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THE CLUB FOR GOOD TIMES

CLUB CALENDAR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th May > Club Night (Stringhopper Night)

23rd May > Have a Chat

5-8th June > Family Camp

1st August > Anniversary Gala Dance

27th September > Sports Day & Food Fair

3rd October > Have a Chat

21st November > Christmas Dance (Golden Years)

19th December > Carols & Kids Christmas Party

31st December > New Years Eve Gala Dance

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Membership Fees expired on 31st January 2015.
Please send your renewals for 2015/16 without delay if you have not done so. A Membership Subscription / Renewal form is on page 11.

From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

Thank you for electing me as your President for the year 2015. I am so glad to see the majority of last years committee are with us this year too. No Club can function without the dedication and sacrifice these committee members contribute. I sincerely hope there are a few amongst you who would like to join us to make this Club achieve it's 50 year milestone.

The Club is now 45 years young and has a lot going for it. We have already set the ball rolling with events that are affordable and entertaining to all our members. Our usual HAVE A CHAT'S and DINNER DANCE'S together with sports and food fair activities are on the agenda. And the biggest event of all is the "THE ANNUAL CAMP" at Lake Perseverance to be held the 5th through to the 8th June, and has already begun to fill up. The enthusiasm shown by our members to this event is overwhelming.

Resurrecting THE CAMP goes to the tireless work done by Gerard Fernando and Isidore Storey. Their work is still not finished. In the mean time we lost a similar hard worker owing to family commitments. She was none other than Deanna Misso. Her dedication and tireless efforts as Secretary will be missed by all of us.

Filling Deanna's boots is no easy task, however we are fortunate enough to find a person of similar calibre to fill the position as ACTING SECRETARY. Her name is Sharyn Paton who has so kindly come to our rescue. As a young school teacher, she too has her work cut out.

Further to our addition come TWO NEW FACES, the talented Ian Seneviratne as ASST. TREASURER closely followed by the effervescent Ramsford (Rammie) Fernando to the GEN. COMMITTEE.

Last year we had a tremendous success rate in all our events except for two which mother nature decided to take part in it. This year too the team has pledged to work harder to give our members the best. This in turn has to come from the members participation too.

Our last year's President, Davenal Flanderka has set me a high bench mark to achieve. I only hope, I come at least close to it. I thank him for the hard work he put in to the Club and also last years fabulous team comprising of:

Deanna Misso, Dennis Arnolda, Gerard Fernando, Isidore Storey, Basheer Omar, Shiran Seneviratne, Gamini Amarasiri, Basil Britto, Claude Gonsalves and Eric Ferdinands

I look forward to seeing you all at the STRING HOPPER NITE on 9th MAY.

Egerton



WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

*Kamil Hassan
Dominique Storey
Bevan Koelmeyer
Romany Wright*

Returning Members

*Tony & Barbara Paiva
Russell & Lorraine Dirckze
Jade & Suzette Randall*



We trust you enjoy the same fellowship all our members have experienced over the last 44 years

YOUR COMMITTEE



L—R: BASHEER, GERARD, RAMMIE, DAVENAL, EGERTON, ISIDORE, IAN, SHARYN, DENNIS

“Photograph” - Remembering Absent Friends - A CONCERT FOR CANCER

Date: Saturday, 30th May 2015, commencing 6pm sharp
Venue: Polding Theatre, Lourdes Hill College, 86 Hawthorn Rd,
Hawthorn, QLD, 4171

*Concert organised by Laurensz Manricks in collaboration
with fellow musicians, friends and family of all ages*

TICKETS:
Adult \$30, Child (6 – 16yrs) \$20

Price includes a snack at Interval and
light Sri Lankan Dinner after the Concert

BYO; Soft Drinks available for purchase

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CALL:

- Maree: 0413 750 347
- Enoka: 0408 196 002
- Riaza: 0438 874 292

Or EMAIL: concertforcancer2015@gmail.com

Proceeds to the Cancer Council Queensland





THE SILVER FAWN CLUB

STRINGHOPPER NIGHT & DANCE

SATURDAY 9th MAY

AT

MICHELTON SENIOR CITIZENS HALL

FULLY AIRCONDITIONED

30 TEL-EL-KABIR STREET

MITCHELTON

7.00PM - 11.30PM

STRINGHOPPER BUFFET BY BRIAN & SRIDEVI PEREIRA

DRINKS - BYO

MUSIC BY "COOL DADDIES" &

DJ "DARK 'N TALL 1" (RUVAN)

MEMBERS - \$25.00 GUESTS - \$35.00

CHILD 6-12 YRS - \$12.00

FOR TICKETS CONTACT:-

Egerton de Fransz 38896661

Gerard Fernando 32852111

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Isidore Storey 38058018

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BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 27TH APRIL. Numbers are limited so book early.

Tickets must be pre-paid and Membership must be current to qualify for Member rate. There will not be the facility to pay at the door. Please settle ticket monies and membership fees (if applicable) with your ticket seller.

"Have - A - Chat"



HAWAIIAN PARTY 2015

AT THE

ENOGGERA BOWLS CLUB

72 PICKERING STREET, ENOGGERA

SATURDAY 23 MAY 2015

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MORNING TEA WITH GOODIES & BUFFET LUNCH

CATERED BY JEREMY HENDERLING

MEMBERS \$15.00

COORDINATOR ISIDORE STOREY

GUESTS \$20.00

BINGO, RAFFLES & SING-A-LONG

PRIZE FOR THE MOST COLOURFUL HAWAIIAN OUTFIT

FOR BOOKINGS PLEASE CONTACT: Basheer Omar: 0409-265-322, Isidore Storey: 3805-8018,

Egerton de Fransz 3889-6661, or any committee member

(No later than Saturday 16th May)

BRING & BUY SALE \$5:00 PER STALL



"HAVE YOUR SAY"

Memo from Deanna

Most of you would be aware that I ceased to be Secretary of our club at the AGM. It is a role I accepted at Davenal's invitation with some hesitation but lots of enthusiasm. Unfortunately, the volume of secretarial work involved in order to give of my best impacted negatively on other aspects of my life. I realised half way through my second year that I had to make a responsible choice regarding my commitment to the club vs. my commitment to family and myself. My decision is history now.

As a committee, we bonded quickly and enjoyed a degree of camaraderie. We respected each other's differences and acknowledged our separate gifts. Discussions although sometimes volatile, were always resolved amicably. Davenal was a 'hands on' President whose amazing emails kept us on our toes. The boundaries of my mediocre IT skills were pushed and I discovered that I was equal to the challenge.

I miss being part of the committee, I miss the laughter and the good meals we shared, but I do not miss the unpleasant task of cajoling members to support functions. To the many who backed and affirmed the committee's efforts to provide satisfying functions and who helped behind the scenes, I say 'thank you'. I made many friends and enjoyed your company. I hope the Silver Fawn Club will continue to provide us Sri Lankans with opportunities for social times that are unique to us, that you the members will see the need to offer yourselves to be part of a committee that truly endeavors to uphold the Club's mandate of providing good times for its members.

Deanna.

From the Editor

Our newsletters are an important means of keeping members up to date with club activities etc: However they should not be kept to yourselves only. Please share it with your friends and relatives. They may be encouraged to join our active club as well.

Members are encouraged to get their newsletter by email as it will be in full colour and also save the club some cost as well as the planet. Owing to the substantial increase in the cost of colour printing, mailed copies will be in B&W mostly. Members who receive their newsletter by email should print and retain the cover page to serve as a reminder of coming events.

I'm always looking for items of interest to include in our publications, so please feel free to send me any tidbits or travel tales, news of births or marriages to share with our members and I will endeavor to publish these—space permitting. Cheers, *Dennis*

For those who are interested:-

As coordinator of the Golden Years Party (GYP) last year I wish to correct the information given at the AGM regarding the profitability of the function. It was reported that there was a substantial loss attributed to this function. This was due to the incorrect allocation of expenses to the GYP financials which were incurred by other items . The P&L submitted by me after the function showed that there was in fact a small profit.

Dennis

OBITUARY

AUDLEY LORENZ FERNANDO—Life Member—Passed away peacefully last month. Husband of Christine (dec'd), father and father-in-law of Adrian (dec'd), Waveny & Paul, Michelle & Paul, grandfather to Bryn, Adam & Rhiannon, brother, uncle & companion.

Our Sincere condolences go to the Audley's Family in their sad loss. May they find comfort and peace in the years to come with happy memories of their loved one.





ANNOUNCING THE SILVER FAWN CLUB ANNUAL CAMP



WHEN ?

Friday 5th June 2015 to Monday 8th June 2015
(Queen's B'Day Weekend)



WHERE ?

Lake Perseverance Recreation Centre
(located 10kms from Crows Nest and 45kms from Toowoomba,
situated on the foreshore of Lake Perseverance)

THE DETAILS ?

Accommodation is in 10 Chalet style cabins complete with en-suites, with each Chalet accommodating 12 people.

Facilities include Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Netball.. There is also a Sports field for the Sports meet and Cricket plus Bushwalking facilities,

THE COST ?

The cost of food and accommodation will be:

<u>Financial Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Adults \$100.00 per person	\$125.00 per person
Children 4 yrs to 12 yrs \$ 50.00 per person	\$ 60.00 per person
Children under 4 yrs* Free	Free
*Must supply own bed & bedding	



Due to the popularity of our Camps, a completed booking form must be returned before Friday 7th May and paid in full by the 15th May 2015.

A completed booking form with payment must be forwarded to the Reservations Officer:-

Isidore Storey, 22 Lyrebird Street, Loganlea, QLD 4134

Payment options are listed on the booking form
No refunds will be granted after 15th May

LAKE PERSEVERANCE CAMP BOOKING & PAYMENT:

This Booking Form must be duly completed and forwarded to the Reservations Officer,
Isidore Storey, 22 Lyrebird Street, Loganlea QLD 4131,
 Along with **Cheque/Money Order** payable to the **Silver Fawn Club Inc.**, or direct deposit to Club
 account—**CBA - BSB 064-131, Acc# 00902934** by **7th May 2015**. **Current financial members**
will be given priority.
(No refund will be made after the 15th May 2015)

FINANCIAL MEMBERS	
ADULTS NAMES	NAMES OF CHILDREN 4 TO 12 YRS

# ADULTS	@ \$100.00	=	\$.00
# CHILDREN 4-12	@ \$50.00	=	\$.00
TOTAL			\$.00

NON MEMBERS	
ADULTS NAMES	NAMES OF CHILDREN 4 TO 12 YRS

# ADULTS	@ \$125.00	=	\$.00
# CHILDREN 4-12	@ \$60.00	=	\$.00
TOTAL			\$.00

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED CHEQUE/MONEY ORDER \$.00
OR BANK TRANSFER REFERENCE.....DATE / / 2015

Member's/Guest's Name

Email Address:@.....

Phone No:.....Mobile.....

Signature:.....Date / /2015

THE “UDARATA MENIKE” - “UPCOUNTRY MAIDEN” THE EXPRESS TRAIN TO UVA SRI LANKA!

The continuation of A Nostalgic Story by Bernard Van Cuylenburg

And then there is the engineering masterpiece of the Demodera loop ! Once the train leaves Demodera station (two halts before Badulla) it goes full circle and at one stage passes right under the station which it has just left, on its way to Badulla ! Imagine leaving a station and then after about five minutes looking out of the window - or rather, looking up - to find the station you just left is right above you !! Talk about the realms of fantasy ! It is a matter of regret that the name of the engineer who devised this masterpiece has not been recorded for posterity.

On the return trip past Nanuoya, one gets a clear view of Adam's Peak in the distance - weather permitting - until one reaches Talawakelle. At Nanuoya - and this is addressed to old Anthonians in particular - there is a little hill near the station, with a neat little bungalow on its summit. This was the home of Freddy, Paddy, Gerry, and Merry Guneratne when their Dad Alec Guneratne - an old Anthonian and legendary soccer star of a bygone era - was stationed in Nanuoya during his service with the Ceylon Government Railways.

I once walked with Royston and Basil Hyde from their home on Scrubbs Estate, Nuwaraeliya to the Guneratne home at Nanuoya - a distance of four miles. We were entertained with cordon bleu home made delicacies by Paddy's Mum - it is still a warm memory that never fades and sparks nostalgia for a happy time and place..... But I digress, so I had better get back on track.....

From Ohiya station upto Haputale the track seems to defy gravity ! It is cut on the side of a mountain and runs at the edge of a precipice with heart stopping views of the little villages far down below. It is a hair raising experience which I term as death defying ! You have to sit on the left of the compartment to get your hair standing on all ends ! If you wish to play it safe, just sit on the right and all you will see is the side of a cliff. But the scenery which greets the traveler will live in memory forever. A panorama of deep valleys, green hills and lush countryside where nature has run riot with her paintbrush painting the land in colours of every hue.....This kaladescope of nature's bounty penetrates your very soul to inspire and nurture the spirit.....It is a photographer's delight and an artists paradise.....and the bracing mountain air gives one a near supernatural sense of well being. The scenery on this entire journey is a nature lover's delight. From the lush hills on the Kadugannawa climb right up to Nawalapitiya, and then the beautiful tea country all the way to Nanuoya.

There were no luxury compartments. There was 1st, 2nd and 3rd class, and an excellent Restaurant Car staffed by uniformed waiters. The catering was done by U.K.Edmund. For Rs.1.50 you could enjoy a delicious rice and curry and the tea was the nectar of the Gods. There was no Observation Car.

I think today the "Menike" is powered by a German Henschel locomotive and has some Rumanian compartments. In my humble opinion the Henschel diesel does not in any way, shape or form look as sleek, majestic and inspiring as her Canadian counterpart.

During my last visit to Sri Lanka in 2000, I was pleased to see some of the Canadian locomotives still riding the rails. On a trip from Haputale to Colombo in the "Udarata Menike" we crossed the "Podi Menike" the younger sister of the "Udarata Menike" which I observed was hauled by a Canadian diesel locomotive, "**Montreal**". With that I shall conclude this email. But the "Menike" - 'The Maid of the Mountains' or, as I prefer to call her 'The Maid of the Mists', will forever travel the corners of our minds in the realms of memory on a journey that has no end...

Bernard Van Cuylenburg.

Bernard turned 70 on the 25th February 2014



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Just For Laughs !!! - Blonde man jokes

A blonde man is in the shower and his wife shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?"
He answers, "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do... it's for dry hair, and I've just wet mine."

A blonde man goes to the vet with his goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy," he tells the vet.
The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me."
The blonde man says, "Wait, I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet."

A blonde man's dog goes missing and he is frantic.
His wife says, "Why don't you put an ad in the paper?"
He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing.
"What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks.
"Here boy!" he replies.

A blonde man is in jail.
The guard looks in his cell and sees him hanging by his feet.
"Just WHAT are you doing?" he asks.
"Hanging myself," the blonde replies.
"The rope should be around your neck" says the guard.
"I tried that," he replies, "but then I couldn't breathe."

A friend told the blonde man:
"Christmas is on a Friday this year."
The blonde man then said, "Let's hope it's not the 13th."





The Silver Fawn Club Inc.

MEMBERSHIP — APPLICATION / RENEWAL
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE

NEW MEMBERS — Please complete entire Form
RENEWALS — Please enter name and any change to personal details **ONLY**

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DEPENDANT CHILDREN (if not receiving income or grant) NAMES & BIRTHDATES

1. 2. 3.
4. 5. 6.

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SIGNATURE: DATE:

PROPOSED BY: SIGNATURE:

(Financial Member)

SECONDED BY: SIGNATURE:

(Financial Member)

- Cheques should be made payable to "The Silver Fawn Club Inc"
- Bank Transfer:- Acc Name: "Silver Fawn Club Inc." BSB: 064-131, AC#: 00902934, Ref: Your initials & Surname
- Membership fees are from 1st February to 31st January and not for 12 months from date of payment
- This form should be completed and sent to:- Silver Fawn Club Inc, P O Box 203, Nathan, QLD, 4111

OFFICIAL RECEIPT OF PAYMENT:- MEMBER #:

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