

EIGHTY CLUB

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Dear Members, Friends and Well-wishers

This September Newsletter represents the third Quarter Issue for the calendar year and the First Quarter issue for the financial year. Therefore, it is appropriate and timely to tell you where and how your monies are used. In June 2003 this telegraphic transfer was sent to Sri Lanka -

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| 1. | Beneficiary Payment - 160 dependents @ Rs.750 p.m. | Rs.120,000 |
| 2. | Family Allowance - 12 families @ Rs.200 p.m. | Rs. 2,400 |
| 3. | Spouse Allowance - 22 spouses @ Rs.500 p.m. | Rs. 11,000 |
| 4. | Mid-year Bonus - 160 dependents @ Rs.1500 p.m. | <u>Rs.240,000</u> <u>Rs.373,400</u> |

Thank you for touching those in need.

"The generous man will be blessed for he shares his food with the poor"

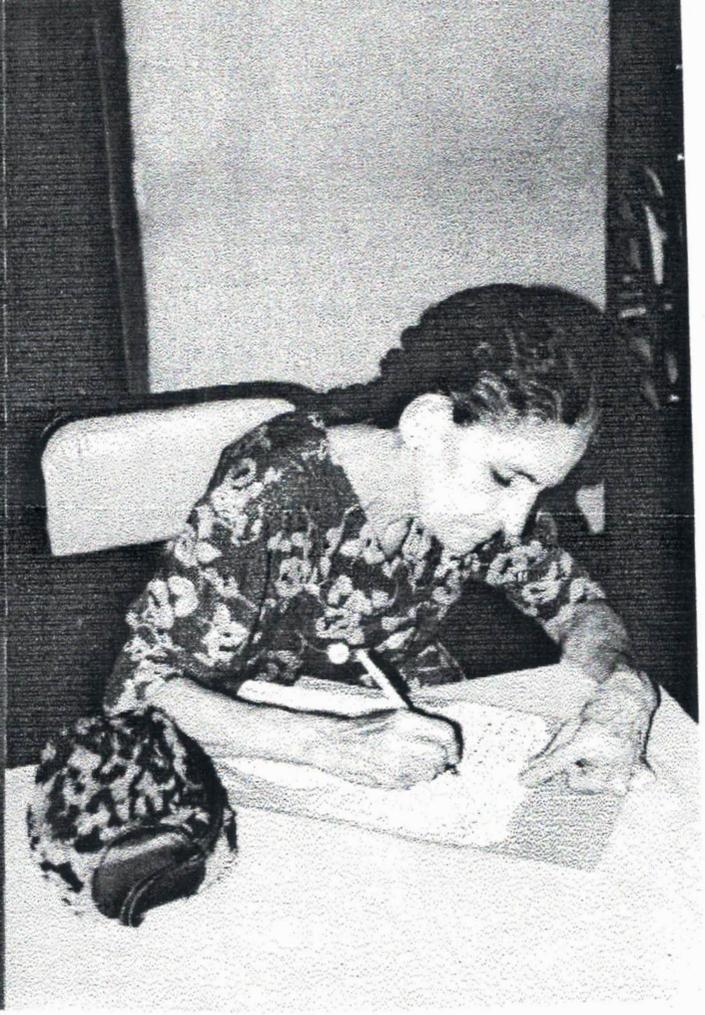
A suggestion was made and accepted that the Finance sub-committee examine and report for consideration by the General Committee that we increase the beneficiary allowance from Rs.750 to Rs.1000 per month. This was recommended and now has been passed for payment in October 2003. Your donations have brightened dependent lives. They assemble to greet and thank you.



**THE SUBSCRIPTION DATA ON THE ADDRESS LABEL
Is for Monies received and banked up to
30 September, 2003**

Mrs T counting her money
"Oh God there's Rs1500 more"

Mrs H says "Thank you for the bonus"



"All good things come to those who wait"





On 14 September 2003, we had an encouraging response at the Chinese/Malaysian lunch. 277 sat down to a meal of Singapore noodles and Nasi Goreng with its accompaniments followed by Sago Pudding, coffee and tea. At the conclusion of the meal the Annual General Meeting was held and the following were elected for the year 2003/2004 :

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| President | Mrs Pamela Forster |
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An opportunity. Help a deserving, diligent girl.

"I am very happy to inform you that I got through my A/L exam in 2003 very successfully. I got 3As for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. I came second in Matara district and thirty-sixth in the island. I must thank you for the help and support you gave me during my studies. I hope you will give your utmost help and support to continue my studies in the Medical Faculty too.

Shireen P

Unfortunately, Club funds are inadequate. This girl needs support. Can you help?
Please contact the Editor.

Sincerely

Richard Young
Editor/Asst. Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2002/2003

I agreed to nominate for the position of President last year because I had run out of excuses for not taking on the position and the ECM had run out of candidates for the job. As I look back on the year, I would say that there were difficulties I had not anticipated despite 16 years as a Committee Member. Thankfully the ECM is blessed with dedicated committee members and some wonderfully supportive members, so the Club has continued to grow in membership and service to the needy of our community in Sri Lanka. The Fund Raising Committee, which is made up of the management committee and volunteers, functions with superb, yet cheerful efficiency. Members give of their time and effort and also donate prizes to raffles that raise around \$600 each time. Seven functions are organized each year, providing 250 to 300 patrons with opportunities for enjoying fellowship, good food and the satisfaction of helping a worthy cause. Funds raised are essential to the Club attaining

its objectives. The team's skills at organizing these events have impressed even professional caterers. However, the infusion of new helpers at functions would be appreciated. So if you can assist, even on a couple of occasions, get in touch with one of the committee members.

The ECM is probably unique in combining tasks of Secretary and Editor of the "Newsletter". Our long serving Secretary, Richard Young (ably assisted by 'Personal Secretary' Rita), known to you all through his informative and stimulating "Newsletters", has decided that he needs a break. He has nominated for the position of Assistant Secretary instead. A founder member, he is committed to the ideals of the Club and its objectives as a charity. I am grateful for his assistance and advice.

I am also indebted to Suzanne Armel who served as Assistant Secretary and was instrumental in organising the format and designing the graphics for the Newsletter, thus making it more attractive. She has agreed to serve as Secretary in the coming year.

Vernon Kelly, a past President and one of the longest serving members of our committee, has decided not to nominate for a position on the Management Committee next year. The Club owes a lot to Vernon and Maureen who have for years provided guidance and support.

Our Treasurer, Tony Scarnivel, has worked with persistence at improving the detail and quality of the accounting reports we get from our agents in Colombo. While Tony takes an interest in the Club's welfare programs and fund raising activities, his particular forte is the successfully organised two dances each year, ably assisted with the décor by George de Vos and by Conraad Hatch as M.C. Needless to say these men would not be half as successful without the assistance of their spouses, Arlene, Yvonne and Rita.

ECM membership has risen from 512 on 10.08.02 to 559 on 31.8.03, due almost entirely to the efforts of membership secretary, Mervyn Schoorman, our 'quiet achiever'. We depend heavily on the regular contribution of membership dues for helping beneficiaries in Sri Lanka.

Victor and Lorraine de Silva and Suzie and Jan Harris have, as in previous years, very generously sponsored a dance and a lunch respectively making a huge contribution to ECM funds. I am happy to announce that the committee agreed to make a sizeable donation to the Good Shepherd Convent, Nayakakanda, in the name of the de Silvas and take on an extra beneficiary in the name of the Harris'.

The submission to the DBU of a draft document, the "Procedural Guide to the Conduct of ECM/DBU Welfare Programs" is a major accomplishment as it provides a reference for anyone wishing clarification of our programs. The ECM committee awaits its acceptance by the DBU committee.

We have 114 students in the Sponsorship Program. The committee had suggested capping the numbers on this program at 100, but Co-ordinator, Maurice Forster, is reluctant to turn down that 'deserving child' as applications from prospective sponsors and children continue to arrive. So he just increased the time he sits at his computer!. I find it very encouraging that several new sponsors are the children of current members. The next generation is indeed sharing our concern. The favourable currency exchange rate has helped provide significant increases in the rates of payment to the students without increasing the rate sponsors pay.

A 'Post Secondary Education and Training' Program, designed to improve employment prospects of school leavers, has been set up following generous donations from two members. Three youngsters have already had course fees paid. The objective of our Student Sponsorship Program has always been to 'improve the employability of the youth of the Burgher community (the poorest group in Sri Lanka) by education and training'. The Post Secondary Education and Training Program assists in comprehensively meeting this objective.

We have increased the number of 'Welfare Beneficiaries' from 150 to 160, introduced a 'Spouse Allowance' of Rs.500 per month for Beneficiaries with a partner, in addition to the family allowance and mid-year bonus. Darryl Isaaks, Co-coordinator of Welfare Beneficiaries, maintains careful records of our beneficiaries and their needs. I hope that we will be able to increase the regular

welfare allowance in the not too distant future as the rate has remained unchanged since May 2000.

Thank you members and friends, for your generosity helps us run our welfare program.

Pamela Forster.
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

The financial year ending June 2003 has been an effective year for the Club. The Management Committee estimated an increase of income over expenditure and decided to pay married couples an extra Rs.500 per month as a spouse allowance and approved the payment of Rs.1500 as a mid year bonus in addition to the bonus of Rs.1000 paid for Christmas.

The untiring efforts of the Fund Raising Committee netted us \$18,888 from

5 Lunches

2 Dances

3 trips to the Casino

An increase over the previous year's \$16983.

Membership of 506 for the year ending 2002 increased this year to 536. Six members who were in arrears for more than 18 months were removed from the register, one resigned and it was pleasing to add on 38 new members.

Donations

We were once again overwhelmed by your generous support in the form of donations.

71 members paid their \$30 subscriptions together with an additional amount totalling \$2,115.

Donations in 'memory of loved ones' amounted to just over \$3000.

Other organisations and individuals donated about \$5,300.

A member living in Sydney anonymously donated Rs.55,000. This donation has already been used to pay for courses for 3 students who sought financial assistance.

In the current climate of low **Interest** rates, Interest from Investments averaged 4.2%.

The Committee has continued to follow a conservative investment policy placing Club funds in three of the four major banks.

Total Income (less Sponsorship Receipts) equalled **\$47381**.

From which we paid:

150 Welfare Beneficiaries - received \$33,523, which included family allowances, spouse allowances, two bonuses and medical assistance.

Miscellaneous welfare payments amounted to \$2966 e.g. Sponsorship Grant, Mosquito Nets to Convent etc.

Administration Expenses increased dramatically to \$4970 due to a rise of \$600 in Insurance Premiums. An essential item that we have little or no control over.

An excess of \$5922 was recorded for the year, which has inspired the Management Committee to increase the number of Welfare Beneficiaries to 160 for the next financial year ending 2004.

Balance Sheet - An estimate of two years Welfare Payments have been put aside to provide for the Club closing down sometime in the distant future. If the unforeseen transpires our Welfare Beneficiaries in Sri Lanka will continue to receive payments until \$60,000 runs out (app. 2 years).

Under the 'Post Secondary & Vocational Training Scheme' three deserving students were given financial assistance.

Finally, on behalf of the Management Committee I thank the members for their support and commitment to the ideals of the Club; making it possible for us to assist the less fortunate in Sri Lanka.

Tony Scarnivel
Treasurer

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT

In the recent past, we have lost five of the Club's Welfare Beneficiaries to the ravages of Father Time and other circumstances. Their places have been taken by the following:

1. **Mr. Vernon P.** Aged 79. Suffered from a heart complaint and had a small but irregular income. Sadly, Mr. P died soon after receiving his first Welfare Benefit from the Eighty Club.
2. **Mrs. Audrey C.** Widow aged 62. She has two sons who have families of their own and are unable to help her financially. Cannot afford the medications that she needs. No regular source of food and waits anxiously to be invited to alms givings to have a full meal.
3. **Mrs. Mary Therese M.** Widow aged 72. She needs medication for asthma and high blood pressure. Finds it hard to afford food.
4. **Mr. Dennis M.** Aged 73. His wife is almost blind in one eye. No income for day-to-day expenses. Their health is failing. Hardly any help from their two daughters.
5. **Mrs. Grace F.** Widow aged 82. She is deaf. Lives with a daughter who cannot afford the mother's costly medication. Her daughter requested financial help to provide the mother with a better quality of life.
6. **Mr. Justin M.** Widower aged 80. Lives in a Home for Elders and his two children pay part of the Rs.10,000 a month that the Home costs. Hardly mobile and needs money to buy medication for asthma and high blood pressure.

The cries for aid seem endless but, with your unfailing support, the Eighty Club keeps on with the hard task of giving the less privileged members of our community in Sri Lanka some assistance that will help them to live through the twilight of their lives in as much comfort and dignity as we can provide.

Nine Welfare Beneficiaries sent us letters in which they expressed their gratitude for the assistance they receive from the Eighty Club. Excerpts from a few of those letters follow:

Mr. Vernon H says: "The monies which I receive quarterly is of great help to me as I am able to pay for my essential needs without having to beg for financial help."

Mr. Lawrence P says: "I am 74 years of age and am so happy to receive a pension from you. My wife and I will be able to enjoy a few good meals with the money and also buy our medicines which are costly."

Mr. Trevor De J says: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I use the money very carefully. I spend some for my clothes and several things I need. I pay for the room I stay in and my food. I also spend some to repair my bicycle."

The contents of all the letters are in similar strain but they have one thing in common. Without exception, the writers say THANK YOU to all of us in this Club and invoke the blessings of the Almighty on us all. I conclude with my thanks to each and every one of our members who continue to support our cause by paying their subscriptions in time and being generous with donations of money and also of gifts in kind that we dispose of at our fund raising events.

ONCE UPON A TIME.....

.....many years ago, in the city of Colombo, there lived a man named Noel B. He was married and had an infant son. One day, when his son was ten months old, the little chap got very ill. He developed a high temperature and appeared to be dying. In a blind panic, Noel snatched the infant up in his arms and ran out on to the road. There were no taxis and trishaws in those days. A passing bus driver saw his distress and took Noel and the child aboard. Noel begged the driver to take him to a hospital and that is exactly what the driver did. (In those days such things were possible.) At the hospital, Noel thrust the little boy into the arms of the first doctor he encountered and begged him to save his son. While the child was being treated, Noel went into a Church nearby and pleaded with God to save his child. He made a vow that, if the child survived, he would donate his blood to the Blood Bank on twelve different occasions.

The child was saved and Noel fulfilled his vow. He donated blood, not twelve times, but much more than that. However, the story has no happy ending and, sadly, I cannot say that Noel lived "happily ever after". Today, Noel lives alone in abject poverty in a commune that houses druggies and other types of life's flotsam and jetsam. Those who encounter him quickly realize that he cannot afford the luxury of anti-perspirants and deodorants! Life is very hard for Noel because he is half blind and is in and out of hospital all the time. His son migrated to Australia many years ago, is married and has a child. However, he has cut his father adrift and Noel does not know where he is. "I gave my son life", Noel says while bursting into tears, "but he has not given me even half a teaspoon of water in return.

All is not lost, good readers. Noel B is one of the Eighty Club's 160 Welfare Beneficiaries and, thanks to your support and generosity; he gets a small but regular income and lives to dream about what might have been.

A LADY IN DISTRESS

Mrs. Gertrude D is 80 years old and was born in Kandy. Her husband died 15 years ago. Today, Gertrude lives in Dehiwela in a room made entirely of concrete blocks and about 15 feet by 8 feet in size. The door to the room has only a piece of string that acts as a handle. The toilet is in such an atrocious condition that she has to go across the road to a friend's home to ease herself. Her room is lit by a single bulb and contains a small stove on which she boils water for a cup of tea, when she can afford the milk. The room has no windows – just holes for ventilation. The roof is made of zinc sheets and the heat in the room is better imagined than described. Two old saucepans, stuffed with rags, have been placed on the floor to collect water from leaks in the roof. Gertrude's sleeping area has been

described as a "piece of bed" about two feet wide and four feet in length. This room is situated on the banks of the Wellawatte canal and Gertrude is charged a rent of Rs.500 a month.

Gertrude suffers from a heart condition but cannot afford regular medication. She has not bought any prescribed medication since June 2003. She has cataracts in both eyes which need attention, but...?

This lady's husband was an engineer on board a ship and she sailed the seven seas with him. Their first daughter was born 60 nautical miles from Mecca and was given a name containing nine letters because it was considered lucky! However, Gertrude has lost all contact with her daughter although she knows that she is married and lives " somewhere in Australia."

Gertrude is destitute and depends on the generosity of her neighbours for a living. Her dinner, on an average day, consists of bread dipped in 'plain' tea. Recently, Mr. Neville Overlunde, of the DBU's Welfare Committee, met this lady near some shops and asked her to choose anything she wished to buy, as he would pay for it. What did she choose? After much hesitation she chose a packet of prawn crackers, which she clutched to her breast like a treasure that someone would steal from her!

This story has a happy ending. Gertrude D is now one of the Eighty Club's Welfare Beneficiaries and can depend on a small but regular income in the future.

The EIGHTY CLUB thanks all its members and well-wishers for their generous support. This Club can continue to assist the less-privileged members of our community in Sri Lanka but only if members:

- Pay their subscriptions regularly
- Support our fund-raising events, where feasible, and
- Persuade their friends and relatives to join the EIGHTY CLUB and help us in our task.

Darryl Isaaks
Coordinator, Welfare Beneficiaries

THE DAY I WAS PROUD TO BE A MEMBER **OF THE EIGHTY CLUB OF MELBOURNE**

I happen to be a member of the Men's Society of the Burwood Uniting Church, and the Society recently invited three prominent speakers to speak about their Hobbies. The first spoke about his love for music, in particular he spoke of a peculiar wind instrument given to him by his father in the 1930's, and he played the instrument. The second spoke about his hobby of building a two-seater aeroplane, in the backyard of his home, all in spruce timber and showed some very interesting photographs of his progress to date. The third said his favorite occupation, since his retirement, was to promote the workings of a certain Club. He went on to add, in order that his audience would appreciate the activities of this club, he would have to take them through a history lesson. Below is an edited version of what he went on to speak about.

He said, he came from that beautiful tear drop island at the southern end of the Indian peninsular called Ceylon and is now known as Sri Lanka. It has a very colourful written history. About 500 BC a prince and his entourage, left their homeland in Northern India, and sailed to the southern part of the Island. They found the land very fertile and decided to make Ceylon their home. For the next 500 years the prince's dynasty ruled Ceylon. They had a feudal system of Government and they spoke a language called Sinhalese, a derivative of the ancient Indian classical languages of Pali and Sanskrit. About the

third century BC. Buddhism was introduced to Ceylon and the Sinhalese people embraced this religion. So the first known settlers were Sinhalese, Buddhist, spoke a language called Sinhalese, and they were of Aryan ethnicity.

The next wave of immigrants to the Island was from the Southern parts of India. They arrived about the third century AD and thereafter. They were a different race of people, they spoke a language called Tamil, and hence they were called the Tamil race, their religion was Hinduism and they were of Dravidian ethnicity. They occupied generally the Northern and North-Eastern parts of the Island. The culture and civilization of these two sets of people reached great heights, especially from an architectural and artistic perspective. Their knowledge of engineering was of an extremely high calibre. They built seven story high, stone buildings, great monuments to house their religious relics and great reservoirs to store water for irrigation purposes. Ruins of that ancient civilization are visible even today.

Unfortunately, this picture of the Island of Paradise could not last. There was constant warfare between the two ethnically different people, and about the 12th century AD onwards it is not quite clear if it was due the constant warfare or due the effects of the malaria mosquito the civilizations of both groups of people declined.

From 1514 AD to 1948 AD Ceylon was visited and conquered by three different western countries and each of them ruled Ceylon for approximately 150 years. Firstly, the Portuguese from 1517 to 1658 AD, they captured chiefly the coastal towns and built Forts to help in their trade of spices and gems. Some of the Portuguese did inter marry with the locals and made Ceylon their home. The Portuguese were Catholics and they converted a number of the local to Catholicism. The Portuguese were followed by the Dutch who ruled Ceylon from 1658 to 1796 AD. The Dutch too captured the coastal towns and rebuilt the Forts for strategic military and trade purposes. The Dutch were Protestants and they too converted the locals to Christianity. The Dutch did carry out a religious warfare against the Catholic Portuguese because it was the time of religious warfare in Europe. Needless to say there was blood shed in the name of Christ even in Ceylon during this period. A large number of the Dutch made Ceylon their home and they called themselves the "Burgher Community" in Ceylon. They married amongst themselves and they made a mark in the history of Ceylon. Lastly to arrive were the British and they (3) ruled the whole of Ceylon from 1796 to 1948 AD. Ceylon was a part of the British Empire for this period. The British whilst attempting to bring Ceylon to Western standards, did also exploit the resources of Ceylon for the benefit of the mother Country -- Briton. The British through their various Anglican Churches established denominational Schools of a very high standard. These schools were built and run along the traditional British Public School system. The speaker went on to add that he was one of the privileged students of such a public school, he added that these schools were heavily subsidized by the British Government so that his parents had to pay a rather nominal school fee considering the standard of education that he received. Further he said that he was not only taught English, English Literature, Mathematics, English History and the Classics but he was also taught to be a gentleman both in the classroom and on the sportsfield. Unfortunately he was not taught the local languages of Sinhalese or Tamil nor the rich history of Ceylon.

The speaker went on to add that it is his opinion that the British noted that the Burgher Community were eager to learn the British ways and mannerisms so the powers that ruled Ceylon exploited this fact and used the members of the Burgher Community to carry out their tasks in ruling the country. The Burghers were to be found at the head of most Government departments.

In 1948 Ceylon was granted independence, and Ceylon took her place in the Commonwealth of nations. In a great nationalistic fervor that followed independence the Ceylon Government decided that Education was of fundamental importance to a young country and declared free education from the

primary school right through to the University. The speaker added he was once more greatly privileged to receive a free University Education.

In 1956 the then Leader of the Opposition decided that in order that he could become the Prime Minister of the Island he had to appeal to the voting public's nationalism. He promised to make the Sinhalese Language the official language within 24 hours of being elected. He succeeded and he brought an Act in Parliament that made the Sinhalese language the official language, much to the detriment of all the minorities, such as the Tamils the Burghers and others. The speaker added that after graduating he had joined the Government Service and suddenly due to no fault of his he was unable to carry out his duties as a Public Servant as he was unable to read or write the Sinhalese Language.

The Speaker said, it was at this point in time that his wife and he decided to migrate out of Ceylon and having considered Britain and Canada, decided to migrate to Australia. On applying to the Australian High Commissioner in Ceylon, a rather peculiar requirement was made by the Australian authorities, they stated that Australia had a "White Australia" policy and if he and his wife were to be successful migrants they had to prove that they had European ancestry. Fortunately the speaker went on to add he and his wife belonged to the Burgher Community and were able to obtain their genealogy from church records proving that they were of Dutch descent, and were successful in obtaining their migration papers.

The speaker also added that at this time a large number of the burgher community, who were in the same situation as themselves did migrate out to Australia, Canada and Britain. There were some members of the Burgher Community who for various reasons were unable to migrate and remained in Ceylon.

Now after living and working in Australia, for over 30 years, and enjoying a retired life style, his and his wife's conscience began to be stirred, because they both had enjoyed a good education, in the top Colleges of Ceylon, and an University education at minimal cost, surely it was necessary to repay that debt. After searching around, the speaker said they were able to find a Club that was assisting the less fortunate members of the Burgher Community in Ceylon. The Club known as the **Eighty Club of Melbourne** is essentially a fund raising organization, to send monies to Ceylon to help the less fortunate members of the Burgher Community. The Activities of this Club has been his hobby for several years.

Having heard the above oration, I went up to the Speaker and congratulated him on his enlightening talk, informing him that I too was a proud member of the **Eighty Club of Melbourne** and requested his permission to publish the account in the Eighty Club Newsletter. After some persuasion he consented on the proviso that I do NOT mention his name.

I am aware that most of the above information is familiar to the members of the Eighty Club, but I considered that it is good to re-read and enjoy the trouble taken by the Speaker to enlighten his audience of the history of some of the former Burgher Community now residing in the "Lucky Country". If there are any factual errors in the history, please blame me and not the speaker, as my memory is not the best these days

(By a Past President)

Members' News by Ivor de Kretser

Travel News

Welcome home to Dimitri Harris and wife, Sandra, who ventured far to England, Europe, and Sri Lanka - the latter to visit and see first hand the pitiful plight of our beneficiaries, young and old - a touch of sadness. Maureen and Vernon Kelly had a spell in Colombo with their children - more importantly to

visit and talk to their sponsored child, from the Club's Sponsorship program. Noel and Yvonne Werkmeister too returned from Sri Lanka visiting family and special beneficiaries. Earle and Shireen Ferdinand too paid a hurried visit to Colombo to be with Earle's father who was unwell. Sadly, he later passed away. Our sympathies were conveyed to the family.

Bereavements

This item is a time of sorrow, bringing back memories of loved ones, now departed. In particular, our condolences go out to Cheryl Miller, Vilma LaBrooy and Derek Hepponstall on the death of their mother **Elaine Hepponstall** (god-mother of Ione Aldons) in July, Yvonne, Radley and Ceyline on the death of their mother, **Felicia Ragel** on 1 September, to Dr Percy de Zilwa on the death of his wife, **Naomi** on 5 September, to Nihal and Diedre de Run on the death of **Harold de Run** in early September, to Charmaine and Valentine Phillips on the passing of **Louise Brohier (nee Markus)** on 16 September. We leave them all in God's care.

The Job Skills Program in Sri Lanka has got off to a good start with four applicants enrolled, commencing in (a) the fields of information technology as foundation courses (b) Electronic Technician and Airline Ticket writing. We are anxious to widen the scope of this venture to interested applicants with lesser academic attainments to come forward for training as data entry operators, hospitality work in hotels/restaurants, Shorthand and Typing, Hairdressing, etc. The essential ingredient is a motivation to succeed and an ambition to aspire to greater goals. Please inform your relatives and friends in Sri Lanka that funds are available. The Welfare Officer of the DBU will assist these applicants.



New Members

A warm welcome to the following who have joined the Club since the issue of our June Newsletter. Please join us in our get-togethers

Mr & Mrs Barry and Anne Lloyd, Mr & Mrs Irvine and Doris Abel, Mrs Merle Solomons, Mr Cedric Koelmeyer, Mr & Mrs Christopher and Petula Fletcher, Mr & Mrs Brent and Francine Stewart, Mrs Lorna Dixon, Ms Sharon Gill, Mr & Mrs Henry and Yvonne Hingert, Ms June Mack, Mr & Mrs Ivor and Margaret Nugara, Mr & Mrs Keith and Coral Ondarchie, Ms Jeanne Cramer, Mr & Mrs Graydon and Noeline Caspersz, Mr & Mrs Ernie and Noeline Mortimer, Mr & Mrs Oswald and Maeve Martinus, Mr & Mrs Richard and Deslene de Niese, Mr & Mrs Lindsay & Vilma Arkley, Mr & Mrs Randall & Yvonne De Ley, Mr & Mrs Joe & Sylvia Martin and Mr & Mrs Peter & Valerie Weerakoon



Eighty Club Calendar up to the end of 2003

- Saturday, 25 October** Trip to the Crown Casino. Please contact Arlene Scarnivel for bookings on 9763 0085.
- Sunday, 9 November** Suzie and Jan Harris Luncheon - Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave
- Saturday, 6 December** Christmas Dance - Good Shepherd Hall, Mulgrave from 7.30 p.m.
Music by Razzanataz.
Buriyani Dinner. Catering by Mazhar & Melanie Rauff
Tickets \$25 per head. B.Y.O.
Please book your tickets from any Fund Raising Committee Member.

Subscription Status as at 30 September 2003

Your subscription status is **shown on your address label**. Please check it now. Your \$2.50 a month feeds a hungry family. Don't fail them. Renewal for a full year is \$30, half a year \$15, quarterly \$7.50. Please address all correspondence and cheques made payable to "**80 Club Melbourne Inc**" to

The Secretary
P.O. Box 2645
Rowville Vic. 3178

Please do not draw cheques in names of individuals.

**Donations etc. received up to
30 September, 2003**

**Donations in memory of Elaine Hepponstall
with fond memories of a really lovely lady**

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| 17.7.03 | Derrick & Bernice Mack | 20.00 | 7.8.03 | Yvonne Chamings | 20.00 |
| | Laurian & Pam Metzeling | 20.00 | | Arlene Nicholas | 25.00 |
| | Ishbelle Ohlmus (<i>in memory of Neville (Bubbles) Ohlmus</i>) | 100.00 | | Althea Ondarchie | 50.00 |
| | Bill Ondaatje | 20.00 | | Doreen Kothlow | 25.00 |
| | Peter & Helen Pulbrook | 20.00 | | Eustace & Simone | |
| | Ivor & Eileen Schumacher | 50.00 | | Willenberg | 30.00 |
| | Glenroy & Romaine | | | L & W Anderson | 20.00 |
| | Stewart (<i>in memory of Cyril & George Brown</i>) | 50.00 | | The Mack Family | 20.00 |
| | | | | Michael & Sonia | |
| | | | | Aldons | 30.00 |
| | | | | Ione Aldons | 25.00 |
| 21.7.03 | Anonymous | 100.00 | | A & M | 20.00 |
| | Yvette Beling | 25.00 | | B & L | 20.00 |
| | Conraad & Rita Hatch | 20.00 | | Derek Hepponstall | 20.00 |
| | Ivor Holsinger (<i>in memory of Eugenie Holsinger</i>) | 100.00 | | Grant Rathjens | 20.00 |
| | Mirabelle Labrooy | 20.00 | | Buddy & Clarine Hesse | 25.00 |
| | | | | Anonymous | 57.50 |
| 23.7.03 | Rae & Melrene Cramer (<i>in memory of Timothy Deckker</i>) | 25.00 | 25.8.03 | Francis & Cheryl Miller | 50.00 |
| | Trevor & Sheila Ebert | 20.00 | | Vilma & Trevor Labrooy | |
| | Anonymous | 50.00 | | Grandchildren & great grandchildren | 200.00 |
| | Brian & Christine | | 22.9.03 | Blair & Sheila LaBrooy | 20.00 |
| | Frugtniet (<i>in memory of Alex Kelaart</i>) | 30.00 | | | |
| | Maurice & Joyce Matthysz | 70.00 | | Total | 677.50 |
| | Anton Schumacher | 50.00 | | | |
| | | | | Coin Collection | |
| 29.7.03 | Everard & Marcella Andrado | 20.00 | 7.8.03 | Pat & Cordelia Bastiaensz | 22.00 |
| | Anonymous | 20.00 | | Maureen Alles | 18.20 |
| | Patricia Colpo | 20.00 | | Karl & Penny Baptist | 21.00 |
| | Graeme & Jean McIntyre | 50.00 | | Nihal & Jennifer de Silva | 35.50 |
| | Keith & Carol Ondarchie (<i>in memory of Ralph Ondarchie</i>) | 100.00 | 25.8.03 | Clair & Jean de la Zilwa | 28.00 |
| | Cor & Tina Teeuwen | 20.00 | | Vivian Mack | 19.60 |
| | | | 2.9.03 | Dunstan & Barbara Caspersz | 50.00 |
| 5.8.03 | Anonymous | 50.00 | | Sherille Harding | 31.60 |
| | Ray & Janet Kelaart | 30.00 | | Richard Young | 10.65 |
| | Tony & Elaine Phoebus (<i>in memory of Alex Kelaart</i>) | 50.00 | 29.9.03 | Marie Schoorman | 14.00 |
| | John & Lorraine Weinman (<i>in memory of 'Dan'</i>) | 200.00 | | Errol & Violet Jacotine | 13.40 |
| | | | | Douglas & Peggy Mack | 24.90 |
| | | | | June Mack | 30.00 |
| 14.8.03 | Neville & Myrtle Jansz | 30.00 | | John & Margaret Murdoch | 57.50 |
| | Ann Keegel | 70.00 | | | |
| | | | | Total | 376.35 |

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| | Frederick & Sherine Prins | 20.00 | | | |
| 25.8.03 | Anonymous | 70.00 | | | |
| | Anonymous (<i>in memory of Cecil Fernando</i>) | 100.00 | | DBU Computer Fund | |
| | Dunstan & Barbara | | | Ivor & Pat de Kretser | 20.00 |
| | Caspersz (<i>in memory of Timothy Deckker</i>) | 20.00 | | Vivian & Hyacinth de Kretser | 25.00 |
| | Dermot & Brit-Marie | | | Muriel Gauder | 25.00 |
| | Claasz | 20.00 | | Nihal & Jennifer de Silva | 100.00 |
| 2.9.03 | Bryan & Electra Drieberg | | | Braebourne Edema | 100.00 |
| | (<i>in memory of our Loved ones</i>) | 50.00 | | Vernon & Yvonne | |
| | Garrick & Annette D'Silva | | | Vandersmaght | 10.00 |
| | (<i>in memory of Jerome Gray</i>) | 10.00 | | Robin Reimers | 100.00 |
| | Marcus & Kamini | | | Shirley & Joan Bartholomeusz | 20.00 |
| | Gunaratnum | 150.00 | | Maurice & Pam Forster | 25.00 |
| | Esme Metzeling (<i>for Arthur & Lorraine Anderson's 50th anniversaey</i>) | 50.00 | | | |
| | Gregory St. John | 35.00 | | | |
| 22.9.03 | Anonymous | 50.00 | | | |
| | Faye Gray | 20.00 | | | |
| | Heather Holsinger (<i>in memory of Eugenie Holsinger</i>) | 100.00 | | | |
| | Peter & Lorna Millsum | 55.00 | | | |
| | Anonymous (<i>in memory of Dennis & Naomi Milhuisen</i>) | 20.00 | | | |
| 29.9.03 | Moira Bartholomeusz | 50.00 | | | |
| | George & Grace Drieberg | 100.00 | | | |
| | Muriel Gauder (<i>Sale of Lime Pickle</i>) | 7.00 | | | |
| | Merrie Morrison | 50.00 | | | |
| | Laraine Muller (<i>Sale of Tea</i>) | 20.00 | | | |
| | Brian & Kathleen Siebel | 70.00 | | | |
| | Total | 2517.00 | | | |

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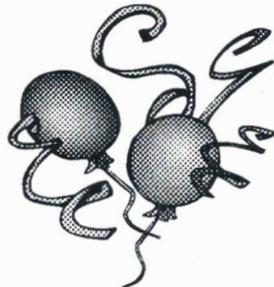
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