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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

MR STANLEY de FRY is aged 41 and married to Nilmini. The couple have 3 children aged 15, 8 and 3 1/2 years respectively. Stanley earned a comfortable living by driving a three- wheeler. He had never approached either the DBU or the Eighty Club for financial assistance—until disaster struck when he had a bad crash and was hospitalised with severe head trauma. To support the family, his wife sat at the entrance to a temple and sold joss sticks. Then, after a month, Stanley was discharged from hospital but he was declared brain dead. Imagine the predicament this family was placed in. His wife could no longer leave him unattended at home so the 15 year old daughter had to come home from school, leave her books at home, and then take her mother's place at the temple gates to sell joss sticks and earn a meagre income.

Things took a turn for the worse. Their landlord, a well known thug in the area, decided that, because of Stanley's condition, he wanted the family out of his house and gave them notice. He even had the house stoned to force them out.

Mrs de Fry approached the DBU for some help and that organisation brought all the facts of this case to our Club's notice, requesting help. We took immediate action by making Mrs de Fry a welfare beneficiary with retrospective effect so that the third quarter's benefit could be paid to her immediately. Then, our President, Mr Rodney de Kretser, personally brought the facts of this case to the notice of some of his friends and benefactors and collected nearly \$1000 to help this family.

A friend of this family in Colombo took on the responsibility to find the de Fry family another house to move to. A house was rented in Kotte for Rs.7000 a month and this wonderful friend collected money from well-wishers and even pawned her wedding ring to collect a year's rent so that the de Fry family could move to their new home without delay. In addition to the welfare benefit, this Club will also pay Nilmini de Fry an additional Rs.6000 a month from the donations collected by our President.

Stanley de Fry lies unconscious on his bed, being fed and breathing through tubes. His food consists of malted milk and marmite fed through a tube. The least we can do is try to assist his wife with the monumental task of tending to his needs and looking after their three children. Two children have got sponsors already. As usual, members responded to our President's call for help and I can only say a heartfelt THANK YOU to those who sent generous donations.

CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Another very successful year has gone by; time flies when you are having a good time.

I must say it has given me a lot of pleasure to be President of this organisation, especially when we have such kind and generous members and friends who are always ready to help with the various causes that come up during the year. It is because of people such as yourselves and the cause we serve that encouraged me to nominate as President for a further year.

Sadly, two of our longstanding members Vernon Kelly and Conraad Hatch passed away during the year. They will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing them.

We presently have 201 Welfare Beneficiaries on our books, the extra one has been recently added to the list due to a very unfortunate incident which befell the Beneficiary as a result of a motor vehicle accident. He is a 41 year old man who has been left brain dead and has a wife and three young children who are destitute.

We are still sponsoring 155 children in Colombo and Batticaloa. I would like to remind sponsors that it is imperative that sponsorship payments are kept up to date as the children rely on your payments to meet their educational expenses.

Due to the generous donations received throughout the year, we were able to make a one off payment of Rs14,000 each to 50 very needy families.

Without your help we would be unable to meet our objectives of caring for our Less Fortunate Friends in Sri Lanka.

Our lunches and annual Dance continue to be well attended and I thank the patrons for their support. These functions are the life blood of our club and I ask for your continued support.

The annual lunch which was so very generously donated by the de Silva family was held on the 3rd of July at The Grand and was attended by 480 guests made up of our members and friends. My thanks go out to Lorraine, Victor, Shanaka, and Krishan for their kindness and generosity. These good folk have now donated 13 such lunches to the club and in the process we have raised \$70,000.

Our Christmas Dance will once again be held at The Grand on Cathies Lane on Saturday, 10th December. I ask for your support for this function as it is the premier function for the year. Tickets are available from our Treasurer, Tony Scarnivel. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

The donations received, be they in the form of coin collections or the many cheques accompanying annual subscriptions, the bequests from families of members who have passed away during the year and from celebrations of anniversaries and birthdays are greatly appreciated. Thank you from all at the Eighty Club and those Less Fortunate friends in Sri Lanka. Please keep up the good work.

To all anonymous donors I also say a big thank you. To Bala and Padmini Mahendran for their continuing support, thanks again. It is the continuing support from friends such as you that encourage me to continue as President of this great Club.

To all our caterers who so generously provide the delicious food we partake of at our functions, thank you.

To Miles and Rachel Williams who generously give of their time and effort to prepare the floor plans and arrange the hall, thank you very much.

There are a number of very hard working members on both our Management and Fund Raising Committees. My Thanks for all your hard work and selflessness; without you this club would cease to exist. I once again ask The Good Lord to bless you and your families for all the sacrifices you make.

I thank Rochelle Serpanchy for her help during the past year, unfortunately due to other commitments she is unable to serve on the Management Committee. She however will continue as a member of the Fund Raising Committee.

We continue to gain new members; this is due to the hard work done by June Isaaks, our very capable Membership Coordinator. Thank you, June, and thanks also for the brilliant job as the MC for all our functions.

I am sure you all enjoy our very informative newsletters; this is in no small measure due to the tremendous input by our editor Darryl Isaaks who, despite his poor health, soldiers on. Also, Darryl is our Welfare Coordinator and it is thanks to his hard work that the 200 welfare beneficiaries receive their benefits. Darryl is ably assisted by Anthea Muller and her team at the DBU in Colombo. A big thank to Darryl and Anthea.

This year we have turned our deficit into a profit and this is in no small measure due to the very diligent efforts of our Treasurer, Tony Scarnivel, who is always looking for means of earning more for our club, Thanks, Tony. Tony is ably assisted by Melville Knower, thank you.

The Student Sponsorship Programme continues to thrive. Thanks to Trevor Collette who also doubles as Senior Vice President. We have a number of children on our waiting list for sponsorship; please contact Trevor if you would like to help one of these children.

A special thank you to our secretary, Marie de Kretser. Your untiring efforts are very much appreciated by all the committee and myself. Your support and input has made my duties a lot easier.

Earle Ferdinand our Web Master and Jack of all trades - thank you again for the time and effort spent on up-keeping the Website and all the designing and printing of tickets and advertising brochures.

I will be remiss if I did not thank, in particular, Earle, Annesley and all the others too many to mention individually for doing a sterling job with the washing up after each lunch. Thank you to the ladies of the committee and other lady members who pitch in with the drying and stacking of the crockery, cutlery and glasses.

Finally I say thank you again to all our members for their generosity and support throughout the past year. Please remember our club continues to meet its objectives of Caring for the Less Fortunate due to your assistance. Please keep up the good work.

God Bless you all and let's all look forward to another successful year.

Rodney de Kretser

29 August 2

At its Annual General Meeting on August 28, 2011
Mr Rodney de Kretser
was elected President of the
Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc
for the fourth year in succession
The full list of office-bearers is on the
front page of this newsletter



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CHRISTMAS AT THE GRAND

Dinner Dance

Saturday 10th December 2011 - 7.30pm - 12.30am

Venue : The Grand On Cathies (Mel Ref : 63 D 11)

Dance to the music of: **MIDNIGHT MIST**

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HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

The following were assisted out of our Emergency Fund:

Rs.2000 to Mr.R Boudewyn aged 71. Has been a domestic help all his life but cannot work now due to his age.

Rs.3000 to Mr A. Henricus aged 64. Has cancer which is terminal Cannot work now and has no income.

Rs.3000 to Mr G. Rezel aged 69. Is sick and cannot work as his eyesight is poor. Lives with his wife.

Rs.3000 to Mrs M M Francke aged 79. Manages on her own but had a fall, recently, and needed medication.

Rs.1000 to Mr. G Pereira. Is ill and needed money for medication.

Rs.1000 to Mr. C Kelaart. He is blind and needed money for bus fares etc.

Rs.2000 to Mrs C Quyn. Cannot find a job but gives some English tuition. Had a fall recently.

Rs.3000 to Mr R. W. Baptist aged 65. Wife is underwent an operation on 3.7.11 and had no money for daily expenses and medication.

Rs.2000 to Mr. D Hansay. His wife is after a major stomach operation and they needed money for medication and Sustagen.

In my editorial I have described the very pitiful case of Mr. Stanley de Fry who is brain dead after an accident in his three wheeler. Response has been quick and generous, both in Sri Lanka and here and many warm-hearted folk are trying their best to help him. In Colombo, two anonymous donors have joined forces to give him a new bed that is better designed for a patient in his condition.

One of our Beneficiaries, Mr S Scheffer passed away but the vacancy was not filled because the wife of Stanley de Fry had already been added to our WB list as a supernumerary beneficiary so the total number has come back to 200.

We started the practice of giving our WBs a fish/meat bun and a cup of tea when they came to collect their quarterly payments. At the time, the price of a bun was Rs.25. However, prices have since gone up to Rs.36 per bun and we have been compelled, for economic reasons, to give our WBs a tea bun and a cup of tea on their 'pay days'. This will serve as an example to enlighten you as to how the cost of living is going up by leaps and bounds in Sri Lanka.

The DBU has arranged for an optician to examine the eyes of all the WBs when they come to collect their benefits in October. This service will be free of charge but if glasses are required, they will be supplied at discounted rates.

Darryl Isaaks, Welfare Coordinator

COIN COLLECTIONS

<i>Sylvia Ephraims</i>	<i>35.00</i>	<i>Ralph & Phil Gerreyn</i>	<i>34.75</i>
<i>June Mack</i>	<i>28.00</i>	<i>Francis & Cheryl Miller</i>	<i>30.20</i>
<i>Anonymous</i>	<i>13.65</i>	<i>Anthony & Rosemary Koelmeyer</i>	<i>55.75</i>
<i>Audrey Fernando</i>	<i>16.05</i>	<i>Dawn Harvie</i>	<i>24.55</i>
<i>Roger & Sue Smith</i>	<i>28.00</i>	<i>De La Harpe</i>	<i>28.45</i>
<i>Noeline Mortimer</i>	<i>18.00</i>	<i>Hazel Carron</i>	<i>20.00</i>
<i>Ray Kelaart</i>	<i>63.15</i>	<i>Peggy & Douglas Mack</i>	<i>25.00</i>
<i>Anonymous (4 bottles)</i>	<i>381.15</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>801.70</i>

SOCIAL NOTES



LORNA VANDEN DRIESEN, who celebrated her 99th birthday recently about to cut her birthday cake. God bless and keep you, Lorna



Astrid Bowen - Deanna Van Cuylenberg - Audrey Ferdinands - Henry Brohier - Lyn Isaaks - Irene Isaaks - Jonathan Isaaks - Lorna Vanderzeil - Maureen Alles - Noeline Mortimer - Marguerite LaBrooy - Elvira Paternott - Hazel Carron



Congratulations to Pamela and Maurice Forster on the occasion of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

Sincere best wishes to Lyn and Irene Isaaks on the occasion of their 41st Wedding Anniversary.

Belated congratulations to Theo and Marie Rabot on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.



HINGERT - DE KRETZER.

Congratulations to Gavin and Chantelle Hingert on the arrival of their baby son, Harry, born on the 19th of August 2011. Baby brother to Belle and first Grandson of Burdette and Mari de Kretser.

**MEMBERS, HAVE YOU PAID YOUR
MEMBERSHIP FEES YET?
OUR RECORDS SHOW THAT MANY MEMBERS
HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO THE INVOICE
INCLUDED WITH THE LAST NEWSLETTER.**

**OUR LARGE WELFARE COMMITMENT TO THE
LESS FORTUNATE IN SRI LANKA IS POSSIBLE
ONLY IF MEMBERS PAY THEIR DUES IN TIME.
SO, PLEASE SEND A CHEQUE TO THE TREASURER,
EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC, P.O.BOX 2645
ROWVILLE 3178, TODAY. THANK YOU**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER 9

RICE & CURRY LUNCHEON

Marie/Rodney De Kretser & Trevor Collette/Jill Amit

DECEMBER 10

DINNER DANCE at the GRAND

Music by MIDNIGHT MIST

Tony/Arlene Scarnivel & Earle/Shireen Ferdinand.

*Lunches will be at the Good Shepherd Hall,
Wheelers 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.**

**GUESTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE HALL
AT 12.30 PM OR AFTER, NOT BEFORE.**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

*Anna and David DELF of Lysterfield, Vic
Rex and Albina De NIESE of Donvale, Vic
Robin and Aureliya EDWARDS of Vermont South, Vic
Derrick and Elaine BUTTERY of Keilor East, Vic
Geraldine de KRETSER of Reservoir, Vic
Monique RENAUT of Glen Waverley, Vic
Lyn de SOUZA of Box Hill South, Vic
Randolph and Frances ALVIS of Ferntree Gully, Vic
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Bob and Maryse MONK of Mont Albert North. Vic
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Mazhar and Melanie RAUFF of Endeavour Hills, Vic
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Brittany RUSCIANO of Mentone, Vic
Beatrix LEMPHERS of Riverhills, Qld
Tony ARENDTSZ of Kurunjang, Vic*

IMPORTANT

Deposits to the Eighty Club Bank account with no reference

*To enable us to identify depositors, would members/sponsors kindly include their names or
Membership numbers or invoice number as a reference. Banks should be advised accordingly*

*The member who deposited their subscriptions with the following reference should
please contact the Treasurer on 9763 0085:
4/7/11 from First Option CU Annual Subs \$30.*

SAFE IN GOD'S HANDS



FERNANDO - Doreen Henrietta (nee La-Faber) Late of Kippa-Ring. Passed away on 24th June, 2011. Dearly beloved Wife of Sam (dec'd). Loving Sister of Sheila Gauder and Gwen de Silva. Devoted Aunt to Gwyllym, Jeremy, Adrian, Glenn, Peter and Aldrin.

MODDER – Horace Jan. Passed away on June 7, 2011 aged 93 years. Husband of Lois (dec); father of Paul (dec), Yolande and Megan and their families.

HARRIS (nee Kreltszheim). – Iris. Passed away on July 7, 2011. Mother of Gill Drieberg and Suzie Schumacher and mother-in-law of Chris and Phillip. Grandmother of Bianca, Micaela, Samantha and Ashlee. Honorary mother and grandmother to many more.

MILLER. - Brian Henry. Passed away on July 13, 2011, aged 83 years. Loving and adored husband of Louise. Brother to Mirabel, Connie, Barbara, Cedric (dec.) and Francis. Loved uncle to many nephews and nieces. Will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

RAUX – Wilfred Aloysius. Passed away on 4.8.2011. Husband of May (dec). Father and father-in-law of Pam and Darrel, Kevin and Kathleen, Clifton and Ninette, Wally and Yvonne, Desmond and Beryl, Reinier and Maryanne, Ashley and Nedra, Sonia and Glen, Fabian and Fiona, Grandfather to sixteen and great-grandfather to 13.

HARVIE – Elrica Annalyn. Passed away on August 7, 2011. Wife of Godfrey (dec). Mother of Roma, Tina, Rita, Lorne, Jerry, Chris, Melodie and their partners. Grandmother of 15 and great-grandmother of 13.

BROHIER (nee Vanderzeil) – Eunice, wife of the late Fred Brohier passed away in Adelaide on 23rd August, 2011. Mother of Ann Nightingale, Patricia Brohier, Michael Brohier and Christopher Brohier; sister of the late Noel, late Iris, late Sylvia, Louise (Brisbane), Spencer (Melbourne) and Rosemary (England).

JANSZ – Ralph Hilary, aged 81. Passed away at Westgarth Nursing Home on August 29, 2011. Husband to Christina. Father of Michael, Adrian, Mark and Rohan. Father-in-law to Bridgit, Emily, Pam (dec) and special friend of Diane. Son of Percival and Laura (both dec). Brother of Aubrey (dec) and Camille. Brother-in-law of Moyca and Tony. Grandfather to 3 and great grandfather to 1. Former husband to Sheilah (dec).

ANDRADO - Marcella Agnes (Maria) late of Sinnamon Park, passed away on September 14, 2011. Wife of Everard and mother of Maryse, Serena and Adrian

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From Carol Koch

I was delighted to read in the April-June newsletter that we were able to give 51 beneficiaries that extra sum of money. Yes, it is a good idea that some, at least, would be able to do something really necessary. We are blessed to have generous and caring members and God will surely bless you and ALL those who work so tirelessly in the Eighty Club. I am sorry I am not able to attend any of the fund raising functions. My husband was unable to drive from about 2004 and passed away in 2007 but I am proud to be a member.

Dear Carol. Thank you for your comments. We are proud indeed to have you as a member!

The Editor.

From Sherine and Frederick Prins.

We were indeed privileged to be present at the Luncheon/Dance on 3 July whilst visiting Melbourne. It was a fabulous afternoon which we thoroughly enjoyed; thank for accommodating us on just a phone call.

Congratulations on a fantastic job in organising such an efficient and well run function. It all went like clockwork with over 500 people attending and that is credit to the fine teamwork of your Committee. We have never been to a similar Sri Lankan function anywhere, where so much respect was shown to the speakers by an attentive and silent audience. We were blown away by this aspect and must congratulate you and the members for such a wonderful display of good manners.

We were also made to feel welcome with so many people coming up to speak to us. When we arrived we only knew Clair and Lucia Herft but left after having made many new friends which is a tribute to your members. Also, it was pleasing to see the faces of the many names we have seen via the newsletter over many years.

Please pass on our thanks to the lovely people at our table: Brian and Erin Martinez, Carmen and Ralston Baptist and Christine and Norm Decker who also made us feel very welcome and were good company.

All in all, a great afternoon of good company, lovely music (we certainly enjoyed the dancing), excellent food (with plenty of choices for us vegetarians) and, above all, a wonderful cause serving our poor brothers and sisters in Sri Lanka.

Well done and keep up the fantastic work that you do.

Warm regards and blessings

Sherine & Frederick Prins.

Thank you for these wonderful sentiments, Sherine and Frederick. Hope to see you again on another occasion. The Editor

HISTORY OF SMOKING

By Ryland de Hoedt (Medical Scientist)

(Although the adverse effects of smoking are often publicized, little is known of the intriguing history of this obnoxious practice.)

HISTORY. When Columbus discovered America in 1492, he encountered, for the first time, this practice which was prevalent among the American Indians and had been so since ancient times. Some of his sailors got addicted and transported tobacco back to their homeland where its influence spread.

Sir Walter Raleigh introduced tobacco into England in the 16th century, during the reign of Elizabeth 1, following an overseas journey.

According to the story current at the time, when Raleigh first smoked at home, his servant panicked when he saw smoke issuing from his master's mouth and, assuming that he was on fire, threw a pail of water over him – much to Raleigh's annoyance and discomfort.

By the middle of the 17th century tobacco smoking was widespread. Even at that time there was strong opposition to the habit. Smokers in Spain and Italy were excommunicated; in Germany they received the death penalty; in Russia their nostrils were split while in Turkey the stem of the pipe was shoved into the nose and the offender ordered to ride through the streets on a donkey. King James 1 of England, who instituted the first translation of the Bible to English, loathed the habit. In 1604 he proclaimed a “counterblaste to Tobacco” which ran as follows:

“Smoking is a custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs and in the black stinking fumes thereof nearest resembling the horrible Stygian smoke of the bottomless pit.”

Till the late 19th century, smoking a pipe was the most popular form of smoking in Western society. There were a variety of pipes, some quite ornate, the latter being synonymous with “gentlemen” smokers. Cigarettes were manufactured just before the 20th century. They gained popularity very rapidly, reaching a peak for men in 1945 and for women in 1973.

HEALTH EFFECTS. It was noticed, in medical circles, that with the sharp increase in cigarette smoking, there was a corresponding rise in the incidence of lung cancer. Two scientists, R. Doll and A. Hill, carried out an extensive investigation in 1947, which lasted twenty years, to ascertain the health effects of this habit. They discovered that there was a distinct link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer.

Evidence started emerging, from several countries, confirming this link as well as connecting the habit to several other diseases. Concerned by the gravity of the situation, the Royal College of Physicians, London, issued a report in 1983 as follows:

“Few smokers realize that one in four of them will be killed by smoking and that, on average, a smoker of 20 cigarettes a day will lose about five or six years of life. Nor do they realize that the dangers of smoking are greatly reduced by stopping.”

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