

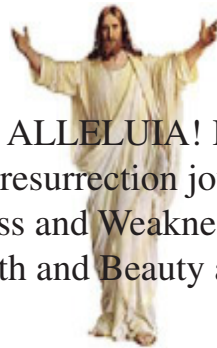


St. Joseph's College OBU

NEWS

Ja-Ela / Wattala Branch

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ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! HAPPY EASTER!

Let the resurrection joy lift us from
Loneliness and Weakness and Despair
To Strength and Beauty and Happiness!

Mission Accomplished :-

Address by Immediate Past President Rohan Goonetilleke, "Our Chief Guest This evening Rev Fr Sylvester Ranasinghe, Charter President Hon John Amaratunge, Vice President SJC OBU Mr Priyanga ,Other Dignitaries at the head table, Visitors from the SJC OBU Colombo ,SJC Negombo branch ,Members of the SJC OBU Ja ela Wattala branch and their spouses, and guests

Let me welcome you to the 23rd AGM of our branch union and wish you a very pleasant evening. It was another wonderful year full of activities and I thank all the committees for doing a wonderful job .The secretaries report will elaborate what we have done.**We did it our way as a team.**

We generally have our monthly exco meeting at the residences of our members and it's a much sought after meeting with very good participation. I must thank the spouses of our members for the hard work which goes unseen and unpraised.

We had a very cordial relationship with the main school and the branch school, and participated in many activities. During the year under review our patron Fr Sylvester Ranasinghe celebrated 25 years of priesthood and in recognition of his great services to the catholic community our OBU presented him with a memorable gift at the Christmas Party.

In conclusion I would like to report that the exco had very successfully achieved all objectives laid in the constitution. The main objective being of building a cordial relationship among the old boys and foster in them a true feeling of loyalty to their alma mater.

I wish the new executive committee that will be appointed later during the day success in all their endeavors."

Sunil Speaks Out :-

We had a well attended AGM at the Ramada. We must thank Fr. Rector, Past Presidents, especially Hon John Amaratunge, the members, spouses and well wishers for their presence. Our Past President Rohan, in his own way did an excellent job, getting the group together , fostering friendship within our Old Joes. Through his constant e-mails to all the males in our committee. The programmes were completed on target, the dance being one of our largest fund raisers. The bank account looks very healthy for our organization.Thanks Rohan, the club is very grateful to you – thank you for the leadership. The 25th year of our existence. It is a special year. After me this baton will be going to the younger generation of Ja-Ela/Wattala Old Joes.We are extremely lucky to be blessed with a set of fantastic youngsters – give them anything and it is done. The next item on the Agenda will be our Annual Dance. Young Thilan has taken it on for the 2nd year. It is at the Cinnamon Lakeside on the 10th of September We are hoping all YOUNG and OLD JOES will be there. The family outing of the committee members will be organized by Angelo and the Christmas party will be the next item. Our support for St. Joseph's Enderamulla will be as usual. Fr. Ranjit has sent us a letter requesting for help to build the Basketball Court. We are also looking at sponsoring a couple of deserving students from A.Levels through University.

The committee is very dedicated. We would like Old Joes not in the main committee, who would like to get involved, to give their names either to the Secretary or myself.

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St Joseph's College Colombo 10, Old Boys' Union
Ja-Ela Wattala Branch

The 23rd Annual General Meeting of St Joseph's College Colombo 10, Old Boys, Union Ja- Ela Wattala Branch was held on the 19th March 2011 at Ramada Hotel Seeduwa with Rector Rev. Fr. Sylvester Ranasinghe as the Chief Guest.

The following Office Bearers were elected for the Executive committee for 2011/2012

01. President	Sunil Abeyratne	- 0777723029
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03. 1 st Vice President	Suranjith Gunawardena	- 0718687499
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07. Assistant Secretary	Dilruk Leanage	- 0777588678
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03. Ragama	Milroy Silva	- 0777359009
04. Kelaniya	Nalaka Amaratunge	- 0717572420
05. Kelaniya	Damian Abeyratne	- 0777873293
06. Wattala	Harendra Abeyesundera	- 0717681160
07. Hendala	Dr. Maithri Perera	- 0714734288
08. Pamunugama	Milinda Jayawardena	- 0777791553
09. Mahara	Nalin Silva	- 0777325795
10. Enderamulla	Neil Piger	- 0777382233
11. Gampaha	Thisaka Perera	- 0727647745
12. Gampaha	Rohitha Thilakeratne	- 0722233480

Special Committee

01. Lakshman Rodrigo	- 0112938808
02. Prasanna Kuruppu	- 0772290280
03. Roshan de Saram	- 0772268546
04. Mahesh Fernando	- 0777307636

Auditors

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**Following members hosted meetings during
the year 2010 to 2011**

March	Hesketh Kuruppu
April	Dilruk Leanage
May	Preethi De Silva
June	Wimal Prasanna
July	Milroy Silva
August	Neil Piger
September	Lakshman Rodrigo
October	Ranisha Silva
November	Hilarian Gunawardena
December	Sunil Abeyratne
January	Harendra Abeysinghe
February	Vindiya Solangaarachchi
March	Rohan Goonetilleke

"Go not to the temple to put flowers upon the feet
of God,
First fill your own house with the fragrance of
love"
(Rabindranath Tagore)

Josephians Excel at Cricket

The college cricket team drew their big match. The limited over game was convincingly won by us. At the finals of the All Island under 19 limited over tournament Joes beat Trinity to become the champs.

Joers who represented the (Ceylon / Sri Lanka) at cricket

UT - Unofficial Tests for Ceylon (All Ceylon Players)

T - Test Players

ODI - ODI representation only

- 1) Cecil Horan (UT)
- 2) T.B.S. Amath (UT)
- 3) S.T. De Silva (UT)
- 4) Albert De Alwis (UT)
- 5) A.C.Z. Wijeratne (UT)
- 6) Claude Van Der Straaten (UT)
- 7) Robert Fernando (UT)
- 8) S.S. Perimpanyagam (UT)
- 9) D.S. Jayasundara (UT)
- 10) George Pereira (UT)
- 11) Mervyn Kelaart (UT)
- 12) Tommy Kelaart (UT)
- 13) John Pulle (UT)
- 14) Malcolm Spittel (UT)
- 15) Fairlie Dalpethado (UT)
- 16) Lou Spittel (UT)
- 17) Makkin Salih (UT)
- 18) Tony Buhar (UT)
- 19) Bertram De Kretser (UT)
- 20) Gerry Gooneratne (UT)
- 21) Malcolm Franke (UT)
- 22) Peter Samarasinghe (UT)
- 23) Norton Frederick (UT)
- 24) Brian Obeysekera (UT)
- 25) Ajith Weerakkody (ODI)
- 26) Ashley De Silva (T)
- 27) Chaminda Vaas (T)
- 28) Michael Vandort (T)
- 29) Angelo Mathews (T)
- 30) Thisara Perera (ODI)



SJC Skipper Roscoe Thatil receiving the Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai Trophy from the Chief Guest Mr. Jonathan Alles

The College Grotto was built during the rectorship of Rev. Fr. Legoc. A piece of the rock of the original Lourdes Grotto was embedded in it.

Recently a member of the Guild renovated the Grotto and he wanted anonymity.

Now this monument of St. Joseph's College has been brought to its pristine glory. Every first Saturday at 8.30 a.m. The Holy Rosary and the Litany to Our Lady is recited at the Grotto followed by the Eucharistic Celebration in the College Chapel.

It is pleasing to note that a fair number of Ja-Ela /Wattala Old Joes participate at the Marian Devotion.

SILVER JUBILEE

Our branch union presented a silver chalice to Rev. Fr. Sylvester Ranasinghe on his sacerdotal silver jubilee, during the Family Christmas Get-together held at Hotel Ramada on the 12th December 2010.

It is with deep regret that we inform that our member Mr. Sherman Ranasinghe of Negombo Road, Tudella, Ja-Ela attained eternal glory on 27th February 2011.

May He Rest In Peace !

Winner of the last issue's quiz was

Mr. Ranjitha Dias.

News Letter Quiz

Name the oldest monument of St. Joseph's College



Our members at the AGM

Annual Report Presented by the Hon. Secretary Mr. Ranisha Silva

It is my pleasure and honor to present the Annual Report for the period of 1st April 2010 to 31st March 2011 under the presidency of Mr. Rohan Goonethilleke.

Review of activities for Year 2010/11 is as follows;

During the year we had 12 Executive committee meetings.

We continued with our much sought after family outing for ex-co members on 2-3 October. This year the annual two day trip was organized to Anurdhapura and it was yet another wonderful outing with family and friends.

The end of Year 2010/11 saw the successful completion of ambitious projects to support St. Josephs College-Colombo 10 and our Ederamulla branch.

Most importantly the Annual Dance 2010 hit a record in our club as the organizing committee succeeded in bringing in a profit near to Rs. 1 Million. The Dance was held on 31st July 2010 at Ceylon Continental Hotel with two bands in attendance. It was a roaring success.

The website continued to be upgraded with a new re-construction.

I am pleased to report to the members that we continued with our contributions by donating sports equipment worth Rs. 164,450/- to the Ederamulla branch school.

The friendly cricket match with the Negombo branch continued. Our credit to the Negombo branch team for their outstanding performance. We will out perform them next year.

The Christmas party was held on 11 December at Ramada Hotel Seeduwa.

Over the past year the Wattala Jaela club donate Rs. 10,000/- for SJC- Colombo 10 Christmas Carols and Rs.25,000/- to Josephian Talent fiesta. We continued to donate Rs. 10,000/- to Ederamulla branch Christmas Carols

At the request of Fr. Rector we donated two bicycles worth Rs. 15,000/- to a school in Kilinochchi.

During the year we also donated for SJC Colombo 10 Rugby Development Fund. Rs.25,000/-

We wish to express our thanks to the Old boys union in Australia for their donation of AUD 350/-

Our OBU is grateful to Fr. Rector Sylvester Ranasinghe and Fr. Ranjith Andradi for their continued support. To conclude this report , I would also like to thank President Mr. Rohan Goonathilleke for his dedicated, well thought-out work during his term of Office and for all the heartfelt support and guidance extended in performing my duties as the Secretary.

Above all , I thank all our members for their loyalty and support – it is through our togetherness and increase number in membership, that we were able to continue to make a difference and contribute to develop and enhance our school.

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