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THE CLUB FOR GOOD TIMES

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th October > Club Night (Rock 'n Roll)

6th December > Golden Years Party

20th December > An Evening of Carols & Social

31st December > New Year's Eve
Gala Dinner Dance.

Welcome to our 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 44 years.

Susan & Simon Ball

Honorary Solicitors

**Paul Pattison
B.Juris, LLB
SOLICITOR**

From the Vice Presidents Desk

Dear Members,

They say time flies when you are having fun. How true. It will be Christmas soon and I must admit we have had a tremendous amount of fun throughout this year bringing fun and enjoyment to all our members and their guests.

Judging by the large turn out for the HAC on 13th September it is a clear indication that you are never too "old" to have fun. We had five members attending who were over 90 years young. How good is that.

I too have had a wonderful year so far. Visiting my two daughters in England and Scotland and a special trip to Dublin to watch my eldest daughter Simonne taking part in a world musical festival. It was one of the biggest moments of my life. My 2 months journey from May to end of July also included a stopover in Sri Lanka.

Guys, if you haven't been to S/L lately you are truly missing out on a wonderful holiday. Two places you must visit - Trincomalee and Jaffna. The Hotels, roads and all other infrastructure are of international standard or better.

If you are a regular visitor or a first timer who needs some help to organise your trip—worry free, then you must talk to Jayantha Pathikirikorale on 38082299 at Helloworld Cruise & Travel Centre, Springwood. Tell him that I sent you.

The year has also had our share of sadness. Albert Schokman (long serving President), Ronald Henderling and Ivan Wijetunge who were also outstanding members of our club passed away this year. Our sincere thoughts and condolences go to their families.

The Family Sports Day / Food Fair and Soft Ball Cricket Match on the 28 September— We had a tremendous program set up for all to enjoy. Food Stalls and various Children's and Adult games were also included.

Well, the good news is that there are a few more Family get togethers and social events to follow.

Another of our popular Club Nights is on the 25th of October. This will be our last "Club Night" for the year. An excellent Sri Lankan buffet will be served and a professional DJ will provide non-stop music throughout the night. Although the theme is "Rock and Roll" dancers of every genre will be catered for.

Further good news with regards to our Annual Camp. Thanks to the consistent efforts by Gerard and Isidore we can now look forward to resurrecting the popular "long weekend" trip to LAKE PERSEVERANCE in June next year. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information in your Newsletter.

Members, if you have any interesting news or gossip that you wish to share with us please don't hesitate to send it to Dennis, our Newsletter Editor. He is always looking for items of interest for you.

Till next time—Cheers

Egerton



Club Night

*Saturday, 25 October
6.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.*



*Enoggera Bowls Club
72 Pickering Street, Enoggera*

*Music to suit every taste by
Professional DJ
Gerry Blangiardo
Demonstration Dance Cabaret*



*Delicious Sri Lankan Buffet by "Spicy Kitchen"
Drinks at Bowls Club Prices - No BYO*

Dress: Smart Casual

For tickets contact:

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- Egerton 3889 6661*
- Davenal 3878 1667*

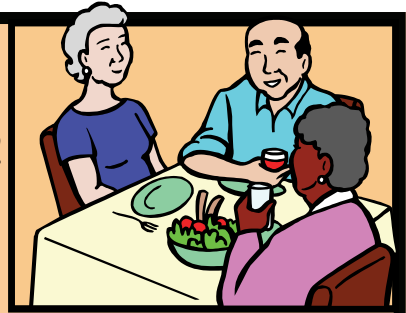


No later than Tuesday 21st October.



HAVE A CHAT – SEPTEMBER 13TH.

It was truly delightful to know that at the Have A Chat, 3 of our members celebrated a cool collective 281 years on this planet !!



Congratulations to Una (only 97!!), Eric (just 93!!) & Ben (a young 91!!). A beautiful celebratory cake made by Aloma's daughter was cut whilst a strong chorus of 87 voices blended with 'Happy Birthday'.

The morning began with the usual market crowd buying the variety of food items being offered by the 6 stalls that took part & it was so good that almost everything was sold even before you knew it!!

Morning tea & lunch catered by Brian & Sri was a wonderful mix of sweet & spice. There were the usual known faces supporting the event & enjoying the morning. A game of bingo & a very joyful band sang for old times sake. We thank Gwen for accompanying our sometimes out of tune & in time chorus!!

The presentation on cruises was taken in by those who were interested to board the next cruise liner & sail the seven seas. Thanks to Escape Travels of Mitchelton for making this possible.

Also many thanks to all our committee members and others who helped in making this an enjoyable morning.

I take this opportunity to welcome singers to form a choir for our Carols nite on 20th Dec. If you can sing or play an instrument we need you.

Please call me or any other committee member.

Claude Gonsalves



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Lois Wijethunge, together with her children, Randy, Romaine and Michael, Debbie and Gary and Grandchildren Sasha and Jayden would like to thank all Silver Fawn members for attending and sending messages of condolences on the day of her late husband's funeral.

Ivan Samuel Wijethunge died peacefully on 4th Sept. 2014.



FAMILY SPORTS & FOOD FAIR—28TH SEPTEMBER

It was a glorious sunny day. The temperature was just right for all sorts of outdoor activity. We couldn't have asked for better. Sunday the 28th of September was blessed with ideal climatic conditions.

Children, Mums, Dads and Grandparents were all there to participate in Sports activities and indulge in the variety of food that was displayed and sold by the Stall Holders. We were spoilt for choice. However, there was one item missing in the Stall Holders table - **CAKES AND SWEETS**. Yes, it didn't go unnoticed but some mothers thought it was a good idea.

While everybody was interested in food, the focus soon turned to the friendly cricket match between the North and South Siders. Although we call it a match between the North and South siders, there were more South Siders playing for the North Side. It was serious enough to make the game challenging and resulted in a good outcome.

There were 8year olds to 70 year olds taking part in the match. It goes to prove that you are never too old to play sport. It's a shame the Ladies were reluctant to take part.

The Game was limited to 15 overs and everybody was given a chance to Bat and Bowl. Thomas Storey topped for the North's by scoring 26 N/O and Spencer Herft top scored for the South's with 29 N/O. The inevitable happened, South's won the coveted trophy.

While the Cricket was going on Deanna's daughter was busy with the face painting and entertaining the Kids. Issy on the other hand was making things ready for the Kids games and Hoola Hoop competition. Boy, didn't the kids enjoy the Hoola and showed off their dancing talents for all the oldies to enjoy. It was so gratifying to see the smiles on their faces when they all received prizes.

But wait, the best was kept till last. The **TUG O WAR** competition. Yes you heard right, the Men versus the Ladies. There were about 12 to a side. The spectators were screaming (mostly backing the Ladies). It was high octane on both sides. They were pulling and tugging with all their might whilst screaming and yelling at the same time. It was never a touch and go affair. The Ladies dragged the men over the line and won the **WAR** hands down.

So look out world, Women Power was displayed all over Kedron Football grounds. We congratulate the Ladies on their mighty win.

It certainly was a fun filled day enjoyed by all. See you all next year.

EGERTON



THE SILVER FAWN CLUB



GOLDEN YEARS CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 6TH December

6.30pm to 11.30 pm

**Enoggera Bowls Club, 72 Pickering Street, Enoggera
Buffet Dinner & Treats**

Music by the "COOL DADDIES" & DJ

Drinks at Club Prices—Strictly no BYO

Members \$30.00 Guests \$40.00

COME ALONG AND ENJOY A FUN EVENING

To Book Tickets contact:-

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THE SILVER FAWN CLUB

CAROLS NIGHT

To Celebrate the Spirit of Christmas come join us for an evening of Christmas Carols followed by a Social with Music & Dancing.

When? Saturday 20th December from 6.30pm



Where? Enoggera Bowls Club, 72 Pickering Street Enoggera.

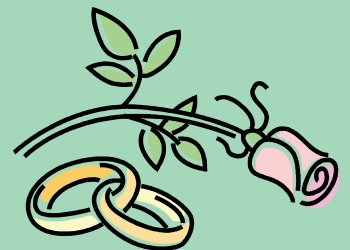
Keep the date Free

More information in the next newsletter



Club News — Golden Milestones

Congratulations to Ed and Linda Conrad who celebrated 50 years of marriage last August with a quiet road trip to Cairns We wish you many more happy years together



THE SILVER FAWN CLUB



**NEW YEARS EVE
GALA DINNER
DANCE**

SAVE THE DATE

- VENUE:** SOUTH'S SPORTS CLUB,
MORTIMER RD, ACACIA RIDGE
- BAND:** COOL CHANGE - 4 PIECE BAND
- TIME:** 7 PM - 1 AM
- DINNER:** WESTERN BUFFET - with a touch of Sri Lankan.
KIRIBATH AT MIDNIGHT
- TICKETS:** \$55 Members - \$65 Guests

MORE INFO NEXT NEWSLETTER

My Sponsor Visit to Sri Lanka by Heather & Alastair Sekarajasingham Sponsored Child — Piriyaatharani Thevaraajah

From a remote village in the ethnic troubled township of Batticaloa in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka, Paddipalai, to busy, buzzy beautiful Brisbane in South East Queensland, Australia, is a long, long way. For the two to meet seemed like an impossible dream at this point in time. But we were visiting Sri Lanka and so I had to try.

We are talking here of a wish I had had for many years to visit a child I was sponsoring through World Vision, this time in Sri Lanka.

I made a tentative call to the Sponsor Visit Consultant in Melbourne asking what were my chances. **It** was a very tricky assignment. For starters, Batticaloa was one of the 'danger zones'. I knew we would never be allowed to travel there ourselves. Also, I had left it too late. We are supposed to give three months' notice for all the necessary security checks and formalities to go through, and we were only a month away from leaving. I mentioned that we would be visiting Kandy sometime. Without raising our hopes, my Sponsor Visit Consultant, Ruki de Silva, promised to look into the feasibility of the visit due to the current situation in the Country as well as the short notice we were giving. But I had not quite counted on her professionalism and dedication to her job to make wishes such as mine come true. Somehow, she had negotiated with the National Office for the child and her family to meet with us in Kandy. I could not believe it.

So July 4th saw us travelling from Colombo to Kandy - a 4 +hour drive away, while our Sponsored child and her family were travelling from Paddipalai, a 6 + hour journey for this family, venturing out of their village for the first time into the 'great, big, wonderful world' of the township of Kandy, to keep this momentous date.

And here I am lost for words. As if orchestrated, both parties arrived within minutes of each other at our appointed meeting place, Satoyada, a social service welfare Organisation founded about 30 years ago by my cousin, Fr. Paul Caspersz sj, (now retired but still advisor and overseer) for the poor and disadvantaged families of neighbouring estates and plantations. They have comfortable accommodation for casual visitors as well as providing simple meals on request which helps support them. This was where I had arranged for our guests to stay. A good choice as nearly all of the staff here spoke Tamil. So here we were, total strangers from opposite sides of the world, neither of us on home ground, hoping to bond.

Now here was this beautiful 7 year old looking at us shyly with her big, black eyes, her mother carrying her baby sister and the Customer Service Coordinator for Padipalai with two assistants standing behind her. Thankfully, two of the WV staff spoke English and this helped smooth the way and the transition was painless.

We had all travelled a long way, we were tired and hungry. At my request, a special lunch had been prepared for our guests. Lunch was ready and on the table. What better way to break the ice than through that universal language-food. Now relaxed and comfortable, we spoke through the interpreters. How I wish we could have spoken even a little Tamil. Never mind.

Time for gifts. Gifts for everyone and before long we were getting shy 'thank you' "thank you's" over and over with each gift, accompanied with smiles given away so freely, an enduring characteristic of us Sri Lankans.

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From **Ric Berenger**

Excellent evening to celebrate the 44th year of the Silver Fawn Club Brisbane



Letter to the Editor

Last Saturday's Have-a-Chat was very enjoyable and well organised primarily by Claude and Meuris Gonsalves with help from their team of willing workers.

The bring and buy stalls were well patronised and Moira's milk toffee was scrumptious.

Lunch provided by the Perera's was of their usual high standard and marking the birthdays of some of our Club's veterans was a nice touch.

Congrats to those who helped in any way with this function and others like it as it brings together those in our community who have many memories and life experiences which can be shared with each other.

Michael Metzeling

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Piriyatharani loved the sleeping doll I had brought her and was fascinated in that it closed its long lashed eyes when laid down and opened them again on being carried upright. She would not let it go and her mother remarked that she would now be carrying the doll and not her baby sister. I asked her what she was going to name her doll. No hesitation here Nithurshanaa. Our only regret, that neither Piriyatharani's father nor brother had been allowed to travel with them due to the ethnic unrest. But we had to accept this.

After all that excitement we were all tired. It had been a long day so while the visitors were shown to their rooms to unwind and rest, we too returned to our hotel.

We had planned on taking them to town the next day for a couple of hours, but that did not happen as they wanted an early start so that they would reach Padippalai before dark. But wait. There was a gift for us. The 'piece-de-resistance' of this visit. Piriyatharani had rehearsed a poem for us in English as well as an action song also in English, and now totally relaxed with us, she delivered this with much gusto and confidence. Well done, Piriyatharani. That must have taken hours of rehearsing. I was so proud of her. I said to her through the interpreter that when she was grown up, she should come visit us in Australia. Didn't that get them all beaming!

It was time to say our Goodbyes. A packed lunch was ready for them for the journey and with nearly the entire Satoyada crowd as well waiting to wish them a safe journey home, it was a happy, though sad, goodbye.

And here I must express my appreciation of the wonderful opportunity World Vision gave us, to meet with our Sponsored child. A memory which will always stay with us And finally but most importantly, I would be failing hopelessly if I did not add our deep and grateful thanks to Ruki for making a dream come true for me.

Thank you, Ruki, You are the best.

3rd July 2008

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Samsung Electronics

Caller: 'Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about'.

Caller: 'On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I think you mean the telephone point on the wall'

Directory Enquiries

Caller: 'I'd like the number of the Argoed Fish Bar in Cardiff please'.

Operator: 'I'm sorry, there's no listing. Is the spelling correct?'

Caller: 'Well, it used to be called the Bargoed Fish Bar but the 'B' fell off'.

Tech Support: In the bottom left hand side of the screen, can you see the 'OK' button displayed?'

Customer: 'Wow. How can you see my screen from there?'

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