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TEACH YOURSELF TO BE
GIVING... SHARE YOUR
BLESSINGS TO OTHERS.... FOR
THAT IS THE TRUE ESSENCE
OF EASTER SUNDAY. HAVE A
MEANINGFUL AND BLESSED
EASTER!



HAPPY
EASTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Easter holiday is a time that many of us would associate with hot-cross buns, chocolates and that cute Easter bunny.

The message of Easter however is one of renewal, new beginnings and hope, that the world could and should be a better place for all of us. This is what we all fervently wish for in our lives. To make our lives and all those around us better, is a goal we should all aspire to and is the most rewarding and fulfilling challenge we undertake in our lives



Recently, on a visit to Sri Lanka, I took the opportunity to visit the DBU in Colombo and visit a few of our Welfare Beneficiaries and Sponsored Students at their homes. Visiting the DBU on a few occasions, I was saddened and dismayed to see numerous people of the Burgher community seeking aid and assistance. They would patiently wait outside the office hoping that something could be done to ease their plight. Mrs. Etienne Jayatunga, (who coordinates our work at the DBU) would listen to them patiently and at the same time answer the numerous calls as to when the next payment date would be for the WB's and Sponsored Students. Visits to the homes of the WB's was an experience never to be forgotten. Even though these poor people, some of whom were living a life of abject poverty, others frail with ill health, mothers worrying about their children, there was a strange serenity about them. They would tell you all about their lives and their hopes that the future would bring them and their children a better life and yet, there was a calm philosophy and acceptance of their present circumstances. Perhaps all they had now was faith, prayer and trust that God would bless them in some way and see to their needs.

Visiting them, one realized that they looked to you with hope in their eyes and fact that someone cared enough to visit them. The words they had for all of you, were countless blessings and thanks for helping them. The hardest thing to do were to find words that would bring some comfort and ease the pain of their lives.

The plight of a family I visited was particularly sad and her story, with tears streaming down her face still remains with me and my wife. This lady, an orphan brought up in a convent, married with 3 daughters, the eldest 21yrs old (who works in a bookshop) and twin girls, 12 years of age. The father committed suicide some years ago and the mother was left to fend for her 3 children. Fate dealt a cruel blow, as one of the twin sisters was born with congenital birth defects, namely an imperforate anus and has undergone 8 operations to date to correct her bodily functions to secrete solid waste. The last operation to rectify this medical condition was unsuccessful leaving the little girl in constant pain and a life where she constantly needs her mother to help her on a daily basis, as she has a colostomy in place. One can only feel the pain of this little child and wonder what her future will be. One can also feel the pain of her mother who hides her sorrow and goes through life daily, wondering what the fate of her child will be. On the cover page of this Newsletter is a photograph of these young twin sisters, one healthy and normal and the other girl half her size, frail and sickly. A beautiful girl with pale brown eyes, who wants nothing more than to live a normal life, ride a bike and do the things young girls of her age would do.

These people, dear members and well-wishers are only a few of the many people we are able to help with your generosity. One can only wish and hope that the care we extend to these poor people can be extended to encompass more of the Less Fortunate in Sri Lanka. Please do keep up the good work, for it is only your compassion and kindness that helps to make their lives better and offer them hope for the future.

With this in mind, Shireen and I, together with the Management and Fund Raising Committees, would like to wish you all Peace, Joy, Happiness, the Hope of new beginnings that Easter brings to all of us, to all those that we help and plenty of colourful Easter Eggs.

Earle Ferdinand

WELFARE BENEFICIARY NEWS

The following is a letter as penned by Mrs Perera. A brief summary about her was highlighted in the President's message. The Club on hearing of her plight advanced her AS400 to help meet her daughters needs and medical expenses. If anyone has any knowledge or medical information as to how we can help her daughter, please contact any committee member / editor of this newsletter. Thank You.

Dear Sir,

How are you?
We are fine, we are ok. I take this opportunity to thank you. It's very valuable assistance given for our poor family. I have three Daughters. Elder Daughter (21 years) and Twins (12 years). One of them suffering from illness from Birth. spine, Urine and Back side Problems. Nowaday 8 operations done. She is very weak child. We have to give medicine and nutrition foods. (pampers)

we spent disburse money for this child. we are spent our day Today life very sadly.

This subvention (Rs: 42,800/-) is very valuable. It's very considerable. I wish to you and your families Protect by God. God give healthy life, Joy, Peace and happy for your families.



A WELFARE BENEFICIARY LOOKING TO A POSITIVE SOLUTION TO HER NEEDS.

Our last newsletter highlighted Mrs. Nilmini de Fry, a single mother with 3 children, who lost her husband tragically in a motor vehicle accident. The eldest girl suffers from depression. She works part time as a maid and in order to supplement her income, requested funds to build a mobile boutique which cost Rs.84,000. This little shop is now completed and is parked beside a temple and school. She opens this shop every morning and evening, selling sundry items needed by temple goers and school children. She has a 3-4 km walk to get to the shop from her home.



Our grateful thanks to all of you who came to her aid and made her dream cart come true.

DONATION OF LAPTOPS TO THE STUDENT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME



It has been particularly satisfying to note that the program to donate laptops to students has been a great success, with many of our members donating and offering to carry these notebooks/laptops to the DBU in Colombo.

Our sincere thanks to Roger Smith for the donation of an Ipad and also to Annesley and Jenny Young for providing two laptops for our sponsored students. To date, we have been able to provide 18 of these computers to deserving students, both in Colombo and Batticaloa.

Shown here is Elin Vanlangenberg with one of these laptops. Elin was successful in her GCE(OL) scoring 5 Distinctions, 2 Very Good Passes and 2 credits. She will be continuing with GCE(AL) studies, majoring in Business Studies and Commerce. Congratulations to her and all those who have benefitted from this scheme.

To all our Sponsors, your thoughtfulness and foresight have given these children the greatest gift in life, an education, the gratitude of their parents and a better future for them and their families

We are looking for more of these units and If you have no use for an old laptop Windows XP or above or any other laptop, notebook gathering dust, please hand it over to us (password free) AND if you are able to take a laptop on your next trip to Sri Lanka please contact Earle Ferdinand at: email: earlefer@optusnet.com.au PH: 03 9512 7265.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE STUDENTS IN COLOMBO AND BATTICALOA.



Book allowance for students

Over the years the club and the Student Sponsorship Scheme has been very fortunate to receive a beneficial exchange rate to the A\$ and the monies generated by this were utilized to provide a book allowance in January, at the start of the school season, to all our students in Colombo and Batticaloa. Presently, as we are all aware the exchange rates are not so favourable and yet we continue to provide this book allowance and also a Christmas party to all these children which at present is 140 children in and around Colombo and 40 in Batticaloa.

With your help and assistance , we can continue this program and ensure that these students receive a book allowance and a little Joy at Christmas. You can help by making a small donation to this worthy cause by contacting the SSP coordinator Trevor Collette @ trevorcollette43@bigpond.com / PH: 03 9706 1084



STUDENT SPONSORSHIP NEWS - Letters from Our Sponsors

My greatest joy, visiting Sri Lanka was to meet my sponsored child for the second time. It has been nearly 3 years since I first met this lovely young girl, Taneya Hansey and her beautiful family. Since that life changing meeting and my first article, I have shared information about my visit and child sponsorship where ever there was an opportunity to let anyone know. As a result, I have been able to get some sponsors.

In November 2016, I went to India with my church. On the way back I arranged to drop into Sri Lanka and my dear church friend Ruth agreed to join me. She had never been to Sri Lanka before. This time I wanted to visit Taneya's school. It is hard to arrange anything because none of her immediate family speak English. Many thanks to Etienne from the DBU. I could not have arranged the visits without her help. She is a wonderful blessing.

We asked the hotel to arrange for a taxi with an English speaking driver.

Taneya's very large Catholic school holds 1,500 girls and the Principal is a nun. I was so happy when I finally saw Taneya who had grown a lot. Her school had finished for the day so I was shown her class which holds over 40 children with very old desks butted up together in long rows. There is a whiteboard and hardly any room to move. The room is divided in half for another class. I also got to meet some of her school friends and you get so much attention you feel like a rock star. All the girls are smiling and excited and asking you your name and where you are from. They loved having their photo taken in their long white uniforms and ties. I had taken kangaroo pins and hard lollies but had not realised she had so many in her class. I was able to take Taneya by taxi to her home with the driver translating. She now writes to me in Sinhalese and I get someone to translate and then I write in English and I get someone to write my letter in Sinhalese so we both understand each other.

Her little home which is a shack was flooded last year and they had to spend 2 months in a temple. They are now back and have lost so much. The water went up about 6 feet. It was so wonderful to see the family again and be able to pray for them. Desmond, Taneya's grandfather was there so he was able to translate. I went with some money from my parents, Aunt June and some from me. I was also able to take small presents for everyone this time.

I went to the DBU and met Etienne for the first time and saw the room where the Christmas party is held.

On the way home, the lady sitting next to me on the plane asked me why I went to Sri Lanka and I was able to share with her all about child sponsorship which she was interested in, so I took her details and let the club know.

I am writing this to encourage anyone who is not sponsoring a child to seriously consider helping a child who really needs our assistance. Since my teens, I have sponsored children through various organisations and what sets the Eighty Club Melbourne apart is that 100% of the sponsorship money goes to the child and the sponsorship amount is small. Even though I have not been working for over 6 months I see this as extremely important to continue to sponsor a child in Sri Lanka and as a way of showing God's love and compassion. I pray that you will view this as a very worthy cause to support.

Monique Renaut (nee de Hoedt)

Editors Note: It is indeed a coincidence that the father of this family was brought to my attention. He has unfortunately lost both his legs in a train accident and is presently employed part time sewing garments. This job however is not regular and if he owned a sewing machine, he would be able to make more money sewing garments at home. If anyone has a sewing machine we could send over, it would go a long way to helping this family.

Please contact me @ earlefer@optusnet.com.au / PH: 03 9512 7265 , if you can help. Thank You.



Dear Tony

Enclosed is my cheque for my two students in Sri Lanka.

I received such beautiful letters from them, and feel so proud that I play a small part in their lives. God bless them, and all of you for the great work you are doing for the less fortunate children and others who need help.

Many thanks

Starling V.R.

ASLEEP IN GOD'S CARE



MORRISON. Merry Passed away peacefully on Oct 29, 2016. Dearly loved husband of Shirley (dec.). Devoted father to Sabrina, Serena, Giles and Mozelle. Father-in-law of Noel, Ian, Samantha and Peter. Adored grandfather of Kimberley, Brianna, Tristan, Danni, Jemima and Patrick. Loving and caring partner of Ruby Diaz. Forever in our hearts. Until we meet again

CHAPMAN - CORINEE JUNE CARANTHIA (nee MORISSON), wife of the late Ainsley loving mother of Wayne (Qatar) Algerine & Lear (Canada), loving grandmother of Andrew & Sean (Canada), daughter of the late Stanley & Freeda Morisson, mother-in-law Rajen Samuel & Shohreh (Canada), loving sister of late Amy, Christine, late Meredith, Auriel, Cynthia, Caryl, late Philemon, Richmond & Trevy, sister-in-law of Cordie, late Anton Sethupathy, late Shirley, Barbara, Adrian Todd, Malcolm Jennings, Chieurrh & Sheridan. Burial at General Cemetery Borella (Anglican Section)

de SILVA. Terence Michael (Mike). Passed away peacefully on Saturday Sept. 3, 2016 Aged 89 years Loving husband of Sheila. Loved father and father-in-law of Radley and Caryl; Darrell and Yolande. Devoted Pappa of Tatum and Dylan. Always in our hearts

HESSE. Clarene Inez. Loved wife of Buddy (Ralph). Mother of Debbie, Melanie, Paula and Tania. Grandmother of Rebecca, Laura, Damien, Jordan and Amelia. Great grandmother of Evan and Connor. Sister of Malcolm Lourensz. Mother-in-law of Tony Armstrong.

HARVIE - NEVILLE CASWELL, husband of Maria, father of Neil, Christopher, Marion and Jackie, father-in-law of Shahnaz and Mayadunne, grandfather of Andrea, Manique, Manilka, Ramona, Rochelle, Naomi, Malindri, Nigel and Emma, great grandfather of Coby, Chloe, Danny and Amelia. Brother of late Bob, late Godfrey, late Olga, Michael, Ken, Gillian and Errol, brother-in-law of Dolly, late Elrica, late Kirthie Abeysekera, Rose, Laura, laye Widlyn de Silva, Marie, Yvonne Ferdinands, late Brian Elias and Bernard Elias, in Brisbane on March 7, 2017, aged 94 years.

MITCHELL (nee Pereira). Moline Lavinia. 16.06.1922 - 01.03.2017 Dearly loved wife of Ron (dec.), loved mother of Gordon, Eveline and Blair, mother-in-law of Marc, cherished Nan of Nikki (dec.), Greg and Abbey. Forever in our Hearts

LUDOWYK. Chireen (Cherry) Phyllis 7.10.1937 - 28.1.2017 Died peacefully. Beloved wife of Travice (dec.). Loving mother of Francine and Maryvonne, and mother-in-law of Raymond. Adored Nanna of Brady, Grayson, Timothy and Leah. A celebration of Chireen's life was held at Dickson Baptist Church, Dickson, ACT on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017.

MORROW, Henry . A Requiem Mass for the Repose of the soul of Mr Henry Morrow was offered at St Christopher's Catholic Church, Syndal on FRIDAY (Mar. 17, 2017). The Funeral cortege left the Church at the conclusion of Mass and proceeded to Springvale Botanical Cemetery, Princes Hwy, Springvale for burial.

BERYL DELORAINE BROHIER (Past President DBU, Colombo)Beloved daughter of late Dr. Richard Leslie Brohier and Pansy Elaine Brohier nee Werkmeister, much loved sister of Yvette and late Lucien. Cremation took place at the General Cemetery Kanatte, Colombo, Sri Lanka on 28 February, 2017.



Mr & Mrs Roger & Jennifer Hempfing

Ms. Sarah Foord

Mr & Mrs Desmond & Caryl Mills

Mr & Mrs Felix & Liz Crutchley

Mr & Mrs Anthony & Nicola Collins

Mr & Mrs Ryan & Melissa Morris





DATES TO REMEMBER 2017 Events



Date	Event	Co-ordinators
30 April 2017	String Hopper Pilau Lunch	Tony & Arlene Scarnivel - Ph: 9763 0085 Lorraine Muller -Ph: 9799 4662 Allan & Marie Pinder - Ph: 9700 6178
2 July 2017	Lunch Dance at the Grand	Rodney & Marie de Kretser -Ph: 9848 4623 Jill & Trevor Collette - Ph: 9706 1084
20 Aug 2017	Roti Lunch & Annual General Meeting	Silverreen & Peter Jacotine -Ph: 0414 666 368 Annesley & Jennifer Young - Ph: 9548 3920 Denis Williamsz - Ph:9897 3521
15 Oct 2017	Savoury Rice and Curry Lunch	Leonie Martensteyn - Ph: 9873 1879 Rita Young - Ph: 9557 2364 Jill & Trevor Collette - Ph: 9848 4623
2 Dec 2017	Christmas Dance at the Grand	Earle & Shireen Ferdinand - Ph:9512 7265 Rodney & Marie de Kretser- Ph:9848 4623 George & Yvonne de Vos -Ph:97950009

All Lunch events are held at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 34 Academy Ave, Mulgrave.
The July Lunch Dance and the Christmas Dinner Dance at the "Grand on Cathies", Wantirna

YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR NEEDS

The Eighty Club Melbourne has over the last 34 years strived hard to ease the suffering of the 'Less Fortunate'. The challenge and struggle continues on, to ease poverty and sickness in our community in Sri Lanka. Our events and functions are our main source of raising funds necessary to sustain our commitment to our Welfare Beneficiaries and also helps us increase our aid to those numerous poor seeking help. As a loyal supporter of our various projects, we are asking for your assistance by attending the above events and share with us the gift of giving and to lend us a helping hand. Apart from helping generate the funds necessary to continue the valuable work we do, these functions are also a great place to meet your friends and have a great day. Show us your support by turning up with your relatives, friends and colleagues to these events to help and "Care for the Less Fortunate".

They need your support to help change their lives.

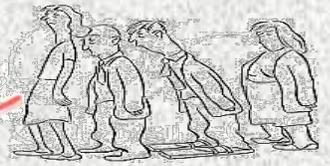


Help change the lives of those who have no Hope



Thank You

FOR YOUR HELP



Date	Name	Amount	Details
7/12/2016	Flora Roof	1,000	Desperately in need of money for food. She says that she has not had anything from the night before, except a plain cup of tea. She has two grandchildren to support.
10/3/2017	Mary Elders	2,000	Has no family. Was brought up in an orphanage. Needs money for a pair of specs.
10/3/2017	Godwin de Kauwe	1,000	Deaf and Dumb. Needs money for a pair of specs.
20/03/17	Douglas Rozairo	1,000	69 years. Has a cataract, but no money to do the operation. He is diabetic and on medication
21/02/17	Tiba Bates	1,000	73 years. Has no income and no proper place to stay. Her children help as best as they can
3/4/2017	Rachel Pietersz	1,000	She cannot travel by bus. Came in a three wheeler to prove that she is still in need of assistance.
3/4/2017	Tyrone Botani	500	He has TB and cannot do a job.
	TOTAL	7,500	



Birthday and Anniversary Wishes to All those Celebrating these Special Occasions .

Wishing You All the Very Best, Every Happiness and Many More in The Years to Come



Dear Members,

Regrettably we are unable to continue our Social News and publish your Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries as the Club do not have this information on their Membership database to provide fair and comprehensive coverage of these occasions

We will be pleased to publish any Special Occasions you wish to share with the rest of our members, so do keep us informed, send us an email and we will endeavor to publish it, in our next Newsletter.

Thank You for your understanding

Editor

THE EIGHTY CLUB OF MELBOURNE INC

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The Wisdom of Age from our Welfare Beneficiaries

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUNNY! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY. Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. TREAT EACH DAY AS A BLESSING!"

CONSIDER THIS:

Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!

Going out is good..... Coming home is better!

You forget names.... But it's OK because some people forgot they even know you!!!

You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf. The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really don't care that you aren't as interested. You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ???

You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"!!!

What used to be freckles are now age spots.



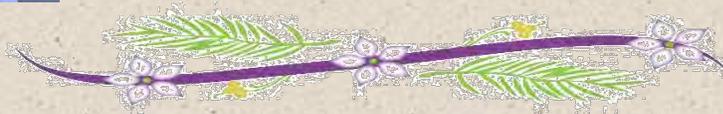
Everybody whispers.

You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!! It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.



RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Dear Members,

The Eighty Club Melbourne is committed to providing you with an informative newsletter about the club, our activities and events.

However with the escalating costs of postage and printing, it would be a major cost saving, if we could send you, our **newsletter by email**. This will also enable you to receive the newsletter in colour. These savings will help increase our funding to providing and 'Caring for the Less Fortunate'

Please indicate your preference for receiving the newsletter by emailing us at editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au. and submitting your Name and email address.

You may also *subscribe* by visiting our website at www.eightyclubmelbourne.org.au, Go to the newsletter page and click on the *subscribe* link.

Thank You,



IMPORTANT INFORMATION – MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE!

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS, WHO HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIP DUES OUTSTANDING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE PAYMENT AT YOUR EARLIEST. THIS WILL ELIMINATE COSTLY REMINDERS.

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IN ADDITION TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE, A VOLUNTARY DONATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Contacts: Tony Scarnivel- 03 9763 0085 (Treasurer) Ingrid Harmon - 03 9904 89822 (Asst. Treasurer)



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