

# EIGHTY CLUB

The newsletter of the Eighty Club Melbourne Inc

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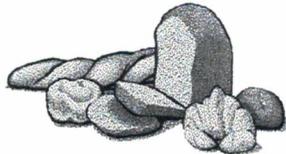
Errol/Violet Jacotine

Dear Members, Friends and Well-wishers

Twenty years ago, on a Saturday, 25 September 1982, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, 18 people met. They were driven by a single purpose **"to help the needy of our Community in Ceylon who are in dire circumstances and to provide fellowship amongst us members, who wish to share in this endeavour."** More than half at that inaugural meeting are now Riders in the sky and smile benevolently on us as we continue in the cause they originated. Today we number over 500 and we assist 150 families



The next time you visit a bakery to buy bread and view the variety offered, be reminded there are those who may not have a slice **but for your support.** Your care and the touch of one who cares is precious.



*"Compassion is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back"*

Below are snippets portraying struggle, sent to the Club by Neville Overlunde, the Welfare Officer of the Dutch Burgher Union.

**No.97 Ms. V.de S. 82 years. Widow.**

Pension is not enough. Boarded. Gives the entire Rs.2,250 to the landlord, with whom she stays. She is provided with meals, whatever they give. One son is dead. Daughter is married and has two children, and has polio; one hand is lifeless. Does not come to see her, not even at Christmas time. One sister is dead. No brothers.

**No.5 – H.E.S. 84 years.**

Stays with one daughter who is not married. Does not pay rent. Shares his pension with his daughter for their day to day living expenses. His wife stays with another daughter elsewhere. That daughter is married and has two children. Son-in-law does a small job and earns some money for their upkeep.

**THE SUBSCRIPTION DATA ON THE ADDRESS LABEL IS FOR  
(Monies received and banked up to 30 September 2002)**

**No.31 – Mrs. P.I. 67 years Widow for the past 27 years.**

Has four children; all married. Stays with one of her children, who provides her meals. She says “keeps the money like a piece of salt and sucks and holds on”. “What to do”, she says, “our time is like that”. She is diabetic and a pressure case. Is on medication.

**No.89 – Mr. T.L.De J. 74 years. Not married.**

Pays room rent Rs.1,000 and Rs.1,000 for food. A diabetic. 2 brothers in the UK, alive. Two brothers are dead. One sister in the UK. They send some money once in six months. They are also struggling although living abroad. Presently does some security guard work.

**No.85 C.A.D.H. 67 years.**

Wife has left him. Leaving three children with him; two girls aged 25 and 20, and one boy aged 22 who does odd jobs for a living. Eldest was only 8 years when the wife left. They do not have electricity, but use a bottle lamp instead. Basically uses the entire pension on food. Has an account with the market, which he settles with the pension.

Says he is not suffering from any ailment, but only a sight problem. Needs Rs.9,000 to go in for an operation, but cannot afford. Lives with his three children.

**No.17 Mr. C.V.H.**

Spends the money on food, medicine and clothes. Not married. Lives at an Education Centre, (Layton Community Centre), does a small job there and earns a little money for his extras. Has to perform these odd jobs, like cleaning the garden, sweeping etc. for food and shelter. If he does not work, then he has to leave the place. No choice.

**No.175 Mr.P.M.B. Not married 70's**

Does not have a fixed abode. Stays with nephews. Moves around. Uses the pension money to purchase his daily requirements.

Now very old, and fragile looking, but yet has a good sense of humour. Says the best times of his life were at the Times (of Ceylon) where he worked, and he retired due to the Times of Ceylon winding up.

When asked “when did you last earn a salary?” He replied “When the good Times ceased”. meaning, when his employer, the Times of Ceylon, closed down!

**No.166 S.M.K. Widow 76 years.**

Had three children. Lost all three. She shares her pension money with one of her in-laws whom she stays with. No other income. All alone. Varicose vein problems, and had to be operated at the General Hospital. Due to loss of blood her sight in one eye is failing and she is going blind. Needs to undergo an eye operation.

**No.129 Mrs A.M. Widow 86 years**

Has 6 sons and one daughter. All married. Lives with a son. She is a diabetic with low blood pressure. Spends the pension money on her medicines and food. Worked for foreigners long years ago looking after babies.

**No.155 Mrs I.Q.W. Widow 79 years**

Has bronchitis. Husband died 11 years ago. Stays with her youngest daughter whose husband has no proper job. Spends the money on medicine. Is a diabetic. Goes to Church regularly.

**No.146 S.E.B. Widow 79 years**

3 Children. All married. Stays with youngest daughter who has four children and is separated from her husband who is a drunk and has no job. The daughter earns Rs.115 a day. The four children are going to school. Pension money is shared with this family. Rent is Rs.35 a month. One son is married, a heart patient and a blood sugar case. The other daughter is married and has two children.

**No.149 Mr E.D.M. Widower 71 years**

Says he feels he may not live much longer because of all kinds of complications, like pressure etc. His pension money is spent on his son, Keith, who is under medication for manic depression. He requests that when he dies the pension money be passed on to his handicapped son of 31 years. He stays alone with his son in a friend's house. He does not pay rent but he will have to leave because the owner wants the house.

E.D.M was a super vocalist in his day. He used to perform with the Band called "Manhattan". His buddies in the Band were Harvey Deutrom on violin and clarinet, Chris Boteju on Electric Bass, Joe Morel on Lead guitar, now a Pastor, George Ferdinando on piano (decd). The group who performed regularly in Colombo was managed by Leonard Francke (decd).

**No.78 P.F. Widower 83 years**

Has one daughter, married and lives with her family. Stays with the in-laws. No rent. Was in the Army in 1939, then worked in the harbour, then in Security and is now retired. Can see with only the left eye. The right eye was operated on some time ago. Needs to go in for eye surgery, but no money. Uses this pension money for day to day living, medicine, etc.

**No.177 D & M.R. 76 and 67 years**

They are always together, they say. 3 daughters, all married and living separately. Rent is paid by one daughter who also provides all meals. They live in a small room. This is the only income the couple have which is not enough for their daily requirements, medicines, etc. They are diabetic, have pressure and are asthmatics. They have to spend a lot of money on buying tablets which are not provided by Government hospitals.

**No.183S.M. 66 years**

Separated 18 years ago. Has five children. Three are married. He stays in a friend's garage which is rent free. Has nothing to do with his children. He broke down in tears when talking about his children and wife. The children left and went with their mother. Was employed at Brown & Co.



At the Annual General Meeting held on 8 September 2002, the following were elected for the year 2002/03 :

- President Mrs Pamela Forster
- Snr. Vice President Mr Darryl Isaaks
- Jnr. Vice President Mr Errol Jacotine
- Hony. Secretary Mr Richard Young
- Hony. Asst. Secretary Mrs Suzanne Armel
- Hony. Treasurer Mr Tony Scarnivel
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Mr Darryl Isaaks (pro tem)
- Hony. Membership Secretary  
Mr Mervyn Schoorman
- Committee Mr Maurice Forster, Mr Ivor Ferdinands, Mr Henry Brohier,  
Mr Noel Werkmeister, Mr Ivor de Kretser,  
Mr Vernon Kelly, Mrs Betty Chapman.

Sincerely

*Richard Young*  
**Richard Young**  
Hony. Secretary

**PRESIDENTS REPORT 2001/2002**

I start my end-of-year brief report with some food for thought.

Poverty amongst the underprivileged Burghers in Sri Lanka is still largely an urban phenomenon. Poorer households tend to have higher dependency ratios, fewer years of schooling, lower participation in the labour force, and significantly higher unemployment.

We, the members of the 80 club, are fully aware of the fact that we cannot help every underprivileged Burgher, as much as we want to, but we can provide much care and comfort as possible, and make a difference for as many people as we can. The 80 club has 150 "Welfare Beneficiaries". They were previously referred to as "Pensioners" – the name change is to indicate that not all needy successful applicants are old enough to be called Pensioners, as we understand the term. Need in Sri Lanka is seldom age related. Hence the term Welfare Beneficiaries.

These Beneficiaries are supported by a membership of 512 members. We, also in conjunction with the DBU (Dutch Burgher Union) in Sri Lanka, help those who are in most need. Unfortunately our resources are limited and we are forced to prioritise many pleas for help. In short we can only help the "poorest of the poor". I feel, and I am sure you will do too, when I say, "Behind each body is a down trodden spirit we can lift up with a hug or a word of comfort". The ability to do that means you feel like you receive more than you give.

Decide for yourselves what you would like to do. Do you like to join in the struggle or do you wish to "leave well alone"?

Whilst you are thinking about this let me provide some figures extracted from the Book of Accounts as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2002.

Membership	512	
Child Sponsorship	104	
4 x luncheon Profits		\$ 8,590
2 x Dinner Dance Profits		\$ 7,251
Accumulated Donations		\$ 10,665
150 Welfare beneficiaries		\$ 29,333
Bonus to beneficiaries		\$ 4,792
A Sponsorship grant		\$ 1,500

It stands to reason, the more members we have



the more help or more Welfare Beneficiaries we can help and let me reiterate what I said a long time ago. "It is the members support for this Club which makes us viable".

This year has seen the club grow considerably with 75% of members turning up at our many social functions and for this we are indeed very grateful.

Thank you to the Interstate Members and the Overseas Members. Your continued help from so far away is known and gratefully received. Please be assured that if you and your family ever come to Melbourne please let any Committee member know and in extending a hand of friendship you will be made most welcome.

I would like to thank very sincerely all the Members and Friends of The Eighty club who contributed of your time and energy generously to this organization. Your continual attendance at our functions certainly gives us a great boost. I also heartily thank those donors of gifts and help you so readily give us.

My admiration for the work done by the Child Sponsorship co-ordinator who carries out this task with the greatest efficiency and tact needs a special mention. This is an arduous task and I personally appreciate the volume of work that goes into this scheme. A job of this magnitude certainly warrants a four-month holiday each year.

I always feel that to mention a particular person/s or name/s would be unfair. Unfair because I know that each and everyone on the Committees have shown untold dedication to their work for the Club. I find it very difficult now to say "Thank You" to an individual because I was in a privileged position to have such a wonderful, dedicated, unbiased and hard working team of people who work in continuous harmony.

Let me therefore express my sincere gratitude to the members of the Management Committee for their dedication and input (they kept me on my toes). Their ardent support and professionalism was outstanding and is greatly appreciated. As for the Fund Raising Team? What can I say? They were "Par Excellence". Every function we had during my term has been

a dream run. Well planned. Well executed. And the number of people who attended these functions was a testimony to the Fund Raising Committees organisational abilities. Well done each and every one of you. You have certainly made me PROUD.

I would like to say a special thank you to our Honorary Auditor. Your reports will be looked at with interest.

Finally I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the DBU in Sri Lanka and in particular The President Ms Deloraine Brohier and all those on her committee for the work they do on our behalf.

To those members who have lost loved ones throughout the year I offer my most sincere condolences.

Finally let me wish you all a Blessed and Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year. May you all enjoy a safe and secure 2003.

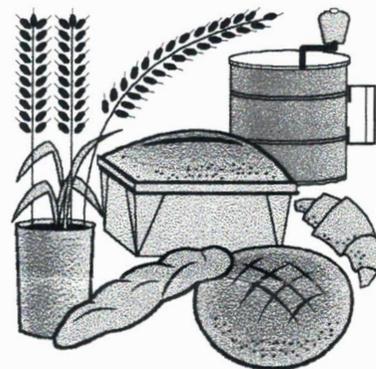
**Henry Brohier  
President.**



#### THE LOAF OF CHARITY

Since my involvement with the Committee of the EIGHTY CLUB I have never failed to admire and be amazed at how quickly Sri Lankans respond

to calls for assistance from members of the less-privileged Burgher community in Sri Lanka. I remember the generous financial aid given to the lad whose attempts to build a small wooden shack for his family struck a sympathetic chord in the hearts of many. Then there was Mallory G, struck by a police bus while driving his three-wheeler and rendered a quadriplegic. Thanks to a quick response from some of his friends and this Club, his three-wheeler was repaired and can be rented out so that the daily income would help sustain Mallory and his family. It seems to me that a cry for help never failed to reach a sympathetic heart. However, sadly, there is



another side to this coin.

In my attempts to get relatives, friends and acquaintances to become members of the EIGHTY CLUB I have met with a great deal of success BUT I have also encountered those who do not wish to join and, much to my amusement, try hard to find a valid reason as to why they do not become members. Here are some reasons that have been given to me:

**“I cannot afford the fees.”**

(I point out that it costs only \$2.50 a month to be a member. I surmise that they spend much more on weekly Tattslotto tickets, visits to feed the hungry maw of poker machines etc and leave it at that as acts of charity should be spontaneous, not forced.)

**“I am already helping poor relatives and friends in Sri Lanka.”** (So do we all, I respond. However, \$2.50 a month is a mere bagatelle to us who have the good fortune to live in Australia. Further, charity to a stranger surely has more merit than aid given to ones own friends and relatives.)

**“How do I know that my money is used for the right purpose?”**

(I reply, because the EIGHTY CLUB works in close harmony with the DBU in Colombo and every cent spent is fully accounted for and audited. Also our Newsletters tell members about all the Club does and publishes yearly statements of accounts, which members can query, if necessary.)

**“I have no way of coming to the fund-raising lunches and dinners.”**

(Neither can our many members who live overseas and in other States, I point out. Coming to these events are not mandatory. Our members commit themselves to paying \$2.50 each month and regard it as a contribution to a very charitable cause.)

**“I object to a Club that exists only to help members of the Burgher community.”**

(I reply that the limited resources of the Club did not stretch to helping the poor of all Sri Lankan communities and so it helped the smallest single community whose members, both by virtue of age and being Burghers, found it hard to get employment and found themselves poverty

stricken and badly in need of assistance.)

And so it goes. The quest for new members is on going and unless we sustain our member base and income at present levels the Club may not be able to continue the good work it is doing now and may have to downsize its aid levels to the less-privileged Burghers in Sri Lanka. On the other hand, if we increase the number of our members, not only can we continue the same level of aid but, indeed, we may be able to increase it.

Dear Reader, you who are reading these words are already members of the EIGHTY CLUB and we thank you for your commitment and your generosity. It is touching to note that although most members pay their membership fees once a year (\$30) others pay their membership fees quarterly (\$7.50) or even half-yearly (\$15.00). Indeed, one member pays her membership a month at a time. This dedication to the cause has my profound admiration and appreciation. Rather than withdraw from the Club on the grounds that they could not afford the membership fee, they continue their support by paying their membership fees a little at a time. Their generosity will surely find favour in the eyes of the Almighty.

Ideally, the more members we have the better. Many crumbs of \$2.50 per month will form themselves into a very large LOAF from which many slices can be cut. A slice to aid the poor; a slice to help with expensive medication; a slice to help the payment of debt; a slice to help with the education of children etc. The larger the loaf, the more slices can be cut. So, readers, I appeal to you to try and recruit as many friends and relatives as you can to the ranks of the EIGHTY CLUB an organisation that I am proud to be part of – and so are you, are you not?

*A bone to the dog is not charity. Charity is the bone shared with the dog, when you are just as hungry as the dog. - Jack London.*



**Darryl Isaaks**  
**Snr. Vice President**

## YOUR MONEY AT WORK

Mr Kenneth Anthony B is 48 years old. A few years ago, he lost one leg in an accident and cannot find work. In Sri Lanka, job opportunities for one-legged persons are scarce. He and his wife have two school-going teenagers. Mrs.B works as a housekeeper and earns Rs.4000 or A\$80 per month. This is their only income and totally insufficient to meet the cost of food, utilities, clothes, school fees, schoolbooks etc. They are to be pitied in their plight.

Mrs Ruby Nita De L is 70 years old. Her husband, Godfrey, is disabled after a stroke in 2001. They have four married daughters and Ruby and Godfrey live with each of them in turn. None of their daughters can afford to provide their parents with food and shelter on a permanent basis.

Mrs Florence Mary M is an 80 year old widow. She lives with her daughter who pays a high rent and cannot afford to provide Florence with any extra nourishment or even her medication for High Blood Pressure. Florence gets no help from her brothers and sisters. She has one son, aged 54, who does help in a small way although he is married and has two children.

Bertram St. J is 74 years old and his wife is 69. He is an erudite person who retired from Mercantile Service in 1984 but got only Rs.5000 as a Provident Fund payout after loans owed to his employer were deducted. One son, aged 43, is unemployed. Bertram appeared at the DBU office in desperate straits. Abject poverty and irregular meals have taken their toll and he suffers from panic attacks and acute depression. They need help urgently.

Marie Carmen Van G is a 75 year old widow. She was bedridden in 1993 and has been cared for by her daughter for the past 9 years. The daughter suffers from a heart disorder and has two mentally challenged children aged 28 and 26 years. Marie's son-in-law has just found employment but the family is in a bad way as medication costs for the entire family are considerable.

The cases described above were referred to us by the Welfare Committee of the DBU after all stated facts had been checked and the applicants interviewed. Due to the deaths of some of our Welfare Beneficiaries, five vacancies existed in the ranks and the five families named above have been selected to

fill the vacancies. We now pay regular Welfare Benefits to a total of 150 individuals and families. YOU MADE THIS POSSIBLE and we say a big THANK YOU to all those who support our cause by being members of the Club, introducing new members to the Club, sending us generous donations and, where possible, attending our fund-raising events.

*Darryl Isaaks*  
*Hon. Assistant Treasurer*

## THE COMMITTEE MAN (OR WOMAN) *Contributed by Ivor Ferdinands*

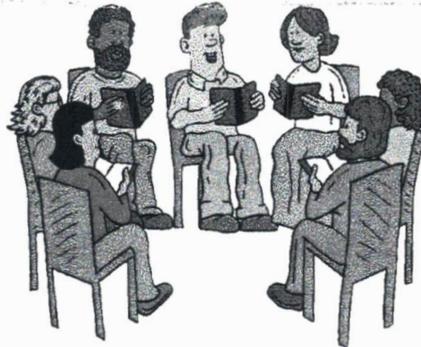
Some people are born to serve on Committees.

Others obtain reluctant prominence through the work they do and the desire of others for them to take the offices in a committee, which inevitably result in much hard work and little or no glory. There are still others - those who do the "donkey" work for no

reward but whose services are invaluable. And then there are the remaining members of an organisation - those who say that committees are not for them, let others do the work.

We in the 80 Club have two Committees - the Management Committee and the Fund Raising Committee. Fortunately for the Club our Committee members can be classified as those in the first three categories. They do all the hard work. They do not receive any monetary reward whatsoever for their efforts. In fact, they are out of pocket for the time they spend, travelling expenses, the organisation of fund raising events, the time they spend in having functions ready for the members to come to, clearing up after functions, taking away the crockery, cutlery, glasses, table cloths, etc. for cleaning and washing, postage and for telephone calls and correspondence, and all the little "do's and "don'ts" which form part of their never ending work.

But regrettably, many on our Committee have now become the equivalent of old horses who should long ago have been put out to pasture. The Biblical three score years and ten has long been exceeded in many cases. They would like



to rest if there are others to take their place. And as I say to members of the Club who come within the fourth category above why not reverse your feeling that membership of a Committee is not for you but for others. Come forward and volunteer.

Committee meetings are stimulating and exciting. They are certainly not boring. Views expressed are frank and diverse and many members find themselves on opposite sides when matters are discussed. But when a decision is reached it is accepted by all. Also in debate and discussion, many new ideas are expressed which have great value for the future. It is through the efforts and ideas of members of the Committee, and the members of the Club in support, that the vision of a few in the early eighties has resulted in the growth of the Club to what it is as we know it today supporting 150 of the least advantaged persons of the Burgher Community in Sri Lanka. In addition, funds are provided to 104 children of school going age so that they can have the advantage of proper education and not be thrown on the scrap heap of unemployment. As members will be aware, no benefits are available to any unemployed or old persons in Sri Lanka. These, are of course, available as a right to all Australians.

Finally, while strong and divergent views are expressed at Committee meetings, the friendship and camaraderie shown afterward is very real. Many members of the Committee can say with thankfulness that real friendships have commenced and prospered through initial contact in the Committee and the spirit of togetherness which came thereafter. Arranging tables together, taking the scraps and refuse and washing plates after a function can make friendships which last.

Being a member of one of the Club's Committees gives much more than what it takes.

To those members of the Club who can I ask the question - are you ready to serve?

**Cost of Living today in Sri Lanka**  
**by Neville Overlunde, Welfare Officer, DBU**

I did a market research on a Saturday morning. I went to the Kirillapone market. That's the place where the average person comes in to buy their

day to day requirements. No point going into a Supermarket because pensioners don't shop at supermarkets. If you need the supermarket prices, add about 10 percent to the prices I have given below. You can imagine what a pensioner can buy with his/her Rs.2,250 per quarter, that's Rs.750 per month.

Further, I have given the price of each item for 100 grams. That's about the quantum the person buys. For example 100 g. of beans would be just about enough for two persons (one meal) or for two meals for one person.

**VEGETABLES:**

Rs.6 per 100 g for Carrots, Brinjal, Beans, Beetroot, Karawila, Talanabattu, Leeks and Onions.

Potatoes Rs.9 per 100 g

The average price of a Coconut is Rs.17.

Cinnamon Rs.60 per 100g.

Limes Rs.10 per 100g

Kankun Rs.10 a bundle

Gotukola Rs.10 a bundle

Lettuce Rs.15 per 100g

Jak Rs.40 per 100g

Polos Rs.30 per kilo

Plantains (ambul/sour) Rs.40 to Rs.50

per kilo

Kolikuttu plantains Rs.7 or 8 each plantain

**DRY RATIONS**

Red chilli Rs.16 per 100 g for first quality

Red chilli Rs.12 for 100 g for 2nd quality

Dhall Rs.4.00 per 100 g

Samba rice Rs.2.80 per 100 g

Red rice 3.00 per 100 g

White rice Rs.2.50 per 100 g

Gram Rs.3.50 per 100 gms

Sugar Rs.3.50 per 100 g

Tea leaves Rs.2.50 per 100 g

Flour Rs.2.70 per 100 g

Coconut oil Rs.60 per bottle (arrack bottle type)

Table Magarine Rs.26 per 100 g

Dry fish Rs.25 per 100 g

Sprats Rs.20 per 100 g

Salmon Rs.38 small tin, Rs.48 medium and

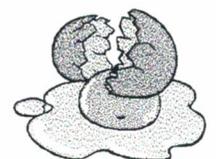
Rs.65 large (generally poor folk buy the medium)

Nestomalt Rs.122 for 400 g

Anchor (Cooking margarine)

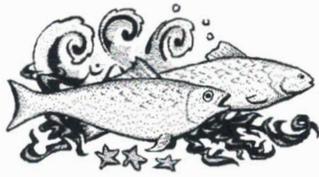
Rs.127 per 400 g packet

Eggs Rs. 5.00 each



## **FISH**

Seer Rs.360 a kilo  
Talapath Rs.300 per kilo  
Kelawalla Rs.220 per kilo  
Balaya Rs.160 per kilo  
Salaya Rs.100 per kilo  
Kumbala 160 per kilo  
Small seer Rs.100 per kilo  
Prawns (delicacy) Rs.360 for small/medium size.

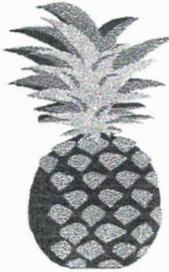


## **MEATS**

A kilo of Beef is Rs.170  
Liver Rs.200 per kilo  
Kidney Rs.180 per kilo  
Spleen Rs.80 per kilo

## **FRUIT**

Apples Rs.10 for a green and Rs.20 for a red apple  
Oranges Rs.20 per fruit  
Avocado Rs.20 per fruit  
Mango Rs.30 per fruit  
Red grapes Rs.300 a kilo  
Pineapple Rs.90 per fruit.



The poor pensioners market at the top of their road, where the Mudalali buys wholesale from Pettah Market (the usual place) and then sells retail at his top-of-the-road shop. So he keeps a small mark up. Those are the prices that I have given above - the real top-of-the-road market, boutique.

## **Members' News by Ivor de Kretser Travellers**

Go East, go West, for the travellers call it a rest. This is a debatable proposition to those exploring distant lands or the familiar surrounds of that island once home to many of us.

How often have we heard the words of the enthusiastic traveller declare after a short while - "I'm tired of living out of a suitcase" and longing for one's own bed and creature comforts of one's own space. Be this as it may, the Melbourne winter has generated an avalanche (it seems that way) of members departing for distant lands - Sri Lanka with its new found peace initiatives and resulting atmosphere of calm has enticed some to



holiday there with the whole family. There was Errol and Violet Jacotine, Kathleen and Brian Siebel amongst others. Shortly to depart for similar whole family experiences to the island will be Tony and Arlene Scarnivel and Errol and Elaine Orchard. There is a similar grand experience awaiting another group of members gearing up for a pre Christmas visit in November/December led by our past President, Henry Brohier - more anon. A change of direction to the enchanting tropical islands of Fiji will be Richard and Rita Young and some of the family allow themselves to spend days being spoiled by the islanders, not excluding the tastes of their brew "kava", melodious harmony of songs of the islanders and the island cruises. A cruise of another kind has been the choice of Dennis and Myrna Williamsz - a ship holiday on the Alaskan lakes. USA is also on the travel plans of Diana and John Visser, visiting brother Johaan Poppenbeek and then the Netherlands. Its time to welcome home from their long sojourn overseas, Arnot and George Baptist whose time was spent renewing ties with family and friends in the UK, travel in Europe and the USA. We also welcome back Yvonne de Vos who spent two and a half months visiting friends and her brothers in London, Canada and the States. Happy hours and days as you reminisce of times past or times to come.

## **Anniversaries and Birthdays**

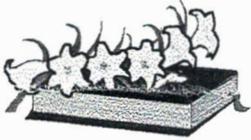
Believe it or not, but it is true - both members, Lyn and Irene Isaaks celebrated their birthdays and wedding anniversary in the month of August, and Irene has given me permission to say it was her sixtieth birthday and very happy.

Cecil de Kretser was amongst family and friends at his daughter's home where he enjoyed his seventy-fifth birthday on 30 June. Not connected to this joyous event is the news that Cec as he is known to family and friends is now recovering in "rehab" following long awaited knee surgery. Our congratulations and best wishes also go out to our Assistant Secretary, Suzanne Armel who celebrated her fiftieth birthday on 8 September,



to Elmar Martenstyn, former ex Vice-President in the 80s who celebrated his eightieth birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> September and also to our ex President, Edgar Jansz whose age was not disclosed. Our congratulations also to Jack Van Sanden (former DIG in Sri Lanka) who will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on 11 October, also heartiest congratulations to our Membership Secretary, Mervyn Schoorman who celebrates his seventy-fifth birthday on 13 October and birthday wishes to Leonie Martenstyn who celebrates her birthday also on the 13 October.

### Bereavements



We sadly report the passing away of members and loved ones of members and to the families we send our

sympathies. Basil Henricus on 1 August, father of Diedre and Cholmondeley; Harry Gordon Geddes on 3 August, husband of Evelyn, father of Ripple, Rodney, Russell, Ryan and Rhona; Douglas James Kelly on 4 August, husband of Anne, father of Diana and Dorothy, brother of Vernon and the late Mrs Monica Andrado of Queensland; Mrs Mary Winifred Ferdinands on 11 August, mother of Marie Schoorman, Dr Edred Ferdinands, Sonia, Marina, Errol, Derrick and Rodney; Brian Deckker on 17 August, brother of Norman; and Mrs Mary Fernando nee Cramer on 10 September in Sri Lanka, wife of late Shelton Aubrey, mother of Bernard (SL), Jennifer (SL), Melrose Willenberg, Tyrone, Audrey, Errol, Tony (Norway), M-in-Law of Maureen, Cholmondley, Rosie, Brino, Camelia & Sissel.

### New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members who have joined the Club since June 2002.

Please join us in our get togethers -

Mr & Mrs Andrew and Leanne Green, Mr & Mrs Chris and Paula Dickson, Mrs Melicia Meerwald, Mr & Mrs Allan and Aloma Williams, Mr & Mrs Ashley and Merle Varney, Mrs Sheila Gauder, Mr & Mrs Earl and Iris Labrooy, Mr & Mrs Doyne and Marlene Caspersz, Mr & Mrs Bryan and Electra Driberg, Mr & Mrs Rodney and Marie de Kretser and Mr & Mrs Malcolm and Jeanne Lourensz



### Eighty Club Calendar up to the end of 2002

**Saturday, 19 October** Trip to Casino

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

**Saturday, 7 December** Christmas Party - Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave

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**Donations etc. received up to 30 September 2002**

12.7.02	George (Billy) de Kretser ( <i>in memory of Mrs Monica Andrado</i> )	50.00	7.8.02	L.H. Holsinger	60.00
	Anonymous	50.00		Sigiri Restaurant	50.00
	John and Lorraine Weinman ( <i>for Dan</i> )	100.00		P.T. Madawela	50.00
22.7.02	Faye Gray	20.00		Anonymous	200.00
24.7.02	Anonymous	70.00		Nada Walters	10.00
	Tony & Anne Brough	70.00	14.8.02	Anonymous	50.00
	Herschell & Faye de Kauwe	20.00		Patricia Colpo	20.00
	Dmitiri Harris	70.00		Ray Kelaart	70.00
	Maurice & Joyce Matthysz	20.00	19.8.02	Anonymous ( <i>in memory Of Cecil Fernando</i> )	100.00
	Laurian & Pam Metzeling	20.00		Doreen Fernando	20.00
	Bill Ondaatje	20.00		Myrtle Jansz	30.00
	Ron & Merlyn Schrader	20.00		Meredith Morrison	50.00
1.8.02	Cynthia Claessen	20.00		Reginald & Phyllis Driberg ( <i>in memory of Mr Cecil Fernando</i> )	10.00
	Ralph & Joan D'Silva	2,000.00		Anonymous ( <i>in memory of Dennis &amp; Naomi Milhuisen</i> )	20.00
	Trevor Ebert	20.00		Moira Bartholomeusz	50.00
	Marcus & Kamini Gunaratnam	130.00	23.9.02	Mr & Mrs J.de Fonseca ( <i>non members</i> )	500.00
	Conraad & Rita Hatch	20.00		Anonymous	50.00
	Lorenz & Maryse Pereara	20.00		Godwin and Barbara Brown	10.00
	Ivor Schumacher	50.00		Darryl & June Isaaks ( <i>in memory of their parents</i> )	25.00
	Anton Schumacher	50.00		<b>Total</b>	<b>4355.00</b>
	Ellis & Norma Grenier ( <i>in memory of Verna Beven of Midoway, New York</i> )	50.00			

**Coin Collections**

1.8.02	Quintus & Joan Deckker	24.00	5.8.02	Rowena Cooke	15.30
7.8.02	Clair & Jean De La Zilwa	28.20		Lucian Felsing	20.80
5.8.02	Vivian Mack	40.00	8.9.02	Coins donated at the Stringhopper Luncheon	56.75
	Audrey Fernando	11.25			
	Anthony Chapman	25.00			
				<b>Total</b>	<b>221.30</b>





# Saturday 19 October 2002

## Trip to the Casino

**Rice & Curry Smorgasbord by Susie & Jan Harris**

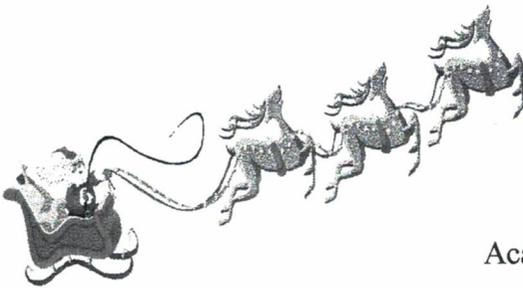
**Sunday 3 November 2002 - 12.30pm**

**Good Shepherd RC School Hall**  
Academy Avenue, Mulgrave (Melways Ref: 71 C10)

**\$15.00**

No Smoking

**B.Y.O.**



## Christmas Party

### Saturday 7 December 2002

**Good Shepherd RC School Hall**  
Academy Avenue, Mulgrave (Melways Ref: 71 C10)  
7.30pm - 12.30am

Live Music: REBELS  
\$25.00 donation

Catering: M Rauff  
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