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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st March : Have-a-Chat Party (Please note change of date from 24th owing to election)

14th April : Dinner Dance with "Mirage"

26th May : Mad Ha Costun

: Mad Hatters & Weird Costumes Club Night

June (Date TBA): Mid Year Dinner Dance

July (Date TBA) : Have-a-Chat Christmas in July

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The President & Committee of the Silver Fawn Club would like to wish you and your families a Happy, Blessed and Safe Easter



Easter is a time of rebirth, when hope can be seen in the wings of a butterfly.

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### **Message from the President**

"The future depends on what we do in the present." - Mahatma Gandhi

#### Dear Members

Another year has gone by! We have a new committee to steer the club through 2012 and, we believe, if **ALL** members are prepared to support us during the year, we can steer the club to great heights.

Firstly, a big thank you to the previous committee for all their efforts during 2011 and my most sincere appreciation to those who agreed to join the committee this year. To all those who begged, pleaded, cajoled and even threatened me (the latter, good naturedly of course), to take up the post of President, I thank you for your confidence in me. As I mentioned at the AGM, the club is as dear to me as it is to most of you and in spite of warning bells clanging in my head about the difficult job ahead, I agreed, a few hours before the AGM, to take up the challenge. This could only be done with the faithful and hardworking members who agreed to join the committee and assist me. Those of you who were at the AGM will know that I was only prepared to accept the nomination if these members were also able to join the committee. My reason for this important condition is the fact that without the assistance of a willing and capable committee it would not be possible to accomplish the task at hand. Certain members voiced their disapproval of the condition that I placed. However, none of these members who voiced their disapproval were prepared to submit their names for the position of President or even for any other position on the committee in order to ensure the survival of the Club. Further, not a single member even put his or her name forward for the position of President. If any member had done so, I would have gladly stepped aside and if any member still wishes to do so, I will again gladly step aside.

Allow me to share my thoughts with you. We have a club that has been set up with the fantastic idea of promoting social activities amongst it's members. During the 40+ years that the club has been operating, times have changed enormously but, to a large extent the club has not kept up with the times. So whilst we keep some of our great original traditions alive, the only way to breathe more life into the club is to introduce some new concepts with the hope of keeping up with the ever changing times. Let us keep some of the old favourites going but let us also cater to members whose interests and social lives have evolved with time. I know this was foremost on the minds of a couple of past Presidents too. As I was on the committee during those times, I also know the obstacles they had to face when attempting to see their plans through to fruition. There is no doubt that unless we make some constructive changes, the club's days are numbered.

So **please** let us **work together** towards strengthening the Club. All too often some members forget that the committee and other members who assist in organising events, do so entirely on a voluntary basis. They often use their own finances for club purposes and sacrifice a good part of their personal lives in order to make the club as enjoyable as possible for all. In recent times we have barely got a committee together to keep the club functioning, so please, if you care about the future of the club, support the committee in their genuine efforts to make the club the fantastic organisation that it should and could be. It would be appreciated if members try not to make it more difficult for the committee than it already is. The committee may not always get it right but, hey, none of the committee members are professionals in the tasks that they are expected to accomplish!

Turning to more exciting things, we plan to introduce some new and exciting functions to grab the interest of the young and not -so-young. This includes plans for a bus trip, some fun events with imaginative games and "weird" costumes, horse races with a difference and the ever popular Old Schools Nite. Needless to say, all this will be accompanied by as much gastronomic delights as we are able to provide! Sadly, one of our most popular events, the Camp, is once again not on the agenda. Due to the increased charges and the new rules relating to catering that came into effect in 2010/11, the bookings for the Camp had been cancelled last year. Hopefully some of these new events will help fill that void. There will, of course, be the age old favourites such as the Have-a-Chat, Golden Years, Christmas Carols and New Year's Eve functions.

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I am sure most of you would be aware that the Ithaca Bowls Club, which had been the home of the Silver Fawn Club for quite some time, is now under new management. We are no longer able to pay a flat annual fee to hire the hall as many times as we need. A fee has to be paid for each and every event that we hold at that venue. This includes day time events and even committee meetings. As much as we would like to keep prices down, we will now have to reconsider the prices that we charge for events in order to ensure that we cover the cost of the hall hire and also ensure that the Club does not suffer any losses. The committee will investigate other options that may be available with regard to venues. Look on the bright side! This might mean we can hold some of our functions at bigger and better venues with a view to encouraging greater participation by members.

Hopefully, with the support of all our members, we can achieve our goals. Let us keep an open mind.

"Never be afraid to do something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark; professionals built the titanic." Author unknown



*Niranjalie Silva* President

# Silver Fawn Club & Sri Lanka Society present Dinner Dance with MIRAGE Sri Lanka's leading band

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Croatian Community hall, 154 Dunn Road, Rocklea 7pm to 1am

This will be preceded by

Sinhala & Tamil New Year Celebrations 2012 Cultural Concert Proudly presented By Sri Lanka Society of Queensland 5pm to 7pm



Smorgasboard dinner Bar Facilities available. No BYO.

**Dress: Formal/Smart Casual** 

#### Tickets:

Members \$60 Non-members \$65 Pensioners/Students \$50 Children 6-12 years \$20

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## Mirage Dinner Dance

#### Note from the Management Committee:

We are pleased to present the Mirage dinner dance, to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2012, at the very spacious Croatian Community Hall in Rocklea. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a fabulous night of music, food and dance. Our President, Niranjalie, has had such an enjoyable time dancing to Mirage's music whilst in Sri Lanka that she had been a regular patron (!) at the Galadari Hotel in Colombo where Mirage is the resident band. Read all about them below and check them out for yourself on You Tube.

You can also enjoy the cultural show and the traditional Sri Lankan sweetmeats that will be served as part of the New Year celebrations being conducted prior to the dance.

"Mirage" is one of Sri Lanka's most sought after bands with a style of its own

since 1988. The band has been entertaining all types of audiences in commercial pop music, **dance music**, **disco**, **blues**, **jazz**, **Acapella**, **R&B** and the local favorites as well. The band has performed at weddings, dances, indoor and outdoor pop concerts, corporate functions, and most famous night clubs in Sri Lanka. For the past two years Mirage has been performing as the resident band at the Galadari Hotel's Margarita Blue night club. The band has also been involved in various musical programs with leading private television channels in Sri Lanka.

Mirage has performed in Germany, Switzerland, & Austria for 3 years and in Dubai for 10 years, as the resident band at Novotel Hotel, UK, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain, and in Australia for major promotional activities and at Sri Lankan expatriate association dances in some of the countries mentioned.

# **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 41 years.

- Brian & Jenny Johnson
- Heather Freeborn
- John & Rita Bannon



## **Report on Valentine's Dinner Dance**

# Valentine's Dinner Dance



Despite the reduced numbers attending the function we made up for it with the –

# "Sound" - Music by the Band "Heart & Soul"

Throughout the night members and guests danced to the music provided by the Band who kept the party swinging, playing some great favourites.

## and the delicious "Food" - Buffet meal catered by Jeremy Henderling.

The array of dishes were plentiful and a pleasure on the palate. The assortment of desserts, sweets and iced coffee was enough to tempt the most fastidious dieter.

The tables were decorated with Red & Pink Hearts & Flowers in keeping with the "Romantic" theme for the Night.

Members & Guests were served with Chocolates, Pink marshmallow hearts and beautifully decorated Pink cup cakes made by Rena and delectable chocolate fudge made by Margot.

I would like to say Thank You on behalf of the Committee to all the "Romantics" who attended the function and dined & danced the Night away. Many thanks to all those who helped on the night, much appreciated.

Hope to see you all at the forthcoming functions organized by the new Committee.

It will be a great opportunity to meet the new Team.

Romaine



### **VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE**



## VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE



# AVE-A-CHAT PART

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## On Saturday 31st March 2012

at Red Hill Community Sports Club 22 Fulcher Road Red Hill

from 10am to 2pm

Including Morning Tea Buffet Lunch Bingo Raffles & much Laughter and Chatter

> Members \$12 Guests \$15

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### **CLUB CHATTER**

- Best wishes for a speedy recovery is sent to Carylle de Rozairo after her operation on a broken arm and also to Andrea de Fransz who is now out of hospital and resting at home under her mother's watchful care.
- Very soon Andrea will be setting off to the UK to start a new chapter in her life and link up with her sister. We wish you a wonderful future Andrea, and hope to see you at a Silver Fawn function when you visit Oz. We shall miss your bubbly personality and can only hope that the Poms are prepared for you.
- The elections at the AGM saw seven new faces on the Committee of twelve. Joining Susan, Romaine, Therese, Toni and Norman, were Niranjalie Silva (President), Isidore Storey (Vice Pres.), Yvonne Omar (Sec.), Rena Henderling (Asst. Treasurer), Dennis Arnolda, Neela Matthews and Ruth Storey (Gen. Comm.) Most have served on the Committee before and will bring to bear, their past experience, as well as a fresh approach, on the Club's governance. Due to changed work commitments, Yvonne Omar has since resigned from the Committee and been replaced as Secretary by Heather Freeborn, a new member, who has had extensive secretarial experience at the University of Queensland. Welcome Heather!
- Thanks to the outgoing members of 2011's Committee for their efforts. Special mention to
  the top three office bearers, Egerton (Pres) and Davenal & Leslie (V-P's), who steered the
  Club through a difficult period of change brought about by the demise of the Ithaca Bowls
  Club and the arrival of the Red Hill Community Sports Club. I am sure our Club Members
  appreciate the time and effort put in by these Club stalwarts to ensure the smooth transition
  and the successful year.

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The children were lined up in a cafeteria of a Catholic Primary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of

apples. The nun made a note and posted it on the tray: "Take only ONE, God is watching". Moving further

along the line was a large plate of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note: "Take all you want, God is watching the apples".



### THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MADHU CELEBRATIONS

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PROCESSION 12.10PM

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#### **OBITUARY**

#### HAROLD HUGHES CAPEWELL

Passed away peacefully, aged 84, on 10th March 2012 Funeral held at Redcliffe on 15th March 2012 Silver Fawn Member since the 1970's Husband of Norma Merle, Father of Neville & Sandra, Grand-Father of Ross & Melissa and Brother-in-Law of founder member Eric Ferdinands. *Rest in Peace* 

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Signature: D	ate:		
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