

FRANKLYN AMERASINGHE LAUNCHES HIS 15th PUBLICATION

Former Senior Specialist of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Chief Executive Officer and Director General of the Employer's Federation of Sri Lanka, Franklyn Amerasinghe, recently launched his 15th publication – "Employee Relations in Sri Lanka", making a presentation of this book to Donglin Li, the ILO Country Director for Sri Lanka and the Maldives. At the launch, he said that the need for a strong voice of social partners was imperative, since this would help bring about laws which are pragmatic enough to be successfully implemented.

The ILO Country Director was confident that this book would contribute immensely towards the understanding of industrial relations between employers and employees in the country.

Whilst congratulating Franklyn on the launch of this 15th publication of his, we are confident that this latest book will be of immense value, especially to those involved in the HR sector.



E. Franklyn G Amerasinghe presenting his book to International Labour Organisation Country Director Sri Lanka and the Maldives Donglin Li. Pic by Samantha Perera

THUSHARA PERERA – PRESIDENT SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF MARKETING

Heartiest Congratulations to Thushara Perera, on his recent induction as the new President of the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM). Thushara Perera is the Director Sales & Marketing at TV Derana and is one of the most qualified professionals in the Media Industry in Sri Lanka. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, U.K., an MBA from the University of Jayawardenapura (Post Graduate Institute of Management), Certified Professional Marketer from the Asian Marketing Federation, in addition to being a practicing Marketer at Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing.



Thushara Perera

We are confident that SLIM will reach great heights under Thushara's stewardship and take this opportunity to wish him success in all his endeavours.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY MATRON INEZ GRIFFS

The Antonian Fraternity in unison "Rallied Round The Banner" on 14th July, 2011 to wish Matron Inez Griffs, "HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY". Antonians in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, especially the boarders, carry fond memories of this ministering angel, for the love and kindness she showered on them. She played the role of Mother, Nurse and Mentor, not only to her son Tony, but all Antonians. All were treated with the same level of love and affection.

We take this opportunity to wish Matron Griffs God's Choicest Blessings, Good Health and Peace of Mind. Appearing below is her current address for those who wish to send their personal wishes.

Mrs. Inez Griffs, Belvedere Aged Care Home, 41 – 43, Fintonia Road, Noble Park, Vic 3174, Australia.



Rohan Daulaga

ROHAN DAULAGALA - NEW PRESIDENT SACKOBA PARENT BODY

Our heartiest CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD WISHES go out to Rohan Daulagala who was elected as the new President of our Parent body at the Annual General Meeting which was held recently in Kandy. We are confident that under Rohan's able leadership, this Centenary year will witness the scaling of new heights by our Parent Body.

OBA-PARENT BODY CENTENARY MAGAZINE

A most colourful and informative magazine has been published by our Parent Body covering 100 years of their dedicated service to our Alma Mater. It contains important milestones in the chequered history of St. Anthony's, its academic, sports, boarding and other activities. The articles it contains are contributions from the cream of Old Antonians who reached great heights in their chosen fields and is indeed a collector's item. Do obtain your copy without delay and avoid disappointment.



THE COLOMBO BRANCH 85th ANNIVERSARY SACKOBA BALL 2011



Jude Pillai
Co- Chairman

The Colombo Branch celebrates its 85th Anniversary this year and the main attraction once again, undoubtedly is bound to be SACKOBA BALL 2011 which is scheduled for Saturday 24th September, 2011 at the Colombo Hilton. SACKOBA BALL veterans Jude Pillai and Anul Mendis, the Co-Chairmen, along with their dynamic Dance Committee Members, have given an assurance that SACKOBA BALL 2011 will definitely be the Ball that beats all other SACKOBA BALLS. So, All Ye Old Antonians, keep the date free and make a note of the following details:-



Anul Mendis
Co- Chairman

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| The Function | - SACKOBA BALL 2011 |
| The Date | - Saturday, 24th September, 2011 |
| The Venue | - The Colombo Hilton |
| The Bands | - The Fabulous Gypsies & Mirage |
| The Compere | - Clifford Richard |
| The Dress | - Strictly Lounge/National |
| The Start | - 7.30 p.m - Cocktails in the foyer
9.00 p.m - Dance in the Ballroom |
| The Price | - 10,000/= per Couple |

The Dance Committee extends a warm invitation to All Ye Old Antonians to "Rally Round the Banner" and contribute your mite towards the success of this grand event, which also happens to be the main fund-raising project of the Colombo Branch.

- You are welcome to become a member of the Dance Committee.
- Obtain as many advertisements as possible for the colourful Dance Souvenir.
- Obtain as many Banners as possible for display in the Ballroom.
- Organise sponsors for the Bands, Décor, Compere.
- Obtain whatever gifts you can for the various competitions
- Obtain Black Label bottles of Whisky.
- Inform all Antonians you come into contact with and enlist their support.
- Book your Dance Tickets and make your Table Reservations early.
- (Please find attached an official letter to be addressed to potential advertisers/donors. You could make photo copies if you need more or get in touch me or any ex-co member of the Colombo Branch).



RECORD BREAKER - HIRAN WICKREMASEKERA

Antonian skipper, Hiran Wickramasekera, achieved the proud distinction of becoming the first schoolboy batsman from the Hill Capital, to score over 1000 runs for three consecutive years. In the history of school's cricket, only Aravinda de Silva has achieved this feat and that took place 25 years ago.

Hiran scored 1171 runs in 2009 (inclusive of 3 centuries), followed it up with 1144 runs in 2010 (inclusive of 2 centuries and 8 half-centuries), and scored 1011 in 2011 (inclusive of 4 centuries). Hiran's effort in 2011 becomes that much more significant in view of the fact that three fixtures, vs Ananda, Royal and Dharmaraja, could not be played due to the rainy weather experienced.

In addition to his astute captaincy and brilliant record-breaking batting, Hiran has also proved to be a skillful fielder as well, taking 45 catches during this season. CONGRATULATIONS! Hiran on your magnificent all round performances.



Hiran Wickremasekera
1,000 runs in 2009, 2010
and in 2011

ARAVINDA PREMARATNE CAPTURES 105 WICKETS IN 2011

Aravinda Premaratne has the proud distinction of being the only bowler from the Kandy schools to capture over 100 wickets this season. His tally of wickets would definitely have been very much more, had we been able to play our traditional fixtures vs Royal, Ananda and Dharmaraja, where no play was possible due to poor weather conditions.

Aravinda has proved to be a more than useful batsman as well, scoring over 500 runs for the season. Under the guidance of coach Champika Siriwardena and national spin coach Piyal Wijethunga, Premaratne is bound to blossom forth as a Star All-rounder in the years ahead.



Aravinda Premaratne -
bowler with 105 wickets



HOW WE FARED DURING THE 2011 SCHOOLS' DIVISION 1 RUGBY SEASON

SCHOOL	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	POSITION
Royal	11	11	-	-	1
Issipathana	11	10	1	-	2
Trinity	11	8	3	-	3
St.Peter's	11	7	4	-	4
Kingswood	11	6	5	-	5
St.Anthony's	11	6	5	-	6
St.Joseph's	11	5	5	1	7
Science	11	5	6	-	8
Dharmaraja	11	3	8	-	9
Wesley	11	2	8	-	10
Thurstan	11	1	10	-	11
St.Thomas'	11	1	10	-	12

We beat Thurstan, Wesley, Dharmaraja, Science, St.Joseph's and St.Thomas'

We lost to Royal, Issipathana, Trinity, Kingswood and St.Peter's.

We take consolation from the fact that we fared somewhat better than what we did in 2010 (shown below) and sincerely hope that we reach the top in 2012.

St.Peter's	9	8	-	1	1
Kingswood	9	7	2	-	2
Royal	9	6	3	-	3
Issipathana	9	6	3	-	4
St.Thomas's	9	5	3	1	5
Trinity	9	5	4	-	6
St.Anthony's	8	3	5	-	7
Wesley	9	2	7	-	8
Dharmaraja	9	1	8	-	9
Prince of Wales	8	-	8	-	10

OBITUARIES

It is with deep sorrow that we record the passing away of the undermentioned Old Antonians and their family members:

Mahendra Wijeratne – Beloved husband of Mallika, father of Rohan, Udena and Maheshi, brother of Dudley, Swarna, Ingrid and Petronella.

We remember with deep gratitude, the leading role played by him, together with the late Hon. Chandra Bandara, in organizing a Mahapola Carnival at St.Anthony's, as a result of which College benefitted from a vast number of facilities like the much needed water tower, installation of 3 phase electricity, the road network & lighting etc.



Mahendra Wijeratne

Mahinda Bulankulame – Beloved husband of Malathie, father of Githanjalie and Amal.

Mahinda was eagerly looking forward obtaining a copy of the Souvenir that was being compiled in commemoration of the Centenary Celebration of the OBA Parent Body. He was one of the first to submit an article covering the mischievous days the two Bulankulame Brothers spent in College and the boarding. In fact, he contacted yours truly just a few days before he passed away, making inquiries and I virtually told him jokingly, "Mahinda, you can have your copy of the souvenir very soon – just hold on for a few more days."

Manil Jivanka Bandara Boyagoda – Beloved son of retired Old Antonian Naval Officer – Commodore Ajith Kumara Boyagoda. He was just 24 years at the time he met with this shocking and tragic motor accident and the 2nd traumatic experience this family had to undergo. The Boyagoda family suffered untold misery when Commodore Boyagoda

was held prisoner for 8 long years by the LTTE, when the naval vessel he was commander of exploded in 1984, rammed by suicide cadres, off the east coast of Mannar.



Manil Boyagoda

Capt.P.B.Mawalagedera – Dearly beloved husband of Mavis, father of Chandra and Lakshman, brother of Ranjith, late T.B, W.B, Bandaramenike, Sumana, Leela, Soma, Chandra, M.B.Seela and R.B.

Chanaka Kurukulasuriya – Beloved husband of Srinika Lamahewa.



Dhanapala Weerasekera – Beloved husband of the late Joyce, father of Ramani and Ruwani, brother of the late Sylvia, late Dharmawardena, Doreen Ratwatte, Harry and Willie.

Dhanapala Weerasekera



S.W.R.(Wally) Samarasekera – Beloved husband of Benita, father of Srilal, Saro and Nirupa, brother of Rita, Mervyn, Manel and Ranjith.

Ray Fernando – Beloved brother of Nihal, Guy and Ian.

Maurice Barsenbach - Beloved husband of Coral. Maurice was a founder member of the Australian Branch and was also one of its most loyal and active supporters.

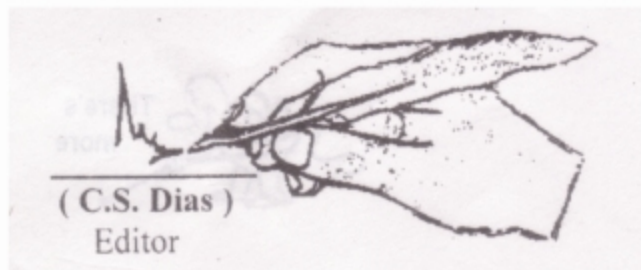


Well, that's all the news that I can squeeze in for
now.
ANY BRIGHT IDEAS
OR

ANY HOT HOT NEWS?
Please do hurry and send in your
suggestions/contributions.



Before bidding adieu, here's a reminder for you to hurry and give the Dance Committee whatever help you can, towards the success of SACKOBA BALL 2011.



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