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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14 th May	:	"Have a Chat" Party
11 th June	:	Anniversary Celebration
16 th July	:	"Have a Chat" Party
6 th August	:	Stringhopper Night
17 th September	:	To be advised
5 th November	:	To be advised
3 rd December	:	Golden Years Christmas Party
17 th December	:	Christmas Carols
31 st December	:	New Year's Eve Dance

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Membership fees expired on 31st January 2011. Please send your renewals for 2011/2012 to ensure you receive the next Newsletter. A Membership Subscription form is available on page 11. Thank you to those who have already sent in their renewals.

Message from the President

Dear Members

I am deeply honoured to be the President of the Silver Fawn Club and look forward to serving the Club to the best of my ability. I have no doubt about the team that has come forward to help me and provide the Club with the service and dedication you have come to expect.

I must admit I was a bit worried and even petrified about the notion that we might not even have a team, let alone the crucial position of Secretary and Treasurer. I wish to thank Leslie Ephraims and Davenal Flanderka for joining the team. Leslie, is a Founder Member and Davenal, a Life Member and they have both held a number of positions on the Management Committee over the years. It is also nice to see Norman de la Harpe back in the "Captain's" seat and 2 former Committee members, Anoma Obeysekera and Roshan Gunarawardena join our team.

I also wish to thank the four newest members of the Committee, Toni Laboroy, Andrea de Fransz, Warren Loos and Michael Metzeling for being part of this progressive team. Susan Fahir and Romaine Jaykody the most consistently reliable and experienced duo has once again raised their pretty hands to help and serve the club. Yes, again! Thank you Susan and Romaine. The position of Secretary, the most vital cog in the management wheel was discovered accidentally. Andrea, the youngest member of the team took the challenging position of being the Secretary even though she didn't have a clue of what to expect. She is my youngest daughter and I'm proud of her for accepting such a challenging position. I urge you parents with sons and daughters to do the same. After all, it's the younger generation who will inherit and keep this Club going for another 40 years. I thank all the office bearers who, so generously have come forward and now devote their time and energy into running the club.

I'm already beginning to appreciate people who are not in the Committee yet willing to help in every possible way. It's a big thank you to Andy and Preethi Weerasinghe for sparing their precious time in helping with the smooth transition. Above all, their generosity to be available at short notice should we need their help is greatly appreciated. Thanks Andy and Preethi and all the members of the previous Committee for doing such a marvellous job.

I cannot ignore the generous support that Gerrard Fernando and Andy Weerasinghe has, and are providing; representative support to myself and Davenal Flanderka in attending numerous meetings with the Ithaca Bowls Club changeover programme. Also a big thank you to Deanna Misso for her suggestion to help and organise activities for the older members of the Club.

Please remember this, I know it has been repeated over and over again, the very survival of the Club is in your hands so your support is vital.

Egerton de Fransz, President

ADIOS AMIGO

Dear Friends

This will be my last newsletter to you for now. It has given me immense pleasure to be the editor of your Newsletter. Thank you so much for the kind comments and phone calls received over the months. It has been my joy and privilege to serve you and to get to know so many of you.

So until we meet again

Preethi

CLUB NOTICES

ADVERTISING RATES

Effective 1 July 2009

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NEW MEMBERS

The Management Committee would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members. We look forward to your support and patronage at our functions and hope you will have a long association with the Club and that you receive the same enjoyment and pleasure it has been able to provide to many of our members these past 40 years.

Kanthi Rutherford
Andrea de Fransz
Jennifer Senior



The President and Committee of the Silver Fawn Club would like to wish you and your families a belated happy and blessed Easter.

Easter is a time of rebirth, when hope can be seen in the wings of a butterfly — renewal, when the grey of winter comes alive with the newness of spring — and rejoicing when all of nature seems to celebrate the wonder of life itself.

CLUB CHATTER

A very big thank you to so many folk who helped to make this the success it was.

Firstly to my son Ty who travelled many times from Buderim to help with the planning and installation of the decor, sending out emails to various people involved with this production, arranging and rearranging the table list of names, transporting all the necessary gear to and from Ithaca.

To my two daughters, Gillian, Trudy and also to Dawn Collinson for all their help on the night before till 9.00 pm with the installation of the decorations.

To Dawn Collinson and Deanna Misso who helped with the sewing and the installation of the "sari" swags on the windows.

To my pretty daughter in law, Pam Wardner who helped with the painting of the posters – great job!

To Niranjali Silva, who helped with the creative invitations and the décor.

To my sister, Dawn de Saram who travelled up from Melbourne and was a great help in every way and also helped with the installation of the "sari" swags on the windows

To Neela Matthews, who helped with the names for the tables.

To Andy Weerasinghe, who inflated all the balloons and was around to lend a helping hand

To Ruvan Dharmaratne, whose selection and organisation of the music on the night was appreciated by everyone – such a professional and great job

To Gerard for coming in on evening before – letting us in and helping with the installation of the décor

To Jeremy and Rena Henderling, who as usual did a great job with dinner and the dessert – thank you also Jeremy for your food tables' decorations by keeping them with the theme on the evening Thank you also Jeremy for the generous gift of the Birthday cake

To my dear friends, Niranjali, Francois, Neela, Sarath, Shiranganie and Wilmot who very much to my surprise organised the Rio dancing duo spectacular which was genuinely enjoyed by everyone

To the MC, Trevor Ebert, who did a splendid, articulate and entertaining job.

To Romaine and Bryce, who helped at every turn, who were constantly concerned and calling me to inquire if everything was OK or if I needed help, whose advise was very much appreciated, who also helped with the shop-

ping for various items in spite of having to work and a special to Bryce for packing up all of the electrical paraphernalia at the end of the evening

To Rod and Sonia de Saram for travelling to and from Bokarina in the inclement weather and who also came in costume.

To Christine and Eustace who surprised me with their costumes – great!

To Allan Western, who videoed the occasion and to the many photographers who seemed to love clicking their cameras – hope you all got some great pictures.

To Col, who is such a darling, as I kept changing the date for the occasion – 16th April, 9th April, 2nd April and finally 19th March was available and who let us in and out of the venue – and of course Beth who assisted on the evening.

To anyone that I have forgotten please remind me when we next meet as your interest and effort while my memory may fail me has not gone unrecognised

To all who came in costume and added to the colour, excitement and festivities of the night – thank you whole heartedly.

Sent by Barbara Wardner who celebrated her 80th B'day recently.

2011 CAMP

Please note the Camp was cancelled due to lack of interest by members this year.

Congratulations to Travin de Fransz and Mandela Thambidurai on their wedding celebrations on 26 March 20011 at the Church of our Lady and St.Dympna, Aspley.

Travin is the son of Ovil and Vigitha de Fransz and Mandela is the daughter of Chitra Thambidurai.

A reception followed at the grand ballroom at Victoria Park Golf Club, Herston.

The young couple are overseas on their honey moon at the moment. The Club would like to wish them all the very best for the future.



"Have-A-Chat" Party

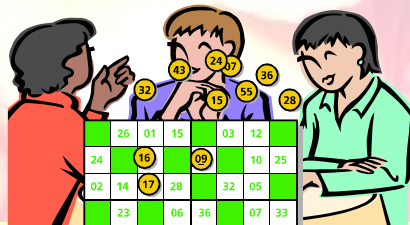
**Saturday 14 May 2011
10.00 am – 2.00 pm**

Ithaca Bowls Club 22, Fulcher Road, Red Hill

**Catch up with old friends and meet new ones
Enjoy a buffet lunch
Bingo, Sing-along & Raffle**

**Members: \$8.00 Guests: \$10.00
Morning Tea & Lunch Provided**

**For bookings please contact:
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(no later than Tuesday 10 May)**



ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS

This is an invitation for senior members, especially those unable to attend functions at night. If you would like to participate in alternate daytime activities and also share fun and fellowship with like-minded members, then this is for you.

Some suggested activities would be - ***a bus trip to a specific destination; morning or afternoon tea and movie at a local cinema; lunch at an RSL Club; ride in the City Cat on the river; picnic in a park etc;*** - other ideas/ suggestions are welcome. Participants would be expected to pay their way.

I will organize and co-ordinate the groups to ensure that the chosen activity would be within an area accessible to that particular group.

You can phone me – **Deanna Misso on 32162980 ; or Row Western on 32670099.**





Silver Fawn Club Inc

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 11 June 2011
7.30 pm - 11.30 pm

Ithaca Bowls Club
22 Fulcher Road, Redhill

Fabulous Smorgasbord Dinner
by Jeremy Henderling
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Guests \$40.00

For tickets please contact:

Egerton de Fransz	3889 6661
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Romaine Jayakody	3397 1641 (a/h)
Susan Fahir	3878 4782 (a/h)

Limited number of tickets.

Bookings close Monday 6 June 2011
unless sold out earlier



A thought to ponder

Question to the Dalai Lama

“What thing about humanity surprises you the most?”

His answer was: “MAN”

Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money,
Then he sacrifices his money to recuperate his health.
And then he is so anxious about the future that he doesn't enjoy the present,
And as a result he doesn't live in the present or the future.
And he lives as if he's never going to die, and then he dies having never really lived.”

The beautiful and touching story behind the picture “Praying Hands”



Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. Eighteen! In order merely to keep food

on the table for this mob, the father and head of the household, a goldsmith by profession, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade and any other paying chore he could find in the neighbourhood.

Despite their seemingly hopeless condition, two of the elder children, Albrecht and Albert, had a dream. They both wanted to pursue their talent for art, but they knew full well that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy.

After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and, with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies, in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by labouring in the mines.

They tossed a coin on a Sunday morning after church. Albrecht Durer won the toss and went off to Nuremberg.

Albert went down into the dangerous mines and, for the next four years, financed his brother, whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors, and by the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his commissioned works.

When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner on their lawn to celebrate Albrecht's triumphant homecoming. After a long and memorable meal, punctuated with music and laughter, Albrecht rose from his honoured position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his beloved brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfill his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, blessed brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream, and I will take care of you."

All heads turned in eager expectation to the far end of the table where Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, shaking his lowered head from side to side while he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No ..no ...no ..no."

Finally, Albert rose and wiped the tears from his cheeks. He glanced down the long table at the faces he loved, and then, holding his hands close to his right cheek, he said softly, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg.

It is too late for me. Look ... look what

four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother ...for me it is too late."

More than 450 years have passed. By now, Albrecht Durer's hundreds of masterful portraits, pen and silver-point sketches, watercolors, charcoals, woodcuts, and copper engravings hang in every great museum in the world, but the odds are great that you, like most people, are familiar with only one of Albrecht Durer's works. More than merely being familiar with it, you very well may have a reproduction hanging in your home or office.

One day, to pay homage to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "**Hands**," but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "**The Praying Hands**."

The next time you see a copy of that touching creation, take a second look. Let it be your reminder, if you still need one, that no one - no one - ever makes it alone!

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Don't Quit

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When funds are low and the debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit,
Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow —
You may succeed with another blow.
Success is failure turned inside out —
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit —
It's when things seem worst that you must not QUIT.

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PROPOSED BY (Name) Signature.....
(Financial Member)

SECONDED BY (Name) Signature
(Financial Member)

- **Cheques should be made payable to "Silver Fawn Club Inc."**
- **Membership fees are from 1 February 2011 to 31 January 2012, not for 12 months from date of payment.**
- **Membership commences from the date of the meeting at which application is approved.**
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