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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

I have always believed that the number 13 was unlucky for me! Something bad seemed to happen to me on the 13th of every month and I avoided dating letters or writing cheques on the 13th or doing anything important on that date. So, as the year 2013 approached, I quaked in my shoes as I wondered what was in store for me. Well, I found out soon enough! On the 29th of December 2012, I had to be rushed to Monash Hospital with unforeseen cardiac, renal and other complications. My wife and I were apart when the New Year dawned for the first time in 56 years. When she rang me at midnight and wished me in my hospital room, I could tell that she was as overcome with sadness as I was. I experienced severe discomfort as those wonderful and skilled doctors and surgeons worked hard in their various fields to discover what was causing my problems and to correct them. Whilst dialysing at regular intervals, I had to undergo ultrasound tests of the abdomen, a nuclear scan of the heart, then an invasive procedure to remove some rascally gall stones and, finally, a complete removal of the gall bladder. As if that was not enough, a very virulent bacteria was also running rampant inside me and cultures had to be grown to identify it and antibiotics prescribed and administered to destroy it. Needless to say, the only arm that could be used for all these blood letting and port insertions is now black and blue all over. Thankfully, there was no lasting damage to the heart So, here I am, back in the saddle and as weak as a pup. However, I must thank all my friends who rallied round June and gave her moral support. Also, thank you to them for their prayers and good wishes. My thanks also to the superb medical staff at Monash and Jessie MacPherson Hospitals for their dedication and care and to the nursing staff in those establishments whose care and expertise are second to none!

LASTLY, I THANK GOD FOR MY JUNE WHO CONTINUES TO NURSE AND PUT UP WITH MY GRUMPY WAYS!

CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE

PRESIDENTS REPORT MARCH 2013

As the heat of the summer is still upon us and we swelter in days that exceed 30 degrees, I cannot help but think of our Less Fortunate Friends in Sri Lanka, who have to endure this type of hot weather on a daily basis and who cannot afford to have any form of cooling in their homes, not even a fan. Please spare a thought for them.

The cost of living in Sri Lanka keeps sky-rocketing, and with this in mind the Management Committee has decided to increase the monthly pension to Rs 3,000 per month. We now are providing 211 welfare beneficiaries with a pension. This is only achieved through the generosity of our members and friends.

The January lunch once again was a great success and we had in excess of 260 in attendance in spite of a very hot day. Please keep supporting these functions as they are our lifeline for fundraising.

On behalf of the committee I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter, and may the Risen Lord Bless You and Yours in the days and years ahead.



Rodney de Kretser
President,
Eighty Club Melbourne Inc.

**THE LORD CAME TO EARTH
WITH A LIFE TO GIVE
SO EACH ONE OF US
MAY CONTINUE TO LIVE!**

HAPPY EASTER TO ONE AND ALL

SOCIAL NOTES



ANNIVERSARIES

BELATED 51ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO ROCHELLE AND PETER ONDAATJE. MAY GOD SHOWER HIS BLESSINGS ON THIS COUPLE.

BELATED 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES TO LORNA AND SPENCER VANDERZEIL. THEY CELEBRATED INTO THE SMALL HOURS WITH ALL THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES. GOD BLESS THEM ALWAYS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO INEZ AND TREVOR JANSZ WHO CELEBRATED THEIR 61ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECENTLY. GOD BLESS THEM BOTH.

ARELENE AND TONY SCARNIVEL CELEBRATED THEIR 51ST WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECENTLY. CONGRATULATIONS AND OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU BOTH.

ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS ALSO TO:

**RITA AND BERT VAN GEYZEL
INA AND ANTON BLACKER
PRIMROSE AND MERVYN WERKMEISTER
MELODY AND BRADLEY KING
LEANNE AND SHANE ISAACS
VALERIE AND PETER WEERAKOON**



BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO RODNEY AND MARIE DE KRETZER WHO CELEBRATED BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO:

MARIE SCHOORMAN; KRISTINA DEKKER; BRADLEY KING; LEANNE ISAACS; EILEEN FERNANDO; ANTHEA MULLER (DBU); BERT VAN GEYZEL; VANESSA BLACK.

IF THERE IS AN ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY OR OTHER HAPPY FAMILY OCCASION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO ACKNOWLEDGE IN THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE CALL JUNE OR DARRYL ISAACS ON 03 9562 3612 WITH THE DETAILS. BETTER STILL SEND THE DETAILS BY EMAIL TO darjun@optusnet.com.au. IF JUNE AND DARRYL ARE NOT GIVEN DETAILS OF THE OCCASION THEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT MAY NOT APPEAR AS DESIRED.



Paddy's in jail.. Guard looks in his cell and sees him hanging by his feet.
"What on earth you doing?" he asks.
"Hanging myself" Paddy replies.
"It should be around your neck" says the Guard.
"I know" says Paddy "but I couldn't breathe".

(Apologies to Irish members!)

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT



We lost three Welfare Beneficiaries in this quarter. They were:

Catherine Hindle replaced by Molly Wylie
Arthur Ingram replaced by Florence Ingram (Wife)

Philip Bastiansz replaced by Anesta Bastiansz (Wife)

Mrs. Beverley LaBrooy had come to the DBU and collected her first quarter benefit and showed her surgery scars to Anthea Muller. She still has a few problems and we hope no more surgery will be needed. She thanks all those who sent her financial help during the time of her ill-health.

The following needy persons have been assisted from the Emergency Fund:

Rs.3000 to Mrs Letitia Parys. 78 years old. Has no income and husband is ill too. Came to the DBU with a lot of difficulty

Rs.3000 to Mr Merril Steelman. 65 years old. Is very ill and was just returning from hospital.

Rs.3000 to Mrs Elizabeth Herft. 80 years old. Has no income. Also has a son living with her after an accident.

Rs.3000 to Miss B Christoffelsz. 68 years old. Has no income. Lives with a widowed sister.

Rs.2000 to Mrs Catherine Mortier. 68 years old. Seems very poor and lives with her daughter.

Rs.2000 to Mrs Hilda Holmes. House was entirely flooded after heavy rains.

Rs.1000 to Mrs Bonita Gomes. Was sick with fever and looked desperate. Needed medication.

Rs.3000 to Mrs Wilma Ferdinands. Entering hospital on the 19th February and needed money for medication.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Committee has decided to increase the welfare benefit paid to all 210 beneficiaries from Rs.2500 to Rs.3000 a month. Thus, the quarterly amount paid to each will be Rs.9000 per quarter. This increase will be paid in April, when the second quarter payments will be made.

Remember Friends that it is your generous donations that made this increase possible. Please keep up this trend so that this Club can continue to assist the less fortunate members of our community in Sri Lanka.

As the late Richard Young (former Editor of this newsletter) was fond of saying, "Your dollar goes to feed someone you won't see, perhaps an appreciation you won't hear, but that giving will create an inward glow."

YOUR VOLUNTARY DONATIONS

WILL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO THE AMOUNT OF

ASSISTANCE WE GIVE OUR LESS FORTUNATE BRETHREN

IN SRI LANKA. IN THE FUTURE TOO, PLEASE CONTINUE TO

DONATE AS YOU HAVE DONE SO GENEROUSLY IN THE PAST





COIN DONATIONS

H & F de Kauwe	22.65	Brian & Electra Driberg	314.20
S. Mack	25.50	Sylvia Ephraims	35.00
Rita Hesse	25.00	Debbie Kanagasabai	10.55
Alan Pinder	23.35	Anonymous	30.00
		TOTAL	486.25



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 28TH

STRINGHOPPER PILAU

*Coordinators – Arlene & Tony Scarnivel: Earle & Shireen
Ferdinand: Rita Young*

JULY 14TH

- MID YEAR LUNCH AT THE GRAND.

*Coordinators - Marie & Rodney de Kretser: Trevor Collette &
Jill Amit.*

AUGUST 25TH

- ROTI LUNCHEON

Coordinators - Jennifer & Annesley Young: Vilma Arkley.

OCTOBER 13TH

- SAVOURY RICE & CURRY

Coordinators - Violet & Errol Jacotine: Leonie Martenstyn.

DECEMBER 7TH

- CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

Coordinators: Arlene & Tony Scarnivel: Earle & Shireen Ferdinands

***LUNCHES WILL BE AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD HALL,
WHEELERS HILL EXCEPT FOR LUNCH ON JULY 14TH.***

***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:*

*Franklin & Doris HERFT of Endeavour Hills, Vic
Vernon POTGER of Campbell Town, Tas
Lindsay & Alaine YATES of Whitfield, Qld
Roderick & Joy BATTLE of Croydon, Vic
Bryan FOENANDER of Ormond, Vic
Jeremy & Jill LABROOY of Mt. Eliza, Vic*



THE THREE STAGES OF LIFE

TEENS - *You have all the time and energy but no money.*

WORKERS - *You have the money and energy but no time.*

OLDIES - *You have ALL the time and money but no more ENERGY!*

Thank you Anthea Muller!

IN GOD'S CARE



DEKKER – BRIAN. (Ex Airforce, Air Ceylon, Glaxo & Bours), husband of the late Lorraine, son of the late Claude & Hilda Decker, son-in-law of the late Lennie & Bussy Pereira, father of Rozanne (Australia), Sheanda (Australia), Ricardo (Dubai), Sharron (Jetwing Hotels) & Johanne, pappa of Lauren (Australia), father-in-law of Mario, the late Christopher and of Prasadini, brother of Wilhelm & Blanche (Australia), Anton & Tina (Australia), Shirley & Nafeela, Lynn & Zeeni (Australia), Merrill & Ira (Australia), brother of Maureen & Clement (UK), Helene & Lyndon (Australia), Mignnone & Wayne (Australia), brother-in-law of Eleanor, the late Alex & Kingsley, Louise, the late Lynwood and of Aloma.

HANIBALSZ. - Nowell. Passed away peacefully and, as requested, was Privately Cremated. Weep not for me all who knew me. If by chance you still talk about me prepare for death to follow me. A loving husband, father, brother, grandfather, brother-in-law, uncle, relative and good friend. Always loved and remembered - Louise.

DA SILVA – Dudley Melville. Husband of Joan. Father of Sean and David. Father-in-law of Allison. Passed away on 1/1/2013.

MILHUISEN (de Niese) – Gertrude, aged 81, passed away on 3rd December in Sri Lanka. Daughter of Ayala and Hyacinth de Niese. Sister of Dulcie, Sheila, Yvonne, Alexis, Earle (and Christine) Rita, Anne, Bryant, Lorraine.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT



On the left is Mrs Yvonne Muller carrying her 15 year old grandson, Joshua. Since birth, Joshua has not been able to talk, walk or sit due to being born with Cerebral Palsy. He also gets epileptic seizures for which he takes four tablets a day which are bought from a chemist. He is cared for by his grandparents as his mother and father abandoned him when he was one year old. His grandmother has to carry him everywhere and, since he is also incontinent, she has to change his nappies, when necessary. The trio live in an old oven which was once part of a bakery but has now been converted into living quarters of a sort and pay a rent of Rs.4,500 a month.. One can only imagine how much it must cost to maintain such a handicapped child as he has to wear PAMPERS all the

time. Having considered the circumstances, this Club has added Joshua to its list of Welfare Beneficiaries with immediate effect.

Darryl Isaaks, Welfare Coordinator.

WE THANK THESE DONORS FOR THEIR WARM-HEARTED GENEROSITY

Received from 19th Sep to 4th March 2013

Aldons Ione	25.00	Lourensz Malcolm Jeanne	32.50
Bartholomeusz John Lucille	10.00	In memory of Lorenz Martenstyn	
Byrne Jean	1,000.00	Ludekens Bernie Lorraine	40.00
Daniel Antoniette	50.00	Ludowyk Robin Joan	25.00
De Hoedt Joe Shirley	30.00	In memory of Felicia	
De Hoedt Winston Clara	50.00	Mack Brian	30.00
De Kretser Desmond & Dianne	100.00	Mack Spencer	15.00
De Zilwa Wilhelm Marina	20.00	Morrison Cordelia	50.00
Drieberg Bryan Electra	50.00	In memory of Amiel's birthday	
In memory of Aubrey Melder		Nicholas Arlene	25.00
Ferdinands Persis	70.00	Nicholas Arlene	20.00
Ferdinands Rosemary Lindsay	80.00	Ondaatje Aelian Patricia	20.00
In memory of Thelma & Douglas Kreltzhaim		Ondarchie Keith Coral	20.00
Ferdinands Andre Liz	20.00	Overlunde Stevie Kathy	30.00
Ferdinands Edred Denise	50.00	Paternott Roger Jean	20.00
Fernando Errol Diane	20.00	Phoebus Tony Elaine	50.00
Gauder Muriel	60.00	In memory of Thelma Koch	
Gerlach Maxwell Joan	30.00	Ragel Florence	100.00
In memory of Charmaine Gerlach		Rajapaksa Anil Stephanie	20.00
& Patrick Hamilton		Raymond Roger Lyn	50.00
Gray Faye	100.00	Raymond Russell	50.00
In memory of Myrtle Gray		In lieu of 80th Birthday presents	
Gray Faye	20.00	Rowlands Ed & Family	100.00
Greve Derrick Heather	70.00	in memory of Cecil Wilford & Mary Rowlands	
Hanibalsz Louise	100.00	Schrader Ronald Merlyn	50.00
In memory of Noel Hanibalsz		in lieu of attending February Lunch	
Hepponstall Derek	25.00	Spittel Dave Coreen	80.00
Herft Damian Caroline	40.00	Sproule Anne	20.00
Holsinger Heather	250.00	Stewart Glenroy Romaine	70.00
In memory of Ivor & Eugenie Holsinger		Suhod Dinham Rowena	30.00
Jacotine Ian Melody	20.00	Thomasz Malcolm June	30.00
Jansen Terry Gillian	20.00	In memory of Barbazra Foenander	
Keegel Anne	20.00	Tytler Harry June	50.00
King Brad Melody	10.00	Wambeek Keith Lynne	20.00
Koch Carol	50.00	Wells David Moira	20.00
Kreltzhaim Robin	400.00	Wells-Jansz Keith	20.00
Lappen Ken	40.00	Willenberg Noeline	100.00
In memory of Marie		From the Williamsz Family	700.00
Lindsay School Past Pupil's Assoc	200.00	Young Rita	50.00
Lindsay School Past Pupil's Assoc	50.00	Young Sonia Ian	50.00
In memory of Lorna Vanden Driesen		In memory of Harry Young	
Lourensz Malcolm Jeanne	32.50	Ziegelaar Ramsay Victorine	40.00
In memory of Iris Keller		Rita Young's 80th Birthday-In lieu of presents	1,255.00

ANONYMOUS DONATIONS

3 OF \$20	\$60.00
1 OF \$40	\$40.00
5 OF \$50	\$250.00
6 OF \$80	\$480.00
1 OF \$100	\$100.00
1 OF \$200	\$200.00
1 OF \$1000	\$1000.00

TOTAL = \$ 2,130.00

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PAT DE KRETZER	IN MEMORY OF THE LATE ALAN CALDERA
Ferdinands, Audrey Gauder, Doreen Gauder, Muriel Juriansz, Arlene Lourensz, Malcolm and Jeanne Ludowyke, Joan Martenstyn, Leonie Thomasz, Malcolm and June Wright, George and Claudette Young, Rita TOTAL \$267.50	Ceylon Ex-Servicemen's Association Gauder, Ralph and Joan Hesse, Buddy and Clarene Jacotine, Errol and Violet Pereara, Maryse Wright, George and Claudette Various Donations at the funeral TOTAL \$870.00

IN MEMORY OF THE LATE TREVOR LORENZ PEREIRA	
Anonymous Brohier, Henry Clayton, Wendy De Hoedt, Sherlock and Barbara De Ley, Randall and Yvonne Hesse, Buddy and Clarene Hook, Michelle Jacotine, David, Liz and Andrew Jacotine, Errol and Violet TOTAL \$847.50	Jacotine, Ian and Melody Lourensz, Malcolm and Jeanne Ludowyke, Rex and Barbara Metzeling, Laurian and Pam Miller, Louise Pereara, Maryse Pereira, Carlyle and Megan Rodrigo, Angelo Sue, John and Family Wright, George and Claudette

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