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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**25th February : Annual General Meeting**

**24th March : Have-a-Chat Party**

**14th April : Dinner Dance with "Mirage"**

**\*\*\*Rest of year functions to be advised\*\*\*  
in April/May Newsletter**

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## Message from the President

It is with much sadness that I start this message with news not so good. One of our founder members and past president, Mr EUSTACE FERNANDO passed away peacefully on Tuesday the 10th of January 2012. His invaluable contribution from the inception of this club is without doubt enormous to say the least. I am sure his close friends and colleagues will echo these sentiments in various other ways.

The year 2011 has not been kind to us either. Globally speaking it was more down than up. Floods in Qld, Fires in WA and SA, Earthquakes in NZ, Tsunami/floods in Japan, to name a few. Fortunately there was an upside to this mayhem.

I am happy to report, last year our members and their guests enjoyed some of our best functions dished out by our dedicated committee. I am not saying this off the cuff but reflecting upon the comments you sent us verbally and in writing. An event's success is not simply measured by the number of people who attend a function but by the enthusiasm and enjoyment had by all.

And not to be outdone, we kept the best for the last. The New Year's Eve Dance took the honours hands down. The night was a tremendous success shared by almost 250 members and their guests. It was more a family get together than a dance. It was nice to see the kids enjoying themselves too.

Got to admit the venue created an ambiance fit for the occasion. With everybody in their best attire it added to the flair and beauty of the night. Of course the Band and our resident DJ, Ruvan brought out the best in all of us on the dance floor. Add to this, Heino the caterer, dished out a scrumptious feast that was absolutely satisfying both to our eyes and mouth. After mid night KIRI BATH was served to keep with our traditional Sri Lankan flavour.

Well folks, if you missed out there is always next year.

EGERTON DE FRANZ

PRESIDENT.

## Obituaries

\*We remember those who have left us but will always be in our hearts\*

### **FERNANDO, EUSTACE BRYANT**

Passed away peacefully into God's care on 10 January 2012, aged 87 years. Greatly loved Husband of Christine, adored Father and Father-in-law of Vilette and Ralph, Keith and Linda, Steven and Fiona, cherished Grandfather of Tammy, Timothy, Rebecca, Nicole and Matthew, much loved Brother of Peter (dec'd), Audley, Pam and Marie.

Eustace was the Founder President and a Life Member and served the Club as President for 8 years and Vice-President for 8 years and devoted many, many hours of his life in promoting all Social and Sporting activities of the Club enabling the members to have countless hours of Fellowship and Comradeship which led to many lasting friendships.

Eustace and his wife Christine spent 62 years of happy and fulfilling married life. He was well known as a family man. His family was everything to him. He doted on his children and grandchildren who in turn adored him and held him in very high esteem.

Eustace was a very sincere, honest, loving and caring person, a true friend who was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. He was very popular and well loved by all who knew him and this was apparent by the vast crowd that turned up to bid him farewell. He will be very sadly missed.

Rest in Peace Eustace  
Till We Meet Again

Leslie

Christine and her family wish to convey their sincere thanks to all members who attended Eustace's funeral, for all the phone calls, cards, floral tributes and expressions of sympathy.

### **STAPLES, LUCY.**

Passed away peacefully on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 in Colombo, Sri Lanka aged 103 years. Mother of Charmaine (dec'd), Leonie, Arthur (dec'd) and Fleur. Lucy was a member of this Club for many years and enjoyed being with her friends, at the Golden Years and Have a Chat Parties, who will have fond memories of Lucy.

Leslie

## **GOLDEN YEARS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Golden Years Christmas Party held on Saturday 3 December was a “night to remember”, in keeping with the high standards of previous years.

The Hall looked resplendent with a central colour theme of Red and Silver and the tables adorned with white birdcage candle stands filled with Christmas baubles, delicate fairy lights, silver pine cones, bonbons and hand made cake boxes. There were sprigs of fresh pine leaves with silver tips that lent a delicate fragrance of Christmas in the air.

We must thank Romaine Jayakody ably assisted by Susan Fahir for their artistic flair and tireless efforts with the décor.

Over 160 members and guests attended the function and they were treated to an evening of excellent food, wonderful music and pleasant company.

An entrée of home made patties and curry rolls was followed by a sumptuous buffet catered by Jeremy and Rena Henderling of traditional Christmas favourites such as ghee rice, curries and usual accompaniments including a number of desserts that tempted all who attended. Each guest also received such perennial favourites of a piece of Dutch Breudher and Traditional Christmas Cake.

We must thank our culinary experts of Cherry Schokman, Daphne Ephraims and Rena Henderling for these delicacies and are very grateful that they continue to provide their assistance each year. Somehow a Golden Years Christmas Party would not be complete without these extras trimmings.

“Cool Daddies” provided a wonderful repertoire of dance music, evidenced by the dance floor always being crowded, as members and guests danced the night away.

This Special evening was tailored especially for our Golden Oldies and the standard of excellence would not have been possible if not for many hours of work by the sub committee and the band of workers who came on the day to make this function the success it was.

### **Sub-Committee**

## CAROLS NIGHT REPORT

The festive season of the year ending 2011 was heralded in as in the past few years, by the indefatigable Laurensz Mandricks and his little band of Carol Singers. The first couple of weeks of practices Laurensz tirelessly set up all his musical equipment with the very disheartening turn out of 5 or 6 singers per night, but come the night of 17/12 we had our numbers swell, singing their magic into the age old Carols in absolute harmony to a resounding applause of appreciation from the guests. The Sri Lankan version of Jingle Bells by the lovely Mel Western brought up a few great laughs as well. Our special thanks to Stella Ephraims who, despite aching and sore legs and hips, provided our musical backing and to Laurensz Mandricks, his young lads and the rest of us, I'd like to say thanks guys, we will sing again for you come Christmas 2012!!

What an absolutely fabulous Christmas banquet provided by Rena Henderling with all her exotic Christmas fare and decor to go with it were a highlight of the night. The variety of food was unbelievable to say the least.

From Davenal, the great supportive committee of 2011 and me, our warm and sincere thanks and good wishes that this year of 2012, may be a safe, happy and healthy one for all of us and our loved ones.

God bless and stay safe always

Toni La Brooy.

### **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.

Sunil & Thushari Perera

Graham & Mary Lee-Lovick





# GOLDEN YEARS CHRISTMAS PARTY



# NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE





# NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE



# CHRISTMAS CAROLS NIGHT



## CLUB CHATTER

\* Congratulations to Ryland Tucker on his academic achievement. Ryland received his Science Degree from Qld. University on 7th December 2011. Ryland is the proud son of Herbie & Lorraine Tucker.

Happy Birthday to Isadore Storey for reaching that milestone 60. It took him a while to get there but boy didn't he brag about on the 3rd February. From all your friends—congratulations. Isadore, Ruth, Gerard & Thomazine are presently in Kiwi land and having a gala time.

Happy Birthday also to Stephanie de Mello. She celebrated her birthday with friends and relo's from Sri Lanka and Melbourne. Stephey is the daughter of Roland & Aloma de Mello and proud grand daughter of Ben Dirckze. (Egerton de Fransz)

\* Any Old Peterites please contact Warren Loos on 0402303541. He is looking to form an Old Peterites Association in Brisbane.

\* There were no nominations for any of the positions on the Committee for 2012-13. Please therefore make every effort to attend the AGM on Saturday 25 February as once again the Club finds itself in the same position as last year. Your support is needed.

\* Apology— I must apologise to Cherry Schokman for forgetfully not highlighting her contribution to the High Tea in the Management Committee Report and also to Deanna Misso for her Seniors' Outing on the Brisbane River & Southbank Parklands. Sorry folks and many thanks. Thanks also to Davenal for bringing it to my attention.

(Michael Metzeling)

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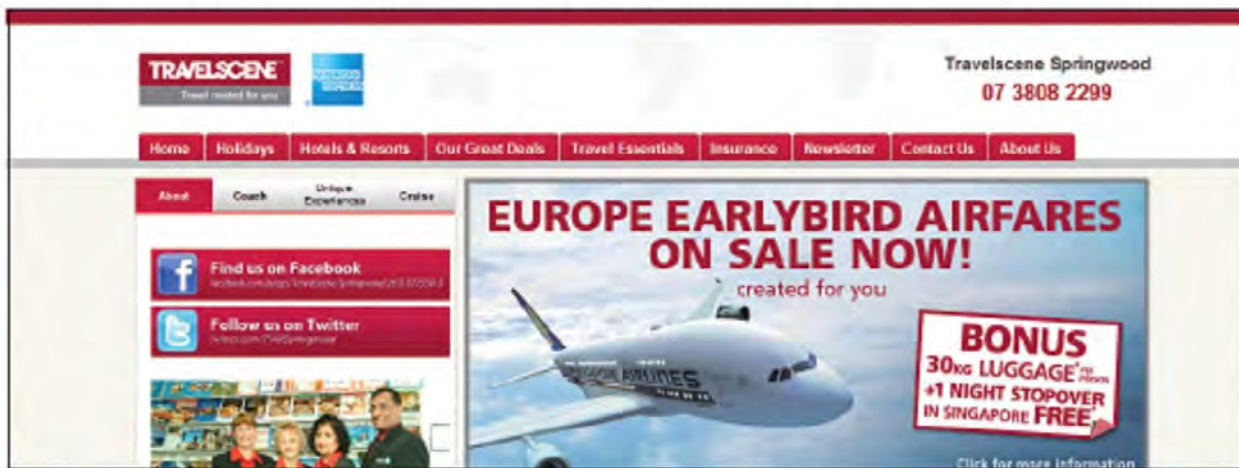


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