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*The President
And Committee Members
of the
EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC
Wish all its
Members, Benefactors and Friends
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
Happy & Healthy
New Year 2011*



CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE



PRESIDENT'S 2010 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc. has had another very successful year and this is, in no small measure, due to the generosity of all our members, friends and corporate supporters. A very big Thank You to all not only from me but also on behalf of those Less Fortunate folk we help in Sri Lanka.

The annual Christmas parties for the Welfare Beneficiaries and the Sponsored Children are being held on the 7th and 9th of December respectively, and I am certain that all who attend will have a great time. Thanks to Anthea Muller, her committee and the hard working staff of the DBU for all their hard work in not only organising these functions, but also all their efforts throughout the year.

The 200 Welfare Beneficiaries would have received their quarterly allowance and in addition their Christmas bonus by the time this newsletter gets to you. It is hoped that this will help these good people to have a joyous Christmas.

A special thanks goes out to all those who so very kindly donated towards my special project of giving the children a Christmas present. If you are able to see the joy on these children's faces I am certain it would bring gladness to your hearts. Thanks again.

To our Management and Fund Raising Committees, Thank You very much for all your hard work and generosity throughout the past twelve months.

Marie and I, together with our committee members, wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I look forward to your continued support.

Rodney de Kretser



The Editor and June
Wish all readers of the EIGHTY CLUB newsletter
A very Happy Christmas
And a blessed New Year 2011.

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT



Dear Friends,

A member who wished to remain anonymous was moved by the circumstances of Welfare Beneficiary, Roshan Hansay, to the point where she sent us a donation of \$70 to be forwarded to him. This has been done and a nice surprise awaited Roshan when he went to the DBU, on the 26th of October, to collect his usual Welfare Benefit.

The following were assisted from our Emergency Fund:

- Mr Lawrence de Zilwa – Rs. 2000. Both his feet were infected and needed medication.
- Mrs Verbeena de Zilva – Rs.3000. Aged 73 years. House is about to be demolished and has no place to stay. Finds life difficult.
- Mr Hector Tranchell – Rs.3000. He is too sick to work. Wife and he are ill and both need constant medication.
- Miss Amy Tranchell – Rs.3000. 78 years old. Has no income. She lives with her nephew who is having a hard time financially.
- Mrs Pheadra Theadora Lowe. Rs.3000. Aged 44 years. Has a brain tumour but cannot have surgery because she has no one to look after her, post surgery. Her 23 year old son is a cripple and also mentally challenged. Neither can work. Showed all her medical records to the DBU.
- Miss Clare de Zilva. Rs.2000. She is due for a by-pass operation and, until that is done, she needs a lot of medication.
- Mr. Terrence Wallace. Rs.2000. 58 years old. Has just had by-pass and hernia surgery. No money for medication as he cannot work.
- Mrs. Jennifer Wijenayake. Rs.2000. This lady's daughter is very ill and needs admission to Angoda. They needed money for medication and transport.



All Welfare Beneficiaries will be paid a bonus of Rs.2000 each at a Christmas Party to be thrown for them in early December. These annual parties are looked forward to, very keenly, by one and all. Party games are played, carols sung, the baila danced and a lunch of tasty snacks is served to all.

Good news for all beneficiaries is that, effective from the first quarter of next year, the Family Allowance of Rs.300 per month will be increased to Rs.1000 per month. This will benefit about 14 beneficiaries who support school going children, mentally challenged children and mentally challenged siblings. This increase has been made possible by the generosity of our

members.

Old spectacles donated to me by friends were sent to Anthea Muller for distribution, at the Christmas Party, to those Beneficiaries who have use for them.

Darryl Isaacs
WELFARE COORDINATOR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2011

FEBRUARY 6 - BURIYANI LUNCHEON

Pamela/Maurice Forster – Esther/Melville Knower

APRIL 10 - STRINGHOPPER PILAU

Coordinators Laraine Muller/Rita Young & Arlene/Tony Scarnivel

TBA - MID YEAR LUNCHEON

Errol/Violet Jacotine; Audrey Ferdinands & Leonie Martenstyn

AUGUST 28 ROTI LUNCHEON

Annesley/Jennifer Young & Rochelle/Patrick Serpanchy

OCTOBER 9 RICE & CURRY LUNCHEON

Marie/Rodney De Kretser & Trevor Collette/Jill Amit

DECEMBER (TBA) DINNER DANCE

Tony/Arlene Scarnivel & Earle/Shireen Ferdinands

*Lunches will be at the Good Shepherd Hall,
Whealers Hill. However, dates, venues and
menus may be subject to change.*

*Reservations may be made with the contacts
named above whose phone numbers will be
found on the front cover OR with any other
committee member.*

**BOOKINGS CANCELLED THREE DAYS BEFORE
THE EVENT MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL.**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

*We extend the hand of friendship and a warm welcome to the following new
Members:*

Shane GOONERATNE of Wishart, Qld.
Glen & Chenika WAMBEEK of North Parramatta, NSW
Karen PRESSER of Croydon, Vic
David & Jenny de la HARPE of Fitzroy North, Vic
Glen & Noeline SCHUBERT of Bayswater, Vic
Marlene NAGEL of Wantirna South, Vic
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Hermon & Lausanne ANDERSON of Wantirna South, Vic
Christine SETHUPATHY of Hampton Park, Vic
Gaye JOHNSON of Warners Bay, NSW
David & Cheryl DABRERA of Sandy Point, Vic





IN GOD'S HANDS

THOMASZ – FRANK. Frank departed this life almost one year ago, at the age of 88, and his first death anniversary will be on January 6th, 2011. He is sadly missed by his wife, Marguerite (Micky) and his children Rosemarie, George, Denise, Jenny and Brian. He was also a devoted grandfather and great grandfather.

MCINTYRE – JEAN “MOREEN” (ORCHARD). Passed away at St.Hilary’s Bapcare, Morwell on Saturday, November 6, 2010 aged 77 years. Wife of Graeme. Mother and mother-in-law of Cheryl and Mark, Suzanne and Gary, Keith and Judy, Fiona and Damian, Scott and Linda. Grandma to Jacqueline, Rebecca, Eloise, Amy, Emily, Thomas, Laura, Orson and Alexander.
A wonderful person so loving and kind. What beautiful memories you have left behind. Sharing and caring, always content. Loved and respected wherever you went.

HATCH – CONRAAD EVERARD. Passed away on November 16, 2010, aged 83 years. Husband of Rita (nee Felsing). Father of Melany, Cheryl and Lorraine. Father-in-law of Robert and Trevor. Grandfather of eleven and great-grandfather of five.
Conraad Hatch joined the EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC in January 1997 and served on its Management Committee in various positions until his hearing began to let him down and he then preferred to serve on the Fund Raising Committee only. For a few years he functioned as the MC at the Club’s fund raisers and who can forget his inimitable style? Sometimes jovial and, at other times, irascible when guests did not stop talking! Con was a gentleman to his very fingertips. Always willing to help others, he assisted, financially, many less fortunate friends back in Sri Lanka. At home, despite many a painful illness, he and Rita delivered Meals on Wheels and were ever willing to help anybody who requested assistance. His sudden passing was a shock to all of us and he will be sorely missed. Vale to a Gentle Man!

SMITH – BARBARA JOYCE. Mother of Gillian, Sandra, Pauline and Peter and mother-in-law of Mohan. Grandmother of Jeremy (Bevy) and Chantelle Berenger. Nishana and Sheoni Hensman.

KELAART – JENNIFER CHRISTINE. Daughter of Ivor and Phyllis (Mary) Kelaart. Passed away on December 3, 2010 and sadly missed by all of the family who loved her so much. The end came peacefully with her children, parents, brother, nephews & nieces, cousins and close friends at her bedside.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

IF DESIRED, EIGHTY CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DONATIONS CAN BE TRANSFERRED BY DIRECT DEPOSIT INTO OUR ANZ BANK ACCOUNT. DETAILS ARE:

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Happy Anniversary

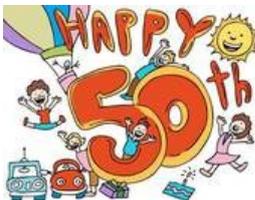
Robin and Joan LUDOWYK do the Anniversary Waltz on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The event was celebrated in grand style. Congratulations Robin and Joan.



ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS to Dr. Robin and Gwen MISSO and also to Melrose and Cholmondoley WILLENBERG. May God bless you and give you many more years of happiness together.



Sincere greetings to Myrna and Denis WILLIAMSZ who celebrated 54 years of wedded bliss. God bless you both.



Greetings and good wishes to Ishbelle and Emile POPPENBECK who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently. May their lives be blessed and may they be showered with God's blessing for many more years.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO

**LEONIE MARTENSTYN: MERVYN SCHOORMAN:
LARAINE MULLER: RITA YOUNG: SPENCER
VANDERZEIL: 'BINKIE' ABEL: ARLENE SCARNIVEL:
TONY SCARNIVEL: EARLE FERDINAND: SHANE
ISAAKS: TEREASE CRAMER.**



All those of our guests who attended the Club's Christmas Dance on the 10th of December would have been served a piece of scrumptious homemade Rich Cake which, I am sure, they enjoyed thoroughly. The entire quantity of cake was made, paid for and donated to the Club by no other than **Mrs. Hazel Anna Carron**, aged 87. Although she had some assistance in the mixing etc. from her daughter, Shireen Ferdinand, one can only imagine the effort that went into this labour of love. Thank you, Hazel! God Bless you.



HANDS ACROSS THE SEAS

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2010 FROM THE DUTCH BURGER UNION OF CEYLON TO THE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE INC

Christmas is only a few weeks away. As we look back on the year gone by, the General Committee of the Dutch Burger Union must yet again convey to the President and Committee of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc, as well as all Eighty Club Members, our sincere appreciation and gratitude for your continuing support towards the less fortunate.

The wonderful acts of generosity and assistance given to the DBU have enabled much good work to be done during the past year, through the Welfare Beneficiary Scheme as well as the Child Sponsorship Programme.

It is through this caring and commitment, as so amply demonstrated by the Membership of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc, that for the DBU and indeed those closely associated with this laudable work, including willing volunteers like Mystica Flamer Caldera and David Van Eyck who ungrudgingly come forward to give of their time and dedication in working along with Anthea Muller and Etienne Jayatunge, it has been possible to achieve so much in assisting the less fortunate. I must also mention here the work undertaken by DBU Executive Manager, Mohan Lourdes, on the accounting side and in putting in place different arrangements, including the requirements for cash on each of the dates when payment is made to Beneficiaries.

Yet again, the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc will this year sponsor the much looked forward to Christmas Party taking place at the DBU on the 14th of December, to brighten the lives of the many children who, by their circumstances, would otherwise be deprived of so much as experiencing, let alone enjoying, the true spirit of Christmas.

It is my privilege on behalf of the DBU General Committee and the DBU Membership, while once again thanking all you generous and caring people of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc to wish your President, the Committee and indeed the entire Membership, along with their Families, a Happy Christmas and all that is best in the New Year 2011.

Nigel Austin

PRESIDENT, DBU OF CEYLON



FROM RUPERT FERDINANDS

Eighty Club members may be interested to know that, on Sunday, 28th November 2010, I was inducted into the HALL OF FAME by Tennis Coaches Australia Victoria, and Tennis Victoria, in recognition of my outstanding contribution to tennis coaching and to the game of tennis in Victoria (Australia). This came as from a bolt from the blue. The prestigious award was given to me at an Awards Night held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club in front of a distinguished gathering. Ever since migrating to Australia in 1972, I have been associated with the game of tennis as a player, teacher and administrator, until about 4 years ago. I served on the Board of the Tennis Coaches (Victorian Branch) for over 15 years, even acting as President for a short time, was Manager of the Training School for Coaches in Victoria, Chairman of the TCAV Examination Panel, and have given lectures at the National level at tennis coaches conferences. Some years ago, the Australian Government, in conjunction with the Sri Lanka Tennis Association, sponsored me to conduct training courses for aspiring Sri Lanka tennis coaches.

Two years ago, I was honoured by the Ministry of Sports, Sri Lanka as a National Sporting Hero of Sri Lanka for bringing honour to the country for services rendered to tennis in Sri Lanka.



Greetings from Revd: Charles Jansz,
President, Christian Reformed (formerly Dutch Reformed) Church of
Sri Lanka.
Representing the Voluntary Outreach Club (Melbourne) in Sri Lanka.



Dear Friends,

I count it a privilege to greet each and every one of you again and wish you a most blessed Christmas as well as God's grace through 2011. I certainly want to commend you for your sustained efforts to raise monies so that the poor, needy and marginalised in Sri Lanka could be helped in some measure to make ends meet and preserve life.

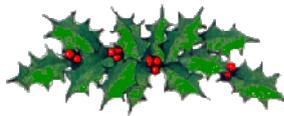
It has always been a blessing to read your reports that spell out your work and the many lives that have been touched. The testimonies of such beneficiaries have been of much blessing! I am personally aware of your great efforts to raise more money in these economically challenging times. These past few months I have been there myself – attempting to raise monies for the reconstruction of a Community Hall of the Church. It is intense and challenging work and I want to encourage you to keep at it motivated by the way such funds have blessed so many and made a difference in their lives.

We are again at that time of the year when we are reminded of God's love that gave His best. May His love fill us. May our eyes see His Salvation and may we continue to be channels of blessing to a needy world.

Maxine and I wish you all – the joys of another Christmas and the Lord's amazing grace through 2011.

With every blessing,

Revd: Charles N. Jansz.
29th November, 2010.



SEASONS GREETINGS AND BUON NATALE

Whist wishing the dedicated members of the Committee of The Eighty Club, Melbourne and all its members " A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR" it is my pleasant duty and privilege to say a very, very big "Thank You" to all the Office Bearers and Committee Members of the ECOM Inc. for the unstinted dedication, devotion and hard work they have contributed during this year to care for the less privileged and ease the untold burdens of the Elders and Children they sponsor. Their bountiful generosity is deeply appreciated and worthy of high praise. During this year a host of additional amenities have been made available and they truly define the spirit of love and care in order to give these hapless folk a better and brighter future.

One of the most generous contributions has been the fish buns and hot cups of tea afforded to each and every one of them who calls at the DBU when their quarterly payments are made. This is something all the elders and children relish, as most of them leave home without breakfast and sometimes it is too late to cook lunch when they go back home. Another act of benevolence, has been the increased Emergency Fund which eases the burdens of a great number of sick and needy contingency callers. Members of my sub Committee and I look forward to the tasks entrusted to us to carry out our duties to bring a ray of sunshine into the lives of the less privileged.

I would like to direct your attention to the following quotation:

*'If you can mend a saddened heart
Now full of care - run and mend it.
If you can lend a helping hand
Sometime, somewhere, please lend it "*

Thanking you once again, and wishing you all God's Blessings and all that is best for the festive season.

ANTHEA MULLER
Chairperson - Social Welfare – DBU of Ceylon.

CONRAAD EVERARD HATCH - AN EULOGY



Usually in Life, friends come and go but in the case of Conraad, once you were his friend –you had him for life –The friends he made during his life are still near and dear friends today

Born in Matale, Sri Lanka on the 6th July 1927, the youngest in a family of 7 he went to a local school until 13 and then St Lawrence's in Colombo,

He left school at 15 and worked as an apprentice electrician. A year later, he joined Cable & Wireless as a technician along with 50 other young men. These men became his life-long buddies even though many migrated all over the world. In 1987, they reunited in Australia to celebrate their 60th birthdays during two weeks of mayhem and memories to last their lifetimes.

Dad loved his motor bikes and owned many; Norton, BSA, Triumph, Indian, but his favourite was the Indian Scout. There are too many stories, but those who rode pillion or alongside dad will remember the hair-raising tales and wonder how they survived. Dad rode his last bike at the age of 79.

Conraad married Rita Felsing in 1951 and had 3 daughters; Melany Cheryl & Lorraine. He was also blessed with 7 grandchildren Terine, Rochelle, Melissa, Chantelle, Sharlene Mitchell & Carlie and, more recently, five beautiful great grand children who called him Popcorn (Con).

Dad always carried a camera, but his passion for photography blossomed in the 60's. He had his own dark room with all his equipment in the home. He became a semi professional Black & White photographer. He took many family portraits and covered several weddings. I'm sure many of you may have a photo with his signature stamp on the back.

In 1968 we migrated to Australia. Dad bought his first family home in Nunawading. Determined to make Australia his home, his famous parting line after meeting new friends was 'You must come over for a meal' and Rita would cook many a lovely Ceylonese feast. Our door was always open with friends dropping by unannounced.

His first job in Australia was with STC – Standard Telecommunication. He retired at 55 and began a different job in community services until the age of 60. During this period dad embraced golf. He was passionate and was the first person off the tee every Saturday morning. Many times in the dark!

Dad & Mum were involved in much community work for over 20 years and had only just received an Award. On the Monday before he died, he delivered his last 'meals on wheels' to the elderly – probably much younger than himself. He was also a very active and sometimes vocal member of the Eighty Club and worked very hard for the Fund Raising Committee until ill-health laid him low. At the 'young' age of 75 Dad bought a computer, did a short course and became an expert. He was never afraid to explore new technology. - Email became his greatest friend.

Our father had many great qualities. He never believed anyone was greater or lesser than he was. He respected everybody and had time for all. Nothing was too much trouble. He was a man of principles. He would speak his mind and stand by his convictions. Also, he was a stickler for good grammar!! We will miss you Conraad - Husband & Friend, Dad, Pop & Popcorn – especially your daily emails. Dad, you and Mum have had a full and happy life together and created lots of wonderful memories. We will know you are watching over all of us when we see the evening star and you will carry us through with your love.

By his daughters, Melany, Cheryl and Lorraine.



**OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING
DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY**

Donations received from 27th September to 6th December 2010

Brough Anna	10.00	Phoebus Tony Elaine	50.00
Carron Hazel	50.00	In memory of Iris Samarasinghe	
In memory of Brian Carron			
Caspersz Dunstan Barbara	100.00	Phyllis Cameron	25.00
Claessen Carol	100.00	In memory of Vernon Kelly	
In memory of Bryan Claessen		Ragel Florence	100.00
Da Silva Dudley Joan	20.00	Raymond Roger Lyn	50.00
David Frankie Vyvette	50.00	Raymond Roger Lyn	200.00
De Hoedt Winston Clara	40.00	Scharley Marie	100.00
De Kretser Marion	70.00	Sethupathy Bryan Michelle	20.00
De Zilwa Wilhelm Marina	20.00	Skinner Glenn	10.00
Edwards Sandy	100.00	In memory of Jean McIntyre	
In memory of Jean McIntyre		Smith Roger Susanne	70.00
Goggin Peter Rosemary	20.00	Spittel Dave Coreen	30.00
Harvie Christopher Sharnez	20.00	Sproule Anne	20.00
Holsinger Heather	75.00	Stewart Glenroy Romayne	50.00
In memory of Iris Samarasinghe		Tytler Harry June	50.00
		Vanderzalm Ruth	50.00
Holsinger Heather	450.00	In memory of Jean McIntyre	
In memory of Ivor & Eugenie Holsinger		Wambeek Keith Lynne	20.00
Jansz Bevil	10.00	Woodbury John Forrest	70.00
Kelaart Godrick	20.00	Young Anita Louise	40.00
For Clarence Pompieus		Anonymous	20.00
Lindsay School Past Pupil's Assoc	200.00	Anonymous	80.00
Ludowyke Anthony Patricia	20.00	Anonymous	50.00
Mack Brian	20.00	Anonymous	20.00
Miller Francis Cheryl	10.00	In memory of Jean McIntyre	
In memory of Jean McIntyre		Anonymous	40.00
Morrow Harry Lynette	10.00	Anonymous	40.00
Muller Lorraine	25.00	Anonymous	80.00
In memory of Richard Young		Anonymous	200.00
		Anonymous	20.00
Muller Lorraine	150.00	Anonymous	1,000.00
In memory of Daphne from Muller Family		Anonymous	125.00
Nicholas Arlene	30.00	Anonymous	40.00
Ondarchie Craig Gina	195.00	Anonymous	500.00
Oorloff Celia	20.00	Anonymous	80.00
Phillips Valentine Charmaine	20.00		
In memory of Eustace Brohier			

IN MEMORY OF CONRAAD HATCH



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**THE CHILDREN
OF THE EIGHTY CLUB'S
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SEND GREETINGS TO ALL THEIR SPONSORS
AND WISH THEM A MERRY CHSIRTMAS
AND A
HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR 2011.**

**THEY INVOKE GOD'S BLESSING ON THEIR SPONSORS
FOR THEIR GENEROSITY.**

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Yvonne de Ley	22.80	Benjamin	28.85
Anthony & Rosemary Koelmeyer	28.85	Ray Kelaart	77.00
Pat & Ivor de Kretser	48.75	Hesse	24.20
Ralph & Phil Gerreyn	23.75	Ryan Roberts	89.35
D & P Mack	23.00	June Mack	64.60
		TOTAL	624.25

RED SPOT SPECIAL



Friends ! If you see a Red Spot on the address label of this newsletter it means, very simply, that you have forgotten to pay your Membership fee for the current year. Please send us a cheque in the mail and rid yourself of this pesky Red Spot in the next newsletter. Thank you, friends!

KEEP THE DATE FREE

FEBRUARY 6, 2011 at 12.30 PM

Buriyani Luncheon

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