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The 2019/20 Burgher Association Australia Donations Pledge

The Burgher Association Australia Incorporated (BAA) is passionate about supporting the community and is proud to be helping make a difference in the area of health and wellbeing. It is our goal to empower wellbeing and healthy lifestyles across Australia and Sri Lanka. The BAA is pleased to have considered charitable contributions, donations and sponsorships to children's education in Sri Lanka and other charitable donations/sponsorship based in Australia

The BAA has announced following their November 2019 Committee Meeting that for the forthcoming year donations and sponsorships will be granted to the

- **Sponsorship of education to children via the Dutch Burgher Union of Sri Lanka for up to 21 Children doing year 11 and 12 studies**
- **Donation to Deaf/Blind Australia**
- **Donation to the Fred Hollows Foundation Australian Aboriginal Fund**

The General Committee will continue to assess carefully all incoming requests for assistance from the various Charities during the course of the committee year with a view to target better the resources made available for the purpose.



From the Editor



Dear Members & Friends

A big welcome to the Autumn Edition of our Newsletter. Please note the fabulous events we have planned for you for the rest of 2020. The String Hopper Lunch at our Community Hall on 26 April, a scrumptious Biryani Lunch on 9 August with music by "DJ Damian" at the Good Shepherd Hall and, to top it all off the Christmas Party on 22 November with the Band "Redemption" to provide you with some toe tapping music; also, at the Good Shepherd Hall (see attached posters for further detail).

Please note that these afternoon events are scheduled to enable all you Members & Friends to enjoy an entertaining afternoon of wining, dining & dancing and, to reminisce about the good times, catch up with or meet new friends; but most importantly to get home safely before nightfall.

The 2020 Australia Day celebration at the BA Community Hall was a resounding success this year and, we received some very good feedback regarding the event. Thank you to all who sent emails & verbal feedback. We do appreciate it all. With the upcoming events, the Committee will endeavour to provide you with that enjoyable sense of escapism that we all deserve from the hustle and bustle of the mundane everyday occurrences in life. Please keep up the support & introduce your friends to the Burgher Association functions.

Good Health & have a wonderful year!

Editor

don't let
anyone
dull your
Sparkle



My boss arrived at work in a brand-new Lamborghini. “Wow,” I said. “That’s an amazing car.”

He replied, “If you work hard, put all your hours in, and strive for excellence, I’ll get another one next year.”

Our doctor's office called to let my husband know that the results from his blood tests came back and he was just fine. That didn’t suit my husband.

“What’s my cholesterol level?” he asked.

“Mr. Crocker, you are just fine,” insisted the nurse.

“Still, I’d like you to mail me the results.”

A few days later, he received a postcard from the doctor’s office. It read, “Mr. Crocker, you are just fine!”

An old grandma brings a bus driver a bag of peanuts every day. First the bus driver enjoyed the peanuts but after a week of eating them he asked: “Please granny, don’t bring me peanuts anymore. Have them yourself.”

The granny answers: “You know, I don’t have teeth anymore. I just prefer to suck the chocolate around them.”

A police officer jumps into his squad car and calls the station.

“I have an interesting case here,” he says. “A woman shot her husband for stepping on the floor she just mopped.”

“Have you arrested her?” asks the sergeant.

“No, not yet. The floor’s still wet.”

I dreamed I was rocking a baby to sleep. In the morning, my husband, who is bald, told me I patted his head for 30 minutes while repeating, “Go to sleep, baby.”

My old aunts would come and tease me at weddings, “Well Sarah? Do you think you’ll be next?” - We’ve settled this quickly once I’ve started doing the same to them at funerals.



A Tale of two Brothers

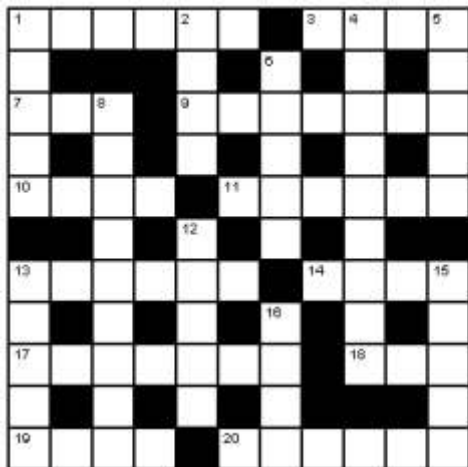
Carl Hagenbeck (1844-1913) was a German trader of wild animals who founded Circus Carl Hagenbeck, one of the most successful in Europe. Hagenbeck is often considered the father of the modern zoo as he was the first to recreate natural living spaces for animals without any bars or cages. The Hagenbeck animal collection went on to become the renowned Tierpark Hagenbeck in Hamburg-Stellingen. In 1886, John Hagenbeck (1866-1940) who was 22 years younger than his half-brother Carl, set sail for Ceylon and set up a business in the outskirts of Colombo. In addition to catching and dealing in wild animals, John Hagenbeck dabbled in many business enterprises and the brothers purchased several plantations where they grew tea, coffee and cocoa.

The earliest known poster of Ceylon is one from 1883 promoting Carl Hagenbeck's Singhaesen-Truppe, a Sinhalese dance troupe that performed at Umlauff's Welt-Museum in St. Pauli, Hamburg. There also exists a few posters from Carl Hagenbeck's Ceylonese exhibition held at the Royal Agricultural Hall in Islington, London circa 1886; By 1890, Hagenbeck plantations were shipping large quantities of tea and cocoa to Germany where they were sold under the brand name Hagenbeck Thee. Several examples of Hagenbeck tea posters can be found in museums and in private collections.

Carl passed away in 1913 and John Hagenbeck continued with his business enterprises in Ceylon until the First World War when his properties were confiscated by the authorities. He left Ceylon and only returned at the end of the war. In 1922, he published *Funfundzwanzig Jahre Ceylon* (twenty-five years in Ceylon), which chronicled his experiences as a wild animal catcher, trader, sportsman, and planter. In 1936 the Government once again listed John Hagenbeck as an enemy alien and seized his property and liquidated the company assets. Hagenbeck and his Ceylon born wife were sent to an internment camp in Diyatalawa where he died shortly after the outbreak of the Second World War. Hagenbeck's Zoological Gardens Company and his collection of wild animals became the Dehiwala zoo in 1936.



The Crossword



Across

1. Male relative (6)
3. Gem (4)
7. Chart (3)
9. Sagacious (7)
10. Challenge (4)
11. Relating to bears (6)
13. Accolade (6)
14. Children (4)
17. Long flag (7)
18. The night before (3)
19. Extinct bird (4)
20. Choice (8)

Down

1. Wanderer (5)
2. Not difficult (4)
4. Steep cliff (9)
5. Svelte (5)
6. Drama set to music (5)
8. Pilfered (9)
12. In front (5)
13. Lukewarm (5)
15. Rear part of a ship (5)
16. Pace (4)



Solution



FUNNY SAYINGS

The road to success is always under construction. [Lily Tomlin]

All my life I've always wanted to be somebody. But I see now I should have been more specific. [Jane Wagner]

I worry whoever thought up the term "quality control" thought if we didn't control it, it would get out of hand.

When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become president. I'm beginning to believe it.

I don't suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

I said yes, which turned out to be the right answer. [Pat Sajak]

The only power you have is the word 'no'. [Frances McDormand]

AUSTRALIA DAY 2020







Dark tourism: Where to go to experience the eerie travel trend

If you thought Chernobyl was bad, one country has seen a surge in tourism thanks to its very own infamous nuclear meltdown zone.

Ronan O'Connell

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Forget happy snaps, lazing on tropical beaches and rowdy cocktail sessions, the newest travel trend is eerie and Aussies need not travel to Chernobyl to take part in dark tourism. From exploring execution sites in China, to earthquake ruins in Nepal, death camps in Korea, the lawless walled city inside Hong Kong, and the Khmer Rouge killing fields, dark travel has become big business. The Ukraine has seen a surge in tourism to its infamous nuclear meltdown zone due to the hit HBO drama *Chernobyl*. Meanwhile, many curious travelers in Asia are bypassing temples, markets and museums to visit locations with sinister histories and learn about the war, natural disasters and civil unrest behind them. Paying respect to their somber backstories is crucial when visiting these following dark tourism sites.

THE LAWLESS WALLED CITY OF KOWLOON (HONG KONG)

It was one of the most densely populated places the world has ever seen. It was wild, dangerous, practically lawless and largely ignored by the Hong Kong Government — the City of Darkness. That was the alarming moniker Hong Kong locals gave to a huge housing complex in Kowloon that was rife with drug dens, brothels and illegal gambling houses, all controlled by the vicious Chinese organised crime group known as the Triads. At its peak in the early 1990s, more than 30,000 people resided in the City of Darkness, living in squalor among hundreds of decrepit, interconnected apartment blocks. It was such a treacherous place that even most police and Government officials refused to enter. Finally, in 1994, the complex was demolished and replaced the following year with a beautiful park, which many tourists now visit to read plaques that detail the location's sordid history.

CHOEUNG EK GENOCIDAL CENTER (PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA)

I've had to stop reading. The board in front of me contains information about actions so heinous, so abhorrent that my stomach is suddenly churning. One particular detail I just read I hope to forget as soon as possible because never in my life have, I imagined something imbued with such evil. In the late 1970s, Cambodia's Khmer Rouge Communist party committed genocide. They executed up to 2.5 million people in less than four years — close to one-third of the country's population. They completed this reign of terror at the same time many of you reading this were enjoying a peaceful existence in a lucky country

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Choeung Ek Genocidal Center attracts hundreds of thousands of Western tourists a year — people who have largely had privileged lives. That's a very good thing because this centre is the ultimate reality check. It will change you.

KOREAN DEATH CAMP (SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA)

Locked up in a tiny cell, the two women are frozen in time before me, holding hands as they try to help each other from having their spirits broken by their Japanese tormentors. It was in this same jail, where these two statues are placed, that hundreds of South Korean prisoners were killed, many of them tortured to death. Seodaemun Prison History Hall is a former jail which was converted into a museum detailing this haunting period in South Korea's history during the first half of the 20th century when the country was under Japanese rule. The prison was built by the Japanese as a place to detain and torture Korean freedom fighters. Visitors to this site can enter original cells and execution rooms and read plaques which detail the misery of this complex.

JUNGLE CONCENTRATION CAMP (CHONGQING, CHINA)

At the same time Japanese fighters were committing atrocities in Seodaemun Prison, Chinese soldiers were doling out similarly harsh treatment 2,000km away. When I arrive at Zhazidong Prison, on the outskirts of Chongqing city in southwest China, I find hundreds of mostly Chinese tourists flowing in and out of this former concentration camp. Set up secretly in 1943 by the Chinese Nationalist Party, called the KMT, this hidden prison was built into a hillside amid dense forest. The KMT was seeking to crush China's Communist Revolution movement and so imprisoned, tortured and killed hundreds of revolutionaries at Zhazidong in the 1940s. The camp now acts as a museum, with visitors able to see its cells and even an evil torture chamber.

EARTHQUAKE RUINS (NEPAL)

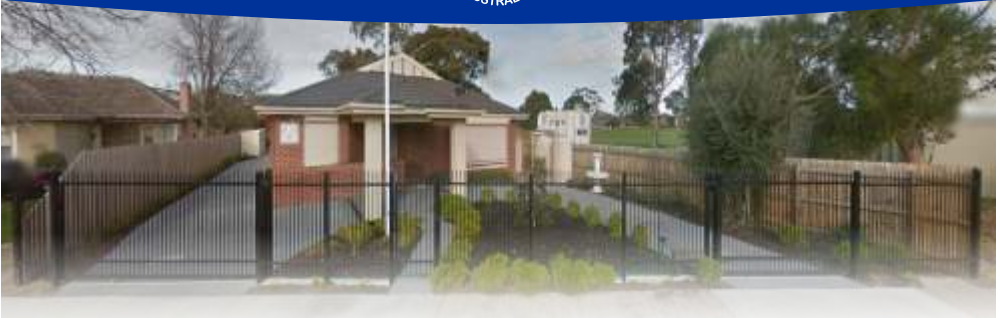
It is more than four years since Nepal was devastated by a massive earthquake that killed nearly 9,000 people, caused more than 20,000 injuries and damaged thousands of buildings, including historic temples and palaces. Yet the country is still trying to rebuild from this natural disaster due not just to the extent of the carnage, but also because of its limited infrastructure and its status as one of Asia's poorest nations. Tourism is crucial to Nepal's economy and travelers are helping the country recover by pumping money into its hospitality sector, donating to earthquake recovery funds, and joining guided tours of badly affected areas like Bhaktapur. About 20 per cent of Bhaktapur's buildings were razed by the earthquake but, amid this destruction, survived a host of stunning ancient structures like the amazing 300-year-old Nyatapola Temple.



*"If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer
table not a fence."
~ Anonymous ~*

Burgher Association (Australia)

358 Haughton Road, Clayton VIC 3168



The Burgher Association of Australia Centre is available for private hire (**Dances, Birthday parties, Anniversaries etc**). The BAA Centre is located within a short walk from Clayton railway station. The hall is licensed to hold 150 people. Tables and chairs for this number of attendees are provided. There is usually plenty of parking across the road and a few spaces on the property. Disabled access via ramps is available to both the front and rear doors and a disabled parking space is available. There is also a 'horseshoe' driveway permitting the dropping off of attendees under cover.

Commercial kitchen facilities are available including stainless steel splash walls, a commercial glass washer, dishwasher, stove, oven, hot water boiler, large freezer, refrigerator and a bain-marie. There also is an alfresco area at the back that can be used for making the famous Sri Lankan Hoppers, BBQs or other activity that requires a shielded outdoor space. There are multiple reverse-cycle heating and cooling units servicing the main hall and kitchen. There are separate male, female and disabled toilets. More pictures are available on our website <http://burgherassocn.org.au/baa-centre/>

How to make a booking: Call Breeda Foenander on 0423 844 101 to enquire whether the date, you wish to hire the hall for is available. If you are a member of the BAA, the price of hiring the Centre costs \$350 per day; Non-members \$400 per day. Minimum booking is 5 hours (\$300). Hours of operation Friday/Saturday 11AM to 12 Midnight, other days 10AM to 10PM. All bookings require a bond of \$250 that is refunded if the centre is handed back to management clean and undamaged. (*\$2000 for age 21+ and under*). A payment of \$100.00 will be deducted from the Security Fee deposit for cleaning of the premises, for the next day's Events. [Hiring Agreement](#). *NB: To book the hall, payment has to be made via the BAA Bank Account – details available on request. Depending on whether you are a member or non-member the full fee plus the deposit of \$250 must be paid to secure the date booked.*



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26 April 2020

12.00noon to 5.00pm

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358 Haughton Road, Clayton 3168

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Slaves built Galle Fort

Monday, March 25, 2019 - 01:00

Print Edition

Jeevan Thiagarajah

The topic of the piece today was triggered by a conversation with the current High Commissioner in Colombo from South Africa, Ruby Marks, who has also posted on her Facebook page this passage, "Calvin Gilfillan, Head of Die Kasteel, affirmed what we suspected-the Dutch conceptualised and supervised, but it was the labour of an estimated 15,000 Africans brought from Portuguese and Dutch colonies, that did the back breaking work of actually building the Fort and the other ones scattered across Sri Lanka. I was shocked by how little was known in Sri Lanka about this. I visited the cramped quarters where the slaves were kept, the dungeons where they were imprisoned, and the cemetery-now a car park where they were buried. And my heart wept.

"Today there are only about 30 Mozambican/Sri Lankan descendants left, and they still try to hold onto the culture through dance and language. In our meeting today, I proposed that the descendants of these African men, who were brought here as slaves and whose contribution has never been acknowledged, should be honoured. And so with their help, we will perform a cleansing ceremony at the dungeon and at the car park where they are buried. We will also unveil a plaque so that their sacrifice and tears will never be forgotten. We will also, with Die Kasteel, arrange a symposium between the Fort here and our Kasteel, and if we can, exchange researchers. I'm determined that the contribution of the people from our motherland, taken against their will to labour in Sri Lanka until they died, will not be forgotten".

Slavery in Africa

The course of human history is marked by appalling crimes. But even the hardened historian is filled with horror, loathing and indignation on examining the record of African slavery. How was it possible? How could it have gone on for so long, and on such a scale? A tragedy of such dimensions has no parallel in any other part of the world.

The African continent was bled of its human resources via all possible routes. Across the Sahara, through the Red Sea, from the Indian Ocean ports and across the Atlantic. At least ten centuries of slavery for the benefit of the Muslim countries (from the ninth to the nineteenth). Then more than four centuries (from the end of the fifteenth to the nineteenth) of a regular slave trade to build the Americas and the prosperity of the Christian states of Europe. The figures, even where hotly disputed, make your head spin. Four million slaves

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exported via the Red Sea, another four million through the Swahili ports of the Indian Ocean, perhaps as many as nine million along the trans-Saharan caravan route, and eleven to twenty million (depending on the author) across the Atlantic Ocean.

Why the Africans rather than other peoples? Who exactly should be held responsible for the slave trade? The Europeans alone, or the Africans themselves?

Even after the abolition of the slave trade in Africa, Colonial powers used forced labour -- such as in King Leopold's Congo Free State (which was operated as a massive labour camp) or as *libertos* on the Portuguese plantations of Cape Verde or São Tomé.

The great slaving companies were formed in the second half of the seventeenth century, when the Americas, and other parts of the world which the Treaty of Tordesillas (1494) and various papal edicts had reserved to the Spaniards and Portuguese, were redistributed among the nations of Europe. The whole of Europe - France, England, Holland, Portugal and Spain, and even Denmark, Sweden and Brandenburg shared in the spoils, establishing a chain of monopoly companies, forts, trading posts and colonies that stretched from Senegal to Mozambique. Only distant Russia and the Balkan countries were missing from the pack - and they received their own small contingents of slaves via the Ottoman Empire. The Start of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.

When the Portuguese first sailed down the Atlantic African coast in the 1430s, they were interested in one thing: gold. However, by 1500 they had traded already 81,000 Africans to Europe, nearby Atlantic islands, and to Muslim merchants in Africa.

The 'Triangular Trade' in slaves

For two hundred years, 1440-1640, Portugal had a monopoly on the export of slaves from Africa. It is notable that they were also the last European country to abolish the institution -- although, like France, it still continued to work former slaves as contract labourers, which they called *libertos* or *engagés à temps*. It is estimated that during the 4 1/2 centuries of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, Portugal was responsible for transporting over 4.5 million Africans (roughly 40% of the total). During the eighteenth century, however, when the slave trade accounted for the transport of a staggering 6 million Africans, Britain was the worst transgressor -- responsible for almost 2.5 million. (This is a fact that is often forgotten by those who regularly cite Britain's prime role in the abolition of the slave trade.)

Information on how many slaves were shipped from Africa across the Atlantic to the Americas during the sixteenth century can only be estimated as very few records exist for this period. But from the seventeenth century onwards, increasingly accurate records, such as ship manifests, are available.

Slaves for the Trans-Atlantic slave trade were initially sourced in Senegambia and the Windward Coast. Around 1650 the trade moved to west-central Africa (the Kingdom of the Kongo and neighbouring Angola).

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Slavery and shipping in Dutch Asia

Throughout the Vereenigde Oostindische Company ('Dutch East India Company', VOC) empire, mobility and coercion were key elements in mobilizing labour and maintaining imperial order. Throughout the Asian empire of the VOC, various circuits ensured the continuous mobility of coerced labour. These dynamics of slavery and the slave trade seem to have existed before European powers arrived in South and Southeast Asia.

The arrival of the Portuguese, the Dutch and other European trading companies meant the intensification of long-range slave trading networks. The trading companies of the Dutch, English, French and other European nations started to build upon existing trading patterns throughout the Indian Ocean area and Southeast Asia. In this way, European demand for both slaves and Asian commodities resulted in the intensification of the slave trade throughout the Indian Ocean world.

Throughout the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the slave trade in Asia was conducted by both European and Asian traders. Gujarati merchants transported enslaved Mozambicans to Daman and Diu. The two major players in Maluku trade, including slavery, were the Chinese and the Bugis. As in Maluku, Chinese slave traders were the major players in the export of Balinese slaves, mostly to Batavia, in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Ceylon could perhaps best be described as the second most important region in the VOC empire. After Batavia, the Ceylonese port cities of Colombo and Galle were the most important destinations for the intercontinental shipping of the VOC between Asia and Europe. From the 1660s onwards, three to four ships per year would sail directly to Ceylon from the Republic, while 5 to sometimes 10 or even 15 ships would depart from Ceylon to the Republic via the Cape.

Presence of slaves in Ceylon

Slavery is a little-studied subject in Sri Lankan history for the simple reason that slaves and slavery do not immediately surface in Sri Lankan memory, nor in colonial and indigenous texts. Slavery as such was not new to Sri Lanka, and at least from the Portuguese period onwards, slaves had been actively imported into the island. According to late seventeenth-century censuses, slaves formed the larger part of the urban inhabitants in the coastal port cities. Tamara Fernando from the University of Cambridge has written on the historical aspects. She states that in 1660, the Dutch East India Company (VOC) transported more than 10,000 slaves from the Subcontinent to Ceylon and Batavia, and the slave trade was an incredibly lucrative side business for VOC officials. Slaves were used for construction work alongside prisoners, mostly as domestic workers for wealthy local and Dutch elites at a time when well-to-do families could have up to 20 slaves. Over time, these slaves were often absorbed into what the historians call the 'urban underclass'. The proceedings from the Dutch Council of Justice in Colombo, preserve the lives and testimonies of many slaves. These cases were filed by the slaves for their manumission (freedom) or, more tragically, in the case of their murder, rape or abuse.

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Commemorating the memory of the victims

In commemoration of the memory of the victims, the General Assembly, in its resolution 62/122 of December 17, 2007, declared March 25 the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, to be observed annually.

The resolution also called for the establishment of an outreach programme to mobilize educational institutions, civil society and other organisations to inculcate in future generations the “causes, consequences and lessons of the transatlantic slave trade, and to communicate the dangers of racism and prejudice.” This piece captures some facets of the slave trade. An honest remembrance of their unfortunate time in Ceylon would require further committed work.



“Inspirational Quotes”

“Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else.” – **Les Brown**

“I don't regret the things I've done; I regret the things I didn't do when I had the chance.” – **Unknown**

“It's hard to wait around for something you know might never happen; but it's harder to give up when you know its everything you want.” – **Unknown**

“One of the most important keys to Success is having the discipline to do what you know you should do, even when you don't feel like doing it.” – **Unknown**

Don't be afraid to stand for what you believe in, even if that means standing alone. – **Andy Biersack**

“I am thankful for all of those who said NO to me. It's because of them I'm doing it myself.” – **Albert Einstein**

“When you say “It's hard”, it actually means “I'm not strong enough to fight for it”. Stop saying it's hard. Think positive!” – **Unknown**

“Life is like photography. You need the negatives to develop.” – **Unknown**

“Don't worry about failures, worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try.” – **Jack Canfield**

“The pain you feel today is the strength you feel tomorrow. For every challenge encountered there is opportunity for growth.” – **Unknown**

Support for those less fortunate than ourselves ...

A request was received from the Dutch Burgher Union of Sri Lanka seeking donations to provide a Christmas treat which would include a morning of fun and, enjoyment including food, fun and games for the less advantaged elderly members of the local community. An appeal was made to members and friends of the Burgher Association at a luncheon on 24 November 2019. Mr Ashley Henricus announced at the onset that he would match the total amount raised. Members of the BAA generously contributed \$661.00 towards the appeal; subsequently another member of the BA who wishes to remain anonymous then declared that he would donate a further \$1000. The receipts shown below is testament to the final total. A staggering \$3322.00. Words cannot describe what a big hearted and inspiring afternoon it was; God Bless all who contributed!



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(JANUARY 2020)

GURUSINGHE – MALCOLM AUGUSTINE, (28.08.1933 – 13.12.2019), husband of Joan (nee Elders), father of Jeremy (dec) and Sabrina Fernando, father-in-law of Anicetus Fernando, grandfather of Jeremy Fernando. Son of Albert & Hilda Gurusinghe (both dec) brother of Douglas and Durward (both dec) and of Pearline Withana and Cynthia Muddanayake, in Texas, USA. (Contributed)

KANAGASABAI – LAKSHMAN (Lucky), Pastor, husband of Damayanthi, father of Christopher and George, father-in-law of Sharini and Christina, grandfather of Jordan, Rhyan, Josiah, Joash, Yasmin, Zara and Eden. Son of the late Dr Albert and Leila Kanagasabai, brother of Nalini, Indra, Selva, late Noel and Suvendrini, in Sri Lanka, on January 2, 2020. (Daily News 4.1.2020)

MUNASINGHE – MARY MARGARET, wife of late Victor Leslie De Silva, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Sister of Dickson Munasinghe, in Sri Lanka on January 1, 2020. (Daily News, 4.1.2020)

MIRANDA – ROSE MARY LORETTA, wife of late Jongit Miranda, mother of Zebedee, Angelica, Philomena and Anton Miranda, mother-in-law of Arie, late Freddie Alwis and Annette, grandmother of Manjula, Manouri, Ashani, Anslem and Kasun Bandara, great grandmother of Shivantha and Thinuka, in Sri Lanka. – 11/9, School Avenue, Kalubowila, Dehiwela, Sri Lanka. (Daily News 4.1.2020)

DONPAUL – DEREK, husband of Rosemary (nee Anthony), father of Delano and Crystal. Son of late Wilfred and late Helen, brother of Jennifer, late Blossom, late Jacinta, late Lambton and of Maxwell, Russel, Desiree, Tyronne and Vyvette, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 7.1.2020)

BALFOUR – ERIC DUNCAN, (8.1.1939 – 22.12.2019), husband of Cheryl, father and father-in-law of Bruce & Francesca and Keith & Shelley, grandfather of Andy, Samantha, William and Alice. Son-in-law of Lyle Shore. Brother of Alex, Ian, Angus (all dec) and Alan, in Sydney. (Sydney Morning Herald, 11.1.2020)

SCHUMACHER – TREVOR JOHN, (26.1.1948 - 4.1.2020), husband of Sandy, father and father-in-law of Tracy, Brett & Ngaire, grandfather of Max and Zak, in Canberra. (Canberra Times, 11.1.2020)

BARTLETT – DR ALFRED NAVARATNAM, husband of Trixie, father of Nirmalini, Chandran and Savithri, in Sri Lanka on January 8, 2020. (Sunday Observer, 12.1.2020)

RASARATNAM – INDRAWATHY (INDRA) (23.3.1935 – 3.1.2020), wife of Rasa, mother of Radhesha, Indresha and Brindhesha, mother-in-law of Gowry, Uma and Suba, grandmother of Keshinie & Shiyam, Krishnan, Natasha, Kiran and Anisha, great grandmother of Jayalakshmi. Daughter of late Dr C. & Mrs S. Sivaratnam, sister of the late Bala, Wigna and Ratna Sivaratnam, sister-in-law of the late Nagulam and Meropi, in Melbourne. (Sunday Observer, 12.1.2020)

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DAVID – LUCY MARY, wife of late D.N.A. David, mother of Dulcie, Dionnie and late Shan David, mother-in-law of Sathivelu, Suresh and Jennifer, grandmother of Erin, Steve, Dihan, Trewin, Trishane and Deborah. Sister of Stana Ferdinands, late Pius, late Theresa, late Angela, late Katherine and late Mercy, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 13.1.2020)

DE SILVA – GRETAL AUGUSTA, wife of late Stanley De Silva, mother of Anton Swan, Shiro, Romain, Rossana, late Tyrone and Patric, mother-in-law of Bronwen, Percy and late Samuel. Grandmother and great grandmother, in Sri Lanka on January 13, 2020. (Daily News 15.1.2020)

PERERA – ARLENE (nee De Silva), wife of Srilal, mother of Melina, Marcel, Melanie, Melissa, Mirron and Maria, mother-in-law of Damian and Harsha, grandmother of Dhirain, Duane and Dhiyan. Daughter of late Elmo & Maisie De Silva, sister of late Lloyd and Mike and of Maxwell, Graham and Kevin, sister-in-law of Christine, Mallika and Trudy, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 16.1.2020)

GOMESZ – RITA RUTH (nee Leonard), wife of late Dunstan Gomesz, mother of Gloria (UAE), Arlene (Aust), Bradman, Delrine (Aust), Fortune and Aubrey (NZ), mother-in-law of Brian, Mahinda Raj, Jayanthi, Trevor (Aust) and Moomin (Jeddha), grandmother of Randol, Rani (Bindy), Denver, Denham, Crystal, Kenny (UAE), Doyne, Andre, Ricardo, Sabrina, Amanda, Sherwin and Dannon (NZ), great grandmother of Nethan, Kalen, Aurilla, Siena, Gideon, Nathania and Elliot. Daughter of late Samuel Douglas & Georgiana Leonard, sister of Doris Thurgood, late Reginold Leonard, Vernon Leonard, Elmo Leonard, Gordon Leonard, Portia Jason, Cynthia Rebeira, Charmain Fernando (Aust) and late Ronald Leonard, in Sri Lanka. – 35B, Station Road, Wattala, Sri Lanka. (Daily News 17.1.2020)

MOSS – FIONN RICHARD, husband of Gloria, son-in-law of Ralph Armstrong, in Brisbane. (Contributed)

PEIRIS – MAJOR MALCOLM REGINALD CHRISTOPHER, husband of Yolande, father of Sonali & Muaazi Thahir, Amali & Jeremy David and Minoli & Praki Perera, grandfather of Jehaan, Shehaan, Sereta, Diresh, Niranga and Amanthi. Son of late Matthias & late Rosie (Enid) Peiris, brother of Dr Rosemarie (Marie) Nalliah, brother-in-law of Dr Stanley Nalliah, in Sri Lanka. – 16/2, Charlemont Road, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 18.1.2020)

JANSZ – DWAYNE JASON FABIAN, son of Fabian & Rochelle (nee Garnier), brother of Yanik. Grandson of late Brian Jansz and Evie Jansz and late Eardley Garnier and Margo Garnier, in Sri Lanka. – 309/3, 15th Lane, Kulasiri Kumarage Mawatha, Katuwana Road, Homagama, Sri Lanka. (Daily News 22.1.2020)

HENDRICKS – FABIAN HAXBY, husband of Lorraine (nee Senn), father of Sandra & Kirk Lawrence, Steve & Melanie and Spencer, grandfather of Karl & Sharleen, Denham & Oshin, Brandon and Melissa. Brother of Horatious, late Hyacinth De Cruz, Sheila Kreltsheim, late Fergus, Rodney and Esme De Visser in Melbourne on January 22, 2020.

MACK – TREVOR ANTHONY, husband of Trudy, father of Deraine and Devina, father-in-law of Shenala and Louie, grandfather of Aenon, Jayden, Kylie and Joel, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 24.1.2020)

ISAAC – CHARMAINE, (19.11.1930 – 24.01.2020), daughter of late Harris De Kretser & Janet De Kretser (nee Vanderwert), mother and grandmother, in India. (Contributed)

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SAMARAJIVA – LUCILLE SWEENITHA, wife of late Arthur Haig, mother of Haig and Gerard Harindra, mother-in-law of Ransika and Shyama, grandmother of Eshantha, Ashantha, Chirantha and Shiara, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 25.1.2020)

BALASURIYA – JAYANTHI, wife of late Mahinda Balasuriya, mother of Milinda Sanjeewa and Dulani Manoja, mother-in-law of Gayani and Shamal. Sister of late Michael Ranjith, Mahina Pathmasiri (Can) and Maya Manawamma, in Melbourne on December 30, 2019. (Daily News 29.1.2020)

PERERA – ZISKA, wife of the late H. R. Perera, mother of Nissanka and Manel (Gerry), mother-in-law of Srimathie and Roger Offen, grandmother of Thomas and Thevini. Sister of the late Ivor Hepponstall, late Maureen D'Abbrera and Claudie Wijesinghe, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News 3.1.2020)

de SILVA – EUSIRI (ET), husband of Heather Jansz, father of Timothy, Kevin and Travis, father-in-law of Charma, Eresha and Jeevani, grandfather of Natalie Manoj, Tabitha, Erkshan, Kenneth, Keara and Ryan, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 30.1.2020)

DE ZILVA WIJEYWARDENA – SHANTILAL, husband of Suba, father of Shamilal and Shiwanka, father-in-law of Rehani and Chaturangi, grandfather of Shalisa, Shylie, Sashaya and Shawinka, in Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 30.1.2020)

MULLER – ANTHONY RUSSEL PRINS, husband of late Valerie (nee Rosairo), father of Claudia Avis Madampage (Can), father-in-law of Dr Upul Wasantha Madampage (Can), grandfather of Navod (Can). Son of late Cecil (Toto) & Iris Muller, brother of Brennan (Bunno) Aust, late Vernon (UK) , late Fortune and Maxwell, in Sri Lanka. – D-3, Ground Floor, Bambalapitiya Flats, Colombo 4, Sri Lanka. (Daily News, 31.1.2020)

WEINMAN- Beaufort Alastair, Son of the late Alison and Esme Weinman. beloved husband of Valda, loving father of Keith, Vanessa and Melissa. grandfather of Siena. Dear brother of Gail Paternott. brother in law of Aubrey Paternott. 20.01.2020 in Brisbane.

CASPERSZ, Erken

Passed away peacefully on January 11th 2020, aged 85 Years Loving husband of Marlene (deceased) Loving father of Gillian, Jeremy, Gary, Keith,(Anne & Marina, both deceased) and their families. Back with mum. Forever in our hearts

EPHRAIMS, Conrad. Loving husband of Julia. Proud father of Michael and Darren.

Cherished Pa of Nicholas, Gianna, Tayla, Jackson and Sienna. God father of Janine. Son of the Late Hector and Muriel. Brother of Marjorie, Leslie (dec), Rica (dec), Douglas (dec), Carlo (dec) and Desmond (dec). *Safe in the arms of Jesus. Till we meet again.*

EPHRAIMS, Mervyn Leslie. Late of Stafford. Passed away peacefully on the 11th February 2020. Aged 93 Years Much loved Husband of Daphne. Loved Brother and Brother-in-law of Rica and Gladwyn (both dec'd), Douglas and Pearl (both dec'd), Carlisle and Jeanne (both dec'd), Margie and Dave (dec'd), Conrad (dec'd) and Julia, Desmond (dec'd) and Aileen.

Note: All spelling of names as taken from Sri Lankan newspapers



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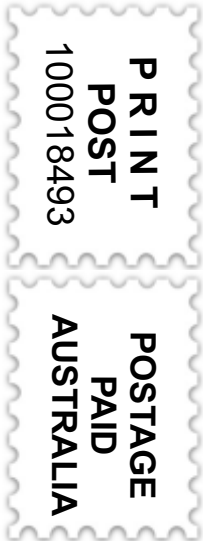
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