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## FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

*I was absolutely overwhelmed at the response I got to my editorial in the last issue. The phone did not stop ringing and I had many emails and even letters both from members that I knew and also those I did not know commiserating with me over my illness and saying they were praying for my recovery. Many expressed their surprise that, despite my illness, I was able to produce a newsletter at the right time. Thank you for your good wishes and prayers, my friends. June and I are very grateful indeed.*

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*The plight of young Joshua Muller, as described in the last issue, also moved the hearts of many members. Donations have poured in with the intent of helping them with their house rent etc. All these donations will be forwarded, in their entirety, to the Muller family and will prove to be a boon to them in their daily struggle to make ends meet. This is not the first time that our members have opened their hearts and their wallets to assist needy persons in Sri Lanka. It is a fact that Eighty Club members are always generous when it comes to assisting the less fortunate and I know that their generosity will be rewarded.*

**CARING FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE**

## *PRESIDENTS REPORT - JUNE 2013*

In this troubled world, it's refreshing to find  
Someone who still has the time to be kind  
Someone who still has the faith to believe  
That the more you give, the more you receive  
Someone who is ready by thought, word or deed  
To reach out a hand in the hour of need

By Helen Steiner Rice

When I read the above words I immediately thought how much these words exemplified the actions of our members and friends. You are all truly a very kind and generous people, and I once again say a VERY BIG THANK YOU.

We now have 210 Welfare Beneficiaries and 191 Sponsored Children who we support. In addition to the monthly stipend to the Welfare Beneficiaries which we have increased to Rs.3000/4000 per month we have also paid two half yearly bonuses of Rs.2,000 to each of these less fortunate people. This has been made possible by the very generous donations the Club has received and the support received for all our functions. Please keep up the good work.

We have also been able to help a number of families such as the family of the young disabled boy Joshua Muller due to the spontaneous response received from our members. Each and every donation we receive, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated. Coin collections, donations included with your annual subscriptions, bequests from families of members who have passed away during the year and from anniversaries and birthday celebrations all are very gratefully accepted. The emergency fund has helped numerous needy people to meet emergency hospital and medical costs. At the risk of being repetitious Thank you all once again from all at the Eighty Club and the less fortunate folk we endeavour to assist.

As usual our regular lunches and the annual dance were very well supported and I thank the patrons of these functions and the caterers who contribute, in no small measure, by providing not only very tasty and sumptuous meals but at a very reasonable cost.

A special Thanks to Melanie and Mazar Rauf, who have been caterers for the majority of our lunches, for their benevolence. You have been more than generous with your pricing and donations.

To those very great supporters of our Club the De Silva family, Lorraine, Victor, Shanaka and Krishan a very heart felt thank you. These wonderful people have now donated in excess of \$85,000 and have agreed to a further function which is to be held at their reception centre, The Grand, on the 14th of July. As I have stated previously, the only request they make of us is to remember them in our prayers. I beseech all our members to ask for special blessings on their behalf. On behalf of Marie and myself a personal thank you for your kindness and friendship.

Our Christmas Dance will once again be held at The Grand on Cathies Lane on the 14th of December. Please continue to support this function which is the Jewel in our Crown as far as our functions are concerned. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Thank you to Rachel and Miles Williams who so willingly give of their time to prepare the floor plans for our lunches.

CONTINUED OVERLEAF

To all the members of our very hard working committees of Management and Fund Raising - Thank You for your selflessness and dedication to the cause. Without you our club could not exist. The Good Lord will, no doubt, reward you for the sacrifices you make.

We bade farewell to one of our committee members, Vilma Arkley. Even though she is no longer a committee member Vilma and her husband Lindsey continue to assist us at all our functions. Thanks to both of you.

Our search for new members continues and I ask you to assist us by recommending our organisation to friends and relatives. Our hardworking and dedicated Membership Secretary, June Isaaks, (who also doubles as our M C at our functions) is ever ready to provide any information - A very big Thank you to June.

I am certain that each and every one of you look forward to receiving our very entertaining and informative Newsletter. To produce a document such as this is no easy task and is made all the more onerous by virtue of the fact that our Editor soldiers on in spite of having to undergo Dialysis three days a week and has had to endure other medical problems as well. Darryl! Your efforts are greatly appreciated and provide a lot of entertainment and information to all members. Darryl also is the Welfare Coordinator responsible for maintaining, assessing and coordinating payments to the needy friends in Sri Lanka. Words are not enough to thank you for your efforts. Keep up the Great work. Thanks again my friend.

To Anthea Muller and her team at the DBU, a big Thank you from all the members of the Eighty Club. You are a truly Blessed lady and will no doubt receive your just rewards in the future. Special thanks are also extended to Etienne and Mohan who so ably administer the whole welfare system.

Tony Scarnivel our indefatigable Treasurer continues to ensure that our ever mounting costs are met and not only ensures that we have sufficient funds to meet our obligations but has changed a deficit to a profit in the past two years. Tony and Earle Ferdinand together with their good wives Arlene and Shireen, coordinators of our Christmas Dance have, for a number of years, run a very successful function. This is a very time consuming task. Thanks to the four of you for your untiring efforts.

The Student Sponsorship scheme continues to prosper and grow under the tutelage of Trevor Collette, Thanks Trevor for your help and advice throughout the year. Trevor has introduced a new scheme to provide assistance for children living in Batticaloa who wish to undertake tertiary studies. Thank you to all our sponsors and especially those providing assistance for these tertiary studies.

It would be very remiss of me if I did not thank all those wonderful members and friends who contributed to my special project to provide Christmas Gifts to our sponsored children - Thanks to all you good folk. I will continue this endeavour if sufficient contributors are prepared to make donations. I am loath to approach members as we seem to be constantly seeking funds for various projects, however I can assure you that every request is for a very deserving cause.

To our Web Master and my Good friend Earle Ferdinand - Thanks again and the Club would be unable to function as smoothly without your valued input.

Esther and Melville Knowler, thank you too for always volunteering to assist where ever help is needed. Your willingness to put your back to the wheel is greatly appreciated by me.

To my beautiful and hard working wife, who so ably provides secretarial support for the committees Thank You very much. Your efforts though not always acknowledged are very much appreciated not only by me but also by the other committee members. I would like to conclude by saying Thank You to all members and may God shower his blessings on you all.





## ASLEEP IN GOD'S CARE



**FERDINANDS.** - Persis. Passed away on March 16, 2013. Beloved wife of Rodney (dec.). Mother of Stuart and Suzanne. Mother-in-law of Marijke and Mark. Grandma to Rosalie, Max, Tom and Cameron and great grand mother of Daisy Bep. Forever in our hearts "The beloved Persis who has worked hard in the Lord." - Romans 16:12.

**INGRAM.** - Ronald David . Husband of the late Joyce. Father of Dennis and Gary, father in-law of Gillian. Grandfather of Janelle, Nathan and Hannah. Brother of Bill (dec.), Mignonne Abhayawickrema and Patricia de Kretser (dec.). A wonderful father gone to rest.

**HOLSINGER** - Aubrey Eustace of Cairns. Passed away on 24th March, 2013 in Brisbane. Husband of Esme (dec'd). Father of Claire and Wilhelm. Grandfather of Melanie and Justin

**VARNEY** - Barbara. On Friday May 3, 2013. Beloved wife of Park (dec.). Loving daughter of Clarence and Ruth (both dec). Sister of Lester (dec), Godfrey, Ashley and David.

**DA'SILVA** - Vernon. On May 11. Son of the late Carlyle and Alma. Brother of Mervyn, Clifford and Yvonne DEC). Uncle of Kirsten, Carreen, Michael and Ben. Great Uncle of Catriona, Anders, Abigail and Helena. Fondly remembered.

**CASPERSZ** - Barbara (Dolly). Passed away on Wednesday May 29, 2013. Aged 88. Wife of Dunstan. Mother and mother- in-law of Deirdre, Marie and Rick, Ralston (dec.) and Lyndy, Pauline (dec.), Garth and Lynn, Jenny and Ron, Barbie, Gerard and Glynis, Jude and Dommie. Nan to Rochelle and Andrew, Simone and Col, Chantelle and Andy, Jason and Brooke, Troy (dec.), Justin, Jerome and Diane, Jane and Stephen, Jarrod, Darren and Emily, Lisa and Ben, Danni and Anthony, Bradley and Alyssa, Lauren and Ryan, Joshua, Sofie and Marcus. Great Gran Nan to Tiana and Chandler, Matthew, Isaac and Max, Zoe and Riley, Mitchell and Sienna, and Josiah. Thank you, Mum, for your honesty, strength and love.

### STRANGE BUT TRUE.

*In September 1955, movie star, JAMES DEAN was killed in a horrific car accident whilst he was driving his Porsche sports car. After the crash, the car was considered very unlucky:*

*a)When the car was towed away from the accident scene and taken to a garage, the engine slipped out and fell on to a mechanic, shattering both his legs.*

*b)Eventually, the engine was bought by a doctor who put it into his racing car and was killed shortly after during a race. Another racing driver, in the same race, was killed in his car which had James Dean's driveshaft fitted to it.*

*c)When James Dean's Porsche was repaired later, the garage it was in was destroyed by fire.*

*d)Later, the car was displayed in Sacramento, but it fell off its mount and broke a teenager's hip.*

*e)In Oregon, the trailer that the car was mounted on slipped from its tow bar and smashed through the front of a shop.*

*f) Finally, in 1959, the car mysteriously broke into 11 pieces while it was sitting on steel supports!*

*(Internet sources)*

# SOCIAL NOTES



## ANNIVERSARIES

**MAX & JOAN GERLACH**

**CHRISTINE & NORMAN DECKKER**

**SHIREEN & EARLE FERDINAND: MIGNONNE & PREM ABHAYAWICKREMA: KRISTINA & ANTON DEKKER**

**JEANNE & ANTON VANDERWERT (54 YEARS IN JUNE): JEANNE & MALCOM LOURENSZ (53 YEARS IN MAY)**

**ANTHEA & VERNON MULLER: ELAINE & ERROL ORCHARD (52 YEARS IN MAY): VANESSA & SIMON BLACK (25 YEARS): PAM & DUDLEY LUDEKENS (55 YEARS).**



BELATED BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO MAX GERLACH.

### *MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO:*

JOAN GERLACH; VICTOR DE SILVA; DORIS ABEL; ANTON DEKKER; ASTRID CHAPMAN; ERROL SMITH; VERNON MULLER; KINGSLEY HENDERLING (82 YEARS YOUNG); RITA VAN GEYZEL; MIGNONNE ABHAYAWICKREMA; MELODY KING; CLAIR HERFT; ELVIRA PATERNOTT; ELAINE ORCHARD. (70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY); RODNEY DE KRETSEER.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IN THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL FIND AN INVOICE REQUESTING PAYMENT OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE YEAR 2013/2014. IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THOSE FEES ALREADY, THE SUCCESS OF OUR WELFARE SCHEMES IN SRI LANKA DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOUR PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES ON REQUEST.

THE LESS FORTUNATE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY DEPEND ON YOUR HONOURING YOUR COMMITMENT TO THIS CLUB AND TO THEM.

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE IN CASH TO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER OR BY CHEQUE, MONEY ORDER OR DIRECT BANK TRANSFER INTO THIS CLUBS ANZ BANK ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

ACCOUNT NAME: EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC

BRANCH NUMBER: BSB 013479

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 300355583

IN MAKING DIRECT DEPOSITS PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR NAME AS A REFERENCE TO ENABLE THE TREASURER TO CREDIT YOU AS THE SENDER IN HIS RECORDS.

IN ADDITON, A VOLUNTARY DONATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

## HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT



The donations received for young Joshua Muller and totalling Rs.168,990 were sent to the family in addition to Rs.15,000 comprising his welfare benefits for the second quarter and the mid-year Bonus. The following is a letter received from his grandmother, Mrs. Yvonne Muller and brought to tears to my eyes:

*Dear Sir,*

*At the moment, Joshua and I are down with fever, cold and cough (flu). With the money you sent, I took medicine for me and Joshua. Thank you very much, otherwise we wont have money to take medicine. I would have had to go to others to ask for money to buy medicine. Thanks for the help. I am very thankful and gratefully appreciated the help you all have given to me. I have never got such a sum of money, never in my life. God will bless each and every one of you for your great kindness. We have been suffering in silence. There are days that we had to starve with no way of buying food or milk for my little grandson. I am always praying to Jesus to help us. This is a miracle when I got this*

*money and tears filled my eyes because no one had ever helped me. I bought some things which Joshua needed. Whenever I take Joshua to the Clinic, I had to go in a three-wheeler because I cannot carry him to go in a bus. When I dont have anything to cook I used to sit and cry my heart out when I think of Joshua. He does not know anything. He can only say 'Amma' and 'Hungry'. I cannot think what I am to do. If anyone can come, they can see with their own eyes how we are living. God is good.*

*I have bought Cologne because when Joshua gets fits I have got to wet his head with it. I have bought butter, cheese and some clothes for him. I have bought everything that is needed for Joshua. I am very careful with the money because I know the suffering we are undergoing. Now I know that I can give Joshua what he needs. Thank you, very much. God bless you all for helping a poor grandmother.*

*God Bless, Yours faithfully, Yvonne Muller*

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If you have any old spectacles or spectacle frames, please hand them over to any Committee Member that you happen to know. Even sunglasses are welcome but PLEASE no broken frames! We will collect these and send them on to the welfare beneficiaries and/or other needy persons back in Colombo. Some reading glasses can be used straight away but it is cheaper for them to fit lenses on to frames that they have rather than pay for frames and lenses. Thank you, good folks.

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*The Emergency Fund was put to good use and distributed fully. Unfortunately, I cannot give details here for lack of space.*

A mid-year Bonus of Rs.3000 each was paid to all Beneficiaries with their second quarter 'pension'. Needless to say they received the extra money with thanks and gratitude.

Welfare Beneficiaries Mr. Ivor Henricus and Mr Gregory Fraser passed away and were replaced by Mr Joshua Muller and Mrs Elizabeth Herft respectively.

**Darryl Isaaks**

Welfare Coordinator





## COIN DONATIONS

Errol Graham	125.00	Merrick & Nina Poulter	82.50
Pat & Marie Kelly	30.50	Maurice Forster	19.60
Buddy & Clarene Hesse	19.40	C & J de la Zilwa	30.00
Darryl & June Isaaks	20.25	Vivian & June Mack	27.00
Maureen Kelly	22.65	Anthony & Rosemary Koelmeyer	66.00
Melrose & Cholmondoley Willenberg	26.00		
		TOTAL	468.90

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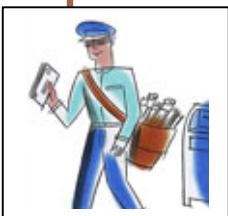
### EPITAPHS FROM OLD GRAVESTONES

Harry Edsel Smith of Albany , New York :  
Born 1903--Died 1942.

Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the  
car was on the way down. It was!

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In a Thurmont, Maryland , cemetery:  
Here lies an Atheist, all dressed up  
and no place to go.



*The response that we received when members read about the plight of young JOSHUA MULLER was amazing. Donations came flooding in and have been sent to the family in its entirety. The Treasurer of the Dutch Burgher Union had this to say:*

Thank you very much for your efforts in co-ordinating and arranging the remittance. A truly magnanimous gesture on the part of the kind Donors. Please convey our appreciation to them.  
David Grenier, Treasurer, DBU



Don was an old man. He was sick and in the hospital. There was one nurse that just drove him crazy. Every time she came in, she would talk to him like he was a little child. She would say in a patronising tone of voice "And how are we this morning? Or "are we ready for a bath?" Old Don had had enough of this particular nurse. One day, at breakfast, old Don took the apple juice off the tray and put it in his bed side stand. Next he was given a urine bottle to fill for testing. So you know where the apple juice went! The nurse came in a little later, picked up the urine bottle and looked at it. She said My it seems we are a little cloudy today." At this, old Don snatched the bottle out of her

hand, popped off the top, and drank it down saying, "Well, I'll run it through again. Maybe I can filter it better this time." The nurse fainted.....old Don just smiled!

DON'T MESS WITH OLD PEOPLE !!!

# OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Donations received from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Anghie Family	100.00	Holsinger Mignone	50.00
In memory of Trevor Anghie		In memory of Conraad Hatch	
Bartholomeusz Vernon & Katie	400.00	Isaaks Darryl June	20.00
Caspersz Dunstan	50.00	Joseph Doreen	300.00
In memory of Barbara		In memory of Ian, Michael & Rob	
Collinson Dawn	50.00	Martinus Oswald Maeve	20.00
Cooray Gordon Shanthi	100.00	Morrison Cordelia	100.00
For Wefare Beneficiaries buns and tea		Cordelia, Randolph, Fiona & Nicola	
Cooray Gordon Shanthi	20.00	In memory of Amiel's Death	
Advertisement in April Newsletter		Anniversary...	
Cramer Melrene	50.00	Phoebus Tamara	50.00
In memory of Barbara Caspersz		In memory of Aubrey	
De Zilwa Winifred	25.00	Holsinger	
Deckker Joan	100.00	Phoebus Tony Elaine	100.00
In memory of Quintus Deckker		In memory of Aubrey	
Deutrom Bill	70.00	Holsinger	
Ferguson Bernie	15.00	Scharley Marie	170.00
Fraser Peter June	50.00	Siebel Kevin	20.00
Harvie Marguerite	40.00	Tytler Harry June	60.00
Holsinger Heather	100.00	Celebrating 60th Wedding Anniversary	
In memory of Aubrey Holsinger		Weiman Gordon & Heather	100.00
Anonymous 3 of \$50	150.00	Weinman Doreen	20.00
Anonymous 3 of \$80	240.00	In memory of Barbara Caspersz	
Anonymous	150.00	Willenberg Cholmondoley &	
Anonymous	100.00	Melrose	30.00
In memory of Cecil Fernando		Young Anita Louise	15.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2865.00</b>

## DONATIONS TO SUPPORT JOSHUA MULLER

Arkley Lindsay Vilma	50.00	Ragel Florence	50.00
Caspersz Grayden	300.00	Wells-Jansz Keith	410.00
Caspersz Grayden	200.00	One Year's Rent	
Holsinger Heather	50.00	Welsh Lorraine Trevor	500.00
Labrooy Jeune	50.00	In memory of Conraad Hatch	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1610.00</b>





### IN MEMORY OF PERSIS FERDINANDS

Abhayawickrema Mignonne	Hyndman Norma Barry	
A'Hearn Vilma	Jansz Trevor Inez	
Bartels Aileen	Jonklaas Leslie	
Berman Felis Alison Andrew	Kelly Maureen	
BillimoriA Perviz	Koch Carol	
Blackham Natasha	Martenstyn Leonie	
De Kretser Hazel	M. Toth	
Drieberg Bryan Electra	Schrader Peggy	
Ferdinands Audrey	Speldewinde Christine	
Ferdinands Rupert Tamara	Stork Dorothy -	
FTA Food Solutions	Vera Fonseka	TOTAL
Harding Clara Matthew	EIGHTY CLUB	667.50
Harding Sherille	BROHIER HOME	667.50



I've never made a fortune, and it's probably too late now.  
 But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.  
 And, as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.  
 I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.  
 Haven't got a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough!  
 But, I've got loving ones all around me, and that makes me rich enough.  
 I thank GOD for his Blessings, and the Mercies HE's bestowed.  
 I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.  
 I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.  
 But, all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.  
 So, LORD , help me not to gripe, about the tough rows I have hoed.  
 I'm drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.  
 If GOD gives me strength and courage, When the way grows steep and rough.  
 I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm. already blessed enough.  
 And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.  
 Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'Cause my cup has overflowed.

Thank you, Etienne Jayatunga

## Dates For Your Diary

- JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> - MID YEAR LUNCH AT THE GRAND. (SOLD OUT)  
*Coordinators - Marie & Rodney de Kretser: Trevor Collette & Jill Amit. (Donation \$30 per head)*
- AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> - ROTI LUNCHEON FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
*Coordinators - Jennifer & Annesley Young:*
- OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - SAVOURY RICE & CURRY  
*Coordinators - Violet & Errol Jacotine: Leonie Martenstyn.*
- DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> - 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:*

*Jacqueline & David KARNEY of Baxter, Vic  
Helen & Stephen BURKE of Wheelers Hill, Vic  
Lorraine & Cedric Foenander of Hadfield, Vic  
Sr. Tania DE JONG of Abbotsford, Vic  
Leanne & James MELETIS of Yarraville, Vic  
Marguerite HARVIE of Kingston, Qld  
Trionnie BOUSTEAD of Rowville, Vic*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE EIGHTY CLUB, INC.  
WILL BE HELD  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
ROTI LUNCHEON  
ON  
AUGUST 25, 2013.**

**ALL FINANCIAL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**



## A LABOUR OF LOVE

From Colombo I travelled by bus to Unawatuna, Galle with 16 other enthusiastic volunteers from Habitat Australia determined to change the lives of poor struggling families hit by the 2004 Tsunami. We were about to build 10 basic homes with families who had never experienced living in a secure brick house before. To give their children a permanent, safe house was a dream they never thought would come true.

Sore muscles, blisters and exhaustion were all part of this experience. I carried, what seemed like, a thousand bricks up and down steep inclines and laid them like a 'brickie.' (See picture) After a week, the hot sweaty work was replaced by tears of joy and gratitude from the families who now had a roof over their heads. The memory of their smiles, their humility and their strength will be with me forever.

I would like, once again, to thank those who very kindly sent me donations towards this project. Your generosity went a long way.

Leanne Green

*Leanne Green is the daughter of Tony Scarnivel (this Club's Treasurer) and Arlene. Her 'hands on' efforts to help the less fortunate in Sri Lanka should be applauded*

SEATS FOR THE MID-YEAR LUNCH ON JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> ARE ALL FILLED

BUT---

**AWAIT THE GRAND**



**ROTI FIESTA  
ON AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> 2013**

A SCRUMPTIOUS LUNCHEON COMPRISING ALL TYPES OF ROTI  
TOGETHER WITH A TASTY SELECTION OF CURRIES AND SAMBOLS  
FOLLOWED BY DESSERT.

CATERED BY MAZAR AND MELANIE RAUFF.

VENUE-GOOD SHEPHERD HALL AT 12.30 PM: ENTRANCE DONATION OF \$25: BYO ALL  
DRINKS

**CONTACT JENNIFER & ANNESLEY YOUNG ON 9548 3920**



## THE ECM STUDENT SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The sponsorship program was originally started in 1984; and was operated by Maurice Forster outside the umbrella of the ECM. The scheme 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 became a part of the activities of the ECM. The scheme has grown since its inception and now forms a very important part of the ECM's activities.

There are two geographically distinct areas of activity with one in Colombo and the surrounding areas coordinated on the Club's behalf by the Dutch Burgher Union (DBU) in Combo and the other in the Eastern Province coordinated by the Burgher Union Batticaloa (BUB).

The aim of the scheme 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."***

Selections are made after interview of the student and parents by the DBU or BUB. Application forms and details received in Melbourne are again examined by the ECM Program Coordinator before being discussed with the prospective sponsor who makes the final choice. The cost of sponsorship of a child is \$60 per quarter which increases to \$75 a quarter if the student commences Advanced Level classes or tertiary education.

At present there are a total of 191 children being assisted by the generous contributions of sponsors from Australia and overseas. Colombo has 157 and Batticaloa has 34 students under sponsorship. While most students seek employment on completion of the GCE "O" Level examination others go on to "A" Level classes or some form of technical training, with a few continuing on to University. In all cases the students who have completed their education have emerged better equipped for their future because of the assistance the sponsorship afforded them.

There have been some outstanding successes with one student graduating from Medical College another completed a Double Degree in Geography and English with honours. The most recent tertiary graduate was a boy from Batticaloa who completed a BSc Hons. Degree in Town and Country Planning from the Faculty of Architecture. While these are certainly excellent results there are numerous students who have obtained gainful employment in the Banking, Tourist, Hospitality, and Government and Mercantile sectors.

There are currently twelve approved applications awaiting sponsorship, brief details are given below:  
**Colombo**

- Viyanga , a boy 12 years old – in Grade 5 at St Lucia's School
- Geethan,a boy 15 years old- in Grade 9 at Ja-Ela Jayanthi Vidyalaya
- Damian- a boy 14 years old at Yasodhara Maha Vidyalaya
- Clifford –a boy 17 years old in Grade 10 at St. Benedict's College
- Randy- a boy 18 years old in "A" Level- at Kirindiwela Maha Vidyalaya

### **Batticaloa**

- Emantha- a girl -18 years old- in "A" Level at St. Cecilia's School
- Hanustan – a boy-13 years old at RKM College
- Dulanjali –a girl – 13 years old –in Grade 9 at Hindu College-
- Deckman- a boy-16 years old- in Grade 11 at St.Ignatius College-
- Jude- a boy 13 years old – in Grade 7 at St. Michael's
- Rasmen- a boy 15 years old in Grade 9 at Central College
- Joseph- a boy 15 years old-Grade 9 Hindu College

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these children please contact the Student Sponsorship Coordinator Trevor Collette – telephone 03 97061084(AH) or e-mail [trevorcollette43@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorcollette43@bigpond.com)

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