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The Association held its 23rd Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 25, 2013 at St Norbert's Church Hall, 100 Regent Road, Toronto, ON. The meeting was followed by a get-together for the members and their spouses with live music provided courtesy of the "Zerox" band. The following members were elected to hold office for the ensuing year:

PATRON

Rev. Bro. Janaka Fonseka
Director, St. Benedict's College

VICE-PATRON

Raj Fernando

EXECUTIVE

President: Nimal Dissanayake
Vice-President: Lucian Alles
General Secretary: Mervyn Doss
Treasurer: Pootharan Fernando
Social Secretary: Keith Livera
Sports Secretary: Dayan Baddeliyanage
Asst. Secy. Sports/Social: Darrel Fernandopulle
Membership Secretary: Priyan Ranasinghe

COMMITTEE

Brian Alles
Kevin David
Brigetto Fernando
Moham Fernandopulle
Sothinathan Gananathan
Doyne Ramenaden
Anton Santhiapillai

AUDITOR

Tyrone Devotta

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I Thank the membership for the trust placed in me to serve as President for another year. I seek your support again by

participating in the Association's activities. I assure you that the newly elected officers will strive to do their best to make the ensuing year a resounding success.

The year kicked off in grand style with a social immediately following the AGM held on May 25, 2013 and was enjoyed by all who attended. The pilgrimage to the Canadian Martyrs' Shrine on August 25, 2013 was very well attended.

Now that summer is over, it is time for our biggest event of the year, the Annual Dinner Dance on **November 02, 2013**. The Council members are working hard to make this a success. The Annual Dance is our primary fund raising event which enables us to finance the various requests from the College as well as our on going scholarship project.

I ask your support by attending the dance with family and friends.

On behalf of the council I wish you, and your families, the very best.

Nimal Dissanayake



KEEP THESE DATES FREE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2—"21ST. BENEDICTINE NITE" DINNER DANCE.

DECEMBER—CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER—CAROLS AT SENIORS' HEALTH CENTRE AT 4:30 PM.

GOOD-BYE TO A GOOD FRIEND



Bens stalwart, Collin Basnayake, brother of Ralph and of the late

Elmo, passed away on April 27, 2013 after a brief illness. He was 2 days shy of his seventy third birthday. His body was cremated at a private family gathering and the ashes interred in the family plot at Madampitiya, Sri Lanka. A Mass was offered in his memory on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at St. John Fisher, Roman Catholic Church in Brampton, Ontario where a large gathering of Benedictines were present. The service was followed with a reception.

Collin is survived by wife, Pearl and two daughters, Naomali (Sri Lanka) and Maryanne, and four grandchildren.

Collin was a long-time member and a former vice president of St. Benedict's College Alumni Association, Canada. He was an active participant at all the alumni events. He was a very good dancer. A former member of the col-

lege gymnastic club under the distinguished, George Atkinson, and he was awarded full colours. During his later years at college he was at the commercial department.

The loss of Collin I am sure will be felt by many of us. He was a loyal member of our Association.

Collin will be sadly missed by us at our future events.

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

St. Benedict's College Alumni Association Canada, is proud to announce the launching of our very own web-site. Now Bens in Canada and around the world have easy access to information that is made available in the web just by keying in www.bensalumnicanada.ca Thanks to Kevin David for setting it up. Bens Alumni Association welcomes your feedback and input for the web-site including letters and articles via e-mail to webmaster, Kevin@steamwhistle.ca

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

St. Benedict's College Alumni Association (Canada) continues to live up to its record of being sociable and active with a welcoming attitude to new members.

Please draw a cheque for \$20.00, made payable to: St. Benedict's College Alumni Association (Canada) and mail it to the Membership Secretary

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ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARTYRS' SHRINE



On the lovely sunny morning of Sunday, August 25, 2013, Benedictines along with their families left Toronto at 9:00am by bus for their day of Pilgrimage to the Martyrs' Shrine at Midland, Ontario.

At the Shrine they attended the noon Mass followed by a pot-luck lunch by the lake. The rest of the day was devoted to various games introduced by our social secretary, Keith Livera and his wife, Cynthia. Later that afternoon Bens got together for a sing-a-long accompanied on guitars by Kevin David and Marlan Orrloff. All were enjoying when it clouded over and began to rain. All too soon we had to leave.

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SRI LANKA SCHOOLS ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC



An impressive 56 alumni from seven Sri Lanka Schools participated in the 12th Annual Golf Tournament held on Sunday, September 08, 2013 at the Richmond Hill

Golf Club, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

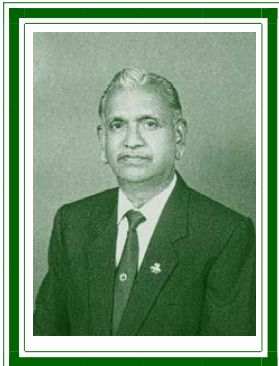
Royal College emerged winners with a score of 69 "Low Net" while the Bens Team comprising of Anton Dharmaseelan, Mike Alvis and Lal Seniviratne came in third with a "Low Net" of 71.

In addition to golf, the event was an opportunity for meeting and building comradeship of alumni from schools of Sri Lankan origin. It is hoped that more Bens golf enthusiasts would participate in this tournament next year.

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HE STILL ROARS AT 80



Long-standing member and former Council member, (Lion) C.T. Devaraja celebrated his 80th birthday on July 15, 2013 with a private party among family and close friends. Bens Alumni Association Canada congratulates C.T. on this milestone event and wished him good health and happiness over the years.



OBITUARIES

It is with great sadness that we record the passing away of:

Noeline Gerard, on April 25, 2013 in Colombo, Sri Lanka—Dearly beloved mother of Dayan Baddeliyanage, our Council member.

Collin Basnayake, on April 27, 2013 in Brampton, Ontario—Long-standing member and past Vice President.

Kamala Devy, on May 07, 2013 in New Jersey, USA—Dearly beloved mother-in-law of Sothinthan Gananathan, our Council member.

Santhamuthu Anthonypillai, on August 02, 2013 in Colombo, Sri Lanka—Dearly beloved father of Theresian Selvakumar.

Our deepest sympathies to the families of the dearly departed.



ADDRESS UPDATE

In order to ensure that you continue to receive communications, invitations and other information from the Association, please provide us with your updated contact information. Alternatively, you may submit your address update via e-mail to:

mervyn_doss@bell.net
Or call Mervyn at 416-491-9040

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www.bensalumnicanada.ca

SAINTS CRICKET QUADRANGULAR



The 4th Annual 20/20 "Saints Quadrangular" Cricket tournament was held on Sunday, August 11, 2013 at the Ajax Cricket Grounds, Ajax, amidst a large crowd of spectators.

In the semi-finals, Bens scored 113/06 in 17 Overs and Peterites 114/No loss in 12.3 Overs. In the second semi-finals, Anthonians scored 119/07 in 20 Overs and Joes 122 for 4 in 18.2 Overs. In the finals, Joes emerged champions with a score of 178 for 3 in 20 Overs while the Peterites replied only with 113 for 8 in 20 Overs).



AUXILIARY BISHOP OF COLOMBO VISITS TORONTO

Bens Alumnus, His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Lionel Emmanuel Fernando, Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo made a private visit to Toronto in August, 2013 and was greeted by many of his relatives and friends especially his sister, Rita Vas, mother-in-law of our Treasurer, Pootharan Fernando. His Lordship celebrated Holy Mass on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Lawrence the Martyr Roman Catholic Church in Scarborough. His Lordship also celebrated a special Mass on the feast of Our Lady of Snows on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. at the same church followed by a luncheon reception of family and friends at the J & J Swagat Banquet Hall in Markham, Ontario. Prior to returning to Sri Lanka, His Lordship visited Colorado, USA, Quebec and Montreal. He left Canada on August 16, 2013.

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