



SYDNEY BENS' NEWS

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IMPORTANT

SATURDAY AUGUST 25 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Sydney Bens' AGM will take place on Saturday, August 25, commencing at 10.30 am. The venue is Curry Leaf Restaurant in Boomarang Road, Seven Hills. Sydney Bens are invited to be present at this important occasion. (See attached flyer for further details)

*Our bi-annual
Dinner Dance...*

Another Sydney Bens success!

Ah! These Bens know how to do it. Guests are met by a bevy of sparkling saree-clad Benedictine ladies who greet them with beaming smiles, whisk through front desk formalities and have them ushered to their seats.

On entering the precincts of entertainment, they are invited into the warmth of Benedictine bonhomie. Subtle aromas of fresh flora – trays of floral crowns sprouting strong greens of Camilia leaves clutching delightful white daisies kindle your senses. Subtlety is the word – College colours of green and white are all around you – nothing is overpowering though.

All the classy floral arrangements were Dianitha Fernandopulle's doing.

Now into that ambience, toss in on stage two quality Sydney bands (the Cazcades and Breakaways) one at a time. Soft lights, rhythmic music of slow, mid-range and quick tempo in that order. Swirl in a slow waltz, cha-



AT THE FOREFRONT are (from left): Pam Appathurai, Angela Herft, Lily Rebeira, Gnani Velayuthen, Selvaranee Machado and Hyacinth Jones. (More pictures on centre pages)

cha and a sprinkling of swing. Stir in a Viennese classic, quicksteps and Twist numbers and presto! soon you have a floorful of dancing going on.

Imposing dinner

An imposing dinner delights the cockles of all the guests. Then the *piece de resistance* – an enticing array of prizes, from gigantic hampers to airline tickets, an autographed cricket bat to electrical appliances to ever-so-welcome Aussie wines and other sought-after goodies. All

these items are donated by Old Bens and well-wishers.

Another touch of class – singing of *Boys of St Benedict's* – the College Anthem. A resounding rendering from all the Old Bens present. One lady guest told me: "I've never heard any group sing their school song so vibrantly and with such feeling."

A perfect end to a perfect evening. Thanks to a hardworking committee and our ever-supportive band of Benedictine ladies.

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Founded in 1993*

OUR MISSION

*Promote loyalty to and assist
our Alma Mater at all times,
foster social and sporting
interaction among Old Bens
everywhere*

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Prakash Fernandopulle
Gordon Rebeira
Joe Rodrigo
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Orphelia & Roger Weneden



(From left) Coreen Fernandopulle, Susan & Kenward D'Abrera



Rochelle & Glen
Joseph (OBU Vic)

THE GALA DINNER DANCE IN PICTURES



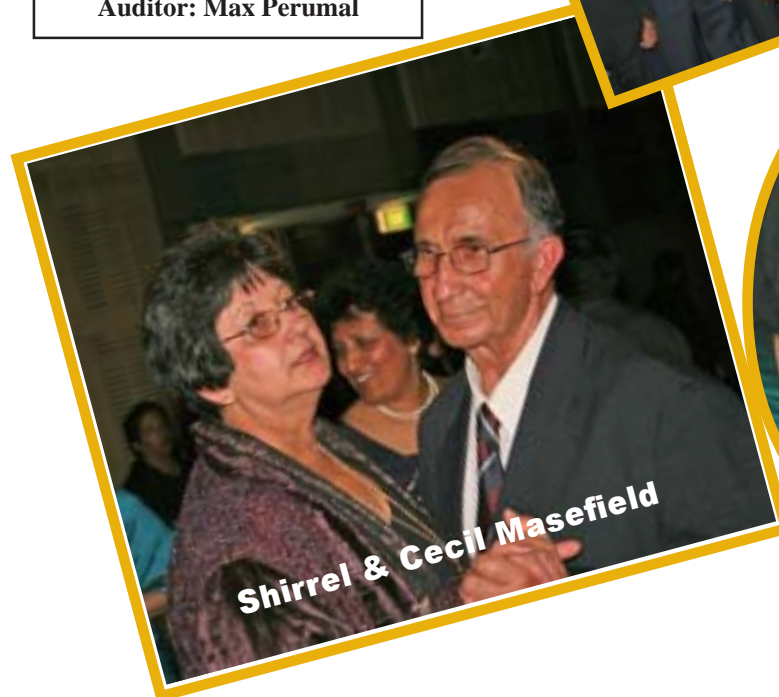
"Boys of St Benedict's"
with feeling.



From left: Felicia, Regina
and Kumar Subramaniam



Upali & Tamara Mallawaarachy



Shirrel & Cecil Masefield



Sherrie & Dinal
Jayamanne



Ciano & Margot Schroter



Having a ball!

The Boys of St Benedict's

This is a complete list of Sydney Bens. All Life Members have asterisks against their names.

Ronnie Almeida**
Shiran Anthony
Tony Appathurai**
Darryl Arnolda
Mario Barrington
Tyrone Casie Chetty
ECT Candappa**
Robin Candappa
Harold Christie-David**
Trevor Christie-David
Noel Christie-David
Clement Christie-David
Peter Cramer
Kernward D'Abrera
Wolston D'Abrera**
Milroy de Silva
Jerome De Zilwa
Hilary Dias
Razikin Dole**
Desmond Don Paul
Benildus Fernando
Peter Fernando
Prabhu Fernando
Ramsford Fernando (QLD)
Sherwell Fernando**
Malcolm Fernandopulle**

Prakash Fernandopulle**
Sri Rajan Fernandopulle**
Russel Fernandopulle
Alster Firth
Dr Dan Godamunne**
Percy Gunasekera
Errol Gunasekera
Gerard Gunasekera
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Fred Herft**
Alistair Herft
Malcolm Herft
Bernard Jason
Michel Jason**
Dinal Jayamanne**
Denzil Jayasinghe
George Johnpulle
Douglas Jones**
Hugh Keir
Cammy Kuveju
Everard LaFaber
Fitzroy LaFaber
Hynsworth LaFaber**
Basil Loduwick
Lionel Machado**
Upali Mallawaarachy**

Cecil Masfield**
Dr George Martinus**
Anton Massillamany
Clement Miranda
Hilary Mitchell
Anton Motha**
Garrick Mutukisna**
Bernard Paiva
Greg Pathinather**
Roshan Pathinather**
Yohan Pathinather**
Cedric Pereira**
Anil Perera
Max Perumal**
Lucien Perumal
Reggie Perumal
Torrel Perumal
Maurice T. Peries**
Felix Pieris**
Chris Pietersz
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Dr K.Ramanathan
Rama Ramakrishnan
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Gordon Rebeira
Royce Rebeira
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Marcelline Rodrigo
Rienzie Rupasinghe(ACT)**

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Francis Sandanam**
Francis Santiago
Mario Schwallie
Martino Schwallie
Stanley Sebastian
K. Sebastian
Dr Srilal Silva**
Jayantha Silvaria
Randolph Simmons
Desmond Smale
Easwaran Subramaniam
Kumar Subramaniam**
Dr K. Tharamarajah
James Vannitamby**
Roy Vander Straten
(QLD)
Ranjith Velayuthen**
Roger Weneden**
Eslanta Wickramaratne
Patrick Wickramaratne**
Clifford Willenberg
Elmo Young**

When Old Bens meet...



Vancouver (West Coast Canada)

With (from left), John Fernando, Pat Livera and Eric Motha.

On a recent visit to Canada and the US, I had the honour of meeting with Old Bens domiciled there. Meeting them was an inspiration. Both Canada OBUs and their New York counterpart are imbued with a depth of devotion to the Alma Mater that's beyond the call of duty.

That said: in Vancouver (West Coast Canada) I met with Eric Motha and his family in the Surrey home of his very youthful son-in-law and loyal Old Ben John Fernando Jr. Eric gave me the greatest surprise of my life when he invited Patrick Livera (a contemporary of mine) and that made my night! Then across to



New York (USA)

From left: Chitra Benedict (wife of late Edward Benedict) Nimal Fernando, Luke De Silva, Anton Anandappa, Ranjit Swaris, Juventinus Thampoe, G. Yegarajah.



From left: Bernard LeGrand, Emmanuel Thiruchelvam, Lucien Alles, Afzal Hamid, Mohan Fernandopulle, Brian Alles, Priyan Ranasinghe, Nagendran Meiya-ppen and Francis Doss.

the East in Toronto, I was invited to a committee meeting of that branch. An

eye-opening evening to the dedication of these Old Bens in "doing the duty".

Several days later, in New York, I met with another dedicated band of Bens. Some of them travel inter-state or long distances within their state to attend meetings. These guys deserve a medal for their loyalty. Stamp-sized photograph such as these are inadequate a tribute to these youthful, dynamic and stalwart Old Bens from the North American continent.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **AUGUST 25** -
Saturday AGM
10.30 AM at Curry Leaf
Restaurant.
- **SEPT 27** – Golf Day
Rosnay Course
Auburn Tee off 8.30AM
- **DECEMBER 22**
Saturday Carols &
Christmas Party
7.00 PM Dunmore Hall,
North Rocks