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Dear Members, Friends and Well-wishers

Sitting down to write something, I began to reflect on events governing my life style. Two events obviously disturbed me - the Tampa Boat People and the bombing of the Twin Towers of the World Trade Centre in New York. The Afghans are fleeing from a country that has no health care, no work, no food and where women have no rights and are mere chattels. These are frightened people fighting for survival in an uncaring world. I was hurt to hear two remarks

- a) do not feed them
- b) sink the boats and let the sharks eat them.

In the late 1930s the Jews fled seeking sanctuary. History, as expected, is repeating itself and I keep asking myself why? Sadly, I have to admit, my faith too has been assailed: and then contentment comes when I read - "Father, we humbly thank you for your gifts freely bestowed on us: for life and health and safety: for power to work and leisure to rest".

But then this is satisfaction from a selfish point of view - What about the desperate people all over the world - those fleeing tyrannical regimes, where lives have been devastated to find safety in safer countries? Do we rest easy at night conveniently overlooking their plight?

And again, do we blame leaders who are more concerned with their own people by accusing them of dividing and exploiting a given situation? Do we open the flood gates? That, dear Reader, is the question

The Annual General Meeting was held on 23 September 2001 which was preceded by a string-hopper luncheon where 265 members and their guests sat down for an enjoyable meal. The meeting began at 3.30 p.m. and the following were elected unopposed :-

President	Mr Henry Brohier
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The Committee looks forward to hearing from you on matters pertaining to the Club. Please do write to us.

Ponder Awhile (Contributed by Ivor de Kretser)

Do you pause to see the sun rise
As you start each golden day?
Do you stop to watch the sunset
In the midst of work or play?
DO YOU LISTEN TO OTHERS
As they share their dreams with you
Do you give them inspiration
For the great deeds they would do
Do you give a cheerful greeting
To the persons who are sad
Do you reach out, smile and touch them
Do you leave them feeling glad
Do you give yourself in service
Are your motives good and true
When you spend life helping others
They will see God's love in you

William Arthur Ward

Yours sincerely

Richard Young
Honorary Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REFLECTIONS FOR
2000/2001

Recently, yours truly achieved that milestone "Three score years and Ten" and, on the 23rd September '01, yours truly relinquished that exalted position as President of the Eighty Club. These two events made me reflect on life in general and these are some of my reflections.

By the way, as I had mentioned in my previous articles, there should be some background music to support the thought process, and I think the most appropriate music on this occasion would be Danny Kaye singing "Popo the Puppet can do anything, if somebody else pulls the string, the string."

Three score years and ten - does this mean that all I can look forward to is gradual senile decay? Some time ago I recall reading a book entitled "Travels with My Aunt" by Graham Greene

wherein Greene reflects on this subject, and to help my reflections I re-read the book. His philosophy can be condensed into a few sentences, "if you sit in your room, contemplating your navel, you will think how every day you are getting closer to death. It will stand there as close as the bedroom wall and you'll become more and more afraid of the wall because nothing can prevent you coming nearer and nearer to it every night while you try to sleep. The alternative is to move out of the room. **Travel with your Aunt theWorld Over and continue to experience the "Highs and Lows of LIFE"**. Yes, and if somebody else does pulls that string, you can do anything.

The second reflection was stepping down as President of the Club.

What were the highlights during the past two years? One that readily comes to my mind was receiving a handsome cheque from a certain couple (who shall remain nameless) who, instead of dining and wining their friends in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, decided to donate the money to the Club to help our less fortunate folk in Sri Lanka.

The Committee decided to make a special mid-year bonus to our "pensioners", and the grateful thanks we received from these poor folk was overwhelming.

The second point that comes to my mind is the hard working and dedicated Committee -we all worked together. The workings of our Committee reminded me of one of Aubrey Collette's cartoons - there were two dogs of equal strength tied together by a rope and two dishes of food were kept on either side of the two dogs just out of their reach. The dogs first commenced pulling in two different directions. Net result -frustration . The dogs then sat down and spoke in dog language and decided to both go over to one bowl of food and share it and then proceed to the second bowl and demolish it as well. In other words "Co-operation instead of Competition". That to my mind, is the co-operative manner in which our Committee worked during the past two years, always keeping the one goal in focus "Caring for the less Fortunate"

I would like to highlight one other point. Recently my wife and I attended a few functions organised by other Clubs and in almost all the functions, the decor, meals and music were of an extremely high standard, but on discussing the economics of each function we found out that although the cost of tickets were generally higher than ours the net profit was negligible. During the past two years, the Eighty Club Committee considered two factors, (1) we are a Fund Raising Organisation, (2) we have to consider the ability of our members to continuously support our Club, and although our decor is simple, it is at minimal cost to the Club, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Caterers for recognising the fact that we are a Fund Raising Organisation and have provided us with delicious meals at very reasonable costs, and two Caterers in particular, **Susie and Jan Harris**, and **Victor and Lorraine De Silva**, for donating the entire costs of the meal to our Club. Yes, "we can do anything if somebody else pulls the string, the string."

Thank you for your patience in reading my "Reflections".

Edgar Jansz
(Past President)

REPORT ON SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM -
4TH QUARTER 2001
BY MAURICE FORSTER



Hello Sponsors. I am back in Melbourne and grateful to Darryl Isaaks for looking after the program while I wandered about the Top End.

Sponsorship payments of the fourth quarter will be sent early in October, so please take note to send me your contribution a.s.a.p. If in doubt about the status of your contribution, please look up your last receipt, or, phone me on 9841 8749.

In the last Newsletter, I appealed for more sponsors and thankfully, there was a good response. All students are again matched to sponsors. But if you do have friends interested in sponsoring children through us, do please put them in contact with me. It is good to have a waiting list of sponsors. I also wrote of a proposal to develop a scheme for funding

vocational training. This scheme has not progressed any further while I was away. However, I will pursue this with the new committee of the DBU and keep you informed.

Working late one night through a backlog of papers, I came upon an appeal on behalf of a boy who had been asked to leave school because his fees were in arrears. The fees were once paid by a charitable fund in Sri Lanka - now out of money. Abbreviated below is the appeal from the Welfare Officer of the DBU, Mr Neville Overlunde. The boy's name has been changed for obvious reasons -

I have an application duly filled up by the child's uncle. Sparky has for a considerable time been a resident student of St Vincent's Home, Magonna, which is a home run for such unfortunate children. Sparky's father is dead. The mother has left the family, and nothing more should be said about her!. As a result of this, Sparky was placed in the care of the St. V's home. He has a sweet little sister C. about 8 years old who is also in child care custody at Nayakanda Convent, Hendela. Sparky also has two brothers who have been placed in the Paynter Home for children. It is a great pity that all these children are placed in different homes, and they only get the chance to be with each other during the school holidays when their uncle cares to gather them together for a few days. Sparky is in deep trouble with his school. His fees are over due and this time when the uncle went in to collect the boy, the uncle was told to remove the child's clothing, etc."

Sparky and his uncle were interviewed at the DBU by the President, Ms Deloraine Brohier, the Deputy President, Mr Melville Assauw and Neville Overlunde who jointly support his application. Neville's letter enclosed a copy of the letter from the school indicating that Rs.7,500 in fees were unpaid since April 2000, and goes on to state - "We were unanimous that some form of assistance should be given to Sparky as soon as possible. It is with this objective that I am writing. Is it too much to ask whether the Eighty Club can pay Rs.7,500 to erase the debt of this child and then possibly find a generous sponsor from the 4th quarter onward? I would be grateful if you could respond early as the end of the

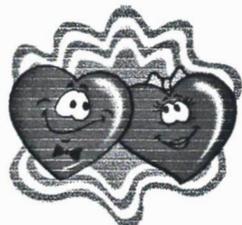
school holidays is fast approaching, and we have to find some solution for this unfortunate child. The uncle told us that Sparky is a good boy and an obedient child. He is said to be a bright student".

Well, you will be happy to learn, after some late night exchange of email messages, a solution to Sparky's problem was found. The debt is being repaid with Rs.4,500 from us and Rs.3,000 from the DBU; a sponsor was found from our membership and a little boy gets a chance to develop. Thank you sponsors and members. You are indeed a generous lot.

Members' News by Ivor de Kretser

Anniversaries

These events are reminders of joyful times of yesteryear spent with family and friends, some gone to their rest and others present and able to renew and refresh memories of that event to the celebrant couples. Into this group we welcome and congratulate members **Ed and Alfatha Kerner** on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 13 September. On 7 September **Maurice and Gloria de Kretser** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a service of Thanksgiving at the Church of The Good Shepherd, Wheelers Hill.



Wedding

Warren Sean de Kretser, son of **Crosbie and Yvonne de Kretser** married Lynn Esmay Smitsdorff on 1 September 2001. Our best wishes go out to them.



Birthdays

Our very best wishes too to **Mrs Elaine Hepponstall** who celebrated her 90th birthday in Melbourne; to **Eric Pratt** on his 80th and our retired President, **Edgar Jansz**, on his 70th a few days before he handed over the reins of office; to our hard-working member of the Fund Raising team, **Maureen Kelly**, happy birthday on those nostalgic memories of yesterday, while **Vivian de Kretser** will, in October, notch up another milestone. Congratulations to each of you.

Footloose but not fancy free

Up, up and Away to the European summer were **Arlene and Johann**

Wourtersz in

August/September, spending some weeks



between Singapore, Paris and

Tuscany. Also away from Melbourne are **Emile and Ishbelle Poppenbeck** visiting son Johann and family in Denver, Pastors Clarence and John Van Enns in Florida, on to England for a

brotherly reunion. Returning travellers **George and Arnot Baptist** with Yvette Paternott and

Faye Juriansz from London are exultant about their ship holiday on the Alaskan Lakes. On a

similar outing are **Vernon and Maureen Kelly**. Comment please on your return. The saying used

to be 'See Venice and Die' - will Alaska replace it? **Henry Brohier**, the incoming President for 2001/2002 is presently visiting his family in England and is due back in early November.

Marianne Misso has just finished a visit to India and was joined by husband **Darrel** in Bali. Due

back shortly after a five week holiday is **Anita Young** who visited Vancouver, Toronto and

Nashville. **Roger Foenander** of the Bell Bird Club of Sydney had a very successful conducted

tour of Sri Lanka and he tells me inquiries are building up for a soon to be, return visit. The age

range was from 3 to over 70. Emotions ran high on the morning of their departure when travellers

sang the National Anthems of Sri Lanka, Australia and England. There was not a dry eye

amongst the travellers and the staff of the Mount Lavinia Hotel. **Quintus and Joan Deckker** are

back from Sri Lanka after attending their grandson's wedding. Grandson, Johann, flew in

from Canada to marry Geraldine Todd from Melbourne. Congratulations to the couple.

Quintus, a retired Lieutenant Commander of the Royal Ceylon Navy, took time to visit the Naval

Headquarters in Colombo and Trincomalee.

Maureen Kelly of North Dandenong, also took off in September to greet the arrival of her seventh grandchild in Colombo.

Jubilate Choir. These Choristers were unable to visit Sri Lanka owing to risks associated with the terrorist destruction of the Katunayake Airport.

Not so Well List

Thelma Caspersz, Barbara Madawela, and Roy Jansen. We trust each of you will be better soon.

Bereavements

Since our last Newsletter, we report with sadness the passing away of **Neville (Bubbles) Ohlmus**, husband of Ishbel, father of Michael and Wendy, Jeremy and Anne, brother of Peggy, Babs and Loretta. (Our heartfelt thanks go out to Ishbel for having selected and nominated the Eighty Club to receive donations in lieu of wreaths). **Carel Van Middelkoop**, husband of Ria, father of Bert and Julie, Dianne and Mark, Eric and Kirsten, **Len Senaris**, husband of Phyllis (deceased), brother-in-law of **Hyacinth and Vivian de Kretser** and **Douglas and Marcia Fernando** (NSW), and **Dawn La Brooy**.



Obituray

Malcolm Hugh Willenberg - A Thomian, he arrived with his father in Melbourne in February 1949. He joined the Victorian Railways and worked in the Accounts Department until his retirement. Malcolm enjoyed his game of golf and meeting friends. He bravely battled his illness continuing to attend many functions. Deepest sympathy to his wife Jeanette and family, his brother Eustace and his sisters Althea Ondarchie and Yvonne Chamings.

New Members

A warm welcome to those who have joined the Club since July 2001. Please join us in our get-togethers - **Mr & Mrs Winston and Clara de Hoedt; Mr & Mrs Michael and Romaine Eksiyani; Mr & Mrs Anthony and Kristine Dekker; Mr Aubrey Holsinger, Mr & Mrs Nihal and Desiree Perera and Valerie de Souza**

Eighty Club Calendar



Saturday, 27 October: Trip to the Casino. (Please book early. The previous outing had to be cancelled for lack of numbers).

Sunday, 4 November: Suzie & Jan Harris's Luncheon at Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave.

Saturday, 1 December: Annual Christmas Party (Members' Night) at Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave

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YOUR MONEY AT WORK

For the year ended 30 June 2001 you contributed the princely sum of \$41,581 for the less fortunate in Sri Lanka. Your contributions were in the form of \$13,223 as Subscriptions, the generous sum of \$11,256 as Donations and your loyal support of the Fund Raising Functions, which netted a profit of \$17,102.

During the year, the Committee was able to remit Rs.1,339,050 to 150 poor families in the form of Pensions. In addition, due to your generosity, we were able to remit a Christmas Bonus and a mid-year Bonus to a total of Rs.284,400.

Also, some of you and a few non-members sponsored 90 school-going children, who received Rs.609,965 for the year to assist in their schooling, the intention being to improve their employability and break the cycle of poverty.

THANKS FOR CARING

Finance Sub-Committee

Donations etc. received up to 10 October 2001

16.7.01	Mary Ferdinands		24.8.01	Winston & Clara	
	<i>In memory of her</i>			De Hoedt	100.00
	<i>Son, Pierre</i>	50.00		Doreen Fernando	20.00
	Meredith Morrison	50.00		Christopher	
	Anton Schumacher	50.00		Moldrich	20.00
	Anonymous	25.00		Diane Moldrich	10.00
	Claribel Hunter	20.00		Dereck & Pam	
27.7.01	Conraad Hatch	20.00		Anderson	20.00
	Bill Ondaatje	20.00		Ida Wambeek	20.00
	Neville & Ishbel		30.8.01	Dimitri Harris	20.00
	Ohlmus <i>in memory</i>			Robert & Agnes White	10.00
	<i>of sister Vyette</i>			Sheryl Ferdinands	20.00
	<i>Cramer</i>	50.00		Mr IVO & Miss	
30.7.01	Ian Ashley	100.00		Heather Holsinger	
	Trevor & Sheila			<i>in memory of the</i>	
	Ebert	25.00		<i>late Esme Holsinger</i>	50.00
	Ivor & Eileen			Miriam Joseph <i>in</i>	
	Schumacher	70.00		<i>memory of her sister</i>	
	Anonymous	30.00		<i>Esme Holsinger</i>	70.00
	Dereck & Pam			"Lorraine & John	
	Anderson	25.00		Weinman - <i>for Dan</i> "	100.00
1.8.01	Stanmore & Thelma		12.9.01	Ian & Barbara Ashley	100.00
	Caspersz	20.00		Anton & Kristine	
	Bellbirds Club	90.00		Dekker <i>in memory of</i>	
6.8.01	Carl & Chrystle			<i>the late Mr Claud</i>	
	De Hoedt	20.00		<i>Dekker</i>	25.00
	Ray Kelaart	30.00		Glenn & Jill Reimers	
	Godwin & Barbara			<i>in memory of the late</i>	
	Brown	50.00		<i>Mr Dennis Milhuisen</i>	20.00
13.8.01	Helen & Peter		21.9.01	Moira Bartholomeusz	
	Pulbrook	30.00		<i>"In thanksgiving for</i>	
	Braebourne Edema	50.00		<i>all God's Blessings</i>	
	Annette & Garrick			<i>on David, her</i>	
	D'Silva	20.00		<i>husband and family</i>	50.00
15.8.01	Patricia Colpo	20.00	27.9.01	Mrs V. Beling	50.00
	Joyce & Maurice			Patrick Vethecan	
	Matthysz	20.00		On behalf of the	
	Anonymous	25.00		Vethecan family	20.00
15.8.01	Trevor & Sheila			Gillian Young <i>in</i>	
	Ebert <i>in loving</i>			<i>memory of Darell</i>	20.00
	<i>memory of Dr</i>			<i>Young</i>	25.00
	<i>G.F. Martinus from</i>		27.9.01	Donations to the 80	
	<i>his family</i>	100.00		Club <i>on the occasion</i>	
	Tony & Elaine			<i>of Edgar Jansz's</i>	
	Phoebus <i>in memory</i>			<i>70th Birthday</i>	1260.00
	<i>of Esme Holsinger</i>	50.00	8.10.01	Richard Young	100.00
	Neville & Myrtle			Total	\$3295.00
	Jansz	50.00			
	Anonymous	25.00			
24.8.01	Norma Crowe	50.00			

Donations in memory of the late Mr Neville Ohlmus

13.8.01	Malcolm & June		13.8.01	Tony & Arlene	
	Thomasz	25.00		Scarnivel	20.00
	Joey de Silva	10.00		Anonymous	35.00
	Antonio Manola o	20.00	15.8.01	Ryland & Trilby	
	Giovanni Zino	20.00		De Hoedt	20.00
	The Coomara-			Vera Fonseca	20.00
	swamys	50.00		June & Jack	
	Yvonne & Percy			Hamilton	20.00
	Roberts	10.00		JA & SM Martenstyn	50.00
	Chairmaine & Noel			Michael, Wendy, Jade	
	Leembruggen	10.00		Josh & Mitchell	100.00
	Lindsay Past Pupils			Ishbel Ohlmus	100.00
	Association	25.00		Jeremy & Anne	
	B & A Van Der			Ohlmus	50.00
	Hoeven	20.00		F & H Pereira	25.00
12.9.01	C & R Crowe	50.00		Margot Van Reyk	10.00
				Doug Kelly	20.00
				Total	\$710.00

Coin Collections

21.9.01	Darryl & June Isaaks	17.00	27.9.01	Audrey Ferdinands	35.00
27.9.01	Anthony Chapman	56.00		Mark Flamer-Caldera	19.40
	Ina Blacker	30.00		Mrs N.Patterson	14.30
				Total	\$171.10

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