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**THE PRESIDENT**

**AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**OF THE**

**EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC**

**WISH ALL THEIR**

**MEMBERS AND BENEFACTORS**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR !**



**CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE**



## **PRESIDENTS 2011 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!' "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes" was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel. By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks.. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, you will be more comfortable now."

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her:

### **'Are you God's wife?'**

The above email was sent to me by a friend and, on reading the article, my immediate thought was how appropriate this article was when applied to the very kind and generous members and child support sponsors of our great organisation. The lady referred to truly represents each and every one of you for what you do to help the LESS FORTUNATE FRIENDS in Sri Lanka.

On our recent visit to Sri Lanka, Marie and I were privileged to attend the DBU on the two days that the Welfare Beneficiaries and Sponsored children were paid their quarterly allowances. We were overwhelmed by the gratitude and appreciation expressed by these less fortunate people. To see the happiness on these poor people's faces was very humbling and gratifying.

As the season of Good Cheer is upon us, I would like to thank all of you for your generosity, which enables this organisation to help those left behind in Sri Lanka.

Once again a special Thank You to all those who helped me with my pet project to provide a Christmas present for the children.

To our Management and Fund Raising committees, Thanks a million for all your hard work and generosity over the past twelve months.

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

I look forward to your continued support.





### THOUGHT PROVOKING

*IF YOU WOKE UP THIS MORNING WITH MORE HEALTH THAN ILLNESS, YOU ARE MORE BLESSED THAN THE MILLION WHO WILL NOT SURVIVE THIS WEEK.*

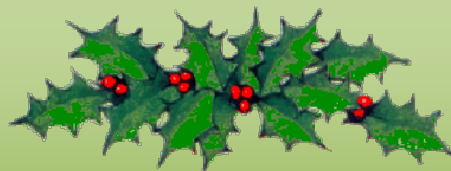
*IF YOU HAVE NEVER EXPERIENCED THE DANGER OF BATTLE, THE LONELINESS OF IMPRISONMENT, THE AGONY OF TORTURE OR THE PANGS OF STARVATION - YOU ARE AHEAD OF 500 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.*

*IF YOU CAN ATTEND A MEETING WITHOUT FEAR OF HARASSMENT, ARREST, TORTURE OR DEATH, YOU ARE MORE BLESSED THAN THREE BILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.*

*IF YOU HAVE FOOD IN YOUR REFRIGERATOR, CLOTHES ON YOUR BACK, A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD AND A PLACE TO SLEEP, YOU ARE RICHER THAN 75% OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.*

*IF YOU HAVE MONEY IN THE BANK, IN YOUR WALLET AND SPARE CHANGE, YOU ARE AMONG THE TOP 8% OF THE WORLDS WEALTHY.*

*IF YOU CAN READ THIS MESSAGE, YOU ARE DOUBLY BLESSED BECAUSE OVER TWO BILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD CANNOT READ AT ALL.*



**THE EDITOR AND HIS WIFE, JUNE,  
WISH ALL READERS  
A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HEALTHY, HAPPY AND PEACEFUL  
NEW YEAR  
2012**



# HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

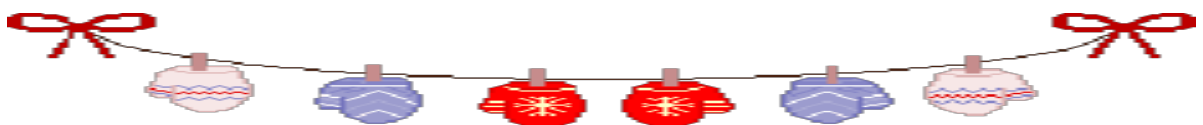


The following were assisted out of our Emergency Fund:

Mr. J Clogston – Rs.1000. Leads a 'hand to mouth' existence and is a little retarded.  
 Mr. S Neydorff – Rs.2000. Has no place to stay and lives on the beach. No job and had been hospitalised for asthma. Was desperate.  
 Mrs. W Ferdinands. Rs.2000. Was ill and had to take a course of injections. No funds.  
 Mrs J. De Zilva. Rs.3000. 67 years old and no immediate family. Lives with relatives and works for her meals.  
 Mrs. B Gomes. Rs.1000. Needed money to buy medications.  
 Mr S Neydorff. Rs.2000. Still no place to stay and no income. Was in prison for sleeping on the pavement.  
 Mrs. C de Hoedt. Rs.3000. 67 years old. Lives alone. Needed money for rent.  
 Mr. R Johnston. Rs.3000. Has a broken back and needed money to buy ayurvedic medicine.  
 Mr E T Lappen. Rs.2000. Just out of hospital and needed money for medication.  
 Mr J Clogston. Rs.1000. Just after hernia operation and needed money for medication.



*In the last newsletter, I described the pathetic plight of Mr Stanley de Fry who was sent home from hospital after being declared brain dead. In mid-October, Stanley developed pneumonia, was rushed to hospital and died shortly after. From the outside, looking in, this may look like a merciful release but from the family's point of view they lost a husband, a father and a bread-winner with one cruel stroke of fate. A friend of mine, who wishes to remain anonymous, immediately gave me a donation of \$100 which was sent to Mrs de Fry to help with the funeral costs and other incidental expenses. This translated to a sum of Rs.10,500. Mrs. De Fry finds herself in very unfortunate circumstances until she can find some means of earning some money but this Club will continue to help her and her three children until she finds her feet. She will be paid a quarterly allowance plus a special monthly payment from donations made by generous members. Also, sponsors have been found for two of her children already. The Club is also committed to pay her house rent for the whole of next year which should be a tremendous relief to her and her children.*



All Welfare Beneficiaries were paid a Bonus of Rs.2000 each in addition to the usual Benefit. Payments were made at a Christmas Party hosted for them and other Beneficiaries by the Dutch Burgher Union.

## COIN COLLECTIONS

Doris & Binkie Abel	32.50	Anthony & Rosemary Koelmeyer	21.65
Vivian Mack	20.25	Persis Ferdinands	9.50
Deanna Van Cuylenberg	15.00	C & J de la Zilwa	80.00
		TOTAL	178.90



## SOCIAL NOTES



Greetings to Violet and Errol Jacotine who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary in Sri Lanka. Greetings also to Caryl and Max Mortimer on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

May God bless these couples and give them many more years of wedded bliss.



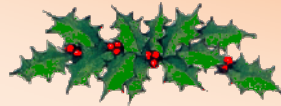
Anniversary Greetings to Joan and Robin LUDOWYK on their 51<sup>st</sup>; Dr. Robin and Gwen MISSO and also to Melrose and Cholmondoley WILLENBERG.

Congratulations also to Myrna and Denis WILLIAMSZ on their 55<sup>th</sup> and Ishbelle and Emile POPPENBECK on their 51<sup>st</sup>. We invoke God's choicest Blessings on these Couples.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:**

LEONIE MARTENSTYN; MERVYN SCHOORMAN; LARAINÉ MULLER; RITA YOUNG; SPENCER VANDERZEIL; 'BINKIE ABEL; ARLENE SCARNIVEL; TONY SCARNIVEL; EARLE FERDINAND; SHANE ISAACS; TEREASE CRAMER; BEULAH VOLLENHOVEN; ETIENNE JAYATUNGA (DBU COLOMBO)



THE EDITOR AND HIS WIFE, JUNE,  
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AND A  
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NEW YEAR, 2012

*Mrs ASTRID (BETTY) CHAPMAN*

*&*

*Mrs RITA YOUNG*

*BEING THE ONLY SURVIVING FOUNDER MEMBERS OF  
THE EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC  
HAVE BEEN HONoured BY BEING MADE THE FIRST HONORARY LIFE  
MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*FEBRUARY 19, 2012* - BURIYANI LUNCHEON

Coordinators Pam & Maurice Forster/Esther & Melville Knower

*APRIL 15, 2012* \* STRINGHOPPER PILAU

Coordinators Rita Young/Earle Ferdinand/Tony & Arlene Scarnivel

*JULY 8, 2012* - LUNCH AT THE GRAND

Coordinators Rodney & Marie de Kretser/Trevor Collette/Jill Amit

*AUGUST 26, 2012* - ROTI LUNCHEON

Coordinators Annesley & Jennifer Young/Laraine Muller

*OCTOBER 7, 2012* - SAVOURY RICE AND CURRY

Coordinators Errol & Violet Jacotine/Leonie Martenstyn

TBA - 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:*

*Claus & Cherie DYCK of Alfonsa  
Bertram & Arlene EKENAKE of Narre Warren South  
Trevor & Damayanthi YOUNG of Endeavour Hills.*





## **SAFE IN GOD'S HANDS**

**BENNETT** – Cuddy, late of Cairns, North Queensland passed away on October 19, 2011 at the Cairns Base Hospital after a two year battle with life. Husband of Peggy and father and father-in-law of Jackie and Allister Crocker, Brent Bennett, John Bennett, Simon and Belinda Bennett and Rebecca Bennett. Grandfather of Ben, Joseph and Cecilia Crocker, Ricky, Toby and Jaspa Bennett, Kylie, Louise, Naomi, Joshua, Kirsten and Courtney Bennett and Jessica and Sam Jerkic. Great grandfather of Stephanie, Dylan, Jake, Memphis, Ashton, Savannah, Ollie, Jaydan, Kelsie, Schaienne, Heidi and Scarlett Rose. Prior to settling in Australia, Cuddy Bennett was a Teacher and House Master at Trinity College, Kandy, Sri Lanka for nine years.

**HERBERT NOEL (MIKE) MULLER** - Passed away on Nov. 2, 2011. Husband of Daphne (dec.). Father of Laraine, Susan, Michael, Noel, Fione and Alaine and father-in-law of Hugh, Ingrid, Yvette, Anura and Russell. Grandfather of Seshan, Cheara and Stephen, Chenelle, Davina, Chantelle, Natasha, Amanda and Aaron.

**DE KRETZER**. - Bryce. Beloved father of Bryone and Greg and Shane and Kellie. Grandfather to Olive. Passed away aged 81. Son of Colville and Merle De Kretzer (both dec.). Brother and brother-in-law of Caryl and Noland (dec.), Briand (dec.) and Floy, Megan and Carlisle, Trevor (dec.), Christobel and Cedric, Noeline and Patrick, Royle (dec.), Jean and Clair, Pamela (dec.), Monty and Jacintha, Merle (dec.), Jill and Trevor, Lester and Loredana, Elaine and Sarath.

**ROWLANDS** – Marie Sybil May (nee Ebert). Wife of Cecil Wilford (dec). Mother of Edouard, Muriel, Marie and Percy. Mother-in-law of Joan (dec), Ruth, Harold, Harold and Pia. Grandmother of Melanie, Jacqueline, Harry, Christopher, Nicole, Natalie and Michelle. Grandmother-in-law to Joe and David. Great Grandmother of Alessia, Giselle.

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**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2011 FROM THE DUTCH BURGER UNION OF  
CEYLON TO THE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS  
OF THE EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE INC**



The year-end brings no greater pleasure than the opportunity to reflect on the previous 12 months and say a special "Thank you", while expressing Season's Greetings and our Good Wishes to the President and Committee of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc as well as all the Eighty Club Members.

It is only through the support and generosity consistently extended by the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc that the DBU has, in fact, been able to see another year through with a great sense of satisfaction in terms of the extent of work that has been possible in 2011 by way of the Welfare Beneficiary Scheme and also the Child Sponsorship Programme. We were delighted to welcome in October 2011, the visit of Eighty Club Melbourne Inc President Rodney De Kretser along with his charming wife Marie. We had the opportunity, apart from a most enjoyable afternoon of social interaction, enhanced by the enjoyment of the now much sought after DBU Lamprais and Home-made Ginger Beer, to have Rodney and Marie present on two mornings, when our dedicated Team of volunteers, particularly Anthea Muller, Mystica Flamer-Caldera, Lana Foenander and Etienne Jayatunge were making payments as they so regularly give of their time and caring to bring relief and a smile to the many less fortunate who are assisted through the generous contributions of the Membership of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc. Two crates of Brand New Men's clothing shipped from Australia were also distributed, much to the delight of the Welfare Beneficiaries.

Earlier in the year, we did also welcome Eighty Club Senior Vice-President Trevor Colette who was present on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July when the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter payments were made to the Children sponsored by the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc. In fact, Trevor Collette who was accompanied by Jill Amit and four other Members of the ECOM Inc, took the opportunity to address the Children in fluent Sinhalese to encourage them about the importance of making certain that they write and thank their Sponsors in Australia. During the year, other Members of the ECOM Inc who visited the DBU to witness the welfare activities being undertaken were Ms. Anne Keegel as well as Allan Pinder and his wife Marie.

In fact, Mr. and Mrs. Pinder generously donated Buns and Chocolate Cake to the children as well as to the Welfare Beneficiaries. Needless to say, the kind thought was much appreciated and the treat greatly enjoyed.

We have indeed to be appreciative of the many wonderful acts of generosity and assistance extended to the DBU by the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc and all Eighty Club Members.

Please convey our sincere thanks to them all for the continuing support towards the less fortunate through the existing two Schemes, as well as for contributing to sponsorship of the very much awaited Christmas Party which, this year, will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

The Christmas Party brings joy and happiness to so many children whose circumstances are such that they would otherwise not so much as even be touched by the spirit and gladness of Christmas.

On behalf of the DBU General Committee and the DBU Membership, the privilege falls to me, to extend to your President, the Committee and, indeed, the entire Membership along with their Families, our warmest thoughts and best wishes for a Christmas filled with happiness and good cheer. May the peace and beauty of the Season remain with you all throughout the coming year.



***Nigel Austin***

**PRESIDENT, DUTCH BURGER UNION OF CEYLON**





### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Another year has come to an end, and I take this opportunity of thanking your Committee and all Members of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc. for the wonderful work they do to send fabulous donations to assist our needy Burghers, both the Elders to tide over their many problems and the children to receive a decent education.

I am bereft of words to describe the benefits showered on all these hapless folk and I would like to especially congratulate and thank from the bottom of my heart, Mr Rodney de Kretser, President; Mr. Darryl Isaaks, Welfare Coordinator; Mr. Trevor Collette, Vice President and Mr. Tony Scarnivel, Treasurer, who unstintingly labour and work so diligently to raise funds to sponsor the Welfare Beneficiaries and Children and also send an Emergency Fund to assist in times of need like funerals, hospitalization, sickness or any other problem. The bonuses sent, the school book allowance, the special donations to folk in desperate situations and the remittance for the Christmas parties are also greatly appreciated.

God Bless you all abundantly and have a Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

**ANTHEA MULLER**

Chairperson, Social Welfare Dutch Burgher Union of Ceylon

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

Dear Friends,

It is that time of the year again and I am taking this opportunity to wish each and every one of you all the joys of this special season.

It is a season that reminds us of the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, when He chose to become incarnate, and take on human flesh – becoming like you and me. He left His distance, His safety and glory to get caught up with our lives.

Being privy to your informative Newsletter, we have been blessed to read of the efforts to raise funds and bring relief to so many of the poor, needy and marginalised in Sri Lanka. The testimonies of those who have been helped are so good and inspiring to read.

I believe that in your own way you have sought to demonstrate sacrificial love as you have reached across the Ocean with your helping hands, to get caught up in the lives of the most needy in the “old country.”

Although the incarnation took place over 2000 years ago, let us be mindful that it continues to happen every time, we share His love with others, speak words of life, offer a helping hand, extend a handshake of welcome and acceptance, offer forgiveness and even give a cup of cold water in His name.

Maxine and I wish you all – a most blessed Christmas and the Lord’s empowering for another year of greater service that would bless the poor and needy of Sri Lanka and in some way make the “incarnation” an ongoing experience.

With every blessing

Revd: Charles N. Jansz.

*14<sup>th</sup> November, 2011.*



A four-year-old child, whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'



Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says:

'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'

Slim says, 'I feel just like a new born baby.'

'Really? Like a new born baby?'

'Yep. No hair, no teeth and I think I just wet my pants.'

Hospital regulations require a wheel chair for patients being discharged. However, a student nurse found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet who insisted that he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let the student nurse wheel him to the elevator.

On the way down the nurse asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said. 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.'

Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted.

A little girl said, 'I know all about adoption. I was adopted.'

'What does it mean to be adopted?' asked another child.

'It means', said the girl, 'that you grew in your mummy's heart instead of her tummy'.



Thank You, Lyn

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