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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



26th May: Mad Hatters & Weird Costumes Night Prizes To Be Won (Details Inside)

7th July: Mid Year Dinner Dance Find out all about our "Tropical Fantasy"



28th July: Have-a-Chat "Christmas in July"

Discover the festive delights in our

Winter Wonderland

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### **Message from the President**

Greetings to all our valued members!

There are many developments to report since I last wrote to you. We have had the first two functions for the year and the Management Committee has met 3 times since the AGM in order to discuss many ideas that are being hatched by some of the highly enthusiastic Committee members. There seems to be no shortage of great dreams and ideas but there doesn't seem to be sufficient months in the year to make them all happen. Nevertheless, there are many exciting developments in store.

We started the year with a bang! Judging by the many comments from both members and non-members, the Have-A-Chat was a memorable event — made so by food that had everyone raving, the bingo that was accompanied by much laughter and the hilarious antics of three of our "budding actors" that saw the event end on a high! The "joint venture" entered into by last year's committee to organise a dinner dance in partnership with the Sri Lanka Society was a momentous occasion in the history of the Silver Fawn Club — not only because it was the first such "joint venture" but it was the first time that Mirage, one of Sri Lanka's leading bands, performed in Brisbane.

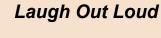
As I have mentioned before, I feel that unless we make some changes to the way we do some things, the Club's future looks bleak. There are probably wildly differing opinions on this but with the future development of the Club foremost in my mind I have brought up for discussion, with the Committee, my thoughts on strengthening the membership base and the funds of our Club. In addition to these issues we have discussed ways to generate more interest in our events. Make sure you read the details regarding the fabulous hamper to be won by one lucky member later in the year. Also, in the hope that members might be more willing to come forward to serve on future Committees, we have discussed ways that we might be able to compensate the burden on Committee members. Since our focus, more often than not, has been on social events, the Committee has also discussed ways to be more involved in charitable causes. The CCC Foundation is dedicated to offering better facilities to cancer patients and their families in Sri Lanka. Our Vice President, Isidore Storey, has come up with the great idea of promoting the CCC Foundation in our newsletter and providing the opportunity for our members to contribute to their fund raising efforts by having a donation box available at all our events.

Since many people had favourable comments on last year's New Year's Eve Dance venue at New Farm, we had planned to hold this year's event at the same venue. However, the cost for the meal at this venue has increased substantially and we have therefore been checking out various other options. Finding a venue which has everything – low price, good food, the right size hall, central location, low bar prices - is proving to be quite a task. We may need to put it to the members to let us know if they would prefer a central location at a higher price or whether they would prefer a lower price at a venue further away. Let us know your thoughts.

<mark>Nir</mark>anjalie Silva

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity.
The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty"
Winston Churchill







One afternoon a Scotsman was riding in his limousine when he saw a man along the roadside eating grass. Disturbed, he ordered his driver to stop and he got out to investigate.

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He asked the man, "Why are you eating grass?"

"I don't have any money for food," the poor man replied. "I have to eat grass."
"Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I'll feed you," the Scotsman said.

"But sir, I have a wife and five children with me. They are over there, under that tree." "Bring them along," the Scotsman replied.

Once under way, the poor man turned to the Scotsman and said, "Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you."

The Scotsman replied, "Glad to do it. You'll really love my place."

"The grass is almost a foot high"



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"Have-A-Chat" Party

Saturday 28 July 2012 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Red Hill Community Sports Club 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill



Morning Tea & Buffet Lunch Bingo, Raffles & Sing-a-long



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### THE MONSTER XMAS HAMPER – THIS IS HOW IT WORKS:

- Entry is open to all financial members of the Silver Fawn Club.
- Guests will have the choice of becoming a member to be entitled to the draw.
- Collect your entry tickets to all Silver Fawn Club Functions.
- Write your full name at the back of the ticket.
- Bring them along with you on the day of the draw and drop it in the barrel.
- The winner has to be present to claim the prize and should be a member at the time of the draw.
- Venue and date of draw will be notified in the newsletter.

Note: Photo of hamper (page 1) is for illustration purposes only.

# DONATIONS TO PROVIDE CARE TO CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR CARERS

The Silver Fawn Club is proud to announce that, with the help of our members, we hope to raise funds to help cancer patients and their carers through the CCC Foundation. The CCC Foundation has built a transit home at the National Cancer Institute in Maharagama, Sri Lanka, which is run by volunteers. This is a home that gives hope and saves lives.

Please make a donation for this worthy cause by cheque or money order drawn in favour of the <u>CCC Foundation</u> and post to: The Treasurer, Silver Fawn Club, P.O. Box 203, Nathan, QLD 4111. We will also be having a collection box at every Silver Fawn Club function. Please give generously.

Donations to date will be published in the forthcoming newsletters. For more details about CCC Foundation go to www.cccfoundation.org.au

### **HAVE-A-CHAT REPORT**

The "Have-A-Chat" Party held on 31 March 2012 was our first event for the year, organized by the new Committee, an opportunity to meet and get to know the new Committee members. The President, Niranjalie Silva, welcomed the gathering and introduced the new Committee.

It was a lovely bright day and a good turnout of 64 members and guests. There was plenty of time for "Chatting" and lots of catching up because of the long break since the last Party.

The day commenced with Morning tea
Ribbon cake, Marshmallows and Cream buns
Patties and Vegetable Sandwiches
Tea, Coffee and Juice.

It would not be complete without a few games of the ever-popular "**Bingo**" and a few winners and grinners

Thank you to Colin Kellar, Rammie Fernando & Becky Misso for organizing the games.

Malli, a newcomer to our catering portfolio provided a tasty buffet lunch of Yellow Rice, Chicken Curry, Beans & Potato Vegetables, fggplant & Sprats, Pickle & Salad funch was followed by mouth-watering dessert of Sticky Date Pudding prepared by Marie Kellar.

As it was the week preceding Easter we could not miss the opportunity of enjoying a brief indulgence in some chocolates, compliments of Niranjalie and myself.

Isidore Storey, Yvonne Omar & Carl Kronemberg presented a very entertaining skit to end the day in good spirits *Market Day – "Upset the Vegetable Cart"* (pictures below)

Those present were invited to partake in the spills of the veggies that fell off the cart compliments of Isidore & Ruth Storey.

The Committee would like to thank everyone who attended as well as all the members for their continuous support and donation of prizes for the Raffle.

Thank you to Stella Ephraims for her contribution of a beautiful glass bowl as a prize.

A special Thank You to all who helped on the day. These events could not be held successfully without your invaluable assistance.

### A good time was had by all who attended!!!

See you all at our next "Have-A-Chat" Party on 28 July 2012 themed "Christmas in July"

#### Romaine







### SRI LANKAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AND MIRAGE DANCE REPORT

This much awaited event, organised jointly by the Silver Fawn Club and the Sri Lanka Society, took place on 14<sup>th</sup> April at the Croatian Community Centre in Rocklea. It was the 2011 Management Committee, spearheaded by Davenal Flanderka, that got the ball rolling on this major event.

The very large hall accommodated over 500 people. The evening commenced with the chief guests (for the Sri Lanka Society's Cultural Show), being led into the hall by a delightful procession of little drummers decked in all the traditional ornamentation. The brass oil lamp was then lit by the chief guests, the Presidents of the two clubs and Honorary Consul, Anton Swan. This was followed by the traditional "milk boiling" ceremony to herald in the New Year. The crowd was entertained with a variety of traditional dances performed by the younger generation. Watching it all was a trip down "Memory Lane". In addition to the traditional sweetmeats and "Kiribath" laid out on the tables, an enjoyable buffet dinner was provided by "La Kandy". The stage was transformed from Cultural Show to Dinner Dance in a matter of minutes and with "Mirage" taking to the stage, the crowd took to the dance floor.

As can be expected at a function of this scale, there were unfortunately some hiccups on the night. Some individuals invariably make or change bookings at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Organising committees do their best to accommodate these requests but last minute juggling of seating plans naturally results in some chaos at the door. Our Vice President, Isidore Storey, was lauded by the Sri Lanka Society Committee members for coming to the rescue. In spite of the problems with the seating and a couple of other issues, people commented on the great meal that they had and judging by the number of people on the dance floor, Mirage did not disappoint either.

This report cannot be concluded without mentioning Davenal's tireless efforts to make it all come together for the benefit of the members of both clubs. Judging by the many e-mails that he had to write, it was obvious that he burnt the midnight oil week after week. So a very big "thank you" to Davenal. All the assistance given by committee members past and present and by other club members is much appreciated.

Niranjalie





### **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 42 years.

- Geraldine & Mary de Silva
- Mario Emmanuel & Stephanie de Mello
- Olga Fitzgibbon
- David & Sandra Garth
- Cherryle Martinez
- Celia Oorloff
- Ganesh Pathmanathan & Beverley Anandappa
- Jerome Thambidorai
- Sarath Weerasinghe



### **CLUB CHATTER**

- Our President is again overseas in Sri Lanka to attend her nephew's wedding. Best wishes to all the Silva family.
- We have recently scheduled an Old Schools Night for a date in November. It is a good incentive to clean out all your old storage areas and find out if your old school uniform needs any alterations before you step out.
- Our fondest wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Daphne and Leslie Ephraims who have had a tough trot healthwise in recent times. It has slowed them down a little but we're sure their indomitable spirit will get them through and we shall see them back at our functions soon.
- Members and guests to the next function will notice the extensive changes being made by the Red Hill Community Sports Club to the clubrooms. A new bar area and viewing room for the revamped bowling green is being set up where the offices used to be, the "ladies room" and storage rooms at the back of the hall have made way to new meeting and storage rooms, and an unisex disability toilet is being installed. The existing toilets will be refurbished and when finances permit, we can look forward to the hall being air-conditioned.

# A Vision of Yesteryear

Recently discovered photos of the Have-a-Chat High Tea from 2011 which had not featured in the newsletter. Hope it will bring back fond memories of one of the best shows in recent times.



# THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MADHU CELEBRATIONS

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PROCESSION 12.10PM

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Signature: Date:	
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