

## Message from the President



Greetings to our YMCA Jaffna Family. As we come together once again through the pages of this semi-publishing newsletter, I am filled with a deep sense of pride and appreciation for the remarkable

journey we continue to embark upon. Our YMCA community thrives on connection, communication, and collaboration, and this newsletter serves as a testament to those values.

In these pages, you will find stories of resilience, growth, and the impactful work that each and every one of you contributes to our shared mission. It's a platform to celebrate our achievements, recognize the dedication of our volunteers, and showcase the positive change we bring to the lives of those we touch. The YMCA has always stood for more than just an organization; it's a beacon of hope, a source of empowerment, and a hub of togetherness. In every article, every photograph, and every word, we see the heart and soul of our YMCA family.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the contributors, editors, and all those who have poured their passion into bringing this newsletter to life. Your commitment to telling our stories ensures that our impact extends beyond the walls of our facilities and into the hearts of our community members.

As we flip through these pages, let's remember that our work is far from finished. Together, we will continue to dream big, reach new heights, and make a difference that echoes for generations to come. Let this newsletter serve as a reminder of the boundless potential that lies within us and the incredible impact we can create when we stand united.

Thank you for your unwavering support, dedication, and enthusiasm. Let's embrace the stories within and let them inspire us to push forward, to strive for excellence, and to uphold the values that make YMCA Jaffna a force for good.

With appreciation,

Mr. P. Andrew Praveen  
President, YMCA Jaffna.

## COMMUNION SERVICE

On 03rd January 2023 a service was conducted to commence the New Year with Blessings of the Almighty at our Chapel at 7.30 a.m. Rev.N.J.Gnanakarunyan conducted the Service. The Board of Directors and Members of the staff attended the Service. A fellowship Breakfast was served thereafter.



## BADMINTON COACHING CAMP

A badminton coaching camp was conducted at YMCA Jaffna on 28th January 2023. 38 Participants from various schools in Jaffna attended.



### TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A table tennis tournament was held on the 13th, 14th of February, and 14th of March 2023. Competitions were held under the age limits of 07, 09, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, Over 40, and Open. All the participants who participated in the matches received certificates, and those who won the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places received cups, medals, and certificates.

The finals and award ceremony took place on March 14, 2023. Rev. Dev Anandarajan was the chief guest. Mr. Walter Dharmaraj, Mr. Hudson Solomon, Mr. Duraisamy Saktikrishnan, Mr. John Nares, Mr. Vinson Chinnaduvai, Mr. Sridhayan Sripadmanathan, Mr. Suresh Navaratnam, Mr. Charles Antony, Dr. Indran Asirwathan, Mr. Dushyarajan, Mr. Nandakumar Parameswaran, Mr. Wignapalan Chelakandu, Mr. Wignabalan Chelakandu, Mr. Satyendra Sivachithambaram, Mr. Vinayamurthy Shivakumar, Mr. Nirmalan Sivanandhan, Mr. Han Ponna were present as special guests.



### YOUTH SEMINAR

A youth awareness event was conducted on modern environment on 25th February 2023. Twenty hearing-impaired youths took part along with the other youths. We are pleased that Mr. J. Thushanthan, district career guidance officer and Instructor NAITA, stated that he had seen hard-of-hearing youths and others together for the first time in a seminar.

Training in simple sign language: To prepare for dealing with the otherwise able (Thank you, express appreciation, apologise, give root directions, and so on.)

Carrier Guidance

How to live with ethical values in a society challenged by "Dark Forces"

YMCA: World, National, and Jaffna



### DRY FOOD FOR STAFF

Sum of Rs. 7,000.00 worth of Dry food provided to the staff members by The National Council of YMCAs Sri Lanka for four months from January to April 2023.



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the YMCA Jaffna was held on 22nd April 2023, at the main hall of the YMCA with the President, Mr. G.D. Niles, in the Chair. Around forty three Members attended the meeting. As per the Constitution, five members of the Board of Directors who had served three consecutive years had their positions expire. To fill up these vacancies, an election was held, and the following were newly elected: Mr. T. Vimalraj, Mr.S.Pratheep, Mr.A.Devanathi, Mr.T.Theva kanushan, and Mr.S.Paul Dharsanth. The following Board of Directors were elected as office bearers for the year 2023/24: Mr.P.Andrew Praveen, President; Rev.V.Daniel Jeyaruban, Vice President; Mr.C.Aravinthan, Vice President; Mr.D.Cyril Thanarajan, Treasurer; and Mr.Dinesh P.Gunaratnam, Ex-Co Member.



### FOOD FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS

A supplementary feeding programme was conducted at the three preschools that are being supported by the YMCA Jaffna. There are 57 students who are beneficiaries of this programme. Each child received, on a daily basis, Rs 116.00 worth of nutritionally cooked food. The National Council of YMCAs in Sri Lanka provided the needed funds for the running of this useful programme.



### DEDICATION SERVICE

We conducted a service of dedication at our Chapel, YMCA Jaffna, on the 20th May 2023 at 3.30 p.m. At this service, Rev.JJ.Gnanaruban (Circuit Superintendent Minister, Methodist Church, Jaffna Circuit) Preached and gave blessings to our Board of Directors. Our board of Directors was inducted into their duties towards the YMCA.



### FOUNDER'S DAY

A thanksgiving service to commemorate 'Founder's Day', on the 6th of June, was held at the gravesite of our founder, President Sir William Twynam, at the St. John's the Baptist church, graveyard. The YMCA flag was hoisted daily in the morning, from the 01st to the 06th



### **SUPPLY INSULIN**

Two cartridges of insulin were handed over to the Diabetic Centre at General Hospital on 8th February 2023.



### **CHILDREN CLUB ACTIVITIES**

Children's Club activities were held on 29th June 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. under the leadership of the Child Rights Project Committee. About forty children participated and enjoyed themselves.



## **Charges for Accommodation**

### **Room with Common Bath**

Single Room : Rs 1000/= (Per day)

Double Room : Rs 1,500/=

### **Room with Attached Bath**

Single Room : Rs 1,750/= (Per day)

Double Room : Rs 2,000/=

Triple Room : Rs 2,500/=

### **Room with Attached Bath Air-Conditioned**

Single Room : Rs 2,500/= (Per day)

Double Room : Rs 3,000/=

Triple Room : Rs 3,500/=



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