



NEWSLETTER

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ASSOCIATION OF PAST EMPLOYEES' OF SINGER

320, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 2

Dear Members,

June, 2002

Here's wishing you and your loved ones a Joyous, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year. It is hoped that the New Year brings in its wake the long-felt fulfillment of the hopes and aspirations in the not too distant future.

which fell short of our expectations, as we had to spend a tidy sum with little or no benefit at all.

Annual General Meeting

The first Annual General Meeting was held at the Sea View Hotel, Colombo 3 on Saturday the 29th December, 2001. We were embarking on the second year of our Association and the day's business commenced with the President's address of welcome, and he outlined the steady progress made so far having got over our initial teething problems. The President continuing his address thanked the Membership for their participation at the Meeting amidst their numerous commitments and also welcomed our Patron, Mr., Hemaka Amarasuriya and Mr. P. Shivaji for having graced the occasion.

He further gave a comprehensive account of our past activities and also details of the ambitious programme lined up for the ensuing year. One of the main objects was the provision of a Medical Scheme and the President enlightened in detail the various Schemes that were examined

Benevolent Fund for Members

It was unanimously resolved to launch a Member's Benevolent Fund which was accepted by the Membership and some of those present at the AGM made their contributions towards this Fund. The details of the operations of this Fund will be notified in due course.

The President wound up the Meeting by thanking the Executive Committee for the collective contribution and co-operation in all the ventures undertaken during the period under review in particular, and the Membership in general for their unstinted co-operation. He also emphasized the need to swell our membership. The answer is loud and clear – Increase Membership. He appealed to every Member to contact as many ex-Singer friends and persuade them to join the mainstream of our activities.

The day's Agenda came to a close after the partaking of a Sumptuous Lunch in a relaxed mood of fellowship and goodwill.

Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected as Office Bearers for the ensuing year:

Patron : Mr. Hemaka Amarasuriya
President : Mr. H.S.B.Fernando
Vice Presidents:
 Mr. G.C.Wasalathanthri
 Mr. Nelson Mendis
Secretary : Mr. Ananda Epa
Asst.Secretary:
 Mrs. Vijitha Jayawarda
Treasurer : Mr. A.M.M. Nissar
Asst.Treasurer:
 Mr. S.Thiyagarajah

Committee Members:

Mr. P.S. Maniam
 Mr. Ravi De Silva
 Mrs.Judith Vannitamby
 Mr. W.G.E. Dabara
 Mr. John Emmanuel
 Mrs.Kaushalya
 Murugadasan
 Mr. Lasantha Perera
 Mr. R.G. Moorthy

Appointment of Sub-Committees

The following Sub-committees were appointed to guide the destinies of the Association at the first Executi

Social & Entertainment Committee:

Mr. Nelson Mendis
 Mr. W.G.E. Dabara
 Ms. Kaushalya Murugadasan
 Mr. R.G. Moorthy

Information & Publicity Committee:

Mr. P.S. Maniam
 Mrs. Judith Vannitamby

Fund Raising Committee:

Mr. G.C. Wasalathanthri
 Mr. Lasantha Perera
 Mr. Ravi de Silva
 Mr. John Emmanuel

Membership Drive:

Mr. S. Thiyagarajah
 Mrs.Vijitha Jayawardena

Diary of Coming Events

The following activities are in store for the current term and details will reach you shortly:

- (1) Cricket Match and get-together
Lunch/Dinner – May/June
- (2) A Day-out for the family - July
- (3) A get-together Dinner –
September
- (4) AGM – December
- (5) Fund Raiser in Oct/Nov.



WIT AND HUMOUR

Testing the better idiot!

Two company directors were discussing about their peons. Said one director, "I just can't carry on with Peduru because he is such an idiot and drives me up the wall all the time by never doing the right thing." The other director complained that Peduru can't be worse than Gonsales. They both decided to test them out. When Peduru walked in and stood to attention, his boss fished out a ten rupee note from his purse, gave it to him saying, "Peduru go to Car Mart and with this money buy me a Volkswagen. Peduru turned right about and was gone in a jiffy, "See what I mean," said the director, "that idiot is now on his way to buy me a Volkswagen for ten rupees." I think Gonsales is the giddy limit "just watch", he said and sent word for Gonsales. In came Gonsales grinning from ear to ear and just like Peduru stood at attention waiting for instructions "Gonsales," said his boss, "run to the Golf Club and see whether I am there" Gonsales spun round and was out of the room in no time. On the road, Gonsales met Peduru, "Where are you going?" he inquired, Peduru started complaining about his boss. "My boss is a damn idiot. He gave me a ten rupee note and asked me to buy him a Volkswagen. Today is Saturday and doesn't that idiot know that Car Mart closes half day? Gonsales related his tale of woe "You're lucky Peduru because my boss is definitely a bigger idiot than yours". "How come" asked Peduru. "you know", complained Gonsales, "My boss asked me to run to the golf club and see whether he is there. That damn fool has a telephone. Can't he telephone and find out?" After

sharing their fate Peduru and Gonsales went on their missions.

Sales Assistant: "Believe me this Sewing Machine will pay for itself in no time

Customer: "Great! When it does send it to me"

Facts of Marriage

The last fight was my fault. My wife asked "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust!"

In the beginning, God created earth and rested. Then God created man and rested. Then God created woman, since then, neither God nor man has rested.

A little boy asked his father, "Daddy, how much does it cost to get married?" and the father replied, "I don't know son, I'm still paying".

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

PEOPLE are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centred, FORGIVE them anyway.

If you are kind, PEOPLE may accuse you of selfish motives, by KIND anyway.

If you are honest and frank, POPLE may cheat you, be HONEST and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight, BUILD anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous, be HAPPY anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow, do GOOD anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough, give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see in the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

(Mother Theresa)

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Please accept our apologies for the delay in the issuance of this News Letter, the reason being that it has been decided to

have this letter sent out every half yearly due to the very high cost of printing.

We once again wish to enlist your support and co-operation by your active participation in sending your contributions of interesting episodes and experiences during your association with the Company as the response hitherto has been very limited.

Members Benevolent Fund

Appeal – We have written to our members and look forward to their co-operation in this connection. We also suggest that you contact your other colleagues requesting them to extend their fullest co-operation in our achieving a target of Rs.500,000/- before the next AGM.

Please send in your contributions by 30 October, 2002, for the next Newsletter to be published in December 2002, to The Newsletter, Calendar & Publicity Committee, C/o. Mr. P.S. Maniam, 24, Block 'N', Government Flats, Colombo 4.