



## ASSOCIATION OF PAST EMPLOYEES OF SINGER

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### CHAIRMAN BIDS GOOD-BYE AS CEO

Mr. Amarasuriya is widely regarded as a visionary business leader for initiating revolutionary changes in the consumer market in Sri Lanka. He has undoubtedly been the most successful Singer Chief Executive in the history of the Singer group. Hemaka Amarasuriya is a name not only synonymous with Singer (Sri Lanka) Ltd., but also with sports, especially Cricket and Rugby. Had it not been for his passion for Rugby and Cricket, sports would never have got the kind of financial backing which it needed to help sustain it.

Cricket and Rugby are the country's two high profile sports and Singer played a major role in enhancing its stature internationally. At present every household in this country knows the Singer brand because of Singer's sponsorship in sports.

We past employees of Singer are most grateful to Mr. Amarasuriya for lifting the standards of the Company to what it is today, which makes us feel proud of being ex-employees of Singer.



On 07th August 2010 the Association had the pleasure of felicitating Mr. & Mrs. Amarasuriya & Family at the Ramada Hotel (formerly known as 'Holiday Inn') where 95 members participated. It was one of the greatest events the Association has had in the past 9 years, where everyone got a chance of speaking with him individually or as a group.

Association of Past Employees of Singer wish him a happy retirement.

We produce below an extract from a letter sent by Mr. & Mrs. Amarasuriya in appreciation of the farewell given.

'August 27, 2010

Dear Bertie

We wish to thank you and all members for the grand farewell you gave us on the occasion of my retirement. We regret we are unable to thank each one of those present individually. We appreciate very much the beautiful antique cabinet presented to us on this occasion which now adorns our sitting room.

Please convey our grateful thanks to your members if possible.

Yours sincerely,  
Sgd.

Hemaka & Anoma Amarasuriya'

### **ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH AT M.C.A. ON 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010**

*What a fantastic day !!!!*

The first event for 2010 kicked off with a cricket match played with a mix of past & present employees, followed up with games and gifts offered as prizes to the winners.

Soon after the games, everyone enjoyed themselves with plenty to drinks and a sumptuous buffet.

Those of you who missed this event this time, make sure you make it the next time.

### **HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME – HELD ON SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010**

#### **'Is Age a barrier to enjoy Good Health?'**

Yet another fantastic programme, conducted by none other than Dr.Sudarshini Wasalathanthri, daughter of Mr. Gamini Wasalathanthri.

She spoke of how one could live a healthy life by keeping yourself mentally occupied, and the importance of regular exercise, correct food, damages owing to heavy drinking/smoking. The programme was later concluded with drinks, which of course were against the Doctor's advice !!! followed by a greatly appreciated lunch.

Most of the members who attended this programme feel much younger today !!!

#### **'SING-A-LONG' MUSICAL EVENING**

The day was 9<sup>th</sup> October, at the Lions' Secretariat Hall, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07 for only Rs.200/- per head. It was a lovely function. Over 50 members were present and enjoyed themselves, singing along with the Band. The event went on from 6.30 p.m. till about 10.00 o'clock, everybody enjoying themselves with plenty of food and drinks that were served.

#### **NEW MEMBERS – 2010**

12 New members joined us since January 2010 up to August 2010. We warmly welcome the following:-



Ramani de Fonseka  
Subadra Alutwatte  
Yamuna Perera  
Renuka Gunasekera  
Sunethra Vidanage  
Varuni Sagarika  
Nilanthi Palihawadana



George Hettiarachchi  
Sanath Wijetunge  
Ranjith Udugoda  
Vipula Fernando  
Charith Vitharana

A Warm Welcome to you all !

**BALANCE EVENTS FOR 2010**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2010**

We will be celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of our Association on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010 on a *GRAND SCALE*. We hope all our members will make it a point to be present on that day. A separate communication will follow. Don't forget to keep the date free.

See you on the 12<sup>th</sup> !

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS :**

We wish the following members who are celebrating their birthdays in the month of October, Health, Wealth and Happiness !



Ms. Beeta Rajanayagam	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Mr. M.M.M. Yusuf	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> October
Mr. Lucky de Chickera	-	4 <sup>th</sup> October
Mr. K.T.G.R. DE Silva	-	6 <sup>th</sup> October
Mr. Jaminda Mendis	-	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Mr. Lionel Perera	-	17 <sup>th</sup> October
Ms. Nesta Rajakarunaratne	-	21 <sup>st</sup> October
Mr. Keerthi Abeywickrema	-	22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Mr. Edwin Joshua	-	23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Mr. S.R. Fernando	-	24 <sup>th</sup> October
Ms. Damayanthi Perera	-	25 <sup>th</sup> October
Ms. Maya Gangodage	-	27 <sup>th</sup> October
Ms. Mala Abeysuriya	-	28 <sup>th</sup> October
Ms. Yamuna Perera	-	31 <sup>st</sup> October

If you have not given us your dates of birth (date and month), please let us know, in order to update our records.

Q: With the current market turmoil, what's the easiest way to make a small fortune ?

A: Start off with a large one.

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A concerned customer asked his stock broker of the recent market. Decline and volatility worried him.

The broker told him that he has been sleeping like a baby.

"Really ? ?" replied the customer.

"Absolutely," said the broker,

"I sleep for about an hour, wake up and then cry for about an hour."

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Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves are now Ali Baba and Thirty Thieves. Ten are laid off !

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Batman and Robin are now Batman and Pedro, Batman fired Robin and Hired Pedro because Pedro was willing to work twice the hours at the Same rate!!

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Iron man is now "Air-pooling: with Superman to save fuel costs ? !!

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A Director decided to award a prize of Rs.1000/- for the best idea for Saving the Company money during the recession. It was won by a Young Executive who suggested reducing the prize money to Rs.100/-.

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Women finally marrying for love ! And not money !

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The only "deposits" being made on a Ferrari are the ones made by birds flying over them.

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Q: What's the difference between an investment banker and large pizza?

A: A large pizza can feed a family of four

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Q: Why have Dubai real estate agents stopped looking out of the window In the morning ?

A: Because otherwise they'd have nothing to do in the afternoon.

A Priest, a rabbi, and a mortgage broker were all caught in a shipwreck. Sharks were soon circling around. The sharks eat the priest. The rabbi starts praying fervently, but to no avail, as the sharks eat him as well

The mortgage broker is really getting worried, as a shark is coming for him. But instead, the shark gets him on its back, carries him ashore, and lets him off. The mortgage broker asks, "How come you didn't eat me too?" and the shark replied

"Professional Courtesy"!!

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Money talks. Trouble is, it knows only one word : "Good-bye"!!

Story on ATTITUDE & ITS IMPORTANCE..... Check it out !!

➤ An old man lived alone in a village. He wanted to spade his potato garden, but it was very hard work.

➤ His only son who would have helped him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and mentioned his situation.

➤ Dear Son, I am feeling pretty bad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my potato garden this year. I hate to miss doing the garden, because your mother always loved planting time. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. If you were here, all my troubles would be over. I know you would dig the plot for me, if you weren't in prison. Love, Dad.

➤ Shortly, the old man received his telegram : "For Heaven's sake, Dad, don't dig up the garden !! That's where I buried the GUNS !!

➤ At 4 a.m. the next morning, a dozen FBI agents and local police officers showed up and dug up the entire garden Without finding any guns. Confused, the old man wrote another note to his son telling him what happened, and asked him what to do next.

➤ His son's reply was: "Go ahead and plant your potatoes, Dad. It's the best I could do for you from here.

➤ Moral: 'NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE IN THE WORLD, IF YOU HAVE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING DEEP FROM YOUR HEART, YOU CAN DO'.

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- 4 ඇඳ මන වැනි "බුදු ගුණ" සිහි කරන නින්දා මෙහෙයව එය නොදැනීම සිහින පෙනෙයි තද නින්දේ සිටින මෙය ගත හැකිය නින්දේ සිටි වෙහි
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