



St. Joseph's College OBU

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Ja-Ela / Wattala Branch

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Address by President Rohan Goonetilleke at the AGM

At the outset let me thank all of you for electing me as the 22nd president of this prestigious organization. We have had very eminent Old Joes as past presidents and I will make all efforts to maintain the expected standards. At this moment I must thank Mr Neil Amaratunga for proposing my name to the Exco many years back at the same venue. We are now a matured Branch Union, with a well spelt out annual program and we are very much focussed on our aims and objectives. Our branch union will continue to have a cordial relationship with the Management of St Joseph's College, the Main OBU and all other Branch Unions. Our special association with the Enderamulla Branch School will continue and grow. We had a very successful year under the presidency of Hesketh and on behalf of the branch Union I must thank Hesketh for his wonderful year and his spouse Chandra for the excellent support given to him. We must appreciate the support extended by our spouses since annually we have 12 exco meetings and another 10 or so subcommittee meetings and most of those are held in our houses ending up at midnight. I take this opportunity to thank those ladies for the support extended and seek your continuous support. We must thank the past presidents for the advisory role they perform in keeping the Union alive and we seek their continuous support. We must make all efforts to start the meetings on time, what ever time we agree upon, to be fair by the members who come on time so that we have a balance between pleasure and work. This year too we have got a very skillful Exco and I am sure we meet all our objectives and reach greater heights. We have a lineup of events for the year and our annual Dinner Dance which is the main fund raiser is planned on 31st July and expects the support and participation of you all. Thank you for your presence, enjoy the evening.

God bless all of you.



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Extract of the speech made by Imm. Past President Mr. Hesketh Kurruppu

My dear ex. Com. Members, my heart full thanks goes to you. I wish also to thank Secretary Rohan goonetilleke and treasurer Damian Abeyratne and specially Rohan who deputized me during my absence due to an overseas trip. Dance com. Chairman Diluk Leenage and co chairman Tilan Rupasinghe . Vindya Solangaarrachi for organizing the two day family outing to Sigiriya, Terrance Martin for the X'mas party, Rohn Goonetilleke for the cricket match at Negombo. I thank president and the members of the Negombo branch for hosting the match. Cecil Perera the editor of news letter. Thank you all for the jobs well done. I thank all who helped us in the fund raising event by way of sponsorships, advertisements, materials and numerous other ways. SJC Enderamulla branch school and the School Development Society have always been helpful to us in our fund raisers. I wish to thank Mr. Prasanna Perera and his team for the co-oporation extended to us for our dinner dance.

As I have mentioned at the last AGM I have made an attempt to bring a difference for the betterment of our union as the president of this union and as a senior citizen as well. As you know I have submitted a couple of resolutions to our constitution seeking your approval, which I thankfully received and was able to implement at the beginning of the year. A small souvenir was also printed for the last AGM with the end result to appreciate the participation of our spouses at the agms and other events during the year. AS you know most of our ex. Com. Meetings and the dance co. meetings are held at the residences of our ex. Com. Members. During the year we were able to achieve a very good participation in all our events. Over a 90% of the meeting were held at residences of our ex. COM. members. I wish to refer the situation of the country this time last year where there was a severe economic decline. Inspite of such climax we were able to sail through safely. So. ladies thank for your support . I thank you my dear ex. Com. Members who hosted the ex. Com meetings. Its good team work between “ the bread winner and bread buyer” irrespective of who wins or who buys

Re. Fr. Andradi, Your justifiable request for the sports material is now processed and Mr. Rohan Goonetilleke will do the needful. Thank you very much for the invitations extended to us for the X'mas carols and the Sports meet. These events were well conducted, congratulations. Thank you all once again and also for your patient hearing God bless !!!!

Little Bit About Ourselves

St. Joseph's College O.B.U.(Ja-Ela Wattala) was formed in February 1986. The first President was Hon. John Ameratunga and the first meeting was held at his residence in Kandana. Mr. Gerry Sirimanne and Mr.Bede Tissera were elected as the secretary and treasurer respectively. 80 Old Joes were present. While fostering fellowship among the Old Boys and those interested in the welfare of the college, and creating a bond of unity and a true feeling of loyalty to the alma mater were the main objectives of the Branch Union. Membership was open to Old Boys of the Ja-Ela , Wattala, Kelaniya Mahara and Gampaha electorates. Presently there are 322 members, and 28 very active and committed executive committee members , 70% of them are below 40 years of age. Our Branch Union is very much involved with the college activities and work hand in hand with Rev. Fr. Rector and assist the college as and when required..

The main activities of the Branch Union are the Christmas Family Get Together, Cricket Match with the Negombo Branch Union, The Annual Dance, and the Annual General Meeting. The committee meetings are held at the residences of the committee members. Incidentally the First ever Old Josephian Dance (Josephian Ball) was organized by our branch in 1988 at the Hotel Inter Continental. This year the dance will be held at the Ceylon Continental on the 31st July. Mr. Thilan Rupasinghe is the Chief Organizer of the dance. Dr. Mark Perera (May He Rest In Peace) was the main organizer of the Inaugural Dance. Annually we have been sponsoring a Family Mass on the third Sunday. This year we sponsored same in April. Many of our membership attend the First Saturday Mass organised by the Guild. Thanks to Mr. Desmond Fernando who always keeps us informed.

A newsletter is being published from June 2007 initiated by Mr. Ranjitha Dias, Mr. Cecil Perera and Mr.Neil Amaratunga are in charge of the publication..A website has been launched www,ajcobujaelawattala.com and is maintained by Mr. Wimal Prassanna.

We have been assisting the Enderamulla Branch school, and we are proud that we helped them to install a Computer Laboratory. and assisted the branch school in various ways, This year we donated the required sports equipment for the Branch School. Mr. Neil Pigeru who donated the Statue of St.Joseph placed at the entrance of the school, liaises with the authorities of the branch school.



Rev.Fr. Noel Perera(decd), lighting the traditional oil lamp at the inaugural meeting SJC OBU Ja-Ela Wattala Branch in 1986 with 4 of our pioneer members in the background. Any one naming all four will be awarded a prize at the Annual Dance. Contact the editor by phone or e-mail.



The 2010 *Josephian Nite Dinner Dance* titled *Mystical Twilights* will be held on 31st July at Ceylon Continental Hotel with Misty and Marians in attendance. As in the past proceedings will commence with cocktails.

Mr Thilan Rupasinghe the Chairman of the Dance Committee will be assisted by Angelo Kurruppu (Co-Chairman) and Anuja Fernando, Ranisha Silva, Rohan Goonetilleke, Sunil & Damian Abeyratne, Preethiraj De Silva, Vindya Solangaarachchi, Terrance Martin and Isuru Perera. Thilan and his dynamic committee are leaving no stone unturned to make this, *The Dance of The Year*. Each table will be fully loaded with a bottle of Black Label Bacardi Wine and soft drinks to keep your spirits up. There will be valuable entrance gift for each and everyone.

Members are kindly requested to assist the committee by obtaining sponsorships, advertisements gifts and banners. The President and the Chairman and the members of the Dance Committee request all members to participate with their spouse, relations and friends as this the function that our families can get together in good spirits savouring a sumptuous Ceylon Continental Dinner and Breakfast.

Food for Thought



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| Height of confusion | :- Two earthworms making love in a bowl of noodles. |
| Height of Foolishness | :- A guy peeping through the keyhole of a glass door. |
| Height of laziness | :- Adoption.. |
| Dictionary | :- Where divorce comes before marriage. |
| Diplomat | :- Is a person who tells you to go to hell, in such a way, that you look forward to the trip. |
| Pessimist | :- is a person who says that O is the last letter in ZERO, instead of the first letter in OPPORTUNITY. |



A teenage boy had just got his driver's license and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car. His father said he'd make a deal with his son: "You bring your grades up from C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car". The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it. After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't got your hair cut.." The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair... and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair." To this his father replied, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

News in brief

The monthly Executive committee meetings were held at the residences of the undermentioned members. The April meeting Mr. Dilruk Liyanage, May - Mr. Preethiraj de Silva, June Mr. Wimal Prasanna. The meetings were followed by fellowship and dinner hosted by the respective members.

Rev. Fr. Sylvester Ranasinghe confirmed that the Stanley Abeysekara Stadium had been re-furbished and the Badminton Courts are upgraded to Olympic Standards.

Executive committee member Dilruk Liyanage took the hand of Rozanne Diasz (former Miss Sri Lanka) in marriage on the 12th June. Togas, Coronas, Stolas, and Bagpipes were aplenty. We wish the "Dilzanne" couple a Roman-tic and Blissful future.



Inaugural Joe - Pete Big Match

Rev. Fr. J M Legoc and Rev. Fr. Nicholas Perera the respective rectors of St. Josephs and St. Peters initiated Joe Pete big match. The first encounter was played at the St. Peters College grounds in Bambalapitiya, on 23rd and 24th February 1933. Robert Fernando was the Josephian skipper and G Jayaweera led the Peterite team. Peterites won the toss and put the Joes into bat. Josephians managed to get 225 runs in 86 overs. Cyril Dias the Peterite spinner captured 9 wickets for 64 runs. Peterites were bundled out for 50 runs in the first innings, with only one batsman reaching double figures. In the second innings Peterites fared a little better and reached 70 runs. With a brilliant team effort the Joes won the inaugural match by an innings and 105 runs.

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