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## Message from the Editors

Dear Readers,

I hope you are enjoying this festive season and new year with your loved ones and are ready to roll in year 2023.

This is my second editorial for Maya Puwath 2023. I'm humbled by the opportunity to serve MGCAANA. Thank you very much to all the MGCAANA members for bringing this social event up to this level for long years and many more to count thrive and achieve our goals and opportunities to serve our alma mater.

I greatly appreciate 2022-2023 BOD members and our president Pradeepa Jayawardhana for giving their valuable time in monthly meetings and discussions on the progress of MGCAANA . Without their dedication and sacrifice, we would not have achieved what we have now.

As our NL Editorial team, we are bringing this NL from our hearts. We managed to send you our last NL promptly. Thank you all the writers for be responsible for what we undertake. Simplicity is the road to our happiness. Embrace positive thoughts, and when you share positivity, you too receive favorable outcomes.

We are waiting to add your stories to upcoming Newsletters. Hope you are sharing some of your creativity with us.

Happy Reading!  
Happy New Year 2023 !  
Ruvani Dissanayake

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### Dhammapadha

*Mano pubbanga ma  
dhamma<sup>1</sup>  
mano settha manomaya  
manasa ce padutthena<sup>2</sup>  
bhasati va karoti va  
tato nam dukkhamanveti  
cakkamva vahato padam*



All mental phenomena have mind as their forerunner; they have mind as their chief; they are mind-made. If one speaks or acts with an evil mind, 'dukkha'<sup>3</sup> follows him just as the wheel follows the hoofprint of the ox that draws the cart.

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## we value your donations

Happy to let you know that **18** Vidya Scholarship Trust fund scholarships were awarded for this year ( each Rs 20, 000).

Best,  
Himashinie  
(On behalf of the endowment committee and VSTF board of trustees)

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*Give life to a child's dream.....*

*Make a donation to help an underprivileged student gain access to the best education you were fortunate to receive:*

<http://www.mahamayaalumnina.org/vstf.php>

## Renewing MGCAANA Membership for the Year 2023

Thank you to members that already renewed their membership for the year 2023. If you have not renewed your membership yet, this is a friendly reminder to renew your membership to support MGCAANA's ongoing activities. How you can renew your membership:

**Online:** Use your credit card or PayPal account to pay your membership fee through the MGCAANA membership renewal page.

**By Mail:** Please mail a check payable to MGCAANA (\$ 15 - Students; \$ 25 - Regular). Address: Treasurer, MGCAANA, 2417 NE 20th, Renton, WA 98056

**Note:** If you wish, you can also renew your membership for 3, 5, or 10 years by paying US\$70.00, US\$115.00 and US \$230.00 respectively. Your support helps MGCAANA continue its legacy in helping Mayans and their communities in North America as well as current students at Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, Sri Lanka.

# ***Christmas Bake-along with Maheshinie Rajapaksha***

MGCAANA Board of Directors for the year 2022/23 are delighted to bring you some of the highlights of our first fundraiser for this office year, "Christmas Bake-along with Maheshinie Rajapaksha."

This was a virtual, interactive baking session where our Mayan Alumnae Maheshinie Rajapaksha did a live demonstration on how to bake a Christmas Yule log cake, which is one of the most popular cakes of the season. The event was held on Sunday, December 18th, 2022 via Zoom and we had over 13 participants joining with us for this holiday baking session.

The participants who enrolled in the event were provided with the recipe in advance, and they were encouraged to bake-along with Maheshinie during the session. This was a unique experience for them as they could learn new tips and tricks of baking, and ask questions to clarify their doubts as they bake along with our host.

Commencing the session, Nisansala Ediriweera welcomed the host and all the participants to the event on behalf of the BOD and organizing committee and appreciated everyone for their generosity for donating to this worthy cause. She also emphasized that this unique baking experience was our way of giving back to the participants for helping us in our journey to help budding Mayans. She then introduced our talented host Maheshinie Rajapaksha and appreciated her for volunteering her time and effort to make this event successful.

In her introductory speech, Maheshinie said she was pleased to have had this opportunity to give back to her alma mater. Maheshinie did an excellent job demonstrating how to bake this delicious yule log from preparation to mixing to baking to frosting the cake, and demonstrated the right technique to fold the cake. She also explained how she made some edible decor for the cake using chocolate and berries. She decorated the cake in no time, showing some excellent skills and technique and did her magic to turn it into an elegant cake that looked so delicious. She encouraged participants to be creative and decorate the cake as they please.

It was very encouraging to see some participants baked along with Maheshinie, and some even had their families join to help them. There was such a fun Christmas vibe throughout the whole event and we loved it! While this was a one-of-a-kind experience for our participants, this was not only about baking. Our participants made this a wonderful opportunity to refresh their old friendships as well.

At the end of the event, Pradeepa Jayawardena, the President of MGCAANA expressed her sincere gratitude to our host, who did a fantastic job and to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. She thanked the organizing committee and members of BOD for organizing this event and invited our beloved MGCAANA members to join hands with us in our future activities as well.

Not only we held a successful baking session after a month long planning and effort, but we also exceeded our monetary goal set for this fundraiser by raising a total of USD 500. We call it a win-win!

The organizing committee would like to extend our deepest gratitude to amazing Maheshinie Rajapaksha and her family, our generous donors and their families, To the President, BOD, the advisory committee, and everyone who helped to make this event a great success!

A big shoutout to everyone who baked along with us and those who baked later and shared pictures of their beautiful cakes. We are truly amazed by your creativity!

By Nisansala Ediriweera  
Fundraising committee

See next page to learn more about our success story.

## Event Highlights

### About our host ...

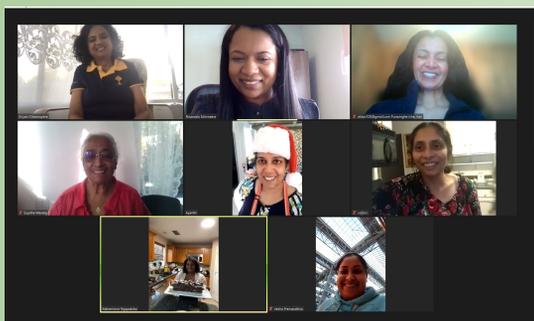
Maheshinie was a student of Mahamaya from 1986 to 1993. She graduated from the University of Peradeniya and moved to USA to pursue her PhD. She lives in Savannah, GA, and works as an Assistant Professor at Mercer University School of Medicine. She is a mom of two lovely daughters. She has been baking and decorating cakes since she was 15, thanks to her mother, who taught her.



Maheshinie demonstrating how to bake the yule log cake.



The elegant yule log cake baked and decorated to perfection by our host Maheshinie, during our live baking session. Another proud Mayan moment!



Some of our participants posing with the freshly baked yule log.



Ayanthi and her little helpers added lot of color to our event. Thank you for baking along!

### Feedback from our participants were so encouraging!

*"It was a great bake-along. These very energetic, enthusiastic group of Young Mayans, shines no matter where they go and what they do! Well done ladies!" - Sriyani Dissanayake*

*"Thank you Maheshi for this demonstration. I always wanted to make a Yule log! Now I did! Thank you for all who organized this. And Pradeepa for following up and sending emails" - Ayanthi Fernando*

*"Excellent demonstration Maheshini akki. Thank you so much for the organizing committee." - Soranjani Attanayake*

*"What a great job!!! I am so content and happy for the job well done. Thank you everyone." - Sujatha Werake*

*"It was a wonderful event- learned new ways of doing things. An opportunity to bond as well while contributing to a worthy cause" - Chathuri Munasinghe*

*"Thank you so much Maheshinie and organizer." "The whole family involved" - KM Yamuna*

*"Thank you for organizing this event and I hope there would be more of this kind of events to follow. Although I love to cook, I am not a good baker and I learnt some good tips here. Thank you Maheshine, Manjula and MGCCANA board." - Harshi Waters*

## Amazing cakes done by our talented participants



A creative yule log cake done by Sriyani Dissanayake. Those cute meringue mushrooms were made by herself! We have so much talent in our MGCAANA community.



Kudos to Ayanthi and her little helpers for baking this spectacular yule log cake during our live baking session.



Gorgeous yule log done by our beloved MGCAANA member Sajani Werake. Looks colorful and delicious!



Looks like Yamuna found the perfect way to enjoy her yule log she baked with us. Well done!



Beautiful yule log done by our beloved MGCAANA member Nadeeka Ranasinghe. What a lovely presentation!



Awesome work by our MGCAANA president Pradeepa Jayawardane. She gets extra points for that touch of white chocolate texture on the barks. How creative is that?

Cake by our very own BOD member Anusha Dissanayake. So Colorful and christmassy!



***We are truly amazed by your creativity. Thank you for being a huge part of our success story!***

**Your little one.... Strep throat** is the most common type of throat infection caused by bacteria (Group A – beta hemolytic streptococcus bacteria), and it tends to affect children between 5 and 15 years old. StRep throat infections are contagious, and strep bacteria commonly pass from person to person in the fluid droplets of coughs and sneezes. Streptococcus bacteria can also contaminate food, water and milk. In some cases, this can lead to scarlet fever or be followed by rheumatic fever or glomerulonephritis. (A kidney issues). A child who has strep throat will have a sore throat, will often vomit and complain of headache or abdominal pain for several hours before the throat pain begins. Fever may also be present and can reach 40°C (104° F). The child may have difficulty swallowing and develop painful swollen glands on the side and in the front of the neck. About two out of three children have only a mild redness. Inside their throats, but the rest have large, red tonsils. There may also be white craters or specks of pus on the tonsils, or the tonsils may be covered with a grey or white coating, but this is present in only about 50% of all cases. Sometimes, on the child's soft palate (towards the back of the roof of her mouth). There are tiny red spots or speckles. Strep throat infections are treated with antibiotics, most usually penicillin; in the case of penicillin allergy, erythromycin is taken by mouth for ten days. Antibiotics typically reduce the child's fever within 24 hours, and probably shorten the illness by a day or two. Up to 20% of children may exhibit streptococci persistently after oral penicillin treatment. If streptococci persist following the second course of therapy, it indicates a probable carrier state.

Submitted by : Devi Gunasekera  
From CDC information site

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# DEAR SON

Like a mount Everest  
Like an overflowing river  
Love exploded in my heart  
The day I sighted you first!  
The day your eyes met mine  
The day we knotted our little fingers together  
That love turns my blood to milk  
Turned me into lovely motherhood.

The bond between a son and a mother  
Was like a golden thread weaving together  
Hence, I worked tirelessly  
To brighten your world  
Without taking a breath  
Today all I can say  
You put a smile on my face!

Shadow of young love slowly entering to your world  
Hinted me that someone is taking my place  
Saw a rainbow of love taking you away from me!  
Yes, there was little sadness at first  
Yet, knowing that one day I will leave  
Those little fingers that held my arm  
Will let her to hold them tight  
So, I can peacefully close my eyes!

Let her brighten your world!  
With her beautiful eyes!  
I will leave you with a smile  
With a same love once flourished  
the day you came to this world!!!



Written by Sriyani Dissanayake  
To Sandhya Rathnasinghe

# SUCCESS STORIES OF MAHAMAYA OLD GIRLS

**Dammi Jayawardhana has written the lyrics and you can listen to the song from the link below**

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<https://youtu.be/C8eWfav-9o8>

**Manohari Jayalath Published a book MATTI and it is all about adults world from the point of a kid**

<https://grantha.lk/>



**Malini Abeywicrama one of our teachers published a book about her life experiences  
KATUMATTEN EHA**

<https://grantha.lk/>

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flight number එක මහ හඩින් කියෙව්වේය.බොහෝ තැන් වල විදුලි බලය, තාර පාරවල් නොතිබුණි. ලොෆකික සැප අතින් ගත් විට ශ්‍රී ලංකාව සංසන්ධනාත්මකව සුරපුරක් විය.

Shopping malls එහේ ඒ දවස්වල තිබුනේ නැත. ඉතින් මම බඩු ගන්න ගියේත් එලිමහන් පොලකටය.

මේ අත්කම දැක්ක ගමන් මට එයට සිත ගියේය.මහාමායා දේවියගේ රුවක් යැයි කීවිට එය මිලදී ගැනීමේ ආශාව ප්‍රගුණ විය. රෝගින්ට සුව දෙන භාස්කම ගැන ඇසූ විට ලෙඩ වෙලා සිටි අප්පව්වින් මතක් වී මේක කොහොම හරි ගන්න ඕනි කියලා සිතුවෙණිය. මේවා විකුණන වෙලෙන්දේ අන්ත දුගී අයය. වැරහැලි වැනි ඇදුම් ඇදගෙන, බුලත් කා රතු වුනු, දත් හැලුණු කටවල් ඇත්තෝය. අත් පා වල රළු වූ සමි ඇති ඇත්තෝය. මේ සියල්ල ඇස් පනාපිට තිබියදීත් අර යාලුවන් කේවල් කරනන් කියපු නිසා මමත් එසේ කලේය. ගානත් 50% විතර අඩු කර ගත්තේය. ආපසු ගිහින් එයාලට මගේ හපන්කම කීමට ඉස්පාසුවක් නැත. ගන්නත් හදලා මට මෙහෙමත් හිතුණි. මම මේක එපා කියලා බොරුවට යන්න ගියොත් මට මේක තවත් අඩු කර ගන්න පුලුවන් වෙයි කියලා. මුදල් ඉතිරි කර ගන්නවාට වඩා දැන් කේවල් කිරීම ගැන ඇඩ්රනලින් උඩු දුවන්න පටන් ගෙනය. මේ කරන්නේ කල යුත්තක්ද කියලාවත් ප්‍රශ්න කිරීමට ප්‍රඥවක් දැන් මා සතුව නොමැත. ඉතින් මම මේක ගණන් වැඩි නිසා එපා කියලා අර අහිංසක මනුස්සයගේ කනස්සල්ල, අමනාපය, මගේ ආත්මාර්ථ කාමී භාවය වැනි ඔක්කොම නොසලකා, මට මේක ගත් පසු මගේ යාලුවන්ට මේක පෙන්වා මගේ කේවල් කිරීමේ ජයග්‍රහණය බෙදා හදා ගන්නේ කොහොමද කියලා සිහින මවමින්, ආපහු එන ගමන් යලිත් ඇවිත් කේවල් කිරීමේ අදහසින් එතැනින් නික්ම ගියෙමි.

විනාඩි 45 කින් පමණ පසු මගේ පිටට තට්ටු කරන්නේ කවුද කියලා බලපුවහම අර මම එරවිලි ගෙරවිලි දලා කේවල් කරපු මහත්මයා වැරහැලි පිටින් දිරාගිය රෙදි වලින් සාදා ගත් සුම්බරයන් සහිතව මා අභියසය. මට දැන් තවත් චූන්ය. අර අත්කම තවත් අඩුවට දෙන්න මාව සොයා ඇවිදින් යැයි මම සිතුවෙමි. ඉස්පාසුවක් නැතුව ඔහු දෙස බැලූ මට මොහොතකින් පොලොව පලා ගෙන යන්නට සිතුවණි. ඔහු මා වෙත දිගු කලේ අර අත්කම නොව, මගේ කැමරාවත්, මගේ මාසික වියදමට මා වැඩ කල ආයතනයෙන් මාවෙත ලබා දුන් ඩොලර් සහිත පසුම්බියත්ය. ඉංග්‍රීසි කතා නොකල ඔහු, සියළු වැඩ නවත්වා මේ පොල හැම තැනම මා සොයා ඇත. මා දැක බොහෝ සතුවූ වී මාගේ බඩු භාණ්ඩ නැවත මා වෙත ලබා දුන්නේය. එසැණයෙන්ම ඔහු නික්ම ගියේය. මදක් තුෂ්නිමිභූත ව මම ඊලගට කුමක් කරන්නේදැයි වටහා ගත නොහැකිව අන්දුන් කුන්දුන් වී සිටියෙමි. අවසානයේදී මම ආපසු අර මනුස්සයා සිටි තැනට ගොස් අර අත්කම original price එකට ගන්න සිතුවේ ඒ මහතාගේ මහත්මා ගුණයට කරන්නා වූ ගරු කිරීමක් ලෙසටය. නමුත් මම එතැනට ගියාම ඔහු කොළයක ලියා පෙන්නුවේ ඔහු අවසන් වරට මෙය මට විකිණීමට එකග වූ ගාණය. එම භාණ්ඩයට එයට වැඩි මිලක් ඔහු ගන්න අකමැති වූයේ ඔහු වචන දෙකක මහත්මයෙක් නොවූ නිසාවෙනි. අනේ මට මේ වගේ කෙනෙක්ට මදක් අදහස් හුවමාරු කරගන්න, මගේ ස්තූතිය පල කරන්න එයාගේ භාෂාව දැනගෙන හිටියානං කියා සිතුවණි. ඉතින් මම ඒ වෙනුවට මගේ හෘද සාක්ෂියේ එමට පහල වූන ප්‍රශ්ණ, මගේ මහ ලොකු කේවල් කිරීමේ කෙරුවාව ගැන ඇති වූ ලැජ්ජාව පිරිමහගන්න - මගේ සිතේ මේ සිද්ධිය ගැන ඇති වූ නොසන්සුන්තාවය යට පත් කරන්නත්, සාධාරණීකරණය කරගන්නත්, යළිත් ආත්මර්ථකාමීව මගේ සිත සුව පිණිස ඔහුගෙන් වෙනත් අත්කමි ටිකකුත් මිල දී ගෙන එතනින් නික්ම ගියෙමි.

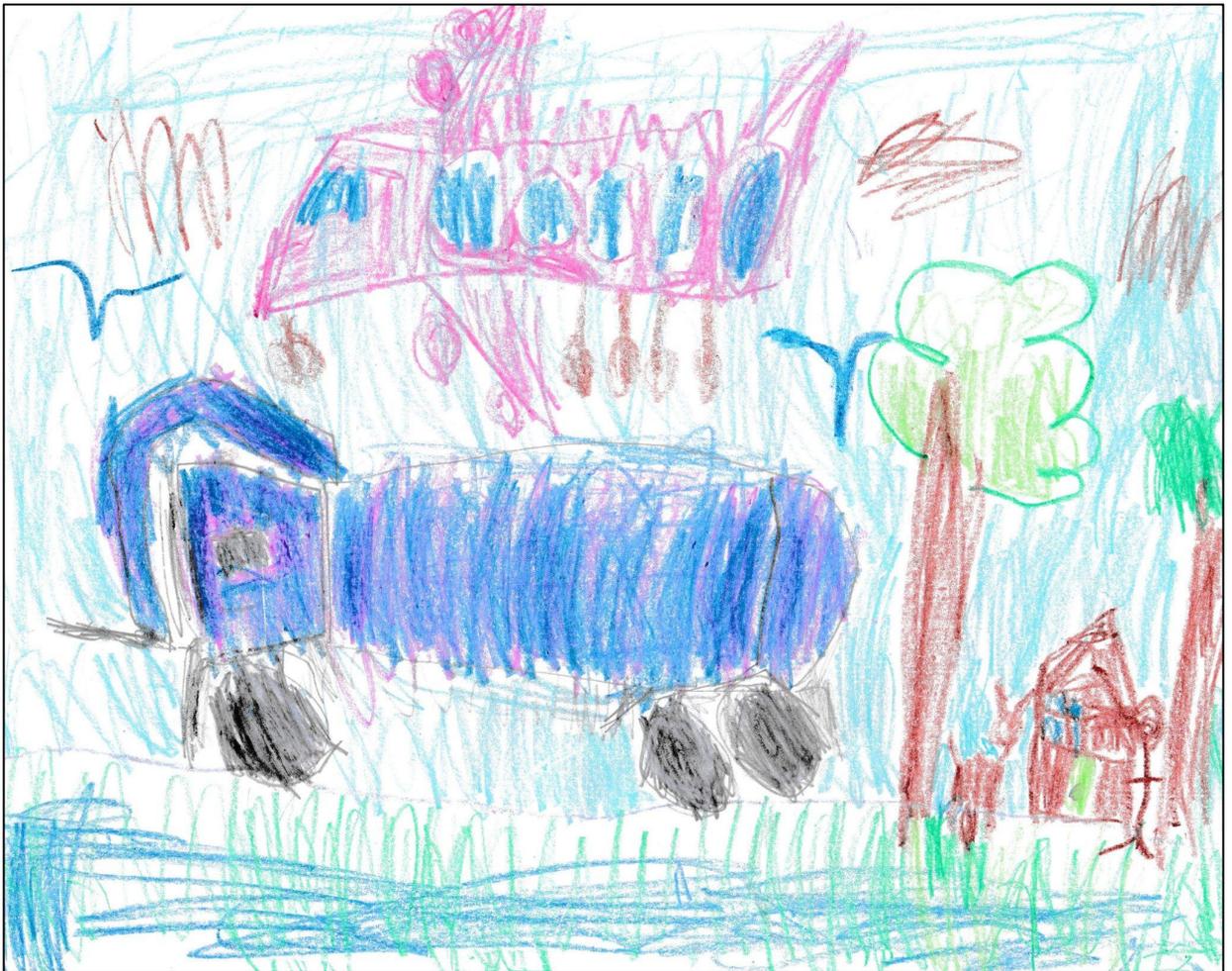
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**CHATHURI NUGAWELA MUNASINGHE**

Name: Akain Sasmitha Perera  
5 Years Old  
Topic -Airplane and a Recycling truck



## In Memoriam –

### Dr. Bimba Lakmini Goonapienuwala (Class of 1999)

Two days have passed since that fateful day  
You went past that point of no return  
A friend to us all who will be well remembered  
For many an accolade you did earn

First of all, I have to apologize for an incident in the past  
A group of us noisily played cricket inside the class  
Back in the day in 1996, and got everyone punished, including you  
We should have known better than to break things made of glass!

You did not divulge our names when queried by the Principal  
Instead, you bore the pains of the penalty with us together  
When released from detention, when all others rebuked us  
You simply continued with your work, never to bother

After our school days, we met again after more than a decade  
When our sons were sorted into the same class  
My phone holds the messages we exchanged, verifying homework  
And cross-checking items which need to be brought the following day amass

How you bore the pains of the disease which took your life  
Is not something any of us can comprehend  
It was in your nature never to wail or complain  
And it was this characteristic which you demonstrated till the end

All the good things that everyone tells about you  
I wonder whether you could hear them from wherever you are  
I feel now that I should have gotten to know you better  
It was the power of your wisdom which brought you this far

It is difficult to move on and there will always be a permanent void  
For the good-natured classmate and friend that you always were  
The perils of this long-winded journey through samsara – I hope you understood now  
For it is this endless cycle of birth and death which has always been an err

**By Dr. Viduranga Waisundara (Class of 1999)**

# Pear Clafoutis

This French pear clafoutis combines tender, sweet pears with a custard-like base. It is so comforting and delicious. Perfect fall baking!

### Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 3 Tbsp sugar
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour (45g)
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp lemon zest
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 small-medium pears (Bartlett or D'Anjou), just ripe
- 1/2 Tbsp unsalted butter (to grease the skillet)



### Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375F. Lightly grease an 8 inch, cast iron skillet or similar sized baking dish with some butter.
2. Put the eggs and sugar in a bowl or mixer and whisk well until well broken up and combined. Add the milk, flour, vanilla, lemon zest and salt and mix/whisk until smooth.
3. Peel the pears, cut in half and remove the core. Cut into slices and arrange in the bottom of the skillet/baking dish - you can fan them out slightly as I did or arrange any other way you choose.
4. Carefully pour the batter into the skillet/baking dish over the pears.
5. Bake in the oven for roughly 35 minutes, until lightly browned around the edges and set.
6. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for a couple of minutes before serving. It will probably be puffed up when you take it out the oven and collapse slightly after a minute.
7. Sprinkle with a little confectioner's sugar to serve, if desired.

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### Contributing to Recipe Corner

Would you like to share with us photos of your food creations to be featured on Recipe Corner? Or do you have any of your own recipes that you would like to share with your fellow Maya Puwath readers? If so, please send in your photos, recipes as well as links to the original recipes to the MGCAANA e-mail address:

[Mahamaya\\_alumnae@yahoo.com](mailto:Mahamaya_alumnae@yahoo.com)



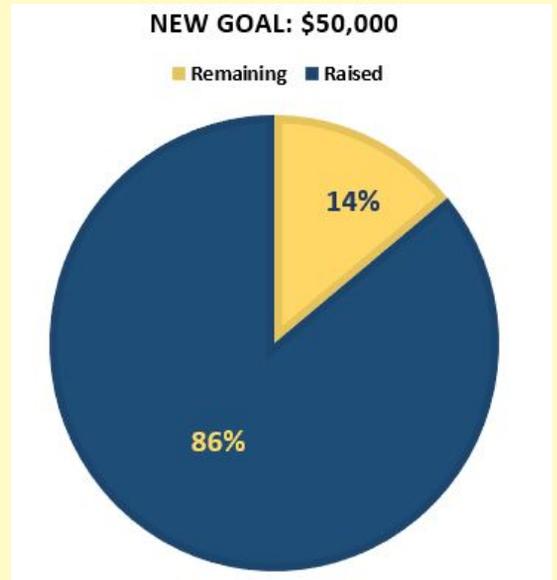
## Reaching the New Goal Set for Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund (VSTF)

The Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund (VSTF) set up by MGCAANA provides financial aid to financially-disadvantaged students at Mahamaya Girls' College. Scholarships from VSTF pay for educational expenses and/or boarding fees of students attending Mahamaya. "Vidya," a Sanskrit word, means knowledge or wisdom. Our initial goal was to raise at least \$20,000. We reached this goal in 2019.

The total amount collected for VSTF reached \$42956 in last January 2022. The goal was \$40000 at that time. As we passed the goal, the BOD increased the new goal to \$50,000. Currently, we are at 85.9% of the new goal.

To donate online or by cheque, please visit:

<http://mahamayaalumnina.org/vstf.php>



## Want to know what your Board of Directors (BOD) is up to?

Please read the minutes of the BOD's monthly meetings posted on MGCAANA website:

<http://www.mahamayaalumnina.org/minutes.php>

If you have new ideas, concerns, or suggestions to improve how MGCAANA operates etc. please feel free to connect with the BOD through email: [Mahamaya\\_alumnae@yahoo.com](mailto:Mahamaya_alumnae@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming MGCAANA Activities

- Board Meetings (Every 3rd, Friday )
- Fundraiser ( Feb 2023)
- Next Newsletter (April 2023)
- AGM (May 2023)

### Newsletter Committee:

Ruvani Dissanayake Nissansala Ediriweera

### JOIN US!

**MGCAANA Newsletter Committee is looking to recruit new committee members to work on "Maya Puwath," quarterly publishing newsletter of MGCAANA. As part of the Newsletter Committee, you'll be able to develop these useful skills: communication; writing; graphic design; team work; creative thinking; time management; leadership etc.**

**If you are interested, please reach out to the Committee through:**

[Mayamaya\\_alumnae@yahoo.com](mailto:Mayamaya_alumnae@yahoo.com)

## In Loving Memory



**Mrs. Visaka Herath**

We are deeply saddened to hear about the sudden demise of former Deputy Principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, Mrs. Visaka Herath. In her role as Deputy Principal as well as a past pupil of Mahamaya, Mrs. Herath was always invested in the future of her alma mater. She represented Mahamaya Girls' College in MGCAANA's Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund (VSTF) Board of Trustees for many years (2015-2019). We remember and value her service to the VSTF with much love and gratitude. She will be greatly missed by many.

Dear Mrs. Herath, May your samsaric journey be short and may you attain the supreme bliss of Nirvana!

- Endowment Committee, Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund

Loving father of one of our Founding members of the MGCAANA, Neranjika Dissanayake

Loving father of one of our trustees of the Vidya Scholarship Trust Fund , Himarshini Diyabalanage.

Loving mother of one of our honorary Members Ralph McComik and mother in- law of Himashini Diyabalanage

May their souls rest in the supreme bliss of Nibbana.