



NEWS LETTER

January to June 2017

NEW YEAR MESSAGE THE PRESIDENT OF PPA COLOMBO BRANCH



Dear Members,

“Year 2017 dawn” full of glamour, sweet melody, great excitement and warm blessings!

We have been celebrating the nativity of the Prince of Peace.

“No gifts so real as a gift of friendship, no jewel, so priceless as a friend’s good will to a friend”

I wish and, I want the PPA relationship with those it serves always to be guided by the Spirit of the Divine Rule – “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you”.

This is the 21st year of our Association, which has been called *“The year of achievement for fruitful projects”*. Let us all put forth extra effort to strengthen our relationships in abundance.

It is my honour and pleasure, to wish you and your families a Happy New Year of Good Health, Blissful Wealth, Prosperity and above all, cheerfulness.

May God Bless You All!

Ranjani Ranasinghe – President PPA

“Still Burning Bright”

The Pioneers are Sisters of Charity of Jesus & Mary. In 1924 they landed in the city of Gems and lit a blaze.

“Still Burning Bright”

We are proud to be a part of this glimmer. This flame is still burning in spite of trials, mistakes and many human weaknesses.

We congratulate all are friends who have helped our association in many ways to walk through these two decades. Our dear pals please come and join hands to march forward on this long journey to support our “Alma Mater”.

May God Bless our Association!

Carmel Santiago

OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2016 – 2017

President	Mrs Ranjini Ranasinghe
Immediate Past President	Ms. Carmel Santiago
Vice President	1. Mrs. Shirani Gunawardena, 2. Mrs. Indi Dahanayake
Joint Secretaries	Mrs. Nirmalie Dias, Ms Anne Florence Perera
Treasurer	Mrs irangani Waniganayake
Assistant Treasurer	Mrs. Indrani Siriwardana
Committee Members	Mrs. Padmini Pragnaratna, Mrs Chandrani Weerakoon, Mrs Kumudini Fernando, Mrs. Rani Saranapala, Mrs. Nandini Silva, Mrs. Doreen Wijetunga, Mrs. Irene Bandara, Mrs. Helen Perera

PAST EVENTS:-

24th September 2016

- ❖ PPA Colombo Branch, We celebrated our 20th Anniversary at the Grand Oriental Hotel in Colombo 1.
- ❖ Opened a website for our school and handed it over to the Present School Principal Mrs. Sandya Gamage.
- ❖ Office Bearers remain as it is for another year.
- ❖ Our "Help In Need" project (hereinafter HIN) climbed another step.
 - a. Visiting sick members and supporting
 - b. Supporting SCJM nuns and giving donation yearly
 - c. Helping Vincent de Paul home students in Ratnapura
 - d. Our New Step is supporting to Catholic Association and needy school children in our school - please refer Annex 1.

5th November 2016

- ❖ AGM Ratnapura branch –16 members from Colombo branch participated
- ❖ We started our new step of the HIN project
 - i. Immediate Past President donated a record player to the catholic association of the school – Rev Sr. Deepani who is in-charge.
 - ii. With the support of the members our association donated footwear and book etc., to the needy school children

19th of November 2016

The 1st committee meeting was held at our President's residence at Kirulapone

3rd December 2016

We celebrated our annual Christmas party. Almost 60 participants were present for this event.

PPA President Mrs Ranjani Ranasinghe & her husband Mr. Ranjith Ranasinghe presented their home & garden with all facilities free of charge for this event. Also their daughter and grandchildren supported us in a wonderful manner.

A few members supported for major expenses in the manner of ...

"do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing"

Mrs Jayanthi Peiris (nee Sly) organized the music team Free of Charge

Please visit our web site gallery www.conventratnapura.com for the event photographs

17th January 2017

Participated in member's wedding at Ja- Ela (member, who conducts the Convent Spirit Face book and publishes school programs)



UP-COMING EVENTS – JANUARY TO JUNE 2017:-

For the following events the exact venue, time & date will be informed later.

Jovial - JANUARYHappy & relaxing month

Fabulous - FEBRUARY

18th February 10.30am - Alms giving at Mrs. Chandrani Athapattu's residence at No 50, Temple Road, Maharagama

23rd February 11.00am – School sport meet

Marvelous - MARCH – Memorial Holy Mass for the departed souls of our members, nuns, teachers, staff & students

Awesome - APRIL

29th April - Sinhala & Tamil Aluth Avurudhu (New Year) Festival at No 50, Temple Road, Maharagama

Meaningful - MAY – Alms giving and Bana preaching

Joyous - JUNE - our annual trip as usual

Please Keep These Days Free And Participate In The Same

SAD NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS: OBITUARY NOTICE

- ♥ Son of Mrs. Ruby de Silva; nephew of Misses Geetha, Nilmini & Lanka de Alwis - We were unaware of this funeral notice, so we could not share the sorrows with them.
- ♥ Anne Rodrigo's Brother
- ♥ Padmini Vitharana's daughter-in-law
- ♥ Miss Mallika Gunatilake's brother and uncle of Misses. Jayanthi, Ratnapali, Kanthi Ratnayake.
- ♥ Miss C. Fernando's (was our teacher) sister
- ♥ Misses Rita Muriel, Ceicilia, Patricia, Susila Antony's father



Prepare your own bag to carry snacks.

Also please note this page is vacant for your publications / advertisement (Rs. 100/- per insertion)

Think A Minute:

Does this bring back any memories?

My son asked me the other day; What was your favourite 'fast food' when you were growing up?

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I told him.

'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously.. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called "home sweet home," I explained.

'Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate, I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

Pizzas were not delivered to our home... But milk was.

No KFC, No Mc Donald's only the good old bakery & the Pann Karaya

How many do you remember?

Headlight dip-switches on the floor of the car

Ignition switches on the dashboard..

Trouser leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Using hand signals for cars without turn indicators.

No tuition classes and from School straight to Play

Annex 1

Donated a record player to the catholic association of the school – Rev Sr.Deepani who is in-charge of this project



CHRISTMAS PARTY



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