available in Mayfair Flats on Racecourse Avenue, opposite Royal College, in lovely Cinnamon Gardens. What a grand introduction to that lovely, far-off island which was to become our home for 3 years, and where two more daughters were to be born in the Joseph Frazer Nursing Home.

My duties as District Sales Manager for Stanvac Oil Company took me to all points in the-then Ceylon: north to the flats of Jaffna and Kankasanturai, south to Matara and Dondra Lighthouse, east to the thatched-roof Government Rest House at Pottuvil, near Arugam Bay and Panama, and up-country to Kandy and finally to God's gift to us all, Adam's Peak and Nuwara Eliya.

It was during that memorable experience that Billie and I made enduring friendships, some of which still exist today ... 50 years later. These wonderful, warm, cheerful, bright and generous Sri Lankans have played a most important role in my life. I could never have imagined when, as a young man of 26, I arrived in that distant island, that 50 years later I would be standing before all of you as what I will affectionately call “the token sudda”.

The Sri Lanka Association of Washington D.C. and The Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc. stand on the threshold of a new era. A period when these two sister associations will address the cultural and social needs on the one hand,

while educational and charitable activities can be carried out by the other affiliate.

President Codippily has given outstanding leadership to our Association. His many achievements, fully supported by a capable Board of Directors, are highly commendable. He is turning over the organization, with vast potential, to our President-Elect, Mr. Nihal Goonewardene, a personal and a long-term friend of mine, whom I highly respect. I know that Nihal's drive, creativity and professionalism, which have made his company eminently successful, will have an enormous and exciting impact on the future of our two associations.

Hilary: We want you to have this \$1000 check representing the first of hopefully many, contributions to the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc. We are urging others to join us in this effort to launch the new Association in grand style.

In conclusion, let me say that giving money is really the easiest approach for many people. The really hard, and easily the most important contributions are made, without fanfare, by many of you who have made our Association ethnic blind, and who have made numerous contributions with your commitment, hard work, involvement and unstinting support. My hat is off to you. Congratulations.

Thank you for all you have done to enrich Billie's and my life over many years.

### ***Federal Tax-Exempt Status***

As announced at the Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations, Federal tax- exempt status has now been obtained for our affiliated organization, the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington (SLAGW), which focuses entirely on educational and charitable activities. Achieving this status will provide an incentive for donors to contribute funds to the worthy activities that are being carried out by the SLAGW. As noted above, a

generous contribution has already been received. Since its inception in June 2001, the SLAGW has already carried out the following activities:

***Charities.*** Donations were made to: the Children's Heart Project in Sri Lanka; the Sri Lanka Drought Relief Fund; and the American Red Cross September 11 Fund. Donations totaled \$ 1000, comprising \$850 by the Association and \$150 by individual members.

***Educational Activities.*** A seminar on "Emerging Careers in Information Technology" was held on October 6, 2001 at the Bethesda Unitarian Church Hall.

Plans are now under way for more charitable contributions, the organization of a charity event, and for the development of a medium-term framework for attracting funds from individuals and organizations. Prospective donors need to make their checks payable to: Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington, Inc. A letter of acknowledgement and a receipt bearing the Tax-exempt number will be provided.

Operating Guidelines of the SLAGW are set out below for your information:

### ***Background***

In accordance with the unanimous decision of the general membership, tax-exempt status for the Association was sought under the IRS Code 501 (c) (3), with advice provided by the Law Offices of Patton Boggs. The objective was to attract financial contributions, which could be claimed as exempt from Federal taxes by donors, and to utilize such funds for worthy causes. As the Association did not qualify for 501 (c) (3) status due to the inclusion of social activities, Patton Boggs suggested the adoption of a dual structure, in which cultural and social activities are continued through the Sri Lanka Association of Washington D.C. (SLAWDC), while educational and charitable activities are carried out through the affiliated Sri Lanka

Association of Greater Washington (SLAGW).

The Board, at its meeting held on January 13, 2002 decided to adopt a dual structure for the organization comprising the SLAWDC in parallel with the SLAGW, citing that there are many prospective donors, that funds could be diverted to many deserving charities, and that there is a great deal of interest in the community to do charitable work. Based on further advice from Patton Boggs, the submission of a revised application, and discussions with the Internal Revenue Service, tax-exempt status has now been obtained for the Sri Lanka Association of Greater Washington. Under this dual structure, the SLAGW is, in effect, an affiliate of the SLAWDC. The following guidelines relate to how such a dual structure will be operated.

#### **Guidelines**

1. **Legal Status.** The SLAWDC is a “not for profit corporation” incorporated in the District of Columbia, while the SLAGW is a “nonstock corporation” incorporated in the State of Maryland. Members of the SLAWDC will automatically become members of the SLAGW. One Board of Directors will govern both entities.

2. **Activities.** The SLAWDC will continue to carry out all its activities embodied in the mission statement i.e. *to provide a forum for its membership to promote social, cultural, educational, recreational, and philosophical activities, and to support charitable and other non-political endeavors to benefit Sri Lankans and friends of Sri Lanka living in the United States of America.* However, the activities of the SLAGW will be limited only to educational and charitable activities, as set out in the application to the IRS dated January 31, 2002.

3. **Sources of Funds.** The SLAWDC will continue to derive its funds from membership fees, donations, surpluses from fundraisers, and interest income, whereas,

the SLAGW will have two sources of funds: (i) periodic transfers from the SLAWDC; and (ii) donations.

4. **Uses of Funds.** The SLAWDC will continue to use its funds on all activities mentioned in guideline 2 above, whereas the SLAGW, will use its funds only on educational and charitable activities, as agreed with the IRS.

5. **Accounts and Treasurer for SLAGW.** The SLAWDC and the SLAGW will maintain separate accounts, and be subject to separate audits. The two entities will also maintain separate bank accounts. A Director of the Board has been appointed to function as Treasurer for the SLAGW.

6. **Donations to SLAGW.** The Treasurer will need to ensure that all donations are duly acknowledged with an official receipt, and that the donors are provided with the tax-exempt number.

7. **Charities by SLAGW.** The Board will ensure that charities are provided only to non-political, non-government organizations and institutions (as per requirement by the IRS).

8. **Record Keeping.** Corporate records, and minutes of Board meetings and Membership meetings of the SLAWDC and the SLAGW should be maintained separately. (In practical terms, the task is to file minutes of meetings in which SLAWDC and SLAGW matters are discussed, in the respective files.)

9. **Solicitations for Donations.** A separate registration with the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation will be needed in the event the SLAGW intends to solicit charity contributions from the public (e.g. solicitations by phone or letters).

10. **Charitable Activities Committee.** A five-member committee including the SLAGW Treasurer and four other Board

members has been appointed to be in charge of the charitable activities to be conducted by the SLAGW.

**11. Reporting Requirements.** All relevant reporting requirements of the IRS, the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, and other relevant agencies need to be complied with.

### *Economic News from Sri Lanka*

With winds of peace in Sri Lanka, business confidence has improved, and economic prospects have begun to turn favorable. The economic policies enshrined in the new Government's Budget for 2002 received a favorable review from the IMF. The News Brief in April 2002, following the IMF Review under Sri Lanka's Stand-By Arrangement is reproduced below:

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) today completed the first and second review of Sri Lanka's economic performance under a 14-month Stand-By Arrangement. This enables the immediate release of a further SDR 48.3 million (about US\$60 million) from the arrangement, which would bring total disbursements under the IMF-supported program to SDR 151.7 million (about US\$190 million). The Board also approved Sri Lanka's request for extension of the period of the current arrangement by two months to August 19, 2002.

After the Executive Board's discussion on Sri Lanka, Shigemitsu Sugisaki, Deputy Managing Director and Acting Chairman, made the following statement:

"Sri Lanka's program has achieved its immediate goal of halting the precipitous drop in official reserves. In this regard, the authorities' decision in January 2001 to float the exchange rate, while maintaining a tight monetary stance, has proved very effective. Nevertheless, the overall macroeconomic performance under the program has been mixed. A decline in output was principally

linked to the external shocks related to the global slowdown, the attack on Colombo airport, the events of September 11, and the drought. However, the growth performance was also affected by the erosion of confidence resulting from the political instability in the second half of the year that led to fiscal policy reversal, an escalation of government debt, and a cessation of structural reform.

"Against this background, the new government faces the challenge of re-establishing conditions for fiscal sustainability and lasting growth. Reining in the fiscal deficit and losses incurred by the state enterprises must be top priorities. The Fund supports the policies enshrined in the new government's 2002 Budget, which, if implemented and backed by prudent monetary policy, will go a long way to address the macroeconomic imbalances. In particular, the Fund welcomes the focus on reform of the tax system and administration, and the steps to rationalize expenditure.

"Another key challenge for the authorities is early implementation of the government's structural reform and poverty reduction agenda, which would lay the foundations for a possible longer-term arrangement under a Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF) that would focus on restructuring the state sector, and on areas that are critical for promotion of private sector-led growth. In this vein, the Fund strongly supports the specific steps in the Budget to improve the financial position of the state petroleum and electricity companies through price adjustments, accompanied by early steps to restructure these enterprises with private participation. In addition, the Fund welcomes the further efforts being made to address the weaknesses of the state banks and strengthen bank supervision, and the actions to improve the labor market through timely and consistent resolution of disputes. These efforts will need to be sustained over the medium term.

"Finally, progress on the peace front should significantly improve business confidence, strengthen the willingness of the international community to support reforms in Sri Lanka, and enhance growth and reduce poverty over the medium term," Mr. Sugisaki said.

### ***Trivia Corner***

1. An Architect and a Project Manager were inspecting a construction site. The Architect had a son whose father was the Project Manager. How was this possible?
2. A couple who were born and raised in the State of Virginia gave birth to a daughter, also in the State of Virginia. But the daughter did not become a United States citizen. Any answers?
3. Who was the father of the sons of Zebedee?

(See answers on page 10)

### ***Our New P.O. Box Number -- FYI***

Please note that the new P.O. Box number of the Association is as follows:

**Sri Lanka Association of  
Washington D.C.  
P.O. Box 30295  
Bethesda, MD 20824-0295**

### ***Community News***

***Awards.*** Jayantha Dhanapala, UN Under-Secretary General for Disarmament Affairs and former Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the US, was honored as the first recipient of the Alan Cranston Peace Award by the Global Security Institute in New York on April 16. The late Senator Cranston from California was an unrelenting foe of nuclear proliferation and a prominent crusader for the elimination of nuclear weapons throughout his distinguished career in the US Senate. Ambassador Dhanapala referred

to his close relationship with Senator Cranston while in Washington at the Sri Lankan Embassy and later at the UN, in his acceptance speech at the award ceremony attended by the who's who of world disarmament. The Cranston Peace Award is yet another signal achievement of recognition from the world community for one of Sri Lanka's finest diplomats and a true supporter and patron of the Sri Lankan community in Greater Washington.

***Achievements.*** Scott Murphy, a member of our Association, was the Lead Mechanical Engineer for the Gamma analog system (built by NASA Goddard) in the Mars 2001 Odyssey spacecraft, currently orbiting Mars. The Gamma Ray Spectrometer on board has started producing a comprehensive map of the elemental composition of the Martian surface. Preliminary observations by Odyssey indicate the presence of large concentrations of water ice in a polar cap. The abundance of water ice exceeds the wildest expectations of scientists who have been studying Mars. Congratulations Scott!

***Public Lecture.*** Hilarian Codippily was honored with an invitation from St. George's University, Grenada -- well known for its internationally recognized Medical College -- to give a public lecture, as this year's distinguished speaker. The topic of the lecture was "Challenges of Small Island Economies in a Changing World" -- drawing from his 14 years of extensive economic work at the World Bank, on the Caribbean and Pacific Island Economies.

***Obituaries.*** Naomal Susil Dias, father of Chrystal Goonewardene of Potomac, Maryland, passed away on May 27 at age 67 after an illness. A former chairman of the Coconut Research Board of Sri Lanka, Mr. Dias was a superintendent and visiting agent for the plantation industry. He was an old boy of Bishop's, Visaka and Royal. We extend our deepest sympathies to Chrystal, Nihal and the family.

***Birth Announcement.*** Romanie & Dakshi de Silva were blessed with a baby boy, Drushan Francis, on June 6, 2002 and Anisha a long awaited brother. Don & Mangala are now the proud grandparents of five grandchildren.

### ***A Teen's View***

#### ***Pro - School Prayer***

*By Natalie Sorbello*

Can you all please observe a moment of silence? (30 sec). As you all just saw, this was called school prayer, and no one was affected or harmed in any way, which is great in the idea of school prayer. The reason that I came to address this issue is as follows: 1) The morality rate is going down; 2) Hidden values are making students even scared to mention religion and 3) the government is based on religious principles, so why not add it to our public schools?

Since the banning of organized prayer in public schools, the nation has been in steady moral decline. Most of the divorce rates have increased, as well as teen pregnancy, violent crime, and drug use. Many of the supporters for school prayer believe that the removal of school prayer in schools pertains to the terrible decline of morality. Other supporters say, that 21st century children have lost the respect that students had for their country, peers, and their lives. (MacLeod, pg.2). "Our society has become worse since 1962" (Larry Pahl, "Free Prayers"). Many people also view that prayer would create values and faith to those people that would have made our society even more terrible.

Hidden Values have also arisen due to the debate over "Separation of Church and State" Most people think that the term, "Separation of Church and State" has to do with the Constitution. This is not true. This phrase however, has to do with Thomas Jefferson when he wrote to the Supreme Court in the case, *Everson vs. Board of Education* (MacLeod, pg.3). This document

says the government does not have the authority to, prescribe even occasional performances of "religious devotion", but the people can still exercise their religious belief anywhere (MacLeod, pg.3). Many rulings that increase the danger of free religion are making students very hostile to the rights of other students to express their opinions of the basis of religion. This however doesn't make any sense, because the government, a long time ago gave the citizens a "free exercise clause", which is stated as: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" (Pinsky, pg.1). As you can see the Constitution promotes religion, instead of vice versa. Many people have also added their opinions on this issue: Reverend Douglas Jones expressed his view and said "Is it right for one person to tell 13,000 kids they can't do it? Is this a democracy? Is this a republic? Where are we living? This is the USA"("Pro School Prayer", pg 1) Superintendent of the Pontotoc School System, Jerry Horton added and stated - "There have been some schools that have created situations where values and mention of religion are treated as hostile items, and it seems to me that's doing a disservice to the education of young people. Religion is important to all cultures, it's a common denominator, and to act as if this school is a religious free zone is doing a disservice to the future of these young people" ("Pro School Prayer, pg 1).

The government also is based on many religious ideas. Much of the school prayer history shows that the US was established as a very religious nation in which religion played the central role in the citizen's lives. Examples of how religion is used on a daily basis is when Congress prays at every session, Federal officials take their oaths upon a Bible, and "In God We Trust" is stamped on the national currency. Despite decades of Supreme Court rulings, many advocates claim that the Constitution provides a security blanket to school prayer. According to the First Amendment not only

doesn't it separate God and Government, but actually it encourages religion. Many advocates believe the restriction on graduation and student-led school prayers violate their First Amendment right to exercise their practice of religion without government interference. (Paul, pg.2).

A solution that I would like to give is that I would want to propose a universal prayer that would help improve the morality. This prayer would have language and words that would not set any group apart, but to unitize our public school system as a whole. If the prayer that I just suggested would go into practice, I am 99.9% sure that our US public school system would be improved. Also, if you are an atheist you will be able to take a moment of silence and think about the day ahead of you.

School prayer will help to decrease things such as school threats, people can be open about their religion, and there would be no complications about students' rights. In this picture<sup>1</sup> it shows families in their house of worship and at their home, which demonstrates how religion plays a part in many peoples lives. As well, it shows the Constitution, which actively promotes Religion and doesn't have a saying, "separation of church and state". The world would look and feel very different if school prayer comes into affect. If school prayer will occur the crime rate would decrease, and as you can see these pictures show a girl helping an old lady, which shows how the world would be kind instead of cruel. Also, beliefs will not have to be hidden, so when the solution will come into practice the classroom will look like this -- This shows a group of kids willing to stand up for what they believe in and are praying in the classroom. So what do you think about that?

In order to get this proposition passed you need to do the following: Explain to people how great this plan will influence and

greatly help our society; set up a petition to see how many people will agree to this issue; and Work with lobbyists.

Thank you for your time and I hope that your vote will go to school prayer!

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### *Tentative Calendar of Events*

Mid-Summer Bash – July 13, 2002  
Following the seven-a-side cricket match.  
(Contact: Anomi Wijesuriya, 240-497-0078)

Basketball Tournament – August 3, 2002.  
(Contact: Mahil Abeywarna 301-442-4363)

Washington/New York Cricket Match –  
August 17, 2002 (Contact: Maxwell  
Amirthampillai, 301-528-5899)

Food Night – Date to be announced.

Seminar – October 2002

Charity Event – November 2002.  
(To make a donation in cash or kind, please  
contact: Mangala 703-406-8594 or Sheila  
301-530-7745)

Children's Christmas Party – December  
2002

New Year's Eve Dance – December 31,  
2002.

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### *Answers to Trivia*

1. The Architect who was a woman was the wife of the Project Manager.
2. The daughter was born before 1776.
3. Zebedee.

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<sup>1</sup> Pictures were shown during presentation.