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## -EDITORS NOTE-

We hereby publishing our 6th official newsletter according to the month of december. Throughout this newsletter we are sharing memorable moments that we gathered in LEO club of Uva Wellassa University Sri Lanka.

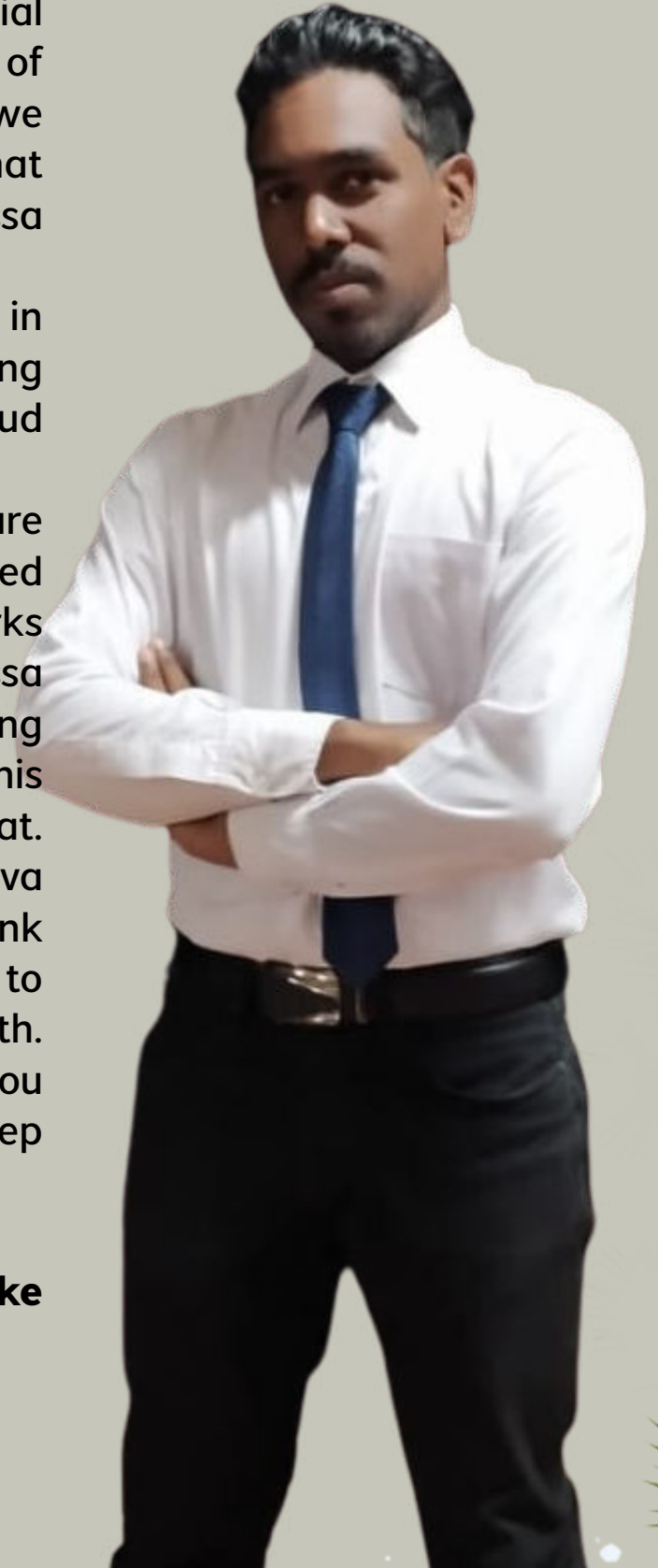
This beautiful issue of LEO TIMES in December is full with our amazing exploration and creativities of our proud Leos.

Throughout this month we are successfully and proudly completed various kind of projects and loads of works as proud leos. LEO club of Uva Wellassa University is moving forward, proving that they are unstoppable as leos. This newsletter is one of the evidence for that.

As an editor of LEO club of Uva Wellassa University, I would like to thank all of our Leos who gave their support to succeed our Leo journey in this month. Lastly, we are warmly welcome all of you to share your thoughts with us and keep our newsletter outstanding.

Keep in touch with UWU Leos!

**-LEO Chamindu Dissanayake**



## A WORD FROM -DIRECTOR IN IT-

I am truly honored, by the chance that was given to me for sharing my thoughts with the world through "Leo Times", a monthly newsletter of the Leo Club of Uva Wellassa Wellassa University of Sri Lanka, as the first IT Director of this charter club.

I was very grateful for the opportunity that Leo club gave me to become a member and as well as a one of the directors. And when we were starting this club it seemed it was almost impossible but with efforts, and the correct guidance we were able to establish the Leo club and as well as we were able to hold the first installation even in the economic crisis and the pandemic situation. And the Leo club of Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka we were able to successfully complete many projects and many are on their way to be completed.

As an It director, my tasks have changed during the past period of time to given circumstances. Firstly it was to arrange online conference sessions as it was during the pandemic and maintain a database of our members and when the time passes as it was taking the physical form our tasks as IT team were changed or I rather say added as to maintain the Web site and to support with any other Technical requirements as we have a team of professionals in IT field that is lead by assistant director Mr. Sandika Dassanayake.

As a charter club, our club has completed a few milestones in a long road of journey and I really appreciate the effort of our president, two vice presidents as well as the secretary panel. I wish luck for our club to go further.

**-LEO Yomal Dilanka**



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Leoism is always about leadership, team work, companionship while happiness. And its always paves the path to new opportunities. As Leos, we are always trying to be happy through serving to our own community and the society.

So, as the Leo Club of Uva Wellassa University, we have successfully launched a valuable project "Shilpa Yathra" a brilliant educational project which as a seminar series for the students in a

selected school who face the O/Ls in this year but does not have required facilities for a better education. We selected Jayanthi Vidyalaya, Passara, Badulla to launch this project. This project can generate multiple benefits to not only O level students but to the whole school community.

The reason for setting up this O/ level seminar series it to giving a great help to the students who have faced difficulties with current economic background. And also, this is a great opportunity to us for serve the country as citizens.

We initially launched this project on 4th of December 2022 as a continuous project, and We are conducting this project on every weekend with the support and participation of our Leo family members. And also we are getting a huge support from the principal of Jayanthi Vidyalaya, the teachers and beloved brothers and sisters. We are thrilled to have already successfully completed this project for the day 4.

As UWU Leos we are absolutely sure that those youngsters have



encouraged and also having unforgettable experiences and a knowledge through this project. As we have come so far, the future success of this project is also built on the dedication of our lovely Leos. That is why we call UWU Leos as a family.



## AN AWARD IS A SIGN OF AMAZING AND GLORIOUS TALENTS

Victory is always a combination of persistence, trust and team work. According to Mr. Henry Ford ***"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is a process and working together a success"***-

Wining an award is always special since it is a sign of a glorious victory. In the month of December, we reached one of our huge milestones and the very first victorious moment of the journey as Leo club of Uva Wellassa Univeristy.

C2 Leo Mass Induction was held on the 11th of December 2022 at Nawarangahala Hall Royal College. In there as the Leo Club of Uva Wellassa University, we won the ***Second runners up in the univer-sity-based Leo Club category in Membership Growth Awards 2022.***

This is our very first and memorable award and it was awarded in the presence of the President of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Ranil Wickremasinghe. It's a pride for us to be honored with such as award as Uva Wellassa Univeristy and as Leo district 306 C2. This is the first milestone our unstoppable path and a good sign of our glorious Leo journey.



On behalf of the Leo Club of Uva Wellassa University, our very own President Erandi Ambalampitiya handed over the award of Membership growth to the Vice Chancellor of Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka, Professor Jayantha Lal Rathnasekara to remark our victory.





This was not an easy journey and it was filled with thousands of difficult moments, troublesome days. But we began an amazing and unstoppable journey of Leo club of Uva Wellassa University with this glorious victory and we have another thousands of milestones to go. We hope to reach the highest success with our very own President Erandi Ambalampitiya, secretary Prashansi Dewmini, board of directors, the executive committee and with the Leo family of Uva Wellassa University.





# THE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING – DECEMBER –

meeting was filled with sharing his valuable experiences & advice for the betterment of the club's future.

The general meeting was coordinated by Leo Erandini Ambalampitiya, the initiative club president of the UWU Leo club. As a highlight of the secretary's report, Leo Prasanshi Dewmini, secretary of the Leo Club of Uva Wellassa University gave an overview of the previous projects which we successfully conducted during the previous month.

In our meeting, we relived some of our great memories as the UWU Leo club and also we used our general meeting, to discuss our future series of upcoming events with the respective chairpersons and our future procedures with the new year 2023. The valuable and active participation of the attendees was appreciated by the Leo club of Uva Wellassa University. Participation headed this event to success. With the UWU Leo family, we hope to serve for the betterment of our community in the future too.



As the UWU Leo family, we proudly held our general meeting for December via zoom platform sharp at 6.00 pm on the 4th of December 2022 with the participation of more than a hundred participants with enthusiastic board members, executive members and our Leo members in Uva Wellassa University. The dignitaries of the meeting were marked with the chief guest the senior lecturer, and the senior student counsellor Mr. Jagath Kulathilaka. The content of the

**-LEO BOD OF NOVEMBER-  
LAKSHRI SASHIKALA**

**1) Who are you?**

I am Lakshri Sashikala, an executive member of the Leo Club of Uva Wellassa University and also the chairperson of the ' Uva Sahashra 2022' Sweet Tamarind planting project.

**2) What do you think of being chosen as Leo of the month, and how do you feel about your achievement?**

I am very pleased and have a humble pride since being chosen as Leo of the month joining the UWU Leo family was a great opportunity that I got to enhance my leadership skills and to get more experiences for my future career. I thank everyone who supports me in the success Uva Sahashra 2022' project.

**3) How did you join the UWU Leo club and how did your journey begin?**

I was able to join UWU Leo Family as a founding member through one of my best friends namely Leo Prasanshi Dewmini (The secretary of the UWU Leo Club). And I started my journey in the club by actively contributing to club activities and chairing my first project ' Uva Sahashra'.

**4) What are the projects that you have engaged in so far?**

"Uva Sahashra 2022" is one project that I was engaged and it was a sweet tamarind planting project that was conducted to promote this valuable "sweet tamarind plants"



And also I could contribute to arranging a fun event, "Simba Eve" for the 15th gen of Leos of UWU.

**5) Among those, what was your favourite project?**

"Uva Sahashra 2022" is the first project for that I was the chairperson. It was a planting project and we planted 10 sweet tamarind plants (Grafted) in university premises that have high economical and medicinal value in the local and export market. So, we were able to do a huge thing for our university and country by promoting exportation as an example for other universities. Therefore, this project is the most memorable one in my Leo movement.

**6) Now, what do you feel about being UWU Leo?**

I want to say that, it's a great pleasure being a UWU Leo member and the unity of the amazing UWU Leo family. All of the members are very supportive and I got a valuable opportunity to improve professional skills like leadership skills for my future career path. So, I think, the decision that I got to join the UWU Leo family is a blessing in my life.

**7) According to you, what is the most important thing you gained as a Leo?**

I got a valuable opportunity to improve my professional skills such as leadership skills, and communication skills for my future career path. Furthermore, in the UWU Leo family, I got a chance to make a lot of new friends and have more fun and experiences by participating in some fun events, projects and meetings.

**8) What are your plans with the UWU Leo club, and what is your message to your juniors who are willing to join the Leo Club?**

I hope to start 2nd phase of the "Uva Sahashra" project near future with a new face. And also, I think UWU Leo Club is a very good platform to start your career gaining more in your life. And you have the freedom to create your own ideas build up an outstanding personality as a responsible individual for society as well as our country. So, you can join with UWU Leo family and enlighten your future by doing unique things for the club as well as our country.

## -MY LEO EXPERIENCE-

Becoming a part of the Leo Club of Uva Wellassa University presented me with a chance to contribute to the betterment of society. It allowed me to develop and convey my leadership potential, enabling me to grow and enhance my skills while serving the community. The "Sewanata Sawiyak" project was the very first project I organized and it was not just any project; it was an unforgettable experience for me as someone who has a deep love and compassion for kids. It was an effort to mark the Children's Day in a meaningful way by extending a helping hand to the "Kadurata Lama Niwasaya," one of the orphanages in Badulla that was in dire need of support.

The project has always been a team effort, and it would not have been a success without the help of volunteers. Our organizing committee and other members put in long hours and worked tirelessly to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Friends and family members also rallied to the cause, donating generously and offering their support in every way possible.

With that support, we were able to collect an impressive array of items, donations, and other essentials they lack, including kitchen utensils, food, sanitary items, and educational materials. Seeing



so many people come together to support was very uplifting and gave us all the courage to keep pushing forward despite the country's ongoing economic crisis, which drives up the cost of everything.

We spent the entire day with the kids, playing games, singing their favourite songs, dancing, eating delicious treats, getting to know them better, and making their day a memorable one.

The future of our nation lies in the hands of our children, and it is our responsibility to ensure that they are given the love and care they deserve. We have to provide for their needs and to make sure that they know they are just as important as any other kid in this world. Projects like this one is a small step towards achieving this goal, and I am proud to have been a part of it. I also feel immense gratitude towards everyone who played a part in this project. The generosity of our donors, the dedication of our organizing committee and members, and the warmth of the children at the orphanage all combined to create a sense of unity which is remarkable.

The children's contagious joy and the smile on their faces made all the hard work and effort we had to the project worthwhile. It was the greatest reward for me and my team, and that gave us the motivation to continue to do good deeds for the community in the future and make a positive impact on our community.

**-LEO Madara Bandara**

## -LEO OF NOVEMBER- SANUVI THISANSA

### 1) Who are you?

I'm Sanuvi Thisansa from Matara. Currently, I'm following the Industrial Information Technology degree program attached to the faculty of Applied Sciences.

### 2) What do you think of being chosen as Leo of the month, and how do you feel about your achievement?

I didn't expect to be named the Leo of the Month so soon after starting my Leo career. When I heard the news that I had been chosen, I was over the moon, and it was a great pleasure for me.

It was a huge motivation for me to continue contributing fully to the events and functions of the Leo Club. I'm pleased with all the Leos for their biggest influences and constant guidance towards me since the day I joined the club as a prospect and also till the day I ended my Leo journey.

### 3) How did you join the UoWU Leo club and how did your journey begin?

At the beginning of the club's existence, I applied for membership and then became a prospective member. Then I became a member of the Leo Spirit group, which is for the active members of the club. Then I applied for the Leo board members, and as a result, I'm currently working as the Additional



Additional Secretary of the Leo Club of UWU and also still doing projects and contributing to most of the events and functions initiated by the club.

#### **4) What are the projects that you have engaged in so far?**

The first project I contributed to was "SANKALANA," which happened on an online platform with a famous resource person. It was an entertainment event in the music industry. Then I contributed to another online event called "SYMBA EVE". It was an amazing experience for me. The main objective of the event was to foster friendships among Leos at UWU. We played games as teams and faced unexpected challenges as a team during the event, and it was really fun and entertaining.

Again, I joined the project "MAATHRU" by donating specific items for pregnant mothers and newly becoming mothers. Project "CONVERSA" was the latest project to which I contributed as a Leo. It was an English Day which we organized for children of a rural school. We have done it more successfully than we think, and I'm proud of UWU Leo as an organizing committee member of the project.

#### **5) Among those, what was your favourite project?**

Among all the projects I mentioned before, my favourite project was "CONVERSA". It was an educational and entertaining event. Our target audience for the project was the children of one of the rural schools in Passara, Badulla, called Jayampathi Vidyalaya.

We organized an English Day for the children. It was not a usual English Day celebration. We played so many English games that they can improve their English knowledge well because they do not have enough English knowledge. Finally, we presented gifts for all of the children and took feedback from them. I'm pleased for my team to have had that chance because I learned how to manage any kind of situation and people in a good manner. There were lots of children from different age limits, and we had to manage them in different ways. I developed my communication skills, leadership skills, and event management skills.

We completed the project successfully. As a result, we are invited to do a seminar series for the O/I students of that school. And also, we hope to conduct this project continuously in different phases.

I'm eagerly waiting to do future projects with UWU Leos and accomplish our goals as a club.

### **6) Now, what do you feel about being UWU Leo?**

It can't simply be expressed through words like this.

Usually, Leos are known for their outgoing and confident personalities. They enjoy being the centre of attention and are natural leaders, like me.

I appreciate our club president and other responsible people who started the Leo club at our university and gave us many fantastic opportunities to become great volunteers and improve our inner strength.

Overall, being a Leo can mean having a strong personality and a desire for recognition and success, as well as a capacity for passion and loyalty in relationships.

I'm proud and pleased for taking the step to becoming a Leo member. After joining the club, I understood that there are so many ways that we can help different communities, and actually, what is real society? And this is a good platform to enhance our potential and capabilities. It has been a great experience in my university life. Still, I enjoy it and hope to continue doing so in the future.

### **7) According to you, what is the most important thing you gained as a Leo?**

I think I'm right if I say that I have a good understanding of my potential and, as a result, I serve the community to the best of my ability while simultaneously reflecting.

Leo Club at UWU provides me with various strengths and qualities that can be valuable in life.



## SOMETHING SUPER SPECIAL ABOUT -DECEMBER-

The final month of the year, December, is a festive time for all. Everyone has hope for a fresh starting as one year comes to an end and the next one begins. It goes without saying that this month has a lot to offer, including cozy winters, blanket warmth, and Christmas! Christmas is the super special thing about December. "Mass on Christ's Day" or Christmas is a Christian holiday that commemorates Jesus' birth as the spiritual leader of a religious group, whose teachings serve as the foundation. It is a widely observed cultural and traditional festival that is observed in different ways around the world. As Sri Lanka, it is a religious holiday in most of the countries across the world, including India, USA, UK, European countries etc. Christmas reminds us of the revolution and disruption that Jesus' birth brought about for the entire world. Christmas is observed with a lot of love, harmony, and respect. There are specific symbols associated with Christmas that come to mind.

The Christmas tree is one of the holiday's more well-known

emblems. Most people merely assume that this tradition has been practiced for ages without giving it any thought, despite the reality that it has only been established for 150 years. The concept was first proposed in Germany, and later Queen Victoria and Prince Albert disseminated it to the rest of the western world (History.com Editors, 2009). A day before December 25th, this event was intended to be enjoyed by the whole family. Santa Claus delivering gifts to kids on Christmas Eve is another well-known symbol and cherished Christmas custom. Many people's favorite Christmas ritual is "raising a joyful noise". Singing these Christmas carols is something unique, especially when you go caroling with a group of loved ones.

***"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."*** - Burton Hills. Giving gifts is one of the numerous ways you may demonstrate your love for others during the holiday season. According to legend, the custom of exchanging gifts serves as a reminder of the presents the three



wise men gave the baby Jesus. Finally, Christmas is a joyous holiday. It is about giving and supporting other people. People honors Jesus Christ and his life lessons on this day. The festival teaches us to act with kindness and respect toward one another and to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

**-LEO Dilki Apsara**



## -ST. NICHOLAS-

*"Jingle Bells Jingle Bells, Jingle All the Way,  
Oh! What fun it is to ride, in a one-horse open sleigh."*

During Christmas, this song is sung by the children with great joy and it brings excitement to the kids' favourite Santa Claus. Santa Claus is a long-haired, white-bearded sage who wears red and leaves gifts in children's bags. On Christmas Day, kids wait impatiently for Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is a name for Saint Nicholas, who was born in the third century. St. Nicholas is thought to have been born in what is now Turkey around the year 280 AD. Nicholas was the bishop of Lysia, a region in Byzantine Anatolia, and he was a Greek Christian. Nicholas came from an affluent family that was always willing to help the less fortunate. He was well-known for his moral uprightness and benevolence, which later inspired countless tales.

According to the story, there was a poor man who did not have money for the marriage of his three daughters, so he forced them into the body trade. Afterwards, to prevent the girls from becoming prostitutes and to demonstrate his kindness,

Nicholas concealed the three gold coin sacks covertly inside the three pairs of socks that were drying out. Some people hold the view that Santa Clause is a messenger sent by God, while others assert that he is the father of Jesus and so arrives to deliver gifts to children on the eve of Christmas on the occasion of his son's birthday. Every child adores him and looks forward to his arrival at Christmas. Along with giving the kids gifts, Santa also gives them a note encouraging good behaviour and academic success. Children are motivated by this to strive to be decent children throughout their lives.

So, somehow St. Nicholas gave a great message to the world about peace and harmony during and after the ages from his lifetime. He is one of the great characters who need to be appreciated during December.

**Hoh hoh hooo merry Christmas!**

**-TSUNAMI-**

Tsunami is one of the largest natural disasters in the world. That can affect human lives as well as natural resources, etc. Simply Giant waves known as tsunamis are brought on by earthquakes or underwater volcanic eruptions. The height of tsunami waves does not substantially rise as they approach the ocean's depths. Yet, as the waves move inland, the ocean's depth declines, causing them to rise to ever-higher heights. Rather than the distance from the wave's source, the speed of tsunami waves is determined by the depth of the ocean.



Across deep waters, tsunami waves may move as quickly as jets, only slowing down when they encounter shallow waters. Oceanographers advise against calling tsunamis "tidal waves" because the tides have little to do with these enormous

waves. The tsunami destroys human populations, homes, buildings, and ports in addition to destroying beaches, trees, and vegetation.



A sudden, swift decline in water levels below the predicted low tide is a more perilous and urgent indication of an impending tsunami. This can happen minutes before a tsunami hits the shoreline and maybe the only indication along coastlines that are too far from the epicentre to feel the shaking. A tsunami can potentially happen with little to no notice. A tsunami can potentially happen with little to no notice. Seismologists from Natural Resources Canada keep a constant eye out for such occurrences. A tsunami warning is immediately sent to the media and municipalities in areas where a tsunami is likely to occur. Marine Communications Traffic Services of



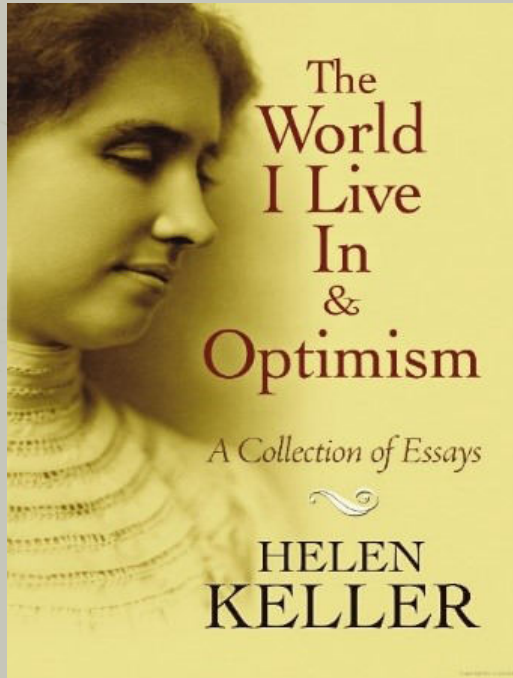
the Canadian Coast Guard sends tsunami warnings to seafarers. If there is time after receiving a tsunami warning, moving to higher ground as soon as possible can avoid this disaster.

Sri Lanka was one of the countries struck by the tsunami resulting from the Indian Ocean earthquake on December 26, 2004, which was exactly after Christmas

and Poya day. On January 3, 2005, Sri Lankan authorities reported 30,000+ confirmed deaths. This can be considered as one of the most tragic natural disasters we have ever faced as Sri Lankans.

**-LEO Shashindi Menushika**

# THE BLIND & DEAF AUTHOR OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY



**–“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision”–**

Helen Keller was a major humanitarian, educator, and writer of the 20th century who advocated for deaf and blind people as well as women's suffrage, labour rights, and world peace, and co-founded the American Civil Liberties Union. Born on June 27, 1880, in Tuscumbia, Alabama, this remarkable woman was born without any disease but became blind and hearing impaired at 19 months. Although she had to face this condition due to a disease known as 'brain fever', she did not let it hinder her and since she was 7

years old, she has developed a way to communicate with her family. She was then referred to Anne Sullivan as her teacher and mentor. Since then she has started studying Braille and various other methods. She was a writer before receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree from Radcliffe College, Cambridge in 1904. She published two works, The story of my life in 1902 and Optimism in 1903. Accordingly, she became the first person who was deaf and blind to earn a College degree. She also received honorary doctorates from Glasgow, Harvard, and Temple universities.

She worked for the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) from 1924 to 1968 and was instrumental in raising funds for the foundation. In addition, she has travelled to 35 countries around the world to advocate for blind people. She has also written many articles on blindness for major magazines. The country, McClure's and The Atlantic monthly are some of them. In addition, she has written many books such as The open door, Out of the dark, Light in my darkness, The

world I live In, My religion, Women's Wit and wisdom, and The song of the stone wall. In 1964, she was awarded the 'Presidential Medal of freedom' for her excellent service. It was presented by then-President Lyndon B. By Johnson. It is one of the two highest civilian awards in the United States. However, she died on June 1, 1968, in Easton, Connecticut, having done great service to the people and set a great example to the world, without both sight and hearing.

**-LEO E. M. S. L Ekanayake**

## -ONE CHAPTER IN MY DIARY-

I am now 25 years antique. That means I have been living in my family for 25 years. During this time period what I have felt is the happiness of life is fading away and the burden of life is following us due to this busy life pattern. But that condition was totally different for my younger brother and still the same. It is because he is the happiest member among five of my family. The reason for being the happiest one is being a Down's syndrome child. Down's syndrome is a genetic disease occurred due to the extra copy of 21st chromosome. However, I am heartily thankful for that extra chromosome that my younger brother gifted to the world as such a beloved one.

I was in grade 6 when he came to this world. Still I can remember him as a newly born child who was having an abnormally big but super cute belly. I have noticed that his smile which has been remaining unchanged since his birth until today. Just trust me please, his smile is unique and adorable!

We have unlimited words to communicate but are not used effectively. He has two three sounds

which are similar to some words but he uses them properly to chat with us or to be friendly with someone else. But unfortunately, most of the outsiders take it just as a sound and neglect him because they are not capable of understanding him. If one day he can speak, definitely he will talk about so many things he had wanted to say for 13 years. And also he will definitely tell my secrets to my mama.

Normally, many people who meet him wherever look at him again and again as his appearance and behavior are bit unusual from others. But my brother smiles with those people without knowing that reality. At that time, I feel like I want to shout the world saying what he needs is not their pity but their love. But what he always gets is the pity. This is same for the other children born with specialties.

Ordinary people have used to call those children who were born with specialties as "disabled children". But I often question myself why we cannot rename them as "**children who have special skills**". It is crystal clear that they have plenty of



mental and physical disabilities but it is not fair enough to label them as **disabled**,

Sometimes, I get frustrated with this busy life. Then I wish I could be a Down's syndrome one like him. It is because he is always light as a feather. He has no worries until my mom wants to brush his teeth in every morning and evening. His world is not giant as ours but I swear that it is comfortable than ours.

He is not like us. But my parents wanted to give him an ordinary life as ours. I can remember how my mom put her best effort to look for a school where he could gain a general education as her other two children. Two children mean me and my sister. But her request was rejected by those schools all the time. In the end, the only thing that happened was that she got plenty of heart breaks. Finally, he was entered to a special unit where there were some kids like him. What I learnt is this society wants to pack their colourful world into a black and white box. Ordinary children are also among my brother's friend list. But every day they leave each other after the school interval. But those lovely kids hate goodbyes. My brother comes back to the special unit while those

children are going to their usual class. The wall between their two classes has divided them into two different worlds. Those kids proved to me that all adults including me are the responsible one for all the segregations in this world.

There are two teachers in my brother's classroom. They are well-trained teachers to teach children like my brother. They are the most calm-minded teachers I have ever met. To be honest, I do not like to be a teacher but once I have felt to be a teacher like them because their interesting teaching style can trigger someone to be a teacher. Once at a school concert, they danced with my brother's team on the stage to encourage them. I am grateful to the universe for introducing those kind hearted people to my brother's world.

There is a playground by my house. Usually, my dad takes him to that playground because he is getting fat day by day. He brings his bicycle with him but still he cannot ride it well. But I have noticed his progress. At the very beginning, he pushed his bike. Then he sat on the seat but did not move. Now he is trying to move pedals. One day he will ride his bicycle for sure. I know



his walk to success is too slow but what he needs is the time to achieve.

I wished to be an adult soon when I was about 7 years old but now I am worrying about that crazy wish because I have realized that life is not too long to live as we think. I wish him a miracle for getting enough time to find his destination in his wonderful life journey. I am looking forward to the day when he gets his success. I give him all my blessings to find the meaning of his birth on this earth!

**-LEO H. G. H. H. Kalpani**





Skill Box



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 කියාපා මා දරුවෙමා...

සිහිද ලබාදෙන රහස් සිතවනු  
 නොහැකි විය අද සලකන්න  
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 මගේ හිත දෙනුන් නවත්  
 මගේ නාමය මම නොහැකිය  
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 මම අවදානමක් ලෙසින්  
 මුනි සලකා මුනි මගේ

සහි සී නොබිනාර

### හිත වීදු මධු නිකු මාගේ ගොරුවා - හමුත් රකිම මධු ගොරුවා පෙර සේම

කළමි ආදරේ අවංක වූ සිතකින්  
 සිටියෙමි ගැටලු හමුවේ අත් නොමහරිමින්  
 කර්මය මගේ හෝ මිබගේ නොමදනිමින්  
 වෙනස් වූනා මිබ කිසිදා නොසිතා ලෙසින්

ජීවිතෙ කිසිම දවසක මට නොවූන ලෙසින්  
 අසරණ බවක් දැනුණා නොසිතා විලසින්  
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 මා තනි කළේ නෑ මගේ සරසවි මිතුරුණ

අදටත් රකිමි මිබේ ගොරුවා පෙර සේම  
 ආදරයක් නැවතත් නෑ කිසිදාක  
 වෙර කරලා හිමිවන්නේ විදවීම  
 සහනය තමයි තරහක් නැති අත් හැරුම

මා කළ කර්මයක් ගෙව්වා පෙර සසරේ  
 උදව් කළ මධු නිකු වේ සුමිතුරියේ  
 අතීතයේ ඇලිලා නැත මම දිවියේ  
 වර්තමානයේ සතුටින් ඇත සුවයේ

මුළුම පැවසුවා තම සහාය මටම  
 අසරණ නොවේ මම උදවස වූ ලෙසම  
 නැති විය මධු නිකු මාගේ ගොරුවා  
 නමුත් රකිමි මධු ගොරුවා පෙර සේම

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### දක දැනත් ගින්නේ ඇවිලවේ පැල්පතට මා නොවේදෝ මාගේම

මලෙහි පෙති ගිලිහිලා  
 මලත් දැන් මැලවිලා  
 මං මූලා වූණ බබරෙක් ඇදුණා  
 තවත් මලකට  
 රොන් සොයා...

පාට වත්සුණු සුවදින් කැළඹිලා හද  
 පවුරා බිදුණා යහන මධ්‍යයේ  
 අමුතු අරුමෝසම් ලොවක තනි වූණා  
 සුසුම්පිත වන යාමයේ  
 රැයත් මදිවිය ගෙවාගන්නට තිබූ ඒ රොන් පිපාසේ  
 දැනුණා ආයෝන් හරි පිපාසයක්....

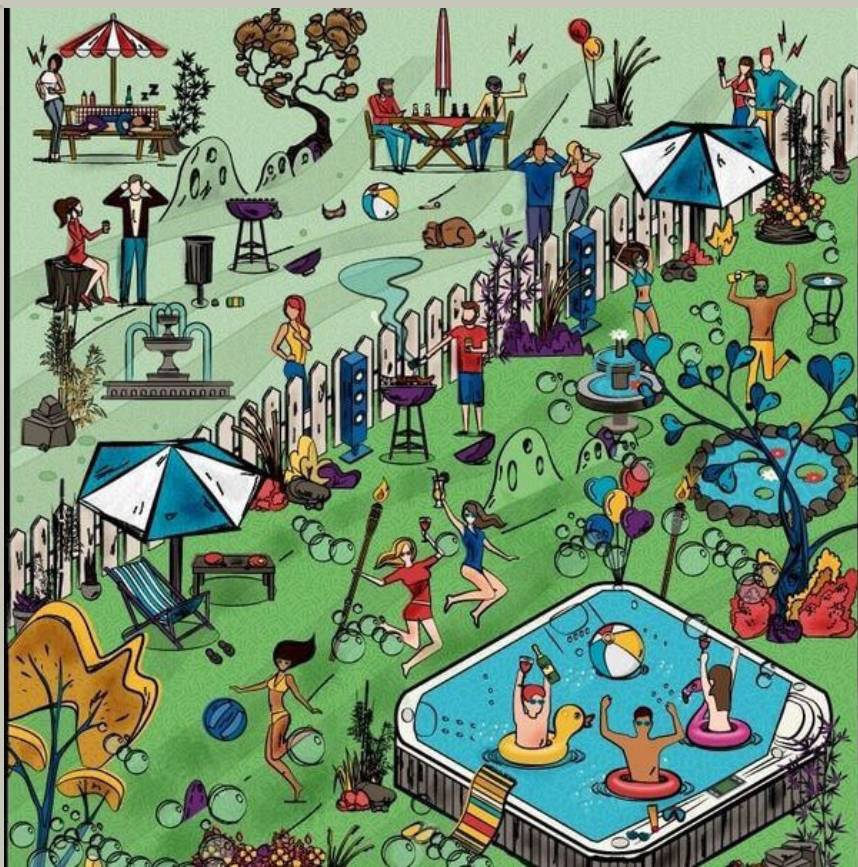
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 ඉදන්, හෝරා දෙක, තුනට පෙර  
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*“Chill December brings the sleet,  
Blazing fire, and Christmas treat.”*

-Sara Coleridge-