



## St. Joseph's College OBU

### NEWS

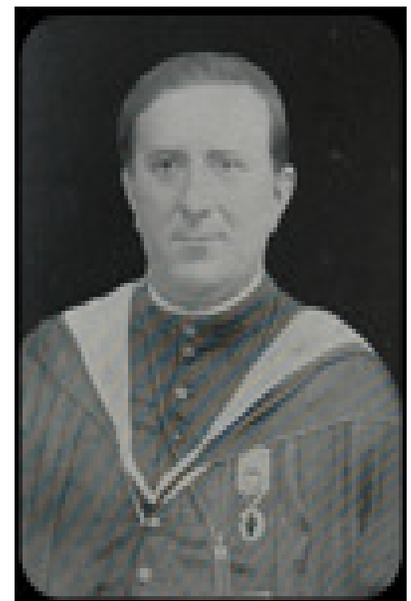
## Ja-Ela / Wattala Branch

August 2011

### *REMEMBERING A GREAT RECTOR*

**Rev. Fr. Maurice J. Legoc**

Fr. Maurice J. Legoc O.M.I. was appointed as the 4th Rector of St. Joseph's College in the year 1914. He was a great educationist, scientist and efficient administrator. The present primary building was constructed during his time. This building was an exact copy of the Bonjean Hall, which was declared open by Arch Bishop Most Rev. Marque.



The next massive building was the South Wing, a two storied building to house the class rooms. During Fr. Maurice Legoc's tenure of office, there was emphasis on science subjects in the curriculum. Fr. Legoc's favourite subject was Botany. His own publication "Tropical Botany" was used as a text book in India and Ceylon.

On the 19th March 1929, the foundation stone for the College Chapel was laid by the Archbishop of Colombo. The College Chapel is a fitting memorial to Fr. Maurice Legoc. An exact copy of the Grotto in Lourdes was built at the southern end of the primary building by him.

In the year 1930, Fr. Maurice Legoc introduced a scheme of scholarships to the under privileged students. To extend the fruits of knowledge to the students in the out stations, Fr. Maurice Legoc initiated: (a) St. Joseph's College South Later St. Peter's College in 1922 (b) St. Paul's College Waragoda (1935) (c) St. John's College, Dematagoda (1939). As a symbol of respect to these saints, Fr. Legoc installed four statues of them at the four corners of the centre block of the college chapel.

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## Message from the President :- Dr. Sunil Abeyratne

Hi Friends!

In our 24th year we are at present organizing our main Fund Raiser – the Annual Dance. Thilan Rupasinghe has been doing a great job organizing the dance with the Committee.

The Theme 'AT THE DAWN OF SILVER'  
CINNAMON LAKESIDE ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2011  
TICKETS ARE PRICED AT RS. 9000/- PER COUPLE  
BANDS IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE MISTY/MARIANS

We would very much like to see most of our members and friends at the dance.

I am appealing to our members to help us with Sponsorships, Advertisements and Banners.

As usual we will be helping St. Joseph's College and the branch school.

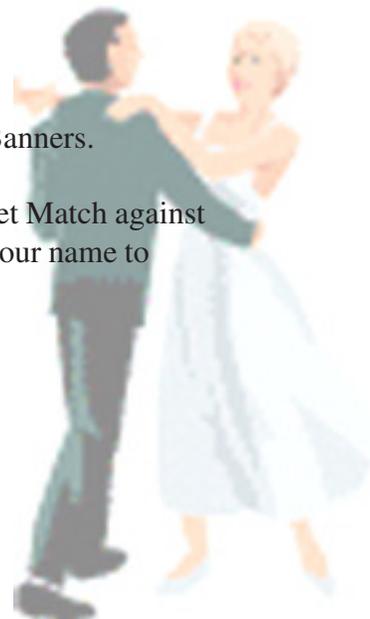
Many of our members attended the S J C Negombo branch AGM. The usual Cricket Match against SJC Negombo will take place. If any member is keen to represent, please give your name to Ranisha de Silva.

We want to update the membership records. Please forward your contact details.

We expect more members to become active in our club activities.

See you all at the dance.

Regards.



### **ANNUAL DINNER DANCE 2011**

#### **ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS UNION JA ELA / WATTALA BRANCH**

Josephian Nite 2011, the Annual Dance of the St. Joseph's College Old Boy's Union Ja Ela / Wattala Branch will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2011 at Kings Court, Hotel **Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo**, with the famous bands Misty and Marians who will entertain you till dawn. The dance is scheduled to start at 8.00p.m with Cocktails at the entrance which will give you enough spirits to start with. The theme for this year's dance is titled as **"At the Doors of Silver"** looking forward to celebrate 25 years of our branch union. The tickets are priced at Rs. 4,500/- per person. Members, family and friends interested in attending the dinner dance could contact either of following persons for reservations.

Mr. Thilan Rupasinghe - 0777 387487,

Mr. Vindya Solangaarachchi - 0777 701692

#### **The Dance Committee**

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| Mr. Thilan Rupasinghe     | - Chairman                 |
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| Dr. Sunil Abeyratne       | - President OBU            |
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| Mr. Ranisha Silva         | Mr. Dilruk Leanage         |
| Mr. Mahesh Fernando       | Mr. Prasanna Kuruppu       |

**The oldest monument of St. Joseph's College is the (Clock) Tower Building, no winners in the Newsletter quiz.**



**Our President has embarked on a project , to collate the membership details. Kindly forward your present address, Telephone Nos. email address to our secretary Mr.Terrance Martyn [terrencem@singersl.com](mailto:terrencem@singersl.com) or to our President. :- [enomal@sltnet.lk](mailto:enomal@sltnet.lk)**

## Sports News

Rugger: Joe-Pete 2011 Due to an oversight by the referee a Josephian player was shown the red card and sent off the field. The Joes team were leading at that point. Subsequently Peterites won the game by a whisker. Later the referee realized his error and the player who was sent off was exonerated and allowed to play in the subsequent games. However the result of the game was not changed.

Josephians won the Lady Jayatilake Trophy when they defeated the Thomians.

Swimming: Josephians won the Sri Lanka Schools Swimming and Diving Championship for the eighth consecutive year.

Cricket: CONGRATULATIONS ANGELO MATHEWS!.

The true Josephian spirit was displayed by Angelo Mathews when he helped Anandian, Dinesh Chandimal to score a century at Lords. We wish to congratulate Angelo Mathews for his bold heroics and for been appointed as the vice captain for the matches against the Aussies. Another Josephian donned the Sri Lanka cap, Dimuth Karunaratne who joined Angelo and Tissara

## Branch Union News

The committee meetings were sponsored by Dr. Sunil Abeyratne at Waragoda in April, Ranjitha Dias and Neil Amerathunga at Ja-Ela in May, Suranjith Gunawardena at Hendala in June, Lakshman Rodrigo at Pegasus Reef Hotel in July and Nalin and Roshan at Ragama in August.

The committee members had their annual family outing on 13th and 14th August at Marawila Sports Resort. More than 20 families participated for this self funded event.

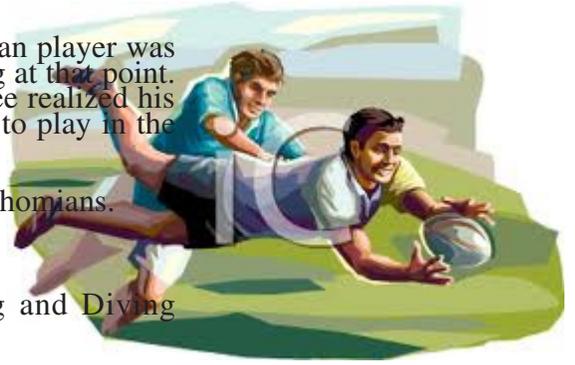
The Family Mass held on the third Sunday of every month was sponsored by the Ja-Ela Wattala OBU on 17th July, which was very well attended. Mr. Rohan Hettiaratchchi organised the church proceedings and breakfast.



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Pilot: "Pilot to tower...pilot to tower...we're 500 miles from land, 1000 feet high and running out of fuel...please instruct, over..."

Tower: "Tower to pilot ... tower to pilot...repeat after me..." "Our Father, who art in heaven..."



**Most Spoken Languages on Planet Earth:(Listed from 10th to 1st)**

10. French Number of speakers: 129 million  
To say "hello" in French, say "Bonjour" (bone-JOOR).
9. Malay-Indonesian Number of speakers: 159 million  
To say "hello" in Indonesian, say "Selamat pagi" (se-LA-maht PA-gee).
8. Portuguese Number of speakers: 191 million  
To say "hello" in Portuguese, say "Bom dia" (bohn DEE-ah).
7. Bengali Number of speakers: 211 million
6. Arabic Number of speakers: 246 million  
To say "hello" in Arabic, say "Al salaam a'alaykum" (Ahl sah-LAH M ah ah-LAY-koom).
5. Russian Number of speakers: 277 million  
To say "hello" in Russian, say "Zdravstvuite" (ZDRAST-vet-yah).
4. Spanish Number of speakers: 392 million  
To say "hello" in Spanish, say "Hola" (OH-la).
3. Hindustani ( Hindi) Number of speakers: 497 million  
To say "hello" in Hindustani, say "Namaste" (Nah-MAH-stay).
2. English Number of speakers: 508 million
1. Mandarin Number of speakers: 1 billion+  
To say "hello" in Mandarin, say "Ni hao" (Nee HaOW).



One night a man - who was in no shape to drive - wisely left his car parked and walked home. As he was walking unsteadily along the road, he was stopped by a policeman. "What are you doing out here at 2 A.M.?" asked the officer. "I'm going to a lecture." the man said. "And just who is going to give a lecture at this hour?" the cop asked. "My wife." said the man.



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