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FROM THE DESK OF THE EDITOR

The generosity of our members has never ceased to amaze us. This Club does not set up Appeals for any cause BUT all we do is describe the circumstances of a case needing help to our members and they respond—spontaneously and generously. A fine example is that of young Joshua Muller whose case was spotlighted in the newsletters last year. His, and his grandparents, circumstances have been well documented in the past and I will not repeat them here. The response to that family's misfortunes was immediate and marvellous. Joshua's carer, his grandmother, Yvonne, could not believe that there were so many people in this country who cared for them. The money that was sent to them changed that family's circumstances, perhaps forever. They were able to buy food that they could never afford before and young Joshua tasted cheese for the first time in his young life. The fact that he is now an Eighty Club welfare beneficiary ensures them of a regular income in the future. Yvonne Muller has repeatedly asked me to thank ALL our members who helped the family so generously. God reward you all.

Another instance of members generosity concerns the cost of meat/fish buns and a cup of tea that we give welfare beneficiaries who came to collect their money from the DBU. The member who used to pay a \$100 per quarter to meet the cost of these refreshments could not continue and I made a reference to this in the last issue of the newsletter. Almost immediately, four members stepped forward to take over this payment and our beneficiaries are assured of a snack and a cup of tea on 'pay days' for the next four years! Another example of your charitable nature. This Club is unique in the quality of its membership and we are humbled when confronted with so many examples of your generosity.



PRESIDENTS REPORT MARCH 2014

Despite the exceptionally hot weather that we have had to endure over the past few months, we had an extremely successful February fund raising lunch thanks to our very supportive members and friends. Unfortunately we had to disappoint a number of others as we had reached the hall capacity and were unable to accommodate any more people.

Bookings for our Fund Raising functions are on a first come first served basis; as such please ensure that you book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings for the April luncheon had to be closed with 4 weeks to the date of the function.

Bookings for our lunch on the 6th of July at The Grand can be made by contacting me or other committee members. The number of persons at a table is restricted to either 10 or 12. It is possible to join groups to make up either 10 or 12. As this is our most popular function bookings can be made immediately.

Easter is almost upon us, and whilst you are celebrating this great event, please spare a thought for The Less Fortunate in Sri Lanka.

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 EDITOR
AND JUNE
WISH ALL OUR READERS, MEMBERS
AND BENEFACTORS
A
HAPPY AND BLESSED
EASTER

ASLEEP IN GOD'S CARE



CHAPMAN – Astrid Verna Elizabeth BETTY. Wife of Kiltoe (dec). Funeral took place on January 3, 2014.

Betty and Kiltoe Chapman were Founder Members of the EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC. having been present at the inaugural meeting of the Club on 25th September 1982. Even after her husband passed away, Betty continued to give the Club her enthusiastic and energetic support having served as a Committee Member for many years. As her health deteriorated, she was forced to cut down on her activities until in October 2011 she was elected as a Honorary Life Member of the Club. Betty's vibrant presence will be missed greatly. Vale, Betty!

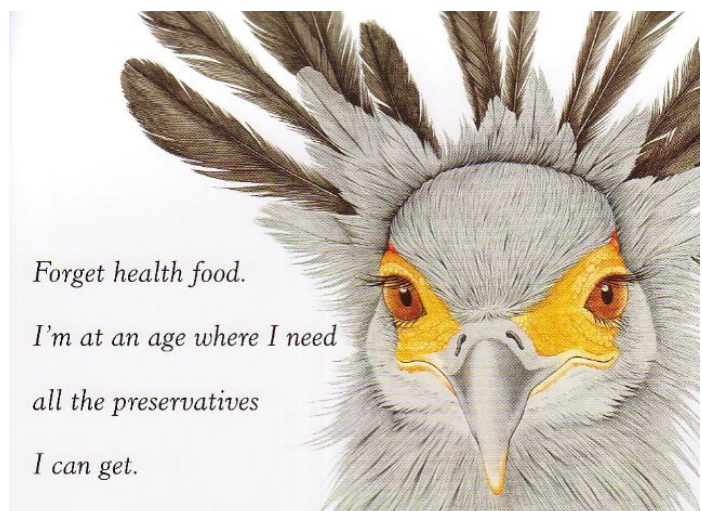
DE ZILVA – Leonard Jerome (Colonel). Passed away 22nd November in London - Son of Oscar and Alice De Zilva; husband of Iris (dec.); father of Vilma (Aust.); Cherine (U.K.); and Oscar (Thailand); grandfather of Nicola (Aust.); Jacqueline (U.K) and Stuart (U.K.); great grandfather of Stanley (U.K.); Alyssa (Aust.); Brittany (Aust.); Lilyella (Spain); Grace (U.K.) and Sasha (U.K.); brother of Iris (dec.); Bettye (dec.); Reggie (dec.) and Chris (dec.); father-in-law of Lindsey and David. REST IN PEACE.

FOENANDER – Eileen Clare Lelia. Passed away on 31/7/2013. Wife of Ron. Mother and mother-in-law of Michael and Sharon; Stephen and Yvonne. Grandmother of Dan and Jess.

PERKINS – Velda. Wife of Andrew. Passed away on December 15, 2013. Brinsmead, Cairns.

DECKKER. Joan Margaret. Wife of the late Quintus Deckker. Mother of Cheryl, Christine, Gillian, Melanie and Gail. Mother-in-law to Lionel de Saram, David Mutthumani (dec.), Sam Selvakumaran and Colin Barrick (dec.). Special friend to Ray Beattie. Grandmother to Johaan and Marina, Leilani and Luis, Michael and Angela, Danielle and Nicole. Great grandmother to Jaeden, Kiara and Zachary.

FERDINAND - CONSTANCE MURIEL. At rest with Jesus. Widow of the late Melchias (Rex) Ferdinand, mother of Marie (Australia), George (dec) and of Leonard (Tony), Earle (Randy) and Desmond (Benny), mother-in-law of Lloyd Perera (Australia), Carmen and Shireen (Australia).



social notes



MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO:

MARIE SCHOORMAN; KRISTINA DEKKER; BRADLEY KING; EILEEN FERNANDO; LEANNE ISAAKS; ANTHEA MULLER (DBU); BERT VAN GEYZEL; VANESSA BLACK; MAX GERLACH; VIOLET JACOTINE; LUCIA HERFT; JULIE PUGARA; ANTOINETTE DANIEL. CHRISTABEL RAYMOND WHO CELEBRATED HER 90TH BIRTHDAY.



CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Ashroff and Estelle Cader and Peggy and Douglas Mack on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversaries. May God Bless these couples.

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO:

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO INEZ AND TREVOR JANSZ WHO CELEBRATED THEIR 62ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP THEM BOTH.

ARLENE AND TONY SCARNIVEL CELEBRATED THEIR 52ND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY RECENTLY. OUR BEST WISHES GO OUT TO THIS POPULAR COUPLE.



HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO VICTOR AND ESTHER (JUNE) MELDER ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU BOTH.



HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

The following Welfare Beneficiaries passed away since the last newsletter:

Gertrude de Silva

Clarice Raux

Elin Spencer and Maurice LaBrooy.

They were replaced by:

Bridget Mortier,

Fred Raffel

Doris Bocks and Jennifer Ashbourne.

The following were assisted by the Emergency Fund:

Rs.2000 to Leo Philipsz. 71 years old and needed money for medication.

Rs.2000 to Annette Vandort. 65 years old. Had a fall and injured her spine.

Rs.2000 to Patrick de Zilwa. 66 years old. Lost both limbs after an accident. Wife is paralysed.

Rs.3000 to Fredrick Raffel. Now a WB. 65 years old with throat cancer. Needed medication.

Rs.200 to Mrs. G Felthman. Needed money for bus fare.

Rs.1000 to Mr A Steelman. Needed money for medication.

Rs.3000 to Mrs W Ferdinands. (WB). Needed two months rent in advance as she had no place to stay.

Rs.1000 to Beryl Fyfer. Needed money for medication.

Rs.2000 to June Passe. 78 years old and needed money for an Echo cardiogram.

Rs.2000 to Errol Markus. 70 years old. No income and lives in Galle.

Rs.1000 to Flora Roof (WB) She and her grandchildren needed food.

The number of Welfare Beneficiaries totals 215.



We have had some disturbing news about young Joshua Muller. In mid-February, he had to be rushed to hospital where one of his testicles was surgically removed. I do not know the reason because all I have been told by his grandmother is (sic) "it was about to burst."

Since, the public hospital had no bed available he had to be admitted to the Ave Maria Private Hospital paid for by the lump sum of donations from our members that was sent to the family in December. On the left is a picture of Joshua, in hospital, being consoled by his grandmother

Yvonne. A graphic picture was also sent of the surgical site – too graphic for publication here. Joshua has now been discharged from hospital and is recovering. Yvonne Muller wishes me to extend her thanks to all those members who sent the family generous donations in the past which have been put to good use.

Many of our members have been following the fortunes of this family and helping them with donations and so I thought it appropriate let everyone know of their latest misfortune.

A mid-year bonus will be paid to all welfare beneficiaries but the amount has not been decided on yet.

Darryl Isaacs

Welfare Coordinator

EXCEPTIONAL MONEY TRANSFER SERVICES TO SRI LANKA

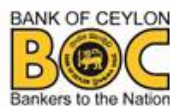
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W W W . A U S C E Y . C O M . A U



I received the note below from Ms .Etienne Jayatunga of the DBU regarding a conversation she had with Ms.Yvonne Muller, grandmother and carer of young Joshua Muller. Yvonne said to Etienne:

"I went to the Bank today to withdraw some money to buy something nice for Joshua for Christmas and I saw the balance in the account. I couldn't believe my eyes and thought for a moment that the Bank had made a mistake, but they assured me that the amount had been a deposit. I was in tears when I realized that we could have a nice Christmas this year. Please convey my heartfelt thanks to everyone who is supporting us. No one has ever bothered with us before. I appreciate it very much" and then she started to cry and I cried with her! This is what all you wonderful people do to folk such as this. Words cannot express my appreciation for the happiness that you distribute around! ! You will truly be blessed!

Etienne, thanks for conveying this gist of a touching conversation you had with Yvonne Muller. The Editor.

Dear Darryl, Thank you for the 4th Qtr December newsletter. What great satisfaction there is when you read of the manner in which the The Eighty Club distributes the funds. The tributes and thank you articles a testimony to the efforts of a very hard working committee, and I am sure that you all must be proud of your efforts and importantly bringing so much good news to the poor people who receive the well deserved benefits. Without that contribution from the Eighty Club there is no other avenue for those poor people.

Thank you Darryl and June for your efforts towards this great humanitarian cause.

Gordon and Shanthi Cooray. Your spontaneous comments were greatly appreciated. The Editor

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS

Donations received to 12th March 2014

Arendtsz Chris	50.00
Bartholomeusz Vernon Katie	100.00
Caspersz Dunstan	25.00
Caspersz Grayden	100.00
Donation for Mrs Yvonne Muller	
Eighty Club Committee	50.00
De Hoedt Joe Shirley	30.00
De Kretser Desmond & Dianne	70.00
De Zilwa Wilhelm Marina	20.00
Ferdinands Audrey	50.00
In memory of Velda Perkins	
Ferdinands Rosemary Lindsay	25.00
In memory of Thelma & Douglas Kreltzhaim	
Hepponstall Derek	25.00
Herft Esme	20.00
In memory of Baby Layla White	
Herft Gerry Gina	300.00
Mack Douglas Peggy	400.00
60th Wedding Anniversary Gifts From Friends & Family	
Martenstyn Leonie	25.00
In memory of Velda Perkins	
Misso Tyronne Heloise	75.00
Orchard Errol Elaine	50.00
Peggy & Douglas Mack's 60th Wedding Anniversary	
Perkins Andrew	200.00
In memory of Velda	
Phoebus Tony Elaine	100.00
In memory of Michael Phoebus	
Tytler Harry June	50.00
Wambeek Keith Lynne	20.00
Williamsz Family	400.00
Young Anita Louise	30.00
Young Family	110.00
In memory of Richard Young	

In memory of Betty Chapman

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Chapman Bianca
Cook Rowena
Ferdinands Audrey
Ferdinands Rupert Tamara
Forster Maurice Pam
Jacotine Errol Violet
Knower Melville Esther
Madawela Percy Barbara
Martenstyn Leonie
Scarnivel Tony Arlene
Weerakoon Peter Valerie
Werkmeister Noel Yvonne
Young Rita

Total \$520

Tea & Buns for 215 Beneficiaries

Pereira Caryl	400.00
One year's supply	
Hoffman Everard Dagmar	100.00
For Jan/March quarter	
Orchard Keith Judy	100.00
For Jan/March quarter	

Anonymous	100.00
In memory of Conraad Hatch	

Anonymous

4 X \$50	200.00
3 X \$80	240.00

A woman goes to the Doctor, worried about her husband's temper.

The Doctor asks: "What's the problem?"

The woman says: "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason and he yells at me. It scares me."

The Doctor says: "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or calms down."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor looking fresh and reborn.

The woman says: "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

The Doctor says: "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick."



COIN COLLECTIONS

KEVIN & VICKI LEMM	35.55	ERROL & VIOLET JACOTINE	20.65
RYAN ROBERTS	94.80	DEANNA VAN CUYLENBERG	25.45
MIRABEL LABROOY	32.05	ANONYMOUS	14.70
WRIGHT G & C	10.00	ANONYMOUS	12.15
		TOTAL	245.35



THE LATE ASTRID (BETTY) CHAPMAN



ASTRID VERNA ELIZABETH CLAASZ was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka on April 26th, 1932, the eldest of two sisters and four brothers. She grew up in a number of towns in Sri Lanka as the family moved due to their father's work with the Government. Betty always spoke fondly of her childhood in Sri Lanka, playing in the jungles with her dog, Jill, a pocket full of stones and her trusty catapult.

Betty's main occupation, throughout her working career, was as a Secretary. This career path took her to Germany in the 1960's where she lived for over five years. As part of her work, she functioned as a Translator and made many German friends with whom she kept in touch for the rest of her life.

Her great love was for music and she was always involved with singing groups, choirs and also in Church. In Sri Lanka she was a part of the Colombo Singers, an amateur music group which performed Gilbert and Sullivan musicals. It was friends in this group who later introduced her to Kiltoe, whom she married in August 1971. They immigrated to Australia in 1972 and had their first child, soon after, when she was 39 years old.

Life for the Chapman family was not easy when they first arrived here. Caring for a baby on the dole was difficult. Kiltoe's teacher training qualifications were not recognised in this country and he had to go back to his studies. Once their son started schooling, Betty started working at the Red Cross Blood Bank as a nursing aid. They then bought a house in Northcote and Betty moved back into a secretarial role at the Blood Bank and continued in that capacity until she retired in 1995.

In Melbourne, Betty was a long term vestry member at St James and was part of numerous choirs and singing groups, including the Serendipity Singers, church fetes and many other events. She was also a founder member of the Eighty Club, a charity which has helped hundreds of the less fortunate in Sri Lanka.

In the last few years, Betty battled with fibrosis of the lungs and was confined to her home. Thereafter, she lived in successive medical facilities ending with Darley House nursing home in Heidelberg. Betty's was laid to rest on January 3, 2014. Vale, Betty Chapman!

Adapted from a eulogy delivered by her son, Anthony Chapman.

Dates For Your Diary

July 6th

MID YEAR LUNCH AT THE GRAND

Coordinators – Rodney & Marie de Kretser - Trevor Collette & Jill Amit

August 24th

ROTI LUNCHEON

Coordinators – Jenny & Annesley Young - Silverreen & Peter Jacotine

October 12th

SAVOURY RICE AND CURRY LUNCHEON

Coordinators – Trevor Collette, Jill Amit & Leonie Martenstyn.

December 6th

DINNER DANCE AT THE GRAND

Coordinators – Shireen & Earle Ferdinand.

***LUNCHESES 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.
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.***

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We extend the hand of friendship and a warm welcome to the following new members

Jacqueline Phillips of Pinewood, Vic



"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."
— ***Winston Churchill***

KEEP YOUR DONATIONS COMING. OUR WELFARE PROGRAMS DEPEND ON THEM !



THE STORY OF ARRACK....CHEERS !

Discovered as far back as the 5th Century A.D. in Sri Lanka, Coconut Arrack is a unique alcoholic beverage obtained by tapping the *Cocos Nucifera* or coconut palm.

Lush coconut plantations in the island, spanning thousands of acres, were the inspiration for the tapping of toddy or coconut sap and its subsequent distillation to produce, the much relished Coconut Arrack.

Today, arrack is the most popular alcoholic beverage in Sri Lanka.

Indeed, the transformation of coconut sap into an ambrosial beverage makes for a fascinating tale.

The first step involves Tapping or extracting coconut sap or toddy, as it is popularly known, from the unopened flower of the coconut tree. Silhouetted against the early morning sun, toddy tappers manually extract toddy whilst going from tree to tree adeptly.

Once the toddy is collected in the earthenware pot, it undergoes rapid fermentation due to the natural variety of wild yeasts and bacteria. It is then poured into large wooden casks made, out of Halmilla wood after a minute filtration process. These wooden casks are then gently transported to factories for distillation.

There are two processes of distilling; continuous distillation and the batch process, also called 'pot distillation'.

The distillation process is completed within 24 hours.

Spirits obtained are purest and without impurities but leaves behind the authentic flavours with the spirits so that enhancing and smoothing will be done by the magical maturation process that takes place inside the Halmilla wooden vats.

Here, the contents of the wooden vats/casks are mixed thoroughly for a fortnight for better aeration and enhanced contact with the wooden surface. Herbs and spices from ancient recipes are also added to enhance flavour and mellow the beverage at the appropriate times during this all-important maturation process.

Coconut Arrack is a pure spirit, in that it contains not a trace of methanol. The fact that it is distilled from naturally fermented coconut toddy, makes it one of the most natural alcoholic beverages available in the world.

Finally, spirits of different age groups are selected with different flavours and blended to manufacture the DCSL brands under the careful supervision of the well experienced connoisseur and Master Blender for bottling. As the first and largest coconut arrack distillery in Sri Lanka and perhaps the rest of the world, this golden brew is the flagship product of the Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka.



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