



# EIGHTY CLUB

The newsletter of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc

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Dear Members, Friends and Well-wishers

Two items of news caught my attention recently. In Dili a 3 year old toddler, Nelson Soares, had his leg amputated when an emergency food parcel landed on him.

*"I had the blues because I had no SHOES  
Until upon the street,  
I met, a man  
Who had no FEET"*

In Minneapolis, Percy Ross, 83, has given away \$46 million and has this to say:

*"I've achieved my goal. I've given it away. I'm richer today than when I started."*

Symbolises the 80 Club of which we are proud members.  
Giving, caring, sharing.

This world is hard and cruel.

Mr. N. of Kotte writes:

*"My son is mentally sick and has been on treatment since he was sixteen.  
I am un-employed."*

Mr S.H. of Kotahena says:

*"I suffer from Epididymorchitis, Migraine, High Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar.  
I am un-employed. There is little money for food, and none for medicine."*

Mrs B. of Mirihana says:

*"I am a mother of two, the eldest a girl. My husband has left us. I find money for  
food by giving tuition sitting under a tree in the Church compound."*

A family in Negombo:

*"What's wrong child. Why aren't you studying?" "Mummy I can't. I am  
hungry".*

A mother stays up at night patching a worn-out garment for her daughter going to school in the morning.

A father sits cross-legged staring blankly into space. He has been told there is no work for him the next day.

A daughter departs for work as a domestic, wearing sandals with no heels.

Author Stephen Levine in his book 'A year to live' writes:

*"How many times have I talked to a dying person who cries  
out - 'What the hell have I done with my life?'"*

Let us hope we won't have regrets when our time comes.

We gather peace by sowing love.

*"Not where I breathe, but where I love, I live."* Robert Southwell.



**Annual General Meeting** 250 members and guests were present at the Good Shepherd R.C. Hall, Mulgrave on 19 September to see Yvonne and her helpers making hoppers on 45 gas burners. Not to be outdone Suzie and Jan Harris with their crew were ready to serve the beef curry, Seeni sambol, Katta Sambol and Pol Sambol. Ice cream, tea and coffee followed and a princely sum of \$2,300 raised. Thank you for your participation. The Annual General Meeting that followed saw these members elected:

<b>President</b>	Edgar Jansz
<b>Vice President</b>	Ivor Ferdinands
<b>Hon. Secretary</b>	Richard Young
<b>Hon.A/Secy.</b>	Suzanne Michaux-Armel
<b>Hon.Treasurer</b>	Tony Scarnivel
<b>Hon.A/Treasurer</b>	Henry Brohier
<b>Hon.M'ship Secy.</b>	Mervyn Schoorman
<b>Hon.Auditor</b>	Derrick Kelaart
<b>Committee</b>	Pamela Forster, Betty Chapman, Maurice Forster, Vernon Kelly, Errol Orchard, (Ivor de Kretser – ex officio)

**President's Report for 1998/99**

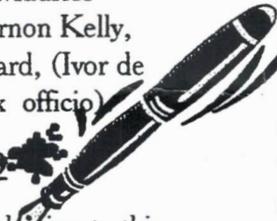
Three years have gone by since my election to this office – a pinnacle I never contemplated when requested in November 1991 to take on the role of Honorary Secretary, following the demise of Lorensz de Kretser in late April 1991. The intervening years have seen the Club emerge as a principal donor of substantial financial aid to the unprovided members of the Burgher community in Sri Lanka, by way of regular incomes, when placed on the Club's pensioner list. Between 1982 and 30 June 1999, a sum of Rupees nine million, three hundred and fifty seven thousand has been sent as aid to help them. Prudent financial management, by ongoing management committees have also seen the growth and preservation of financial reserves to the level of two years of pension payments for these members of our community who rely on this, their only income. In practical terms it means that should the Club detect signs of significant decline, these people will be told when pensions from the

Club will end – such reserves will then be drawn down to meet pension commitments. The positive side to the preservation of this pension reserve, is that surplus income from all fund raising, each year, can be sent to these people for medical/personal emergencies, educational purchases, like books, tuition fees, trainee fees for employment skills, or any declared need that warrants financial assistance. Against this background, is the success of this charitable club with an extremely low administrative cost in the region of less than 7% of its collections. I am informed that the cost of administering most international charities, exceeds 60% of collections.

This is the first full year of accounting (1 July 98 – 30 June 99), following approved changes to the constitution, and the results bode well for the poor in Sri Lanka; Donations **\$7261**; **Coin Collections \$688**; **Heart Card \$453**; **Christmas and Annual Dances \$3429**, **Food Fair \$5643**; **Luncheons \$5823**.

Total members 489 at 30 June 1999. Pensioners (158) receive Rs.500 per month, pension supplement of Rs.200 per month to 18 families with dependent children under 19 years; Child sponsorship – 79 children receive between Rs.400 – Rs.600 per month from sponsors for educational purposes, \$730 donated to the purchase of school books etc for the sponsored children; Job Training \$1000 for the DBU to use for school leavers as payment for courses which enhances employment skills; this is also an emergency fund for medicines for pensioners who call for money; Rs.1000 to be paid to each of the 158 pensioners as their Christmas Bonus in December 1999.

This redirection of funds (surplus to the Pension Reserve) for use in Sri Lanka is a decision of the Committee, always made aware by Harold Speldewinde, of the increasing cost of living amongst our pensioners. There is an ever-present feeling of sadness for those of the community in Sri Lanka, whose poverty deepens daily, with death as their only release. How many of us would be in circumstances similar to these folk, had migration to



this land been denied? – a land of limitless opportunity, a land which cares for those without resources to care for themselves. As thinking and feeling human beings, there comes the realisation that this good life must be shared, and its time to renew and revive this journey of charity, be it with our time, money, our presence at functions, our encouragement of others to be of a similar mind – a journey expressed through committed membership of the Club.

*We feel for the people we must not avoid  
Strange or bereaved or never employed  
Let us feel for the women and feel for the men  
Who fear that their living is all in vain'*

The past year has been one of good growth in fund raising, with membership recording a nett gain of 34 new members, and my thanks to each member of the Management and Fund Raising Committees for their contribution, as well to the general membership for this excellent result. Plaudits are in order for Mervyn Schoorman, Membership Secretary, in his tireless search for new members; Errol Orchard, Fund Raising Chairman, for ceaseless energy for fund raising; Richard Young, Secretary, author/editor of those heartening Newsletters. Money is our life source, with Cecil Fernando guiding and recording what goes in and out, with meticulous attention to indispensable detail; overlooking and scrutinising these financial transactions and records is the Honorary Auditor, Derrick Kelaart. Mention must be made of the work of Maurice Forster, assisted by Vernon Kelly, who have charge of the Child Sponsorship Programme – 79 children have been placed with Sponsors. A heavy administration load, cheerfully undertaken. The Club urgently needs replacements to take over from many tired, recycled, reinvented committee personnel, whose recycling has not given them a later use by date. Should you wish to be a committee member, please make this known - you will be most welcome.

Last year I reported on the prospect of having to engage a Tax Consultant to negotiate the Club's tax exempt status, lost through changes to tax laws for charitable bodies. Representations made by members to their Federal Members of Parliament, brought several favourable replies, which provided material for stating a case for tax exemption. I am happy to report that this exemption has been secured without cost to the Club.



To the seldom seen members living in the other states of Australia, USA, Canada and England, a special welcome awaits you should you be in Melbourne, when Club events are on – the Newsletter highlights these functions, so please make it a point to attend. Contact any committee member, who will help you. There are 92 members living outside Victoria, and we value your ongoing membership. Also feel free to contribute to the Newsletter, be it personal (Engagements, Marriages, Births, holiday tours, etc. etc.).

A reference is required to a major fund raising event, which provides substantial income each year. I refer to the Food Fair of March 1999, which brought in much needed income and much newspaper publicity. The resulting trauma to all concerned cannot be repeated, and food fairs have been deleted from the fund raising calendar. Alternative avenues of income generation will be explored to make up this major loss next year. It is heartening to observe the groundswell of member support for the May 1999 luncheon, when 265 members and well wishers attended. We need this volume of member participation, if current programmes of financial aid overseas are to continue – the abandonment of the Fair involves an income loss per year of between \$4000 - \$4500. It is a large loss.

Communications with Harold Speldewinde, President, DBU, have been frequent, with appreciations conveyed to him, his staff and Committee, for charitable work on our behalf. He continues to encourage the community to engage in Club membership, as well as to set aside the mishaps of the Fair and regain any lost ground. Anthea Muller, recently reported 136 Burgher children are on sponsorship, many youth and adult women and men have been found jobs. A medical clinic functions on pension day, when Dr Malcolm Jansze examines and prescribes as necessary. Medical preparations, Dettol and soaps have been

handed out, courtesy of generous companies. Well done Anthea – you and others are showing that changes for the better can be achieved.

A special 'thank you' to the many donors for their gifts remembering loved ones who passed away and to others who chose the Club to be the recipient of donations in lieu of floral tributes. A ninetieth birthday brought gifts of money, already with the DBU, for the purchase of schooling requisites (shoes books, uniforms, etc). for sponsored children next year.



All donations collectively formed a substantial contribution and have been received with thanks.

During the year many members and loved ones of members have been called to their eternal rest and my sympathies go out to them in their grief and loss. In January 1999 we sadly bade farewell to long-time member, Rodney Ferdinands, a former Honorary Auditor and principal architect to changes in the Constitution which he recast in collaboration with the Committee. In particular he revised the Club's rules enabling it to be classed as a non-profit organisation with tax exemption proposals. His contribution will endure and is gratefully acknowledged.

I end my term with renewed thanks to my fellow members of both Committees for their support, assistance and unending willingness to take on the multitude of tasks in the management, as well in fund raising operations of this Club. To the wider membership of the Club, thank you for being 'the salt' of this organisation's earth – your presence at our functions is important, and appreciated. To the incoming President, my best wishes and success in all he undertakes, and he will have my support too.

Ivor de Kretser  
President

## Members of the Team

### Management Committee

Edgar Jansz (Vice President)  
Richard Young (Secretary)  
Suzanne Michaux Armel (Asst. Secretary)  
Lt. Col Cecil Fernando (Treasurer)  
Tony Scarnivel (Asst Treasurer)  
Mervyn Schoorman (Membership Secretary)  
Errol Orchard (Chairperson - Fundraising)  
Henry Brohier  
Vernon Kelly  
Maurice Forster  
Pam Forster  
Betty Chapman

### Fund Raising Committee

Caryl Jansz  
Rita Young  
Robert Armel  
Pat de Kretser  
Arlene Scarnivel  
Leonie Martenstyn  
Elaine Orchard Pam Brohier  
Maureen Kelly Laraine Muller  
Tania Schokman (plus members of Management Committee)



## A SAD POST SCRIPT

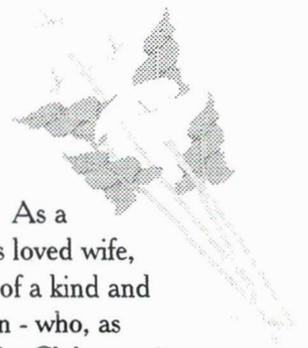
Sunday 12 September 1999

In the very early afternoon this day, Lt. Col. Cecil Fernando passed away to be with his Lord. As a Committee, we too grieve with his loved wife, Maurine and children in the loss of a kind and loving man - a compassionate man - who, as Treasurer since the inception of the Club, was its corporate memory guiding many of the Office Bearers through the maze of fund raising events and their budgetary impacts. His attention to detail and record keeping was legendary, as was the soundness of his high moral principles, and honesty at all times.

*"He nothing common did, nor mean,  
on this his memorable scene.*

Farewell dear friend, a revered and loved member, whose counsel will be solely missed.

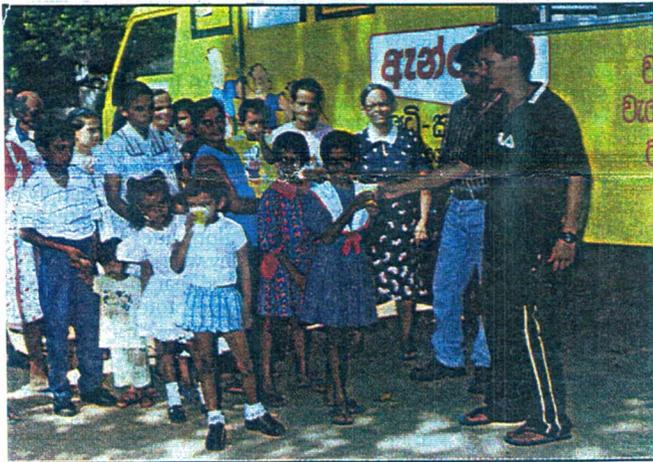
Sleep well, you gave your best, you have earned your rest - faithful servant of the Lord.



### Child Sponsorship Scheme by Maurice Forster

Hello sponsors. I am grateful to Vernon Kelly and our late Treasurer, Lt. Col. Cecil Fernando for servicing the project while I was away wintering in North Queensland. The June quarterly remittance paid \$2803 to 79 sponsored children. We now have approximately 16 more children awaiting sponsorship and 6 more donors. I hope to start new sponsorships towards the end of the year.

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we have contributed to the DBU for the expenses of a Welfare Officer. This position was created and funded by a donor who contributed Rs.10,000 per month for one year. There were expectations that this amount would eventually be paid by the two Australian Clubs sponsoring children through the DBU. The Eighty Club was asked for Rs.7,000 per month. However, Rs.20 per child/month was all we agreed to pay and accordingly remitted Rs.4,740 for the quarter June-September as reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses. Unfortunately, it has been rumoured both in Colombo and here in Melbourne, that the Eighty Club is paying the Welfare Officer Rs.10,000/month. There is absolutely no truth in this rumour and I must assure our members that we have neither the means nor intention to divert such a large sum of money away from our beneficiaries. Sponsors' response to Vernon's request for \$2.00 increase in quarterly subs per child, i.e. from \$33 to \$35 per quarter has been good. Thank you very much. This allows us to maintain a reasonable rate of reimbursement to the DBU and develop a modest reserve for contingencies such as currency exchange variations and special payments to children. It was decided at a Committee meeting to ask sponsors whether they are satisfied with feedback regarding sponsored children. Please give me your views.



Children from the Education Programme funded by the Child Protection Trust (CPC) drinking cups of milk supplied by ANDEC at the get-together on the DBU Grounds.



Ms. Anthea Muller handing over the payments due to the children.

Pix by Sunil Gamage

The above pictures are from the Sri Lankan Journal 'Lanka Woman' which carried an article headed "The Forgotten People". It describes the Burghers remaining in S.L. as "a group of near-forgotten people, rarely considered and categorised simply as "others" in our population mix". It goes on to describe the links and generosity of the expatriate community and describe the sponsorship programme thus :

"... the under-privileged children in the small Burgher community which yet exists in Sri Lanka, thousands of its members having left for greener pastures in Australia, Canada and England. Remarkable is the fact that those who have gone away have not forgotten .... they always dipped into their purses on behalf of the poorer members here. The project is carefully monitored. The payments are made to parents or guardians but the families and their circumstances are carefully screened and the Social Secretary cum Welfare Officer follows up each case regularly visiting the family and checking up on the children's progress."



A spokeswoman for the DBU is quoted as saying – “Our community is greatly depleted in numbers these days. The Burghers even in the island are scattered and have lost their identity but we strongly feel it is our duty to give all those we can a chance to live a better life

### A CHILD NEEDS HELP

Danny Kellar, a 9 year old, has come to Melbourne from Sri Lanka, his parents having sold all their possessions. Danny was diagnosed with a heart murmur at birth; subsequently with a hole in the heart; thereafter suffered pneumonia; has had balloon angioplasty and now life threatening AORTIC STENOSIS – the left ventricle is seriously damaged and needs open heart surgery costing \$25,000 at the Royal Children’s Hospital, Melbourne.



He is now in Melbourne and will be hospitalised on 21.10.99

Should you wish to help this young lad of our community, donations will be received by the Club and forwarded to the Co-ordinator of this appeal – Roger Foenander, 14/3 Telegraph Road, Pymble, NSW 2073 (02) 9449 5816.

### Coming Events for your Diary



#### Saturday, 30 October

A coach trip to Crown’s World of Entertainment. All you can eat buffet meal at no cost. Departs Noble Park Railway Station at 10.00 am. Cost \$10 per person. Limited to 57 people. (Sorry, fully booked).

#### Sunday, 7 November

Rice and curry smorgasbord. Courtesy Suzie and Jan Harris at Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Hall, Mulgrave. 12.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. \$15.00 per head. (Sorry. Booked out. Late bookings will be kept on a waiting list awaiting cancellations)

#### Saturday, 4 December

17 Anniversary Christmas Party at Sacred Heart Hall, Oakleigh. Smorgasbord dinner with music by Che Ra Lee. 7.30 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$17.50 per person.

#### New Members

A warm welcome to you who have enrolled since our July Newsletter. Please join in our get-togethers. Mr & Mrs Churchill Miller, Mr & Mrs Errol and Diane Fernando, Ms. Aloma Carron, Mr & Mrs Marcus and Kamini Gunaratnam, Mr & Mrs Quintus and Joan Deckker, Mr & Mrs Eric and Carmen Pratt, Mr & Mrs Glenn and Jill Reimers, Mr & Mrs Doyne and Marlene Caspersz, Mr & Mrs Simon and Vanessa Black, Mr & Mrs Dexter and Jenny LaBrooy, Miss Karen Parsons, Mr & Mrs Darryl and June Isaaks

#### Subscription Status as at 30 September 1999

Your subscription status is shown on your address label. Please look at it now. Your \$2.50 a month feeds a hungry family. Don’t let them down. Please make cheques payable to “80 Club Melb. Inc.”

Renewal for a full year is \$30.00, half a year \$15.00, quarterly \$7.50. The choice is yours.

#### To All Members - Change of Address

Please address all correspondence and cheques (Subscriptions, Donations, Child

Subscriptions, etc.) to :

**The Secretary  
P.O. 2095  
Moorabbin Vic. 3189**



## Members' News

**On the move** Nowell and Louise Hanibalsz finally departed to USA, to join in the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of Nowell's sister, Rachel. Faye Juriansz from the UK has arrived in Melbourne and is now being hosted by her many cousins prior to her Pacific Island cruise with family and other Eighty Club Members. Bali bound for two weeks are also many Club members led by seasoned "Baliphiles" Lorensz and Maryse Pereara and in this group are Henry and Pamela Brohier and Robin and Maureen Wells-Janz. Ione Aldons from the Garden State left on a week's tour visiting private gardens in Canberra and South Gippsland. Richard and Rita Young and Tony and Arlene Scarnivel are bound for a week's rest and recreation in November savouring the Barossa Valley wines and other delights of the City of Churches (Adelaide).



**Birthday Celebrations** Belated but special was the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration of our generous benefactor, Jan Harris in June, while Earle de Niese enjoyed his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with a large gathering of family and close friends. Daphne Misso celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Maurice and Pamela Forster were remembered with a surprise celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in September. Stanser and Delicia D'Abrew celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary also in September. Special memories to each of you on these significant days.

**On the sick list** Noeline Caspersz, Eileen Hendrie and Jeff Mulholland. Our prayers go out to each of them.

**Getting Better** Gladwin Gooneratne after surgery in the UK and now under close supervision of his dear wife, Audrey, Buddy Hesse, Larry Foenander and Miss Lorna Van den Driesen. Hoping you will have a complete recovery in the days ahead.

**Births** On 1 October, Nathan Shane, son of Shane and Natasha de Kretser and first grandson to

grandpa Ronnie and grandma Renate de Kretser. Heartiest congratulations to Anthea and Vernon Muller (in Sri Lanka) on the birth of their first grandson, Jayden Triston Marque, to parents Mark and Tania Muller on 19 October 1999.



## **Bereavements**

Sybil Dagmar Jansz (Hesse) mother of Buddy, died 4 August 1999.

Thelma Paternott, sister of Louise Hanibalsz and Audrey Gooneratne, died 19 August 1999.

Mrs Mani Lawton, mother of Emily Robertson, died in Sri Lanka on 26 August 1999.

Lincoln Boustead, husband of Gwen and father of Genevieve Bogstra, died 4 September 1999.

Clarice de Niese, beloved wife of Roy, died 8 September 1999. Cecil Fernando, husband of Maurine, died 12 September, 1999.

Zoe Caspersz, mother of Doyne, died on 11 October, 1999.

Our heartfelt sympathies to the families in their hours of grief.

## **Acknowledgements**

A message from Patricia and Ronnie Jayetileke – "To the President, Executive Committee and Members of the 80 Club. We would like to gratefully thank you for your expression of sympathy and attendance at the funeral of our dear mother, Thelma Patternott (nee Schokman).

## **A message from Maurine Fernando**

*"On behalf of my daughter Veronica, my sons Nigel and Roger, I would like to most sincerely thank the members of "The 80 Club" for their words of sympathy, comfort and support on the occasion of the death of my husband, Lt. Col. Cecil Fernando. Your presence at the funeral service was of great encouragement to us all. My husband and the father of my children is now enjoying eternal rest with his Lord and Saviour."*

**Words spoken by Ivor de Kretser, Club President, at the Church service for our late Treasurer**

I speak for the five hundred members of the Eighty Club, Melbourne in this final farewell to our Treasurer, Cecil Fernando. I say final, because for those aware of his fading health, remember his several reenactments of that well known biblical miracle, when Lazarus rose from the dead.

On Sunday 12 September 1999, this Immortality was denied him – he was called by his Lord, to join that community of loved ones and kindred spirits who have passed on. On this same day, the Management Committee of his Club commenced its final session, at 2 p.m.; nominations for Office Bearers were a prime agenda item. Tony Scarnivel, Assistant Treasurer, presented an apology for Cecil who was not feeling too well. Around 2.30 p.m. I was called to another room to take a telephone call, which is now part of our history. I returned to the meeting room, very bewildered, and in shock announced the news that Cecil had passed away; in the silence that ensued, our Treasurer was making his personal apology. Looking back on those few moments, it seemed that a Power greater than ourselves had scripted that special segment in the life story of his Club, and the final hours of this devotee – Lt. Col. Cecil Fernando.

Cecil and Maurine were founder members of this Club – they worked very hard, with other founder members, by means of street stalls, cake and chutney stalls, luncheons and dances, to promote the charitable work of the Club and recruit more members. Membership today stands at 501 and is growing, thanks to their enduring zeal. His death is an irreplaceable loss to the Club, to his family and a wide circle of friends. As a Treasurer, he embodied Trust – if you gave him the proverbial ten cents, be assured, a receipt costing him 45 cents, would follow in the next mail.

He was meticulous in his records of financial matters, as well as being methodical and organised in every detail. Cecil's passing has diminished the Club in a special way – he was the corporate memory of the Club – being able to recall club events in remarkable detail.

Whatever time death comes, it is always, untimely. We hear the words '*THE HIGHEST TRIBUTE TO DEATH IS NOT GRIEF BUT GRATITUDE*' – with these words we give thanks to our God for giving us Cecil Fernando as Treasurer for 17 years – he accomplished his task with a quiet dignity. *FAREWELL DEAR FRIEND, YOU HAVE EARNED YOUR REST – YOU ALWAYS GAVE YOUR BEST. GOODBYE.*



**A tribute to my Dad by his son Roger**

My dad was a soldier for his whole life. For part of his life he served in the Ceylon Army but for all of his life he served in the Lord's army. He was a good and loyal soldier and he certainly fought well. One doesn't have to be a brilliant military strategist to realise that the battle the Christian is engaged in is a difficult one. After all, our enemy is cruel and cunning.

But dad knew his Lord and commander well. Above all, he knew that the victory had been won despite the battle raging around him. Because of this my dad had hope and in that hope he lived. He often told us that he was not afraid to die because he knew where he was going. He was ready to meet his Maker.

Dad was born in 1912, the second child in a family of three. When he was just 8 years old, his own father died. Because of his family's financial predicament, his elder brother Sam went to live with his "Godparents" while his younger sister Madge went to live with her grandmother, uncle and aunties. Dad lived with his mother until she died a few months before his marriage to mum. In fact, his last landlord turned out to be the father of a young lady who became good friends with dad: the lovely Maurine Schokman.

There were married on the 29<sup>th</sup> of December 1948 and it was with great joy that we celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last December. It is sad that dad was not only denied the opportunity to grow up with his siblings but that he was also denied a father in his later childhood. It therefore remains a testimony to God's grace that my father was very close to his brother and sister and that he was also the best father Veronica, Nigel and myself could ask for.

We know that dad and mum continued to minister to the elderly, the hospitalised, the lonely and the poor. They were a team that served many a hungry soul at the "Hopper nights" or at the food fairs which funded their charitable work. Dad's work as treasurer for the "80 Club" was tireless and helped provide hope for many poor people back in Ceylon.

And so the life of a humble, affectionate, generous, loyal gentle-man, who was a faithful servant of God, has come to an end. Dad wanted to die quickly and painlessly. God in his grace and mercy granted him this desire. He died peacefully knowing that he was much loved by his Lord, his precious wife, children and grand-children. For this life we give thanks to God.

### Name change of the club - what are your views?

It has been suggested that we consider changing the Club's name for the following reasons :

1. The name "Eighty Club" does not reflect the charitable focus of our

Activities, nor our aims and objectives. It reflects our formation in the Eighties decade.

2. There is already an "Eighty Club" in Colombo, which is an elitist social club. Our endeavours in Sri Lanka, could mistakenly, be attributed to this organisation. New recruits to the Club here have often had to be reassured that we are a different Organisation. In Sri Lanka the difference has to be explained.
3. We have had people ask if the Club is for "oldies of around eighty years". Which is again misleading, as our common bond is an interest in improving the lot of those of our community in Sri Lanka. We bridge all ages.

### On the other hand

There are those who feel that the "Eighty Club" is well known in Australia both in Victoria and interstate, so shouldn't we stay the same?

### Give us your Opinion.

Telephone or write to the President or Secretary indicating whether you prefer to change our name or stay with our existing name. No response will be taken to signify indifference as to whether or not there is change. Should members prefer a change, we will run a competition for the new name.

### List of Donations to 30 September 1999

Date	Donor	Amnt
30.7.99	Mrs V.Murfitt (non member)	10.00
	Mrs R.Mitchell	10.00
	Mrs N.Willenberg	10.00
	Mr D. David	40.00
27.8.99	Bell Birds Club,NSW	290.70
	Miss D.Chapman	20.00
10.9.99	Mr/Mrs R.Bartels	20.00
17.9.99	Mr/Mrs C.de Hoedt	20.00
	Mrs C.Claessen	10.00
27.9.99	MrV.H.Mack	20.00
	Mrs Bev de Silva (non member)	20.00
	Mr/Mrs T.Phoebus	25.00
	Mr/Mrs J.de Zilwa (non member)	20.00
30.7.99	Mrs B.Dickson (non member)	20.00

Date	Donor	Amnt
30.7.99	Mr R.Young	10.00
13.8.99	Mr/Mrs E.Fernando for Dr.C.Misso's 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday	30.00
3.9.99	Mr/Mrs K.Chapman	20.00
17.9.99	Mrs M.J.Siebel	10.00
	Mr B.M.Andrado	62.00
	Dr. T.LaBrooy	38.00
27.9.99	Mr D. Harris	10.00
27.9.99	Mrs Pearl Lewis	30.00
	Ms Deanna Lewis (non member)	20.00
	Mr/Mrs E.Schrader	10.00

**Donations received in memory of the late  
Clarice de Niese up to 30 September 1999**

Date	Donor	Amnt
27.9.99	Mrs June Thomas	20.00
	Aust. Welfare Guild	20.00
	G&T Vasiliadis (non members)	20.00
	Mr de Niese	20.00
	Mrs Dorothy Hayes (non member)	25.00
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**Coin Collections to 30 September 1999**

Date	Donor	Amnt
27.9.99	Mr/Mrs C.de la Zilwa	22.00

**Donations received in lieu of floral tributes in  
memory of the late Cecil Fernando up to 30  
September 1999**

Date	Donor	Amnt
27.9.99	Mrs June Thomas	20.00
	B & T. Schokman	25.00
	Mr C.W.Bartels	15.00
	Anonymous	10.00
	Mr/Mrs S.Livera	15.00
	Miss L. Vandendriesen	25.00
	Mrs E. Van Twest	10.00
	Ms Maureen Zandt (non member)	20.00
	Mr/Mrs M.Willenberg	40.00

**Heart Card Appeal to 30 September 1999**

Date	Donor	Amnt
6.8.99	Mr/Mrs M.Schoorman	10.00
13.8.99	Mr/Mrs I.de Kretser	10.00
	Mr/Mrs V. de Kretser	10.00
	Mr/Mrs M. Hendrie	10.00
20.8.99	Master Daniel Young	10.00
17.9.99	Mrs M.J. Siebel	10.00
	Mrs B.M.Andrado	20.00
27.9.99	Miss C. Phillips	25.00
	Mrs A.Ondarchie	10.00
	Mr/Mrs M.Willenberg	10.00
	Mr G. Cooke	10.00
13.8.99	Mrs P.Seneviratne	10.00
	Mr/Mrs C.de Kretser	10.00
	Mr/Mrs R. Young	10.00
20.8.99	Mr A.Speldewinde	10.00
3.9.99	Mrs P.Colpo	10.00
17.9.99	Mrs C.Claessen	10.00
	Mr D. Stork	10.00
27.9.99	Mr/Mrs D.Mack	10.00
	Mr/Mrs T.Maartensz	10.00
	Mrs Pearl Lewis	10.00

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Hony. Secretary

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SUNDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> November 1999

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