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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

**DEAR MEMBERS,

HAVE YOU SENT IN

YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE**

FOR 2012-2013 ?

IF NOT,

PLEASE SUPPORT

YOUR CLUB

BY DOING SO

IMMEDIATELY.

WE DEPEND ON

YOU !

CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

THE PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2012

In this troubled world, it is refreshing to find people who still have the time to be kind: people who still have the faith to believe that the more you give, the more you receive. People who are ready by thought, word or deed to reach out a hand in the hour of need. (HELEN STEINER RICE)

Thanks to the generosity and kindness of our members and friends, together with the hard work of the Management and Fund Raising committees our Club has had another very productive year. It has been a privilege and a pleasure for me to have been the President of such an illustrious organisation. The Management Committee has requested me to serve for a further term and I have great pleasure in acceding to this request.

Ivor de Kretser a former President and long serving member of our Club passed away during the year; his advice and pleasant smile will be greatly missed by all.

Betty Chapman a founder member of our Club and a long serving member of the Committee has unfortunately decided not to re-nominate for the Committee due to ill health. I would like to thank Betty for all her assistance over the years and wish her good luck and good health.

Due to the generous donations we have received and the excellent rate of return of the Australian Dollar, we have been able to increase the number of Welfare Beneficiaries to 210 and, in addition, we have also increased the quarterly pension to Rs 7500. Those who have a dependant sibling or family member receive an additional Rs 3000 per quarter. They also were paid a half yearly bonus of Rs 3000 and an ex gratia payment of Rs 4000.

Thanks to the kindness of some of our members we have also been able to assist two persons who were desperately requiring open heart surgery and numerous others who have required funds for medical emergencies.

At present we are sponsoring 165 children in Colombo and Batticaloa. I would once again remind sponsors that it is imperative that your payments are made promptly as these children are entirely dependent on these funds for their educational expenses.

Our lunches and Annual Dance are the life blood of our organisation and have again been very well supported- Thank you. Please continue to do so in the coming year.

Once again the lunch donated by the De Silva family and held at the Grand was a tremendous success. A big Thank You to Lorraine, Victor Shanaka and Krishan. They have now donated 14 lunches and in excess of \$90,000. They have agreed to donate another lunch next year which will be held at the Grand on the 14th of July. Bookings are essential and are on a first come first served basis so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Thanks must also be given to Padmani and Bala Mahendran who donated a large number of shirts, the proceeds from the sale of these shirts raised in excess of \$10,000 together with the sale of the tasty Dharshan products.

All donations received, be they in the form of coin collections or the many cheques accompanying annual subscriptions, bequests from families of members who have passed away, from celebrations of anniversaries and birthdays and all the anonymous donations are much appreciated. Thank you from all at the Eighty Club and especially those Less Fortunate friends in Sri Lanka.

To all our wonderful caterers who continue to provide very tasty and wholesome food at very reasonable cost, thank you. Special mention must be made of Melanie and Mazhar Rauff who have catered for the majority of our functions.

Miles and Rachel Williams, Thanks for the time and effort in preparing the floor plans for our functions.

Sincere thanks to Anthea Muller and her team at the DBU in Colombo for their help and assistance throughout the year, especially Etienne and Mohan who have to prepare all the payments etcetera every quarter.

Behind every successful organisation are its hard working and generous committee members, both from the Committee of Management and the Fund Raising Committee. My special Thanks to you my friends for all your hard work and selflessness: Without you this club will cease to exist. I ask the Good Lord to bless you and your families for all the sacrifices you make.

Most importantly a huge Thank You to all the Office Bearers, your support and input has made my duties a lot easier and contributed to the success of our organisation.

A special Thank You to all the helpers who so willingly stay behind after our lunches and help with the washing, drying and stacking of the crockery and cutlery.

In conclusion let me once again say Thank You to all our members and friends. God bless you all and please help us to have another successful year.



Ivor Rienzi Vere de Kretser

Born: 3 January 1928

Called home: 3 July 2012

Ivor Rienzi Vere de Kretser was born on 3rd January 1928 in Singapore; the third of five children of Rienzi Horton de Kretser and Gweneth Frugtniet who had migrated to Singapore to seek employment and a better future in the British colony. He was baptized on 4th January 1928 and so began a deep and meaningful relationship with his Christian faith. His early years of schooling were in Singapore before the family returned to Ceylon in 1936 where he then attended Arethusa College till he completed his secondary education in 1944. He was a good student and it was his wish to pursue higher education and continued his studies at Royal College to enter University. He entered the University of Ceylon, Colombo to read for a Bachelor of Arts in Economics, History and Philosophy and graduated in 1950. At University, he met Patricia Ingram

who he married in April 1953. Ivor and Pat were an ideal couple and their union was blessed with 60 years of wedded bliss. They had a son, Christopher.

After graduating, Ivor remained President of the Philosophical Society at the University and took up his first job as Senior School Teacher at Wesley College, Colombo under the stewardship of Cedric Oorloff who was Principal at the time. Whilst it was a short tenure, Ivor's academic background was well suited for the task and he taught history and contributed significantly to the flourishing academic standards at Wesley at the time. His ability and skills were well noted and he was "head hunted" for the position of Additional Secretary at the Colombo General Hospital. The hospital had 1830 beds and 3000 staff and Ivor, very quickly, had to adapt and acquire the knowledge to effectively manage the hospital. His solid intellect, his meticulous attention to detail, his ability to grasp and understand the issues, his great capacity to express himself confidently both orally and in writing, his unruffled manner in resolving issues and, in addition, his ability to get on with people from all walks of life fitted him with the skills of an extremely competent administrator. 1953, being post independence, it was mandatory that you had to be a citizen of Ceylon to work in the Public Sector and he had to relinquish his British citizenship. In 1956, the hospital was reorganised and he was appointed as Secretary. He undertook further studies and passed the final exams of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries, London in 1959.

In 1963, he resigned from the Colombo General Hospital to migrate with Patricia and Christopher to Melbourne, Australia. Ivor commenced in the Postal Department and then, in 1964, joined the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital where he served as Personnel and Human Resources Manager until his retirement in 1991.

There is a distinct possibility that Ivor's skills as an administrator and association with the Public Sector stems from the bloodline of the de Kretser clan. In a toast by Dr. R L Brohier* at the 300th Anniversary celebrations of the de Kretser family arriving in Ceylon that was held in 1961, he stated:

"Historian and Colonial Secretary Tennent, described the Burghers of his day as the "Brazen Wheels" of the Public Service. Not a few of those brazen wheels were moulded in the de Kretser homes. Their sense of duty and adaptability to service under Government was apparently an inspiration from earlier generations".

Ivor and his family were regular members of the Dutch Reformed Church, Dehiwela and in Melbourne with the Glen Waverley Uniting Church. He was a devout Christian and he lived his life guided by the teachings of the gospel: love for his family and fellow man, honesty and decency in all his dealings along life's journey, compassion for those who were displaced, infirm, sick, hungry, the poor and those who lacked shelter. Ivor was a simple man of simple faith. He was unpretentious and did not seek the trappings of wealth but was a gentle, genuine, sincere and caring person. His home was a refuge for happy times and entertaining friends and family. His approach to life I believe is best reflected in the first two verses of a popular Charles Wesley hymn:

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I go,
My daily labour to pursue;
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.
The task Thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfil; In all my works Thy presence find,
And prove Thy good and perfect will.

That was Ivor to the end.

Contd.

In 1982, whilst still working, his compassion for others led him to becoming a member of the Eighty Club of Melbourne, a membership that continued till his passing. The objects of the Eighty Club sat comfortably with his compassion for others and provided an opportunity for him and the Club to provide assistance to those families and children in need in Sri Lanka. He was a passionate and dedicated volunteer to the cause and his administrative skills an added bonus. He was elected President and served in this capacity from 1996 to 1998. He continued as a senior member of the Committee until ill health forced him to relinquish the position about a year ago.

His other great passion was the Genealogy of the de Kretser family of Ceylon. Not since the genealogy by D V Altendorf published in the Journal of the Dutch Burgher Union of Ceylon in 1957, had the records of the family been updated. This task was an onerous one which consumed Ivor's time and energy. However, for Ivor, it was a labour of love and he stepped up to the task like he always had. Ivor undertook this massive task with diligence displaying the characteristics of his working life - his attention to detail and thoroughness which saw him research and track down the many family links which had now scattered far and wide across the globe. He persevered and after his retirement he dedicated more time and hours contacting, documenting and storing the records of the family. He organised a re-union of the de Kretser Clan which was held on 1 April 1990 which brought together many of the missing pieces. This was of great assistance. Two more re-unions followed in 1992 and 1994 and Ivor had the makings of a comprehensive record. However this was not enough and after further research he had gathered an exhaustive and complete record of the lineage of the family. I had the privilege of assisting him by providing further material for the record and getting the work published. It was here that I witnessed, firsthand, the passion and perseverance of Ivor. Finally the genealogy was published as a coffee table book in 2007 with Victoria's Governor, Dr David de Kretser AC, launching the publication. A huge burden had been lifted off Ivor's shoulders. Soon after we witnessed the first signs of Ivor's decline as it appeared the genealogy had consumed his very being. He had completed his *magnum opus* and now there was no challenges left – his life's work was done.

Sadly, as the years rolled by, Ivor's health deteriorated resulting in both Patricia and Ivor being placed in respite care in late 2011 and then in residence at Noble Manor. No longer did we see Ivor and Pat the perpetual loafers around Pinewood Shopping Centre, Brandon Park and the Glen. Their friends missed them too as Ivor no longer had his licence to drive. A fiercely independent individual, this was too hard for Ivor to bear as it was a disconnection with the lifestyle he loved and the home he had established in Glen Waverley since 1970. Ivor's frailty and declining condition took its toll and a man who had contributed so much towards the well being of others; was finally at rest himself when the Lord called Ivor home on 3 July 2012.

When we reflect on loved ones and friends who have passed away, we each hold different memories of what they meant to us. The lasting memory I have of Ivor is of a dapper gentleman of slight physique but a giant when it came to the qualities of life that made him a much loved and respected member of the family and community. A thorough gentleman!

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

- Traditional .Gaelic blessing

Keith de Kretser
July 2012

* Dr. R L Brohier (1892- 1980). He was an eminent and much respected member of the Dutch Burgher community. He was an authority on the history of the island and held the post of Surveyor General of Ceylon.



From the Mail Man



Jerry T de la Harpe has the following to say with regard to the recent death of his father, 85 year old Gerald Trevor de la Harpe:

"Dad was one of the first Burghers to come to Australia, having jumped on the SS Stratheden to sail from Colombo to Melbourne, a week after his marriage to my mum, Amy, in early 1951. His brother, George, had come to Australia and joined the RAAF after the second World War and wrote to Dad about Australia being the land of opportunity. That certainly proved to be the case. Dad was a quiet and humble man who didn't socialize widely but I believe was well known among his compatriots in the Burgher community in Melbourne."

EXCERPT FROM THE DBU BULLETIN

With justifiable pride, we reproduce below excerpts from the Welfare Report for June and July 2012 as contained in the DBU's latest News Bulletin:

Mrs. Anthea Muller writes: "I would like to make special mention of the magnanimous assistance the Eighty Club, Melbourne has provided to the following:

- 1. Mr J O Juriansz has a heart problem and is due to have a by-pass shortly and we have received a sum of Rs.210,000 towards this operation.*
- 2. Mrs Marina LaBrooy has also to undergo surgery for a heart problem and they have provided her with Rs.93,000.*
- 3. Mrs Nilmini de Fry, who lost her husband last year, has received a sum of Rs.84,000 being one year's rent in advance for a small house she moved into and, besides this, three of her children are also sponsored for education. Also, in addition, Nilmini receives an allowance of Rs.5,000 per month.*
- 4. We have received a sum of Rs.34,000 to be divided and paid monthly to Mr Shaun Neydorff who lives on the beach."*



Latest Hybrid Hi-Tech Vehicle:

8-Seater Hybrid MPV - Made in India...

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Dear Member,

Have you sent in your membership fee for 2012/2013 ?
Membership Fees were due on 1st July and if you have forgotten, we would appreciate payment at your earliest convenience.

The following items appeared on our bank statement without Names, Membership or Invoice Numbers.

6 th July - Deposit	\$30
31 st July - From Monday PSA	\$100
31 st Aug - From Monday PSA	\$100

Kindly contact the Treasurer if any of these deposits were made by you.

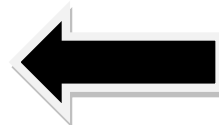
We thank the 504 members who have paid their membership fees and are specially grateful to those who added a voluntary donation.

On behalf of the Elgity Club Melbourne, we wish to convey our sincere appreciation and thanks. Donations and Membership fees such as yours help us meet our objective in helping the less fortunate in Sri Lanka.

Tony Scarnivel, Treasurer



THIS IS THE DEFINITION OF A TRUE FRIEND!



A WOMAN ANSWERED THE DOOR TO
FIND A WORKMAN, COMPLETE WITH A
TOOL BOX STANDING ON THE PORCH.
'I AM A PIANO TUNER MADAM' HE
ANNOUNCED.
'BUT I DIDN'T SEND FOR A PIANO TUNER'.
'I KNOW, BUT YOUR NEIGHBOUR DID'

SOCIAL NOTES



WARM AND SINCERE ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO:
Lyn and Irene Isaaks on their 42nd Wedding Anniversary
Theo and Marie Rabot on their 51st Wedding Anniversary

Ron and Rita Raymond celebrated their 80th Birthdays and 56th Wedding Anniversary on the 8th of September 2012 together with their family, relatives and friends at a Thanksgiving Mass at St. Paul's Church, Coburg which was followed by a reception at Firenze Receptions, Fawkner.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Aureliya Edwards
Deanna Van Cuylenberg
Audrey Ferdinands
Henry Brohier
Lyn Isaaks and Irene Isaaks
Lorna Vanderzeil
Maureen Alles
Noeline Mortimer
Marguerite LaBrooy
Hazel Carron
Brian and Electra Drieberg
Gwen Boustead

Melanie Rauff
Maureen Sincock (80th)

The computer swallowed Grandma.
Yes, honestly it's true!
She pressed 'control and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.
It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
Or been eaten by a worm.
I've searched through the recycle bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.
In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'
So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste' her
And send her back to me.



This is a tribute to all the Grandmas and Grandpas
who have been fearless and learned to use the Computer...
They are the greatest!!!

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT



We lost one of our Welfare Beneficiaries to ill-health. She was Mrs T R M Arnolda. She was supporting a fifty year old daughter, Bernadine, who was almost totally blind and unable to walk due to bad eczema in both feet for most of her life. The Committee considered these circumstances and gave her the Benefit which used to be paid to her mother. Another loss in the ranks of the Welfare Beneficiaries was Mr Lawrence Pompeus. As is the usual custom, his Benefit will be paid to his wife, Merlim, in the future.

Another tragedy has been brought to our notice. Rodney Pereira who was travelling in a van with his wife and two children, met with a bad accident and his wife was killed on the spot. Rodney was badly injured

and, despite long treatment in hospital plus Ayurvedic treatment, has not recovered the full use of his limbs and cannot earn a living. He is being cared for by a sibling but requested financial assistance to continue the education of his children and to meet the cost of his medications. Coincidentally, Beneficiary Mrs Therese Andrews passed away and Rodney Pereira was selected to take her place.

The Emergency Fund continues to assist many in need as is evidenced by details given below:

Rs. 3000 given to Mrs O Willis, 67. No income and supported by her daughter. Needed money for medication.

Rs. 3500 given to Mrs P Baldsing, 53. Needed to pay for material required for a hernia operation.

Rs. 3000 given to Mrs V Ludowyck, 70. Has a 40 year old retarded son. Lives with niece whose husband is a labourer.

Rs. 1000 given to Mr C Pompeus. Is a WB who needed money for some tests.

Rs. 1000 given to Mrs B Gomez. Is a WB with a rash on her face and body. Needed money to buy medicated cream.

Rs. 3000 given to Mrs P Jansen. Has no income. Needed money for her daughter's medication.

Rs. 2000 given to Mrs A Vandort, 60. No income and no family.

Rs. 1000 given to Mr T Bottani who has TB and needed money for nourishment.

Rs. 3000 given to Mr D Nicholas. Came from Negombo as he has no income. Wife had a stroke 20 years ago and is still ill. Usually depends on his children who help as best as they can.

By-pass surgery has been performed, at last, on Malcolm Juriansz for which purpose many donations were received from generous members. At the time of writing, everything seems to be going well and he is convalescing at home. The surgery of Marina LaBrooy has been done and a stent inserted but she has been told that she needs by-pass surgery urgently. A lack of beds forced the hospital authorities to send her home and she is back to square one, waiting for expensive by-pass surgery. Her state of mind is better imagined than described!

As pointed out in the past, we have increased the total of our Welfare Beneficiaries from 200 to 210. Also we have increased their quarterly payment from Rs. 6000 to Rs. 7500. Where payable, Family Allowances have been increased to Rs. 3000 quarterly. Also, we have provision to pay for the inserts which patients have to supply when cataract surgery is performed, up to a total of twelve cases per year. This is all possible because of the generosity of our members plus the fact that we depend on members to pay their annual membership fees in time. **So, IF you have not done so already, please send in your membership fee for the period 2012-2013 and help keep our welfare schemes going.**

Darryl Isaaks
Welfare Coordinator

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC
WAS HELD ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2012.**

**THE NAMES OF THE NEW OFFICE BEARERS
APPEAR ON THE FRONT COVER
OF THIS PUBLICATION.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**OCTOBER 14, 2012 - BURIYANI LUNCHEON*
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.***

***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:*

John & Grace TIBBLE of WHEELERS HILL, VIC
Audrey RODRIGO of WHEELERS HILL, VIC
Philip & Yvonne WEBSTER of WATTLE GLEN, VIC
Bernie & Lorraine LUDEKENS of BERWICK, VIC
Derek HEPPONSTALL of MT ELIZA
Desmond & Pauline KELAART of WANTIRNA SOUTH
Verna CLAESSEN of MAGILL, SA
Christopher & Marcelle YOUNG of NOBLE PARK, VIC
Alain YOUNG of NOBLE PARK, VIC
Christina YOUNG of NOBLE PARK< VIC



A smartly dressed woman marched into the cemetery office and confronted the funeral director. 'I have looked all over the cemetery and I cannot find my husbands grave anywhere'

'What name is it please ?' asked the director.

'Alec Wildenstein'

The director searched through the files, 'Hmm' he said. 'There must be a mistake, All I have is Gloria Wildenstein'.

'No mistake' said the woman. 'That's my husband all right. 'Everything is in my name'.



*Did you hear about the x-ray specialist who married one of his patients?
Everybody wondered what he saw in her.*

SAFE IN GOD'S HANDS



de KRETSER. - Ivor Rienzi Vere. Passed away July 3, 2012. Husband of Patricia, father of Christopher and father-in-law of Lorraine (nee Barrow), grandfather of Straun and grandfather-in-law of Melanie (nee Abeyasinghe) and great grandfather of Kirsten. Brother of the late Douglas, Lorenz, Neville and Maureen and their spouses Deanna (dec.), Dawn, Barbara and Jasper (dec.). Now in God's loving care

IVOR DE KRETZER WAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBER OF THE EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC. HAVING JOINED, WITH HIS WIFE PAT, IN 1987. HE SERVED BOTH, ON THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND ALSO AS A HARD-WORKING MEMBER OF THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE. FROM 1996 TO 1998 HE WAS THE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB AND STEERED THE CLUB, VERY CAPABLY, THROUGH SOME STORMY TIMES. AFTER HIS PRESIDENCY, IVOR CONTINUED TO SERVE ON THE MANAGEMENT AND FUND-RAISING COMMITTEES UNTIL ILL-HEALTH FORCED HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE COMMITTEE BUT NOT FROM THE CLUB. MAY GOD GRANT HIM REST.

FOENANDER (Orchard). - Barbara Christobel. Passed away at Latrobe Regional Hospital Traralgon on July 13, 2012 surrounded by her loving family. Aged 79 years Wife of Roy. Mother and mother- in-law of Nigel and Joy, Jerome (Canada), Robin and Karen, Gavin and Sandra. Nanny of Rebecca, Grace, Sophie, Jed and Evan (Canada)

ANTHONISZ, Doreen Phyllis Passed away on 11th July, 2012. Wife of Shelton (dec'd). Sister of Iris (dec'd) and Neilson (dec'd). Sister and Sister-in-law of Elmo and Beulah. Mother and Mother- in-law of Errol. Melanie and Bob. Nana of Michelle and Russell, Dirk and Chelsea and Great-grand-nana of little Cooper and Zarlee.

RABOT ROSEMARY (nee VANDERZEIL) passed away on 5th July 2012 in Kent, UK, wife of late Neville Rabot (UK), mother of Jeremy (and Debbie) and Adrian (and Diana) (UK), grandmother of Jennifer, Helen, Katie and Isabel, sister (and sister-in-law) of late Eunice (and late Fred Brohier) late Iris (and late Eric Deutrom), Louise (and late William Jayatilake), late Sylvia (and late Lloyd Heyzer), Spencer Vanderzeil (and Lorna), and late Noel Vanderzeil (and late Claire), sister-in-law also of Decima Crusz, Rex Rabot, Ainsley Rabot (UK), late Olga, late Gladstone Rabot, late Lorna de Silva and late Quincey Rabot (Canada).

DE LA HARPE. - Gerald Trevor. Passed away on July 22, 2012. Husband of Amy. Father of Jeremy, Chris and Angela. Grandfather of Julia, James, Judith, Peter, Nicholas, Natalie and Christian and great grandfather to Edward.

GRAY. - Myrtle Antonette. 1917 – 2012. Myrtle passed peacefully into eternal life on July 30, 2012. Wife of George (dec.). Mother of Auriel, Merrill and Warwick. Mother-in-law to Primson, Faye and Charlene. Grandmother of Natalia, Tanya and Joel. Great grandmother of Taylor and Georgia.

van den DRIESEN - Mary Eleanor (Lorna) 1912 – 2012. Aunt of Margot and Howard Beattie; Charmaine and Noel Leembruggen (both dec.). Great aunt of Dirk, Luke, John and Melanie; and Richard. Great great aunt of Juliet and Callum. Sister of Dick, Herbert, Fred, Harry, Sam, Dorothy Ferdinands, Evelyn Tewari, Colin, Eric, Tom and Bill (all dec.). Sister-in-law of Megan (Vancouver), Monica, Ishbel and Thelma. Lorna was a much loved aunt to her many nieces and nephews and their families. An inspirational woman.

CLAESSEN – Julian Douglas (Doug), husband of Verna; father of Rohan, father and friend of Yolande & Phil and father and father-in-law of Jerome & Victoria. Grandfather of Zjaan and Tait (dec), Esme, Nicholas, Matthew, Elizabeth and Patrick. Great grandfather of Jude. Brother of Mabel, Hector, Bryan and Herman (all dec) and Radley.

A DAY TO REMEMBER AT THE DUTCH BURGER UNION, COLOMBO



After 30 years as a member of the Eighty Club and also having been present at its inaugural meeting in 1982, I was privileged, with Arlene, to be invited to the DBU on a day when our Welfare Beneficiaries were being paid their quarterly dues. We arrived at the DBU a little after 9 am on 9 August 2012 and the payments had already begun; the beneficiaries having arrived at 7.30 am or even earlier in the morning; everyone wanting to be the first in the queue. Arlene and I were greeted by Mystica Flamer-Caldera and then by Anthea Muller, the Welfare Coordinator, who greeted us with a kiss and then introduced us to the welfare beneficiaries. It was very touching and a bit embarrassing, to hear the thunderous applause given to us by those present when Anthea told them that we were on the Committee that organized the fund raising events that resulted in enough funds being raised to pay their benefits.

The Eighty Club has to be grateful to Anthea Muller who does yeoman service as Welfare Co-ordinator and has such a great deal of patience when dealing with the beneficiaries. She is ably assisted by Etienne Jayatunga. Anthea has a kind word for each of them; showing a motherly concern for their families before checking them off her list of names and authorising payment to them. Thereafter, they collected their money from Etienne after receiving a fish bun from Mystica and, on the day we were present, a piece of butter cake generously donated by Victor and Lorraine de Silva who also dropped in at the DBU later in the day and were present when the payments to the welfare beneficiaries were made. A cup of tea to wash it all down and their day came to an end.

The gratitude of the welfare beneficiaries as they came up to Anthea was pitiful to see. Shedding tears, some used walkers; others came in wheelchairs and some were helped along by relatives or friends. However, most of them were smartly dressed for the occasion. Arlene and I were blessed by them many times over – blessings that will last us for our lifetimes.

After payment to the last welfare beneficiary was made, Arlene and I, together with Victor and Lorraine, were invited to a sumptuous lunch of authentic lampries and delicious icy cold home-made ginger beer.

Arlene and I are very glad that we were able to see, firsthand, how our money works and we remain convinced that the hard work that is being done by the Committee in organizing fund raising luncheons is well worth while.

Rita Young and Arlene Scarnivel

Note from Editor: Rita Young is a founder member of this Club and Arlene Scarnivel is the wife of our Treasurer, Tony. They vacationed in Colombo together and were able to be present when our Welfare Beneficiaries were paid their quarterly benefits. They have been hard-working members of our fund raising committee for many years and were very happy to see, first hand, how the fruits of their labour translated into the funds that contributed to the welfare payments that were made to the less fortunate. Thank you Rita and Arlene!





COIN DONATIONS

Kevin & Pam	28.00	Allan & Marie Pinder	26.40
Anonymous (3)	146.40	Ryan Roberts	83.50
June Mack	37.00	Rita Hesse	25.00
Jennifer Young	36.00	Anthony & Jennifer Koelmeyer	26.20
P Kelly	12.05	Scot Jacotine	22.80
C J de la Zilwa	55.90	Hazel Carron	22.00
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