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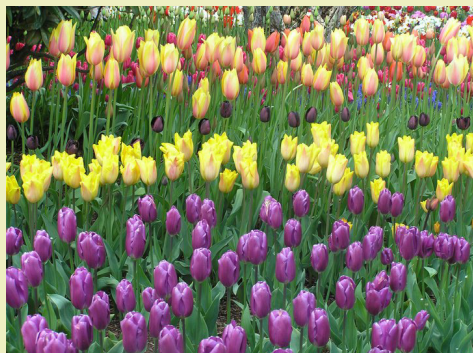


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*Realizing that this body is as fragile as a clay pot, and fortifying this mind like a well-fortified city, fight out Mara with the sword of wisdom. Then, guarding the conquest, remain unattached.*



*In this world, hatred has never being defeated by hatred. Only love can overcome hatred. This is an ancient and eternal law.*



**Dear Alumnae, Please share your news!**

New jobs, weddings, new babies, children's news, honors and awards, photos, and announcements are things to celebrate. Let your fellow alumnae know what is going on in your life. Please share your news with Maya family through our Newsletter "Maya Puwath."

**Would you like to update your contact information with us?**

Please send your new address, phone numbers, and email address/es to [mahamaya\\_alumnae@yahoo.com](mailto:mahamaya_alumnae@yahoo.com)

Thank you.



Dear Members,

*I am very excited to be the editor of this June edition of Maya Puwath, honoring and appreciating each and every individual; members, honorary members and non members who were involved in our greatly extravagant 11th Annual General Meeting which was held on 24th of May, in Ottawa, Canada. This was the first time in the decade history of MCGAANA, members have crossed the border to host our AGM, and Canadians have done it in "STYLE" with no doubt.*

*Who have attended this year's event may resonate the memories, friendships and bonds they have created with each other for years to come. Also we have created a one-stop web link for others where we can share the pride and memories of 11th AGM. Following link will take you there to witness the Mayans who have made their homes, far away from their motherland, yet unite strongly for one common purpose.*

<http://www.mahamayaalumna.org/gallery/AGM-11.html>

*Besides our successful and fun-filled Annual General Meetings, members together have accomplished a strong and trustworthy alumna to serve our own Maya community in Sri Lanka and also in North America. Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund which was initiated in 2009 provides financial aid to economically disadvantaged students at Mahamaya Girls' College. In addition, Annual Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship Program, Nanda Pussegoda Leula Memorial Scholarship, support and appreciate the Mayans in North America and in Sri Lanka.*

*As we unite as one sisterhood, the generosity, compassion and dedication we carry in our hearts created Mahamaya Girls College Alumnae Association of North America, which we proudly and fondly call MGCAANA, which we continue to support with fund raisers, monetary donations and at times simply sacrificing their time for alma mater.*

*Behalf of the Newsletter Committee, I take this opportunity to honor our members, thank members for your support throughout the past decade and a very special thank you goes to the our 11th AGM hosts from Ottawa, Canada.*

*I would love to conclude this editorial with the very same quote I brought to you few months ago from Maya Angelou.*

***"Sisterhood and brotherhood are conditions people have to work at. It's a serious matter. You compromise, you give, you take, you stand firm, and you're relentless...And it is an investment".***

*Editor of the current edition*

*Priyanka Bandara Jayakody*

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## A Message from Newly Elected President for 2015-2016

Dear MGCAANA members,

I am both humbled and honored. Fellow Mayans, Thank you for having faith in me to be your president once again and I am looking forward to work with you all to have another successful and memorable year just like 2014-2015. It is important to have your active support and participation to make it a success.

I like to extend my heartiest gratitude to our outgoing Board of Directors. They were the story behind achieving our goals and they were the strongest pillars of our successful year. Our secretary Miss.Upeksha Thilakawardena has done a tremendous work not only teaching me with her experiences as previous year president, but also doing her duties outstandingly. Our outgoing treasurer Mrs.Pavithra Wettasinghe was remarkably talented in keeping records straight for two consecutive years. She will continue to serve another year in the Board of Directors. Year 2014-2015 had been another successful story in our MGCAANA community.

For the first time in our 10 year history, we were able to have our 11th, AGM in Canada with the help of our Ottawa Chapter. I have no words to thank you for the tremendous amount of work, all of you have put in to make our event a grand success. It was one of the best AGMs we have ever had. More Mayans attended the event than any of the previous years. I thank you Dr. Mrs. Samudrika Amarakone and Mr. Saman Amarakone for opening up your beautiful home for the Meeting. My heartfelt gratitude also goes to Mrs. Deepani Waidyaratne and Mr. Thilak Waidyaratne for holding the Dinner Dance in their beautiful home. Those of you Maya alumnae in and around Ottawa, who supported the events by sharing responsibilities in anyway you could, I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. Last but not least, all those family members and friends who rally around our alumnae to get the work done, I am extremely grateful for your support.

I am open to any suggestions, proposals that you may have to improve the services of MGCAANA. Also, if you have any fundraising ideas, let us know. We are scattered all over United States and Canada and are busy in our everyday lives. We are what we are today, thanks largely to our beloved Alma Mater.

Thank you again for the trust you have placed on me. I truly need all your help to make this year better than last year for MGCAANA. I look forward to work with you ALL, the newly elected Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, all other committees and the Advisory Board.

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Sriyani Dissanayake (nee Galahitiyawa)  
President, MGCAANA, 2015/2016



## WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS!!!

### **2015-2016 Board of Directors**

Supipi Auwardt-  
Sriyani Dissanayake (nee Galahitiyawa)-  
Malika P. Godamudunage-  
Nirmala Gunapala-  
Indrani Gunawardana (nee Tennakoon).-  
Subhashinie Kariyawasam  
Taroshani Kasturiarachchi-  
Pavithra Wettasinghe

### **Executive Committee 2015-2016**

President: Sriyani Dissanayake  
Vice President: Nirmala Gunapala  
Secretary: Supipi Liyamali Auwardt  
Treasurer: Subhashinie Kariyawasam  
Web Master: Tharoshani Kasturiarachchi

### **My Experience with MGCAANA and Looking Back**

Looking back since I became the president of this dynamic organization in 2014 May and to date, I must say how thankful I am to my dearest BOD members, the executive Committee members, members of the active committees and other MGCAANA active members. You are the reason why I can say it was a memorable year for MGCAANA and we were able to stay on our path for another successful year. I truly admire your hard work, dedication and passion to work together as a team.

Last year, I accepted the challenge of serving as President of MGCAANA. The accomplishments of our organization have provided me with a great sense of satisfaction and pride at being involved with such a committed group of individuals. I got the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships, learn so much from those who are much more experienced and wiser than I, and relive the wonderful time spent at Mahamaya. MGCAANA has made a huge difference in my life; I will forever cherish this experience. Thank you very much for bestowing your trust upon me. Let us continue to serve our Alma Mater, fellow alumnae, and society with high spirits in the year ahead.

### **Ottawa Chapter members and their families:**

The seed of having the 11<sup>th</sup> AGM in Canada was considered important by many of us as we never had one in Canada. From the start we knew that we would face some challenges. We are a non-profit organization registered in the USA. Accordingly our elections must be held in the USA by law. Yes, we complied with the law by having the elections a week before the Meeting and Dinner Dance in Canada on May 24<sup>th</sup>. It was the team work that made it possible for us to fulfill our dream. This 11<sup>th</sup> AGM goes down in history as the first one held in Canada. Our beloved members Dr. Mrs. Samudrika Amarakone and Mrs. Deepani Waidyaratne were so enthusiastic when I put the idea to them. They were so delighted began planning the event with other Mayans who live in Ottawa. The end result of their meticulous planning was having a very successful get-together in Ottawa.

(In alphabetical order) Samudrika Jinadasa Amarakone, Vihara Dharmaratne, Nayana Abeyratne Fernando, Irangie Jayatilake, Medhavi Meegammana Kumararatne, Kumudini Gamage Nicholas, Hemantha Thilakaratne Pussegoda, Upeksha Ranpatabandi, Swarna Uduwela, Deepani Waidyathilake, and Jayantha Weerasinghe worked tirelessly organizing the event. When we arrived in Ottawa, it was beautiful spring weather. The meeting was held at Samudrika's house. The place was arranged fabulously giving attention to every single detail. There were few Mayans already at her house roughing out since that Friday. It was already party atmosphere yet professionally planned the meeting. We had 26 members attended the meeting and it went very well as planned. The tables with refreshments were full of Kevum, Kokis, Aluwa, Kondakevum, bananas, dodol, vade and other traditional sweet meats. It was a grand treat for everyone. After taking a small break, we went to Deepani's house for the dinner dance at 7 P.M. As we entered we realized how much time and effort they have put into organizing the dinner dance. It was just perfect. They had laid the table elegantly and with full of delicious Sri Lankan authentic dishes cooked by all Mayans in Ottawa. I cannot express in words their love and dedication. It was absolutely a job well done! I would like to thank my Mayans in Canada on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. This is not an easy task. Words are not enough to say thank you. I am deeply grateful from the bottom of my heart. Also, I must thank all members who traveled so far with their families for the meeting. It was successful because you all were there. Thank you everyone!!

Our other achievements for 2014-2015 already listed in our Website and if you go to the link <http://www.mahamayaalumina.org/projects.html> you can learn about our work.

Prepared by Sriyani Dissanayake



# 11th Annual General Meeting

## **Our 11th Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance in Ottawa, Canada : What an awesome event!**

Eleventh Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance in Ottawa on Sunday, May 24th was one the best AGMs and Dinner Dances that many of us participated. When we reached Ottawa on Saturday May 23rd, after sightseeing in Niagara and Toronto, everything was ready for the grand event. When we, the members reached Ottawa, day before the event, we felt lovingly welcomed. We were delighted to see each other. Seeing our Maya family was indeed a treasure. Nirmala Gunapala, one of our Board members had already joined the Ottawa Chapter few days earlier to help out and to chill with her classmates.

On 24th, the first event was the Meeting at Samudrika and Saman Amarakone's residence. I was delighted to see my beloved childhood friends (who are much junior to me), the former student cutie pies during my faculty time, and several other beautiful and loving Mayans that I got to know, and they all had gathered under one roof for the meeting. I could feel the excitement and joy in them. When we reached their home, Samudrika, her husband Saman and other Mayans of Canada Chapter and their families and friends already had set up the meeting room with an overhead projector, cameras, rows of chairs, flags, flowers, decorations and snacks. The living room and the dining room was beautifully set up with foods. Everyone was nicely dressed up for the occasion (see pictures). What a festive environment! We were delighted to see each other. I saw a few of my friends there after 50 years!!! We gathered there in Ottawa to meet our family. The excitement filled the house with lots of hugs and laughter. Joyful reunion of old friends, and meeting new friends, getting to know their families and friends were a major part of our get together. The meeting went very well with the excellent support of Saman Amarakone and his friend at the projector and cameras. I must mention here that in Ottawa, we had the highest attendance of alumnae of all the last ten AGMs.

There were 28 alumnae who attended the Meeting: (In alphabetical order): 1. Samudrika Jinadasa Amarakone, 2. Jayantha Basnayake, 3. Harshi de Silva, 4. Shantha de Silva, 5. Vihara Dharmaratne, 6. Sriyani Galahitiyawa Dissanayake, 7. Chandra B. Dorabawila (former elementary teacher), 8. Nelum Dorabawila, 9. Vajeera Dorabawila, 10. Geetha Eragoda, 11. Nayana Fernando, 12. Nirmala Gunapala, 13. Anoma Bowatte Gunawardene, 14. Shantha Gunawardane de Silva (former science teacher), 15. Madhavi Meegammana Kumararatne, 16. Kumudini Gamage Nicholas, 17. Geethanjali Palamakumbura, 18. Sagarika Nanayakkara Perera, 19. Hemantha Thilakaratne Pussegoda, 20. Nadeeka Gunasekera Ranasinghe, 21. Upeksha Ranpatabendi, 22. Upamali Ratnayake, 23. Ranjani Wijesundara Siriwardane, 24. Swarna Uduwela, 25. Chandra Savanawadu Vijayapala, 26. Deepani Waidyaratne, 27. Jayantha Basnayake Weerasinghe, 28. Sujatha Werake (alumna and former teacher)

The new Board of Directors for the year 2015/16 was announced. After all the agenda items were taken care of, the meeting was over around 3:30 P.M. Then it was time to relax, get together and mingle with our Maya family. As Mayans, with many unforgettable memories in our hearts, we shared those precious moments with each other during our get together. It was an opportunity to celebrate our friendships, that have long histories and start new friendships with Maya members of younger generations. That was what we did. Thank you Samudrika and Saman for a job well done.

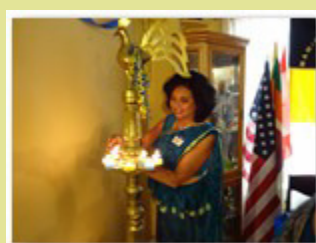
We went back to our hotels and with much excitement, got ready for the Dinner Dance starting at 7:00 pm at Deepani and Tilak Waidyaratne's residence. When we reached their beautiful home, we were warmly received with many hugs and loving words. It is so hard to describe my emotions and how I felt when I saw my fellow Mayans. There were many smiling faces of Ottawa members and families, and of those members and their families who had traveled from far and wide. The youngest family member who traveled from Maryland via New York was less than one year old. That was Nelum Dorabawila and her husband's brand new baby girl who came with them. Mrs. Chandra Dorabawila, Vajeera Dorabawila her husband and two children traveled from New York. The oldest alumna, 73 year old Pushalatha Amarasinghe Gunasekera, flew in from Los Angeles California. Ranjani Siriwardane and her husband came from West Virginia. Nadeeka Gunasekera, her husband and three children traveled from New York. Others who traveled from a far were, Upamali Ratnayake and her husband from Maryland, Nirmala Gunapala from New Mexico, Sriyani Dissanayake from Florida, Sujatha Werake and her husband from Seattle, Washington. One of the things that I love most about these gatherings is that one gets to meet the families and gets to know them well, and watch the children grow year after year. Thus, the bonding happens naturally among us.

The Dinner Dance was a blast. With the leadership of Deepani and her husband Thilak, the Ottawa Chapter had organized the Dinner Dance extremely well at Waidyaratne residence. The buffet dinner with tasty Sri Lankan dishes and delicacies was so well done. With the bellies filled, the company of each other, lots of laughter and chatter, combined with music with a sound system already set up, singing and dancing in that beautiful environment was excellent. Our children had a great time as well. What a wonderful evening! There was not a dull moment. Thank you Lakshman Dias for taking care of the sound system and joining in the singing.

(Alphabetically) Samudrika Jinadasa Amarakone, Vihara Dharmaratne, Nayana Fernando, Irangie Jayatilake, Medhavi Kumararatne, Kumudini Gamage Nicholas, Hemantha Pussegoda, Upeksha Ranpatabandi, Swarna Uduwela, and Jayantha Weerasinghe had helped Deepani Waidyaratne with their own culinary skills for the dinner. The MGCAANA Cake was outstanding! Thank you Madhavi. Thank you everybody for your unconditional love and efforts.

Our Mayans of the Ottawa chapter proved that they are excellent organizers, some of the greatest bakers and cooks. It was a team effort of them all. We enjoyed their culinary talents at Waidyaratne and Samarakone residences. We are very much indebted to the Ottawa Chapter for hosting the 11th Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance and making it a memorable one. It was a remarkable reunion. Thank you!!!

Sujatha Werake



**Please go the link <http://www.mahamayaalumnina.org/gallery/AGM-11.html> to see additional photos.**

## Remembering with Appreciation..



One of our beloved teachers, Mrs. Anulawathi Menike Tennakoon, nee Leula-Wickramasingha passed away peacefully in her home in Leula, Kandy on June 7, 2015. She was born on October 25, 1921 in Leula. She was 93. She was preceded in death by her husband, P. B. Tennakoon, and she was survived by her two children, Udaya and Indrani, their spouses Geewa Gunawardana and Dhammika Tennakoon, and her four grandchildren. Her daughter Indrani Tennakoon Gunawardana who resides in USA, is a member of MGCAANA's Board of Directors this year. According to Mrs. Tennakoon's wishes, she was cremated on June 8, 2015.

Mrs. Tennakoon started teaching when she was 25 years old. She studied early childhood education and graduated from Uyanwaththa Training College. She taught at Mahamaya for 15 years from 1966 to 1981. During her time at Mahamaya, she taught Kindergarten and grade 1, and also in the afternoons Buddhism and Sinhala in grades 6-10. She was an inspiration to many of the students. She guided the students to be better people. Her wisdom and grace was an example to the new generation. Some students continued to visit her even during her retirement, whenever possible, because she made an unforgettable impact on their lives.

May she attain the bliss of Nibbana!



### One year has already passed...

It is with much love and gratitude that we remember our former Principal, Mrs. N.K. Pilapitiya (1980-1990). She passed away on Friday, June 20, 2014.

May she attain the bliss of Nibbana!



Mrs. Hema Jayasinghe, one of the most distinguished alumnae of Mahamaya passed away on February 25, 2015. She was Principal of Maliyadeva College, Kurunegala, Pushpadana College, Kandy, and Girl's High School, Kandy, and Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo. At Visakha, she served for 20 years as Principal.

She obtained her B.A. from University of Ceylon, and received her M.A. in Education from University of London.

Her mother, Mrs. B.M. Abeyratne was a Vice Principal of Mahamaya and her father was a Principal of Vidyarthi College, Kandy. Her sister Ms. C.K. Abayaratna was the Principal of Musaeus College for 14 years. Mrs. Hema Jayasinghe was married to Dr. K.H. Jayasinghe, Political Science Department, University of Peradeniya.

May she attain the bliss of Nibbana!

Photo : <http://www.visakhav.org/visakha-vidyalaya/school-calendar/highlights>



An exemplary teacher and a second mother – Mrs A.M. Tennakoon  
May she attain Nibbana!

By D. Achela K. Fernando (nee Goidigamuwa)



When my parents attended their first ever parents-teachers meeting (ගුරු දෙගුරු හමුව)of their daughter, my Grade 1 class teacher has shocked them with an opening statement that she was eager to find outwhothe parents of this pedantic girl(පණ්ඩිත කෙල්ල) were. She told them that a few days earlier I had raised my hand in the class to point out to her that the letter “la”she used to write the word “well”(“ලිඳ”) on the blackboard was not the correct one and should have been the other (“ඔය ලයන්න නෙවෙයි, අනිත් ලයන්න ව්ව..”)! The mention of the words “pedantic girl” at the outset has filled my father with fear but after listening to the whole story and also finding that Tennakoon teacher was related on his side of the family, my parents were relieved that I will be in safe hands despite my seemingly hypercritical and somewhat offensive behaviour at that early age! Thus,I began a long relationship with my second childhood mother who firmly placed the foundation for the person I am today.

She was not only a teacher who taught us Sinhala, Arithmetic, Buddhism, Kavi, but also how to sit, stand, speak, and dress properly, share and play together, and not to steal, not to lie, not to spit .... inculcatingevery basic and acceptable behaviour in an attempt to make us “likeable” kids.

She was an enabler. Her hawkish eyes were quick to spot a special or a hidden talent; then she did everything she could to nurture that talent in that child – she got one girl to sing kavi or dance, another to write and showcase beautiful hand-writing, yet another to repeatedly become the monitor – thereby helping each individual to feel confident and develop a specific skill. I remember when she was my class teacher again in Grade 5, she got me to stand next to her at the teacher’s desk and silently add columns and columns of student marks with her (explains why I can sum up the bill in my head now before the cashier does it!). Just as sharpening the hidden talents, she also went out of her way to help us to gain and foster the skills considered necessary at that age. She surrounded herself with those who were weak in sewing/knitting (I was among them) and spent hours on end demonstrating and coaching, sometimes with very stern words and matchingstares to get us to focus on the task at hand. She had the reputation of a strict disciplinarian but also as a very loving and caring teacher. It wasn’t rare to witness her attending to a girl who has had a fall and bruised knees/elbows, has accidentally or prematurely wetted the pants, orwascrying of a stomach/tooth ache, as if the child was her own. She was a mother to all and her compassion and kindness was unparalleled.

I continued to write to her after I left school and University; I wish I had preserved at least one of the letters she wrote back in her beautiful pearl-like hand-writing. When I visited her after I returned from postgraduate studies in 1992,she proudly showed to me the New Year greetings card I made with a photo of myself in the autumn background of Kyoto which she received years ago but still stood on her chest of drawers. I visited her whenever I went back to Sri Lanka, sometimes accompanied by my mother, Lalith, a teacher, and/or a classmate. Until two years ago, she and I talked a lot, topics ranging from gardening and child rearing (what did I know!??) to social problems and Buddhist philosophy.Through the years she has been tidy, pleasant, extremely alert and delightful to be with. When she became hard at hearing, I resorted to communicating using large letters written on a piece of paper to inquire after her to which she enthusiastically responded but our ‘conversations’ became slow, shorter and less varied. During my last visit to her earlier this year, there were signs of weakening eye-sight. My mother, who visited her whenever she can, told me that my dear teacher did not recognise her during her about a month ago. Ammahad already notified and arranged with the teacher’s caregiver to visit her in two days, when she received the call about her passing away.

Tennakoon teacher taught by example. Although I will dearly miss her, I am not saddened by her departure because she was the first to accept thatdeath was the only certain thing in one’s life. I am comforted by the fact that I was blessed to be part of the life of this remarkable person full of love, kindness, patience, and above all,the presence of mind tocompassionately accept one’s situation without resistance. In her lifetime she would have placed sound foundations for thousands of students whom she treated as her own, and I have no doubt she left this earth in a better state than she found it through her contribution.

May she attain Supreme Nibbana!!



December 2008



December 2010 with Padmika and Mrs.P.M. Jayarathna



January 2011 with Lalith



December 2012 with Badra



June 2013



January 2014



July 2014



January 2015



# Miscellaneous

## Special THANK YOU to:

Mrs. Deepani Waidyaratne  
And  
Mr. Thilak Waidyaratne



Dr. Mrs. Samudrika Amarakone  
and  
Mr. Saman Amarakone



for opening their beautiful homes for our Meeting and the Dinner Dance, and making us feel so lovingly welcomed....

### Happy 90th Birthday to

### Mahamaya's Former Principal Mrs. Lalitha Fernando!

Our former Principal Mrs. Eugenie Lalitha Abeysinghe Fernando who is an alumna, and a former teacher of Mahamaya, turned 90 years on February 18, 2015.

She lives in Colombo.

On behalf of MGCAANA we wish her the best of health, peace and happiness!

Mrs. Fernando served as Principal from 1972 to 1980 after Mrs. Soma Pujitha Goonawardhana. In her period of 7 years she dedicated herself to improve the school further more while maintaining the integrity and excellence of the school.

### Looking for the University of Peradeniya 1965/69 batch mates for a Reunion in 2015

We need YOUR HELP in finding our 1965/69 University batch mates who live anywhere in the world!

If you are in contact with any of them, OR, you are one of them, please send his/her/your contact information to:

[sujathaw@hotmail.com](mailto:sujathaw@hotmail.com)

By Sujatha Werake



**You are Your Life Partner**

They say that  
The severance of the umbilical cord,  
The infant abandoning the warmth of the womb  
Learning to breathe on it's own  
Initiates the first feelings of isolation.

Mewling and puking  
In the mother's arms  
Through time, learns  
Self sufficiency.  
Yet, never completely.  
Since one eternally seeks  
Companionship, playmates, friends  
Sweethearts, partners  
And ultimately replicas of one's own.  
Through this clinging  
One learns the bitter truth,  
That you and only you  
are your life's partner.  
Your own hand is the shade-giver  
To your head.

By Theja Weeratne

**Life**

Life is a crucible  
where one storm abates,  
another keeps brewing,  
only to explode  
at the most inopportune moment,  
shattering your dreams  
and changing a well ordered life.  
Into confusion.

It's best not to have  
expectations and meticulous plans.

Best to face the inevitable  
with equanimity.  
And go forth  
breathing in, breathing out.

By Theja Weeratne.



**A request from a past pupil of Mahamaya..**

Time has come to collect funds as soon as possible to start/ supporting construction of our Basketball court. Whoever, willing to donate money please deposit your money to below account number. BANK: PEOPLES BANK – SRI LANKA A/C NUMBER: 003100140024888 ACCOUNT NAME: MAHAMAYA GIRLS COLLEGE SPORTS FUND- WHICH IS BELONGS TO SCHOOL. Further, need your help to follow below process on your donations... 1. Please note this account number is belongs to school and you need to make sure to PUT A REMARK when you deposit money to this account number. Pls mark it as “DONATIONS TO BASKETBALL COURT RENOVATIONS. “

2. Please make sure to send an image of bank slip or screen shot of e-slip to “DinushkaKulugammana” mentioning your name and donated amount clearly. (Email- dinushka\_nk@yahoo.com), Contact number +94777936576begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting+94777936576 FREE end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting.

3. You can obtained a receipt from school with showing original slip of your dona- tion. (Please contact Mrs. PadhminiRanasinghe for further details on obtaining a receipt. ( She is an old girl, old basketball player and current teacher in charge for school basketball) Her number is +94725904993begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting+94725904993 FREE end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting.

Thanks & Regards, DinushkaKulugammana (On behalf of “MCK Past Pupils Basketball Club”)

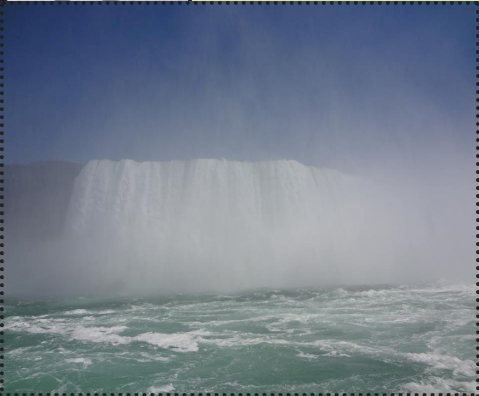
**Land Like No Other..**



Photos By Priyanka Jayakody

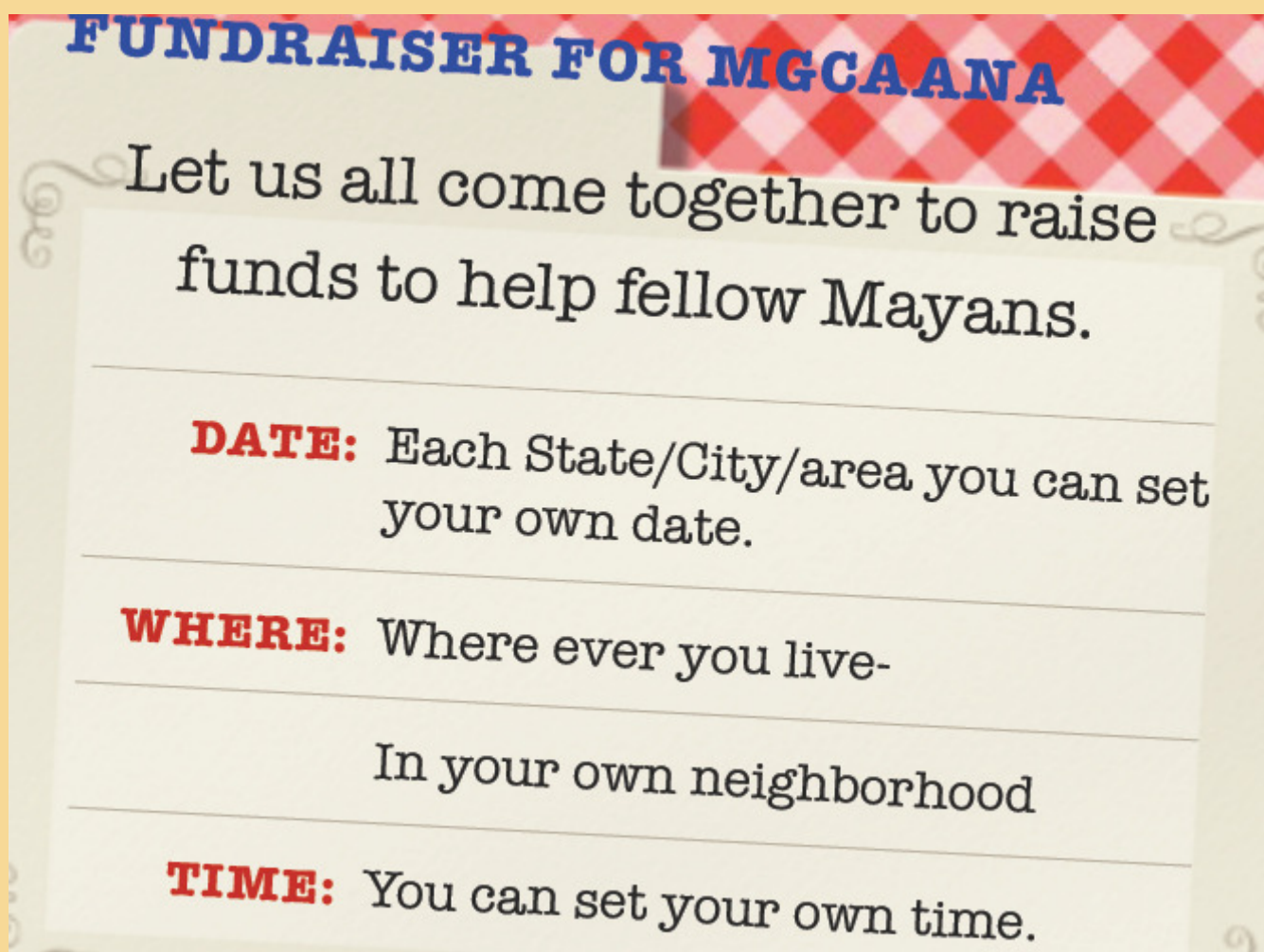


**Sightseeing in Canada**





## 5K RUN



How to Register:

Sign up with your own area organizer

You can ask your family and friends to join you..

Registration Fees: Adults \$10 / Children \$5

Dear Members,

Hope you have enjoyed this issue of Maya Puwath. As of now we have three members in our Newsletter Committee and we take pride to bring Maya Puwath to your homes bimonthly. In order for us to continue what we love, we need your support. We would like you to be actively participate in the making of Maya Puwath. Please do not wait till we send out the reminder email to collect your articles and creations, you can submit those to [ma-hamaya\\_alumnae@yahoo.com](mailto:hamaya_alumnae@yahoo.com) through out the year.

We highly encourage you to share your personal or professional accomplishments with fellow Mayans. Our “Young Talent” page is dedicated to the off-spring of Mayans and it’s a great opportunity to recognize their talents.

We value your comments and suggestions and most importantly I would like to invite you to join the Newsletter Committee to carry on the legacy of MGCAANA in the future.—Priyanka Bandara Jayakody

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