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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

There was a great deal of jubilation on the 19th of April when the Club's Welfare Beneficiaries collected their quarterly benefits. Much to their surprise, they found that, in addition to a mid-year bonus of Rs.3000, they had also received an additional payment of Rs.4000 giving them a virtual bonus of Rs.7000! Also they found that their monthly welfare benefit had been increased by Rs.500. They were full of gratitude and wanted their thanks conveyed to our membership.

Obviously, these increases could be afforded because of the unstinting and unceasing generosity of our members whose donations we rely on to maintain our welfare projects. A very erudite member of our Committee had this to say on the subject:

***"This is, in essence, what we all in the Eighty Club want to do for those who are less fortunate. We put aside our problems and give ourselves to providing a glimmer of hope, a sense of a better future; an escape from the trials and troubles that beset these poor souls when, for even a brief moment in time, a meal, medication, some clothes on their backs and a roof over their heads raises their spirits and gives them too a sense of normalcy and being able to cope with life and what the future has in store. This is what we do."***

Those who sent generous donations for heart patient, Marina LaBrooy will be glad to know that she has now got the funds needed to buy the necessary stent plus the contribution from the President's Fund and has been placed on a waiting list which is quite long because she is a 'low risk' case.

However, another patient, Malcolm Juriansz, is a high risk case and Lanka Hospitals has said that he should be operated on within 30 days because of a 90% heart blockage. His surgery will cost Rs.580,000 of which Rs.150,000 will be met by the President's Fund. This Club has already donated \$1000 to this cause and will donate more if needed.

We continue to assist battler Mrs Nilmini de Fry whose husband met with a tragic accident some months ago and left her bereft with no income and three school going children. Thanks to generous donations from members, we were able to pay Nilmini a regular welfare benefit plus a family allowance for the children. She was also paid an extra monthly allowance of Rs.6000, now reduced to Rs.5000 per month. Her three children were found sponsors. The family has been forced to find another dwelling place at a monthly rent of Rs.7000. This Club has paid the rent on her new home for a whole year in advance. Nilmini is qualified to work only as a house maid but finds it difficult to do so as her youngest child, Michelle, has to be collected from Montessori classes at 11 am and she has to be there to attend to her needs. As such, she finds it hard to get work only for a couple of hours a day especially as there is an influx of Pilipino women who work as housemaids and whose work is of a very high standard. To make matters worse these 'imports' work for very low wages and they are preferred to part time workers like Nilmini. So, life is hard for Nilmini but, with our aid, she copes.

**CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we prepare to face the rigours of another cold and wet winter, I am glad to be able to convey to our members and friends that the Club has been able to increase our support to our Less Fortunate friends in Sri Lanka. Hopefully this little piece of information will warm your hearts and help you to forget the icy conditions we are enduring.

We have been able to increase our monthly stipend to the Welfare Beneficiaries and also increased the number of Beneficiaries from 200 to 210. The quarterly pension has been increased from Rs 6,000 to Rs 7,500. In addition we have also provided a half yearly bonus of Rs 7,000 to help make living a little easier for these poor people.

The Emergency Fund has helped numerous needy people to meet unforeseen hospital and medical costs. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we have also been able to assist some families, such as the De Fry family, who unfortunately lost their father and bread winner in a motor vehicle accident. We have also approved payments to help two people who were in need of urgent medical treatment for open heart surgery.

To all you kind people a big Thank You not only from me and the committee but also from the less fortunate folk we endeavour to assist. Without your generosity we would not be able to provide this help.

As usual our regular lunches and the annual dance were very well supported and I thank the patrons of these functions and the caterers who contribute in no small measure by providing not only very tasty and sumptuous meals but at a very reasonable cost.

A special Thanks to Mazhar and Melanie Rauf, who have been the caterers at the majority of our lunches, for their benevolence. You have been more than generous with your pricing and donations.

To those very great supporters of our Club, the De Silva family, Lorraine, Victor, Shanaka and Krishan, a very heartfelt thank you. These wonderful people have now donated in excess of \$75,000 and have agreed to a further function which is to be held at their luxurious reception centre, The Grand, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July this year. The only request they make of us is to remember them in our prayers. I beseech all our members to ask for special blessings on their behalf. On behalf of Marie and myself a personal thank you for your kindness and friendship.

Our Christmas Dance will once again be held at The Grand on Cathies Lane on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December. Please continue to support this function which is the jewel in the crown as far as our functions are concerned. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Each and every donation we receive, no matter how small are greatly appreciated. Coin collections, donations included with your annual subscriptions, bequests from families of members who have passed away during the year and from anniversaries and birthday celebrations are all very gratefully accepted. At the risk of being repetitious Thank you All once again from all at the Eighty Club and your Less Fortunate friends in Sri Lanka.

Throughout the year we receive numerous anonymous donations. I also extend my sincere thanks to all of you.

Rachel and Miles Williams who so willingly give their time to prepare the floor plans for our lunches and help to set up the tables and chairs, thank you very much.

To all the members of our very hard working committees of Management and Fund Raising, Thank You for your selflessness and dedication to the cause. Without you our Club could not exist. The Good Lord will no doubt reward you for the sacrifices you make.

We bade farewell to a former President and long serving member of our committee, Mr Ivor de Kretser, who has and continues to provide valuable assistance and advice.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Ivor's wife, Pat, has also resigned from the Fund Raising Committee. A very big Thank You to the two of you for all the great work over many many years.

We welcomed a new member to our management committee, Mrs Vilma Arkley. Your assistance throughout the past twelve months is greatly appreciated. We are constantly looking for new blood on the committee, especially from the younger generation. If any members have time to spare for a very worthy cause, please do not hesitate to put your name forward.

Our search for new members continues and I ask you to assist us by recommending our organisation to friends and relatives. Our hardworking and dedicated Membership Secretary, June Isaaks, (who also doubles as the MC at our functions) is ever ready to provide any information. A very big Thank you to June.

I am certain that each and every one of you look forward to receiving our very entertaining and informative Newsletter. To produce a document such as this is no easy task and is made all the more onerous by virtue of the fact that our Editor soldiers on in spite of having to undergo Dialysis three days a week and has had to endure other medical problems as well. Darryl! Your efforts are greatly appreciated and provide a lot of entertainment and information to all members. Darryl also is the Welfare Coordinator responsible for maintaining, assessing and coordinating payments to the 210 needy friends in Sri Lanka. Words are not enough to thank you for your efforts. Keep up the Great work. Thanks again my friend.

To Anthea Muller and her team at the DBU, a big Thank you from all the members of the Eighty Club. You are a truly Blessed lady and will no doubt receive your just rewards in the future. Special thanks are also extended to Etienne and Mohan who so ably administer the whole welfare system.

Tony Scarnivel, our indefatigable Treasurer, continues to ensure that our ever mounting costs are met and not only ensures that we have sufficient funds to meet our obligations but has changed a deficit to a profit in the past two years. Tony and Earle Ferdinand, together with their good wives Arlene and Shireen, coordinators of our Christmas Dance have, for a number of years, run a very successful function. This is a very time consuming task. Thanks to the four of you for your untiring efforts.

The Student Sponsorship scheme continues to prosper and grow under the tutelage of Trevor Collette. Thanks Trevor for your help and advice throughout the year. Trevor has recently introduced a new scheme to provide assistance for children living in Batticaloa who wish to undertake tertiary studies. Thank you to all our sponsors and especially those providing assistance for these tertiary studies.

It would be very remiss of me if I did not thank all those wonderful members and friends who contributed to my special project to provide Christmas Gifts to our Sponsored children. Thanks to each and every one of you good folk. I will continue this endeavour if sufficient contributors are prepared to make donations. I am loathe to approach members as we seem to be constantly seeking funds for various projects. However, I can assure you that every request is for a very deserving cause. To be able to see the looks of happiness on the faces of these children is treasured. As donations have been a little less this year, any donation no matter how small will be greatly appreciated.

To our Web Master and Good friend, Earle Ferdinand, Thanks again and the club would be unable to function as smoothly without your valued input.

Last but not least, our hard working Secretary who also has the unenviable task of looking after me and keeping me in line, a special Thank You. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the committee and me.

In conclusion, once again Thank You and May God Bless you and your families for your generosity and help.

**LORNA VAN DEN DRIESEN WISHES TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO SENT HER GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY ON MAY 7, 2012.**

**SHE ALSO WISHES TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO SENT HER MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF HER MUCH LOVED NIECE, CHARMAINE LEEMBRUGGEN, ON APRIL 25, 2012.**

**SHE REGRETS HER INABILITY TO THANK THESE FRIENDS OF HERS INDIVIDUALLY**

**OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY.  
DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH TO 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2012.**

Various Anonymous Donations	450.00	Isaaks, June and Darryl	20.00
Anonymous for a By-pass operation in SL	100.00	Ludowyk. Robin and Joan in memory of Felicia Pereira	20.00
Anonymous in lieu of birthday gifts for Anita Young	80.00	Mack. Brian in memory of Jerry and Margie Mack	30.00
Bartholomeusz. Vernon and Katie	400.00	Matthew. Yolande in memory of Lois and Jan Modder from Yolande Matthew, Megan Shirley and families	100.00
Bastianesz. Cordelia in memory of Patrick Bastianesz	80.00	McGuire. Evelyn	50.00
Beling. Yvette	30.00	Ondarchie. Alister and Peta	20.00
Carron. Hazel in memory of Brian Carron & In memory of Mary and Patrick Melder	50.00 50.00	Oorloff. Errol and Elaine. For a by-pass operation in Sri Lanka	200.00
De Kretser. Hazel in celebration of her 95 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	100.00	Rauff. Mazhar and Melanie Rauff. Mazhar & Melanie for use of plates	40.00 80.00
De Silva. Victor and Lorraine. In lieu of Presents for Victor's 70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday	4500.00	Scharley. Marie Serendib Financial Services	120.00 70.00
Deckker. Joan. In memory of Quintus Deckker	100.00	Siebel. Brian and Kathleen. In memory of Trevor Siebel	70.00
Fernando. Audrey for a by-pass operation In Sri Lanka	100.00	Smith. Roger and Susanne. For Errol and Violet's 50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary	100.00
Gauder. Muriel for a by-pass operation In Sri Lanka	100.00	Spittel. Dave and Coreen Young. Anita Louise	20.00 40.00
Gerlach. Maxwell and Joan. In memory of Ruby Cowley and Ivy Solomons.	30.00	<u>CELEBRATING LORNA VANDRIESEN'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY</u>	
Goggin. Peter and Rosemary. In memory of Nicky Helsham	30.00	Ferdinands. Rupert & Tamara Greenwood. Peter & Marina Leembruggen. Francesca Lindsay School Past Pupils Association	50.00 30.00 30.00 100.00
Holsinger. Heather. In memory of Ivor and Eugenie Holsinger	150.00		

**RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF CHARMAINE LEEMBRUGGEN**

**Anonymous:  
Beattie H M  
Burke. Tammy  
Carter. Richard J  
Chan. Janice  
Cheung. Noble  
D. L. Grennes  
Ewing Memorial Fellowship  
Ferdinands. Lindsay and Rosemary  
Ferdinands. Rupert and Tamara  
Gibson. Pamela  
Greenwood. N Burford L  
Greenwood. Peter and Marina  
Gulasekharam. V  
Kelly. Maureen  
Kreltszheim. James**

**Leembruggen. Francesca  
Malvern Probus  
Miller. Josephine  
Nick & Paula Tsoucaias  
Mitsikas. Margaret  
Read. Ann and Michael  
Reed. DL and NJ  
Rogers. Jillian  
Tanaghow. Sophie  
Vanden Driesen. Monica & Nigel  
Wright. George & Claudette  
Lindsay School Past Pupils Assoc.**

**TOTAL \$1600**



# SOCIAL NOTES



MARLENE AND BERTRAM THURGOOD PROUDLY ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF THEIR TWIN GRANDSONS, SAMUEL GLENN AND OLIVER MATTHEW.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PARENTS, REBECCA AND MATTHEW, AND THE GRANDPARENTS.



CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO JOAN AND MAX GERLACH ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR GRANDSON, ISAAC SPENCER VAN DER NOORD.



WARM AND SINCERE ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:

CHRISTINE & NORMAN DECKKER

SHIREEN & EARLE FERDINAND

MIGNONNE & PREM ABHAYAWICKREMA

KRISTINA & ANTON DEKKER

PAT & IVOR DE KRETZER

JEANNE & ANTON VANDERWERT (53 YEARS IN JUNE)

JEANNE & MALCOM LOURENSZ (52 YEARS IN MAY)

JOAN & MAXWELL GERLACH; ANTHEA & VERNON MULLER; ELAINE & ERROL ORCHARD (51 YEARS IN MAY)

## Happy Birthday!

BELATED BUT SINCERE BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO MAXWELL GERLACH.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

VICTOR DE SILVA

DORIS ABEL

PAT DE KRETZER

ANTON DEKKER

ASTRID CHAPMAN

RON INGRAM

ERROL SMITH

VERNON MULLER

KINGSLEY HENDERLING (81<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY)

JOAN GERLACH

RITA VAN GEYZEL

MIGNONNE ABHAYAWICKREMA

MELODY KING; CLAIR HERFT; ELVIRA PATERNOTT; RODNEY DE KRETZER



Lorna VANDEN DRIESEN has reached the magnificent age of a hundred years. We wish you a happy birthday, Lorna, and God's blessings. May He continue to smile on you and give you your heart's desire.



## HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

All 210 welfare beneficiaries were given a mid-year bonus of Rs.3000 plus a one-off payment of Rs.4000 each on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April. Also, they were paid their regular welfare benefits on that date and were pleasantly surprised to find an increment at the rate of Rs.500 per month in their 'pay packets'. After a snack of a fish/beef bun and a cuppa, they went home in a very happy state of mind.

We lost two of our beneficiaries recently. The first was Mr Anton Bailey who suffered a heart attack after a by-pass operation. His benefit will be paid to his wife. The other was Mrs Trixie Pietersz. Her place has been taken by Patricia Ragel.

The emergency fund was exhausted and replenished because the following were helped:

Rs.3000 to Mrs. I. Parrys. 72 years. Is supporting a mentally retarded and difficult to handle son and, as a result, none of her other children are prepared to keep her. Came to the DBU in a distraught state.

Rs.2000 to Mr R. Johnson. Needed money for ayurvedic medication which he is taking in Anuradhapura.

Rs.2000 to Mr J Bernadus. 67 years. No income. Has lost sight in one eye and the other is getting affected.

Rs.2000 to Mr M Corteling. 69 years. No income and illness prevents him from working. Children help as they can.

Rs.3000 to Mr R W Baptist. 65 years. No income. Wife is ill and has to undergo another operation.

Rs.3000 to Mrs L Perera. 65 years. No income and depends solely on children for help.

Rs.3000 to Mr R Pereira. 44 years. The whole family met with a road accident in which his wife died. He is now confined to a wheelchair and has no income. Has two school going children.

Rs.3000 to Mr M Juriansz. 44 years. Diagnosed with a 90% heart block and has to undergo surgery as soon as possible.

So, the litany of misery continues but those who call on us are never sent away empty handed. It is pertinent to note that another organisation in West Australia has also established a generous emergency fund from which the distressed are helped.

The price of a loaf of bread has been increased by Rs.3 and other flour products by Rs.1 according to newspaper reports. I suppose the Government will suggest that if the poor cannot afford bread, they should eat cake!

The SUNDAY LEADER of May 13, 2012 had the following comments to make:

**The price hike of a gas cylinder by Rs. 350; one kg of milk powder by Rs. 163; a bag of cement by Rs. 70 was the knockout blow delivered to the hapless consumer. This package of price hikes followed other steep hikes of essential consumer items in recent months. Yet, the people have taken this blow without a whimper of protest. The poorest of the poor mothers can no longer afford to buy packets of milk powder for their starving infants. Instead the boutique keeper sells milk by the spoonful to them.**

*Darryl Isaaks*

WELFARE COORDINATOR



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**JULY 8, 2012** - LUNCH AT THE GRAND (\$30 PER HEAD)  
Coordinators Rodney & Marie de Kretser/Trevor Collette/Jill Amit

**AUGUST 26, 2012** - ROTI LUNCHEON  
Coordinators Annesley & Jennifer Young/Laraine Muller

**\*OCTOBER 14, 2012** - SAVOURY RICE AND CURRY  
Coordinators Errol & Violet Jacotine/Leonie Martenstyn

**DECEMBER 15, 2012** CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE  
Coordinators Tony & Arlene Scarnivel/Earle & Shireen Ferdinand

***LUNCHESES WILL BE AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD HALL,  
WHEELERS HILL EXCEPT FOR THE LUNCH ON JULY 8, 2012  
WHICH WILL BE AT THE GRAND AND COST A DONATION  
OF \$30 PER HEAD.***

***DATES, VENUES AND MENUS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE WITH THE COORDINATORS  
NAMED ABOVE WHOSE PHONE NUMBERS ARE FOUND ON  
THE FRONT PAGE OR WITH ANY OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER.  
BOOKINGS CANCELLED THREE DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT  
MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL.  
GUESTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD 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:*

Grace HELSHAM of Brighton  
Alister & Peta ONDARCHIE of Chirnside Park  
Jayantha & Manel THENABADU of Rowville  
Les BUYERS of Aberfeldie  
Andrew & Terri FERNANDO of Research  
Marlies MORTLOCK of Knoxfield  
Joan LUDOWYKE of Mount Waverley  
Jerry & Cleo De La HARPE of Strathmore  
Chris & Karen De La HARPE of Watsonia  
Pat & Jean SCHOKMAN of Box Hill North

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC  
WILL BE HELD ON  
AUGUST 26, 2012  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
***ROTI LUNCHEON***  
AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD HALL.  
FINANCIAL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

## SAFE IN GOD'S HANDS



**RAYMOND** - Iris Doreen, passed away on the 24th February 2012 at the age of 92. To our Dearest Mum, we held your hand on your final journey and passed your hand into Dad's (the late Willibroad St. George (Major) Raymond) for your final destination – Your loving son Russell, daughter-in-law Glencora, grandchildren Shaun, Sasha & David Ashton and great grandson Conor.

Mum was a long time resident of Sydney and I'm sure will be remembered by many, for her love of singing, dancing and dressing up. The donations to St Nicholaas' Home, Kalubowila, Sri Lanka, started in her name, now stands at a total of \$ 3610. In early discussions with the home these funds will be used to upgrade the toilet facilities to make life a little better for the 50+ elderly ladies who live there. Mum was a friend and confidante to many and we all miss her. The Raymond's would like to Thank each and every one who ever touched their Mum's life in any way. 3 Carramar Close, Brandy Hill, NSW 2324.

**BOWEN** – Astrid Lorraine passed away on 18.4.2012. Mother of Keith and Andrew. Grandmother of Jack, Tom and Curtis. Mother-in-law to Marita. A kind and generous person who touched many hearts.

**REID.** - Pearl. 94 years. Passed away on Thursday, April. 19, 2012. Beloved wife of the late John Henry. Mother of Claud, Ronald (Ronnie), Barclay (Buddy), Bryan (Barney) and Johann (Tiny). Mother-in-law to Wendy, Pam, Rani and the late Peace and Katie. Grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother. Safely in God's Care.

**HARRIS.** - Gregory Vaughn. Passed away on April 18, 2012. Husband of Susan. Son of Varden and Maureen. Brother of Clifford and Joanna; brother- in-law of Arthur and Justin. Uncle to Harley and Ashton. Son-in-law of Heather.

**LEEMBRUGGEN.** - (nee Ferdinands). Sybil Charmaine passed away at Cabrini Hospital, Malvern on April 25, 2012. Wife of the late Noel. Mother of Julian Dirk and Luke. Sister of Margot and Howard Beattie. Aunt of John and Melanie; and Richard. Great aunt of Juliet and Callum. Niece of Lorna van den Driesen. In God's Care.

**MURRAY** - ARTHUR WILLIAM, Beloved husband of late Irene, loving father of Jennifer and Heather (Australia), brother of Connie Franklin and the late Capt. Ivor Murray and Eulie Spencer, passed away in Perth, Australia on 26th April 2012 at the age of 96. A wonderful human being and a good friend.

**WIJERATNE** (nee de Kretser). - Noeline Stella. Born 24th of December, 1936. Passed away 29th April, 2012. Wife of Patrick. Mother of Hilary and Susan. Mother-in-law of Angela. Nan of Aaron, Ryan, Clint, Jessica, Daniel, Blake and Taylor. Daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A.C de Kretser. Sister and sister-in-law of Coryl and Noeland (dec.), Bryce (dec.), Briand (dec.) and Floy, Megan and Carlisle, Trevor (dec.), Christobel and Cedric, Royle (dec.), Jean and Claire, Montague and Jacintha, Pamela (dec.), Merle (dec.), Jill and Trevor, Lester and Lorette, Elaine and Sarath, Lorensz and Chandra, Gertrude, Rosemary, Stanley and Elmo (dec.), Dorothy and Shelton (Sri Lanka). Aunt and Grand Aunt of many nieces.

**ANGHIE.** - Dr Trevelyn (Trevor) - 18.07.1932 - 29.04.2012. Husband of Ruth. Father of Sabrina, Jeremy, Michele, Tamara and father-in-law of Travers, Sarah and Joe. Poppy of Jules, Matthew, Liam and Sophie. Brother of Tony, Maureen (dec.) and Maurice. Uncle of Antony and Michael.. Our sincere thanks to all who were involved in his care. A wonderful man who touched the lives of all he met, with his beautiful smile and kind heart. Rest in Peace.

**EBERT.** - Daisy Felicia Anne. Passed away at Monash Medical Centre, Clayton on Tuesday May 22, 2012, aged 82 years. Wife of Robin (dec.), sister of Brandt, Lourdes (dec.), Neville (dec.), Marie and Elmo. Mother of Aloma, Valerie and Dawn. Mother-in-law of Hilary (dec.) and Frank. Nana of Natasha, Marc, Nicki, Stefan, Jacinta and Kristiaan. "Big Nana" of Alexander, Julian, Oliver and Baby Aiden

**FERNANDO.** - Uranie Honor Elizabeth "Rance" 07.02.1918 - 26.05.2012 Mother and mother-in-law of Anthony and Marg. Granny to Isabelle. Always in our Hearts.

*Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind.....I know. But I do not approve.*

*And I am not resigned.*





## COIN DONATIONS

Ken Lappen in memory of Marie	37.00	Cholmondoley & Melrose Willenberg	30.30
Sylvia Ephraims	30.00	K R Van Twest	30.00
Ralph & Phil Gerreyn	22.75	Anthony & Rosemary Koelmeyer	46.80
Four Anonymous Donors	82.60		
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>279.45</b>

## Gifts from "Network Heaven"



Here is some news about the Christmas gifts sent to Batticaloa by an ECM member who is also a child sponsor.

'Network Heaven' is a small grass roots organization, headed by Anne Salvador-Dunlop, a member of the Eighty Club, which assists disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka at Christmas time with a parcel that, for most, is a miracle.

The parcel includes a new set of clothes and underwear, items for school, some toiletry items a small toy or trinket and a bag of lollies.

The children are from many areas Colombo, Galle, Nuwara Eliya, the North, Kegalle, Kelaniya and, in 2011, Batticaloa. Some of them live in plantations; some are victims of war; others are the children of prisoners and some are from a couple of orphanages and a crèche in Wanathamulla - Colombo.

In 2011 this included a group of 23 children from the Burgher Union in Batticaloa.

Above is a photograph of the children from Batticaloa. The Burgher Union, Batticaloa has acknowledged the gifts with a note of thanks.

*Trevor Collette*

*Student Sponsorship Scheme Coordinator.*

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### SHOPPING IN SRI LANKA

Try to imagine that you are going 'marketing', parasol in one hand, shopping basket in the other and a limited sum of money to buy foodstuffs with. What sort of prices will you be confronted with? Let me tell you

A loaf of bread – Rs.55

A kilo of flour – Rs.100

A measure of rice – Rs.70

A kilo of Mysore dhal – Rs. 180

A kilo of seer fish – Rs.550

A kilo of cheaper fish like 'kumbala' – Rs.450

A kilo of dried fish – Rs.350

A tin of Plaza or other mackerel pike – Rs.185

An egg – Rs.12

A kilo of beef – Rs.450

A kilo of green gram – Rs.180

A kilo of Sour plantains – Rs.70 to Rs.90

A parcel of rice and curry – Between Rs.160 to Rs.200

A stringhopper – Rs.2.50

A cylinder of cooking gas – Rs.350

A tin of milk powder – Rs.850

Obviously, these are average prices and depends on where you do your shopping. You can be sure that your basket will not be very full if you are on a limited income or have no income at all and have to depend on charity.



An elderly woman called the Police on her cell phone to report that her car has been broken into. She is hysterical as she explains her situation to the dispatcher: 'They've stolen the stereo, the steering wheel, the brake pedal and even the accelerator!' she cried. The dispatcher said, 'Stay calm. An officer is on the way.'

A few minutes later, the officer radios in 'Disregard.' He says. 'She got in the back-seat by mistake.'



# My Memories of our Club's "Small Beginnings" through the 1980s.

The Eighty Club Melbourne began, with much enthusiasm and impatience, to achieve the awesome goals of helping our community in Sri Lanka. At our monthly meetings a feeling of urgency prevailed; to raise funds to alleviate the most recent appeal from Colombo. In the early days, many thought the Club would last just 5 years, maybe 10 years! The ECM, as it is now, would have seemed then like an impossible dream.

My earliest memories are of taking a plate to membership meetings chaired by Willem Leembruggen in small Church Halls and committee meetings in homes of members, all occasions of good fellowship and humour focused on helping yet another person or family in need.

Fund raising ventures included street stalls; Brenda Koch Maureen Kelly, Betty Chapman, Rita Young and their husbands braving inclement weather to sell their chutneys etc.

Many a convivial evening was spent at Maurine and Cecil Fernando's fund raising Hopper Dinners in their home. Ernie de Bruin, Vernon Kelly, Richard Young and others mixed banter and forward planning amongst aromas of curry and hoppers.

The earliest dances had a band with signs that read 'Waltz' 'Fox trot' etc. They were indeed a very senior musical trio, called by us in jest "The Flintstones". Brenda Koch organized complementary cabaret artists, culled from 'Young Talent Time.' In the kitchen we had, at times, to defrost String Hoppers - no microwave! But surprisingly good profits were made as we did so much of the work ourselves.

Most ambitious was the first Food Fair in '86 to which many members responded with donations of their culinary expertise. Leonie Martenstyn, Persis Ferdinands & Maureen Kelly's poffertjes; Pamela Forster's Broeders & Foguetes and Maurice's Woodapple ice cream were a few I can recall.

In '87 we organized lunches at Moorabbin Church Hall where, on occasion, Rita Young, Leonie, Pamela, Maureen, Doreen de Bruin, Clarine Hesse and others cooked curries etc. Ann Keegel's cream caramels sometimes arrived well shaken up during the long car ride. Our men set up tables and cleared up afterwards. But luncheon numbers rose quickly from 60 to 100.

These are just my memories of our happy venturesome, early steps ! I'm sure others could recall many more. But what great strides have overtaken these steps towards helping the less fortunate. With God's Grace long may they continue. .

*Pamela Forster*



Dear Mr. Isaaks,

I thought you would be happy to hear that many WBs expressed their surprise at the very generous bonus they received for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012. They were all very, very thankful and some couldn't believe their eyes. I got feed-back, especially from those who receive their allowances by Money Order and one lady said she couldn't believe her eyes when she saw the amount!

She wrote – "I was very surprised to get such a big sum, so I am writing to convey my grateful thanks to you all who worked hard to provide this allowance for all of us. I pray daily for you and all the others to be safe and in good health. This allowance is a great help to me to buy my medicines and other needs.

Thank you once again and may God bless and reward everyone abundantly."

They were all so very grateful and as it was unexpected it was wonderful. Otherwise, they would have spent the money even before they got it to their hands! I know that you sometimes find it difficult to believe that children don't help their parents but, in SL, this happens all too often. They may provide them with a meal, but the children themselves don't have spare money to give a mother or a father for their medicines. Unfortunately, the Govt. hospitals too are not giving out medications in the way they used to, so they have to purchase this from outside pharmacies or go without. Most of the time the Emergency Fund monies are given for the purchase of medication.

I think the DBU is truly blessed to have a co-partner in the Eighty Club Melbourne whose members have actually lived in Sri Lanka. Thank you and may you all continue to be blessed for all the hard work that goes into sending these monies to the less fortunate Burghers in Sri Lanka. I am so happy to be part of the DBU Team!

With warm regards and best wishes,

Etienne

*Editor: As reported in HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT, the mid-year bonus paid to all Welfare Beneficiaries was Rs.3000 each plus a one-off payment of Rs.4000 each, making a total of Rs.7000 to each beneficiary. In addition, they were also paid their quarterly benefit which had been increased from Rs.6000 to Rs.7500. The recipients were very pleasantly surprised and expressed their gratitude in no uncertain terms as described by Etienne Jayatunga in her note to me. (Etienne is part of the DBU's welfare team and is in constant contact with all those who visit the DBU looking for financial assistance.) Thank you, Etienne, for your unsolicited note of appreciation. We are able to afford these payments due to the generosity of our members and I take pleasure in conveying your thoughts to them through the medium of this newsletter.*

IN THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL FIND AN INVOICE REQUESTING PAYMENT OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE YEAR 2012-2013. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THOSE FEES ALREADY. THE SUCCESS OF OUR WELFARE SCHEMES IN SRI LANKA DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOUR PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ON REQUEST AND IN TIME. THE LESS FORTUNATE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY DEPEND ON YOU HONOURING YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS CLUB AND TO THEM. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IN CASH TO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER, BY CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER OR BY DIRECT BANK TRANSFER INTO OUR ANZ BANK ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

ACCOUNT NAME : EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC  
BRANCH NUMBER – BSB 013479  
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## **NOMINATION FORM**

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The Secretary  
Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc.  
No.8, Peter Street, Doncaster East, Vic.3109

#### **NOMINATION FOR 2012/2013 OFFICE BEARERS.**

We nominate.....for the office of.....  
In the Club for the above period.

Proposer's Name and Signature.....

Seconder's Name and Signature.....

Nominee's Signature indicating consent.....

(NOMINEES MUST BE UP TO DATE WITH MEMBERSHIP FEES.)

### **SERENDIB FINANCIAL SERVICES** **AGENTS IN AUSTRALIA FOR THE BANK OF CEYLON SINCE 1995**

- ✓ Under the BOC "eCash" system, funds can be credited to any Branch of any Bank in Sri Lanka.
- ✓ Higher rates are available for remittances over \$3,000
- ✓ We can open the following types of foreign currency accounts-
  - NRFC – Non Resident Foreign Currency accounts
  - RFC - Resident Foreign Currency accounts
  - RKFC - Rankekulu foreign currency accounts for children
  - SIA - Security Investment accounts
- Free life insurance cover, housing loans and other loan facilities, at concessionary rates,  
Available to NRFC account holders.

#### **OUR SCALE OF CHARGES FOR REMITTANCES**

*A\$1 to 500 – A\$10.00*

*A\$500 to 2000 – A\$12.00*

*A\$2000 AND ABOVE = A\$15.00*

OTHER SERVICES ARRANGED THROUGH ASSOCIATED BROKERS:

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