

VOGA Canada 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to VOGA Canada 2025!

“Dare to Do It Right”



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VOGA Canada is more than an organization—it’s a community rooted in Toronto and connected across Canada. Since 1988, we’ve celebrated the bond with our alma mater through social, cultural, and educational events. With over 200 members, we’re united by friendship, volunteer spirit, and pride—always welcoming, always strong. *Join us and keep the legacy alive.*

“Together, we honor the past and shape the future. “Celebrating connections, creating memories. “Where pride meets community.”



To become a life member of the Vembadi Old Girls' Association in Canada (VOGA Canada), follow these steps:

- 1. Contribute a one-time fee of \$100.00 CAD** to become a life member.
- 2. Participate in administrative and official affairs** as a lifelong member.
- 3. Receive a decorative pin** to recognize your enrollment as a life member of [VOGA Canada](#).

[For more information or to inquire about membership options, you can reach out to VOGA Canada at \[vembadiogacanada@gmail.com\]\(mailto:vembadiogacanada@gmail.com\). They are ready to assist you in joining their vibrant community of Old Girls' Alumni and answer any questions you may have about the membership process.](#)

Please connect with our official Facebook group of the Vembadi Old Girls Association (VOGA) Canada Branch! This is your space to connect, share memories, and stay updated on VOGA Canada events. Join us to reunite with old friends, make new ones, and support each other on our journey. For more information, visit our website <https://vogacanada.ca/>



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My dear Vembadians,

I am happy to connect with you again via this newsletter. It was wonderful seeing most of you at our recent events. It has been an extremely busy and action packed 3 months.

Incredible tributes were paid to late **Ms.Tharmalingam**, (retired Deputy Principal, PE & English language teacher at VGHS) at the celebration of her life, held on 23rd Aug.2025.

Vembadians turned out in big numbers for our **Annual Picnic** that was held on 26th July 2025. Everyone's active engagement and high-spirited participation in the games and karaoke singing contributed immensely to a very successful picnic.

Another resounding success and a memorable event was our **Dinner Dance**, held on 13th September with a packed hall and a variety of entertainment. The fashion show choreographed by Logi Mariathan, performed by children of Vembadians, the energetic group dance, choreographed and performed by Sujitha Thavaseelan and her friends and the skit by Shanthi Kirupa and Nirmala received high compliments. The exceptional door and raffle prizes offered at the event were well appreciated, sincere thanks to our sponsors. We are extremely grateful for the presence of some of our very senior members and teachers at the above events despite their own challenges.

None of the above would have been possible if not for:

- 2025 VOGA Committee - I applaud you for an amazing teamwork. We came together with one goal and that was to do well in what we did, and we did exactly that. Thank you, ladies, for your dedication and not forgetting some other life members who helped us.
- Our sponsors and donors - We thank each and everyone of them for their kindness and generosity towards our cause.
- Most of you who were there to support us, despite your own personal commitments and I thank you very sincerely for making that effort to grace the occasion.

We are very proud to have risen above all challenges and hurdles while preparing for the above events upholding our values and maintaining Vembadi and VOGA reputation.

We "Dared to do right, we did it so bravely, so kindly, so well. The Angels WILL hasten the story to tell"

With warmest wishes,

Devaranee (Bubby) Vishnu Mohan

President VOGA 2025

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Event Recap-Honoring the Life and Legacy of Ms. Tharmalingam

A heartfelt Celebration of Life for the late Ms. Tharmalingam was held at the Scarborough Civic Centre. The event brought together former students and community members to honor and remember a remarkable educator whose dedication and guidance profoundly shaped countless lives. Several past students shared moving tributes, reflecting on her unwavering commitment to education and the lasting impact she had on their personal and professional journeys. Her legacy of compassion, wisdom, and excellence will continue to inspire generations to come.



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Event Recap-Gratitude for Your Participation in the VOGA Picnic

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all who attended the VOGA Picnic on July 26. Your decision to join us, despite personal and family commitments as well as other concurrent events, was deeply valued. Your enthusiastic involvement in the games and karaoke significantly contributed to the success of the event, as reflected in the many positive responses we have received. Thank you once again for your presence and spirited participation.



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Event Recap-VOGA Picnic 2025



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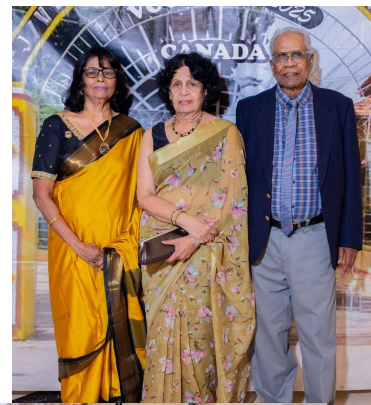
Event Recap -Dinner Dance 2025 – An Elegant Evening of Celebration

The Dinner Dance held on September 13, 2025, was an exceptional success, drawing a full house of distinguished guests, including esteemed seniors, respected educators, and Member of Parliament Juanita Nathan. The evening's program featured a captivating fashion show, an engaging group dance, and a well-received skit that held the audience's attention throughout. Following the performances, the dance floor quickly filled with enthusiastic participants, creating a vibrant and memorable conclusion to a truly remarkable event. We extend our sincere gratitude to our generous sponsors, whose support made this event possible



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Navaratri Pooja 2025 Recap

Due to space constraints in the September edition, event photos will be featured in the upcoming issue of the VOGA Canada Newsletter.



Upcoming Events

VOGA 2025 Speaker Event: Estate Planning 101

Following our successful February event, VOGA 2025 is proud to present a talk by a distinguished lawyer on the importance of having a Life Will and Living Will. Learn about the legal and personal consequences of not having these essential documents in place. We'll also highlight the Tamil Community Centre (TCC) project and Vembadi's involvement in this exciting initiative. **Join us on Zoom and be part of the conversation!**

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Estate Planning - 101

An insightful one-hour Zoom session with
Shuruthi Raman, LLB, LLM

OCT. 19, 2025
at 2 pm
via ZOOM

Learn | Plan | Protect | Preserve

What You'll Learn:

- The what, why, and how of estate planning
- Why difficult conversations are necessary
- Preserving your legacy with confidence
- How to avoid leaving complications for loved ones

Zoom details will be shared before the session

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VOGA 2025 Christmas Carol & Dinner

Join us for a joyful and enchanting evening as we celebrate the final event of the year. *An evening of music, warmth, and togetherness.*

✦ See flyer below for details.

Christmas Carol & Dinner

Join us for a magical evening filled with holiday joy and festive cheer!

Armadale Community Centre
2401 Denison St. Markham, Ont. L3S 1G3

Meet Santa Claus | Holiday Crafts | Christmas Carols |
Surprise Gifts | Delicious Dinner

Saturday, Dec 06 2025 **5 PM-9 PM**

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