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The President and Members of the Management and Fund Raising Committees of the Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc Wish all its members, Benefactors and Well-wishers A Very Merry Christmas And a Happy, Healthy and Harmonious New Year 2014



PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

I would like to thank all our members and friends for their generosity and kindness over the past year. This Thank You is extended from not only me and our committee, but from our Welfare Beneficiaries and the Students' as well. It never ceases to amaze me at the responses we receive whenever there is a story in our newsletter of a person in need in Sri Lanka. The Committee, Marie and I and all those Less Fortunate Friends in Sri Lanka wish all our friends and members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

In the words of that old song, May the good Lord bless and keep you, till we meet again.

God Bless

Rodney





CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2013 FROM THE DUTCH BURGHER UNION OF GEYLON TO THE PRESIDENT, COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE INC.

Once again it is my pleasure to issue this message as we look ahead to Christmas 2013.

I would like to place on record my grateful thanks and that of the DBU General Committee for the tremendous contribution that your wonderful organization has made during the past

many years to assist the less privileged members of our Community in Sri Lanka. It is such acts of generosity that have enabled much good work to be done during the past year through the Welfare Beneficiaries Scheme as well as the Child Sponsorship Programme.

It is through this caring and commitment that those associated with the Welfare work, including not only Anthea Muller and Etienne Jayatunge whose dedication and commitment is known to all, but also the contribution by willing volunteers such as Mystica Flamer-Caldera and Lana Foenander who unhesitatingly give of their care and commitment, that it has been possible to achieve so much in assisting the less fortunate.

As in previous years, the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc. will this year too sponsor the much awaited and looked forward to Christmas party for the kids where every kid receives a special gift from Santa. I am aware that this special project is one that is close to the ECOM President, Rodney de Kretser's, heart and it truly brings sunshine into the lives of the many children whose circumstances would otherwise deprive them of the experience and enjoyment of being a part of the true spirit of Christmas. Thank you Rodney.

In addition, the ECOM WBs will also receive their Christmas Bonus at a party organized by the DBU. It is heart-warming to note that the number of WBs sponsored have increased and a special thank you goes to Mr. Darryl Isaaks who has been the guiding light looking into the welfare of the old folk of our community.

On behalf of the DBU, the General Committee and indeed the entire Membership, I take this opportunity to wish the President, the Committee and the entire Membership, along with their families, a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year 2014.

Cimothy Speldewinde President



It is true, Christmas can feel like a lot of work, particularly for mothers. But when you look back on all the Christmases in your life, you'll find you've created family traditions and lasting memories. Those memories, good and bad, are really what help to keep a family together over the long haul. *Caroline Kennedy*



GREETINGS FROM OVER THE SEAS

The year has come to an end and once again I wish to mention that it is a source of immense pleasure and joy for me to have worked together with my Sub Committee and Mrs. Etienne Jayatunga to fulfil the tasks entrusted to us in the Welfare Programme; and this has no doubt been solely due to the cordial friendship and cooperation rendered to us by President, Mr. Rodney de Kretser, and his dedicated Team who strive very hard to assist our Welfare Beneficiary Elders and children they sponsor. All this has been solely due to the hard work and dedication enacted by all concerned on the Committee.

I must make special mention of vibrant Mr. Darryl Isaaks for the immense perseverance and strong will he puts in to alleviate the hardships the elderly folk encounter, as he is no doubt well aware of the global recession and high cost of living in our dear land. 215

Welfare Beneficiaries are assisted who receive Rs.9.000/- each per quarter and an additional spouse allowance of Rs.3,000/- if they have a spouse. A special bonus of Rs.2,000/= per WB was awarded during the 3rd quarter payment.

Mr. Trevor Collette is another hard working dedicated gentleman who deals with the children sponsored by the ECOM Inc. and he too takes great trouble in assisting the needy school going children.

Both groups are also treated with fish buns and flavoured milk on every payment day which I can tell you they greatly enjoy.

I must pay a glowing tribute to the motivation of the ECOM Inc. which is a spark that sets ablaze in the personal burning fire which achieves success

The tremendous work carried out by the ECOM Inc. is greatly appreciated, which is a persevering task.

God Bless you all and may you have a peaceful and Happy Christmas.

ANTHEA MULLER

Chairperson Social Welfare DBU



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To me, Christmas is a time of giving and sharing - but for the Committee and the members of the Eighty Club Melbourne there is no special season of Christmas because, throughout the year, they give and give and give; they go that extra mile to share and to help the down trodden and those in need! How wonderful if the whole world could be like this!

My warm Christmas greetings are sent to each and every one on the Committee and all the members of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc. May you all be truly blessed, especially during this season of Christmas when we unite and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and may His love continue to be with you throughout the coming years.

Etienne Jayatunga Administrative Secretary, DBU



ALWAYS REMEMBER : The greatest gift you ever own is not found in the shops or under your Christmas Tree. It is found in the hearts of your family and your true friends.



<u>From The Reod: Charles N. Janse</u> <u>President – Christian Reformed (formerly Dutch Reformed)</u> <u>Church of Sri Lanka</u>.

Dear friends,

It is that time of the year again and let me begin by wishing all of you a most blessed Christmas and God's continued grace through the New Year, from Maxine and myself.

I am thankful to Darryl for always giving me some space to send a word of greeting through this inspiring and informational newsletter. Needless to say, I have been deeply touched by his courage and resilience in spite of his own physical struggles.

I continue to be kept updated, through the Newsletter and the news that filters through the DBU, of all the good work you do for the poor and needy of the Community here. I am aware of the consistent financial assistance given through pensions, for education and for medical emergencies. It is also great to read and hear the "testimonies" of those who have been blessed through all of these means.

Your sustained efforts to raise these monies, in spite of many challenges, are deeply appreciated and it is our prayer that the good Lord would keep all of you encouraged to continue with these endeavours which are such a blessing to the elderly who struggle economically, whilst also giving opportunity to the young to make a life for themselves.

With the Christmas season again upon us and with all the misdirected celebrations, I am reminded of what someone said – "Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first...the birth of the baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medication of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years..." May all of us continue to be channels of blessing with giving hearts and the healing medication of God's love.

Do have a blessed Christmas and may God's grace and peace be yours through the New Year!

With every blessing,

As always, **Revd: Charles Jansz.**



VOLUNTEERS ARE SELDOM PAID -NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE WORTHLESS BUT BECAUSE THEY ARE PRICELESS.

Steve Waugh

THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC. HAS BEEN APPROVED BY TH DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS BUT IT HAS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMENDMENTS AND MODEL RULES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE.

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

Welfare Beneficiaries, Pauline Graham; Clarence Vanderputt; Norman Kwesius; Maurice Hopman and Pauline Almeida passed away and were replaced by Rachel Gregory; Shirley Raux; Decima Kwesius; Priyanka Hopman and Stephanie Jansz.



UPDATE ON JOSHUA MULLER

Recently, a sum of Rs.152,000, donated to the Mullers by generous members and well-wishers, including the VOC, was remitted to them. They will use this to buy some much needed furniture for their little home. For instance, all three members of this family i.e.

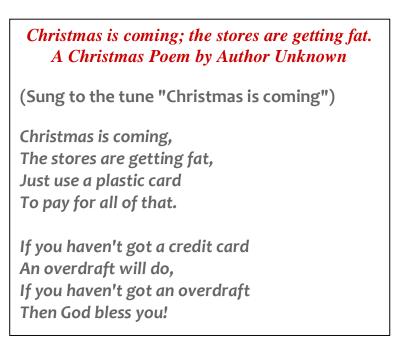
Their little home. For instance, all three members of this family i.e. Joshua and his grandparents were sleeping on the one bed, which had caused inconvenience for years. So, now they can afford another bed. uller's spectacles were broken and tied together with string. Since she lives

Also Mrs Muller's spectacles were broken and tied together with string. Since she lives in Negombo and cannot leave Joshua to come to Colombo, she could not avail herself of the free pre-loved spectacles that were sent from Melbourne. But, she can now get herself a new pair. Finally, now that Christmas is round the corner, the family can enjoy some delights that are commonplace for us but were out of their reach for many years. I am sure they would want me to thank their benefactors from the bottom of their hearts.

The Club will pay a bonus of Rs.2000 to all Welfare Beneficiaries at their annual Christmas party in early December to be hosted by the DBU. They will also be presented with a hamper of food stuffs each by the DBU. This hamper is greatly welcomed by the recipients and our thanks go out to the DBU for their generosity.

The generous benefactor who used to pay for rolls and cups of tea to be given to the Welfare Beneficiaries on 'pay days' is no longer able to do so due to circumstances beyond his control. As such the Club has been compelled to take over this expense so that the WBs will continue to get their snack and cups of tea until a new benefactor comes along who is prepared to donate \$100 per quarter for rolls and cups of Tea for the WBs.

Darryl Isaaks, Welfare Coordinator



ASLEEP IN GOD'S CARE



SINCOCK. Ronald (Ron) Edward 05.03.1928-19.09.2013. Husband of Maureen, father to Ron, Ruth, Michael (dec.), Ian and father-in-law to Mary and Lorraine. Grandfather to Jason, Troy, Sean, Dale, Kellie, Michelle and Leanne. Great grandfather to Jett. Friend to Jenny, Gregg, Ben, Jessica and all extended family. Always in our hearts

VAN BUREN (nee Duncan). Jill Heather. Wife of Ivan, and mother of Natalie and Tracy (dec.). Mother-in-law of Warren, Ma of Kirk, Yasmin and Serana. Jill will be missed by all her family, relatives and friends in Australia and overseas. -







"DO THEY KNOW IT'S CHRISTMAS?"

It's Christmas time, and there's no need to be afraid At Christmas time, we let in light and we banish shade And in our world of plenty, we can spread a smile of joy Throw your arms around the world at Christmas time

But say a prayer to pray for the other ones At Christmas time, it's hard, but when you're having fun There's a world outside your window And it's a world of dread and fear Where the only water flowing is the bitter sting of tears And the Christmas bells that ring there Are the clanging chimes of doom Well, tonight, thank God it's them instead of you

Band Aid 1984.

WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS; THEY BECOME WORDS. WATCH YOUR WORDS; THEY BECOME ACTIONS. WATCH YOUR ACTIONS; THEY BECOME HABITS. WATCH YOUR HABITS; THEY BECOME CHARACTER. WATCH YOUR CHARACTER; IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY.'

Dr. Laura Schlessinger in her book How Could You Do That?





MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO:

Caryl Jansz: Leonie Martenstyn: Mervyn Schoorman: Laraine Muller: Rita Young: Spencer Vanderzeil: Binkie Abel: Arlene & Tony Scarnivel: Earle & Shireen Ferdinand: Shane Isaaks: Terease Cramer: Beulah Vollenhoven: Etienne Jayatunga (DBU): Marie de Kretser:

Caryl Pereira: Trevor Collette: Max Ludekens: Peqqy Schrader (90).



CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Violet & Errol Jacotine who celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary. Caryl and Max Mortimer who celebrated 52 years of Wedded Bliss. Rochelle & Peter Ondaatje who have been married for 52 years. Caryl & Jack Donohue who also celebrated 52 years of marriage. Joan and Robin Ludowyk who celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. Ishbelle & Emile Poppenbeck on the occasion of their 53rd wedding anniversary. Myrna & Denis Williamsz on the occasion of their 57th Wedding Anniversary Dr. Robin & Gwen Misso who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary Melrose & Cholmondoley Willenberg on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary Phil & Ralph Gerryn who celebrate 51 years of Wedded Bliss. Spencer & Lorna Vandezeil on celebrating their 61st Wedding Anniversary Bert & Rita Van Geyzel on the occasion of their Wedding Anniversary Gerard & Mechelle Seneviratne on the occasion of their 29th Wedding Anniversary



Congratulations to CARMEN DE VOS On her CENTURY





com collections

Denise de Zilwa	27.20	Connie Thurgood	54.65
Anthony Koelmayer	47.60	C & J de La Zilwa	25.70
Rodney de Kretser	24.85	Pat Kelly	20,25
Rita Hesse	20.00	Roger & Sue	41.65
Deanna Van Cuylenberg	36.55	Brian & Electra Drieberg	300.90
		TOTAL	599.35



SUCCESS OF KRISHAN STANIS BARTHELOT - TOWN PLANNER - My Maurice Forster

ref. Newsletter No. 130

As originator of the Student Sponsorship Program (SSP) which helped pay for Krishan's education, I feel obliged to record my appreciation of the E.C.M. Presidents, Committees and individual sponsors who had the vision to develop a short term program of assistance to Tsunami victims into a lasting program providing educational opportunities for the small community of Burghers of Batticaloa.

The two outstandingly successful students of the SSP are: A Doctor from Matara and now a Town Planner from Valaichchenai – a small town near Batticaloa. I understand too, that the highest proportion of students progressing to 'A' Level, are from Batticaloa, although educational opportunities in Colombo are far superior to those in the provinces. May we continue to sponsor deserving and needy students from the provinces.

Persons who read Krishan's story have asked me, "Who are the Burghers of Batticaloa? And, how did the E.C.M. get involved with them?" Well the story begins with colonial history. The Portuguese, more than other conquering nations, settled many of their own nationals in their colonies. They brought - Blacksmiths, Cobblers, Mechanics, Tailors, etc. who eventually married into the local communities. Their descendents, in isolated areas, continued for generations in these trades. Krishan's father was a Blacksmith. These fun loving people were known; for their Kafferinja music accompanied with musical instruments of their own making, for the Creole Portuguese still spoken by some, and for a preference for walking bare footed even when dressed in their Sunday best!

In Batticaloa they formed an enclave in Dutch Bar - a peninsular between the Lagoon and the sea. Dutch Bar was devastated by the 1984 tsunami. Hundreds drowned and tradesmen lost their tools and equipment. The ECM tsunami assistance included replacement of tools and sewing machines for adults and school books, dictionaries, uniforms & even bicycles for school kids. All assistance was made in close consultation with The Burgher Union of Batticaloa. It was well targeted, prompt & much appreciated.

The efforts of the SSP in this small community have expanded with the perseverance of Trevor Collette who succeeded me as Coordinator of the SSP, and support from President Rodney de Kretser and the ECM Committees. Krishan is a product of this expanded program. May I say from all of us, "Well done, Krishan. Well done The Eighty Club."

200.0	bates For Your blary
February 16 th	BURIYANI LUNCH Coordinators – Pam & Maurice Forster – Esther & Melville Knower
April 6 th	STRINGHOPPER PILAU LUNCH Coordinators – Tony & Arlene Scarnivel & Laraine Muller.
July 6th	<i>MID YEAR LUNCH AT THE GRAND</i> Coordinators – Rodney & Marie de Kretser - Trevor Collette & Jill Amit
August 24th	ROTI LUNCHEON Coordinators – Jenny & Annesley Young - Silvereen & Peter Jacotine
October 12 th	<i>SAVOURY RICE AND CURRY LUNCHEON</i> Coordinators – Trevor Collette, Jill Amit & Leonie Martenstyn.
December 6 th	DINNER DANCE AT THE GRAND Coordinators — Shireen & Earle Ferdinand.
	LUNCHES WILL BE AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD HALL, WHEELERS HILL EXCEPT THE MID YEAR LUNCH.
	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.
Sol 1	BOOKINGS CANCELLED THREE DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT

<u>MUST BE PAID FOR IN FULL.</u> GUESTS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD HALL <u>AT 12.30 PM, OR AFTER - NOT BEFORE.</u>

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We extend the hand of friendship and a warm welcome to the following new members: Kym & Pierre Prentice of Fitzroy North Lynne & Bobby Peterson of Rowville Leon & Iris Belleth of Pakenham Brendan & Petula Lewis of Pakenham Kridon & Malaika Panayi of Cranbourne Irangani Wanigasekera of Endeavour Hills Ralph & Cynthia Mortier of Cranbourne North

Haneef & Sherina Mohinudeen of Bundoora



OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS.



Donations received to 3rd Dec 2013

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In memory of Carron		In memory of Amiel Morrison's birthday	
& Melder Families		Parsons Roy Ingrid	200.00
Cooke Noeline	20.00	40th Wedding Anniversary 0	Celebration
Cooray Gordon Shanthi	100.00	Paternott Roger Jean	20.00
Buns and Tea for Welfare Beneficiaries		Peterson Bobby Lynne	80.00
Cooray Gordon Shanthi	15.00	Advertisment cost	
D'Abrera Royston Joseph	45.00	Presser Karen	20.00
De Hoedt Winston Clara	30.00	Ragel Florence	100.00
Durant Lorraine	100.00	Rauff Mazhar Melanie	50.00
In memory of Jack Durant		Roberts Ryan	20.00
Emerson Gillian	100.00	Robertson Jack Emily	20.00
Ferdinands Edred Denise	25.00	Spittel Dave Coreen	30.00
Ferdinands Rupert Tamara	25.00	Stewart GlenroyRomayne	70.00
De Jong Family(Bell, Tarnia,	100.00	Visser John Diana	70.00
Lorraine & Sandra)		Walles Tyronne Lorraine	20.00
In memory of Dr.T.G.Pillai		Weinman Doreen	50.00
Gray Faye	20.00	In memory of Percy, Ranee	& Reggie
Heatherich Martin Patricia	20.00	VandenDriesen & Noeline/Robyn Caspersz	
Hepponstall Derek	25.00	Weinman Doreen	50.00
Lindsay School Past Pupil's Assoc	250.00	In memory of Eric Weinmar	1
Ludowyk Robin Joan	25.00	Williamsz Steven Julie	70.00
Remembering FELICIA at Christmas		Young Annesley Jennifer	20.00
Mack Brian	40.00	Anonymous	1,000.00
In memory of Jerry & Margie Mack		Anonymous Various	480.00

DONATIONS IN LIEU OF PRESENTS FOR CARYL JANSZ'S 75TH BIRTHDAY

Benjamin Victor & Fortuna		Lawton Chris & Monica	
Bone Joan Lewin John Pauline			
Cook Clinton Pamela Maartenz Maureen			
Elders Yvonne & Wendy Machado Margaret			
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Ferdinands Audrey Perera Chandra Venetia			
Ferdinands Ken & Anne		Seneviratne Damathi Rowena	
Ferdinands Ronald, Felicity & Dane Stoker Zwany			
Fernando Errol Thurgood Connie			
Fonseka Mahinda Rochelle Vanderwert Denise			
Geddes Russel & Ban	Ban Vandewert Hans Shingh Jeff		:
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