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*Your Annual membership dues play an important part in our fundraising efforts. To all our valued members who have not paid your dues for 2021-2022. Please help our hardworking Membership Secretary, Allan Pinder: PH: (03)9700 6178 by paying your dues early, thereby helping him to minimise costs and time consuming reminders. Allan is only too happy to speak to you and do make his day by enlisting a new member.*



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Annual Dues**  
**\$30 by 1 July 2021**

## **President's Message** - Earle Ferdinand

Almost 18 months have gone by and our lives have changed since the start of the pandemic. With the spread of COVID19, the future has never felt so unpredictable. With the passing months and days, what we all considered normalcy in our day-to-day life has changed radically. While there is a lot of uncertainty, we know that we need to adapt fast to our changing reality. Now, more than ever, we need to support each other and we need to cope with the new status quo of staying indoors, social distancing and of course working remotely. These are challenging times for all and in time we will overcome adversity as we have done in the past. We hope you are in good spirits and good health!

Right now, with your help everything possible is being done to sustain and provide assistance to our community in Sri Lanka. What we did as a community was truly incredible – the level of care we showed for each other, the thoughtfulness and well-wishes towards people caught up in affected communities, shows how we come together in tough times and in mandatory isolation, we can truly say that we have not isolated ourselves from the needs and problems of others. Spare a thought for all those poor people in Sri Lanka with no access to funds, food, family or friends. The situation they are facing is one, where they are desperately clinging to a glimmer of hope. These poor people live in daily fear of their lives due to the high infection rate in Sri Lanka. If life was hard for them before Covid19, please pause to consider their plight now. Fear and desperation are their daily companions and prayer the only consolation to ease the sense of hopelessness and anguish, looking for someone and somewhere to turn to.

This is why we need your help. Everybody is feeling the shortage, but with your financial support we can help these people, who have no food, family or friends to rely on.

As a charity we have done our very best to rise to the challenges that emerged, coming up with innovative solutions to difficult problems along the way. Indeed, we should be all proud of how we leapt into action to support our beneficiaries, quickly changing and adapting to fund our commitments. We continue to fill in the vacancies that occur for welfare beneficiaries and look to their welfare. No easy task at the best of times, however together, we will and can succeed.

My sincere and grateful thanks to our members and well-wishers who have given so generously and helped us provide for these poor people. Many of you preferred to be anonymous in your generosity, providing funding for food hampers and extra financial bonuses to our beneficiaries in Colombo and Batticaloa. Thanks to all of you, we have been able to assist and be there for them, helping them to cope with the daily necessities of life. Unable to host our normal fundraisers and the loss of income from these functions, you have understood and appreciated the work we do and this alone helps and motivates all of us to continue our work, motivate us and more importantly make us realise that we are a part, not only of a charitable organization, but something far bigger and better. We are committed to look after each other, whatever our circumstances may be. By our actions we show our responsibility, undertaking and bonds to each other and in doing so, lift the burdens off their shoulders.

The circumstances in life, especially for the poor, can be attributed to many reasons, however the reasons do not really matter. What matters most is what we can all do to make their lives better. Perhaps, we may not be able to fulfill everything we set out to achieve, however we can always take comfort and be blessed in the fact that we did our very best.

There is still a long road ahead as we strive to make changes. A road filled with many challenges. A road where we will meet many people, some of whom may look to us to help them along in their lives and make their future better.

Thank You for your support.

Take Care and Keep Safe.







*Compelled to stay in mandatory isolation and socially distanced, a situation not specific to me, one can only ponder what tomorrow may bring. Will new infections bring on more stringent measures to combat the problem or will there be gradually easing of restrictions, to a new era of 'normalcy'? As always we will look forward to things getting better, brighter days and a future that makes this pandemic a distant memory.*

*Invariably, my thoughts reflect on the plight of those in Sri Lanka. Wherever one may be, it is hard to disassociate one's memories from the land of your birth and childhood. It is an arduous and challenging task, to siphon through the many applications*

*received for WB assistance and deciding who is the most deserving applicant to fill in a vacancy. Their story, or more appropriately their lives, as detailed in the application are pathetic. It is hard not to feel a sense of empathy and sorrow that they have to undergo such hardships in life. This is a perception shared by every member on the Committee, who peruse these applications and have to prioritise the most deserving. They are all deserving and unfortunately we are limited to the number we can assist.*

*As members, you all have a great understanding of the plight of these people and your support has been invaluable. Many of you on holiday in Sri Lanka may have visited or met them at the DBU and had an insight into their lives. It is not the burden of their existence that they wish to share, but a plea for help. Irrespective of their problems, visiting their homes, you were always welcomed, offered a cold drink or cup of tea and perhaps a biscuit or savoury snack. The famed Sri Lankan hospitality. These memories make it all the more harder and also makes you feel helpless, given the present situation in Sri Lanka.*

*The ugly head of Covid has claimed over 2500 lives in Sri Lanka and the infection rate is spiraling upwards. The rising cost of living is an un-surmountable pinnacle to overcome, especially for those battling extreme poverty. Deep down, I always wonder if the threat of Covid factors into the minds of these poor people. Their lives, far worse than the threat and reality of Covid. Surely, their immediate concerns must be for food and a roof over their heads. Together with the monsoonal rains, recent floods has been the bane for some of these poor people who unfortunately live in low lying or marshy tracts of land, subject to flooding.*

*Your help has enabled us, apart from continuing pension payments to provide food hampers and also bonus payments to the WB's in Colombo and Batticaloa. Unfortunately the funds provided by a member (preferring to remain anonymous) for food hampers had to be disbursed as a cash payment as there were restrictions on gatherings. My heartfelt thanks to these members for their kindness, as the funds invariably would have provided food to our WB's.*

*The uncertainty in our fundraising is ongoing as restrictions are imposed overnight, subject to new infections. If possible, you can help, as some of our members do, by sponsoring a WB. This is a commitment you can make as long as it is financially viable to you and will help to subsidize our fundraising for WB's. Due to fluctuating exchange rates, your commitment will be approx.\$250/year for a single WB and \$350/ year for a couple.*

*In these tough times, even a partial commitment will help us to continue and increase our WB aid. Please contact me (PH: 03 9512 7265) or the Treasurer, Tony Scarnivel should you need further information.*

*Together with Yvonne de Vos (Asst. WB coordinator), we extend our sincere thanks for all your help and support and look forward to providing a more comprehensive report in the next newsletter.*

*My Sincere Thanks*

*Shireen Ferdinand*

*Thank You*

*for helping us to ensure that everyone is afforded the dignity in life, that so many of us take for granted.*



### **Prayers and Perseverance**

*Sonali Vancuylenberg is a gifted child in very many ways. Her story is one of overcoming hardship and making decisions far beyond her tender years to ensure that the family she loved and cared about, could look forward to a better future. It is also a story on how through the goodwill of sponsorship, Sonali was given the opportunity to achieve her dreams.*

*At an early age, Sonali expressed a desire to enter a convent in order to become a Nun. It is evident that even as a young lass, she wanted a life that would open doors to let her be of service to others. Unfortunately her dreams and aspirations were thrown into disarray as her father left the family, leaving her mother Ishani with 5 children to fend for.*

*Her mother struggled to keep the home fires burning, working as a housemaid in different households. With the spread of Covid and people not wanting maids entering their household, Ishani, lost this source of income. She persevered to care for her offspring by selling 'King Coconuts' and betel leaves or 'Bulath' as it is known in Sri Lanka, on the roadside.*

*Young Sonali was fortunate to receive student sponsorship through the DBU and soon realized that her priorities were to help her mother and her siblings. Reflecting her mother's character and determination, she persevered with her studies, receiving good grades both in her O/L and A/L examinations. Putting aside her dreams of a religious vocation, her singular aim was helping the family. With vacancies advertised in the army, Sonali opted to enroll, knowing this would give her the security of a government job.*

*Her Mum was very sad to see her eldest daughter leave home, but was content with Sonali's assurance that this would enable her to help the family and improve their circumstances in life, if she did well for herself.*

*With trepidation, this determined young girl, left her family and the only home she knew, her mind firmly set with a desire to succeed.*

*Succeed she did, overcoming the harsh reality and rigours of an army training, to come first in her batch.*

*Sonali is happy and content in her choice of career and achieved everything she set out to do.*

*The children's one ambition is to give their mother a comfortable life.*

*Sonali's 4 siblings are also presently sponsored through the Eighty Club Melbourne.*

*God works in mysterious ways and we wish Sonali, her mother and siblings all the very best for the future.*

Sponsorship helps to break the cycle of poverty and paves the way for a better future for many a child and helps their families to educate them.

Please consider a sponsorship by contacting the SSP coordinator Trevor Collette on PH: 03 9706 1084 (home)  
Email: [trevorcollette43@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorcollette43@bigpond.com)





## NEWS & NOTES



HAPPY 98<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO HAZEL CARRON ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY

HAPPY 91<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO CAROL KOCH

HAPPY 87<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO MARIE SCHOORMAN

& MAX MORTIMER - TAMMY FERDINANDS - MOIRA BAPTIST

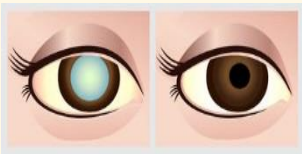


Happy 60<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary!  
Theo & Marie Rabot

### REPORTS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



SHEHAN JAYAMANNE/CARLA BIZARRO  
ROYDEN & SANDRA JURIANZ  
RAMONA HARVIE/CHANAKA PALIPANA  
MIGNONNE DE WITT  
PETER & JOAN JANSZ.



#### CATARACT SURGERY.

Mr Don Paul had his second cataract operation in May '21.  
Further operations are on hold, due to the Covid situation in Sri Lanka.  
Thank you to all those who generously contributed to this project.



We Need Your Help to Enroll New Members

Membership  
Sign Up

We have experienced a decline in club membership as several of our members have passed away. Further, a few of our members have also made the transition to Aged Care. We appreciate your support and would like to see an increase in membership to enable the club to maintain welfare services to the less fortunate members of our community in Sri Lanka.

If you need an application form to invite a friend or relative to join our Club, please contact the Membership Secretary: Allan Pinder on 9700 6178/0410 863716. email: apinder8@hotmail.com

*"Never doubt that a group of thoughtful, committed individuals can change the world.  
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."*

## IN GOD'S CARE



**DA' SILVA, MERVYN**- Passed away peacefully 2nd of March 2021. Loved Son of Carlyle and Alma (both dec). Brother of Vernon (dec), Clifford, Yvonne (dec) and Brother in law of Royle (dec). Uncle of Kirsten and Carreen and Great-uncle of Catriona, Anders, Abigail and Helena. Friend to Michael and Ben.

**GUNERATNE – LEONIE MARIE CELINE**, wife of late Bonnie, mother of Sonali Jansen, Lilani Allon (Aust), Kishani Khan (UK) and Dilani Jayasekara (Aust), mother-in-law of Deryck Jansen (SL), Rodney Allon (Aust), Mo Khan (UK) and Shanaka Jayasekera (Aust), grandmother of Kevin and Karina JANSEN, Shane and Dr Darren Allon, Sabrina, Kian and Zalmay Khan, Rajiv and Sanjiv Jayasekera, great grandmother of Rachel and Maya, in Brisbane.

**MARTYN - REGINA JANE (DORIS)** – Beloved wife of late Terrence Martyn (Julius & Creasy), beloved mummy of Gabby and Margaret, Milroy and Jacinta, Fr. Angelo OMI, Ralph and Felicia, Marie and Karl (deceased), Delreen and Carlyle and Fr. Tony, beloved Nana of Melissa, Joanne, Gillian, Kirk, Andreanna, Denver, Liezel, Hailey and Michelle (deceased), great grand-nana of Grace, Piper, Noah, Leo, Kyah, Lennox, Olivia and Paige, sister of Connie, Stanna, Michael (deceased), Dagma (deceased) and Gladys (deceased), passed away peacefully on the 18th June 2021 at the age of 101.

**VAN BUUREN- ROSEMARY**, loved wife of late Oswin. Passed away on 9th May, two days short of her 91st birthday. She is in God's keeping, we have her in our hearts.

**VOLLENHOVEN, Elmo Lyle**- Died peacefully in his sleep on June 21, 2021. Beloved husband of Beulah. Loved father of Beverley and father in law of Craig. Loved grandfather of Katherine. Brother in law of Ninette, Noeline and Audrey.

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## **GIVING A CHILD A 'GIFT AT CHRISTMAS'**



*2020 and the days gone by this year and probably to come in 2021, is a time we would all rather forget. At times it feels like there are no silver linings to the overcast clouds of this pandemic. Much is said on the health ramifications of this pandemic on our well-being. Keep in mind the plight of many people, especially the elderly, their daily lives isolated from family and loved ones, socially distant from visits or a hug.*

*Hard as it is for many of us, the situation is even more dire, for those in Sri Lanka. To them the future looks bleak. A steep rise in the cost of scarce food and essentials has made them dejected and desperate.*

*My thoughts are with these families and children.*

*Soon it will be that time of year, to celebrate Christmas. This year, more than any other, Marie and I would like to make their Christmas as special a day, as one could hope for, a time to share our good fortune with these children and their families. Let Christmas be a day to forget all their fears and be a celebration with the Joy and Happiness that Christmas brings.*

*Last year thanks to your generosity, these children received a gift at Christmas, once again.*

*Even though the Children's Christmas Party was not possible at the DBU due to restrictions, it was gratifying to hear that the monetary gift they received, enabled them to buy something they really needed.*

*This year we hope that we raise sufficient funds, not only for a gift to every child but to also ensure some of these funds will provide a Christmas meal for the family. Perhaps, a slice of cake would be nice to make the festivities brighter. Every child would love to have a special treat and there is no better day than Christmas.*

*For all of us, it is a special feeling to see the smiles and happiness on the faces of children, reflected in their eyes. It brings back our own childhood and we reminisce on the good old days.*

*By donating, your gift is to share a special moment with people you may never meet, yet care about their lives! Donations can be made to the club account. Please ensure that it is identified as:*

*"C Gift" with either your name /phone no.: Please contact Marie or myself on PH: 9848 4623.*

*Thank You*

*Rodney & Marie de Kretser.*



**OUR GRATEFUL THANKS TO THESE GENEROUS DONORS**  
Donations received from 26th March, 2020 – 26th June, 2021

Bartholomeusz Katie	250.00	Gunaratnam Marcus Kamini	1,000.00
Bartholomeusz Katie	400.00	Hanibalsz Louise	220.00
Carron Hazel	100.00	Jansen Coreen	350.00
In memory of Carron & Melder Families		In memory of Mervyn Da Silva	
		Koch Carol	50.00
Cooray, Chath	50.00	In memory of Loretta De La Harpe	
Dabrera Cheryl	20.00	Mack Douglas Peggy	100.00
Anonymous	3,000.00	Matthew Yolande	30.00
De Kretser, Noddy	25.00	Misso Marianne	30.00
De Witt Mignonne	20.00	Misso, Mario	62.00
Drieberg Bryan Electra	200.00	for Mrs R Violet (burns victim)	
Ferdinand Earle Shireen	100.00	Mortlock Roger Maryanne	20.00
In memory of Carron & Ferdinand families		Muller Lorraine	50.00
		Munidas, Christine	50.00
Carron Hazel	100.00	Oorloff Errol Elaine	100.00
In memory of Carron family		In memory of Ethelreda & Stan Edwards	
Ferdinands Rupert Tamara	70.00	Pereira, Gene	200.00
in lieu of attending July Dance		In memory of Lennie & Muriel Pereira	
Ferdinands Rupert Tamara	100.00		
Ferdinands, Peter & June	500.00	Poulier Nina	70.00
Foenander, Spencer & Denise	20.00	In memory of Merrick Poulier	
Foenander, Spencer & Denise	2,500.00	Rocque Eric Yvonne	100.00
Hampers for 200 WB's		Scharley Marie	220.00
		Smith Dale	50.00
Gerlach Maxwell Joan	50.00	Weinman Doreen	15.00
<b>Anonymous</b>		<b>Anonymous</b>	
1 X \$50	50.00	1 X \$60	60.00
1 X \$70	70.00	3 X \$80	240.00
For a Welfare Beneficiary	360.00	1 X \$150	150.00
1 X \$200	200.00		
In memory of Lucia Herft	100.00	<b>Coin Collection</b>	
Un-identified Deposit 31/12/20		Hickey Kevin Doreen	56.00

**HELP**  
**EMERGENCY**

*Thank You*  
FOR YOUR HELP



Date	Name	Amount	Details
15/03/2021	Rexie Pereira	500.00	He is going to hospital and needs money to buy a few incidentals.
18/03/2021	Bernadine Arnolda	500.00	Came to collect a hamper, which she had already collected on behalf of her sister. She needed money for bus fare.
7/4/2021	Trevor Joseph Ferdinands	2,000.00	Has no income. Has a young son of 10 who is sponsored
23/04/2021	Bernard Rodrigo	1,000.00	Has no income and no casual work either.
24/04/2021	Jerome LaBrooy	1,500.00	ECOM-WB - He is a cancer patient and needs money to take some tests before another operation
27/04/2021	Rexie Pereira	500.00	Has no income. Going home from hospital.
23/06/2021	Merlyn Ann Gay	1,000.00	Desperately in need of some medicine which was not available at the hospital.
	Total	7000.00	

Thank You for  
Caring!



*Make a donation*

*"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." — John Holmes*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- 2021

Dear Members,

Please be advised that all current members who wish to attend the Annual General Meeting or submit any motions inform the Admin. Secretary in writing or email: [adminsec@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:adminsec@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au), by 30<sup>TH</sup> September, 2021 ( Name/email/ PH.No required:) Attendance numbers will be in compliance with restrictions placed on gatherings due to the COVID19 pandemic. Please note that the meeting will only take place if the numbers permitted to attend, meet our minimum requirements to form a quorum, as per the constitution. In the event the AGM cannot be held on the date given below, it will be postponed to a later date.

As restrictions in place could change at any moment, all members wishing to attend will be notified of any changes to the date/venue, at least one (1) week prior to the meeting being held. We do apologise for the inconvenience.

Administrative Secretary.

### **EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE INC.**

**P O Box 2645, ROWVILLE, VIC 3178**

### **NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021**

**Venue: PALMYRAH HALL.**

**Address: 44 Lonsdale St, Dandenong, 3175**

**Time: 3 PM**

All members are invited to be present at the meeting and will have the opportunity to:

- find out about the Club's operations and finances
- ask questions about the operations and finances of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc.
- speak about any items on the agenda
- vote on any resolutions proposed.

At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

- accept the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- accept the annual report
- accept the audited annual financial statements
- appoint an auditor.
- elect Committee of Management

## NOMINATION FORM

### **EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE, INC. NO.A0013333T**

The Administrative Secretary,  
Eighty Club Melbourne, Inc.  
8, Peter Street,  
Doncaster East, Vic. 3109

### **NOMINATION FOR 2021/2022 OFFICE BEARERS**

We nominate.....for the office of

.....in the Club for the above period.

Proposer's Name and Signature.....

Seconder's Name and Signature.....

Nominee's Signature indicating consent.....

NB. The completed form must reach the Administrative Secretary before 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

**(Nominees must be up to date with membership fees and be prepared to perform ALL the duties of the Office for which they have been nominated)**



**RESCHEDULED**  
**NEW DATE**

**22<sup>ND</sup> August, 2021**

**THE EIGHTY CLUB OF MELBOURNE INC**

presents

# **Hot n' Spicy Extravaganza Lunch Dance**

Tuck into a scrumptious  
smorgasbord of  
Rice and Curry with it's usual  
accompaniments of  
Sambols, Pickles, Salads,  
and Pappadams  
followed by a delicious dessert



**Catering by 'Jolly J's'**

**Reservations of 10 pax per table**

**TICKETS VALID FOR NEW DATE-22 AUGUST 2021**

~~SUNDAY, 4th JULY, 2021~~ from 12.00 pm onwards, at

**PALMYRAH RECEPTIONS,**

44 Lonsdale St, Dandenong, 3175

Price per head \$45.00...(BYO)

Trip the light fantastic to  
the music of  
**Elmo Wells-Jansz**



Limited Tickets  
Book early to avoid  
disappointment

Tickets from:

Rod & Marie de Kretser (9848 4623)

Trevor Collette (9706 1084)

or other Committee Members



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO OUR MEMBERS**

Please be advised that with the introduction of our new accounting software and to streamline our Accounting procedures, the following changes have been made.

The bank account Nos: will be as follows:

### **MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION PAYMENTS:**

**ANZ BANK    BSB: 013479    Account No: 3003 555 83**

### **STUDENT SPONSORSHIP AND GIFTS TO STUDENTS:**

**ANZ BANK    BSB: 013141    A/C 852 301 233**

**FOR ALL EFT TRANSFERS AND BANK DEPOSITS MADE TO A BANK TELLER:**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR ID / REFERENCE:-- IS THE INVOICE NO: OR YOUR PHONE NO:**

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**EIGHTY CLUB MELBOURNE Inc    ADDRESS: PO BOX 2645, ROWVILLE,    VIC 3178**

**PLEASE ATTACH THE TOP HALF OF YOUR INVOICE WITH YOUR POSTAL REMITTANCE**



### **HELP INCREASE OUR FUNDING, BY REDUCING THE COST OF MAILING**

To all our members, who presently are not on our electronic mailing list, please consider receiving our Newsletter and all other correspondence, by EMAIL. This will also enable you to receive the newsletter in colour. Due to the escalating costs of postage and printing, an electronic mailing list will save the club approximately \$2000 this year. These savings will help increase our funding for the less fortunate in Sri Lanka. Please indicate your preference for receiving the Newsletter by contacting us on email at : [editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au](mailto:editor@eightyclubmelbourne.org.au). and submitting your Name and Email address

# **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL** *Annual Dues*

**EVERY MEMBER IS IMPORTANT TO US  
ENROLL SOMEONE YOU KNOW**



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