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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

*There is no better exercise for your heart  
than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.*

Bernard Meltzer

***Being altruistic, or reaching out to help others, not only benefits the person being helped, but practicing altruism also has many benefits for the person doing the helping.***

***Altruism is an unselfish concern for the welfare of others. It is a generous way of expressing gratitude for everything that we have been given.***

***Reaching out a hand to lift someone else up is one of the greatest gifts for the heart. The gifts that one receives from giving back and from reaching out to help others are immense and priceless. Giving back to others, unselfishly, is a way of blessing yourself. Putting the needs of others ahead of your own helps many people to find a sense of direction and bring a purpose to life.***

***After I had read the above jottings on the subject of 'altruism' it occurred to me that, if altruism was a condition one suffered from, almost all of our members were confirmed altruists. Unhesitatingly, they respond to every call we make for assistance by giving us generous donations which are put to good use. Please refer to the HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT section of this newsletter and you will realize that there is a constant stream of people in dire straits walking through the portals of the DBU, seeking aid. They NEVER leave empty handed. How? Because our members' donations enable us to maintain an emergency imprest so that those who come there and ask, always receive.***

***At the point where the changing of the guard is about to take place and new office bearers elected I say a fervent THANK YOU to all our members and benefactors for their support throughout the past financial year. We rely on their support in the future as well.***



CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2010

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our members, friends, and corporate sponsors we have had another very successful year. Whilst helping 200 Welfare Beneficiaries and sponsoring 155 children in Colombo and Batticaloa we strive to uphold the Club's tradition of caring for Our Less Fortunate Friends in Sri Lanka.

Our lunches and annual dance have been well supported and I thank the patrons of these functions and ask that you maintain your support for these functions, as these functions are the life blood of the club.

The annual lunch which was so very generously donated by the de Silva family was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at The Grand and was attended by 480 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 12 such lunches to the club and in the process we have raised \$60000 from these lunches. Not only do they make this annual donation, but for years they catered for our lunches at more than reasonable prices. The only request they make of us is that we remember them in our prayers, so please remember this marvelous family in your prayers. I would also like to add my personal thanks and gratitude to the family.

Our Christmas Dance, this year will be held at that magnificent function centre The Grand on Cathies Lane on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. I ask for your support for this function as it is the premier function for the year. Tickets are available with 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.

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. Once again, I ask the Good Lord to bless you and your families for all the sacrifices you make.

Three members of our Management Committee, Ivor de Kretser, Noel Werkmeister and George Robertson have indicated that they are unable to continue on the committee due to personal reasons. I wish to thank them for their help and hard work over the past years.

Ivor and his good wife Pat have been members of this club since 1987. Ivor has been a member of the Management Committee and served as Vice President in 1995. He then served as President from 1996 to 1998. His hard work and tireless efforts have contributed in no small measure to the continued success of our Club. On behalf of all the committee members and members of the Club, my thanks to Ivor and may God Bless you and Pat and I hope you will continue to provide your expert advice and support for many years to come. I also extend my personal thanks for your help and support to me since I joined the committee.

Noel and his charming wife Yvonne joined the club in 1996 and Noel has been a committee member and assumed the office of Vice President in 2001 and has served in this capacity on a number of occasions since then. Noel chaired the Tsunami Aid Committee and did exemplary work in getting relief to those people whose lives were devastated by this tragedy. It was Noel who first introduced Marie and me to the club and then convinced me to join the committee. Thank you for all your help and assistance my good and dear friend; your humour and jokes will be missed by all members of the committee. I hope you will rejoin the committee at a future date. Thank you to Yvonne for her assistance with the fund raising committee. Noel and Yvonne have always contributed generously to our fund raising efforts with donations for the raffles and providing the table cloths for the lunches. They have assured me that they will continue to assist in the future.

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George and Beryl joined the club at my request and not long after George became a committee member and then took on the role of Assistant Treasurer. He tirelessly collected the coin bottles, processed countless receipts and assisted Tony with many of the thankless jobs. Beryl and George will also be resigning from the fund raising committee and I thank them both for all their hard work over the past years. They assure me that they will continue to help in the future.

Unfortunately our membership has declined due to a number of reasons which are beyond our control. This is in spite of our wonderful membership secretary June Isaaks' efforts to recruit new members. I urge you to encourage your friends to become members. Thank you, June.

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. Darryl also 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 You 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.

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 hard working 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 Noel 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- President  
29 August 2010





Welfare Beneficiary, Ms. Louise Nell passed away and was replaced by Mr. Rex Gomez, aged 88 years. Mr. Roshan Hansay, the young man whose legs were cut off by a train has also been added to our list of Beneficiaries.

The following applicants have been assisted from the Emergency Fund:

Rs.1,000 to Mr Clarence Pompeus, 80 years old and needing medication for a heart problem. No income.

Rs.2,000 to Mrs. J. Buultjens, 74 years old, no income and no place to stay. Lives with a friend. Needed money for medication.

Rs.3,000 to Miss B. Christoffelsz, 66 years old. Has breast cancer and needed funds to buy her medication. No income.

Rs.2,000 to Mrs. Shirley Nicholas. Has no income. Lives with her daughter. Desperately in need of food.

Rs.2,000 to Mrs Felicia de Hoedt, 65 years old. Lost her husband ten months ago and has no income.

Rs.2,000 to Miss Mary Jansz who needed money to buy eye drops.

Rs.2,000 to Mr. Allanson Firth, 75 years old and no income. Needed medication. He has since passed away.

Rs.1,000 to Miss V L Schrader. Walked to the DBU to advise them of her change of address as she had no money for bus fare.

Rs.3,000 to Mrs Gladys de Zilwa, 79 years old and no income. Daughter is mentally ill. Gladys needed a pair of spectacles.

Rs.2,000 to Mr Jerry Clogston, of 62 years. Has high blood pressure and diabetes. Mentally ill and unemployable.

*We are able to continue with the maintenance of our Emergency Fund thanks to generous donations given to us by members and benefactors. Our beneficiaries hope that by the inclusion of their full names they would get more assistance from relatives and/or friends who recognize them. If more details, such as their addresses, are required, please contact me on email ([darjun@optusnet.com.au](mailto:darjun@optusnet.com.au)) or on 03 9562 3612.*

*If you have any old unused spectacles lying around the house, please try and give them to any Committee Member or Mr. Maurice Forster. Our welfare beneficiaries are pleading for them.*

*Darryl Isaaks*  
**WELFARE COORDINATOR**

## OUR PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

It had long been our dream to visit the Birthplace of Christ and my wife, Irene, and I were fortunate enough to join one of the largest groups of Australians to visit the Holy Land, Egypt and Petra, described as "That Rose Red City, half as old as time".

What started out as a routine tour ,organized periodically by Superlink Travels Colombo, escalated into the grand total of 201 ,Sri Lankans, Anglo-Indians and a few dyed in the wool Aussies.

Mr. Rodney Koelmeyer of Superlink Travels took charge of the group at the Katunayake airport and, in under an hour, we were all checked in, Immigration formalities completed and waiting to board the 5am flight from Colombo to Amman, Jordan. Having reached Amman, Rodney and his team of three very efficient, lovely young ladies, set about quickly to usher this 200 strong contingent of pilgrims through Immigration and seamlessly organise baggage clearance, customs formalities, a pizza lunch and then on to 4 luxury coaches. From there we had the most inspirational and enjoyable [and very tiring] pilgrimage. Jerusalem and the Holy Land was an oasis of calm and it was only the presence of a soldier that reminded us of the ongoing problems in that region.

No words or pictures can describe the emotion or feeling of visiting the birthplace of Christ, the land he walked on and preached, following in his footsteps, coming to terms and understanding that it was here that he gave his life to save mankind and realising, that this indeed was the land where Christianity was born.

Six days later we entered Egypt, as we drove under the Suez canal to a beautiful hotel. The pyramids were awe inspiring, the Sphinx majestic, the streets and bazaars of Egypt quaint and so culturally different, the mystique of the Middle East permeating your every sense. However it must be said, the heat was oppressive and really energy sapping. We would have guzzled down at least 30 bottles of water just to keep ourselves hydrated. Getting to Petra involved a two mile trek from the bus park in 45 degree heat, but the ultimate sight of the beautiful Treasury building was worth the effort.

One can only marvel at the skill and ingenuity of these early civilizations. Everything considered it was a great trip. We got to meet some nice people and make new friends. Irene and I do want to visit there again and rekindle the memories and experiences we had. No words can do justice to describe such an emotive feeling. It has to be seen and experienced. Another trip, a tour of Egypt. We will definitely be there and if you wish to know more about our experiences, please feel free to contact me.

**LYN ISAACS**



THE TREASURY AT PETRA



THE LAKE OF GALLILEE





## The Best of the Burghers

Only a few days remain for the 59th edition of the Miss Universe pageant. Founded by California clothing company Pacific Mills in 1952 it has, ever since, attracted the attention of the world as the crowning event of beauty and fashion.

Beauties of Sri Lanka too have been taking part in this global pageant since 1955. And the Miss Ceylon who took part in that very first event was the only participant who has been able to win an award for Sri Lanka at this coveted beauty pageant.

Over the years, the name Maureen Hingert has faded from the memories of the people here. Many a beauty queen has been crowned each year and the intensity of the competition to become 'Miss Sri Lanka' is fierce. Unfortunately though, none has been able to bring home the honour that Maureen brought here over five decades ago.

As a tribute to the long-forgotten beauty, The Nation takes a look at the life and times of the Second Runner-Up of the 1955 Miss Universe pageant.

**Maureen Neliya Hingert** was born on January 9, 1937 to Lionel Hingert and Lorna Mabel de Run. Her father was the President of the Bank of Ceylon and had extensive Tea holdings. They belonged to an affluent family of Dutch Burghers. Maureen received her education at Holy



Family Convent, Bambalapitiya where she studied Languages, World History and Nursing. She speaks English, French, Spanish, Hindustani and Tamil.

Her entry into stardom began with her appearance in a Ceylonese movie titled Ram Gopal. In 1953, she appeared in Veit Harlan's *Sterne über Colombo*, a.k.a. *Circus Girl*, a German movie filmed in Ceylon.

Propelling her into a different path, Maureen was crowned 'Miss Ceylon' in Colombo on June 25, 1955. Subsequently, she took part in the Miss Universe pageant representing Ceylon. She was chosen Second Runner-Up to Hillevi Rombin, Miss Sweden, in the contest held in Long Beach, California.

Following the contest, she was under contract to Universal International Studios and 20th Century Fox. Some of the movies she appeared in include

*The King and I*, *Fort Bowie*, *Gun Fever*, *The Adventures of Hiram Holiday*, *Moroccan Halk Moth*, *Pillars of the Sky*, *Dangerous Search*, *Gunman from Laredo*, *The Rawhide Trail* and the British TV Series *Captain David Grief*.

Being an accomplished dancer, she gave solo performances at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles and other major venues there.

Maureen married Mario Armond Zamparelli in 1958. Zamparelli is an American artiste and designer, best known for his connection with Howard Hughes. For 18 years, Zamparelli was Chief Executive Designer of Hughes' empire.

Their daughter, Gina Zamparelli, would achieve fame in the arts as a concert promoter and is active in the field of historic preservation. They had two other daughters as well, Marisa and Andrea Zamparelli.

In July 1970 Maureen divorced Zamparelli and, in 1976, married William J. Ballard in Los Angeles. (VA)



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN 2010

**OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**RICE & CURRY LUNCH**

LARAINÉ MULLER; PAM FORSTER; RODNEY & MARIE DE KRETZER

**DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**DINNER/DANCE AT THE GRAND**

ARLENE & TONY SCARNIVEL; SHIREEN & EARLE 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.**

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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

*Members:*

Dushy & Leonie Abeyesekera of Glenroy, Vic  
James Kreltszheim of Malvern East, Vic  
Pippa Wilson & Caroline of Hughesdale, Vic  
Cordelia Morrison of East Bentleigh, Vic  
Gorden D'Abrera of England  
Russell & Valerie Welsh of Fairfield Heights, NSW  
Anne Lamb of Wheelers Hill, Vic  
Ranee Fernando of Dandenong, Vic  
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Dorcas Redlich of North Dandenong, Vic  
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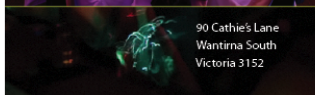
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## SOCIAL NOTES



*Astrid Bowen – Deanna Van Cuylenberg (70<sup>th</sup>) –  
Conraad Hatch – Audrey Ferdinands – Henry Brohier  
Lyn Isaaks – Irene Isaaks – Lorna Vanderzeil  
Maureen Alles (70 in May) – Noeline Mortimer  
Marquerite LaBrooy.*



*Congratulations to Pamela & Maurice Forster on the  
occasion of their 51<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

*Sincere congratulations to Lyn and Irene Isaaks on  
their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*



*Happy Birthday to 6 year old Jonathan Isaaks of Noosa.  
Young Jonathan is the only grandchild of members, Lyn  
and Irene Isaaks.*



*Maxwell and Joan  
Gerlach, Eighty Club  
members, were united  
in Holy Matrimony on  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Joan  
was the former Joan  
Hamilton. Their  
honeymoon was spent  
in Europe where the  
happy couple enjoyed  
themselves in many  
exotic locations,  
judging from the  
photographs we  
received.*

*We offer them our  
congratulations and  
God's choicest  
blessings!*



# IN GOD'S HANDS



**KELAART** – Janet. Passed away on July 13, 2010 aged 68 years. Wife of Ray. Mother of Fiona, Christopher and Natalie. Mother-in-Law of Warren, Julie and Stephen. Grandmother of Brooke, Ellie, Sophie, Liam, Max and Ashton.

**EBERT** – Sheila (nee Misso) deceased 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Adelaide aged 78 years. Widow of Dr. George Frederick Martinus (dec). Then, wife of Trevor Ebert (dec). Mother of Sancia, Priscilla & Ruthven. Grandmother of Cloe, Duncan and Kira.

**KELLY** – Vernon Noel. Passed away on July 22, 2010. Husband of Maureen. Father of Vanessa and Nigel. Father-in-law of Tim and Nadine. Grandfather of Jocelyn and Elyse.

*(Vernon was a valued member of the Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc. and served as its President during 1988 and 1989. Thereafter, he served as vice-President in 1987; Asst. Treasurer in 1986; Committee Member in 1985 and again as Assistant Treasurer in 1984. His services were greatly valued by the Committee. Vale Vernon!)*

**van der HOEVEN** – Yvonne Carmen. Passed away on July 25, 2010, aged 80 years. Wife of Lloyd; mother of Ian. Sister Melville (dec), Myrna, Violet and Percy (UK).

**Van Der Wall** – Irene. Passed away peacefully on July 30, 2010 aged 96 years. Wife of Harold (dec.). Mother and mother-in-law of Anthony and Jilska, Pieter (dec.), Maarten and Lisbeth. Grandmother of Lara, Christopher, Leesa and Annika. Great grandmother of Marina and Marcus, Keaty and Red.

**REVELL** – Tony. Passed away aged 72 on August 13, 2010. Husband of Val; father to Tracy, Andrew and Phillip. Granddad to Ethan, Michelle, Amanda. Samantha, Leigh, Jade, Callum, Christopher and Anthony. Great Grandad to Kaci and Maddison

**BUULTJENS - MAVIS OLGA** passed away on 10th August 2010, aged 93 (Former Principal of St. Thomas' Girls High School, Matara, Sri Lanka.) Wife of late Fred Buultjens; mother of Dawn and Llewellyn and mother-in-law of late Tilak Goonasekera and Barbara Buultjens; grandmother of Shyamali, Nishantha, Trizann, Lua and Venryk and their spouses Heath, Cynthia, Rohitha and Juana; great grandmother of Kathryn, Zara, Adriel, Nadika, Analise and Aaron. Survived by her sisters Brenda Johnson (UK) and Kathleen Wickramaratne (Sri Lanka).

**BASTIAENSZ. - Freda Anne** Passed away aged 83 on September. 26, 2010 in Sri Lanka. Sister of Esme (Sri Lanka), Maisie, Patrick (Australia) and Sheila (Canada). Mass will be held for her soul on THURSDAY (Sept. 30) at 7.30 p.m. at St Joseph's Parish, 362 Station St, Chelsea.

**SAMARASINGHE.** Hazel Iris. (95), mother of Rani Kriekenbeek and Bubbles Thiedeman; sister of Conraad Hatch. Passed away on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 1030pm.

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## FROM THE MAIL MAN



*Mr. Ian KELLY of 19/b, Janasaviya Mawata, kda Maduwa, Piliyandala, Sri Lanka writes:*

PLEASE PASS ON MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY to Maureen and family as I was saddened to hear that Vernon passed away. May he rest in peace. Ian.  
PLEASE NOTE. My home is in Sri Lanka. Kindly forward any mail to the given address. Thanks, kind regards. Ian Kelly

*Thanks, Ian. Your sentiments will be conveyed. Editor*

### **An Appreciation**

#### **The Late Vernon Noel Kelly – 1922 – 2010**

The passing away of Vernon in his 87<sup>th</sup> year was rendered by the fact that although latterly he was very sick, his mind continued to be very alert with humour until the very last.

Vernon had his part primary and secondary education at Royal College – Colombo between 1932 and 1940 where, on leaving college he was a senior cadet with the Ceylon Cadet Battalion, a Senior Prefect, a Rugby Coloursman and held a Senior Cambridge Certificate with honours, that exempted him from the London Matriculation.

He accepted an Indentured Apprenticeship with the Public Works Department in Civil Engineering, and studied at the Ceylon Technical College, where he achieved his Diploma. He went on to further study and Graduation at the Institute of Civil Engineering, London.

He worked on development projects and on supervisory projects within the Public Works Department until he moved to a more lucrative position with the Shell Company.

In 1951 Vernon married Maureen and was blessed with two children, Vanessa and Nigel.

In 1958 the family migrated to Australia and settled in Sydney, to work with BP Australia. In 1967 he was transferred to BP Australia's head office in Melbourne, where he worked until his retirement in 1983.

Vernon was very interested in sport, having represented a leading club in rugby to a championship. He also had a hand in cricket, squash, golf and, in latter years, lawn bowls. However, he will be best remembered for his efforts at hockey – as a goalkeeper. This he courageously accomplished with limited protective gear.

He generously gave his time to serve society. He never stinted time or money and served on many committees namely – Australia Ceylon Fellowship; The Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc.; Ceylon Freemasons Association and Probus Club of Doncaster and, as a devoted Anglican, also served on many church committees.

Whatever office he held he never sought popular favour and in any discussion he would stress a point almost to the point of dissention, but it was generally accepted that his opinions were well based and sound.

Vernon had confidence in himself and rightly enjoyed the true pride of his success in life. He will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

*Trevor Jansz*



## COIN COLLECTIONS

Errol & Elaine Orchard	25.10	Anonymous	4.75
Brian Fernando	26.50	C & J de la Zilwa	20.15
Pam Van Twest	7.40	Errol & Violet Jacotine	20.65
Deanna Van Cuylenberg	10.85	Tamara Melder	96.40
K & R Van Twest )		Errol & Elaine Orchard	25.10
Joan Decker ) Total of 3 Bottles	120.40		
A & R Koelmeyer )		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>332.20</b>

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS – DONATIONS TO LOCAL CHARITIES**

#### **THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

Thank you recently making a generous donation to the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Your donation will be used to deliver medical excellence at the Royal Children's Hospital: in the key areas of technology, training and research. It will help secure the best medical talent and assist in the purchase of life-saving medical equipment.

Sgd. Suna Panicker (Donor Database Administrator)

#### **AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS**

Thank you for your generous donation to the Red Cross. Your vital donation will go towards people who are facing hardships now as well as helping us plan and prepare for the future.

Sgd. Robert Tickner (CEO)

#### **STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION**

We are thrilled that you have chosen to support Starlight and would like to thank you for your generous contribution. Since 1988, Starlight Children's Foundation has been brightening the lives of seriously ill and hospitalised children and their families throughout Australia by delivering innovative programs that restore the fun, laughter and joy that serious illness takes away.

Thank you so much for lighting up a little life.

STARLIGHT CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION.

#### **MCGRATH FOUNDATION**

On behalf of the McGrath Foundation I would like to thank you most sincerely for your generous donation and support of the Foundation. The McGrath Foundation is committed to continuing Jane's legacy by promoting 'breast awareness' among young women.

Thank you, very much, for your valuable contribution which will enable us to continue to work towards achieving Jane's vision.

Sgd. Tracy Bevan (Executive Director)

**OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING**  
**DONORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY**  
*Donations received from 16th June to 26th September 2010*

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Anthonisz Harris Joyce	20.00	Greve Derrick Heather	70.00
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Bartels Aileen	10.00	Gunaratnam Marcus Karmini	200.00
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Brown David Dorothea	20.00	Henricus Malcolm Christine	70.00
Byrne Jean	100.00	In memory of Frank Thomasz	
Cader Ashroff Estelle	20.00	Herft Angelo Melinda	20.00
Caldera Alan Kate	20.00	Herft Damian Caroline	70.00
Caspersz Grayden	70.00	Hogan Gavan & Maureen	70.00
Chunchie Corrina	26.20	Holsinger Heather	300.00
Colpo Patricia	20.00	In memory of Ivor & Eugene Holsinger	
Cook Rowena	30.00	Holsinger Aubrey	20.00
Crowe Chester Pax	70.00	Ingleton Rodney Mignon	50.00
De Bruin Doreen	20.00	In memory of Junette Tissera	
De Jong Patrick	25.00	Ingram Ronald	25.00
De Kauwe Herschell Faye	20.00	Isaaks Darryl June	20.00
De Kretser Desmond & Dianne	100.00	Isaaks Lyn Irene	20.00
De Kretser Vivian	20.00	Jacotine Ian Melody	20.00
De La Zilwa Clair Jean	20.00	Jilla Homi Marjorie	20.00
De Moore Eileen	100.00	Johnson Brian Jennifer	10.00
De Silva Rosemary	70.00	Jonklaas Leslie	20.00
De Zilwa Denise	10.00	Juriansz Robin Shireen	20.00
De Zilwa Mervyn Myrna	20.00	K & J Orchard	50.00
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Deckker Norman Christine	20.00	Kelaart Graeme	50.00
Dekker Anthony Kristine	50.00	Kelaart Ray	70.00
Demmer Christine	10.00	Koch Carol	70.00
Deutrom Bil	70.00	Koelmeyer Anthony Rosemary	20.00
Dirksze Aubrey Patricia	30.00	Kreltszheim James	20.00
Drieberg Bryan Electra,	125.00	Kreltszheim Jeremy Rosemarie	20.00
Dal & Jenny, Luchlan & Vivienne		La Brooy Earl Iris	30.00
In memory of Joyce Ludekens		La Brooy Trevor Vilma	20.00
Drieberg Dal Jenny	10.00	Lemm Kevin Vicki	20.00
Edwards Ray	50.00	Lobo Ben Yvonne	50.00
Else Jackie	50.00	Lourensz Janine	10.00
In memory of Richard Young		Lourensz Malcolm Jeanne	30.00
Felsinger-Hatch Melany	10.00	Ludekens Dudley Pam	20.00
Ferdinands Edred Denise	50.00	Ludowyk Chireen	20.00
Fernandez Joe Jacintha	20.00	Ludowyk Robin Joan	20.00
Fernando Doreen	20.00	Mack June	10.00
Fernando Audrey	20.00	Mack Derrick Bernice	20.00
Fernando Errol Diane	20.00	Mack Derrick Bernice	25.00
Fletcher Chris Petula	20.00	In memory of Anne Pickard	
Foenander Hugh Avril	45.00	Mack Douglas Peggy	20.00
Foenander Odath Sandra	20.00	Mack Spencer	20.00
Frugtniet Brian Christine	20.00	Mack Vivian	10.00



Garnier Rodney Carole	20.00	Maddaford Daryll Tania	50.00
In memory of Junette Tissera		In memory of Richard Young	
Gerlach Maxwell Joan	25.00	Makalanda Marky Gillian	70.00
Martinus Priscilla	100.00	Rocque Eric Yvonne	20.00
Martinus Priscilla	100.00	Rode Dennis Barbara	200.00
In memory of Sheila Ebert		Rodrigue Roger Bety	70.00
Matthew Yolande	20.00	Scharley Marie	120.00
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Matthysz Maurice	70.00	In memory of Pat Ohlmus	
McGuire Evelyn	50.00	Schrader Mark Gladys	30.00
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Metzeling Michael Therese	20.00	Schumacher Anton	20.00
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Misso Robin Gwen	50.00	Siebel June	40.00
Mitchell Jeff Raine	20.00	Silva Mike Barbara	10.00
Mitchell Jeff Raine	50.00	Smith Dale	20.00
In memory of Richard Young		Solomons Lavinia	10.00
Morrison Mozelle	70.00	Speldewinde Christopher Barbara	30.00
Morrison Meredith	70.00	St.John Shirleen	20.00
Nugara Joseph Julie	20.00	Thiedeman Michael Janis	20.00
Nugara Merrill Arlene	20.00	Thomasz Malcolm June	20.00
Ohlmus Fritsz Liz	20.00	Thresher Marlene	70.00
Ondaatje Aelian Patricia	20.00	90th birthday of Rosemary De Silva	
Ondaatje Peter Rochelle	30.00	Tytler Harry June	20.00
Ondarchie Althea	20.00	Van Gramberg Vyvette	30.00
Ondarchie Keith Coral	20.00	Van Rooyen Clem	20.00
Palewandrem Miriam	20.00	Vanden Driesen Monica	10.00
Parsons Karen	30.00	Vanden Driesen Nigel	10.00
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In memory of Maurice Paternott		Weerakoon Peter Valerie	20.00
Paternott Roger Jean	20.00	Weiman Gordon & Heather	20.00
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Pears Adrian Dawn	25.00	Weinman John Lorraine	70.00
In memory of Ann Pickard		Welsh Trevor Lorraine	20.00
Pereara Lorenz Maryse	20.00	Whatmore Margie	20.00
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Poppenbeck Victor Anita	20.00	Whitham Wendy	20.00
In memory of Hiacinth Poppenbeck		Willenberg Shelton S	25.00
Poulier Merrick Nina	20.00	Williamsz Steven Julie	20.00
Rabot Theo Marie	10.00	Wilson Pippa	20.00
Ragel Florence	70.00	Wright George Claudette	20.00
Donation to Roshan Hansay		Young Rita	50.00
Rajapaksa Anil Stephanie	20.00	In memory of Richard	
Raymond Ronald Rita	20.00	Young Anita Louise	15.00
Reimers Glenn Jill	30.00	Young Gillian	20.00
Revell Tony Val	50.00	Young Ian Sonia	20.00
Roberts Herbert Carmen	20.00	Young Ian Sonia	50.00
Roberts Ryan	20.00	In memory of Richard Young	
Robin Kreltszheim	300.00		
& Lindsay Ferdinands		Sixteen Anonymous donations	325.00
		Anonymous Donation	60.00
Anonymous Donation -	100.00	Anonymous Donation	80.00
In memory of Cecil Fernando		Anonymous Donation	70.00
Anonymous Donation	500.00	Anonymous Donation	70.00
Anonymous Donation-		Anonymous Donation	70.00
In Memory of Lourdes Heyzer	20.00	Anonymous Donation	170.00
Anonymous Donation	150.00	Anonymous Donation	300.00
Anonymous Donation -	100.00	Anonymous Donation	170.00
In memory of Geoff Frugtniet		Anonymous Donation	100.00

Anonymous Donation	100.00	Anonymous Donation	70.00
Anonymous Donation	50.00	Anonymous Donation	50.00
Anonymous Donation	80.00	Anonymous Donation	70.00

**IN CELEBRATION OF BEN CHAPMAN'S 80TH BIRTHDAY - TOTAL \$ 910**

Bowen Erica	Da Silva Dudley Joan
Chapman Betty	DaSilva David Alison
Chapman Bianca	Fernando Marcia
Christopher d'Silva & Adrian	Frugtniet Brian Christine
Cook Rowena	Gray Derek
	Matthysz Maurice
	Stoneham Gillian

**IN MEMORY OF VERNON KELLY - TOTAL \$1505**

Anderson Lorraine	Kelly Penhrod Ruth & family
Cameron Phyllis	Leembruggen Charmaine
Collins Sharon	Lourensz Malcolm & Jeanne
Colpo Patricia	Ludowyke N
De Run Nihal & Diedre	Martenstyn Leonie
DeKretser Vivian	Metzeling Esme
Demmer Christine	Metzerling Laurian & Pam
Demmer Vicki	Paternott Elvera
Ferdinands Audrey	Ratnam Nadine
Ferdinands Rupert & Tammy	Scarnivel Tony & Arlene
Hatch Conraad & Rita	Schokman Letie
Heyn Pat	Schrader Everard Peggy
Holsinger Heather	Vanderzeil S
Jacotine Errol Violet	Wambeek C
Jansz Caryl	Williamsz Denis & Myrna
Jansz Trevor	Wright George Claudette
Jonklaas Leslie	Wright L
Kelly Pat & Marie	Young Rita

**REMINDER**

***IN CASE YOU FIND A REMINDER INVOICE INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER  
IT MEANS THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR THE  
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***WE VALUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND RELY ON  
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SO ALREADY.  
TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PAID US THEIR DUES WE SAY  
"THANK YOU"***





## **ANOTHER MASTER CHEF**

As I grow older, many scenes from an earlier time drift across my memory. I recall my days at Wesley College, the movies we enjoyed at the Savoy, the first time I met the girl who was to become my wife, and so many familiar episodes from my life.

When I remember Mum and Dad it is always about a small Anglican Church, "St. Matthews" where I attended Sunday school as a young lad. The congregation was mainly a few local folk who attended regularly and who became our friends.

I remember one Christmas Day in Colombo when we were about to have lunch, Mum gave me three plates of food, wrapped in a white napkin which she wanted me to take on my bike to the home of one of our Church family. I did, and when I returned home described to Mum that they had no Christmas tree, no decorations, no balloons like at our house and that they were sitting around just like any other day.

I promptly forgot about all that as I opened my several presents, dined well and enjoyed the celebrations.

After that, every Easter and at Christmas I had to ride my bicycle to our Church friends' home with three plates of food wrapped in white napkins, topped with colourful Easter Eggs or Christmas fare. This gradually became a regular errand, not just at festival time. Their son became my good friend at Church and we kept in touch for some years afterwards. Of course, I did not give all this much attention at the time until I met Richard Young in Melbourne years later when he spoke to me about the Eighty Club, who are doing such wonderful work for our friends back home. Dad passed away fifty years ago, and Mum a few years after Dad; if they were alive today I would be in big trouble for writing this.

One final memory – I can see Mum in the kitchen, baking the Christmas Cake, or someone's Birthday Cake, or just squeezing stringhoppers for dinner. And there were seven of us around the table.

Mum believed that food was to be eaten, not criticized. "And always leave some for others." When there was a meal to be prepared, Mum just set about doing it without waiting for compliments.

There were no judges, no referees with waist-lines betraying their over-indulgence to say whether the food was good or bad. No prize money, no praise to be earned. No television. Not even a simple "thank you."

By this measurement, there must be thousands of Master Chefs around the world today, unsung, unheard of, who quietly go about their preparations, making sure someone else also has a bite to eat.

Our Mum was one of them.

**George Robertson.**



## **THE STUDENT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME – Report September 2010**

The sponsorship scheme was first started by Maurice Forster in about 1984; operating outside the aegis of the Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc (ECM). This program was totally independent; both financially and administratively of the club because of taxation rules relating to Charities which precluded payments for educational purposes. When the Commonwealth Government included educational assistance as an acceptable form of charity for tax exemption purposes the Student Sponsorship Program (SSP) became a part of the activities of the ECM.

The aim of the program is to improve the economic standing of the Burgher community in Sri Lanka; which has one of the highest levels of unemployment of all communities in S.L. by providing financial support for education and the development of employment related skills in the children of Burgher parents.

The program is now in it's sixteenth year of operation and has been extremely successful. There are University graduates, Bank Clerks, Airline employees, Tradesmen and a Doctor of Medicine among those sponsored students who have completed their education.

Currently the scheme has a total of 141 students in Colombo and 25 students in Batticaloa. Of the 141 students in Colombo 23 (16%) are in the GCE "A" level class and 3 (2.0 %) are in University. In Batticaloa 9 (36%) of the 25 students are in the GCE "A" level classes.

The scheme is at present facing a few issues of concern; the first being the lack of communication by the students or their parents with their sponsors. This, in turn, causes these sponsors to become disinterested and a few have even ceased their involvement. This means that the children lose the quarterly allowance paid to them which creates great hardship for them. The Dutch Burgher Union (DBU) in Colombo distributes aerogramme forms quarterly to enable the parents or child to write to their sponsors; while the majority of them use this opportunity to communicate there are a few who do not.

I am in regular contact with the Welfare Coordinator at the DBU, Mrs. Anthea Muller on many matters regarding the scheme and lack of communication is a regular and common thread in our discussions.

I make a personal appeal to any sponsor who does not hear regularly from the parents or child they support to contact me in order for me to take some action.( my contact details are e-mail address [trevorcollette43@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorcollette43@bigpond.com) , home telephone number 03 97061084 ).

The other issue of concern is the delay of sponsorship dues reaching the ECM from sponsors which means that when the remittance has to be sent to Sri Lanka the shortfall has to be met by the scheme reserves, as the children need to be paid quarterly.

The final matter is the difficulty in finding new sponsors. At present there are twelve children in Colombo and two in Batticaloa awaiting sponsorship. If you are able to undertake a sponsorship or know of a friend or relative who may be interested please contact me.

I wish to conclude by quoting an old Chinese Proverb, **"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."**

**Trevor Collette**  
**Student Sponsorship Coordinator**



**"THAT SHOULD SHUT HER UP !!"**





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