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Dear Members, Friends and Well-wishers

Elsewhere you will find an expression of a view by a caring member, which may provoke dialogue. Before we attempt to criticize let us inquire what we would do in similar circumstances. Great writings will endure and this article by **Adrian Tame** in the Herald Sun of November 11, 2001 cries out for reproduction. Its sublime.

### **"Where is our conscience?"**

Even by the desperate and desolate standards in which millions of the world's refugees eke out their unhappy lives, the fate of Ahmed Alzalimi is one of unremitting tragedy.

The Iraqi school teacher, 38, fled his native land and Saddam Hussein's crushing tyranny after two of his friends were executed and his parents were tortured.

His long-term plan was to settle in Australia as a refugee, and then send for his wife and three little daughters to join him in a new life.

By 1999, he had made it to Indonesia, where he paid a people smuggler \$4000 to ferry him to Ashmore Reef. On arrival on mainland Australia he spent eight months in Curtin detention centre.

His wife, Sondos Ismail, and the three girls had been convinced by the enforced silence that he had died. When they were finally reunited by telephone, Sondos told Ahmed she was planning to end their two-year separation by paying another people smuggler to bring her and the girls to Australia from Jakarta.

Less than 24 hours into the voyage the overloaded fishing vessel sank in the Java Sea. Sondos survived, but the three girls, Imman 9, Zahraa 7, and Fatima 5, were among the 356 who drowned.

Ahmed learned of their fate, and saw newspaper photographs of his grief-stricken wife, immediately after the drowning.

He simply stopped eating and drinking, until he was admitted to hospital in Sydney. Those are the stark, unadorned truths of a human tragedy of horrifying dimensions.

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An early photograph of the happy, smiling faces of the three girls adds some hint of the dreadful cost Ahmed and Sondos have paid for trying to give their children a life outside the squalor of a refugee camp.

Is it possible to imagine a time when a husband and wife need one another more desperately than during the aftermath of the loss of all of their children?

Is it possible to imagine anybody - an individual or a government agency - actively stopping this from happening?

The answer to my second question is: "Yes".

In the inhumane climate of the Australia of 2001, keeping Ahmed and Sondos apart is not only happening; it's being justified.

Sondos has been returned to Indonesia, where she sits, alone with her misery, in a refugee camp in Bogor. She faces, at best, a three-month delay before her case is processed.

Ahmed is unable to visit her, because under legislation, introduced on September 27, he would not be allowed back into Australia.

The Immigration Minister is able, under "exceptional circumstances", to intervene and allow Ahmed and Sondos to be reunited.

Is it possible to imagine circumstances more exceptional than these? Evidently, yes, it is.

In 1998, Immigration Minister Philip Ruddock allowed a NSW Liberal candidate's Iraqi Father a special visa to visit his son.

Mr Ruddock's department, when asked whether similar mercy would be shown to Ahmed and Sondos, said: "The man hasn't even applied."

The use of the word "even" is significant. It implies that Ahmed hasn't bothered to seek permission for a reunion. The truth is that nobody explained to him that he could do so.

But under the relentless policy of demonising refugees at every opportunity, here is a chance not

to be missed, "Doesn't Ahmed care?" is the inference.

Mr Ruddock's latest argument, now the myths of queue jumping have been exposed as base lies, is that refugees such as Ahmed and Sondos, who are "wealthy" enough to pay people smugglers, are gaining an unfair advantage over refugees who are not "cashed up", to borrow his phrase. Since when has the Liberal Party outlawed the principle of using one's earnings to better one's lot?

It's OK, apparently to spend money seeking a better education for your children, or a superior health system for your family. But it's not OK to spend money attempting to deliver them from the hopelessness of life in a refugee camp.

Hypocrisy such as this echoes the shameless expediency of policies that have seen us paying impoverished neighbours millions of dollars to shoulder our share of the refugee burden.

What is happening to our sense of values, human decency and fair play?

Perhaps the 73 per cent of Australians who believe we should continue turning away boats of asylum seekers can tell me?

And, more importantly, perhaps they can explain to Ahmed and Sondos why they are not allowed to seek comfort in each other's arms. "

Today I am more confused, perplexed, flummoxed. When misery confronts us our conscience should be our guide. Ours is an Association with a Heart.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Sincerely

  
Dawn  
Richard Young  
Hony. Secretary

  
Peace  
on  
Earth

## Message from the President

My dictionary defines humility as "having a low estimate of one's own importance". My dictionary is wrong. After all, Jesus was humble, but he said to his disciples: "you call me Master and Lord, and rightly; so I am." (John 13:14). And Mary was humble, but she said "All ages will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me." (Luke 1:48-49)

Humility isn't about having a low opinion of yourself; it is about letting go of your own self-importance. Humility means serving others, not yourself. Jesus knew he was Lord, but he was still prepared to wash his disciple's feet – he was ready even to die for us sinners. Humility means relying totally on God, not on yourself.

How many of us humble ourselves to lend a helping hand where it is needed? How many of us are prepared to help the poor and the hungry – the destitute?

The events of September 11<sup>th</sup> only changed the Political Landscape. It certainly did not change the plight of the poor and the hungry. They still remain just as destitute as before the event. There are literally thousands of homeless and hungry all over the world but how many of us can truthfully say "yes we do our little bit for those disadvantaged". How many of us give comfort and solace to the poor. There are so many ways in which we could stretch our hand and give someone a helping hand. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to us.

If a man's gift is serving let him serve.

If it is teaching let him teach.

If it is encouraging, let him encourage.

If it is contributing to the needs of others let him give generously.

If it is leadership, let him govern diligently.

If it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

(Romans 12:5-8)

Thank you for the support you give to the 80 Club. In so doing you help the most disadvantaged Burghers in Sri Lanka. May God bless you all.

I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas. May peace and happiness be yours in 2002

*Henry Brohier*  
*President*



*Déjà Vu*

Twelve months ago, I wrote an article entitled "**On the Horns of a Dilemma**". I received two letters from concerned readers requesting me to reconsider my faith and NOT to opt out. To refresh your memories let me reiterate what the "Dilemma" was, that I had been in, twelve months ago.

As Christmas approaches I am in conflict. I can see the tremendous effort being made by our society to maintain our traditions - Christmas cake, good food, Christmas gifts, Carol Services - and on the other hand I can see abject poverty.

One side of me wishes to carry out old traditions but the other side of me says - Acts of Charity are more important than Pomp and Ceremony. What do you think? At the ripe old age of three score years and ten, should I opt out?

Twelve months later, I find myself in a worse position. Let me take you through the labyrinth of a tortured mind. During the past few months, boat loads of asylum seekers sought sanctuary in Australia, and they were told that they were queue jumpers, attempting to gain entry through the back door. They were denied entry. I do not wish to enter into the political debate that ensued, culminating in the election of the Howard government. Sufficient to say that his re-election endorses the fact that the majority of Australians agree with his policies of turning around the Tampa and subsequently dispersing the boatloads of asylum seekers, outside Australia.



I can understand the attitude and arguments of politicians on this subject because the primary

purpose, inter alia, of our politicians is to be re-elected, and to preserve the status quo. What I **CANNOT** understand nor **ACCEPT** is the attitude of our Churches collectively in (with the exception of a very few leading clerics) their silence on this subject.

Let me demonstrate what I mean by the silence of the Churches. A few years ago when Mr. Hewson attempted to introduce the GST to all items of purchase (including food); the Church leaders and many leaders of charitable organisations created quite a stir. There were Newspaper advertisements, speeches made throughout the length and breadth of our land, and one of the leading critics of this policy was the head of the Brotherhood of St. Lawrence, the Rev. Peter Hollingworth. The net result of all this stirring was that Mr. Hewson had to modify his policy of introducing the GST by eliminating the GST on food items. Mr. Hewson lost the election. Now compare the above with the Churches attitude to the Asylum Seekers. As I had mentioned earlier, there were a few exceptions where some leading clerics did castigate the Government on its policy of turning around the boat people and sending them away to other South East Asian Countries, but on the whole there was very little that the Churches did on this subject and this includes our Governor General the former Bishop of Queensland the Rev. Peter Hollingworth.

The other day (after the elections) I came across an article in the Age written by a Melbourne writer **Clare Boyd Macrae** that depicted my rambling thoughts rather forcibly. I quote " If John Howard, Kim Beasley and the people of Australia call themselves Christians, I think they must have a different Bible from me.

I wonder how long it is since they have read the Gospels, the four collections of stories about the man, Jesus of Nazareth, whom Christians believe gave us the clearest picture we have of what God is really like. Somehow, I don't think Jesus would be too happy with our leaders' stance on the boat people.

The most cursory reading of the four Gospels would show this. His words were consistent with his behaviour. All through Jesus' short life he rallied against people in power who were blind to the needs of the desperate, the poor, the chronically

ill, the despised and the outcast. In what is possibly Jesus' most quoted parable, a Samaritan, the hero of the tale, was a member of a feared and despised enemy race. He risked his life and security to help an enemy in a dire situation. In another of his parables, Jesus said that if we give warmth, food, shelter, sustenance, support to the least of these, it's as though you are giving it to me.

The flip side of that is his assertion that if you reject one of the least of these, you reject him. But we never knew. We didn't realise it was you, desperately seeking sanctuary and escape from tyranny and a new life for your children in our Country. Hey Jesus, if we'd known, it would've been a different story, and God says: - Sorry, what you did to the least of these people, you did to me. "

The policies, with respect to the asylum seekers, of our two political parties made me abandon both parties. The lack of sympathy, compassion, love for one's fellow human beings and action by so called Christians makes me query the very existence and substance of our Churches. We preach one message but practice another.

Please **COUNT ME OUT**,  
because my heart is heavy.

*Edgar Jansz*  
(*Immediate past President*)



## YOUR MONEY AT WORK

Rodney H is in dire straits. He, his wife Melody, and their three SONS aged 15, 12 and 11 live in a small two-roomed section in the rear of the landlords house at Pannipitiya. The boys sleep on one bed while Rodney and Melody sleep on a mattress on the floor of the single bedroom. The small space they call "kitchen" has no water on tap. Water for drinking, washing and bathing have to be obtained from two separate wells a short distance away from the house. The toilet they use is an outdoor one. This year Rodney paid a total of Rs.29,000 as rent.

Rodney is described as a soft-spoken and well-mannered man and Melody is said to be "...a nice

and polite lady with an absolute concern for home and family." The three children walk to school.

Rodney works very hard as an Electrician in a Corporation at Seeduwa that is not doing too well business-wise. His salary is Rs.7500 (A\$165) per month, which he augments by doing all the overtime that he can get. Most times, he works for two days in a row and comes home once every two days, as Seeduwa is quite a distance from Pannipitiya especially when one has to get there and back by public transport. Unfortunately, Melody cannot do anything to augment the family income.

Life is hard for the family but they get by. However, when the landlord demanded that he pay a sum of Rs.33,000, as rent in advance for the whole of next year, by the 3rd of November or be evicted forthwith, Rodney in desperation made an appeal to the Dutch Burgher Union for a loan to pay the landlord. However, the DBU was not in a position to help him.

The Welfare Officer of the DBU, the genial Mr Neville Overlunde, then visited Rodney at his home and satisfied himself fully that this was indeed a family of battlers who needed help. He brought all the facts of the case to the notice of the Eighty Club and recommended that a loan of Rs.33,000 be given to Rodney to pay his house rent and stave off eviction. The Finance Committee of the Eighty Club considered the matter and approved the grant of the loan. The money has been paid and Rodney's home is secure for the whole of 2002 at least. Rodney has undertaken to repay the loan in twelve monthly instalments to the Eighty Club via the DBU. These repayments will accumulate and help Rodney at the end of 2002 if the landlord demands another years rent in advance.

Remember friends, it is YOUR continued support that made it possible for the Eighty Club to come to the aid of Rodney H and his family. WELL DONE.

*Darryl Isaaks,  
Hony. Asst. Treasurer*



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### REPORT ON SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM BY MAURICE FORSTER



Thank you very much for your generosity through the year. May you have a merry Christmas surrounded by family and friends and enjoy health and happiness in the year ahead.

Christmas gifts paid by sponsors before 3/12/01 have been remitted and will be paid in Colombo before Christmas. Payments will also be made in the first half of January for the 1st quarter of 2002. If there are any sponsors wanting to make a belated seasonal gift, this can still be arranged, for inclusion with the January payment.

Please check your last receipt and see whether your individual contributions are up to date to cover the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter payment to the children in 2002. If that receipt is hiding from you (it happens all the time in our house), ring me for your payment status. The best time to get me is between 7 and 10 at night.

The committee of the Eighty Club has passed a payment of \$1000 for the purchase of books and school requirements for sponsored children. Payments will be graduated such that older children will be paid more. I am trying to work out with the DBU a method of payment, which will make it difficult for this money to be spent for purposes other than the purchase of school requisites.

Some of the older children will be asked to reapply for sponsorship. The purpose of this is to ascertain whether continued sponsorship is warranted. If you get any letters from your sponsored child expressing concern that their sponsorship is under threat, please pass the letter on to me.

I have received a few new applications from Colombo for children seeking sponsorship. If you know of anyone interested in our sponsorship scheme, please ask him or her to contact me. The telephone No. is 03 9841 8749.



*Maurice Forster*  
Co-Ordinator

### Members' News by Ivor de Kretser

#### Welcome to our World

Zara Jean Watson, born 26 October 2001, grand daughter to **Clair and Jean de La Zilwa**; Jai Caleb, born 21

November 2001, grandson to **Ivor and Ann Vanderwert** and Reilly James, born 29 November 2001 to Sharon and Russell Collins, grandson to **Elmar and Leonie Martenstyn**. Oh for the nights of broken sleep now a distant memory or will you be on call??

#### Birthdays

Many Happy Returns to Ronald Mortimer celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on 9 November.



#### Anniversaries

Longevity has its endearing/enduring accomplishments and happy marriages are worthy of remembrances and recognition. Into this group we record with great pleasure the Golden Wedding Anniversary of **Vernon and Maureen Kelly** on 24 November and the 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of **Maxie and Caryl Mortimer** on 25 November. Our best wishes and congratulations go out to them.

#### Travellers

**Henry Brohier** returned from a spell in London in early November to take on the Presidency of the Club for a second time, and we wish him well having traveled these paths before. He can be assured of complete support from the Committees of the Club in this important office. **Bob Bartels** is away on holiday and will soon rejoin his golfing mates at Waverley. **Ann Vanderwert** too has returned after a short break. A white winter experience is the expectation of **Ainsley and Bella Jansz** as they prepare for a few weeks in wintry England.

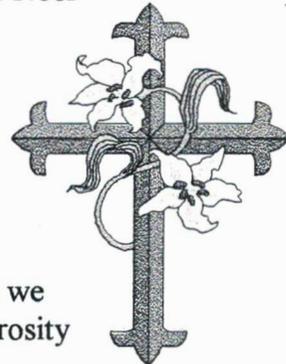


#### Not so Well

Noel Leembruggen and George de Vos. We trust they will be better soon.

#### Bereavements

Since our last Newsletter we report with sadness the passing of Dennis and Reg brothers of **Marie Rabot**; Pearl Willenberg, mother of **Shelton, Cholmondoley and Darrel**; Dennis Siebel in Adelaide, brother of **Iola and Noel Pereira**; and in Sri Lanka of Cynthia, mother of **Aubrey Blackham Wijewardene**,



#### Taking Stock - A School's Report

Its that time of the year when we recall with gratitude the generosity of the many donors who give graciously for our poor in Sri Lanka. In this context special mention must be made of the regular annual donation which comes from the Past Pupils of Lindsay School. Between November 1995 and to date, the Club has received \$850 from that source. Thank you Miss Lorna Van den driesen, former Principal of Lindsay Girls' School and now President of its Past Pupils Association, for that annual act of giving.

Another school like Lindsay, also one time managed by the Dutch Reformed Church, Colombo - Arethusa College Past Pupils have just donated \$297.40 to the Club, with a similar donation to the Motor Neurone Disease Association. A special 'thank you' to the

organising committee comprising Tyrone Jansz, Russell Schumacher, Reggie Oorloff and Dimitri Harris for supporting the work of the Eighty Club.



### News from Sri Lanka - A Burgher Association

Moves are afoot to form a Burgher Association designed to educate the youth, uniting the community, be they of Portuguese, Dutch or English extraction, ensuring the continuance of customs and traditions, promote fellowship and create opportunities for the youth to meet each other and assist their less fortunate fellowmen. It is meant to advance the use of English in the community and go a step further by teaching it to the rest of society - "now there seems to be a realisation of past follies and there are programs conducted to further English". The response has been overwhelming. When asked to join - "I've forgotten what it is to be a Burgher" was the initial response. The Association will rectify this situation. The youth are very keen - they are looking for an identity and the Association believes it will provide the focus. A Constitution is in the making.

### Obituary Contributed by Maurice Forster

#### **Justice Percy Colin-Thome**

Information was received that Justice Percy Colin-Thome passed away recently. Percy was the president of the DBU from 1978 - 1988. It was during his Presidency that the Eighty Club Melbourne commenced its association with the DBU in helping the poor of the Burgher community in S.L.

Percy Colin-Thome was born in Galle, and schooled at Richmond College. He graduated from the University of Colombo and later studied Law at Downing College Cambridge. Soon after his return to Colombo he was appointed Crown Counsel in the Attorney General's Department. He ended his illustrious legal career as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. He was very active in cultural circles in Colombo, where he participated in many drama productions in the 50s and 60s and was for a time the President of the Classical Association. Percy was a witty and engaging conversationalist. The DBU was very fortunate to have a person of

Percy's stature to guide it through the difficult period of large-scale emigration of its members from S.L.

In its early years the Eighty Club worked with the Burgher Association of Ceylon in distributing aid. When the B.A. of Colombo became defunct we started negotiations with the DBU to become our agents. Surprisingly there initially was some opposition from elements in the DBU. Fortunately for the poor of the community in S.L. Percy and his successor in office the late Harold Speldewinde had broad vision and welcomed the opportunity to help our impoverished community in S.L. who have since received in excess of 15 million rupees through the channel created by these two men.

To his wife Moira and their three sons we offer our sympathies and hope that they will heal quickly from the loss of a dear husband and father.

### New Members

A warm welcome to those who have joined the Club since October 2001. Please join us in our get-togethers - **Mr & Mrs Brian and Sharon James; Mr & Mrs Alan and Ramona de Niese; Miss Kylie de Niese; Miss Rachel de Niese; Miss Leah de Niese; Ms Jeune La Brooy; Mr Pat Williams; Mr & Mrs Errol and Marie Harvie; Mr & Mrs Livingstone and Rachel de Zilwa; Mr Len Jackson; Mrs Elise Peter; Mr & Mrs Darren and Karen King; Mr & Mrs Joe and Mary Ekanayake; Mr & Mrs Randolph and Fiona Morrison; Mr & Mrs Trevor and Gwen Melder and Mr & Mrs Ronald and Therese Bartholomeusz**

### Mailbox

"...Congratulations and thanks to you and all you dedicated people who are doing such



wonderful work in the Club. They say there are 3 categories of people in Clubs: Category 1 are people like yourselves who make things happen; Category 2 are people like myself who watch things happen; Category 3 are those who say "what happened?" I hope I'm not a No.3 person".  
C.H.

".....I enclose with this \$..... and am happy to do so, of course, with regrets that it cannot be more. My wife and I are pensioners, anyway, we try to the best of our ability to collect whatever we can and give to organisations like yours, so that our less fortunate friends, relations, and others may have some little cheer at least once in a while. We see all around us the stark reality of the immense suffering of the have nots, and in this context our thoughts naturally go back to the country of our birth, and as we hear of the trauma and human misery that exists there today, we ask ourselves what good will the tiny drop we make in this ocean of absolute human tragedy can do, anyway, we can take some consolation when we are reminded of the words "it is better to light one candle, rather than curse the darkness".

E.F.



**Eighty Club Calendar for 2002**

**Sunday, 10 February** - Luncheon - Roast  
Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave

**Saturday, 23 February** - Trip to Casino

**Sunday 7 April** - Luncheon - Kothu Roti,  
Godambas, etc. Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave

**Saturday, 4 May** - Trip to Casino

**Saturday, 25 May** - Country & Western Night  
(Date and Venue to be confirmed)

**Sunday, 28 July** - Hoppers

Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave

**Saturday, 10 August** - Trip to Casino

**Sunday, 8 September** - Luncheon and A.G.M.  
Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave

**Saturday, 19 October** - Trip to Casino

**Sunday, 3 November** - Suzie & Jan Harris  
Luncheon, Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave

**Saturday, 30 November**

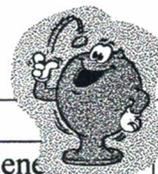
**or 7 December** - Christmas Party  
(Date and Venue to be confirmed)

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	Patricia Colpo	20.00
22.10.01	Alan & Ramona de Niese	30.00
	Doreen Gauder	33.00
	Anonymous	25.00
9.11.01	Maurice & Pam Forster	200.00
	John & Jennifer McNab	100.00

12.11.01	George & Grace Driberg	100.00
	Douglas & Marcia Fernando	30.00
	Claribel Hunter	15.00
	Homi & Margorie Jilla	25.00
	Iris Kellar	20.00
	Anonymous	20.00
	Dave & Margie Whatmore	20.00
	Anonymous	50.00
	Everard & Peggy Schrader	50.00
	Lindsay School - Past Pupils Association	200.00
	Marcus & Kamini	
	Gunaratnam	100.00
19.11.01	Errol Jacotine	20.00
	Brian & Kathleen Siebel	30.00
	Aubrey Wijewardena	10.00
	Ralph & Yvonne de Zilwa	20.00
	Anonymous	50.00
	Anonymous - in memory of Dawn LaBrooy	150.00
	Dollybelle Chapman	20.00
	Neville & Myrtle Jansz	50.00
	Joyce Wikkramatileke	30.00
	Yolande Arendtsz -	35.00
3.12.01	Anonymous	7.00
	Donation from Arethusa College	297.40
	Elaine & Tony Phoebus	50.00
5.12.01	Anonymous	75.00
	Louise Hanibalsz	40.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2012.40</b>

**Coin Collections**



22.10.01	Bob Bartels	105.60
19.11.01	Aubrey Wijewardena	3.45
	Luke & Audrey Fernando	8.95
	Sherille Harding	18.60
	Richard & Rita Young	12.00
3.12.01	Clair & Jean De la Zilwa	25.40
	Felsie Felsing	15.00
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