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From the Secretary

Dear Championites,

In this fast-changing world, finding a community where you belong and share experiences has never been more important. For me, and I'm sure many of you, the COBA community is one such place. Even though viruses and distance have kept us apart over the past couple of years, we all keep touch and look forward to getting together whenever we can.

The committee and I will continue planning and organising events where we can meet face-to-face. We have received very positive feedback about one of our recent events, the recent Fund-raising BBQ at Jells Park. People from all over Melbourne took time to drive down and spend nearly a full day catching up with their friends, some of who they have not seen for a very long time. It was a special day to see Championites mingle over a drink and a plate of food with music and even a few games of Bingo. To see the COBA community's children and grandchildren run around the park also sparked some youthful memories.

Thank you to our pioneer members, they built this community and carried on the spirit of togetherness we learnt from our Alma Mater – Campion. To continue this mateship, especially now that our pioneers are tiring out, we need younger Championites to 1) join COBA, 2) take up the mantle with zeal and enthusiasm and 3) enjoy the Campion spirit of togetherness.

From talking to some of our senior Championites (from the 50's & 60's), I can tell you they don't run out of stories and accomplishments achieved from their school days. So, I appeal to all our members to talk to anyone that went through the corridors or dormitories of Campion in the 70's, 80's, 90's or even in the 2000s to come and enjoy the camaraderie.



Glen Johnson

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COBA General Committee for the Financial Year 2021-2022	
Executive Committee	
President Loftus Callanan (Class '55)	Vice-President Michael Lewis (Class '79)
Secretary Glen Johnson (Class '65)	Assistant Secretary <Vacant>
Treasurer & Public Officer Ean Brewty (Class '85)	Assistant Treasurer <Vacant>
Committee Members	
Adrian Rodrigues (Class '63) Alexander Ring (Class '85)	Christopher Quental (Class '91) Robert Starr (Class '72)
Sub-Committee (Australia) Nominated	
Barbara Callanan (Associate)	Trevor Jackson (Social Member)
Scholarship Sub-Committee (India) Nominated	
Althea Sherwood (Teacher)	Beverley Wright (Class '55)
Avis Wright (Retired Teacher)	Percival Rozario (Class '01)
Shannon Vassou (Class '93)	

Message Of Thanks:

We wish to convey our gratitude to the individuals who in response to our request for contributions, have donated towards COBA's Scholarship program through the years.

Thanks to your generosity, this has helped us continue sponsoring Campion students.

We are grateful for support offered to COBA the local business and individuals who have given us tremendous support in our fund-raising efforts, throughout the year.

Below is a summary of the scholarship program over the last 18 years.

Scholarship Program – Summary							
YEAR	LKG / UKG	STD I - XII	BOARDING STD VI-XII	DEGREE	MASTERS	Scholarships per year	Scholarship cost per year
2003/2004		16	-	-	-	16	\$2,436
2004/2005		16	-	-	-	16	\$2,324
2005/2006		14	-	1	-	15	\$2,322
2006/2007		9	-	2	-	11	\$2,370
2007/2008		9	-	2	-	11	\$2,154
2008/2009	2	12	-	1	-	15	\$3,206
2009/2010	2	11	-	1	1	15	\$2,258
2010/2011	2	12	1	2	1	18	\$4,500
2011/2012	2	12	2	3	-	19	\$3,713
2012/2013	2	13	1	4	-	20	\$2,947
2013/2014	1	13	2	4	1	21	\$4,500
2014/2015	2	10	2	6	1	21	\$4,204
2015/2016	2	11	2	4	1	20	\$3,800
2016/2017	2	11	2	3	1	19	\$3,735
2017/2018	2	12	2	1	2	19	\$3,494
2018/2019	2	12	2	1	1	18	\$3,477
2019/2020	2	11	-	4	-	17	\$3,253
2020/2021	1	13	-	6	-	20	\$3,991
18 Years	24	217	16	45	9	311	\$58,684

COBA Events in 2022

BBQ at Jells Park – March 2022

Thank You to all who attended the BBQ at Jells Park. Please see event photos in the Newsletter. We plan on having at least 2 other day time events over the next 4 months.

High Tea – April 2022

Come spend an Autumn afternoon with your friends at COBA on **Sunday the 24th April** at the **Clayton Senior Citizens Centre at 19 Mary Street Clayton Vic 3168** between **2-00pm and 6-00pm**.

The afternoon will consist of Bingo, Carroms, Music and some scrumptious snacks provided with Tea and coffee. BYO Alcoholic and soft drinks.

To cover costs an entry fee of **\$10.00 for members** and **\$12.00 for non-members** will be charged.

As usual for catering purposes, **please respond by email or ring in before Thursday the 21st April** to book your attendance for the afternoon.

Wedding Anniversary Wishes

Our COBA life member Sydney Ellis (class of '50) and his wife Philo celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on the 30th of Dec. 2021.

Ralph and Aureen White celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary on the 30th of Dec. 2021

On behalf of COBA, we congratulate both the couples and wish them many more happier years of married life.

Birthday Wishes:

Birthday wishes to our members who celebrated milestone birthdays from January to April 2022.

<i>85th Birthday</i>	George Evers
<i>60th Birthday</i>	Dale Theobald

COBA Australia Events – BBQ - March 2022



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Loftus & Barbara's visit to Campion (Trichy) - March 2022



Presentation by Campion Principal - Bro. James Paul Raj



Presentation by Campion Vice Principal – Bro. Arulappan

Loftus & Barbara's visit to Campion (Trichy) - March 2022



Dinner with Trichy Sub-Committee



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Are there any Campion memories you would like to share?

Send your memories of Campion to: cobaaus@gmail.com

President:	Loftus Callanan	cobaaus@gmail.com
Secretary:	Glen Johnson	

My Golden Rock

By Adrian Rodrigues (Class of '62)

It is with great pleasure and a real sense of nostalgia that I describe my experiences during my formative years growing up in Golden Rock during the 1950s and the 1960s until I migrated to Australia in October 1969. I emphasise that these reflections are purely my personal experiences and may not be totally accurate or comprehensive.

I emphasise that this article is based on Golden Rock itself and not personally on me or my family, although there might be the odd reference to my family. I was about a year or so old when my parents moved to Golden Rock from Cochin in Kerala State, after my Father was discharged from the Indian Army and took up a position in the Public Works Department in the Southern Railways. Dad was a Finger Print Specialist (monitored, reviewed and investigated the operations of PWIs) and Mum was a trained School Teacher.



Golden Rock is one of the four zones of the district of Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu (then Madras State). Prominent areas in Golden Rock were the Central Railway Workshop and its residential colonies for its employees, the Divisional Hospital, Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, Saint Peter's Protestant Church, the English Medium School, the Tamil Medium School, the Railway Institutes, and the Central Jail. Of course the Rock itself couldn't be missed and brings back many fond memories of the excitement we had as children, climbing the Rock.

Golden Rock was a vibrant thriving town primarily occupied by Anglo Indians. Most adult males worked for the South Indian Railways while the adult females were either school teachers, nurses, stenographers or worked for the Post and Telegraph offices. In the 1960s, Bharat Heavy Electricals (just outside Golden Rock) also offered employment to many people.

The postal abbreviation for Golden Rock was 'GOC'. We often joked that this stood for "God's Own Country". Neighbouring areas were the private quarters of Ponmalaipatti and Kottapattu.

Prior to the 18th century, Golden Rock, was referred by Robert Orme to the British as Sugar-Loaf Rock, where after the Battle of Golden Rock, Tiruchirappalli (then Trichinopoly) was divided into two parts, one called the Cantonment, which contained the residences of European & Anglo-Indian community and the garrison-barracks for stationing the European and Indian Regiments. The Cantonment then comprised Tiruchirappalli Junction, Senthaneerpuram, Varahaneri, Golden Rock, and other major parts of southern and eastern Tiruchirappalli.

Around the 1920s, provision was contemplated for a Railway School since there were considerations to move the railway workshop from Negapatnam to Trichinopoly.

Foundations were laid in 1926 and the workshops permanently moved in 1928.

Around the same time, two Railway schools at primary level in English Medium and Tamil Medium were established during 1923 and 1925 respectively.

Post-independence the administration of the schools were transferred to the Indian Railways, which opened many more such schools, where quality education was provided at a subsidised cost of about one Lakh children of railway employees and about 30,000 non-railway employees.

Under the British rule, the school initially served the purpose only for Europeans and British children, they then extended entrance to Anglo-Indians and finally exclusive to the families of Railway employees who served anywhere in India. Now, this school has been elevated to Higher Secondary School.

Key Places of Interest

The St. Joseph's Church: The St. Joseph's Church with its gigantic spires, has an impressive and majestic appearance, situated opposite to the historic Armory gate of the railway workshop. The founder and main architect of the church was the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Alphonse de Rozario. On 30 March, 1930 the church was dedicated to him. The Anglo-Indian community, workers of railway workshop and the Indian families gave a part of their wages and also collected funds to build the church.

I have many cherished memories of attending weekly Sunday Mass, First Communion services, Confirmation services and other religious ceremonies at St Joseph's church with my family and friends. Masses were said in Latin where the Celebrant faced forward with his back to parishioners; and we couldn't receive Holy Communion in our hand as we do today.

I was a regular Alter Server at Sunday Mass, and made sure that I obeyed my Mother's rule that I only wore long sleeved shirts to church.

Christ the King Chapel: This was a private chapel built by the late Griffy Gonsalvez. It was built on his private block of land that housed the Bosco Mill, his private residence and a small rental home. The Mill was open to the public at a minimal cost. Most residents took their grain to be milled at this mill. Griffy Gonsalvez had the Chapel blessed and consecrated to operate under the control of Saint Joseph's Catholic Church. During my time, it was only used on special occasions.

Society of the Divine Word Chapel (SVD): The SVD Order were a missionary order whose focus was to spread Christianity across the world. The late Father Karl Ritz, SVD was the first Chaplain posted to start up a Mission/Seminary in Golden Rock. I think the year was around 1963/64.

At that time there was a large block of land (around 10 acres) just beyond the cemetery which originally belonged to the Godain Family. We referred to it as Godain's Farm.

I am not absolutely sure how a group of Catholic nuns were located there and ran a small farm growing primary produce. Fr Ritz rented a small cottage from the Nuns and used it as his residence while the Nun's prayer room was used as his Chapel. Again I am not exactly sure how I came into contact with Fr Ritz, but I played a vital role in being the language translator between the Nuns and himself. The SVD order subsequently purchased a large portion of land from the Nuns and Fr Ritz built the centre up as a residential Seminary. Most Anglo Indians who lived in the private quarters attended Mass at this new Chapel.

Saint Anthony's Chapel: This little chapel was constructed with mud bricks and a thatched roof at the base of the Rock and among many other similar huts where many less fortunate people lived. Many Catholics attended the Novena held in this chapel every Tuesday evening.

Hindu Temple: The Hindu Temple was erected on the eastern side of the Rock and was a prominent landmark in Golden Rock. It was the main centre of worship for the Hindus who conducted their religious ceremonies there on a regular basis. On key feast days, they conducted huge processions around the temple and surrounding streets.

Cemetery: This was the main Christian cemetery which was located at the southern end of Golden Rock's private quarters. I well remember the cemetery buzzing with activity particularly on 'All Souls Day' where beggars lined the street to seek alms from the visitors.

There were a set of two Hangers adjacent to the cemetery which were large high roofed metal buildings with extensive concrete surrounds. These Hangers were unused at the time and served as a great playground and bicycle track for us.

Central Railway Workshop: The central workshop was set up in 1897 by the South Indian Railways at Nagapattinam to maintain steam locomotives. They subsequently decided to move the workshop to Tiruchirappalli. The foundation stone of the Tiruchirappalli workshop was laid by Mrs. R.P. Munro on 20 December 1926, and work was completed in 1928.

The workshop housed state-of-the-art facilities, including a powerhouse which generated electricity for the workshop and the colony. Golden Rock's railway colony was one of Tiruchirappalli's first locations with electric lighting.

The workshop primarily maintained coaches and diesel motors and heritage steam locomotives and manufactured wagons. It also maintained and repaired Royal Air Force aeroplanes during World War II.



A key feature that reminds me of the workshop is its Buzzer (we called it the buzz) which blared out three times before 7:00am, three times before 1.00pm and again at 5:00pm. No one ever complained about the very loud blaring noise that echoed across all of Golden Rock

I well remember Mr Hole (an Englishman) who was the Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Workshop. He committed suicide in his home on 11 November, 1953.

Divisional Railway Hospital



The Divisional Railway Hospital was set up in 1927.

The hospital was located amidst the Railway Quarters, near the Railway Workshop and the Sunday Shandy. Established by the South Indian Railway Company, it was the oldest hospital in the Southern Railway zone – older than

the Zonal hospital at Perambur, which was constructed in 1928. This hospital was part of Indian Railway Medical Services, which maintained a large network of hospitals – 56 divisional and 9 zonal. Many Anglo Indians were employed in various positions in the hospital and even more received medical treatment in the hospital.

Mrs Williams was the Matron of the hospital (head of the nursing staff) until she passed away, when Miss Petty Gonsalvez took over the role of Matron.

Child Jesus Hospital: Child Jesus Hospital was located on the main Cantonment Road in Tiruchy. It was a private hospital which was set up and operated by an order of American Nuns. Most Anglo Indians who were prepared to meet the private costs of the hospital used it. I don't remember too much more about this hospital. All three of my siblings were born there.

Sunday Shandy: The Sunday Shandy (Farmers' Market as we call it here) was a great community market place where families purchased their green groceries, grain, casual clothes, casual footwear, and live poultry (chooks and ducks mainly). The market was originally established during the British rule in 1926 and was run every week thereafter.

It was set up to the East of the Railway Hospital and alongside the Senior Nurses' and Doctors' quarters. I well remember my Father riding home after weekly shopping with live chooks and/or ducks hanging from his bicycle handlebar.

Schools: A list of the schools and colleges at that time were: Railway Mixed Middle/High School, Campion High School. Saint John's Vestry High School, Holy Cross Girls Higher Secondary School, St. Joseph English Medium School, Infant Jesus English Medium School, St. Mary's Matriculation School. And the prominent institutes of tertiary education were Saint Joseph's College, Holy Cross College, Seshasayee Institute of Technology and Jamal Mohamed College.

I do not remember much of my pre-school days or the first couple of years of my elementary schooling. I certainly remember Grade 3 where I was in a mixed gender class in the Anglo Indian Railway School. At that time this school was only a Middle School (up to Year 9).

The principal and staff were largely all female. It was a co-education school which was established, managed and run exclusively for Anglo Indian families who were employed by the South Indian Railways.

The Teachers I remember are: Miss Rosie Beale (Head Mistress), Mrs Ismai Rodrigues (Deputy), Miss Dennis, Mrs Carroll, Mrs Dorothy Gonsalvez, Mrs Phillys Goulding, Mrs Doris Rozario, Miss Janette Venum, Mrs Stevens, Mrs Katheleen D'Monte (Music), Mrs Stella D.Cruz, Mrs Williams, Mrs Augustus, Miss Sundram (Tamil), and a male Tamil Teacher (I cannot recall his name).

We referred to all the teachers as 'Miss'. And I must admit that there was pin drop silence in the classroom when Miss Beale walked through the verandah.

After Year 9, most male students went to Campion High School, while female students went to Holy Cross Girls Convent while some went to Saint John's Vestery which was a co-education school.

Railway Colony: We lived in a 'F Type' house (a type/class of homes built for rental accommodation of railway employees) where around 90 % of the families were Anglo Indians. The house was small when compared to what we are used to here in Australia,

with an entrance veranda, a living room, a bedroom, a kitchen, and an outside bathroom and a separate toilet and a small enclosed back yard. Although we had a small backyard, my parents raised chooks, ducks, turkeys, and a dog.

Most of the children walked to school and back home in groups having fun and mucking around along the way. We certainly enjoyed a care free life where we all played together irrespective of age and/or gender. The most important part of childhood was to have fun and muck around with all the other children.

Note: All 'F' type homes in the railway colony in Golden Rock were the same as our home. There were also smaller railway homes around Saint Joseph's church which were called 'C' type and 'D' type houses. There were some larger homes to the north ('H' type and 'G' type homes) which were allocated to higher ranking railway officers.

Railway Station: This was a typical railway station in the northern end of Golden Rock. As far as I remember there were about four platforms linked by a steel overhead bridge. I have many fond memories of using the trains to go to Campion High School and back.

Air Port: When I was in Golden Rock, the Airport was known as the Tiruchirapalli Airport which provided air services primarily to Sri Lanka. I understand that it is now a busy International Airport.

Bus services: There were three public Bus services from Golden Rock to Tiruchy - TVS, TST & Ex-Servicemen which were used extensively for out transport requirements.

The Jail: The Tiruchirapalli Central Jail was located in the far west of Golden Rock. For obvious reasons its operations were not mentioned or discussed often. As a very young boy, I had the opportunity to visit the Jail with my parents who were invited there by the Chief Medical officer, the late Dr Darryl Rodrigues who was my Mum's first cousin. I vaguely remember seeing men dressed in striped loose fitting overalls attending to the gardens, undertaking domestic work in the houses, etc.

The 'Bandy Stands': Who could forget the Golden Rock 'Bandy Stand'. This was the bullock cart terminus which was the prime mode of transport for frail adults and/or sick children. There was a similar bullock cart terminus outside the Golden Rock railway station which served as the main transport for passengers arriving by train. There was the occasional passenger transport cart which was drawn by a horse.

Social Life In the Railway Colony: The ‘F type’ railway colony was built in a line of six attached house in a row. There were four sets of these houses that formed a large square. The space in the middle served as excellent make shift hockey field, football field, rounders (base ball), playing with our ‘tops’, and so on. Christmas time was the best time of the year. A large marquee would be erected in the open square where all the social activities were conducted from 24 December to New Year day each year. It was a wonderful time of the year for Anglo Indians, with sports and games, children’s rides, dances for adults and so on.

In Franklyn Club: To the best of my knowledge, the Franklyn Club was built in the early 1960s. It was funded by the National Anglo Indian Association headed by Mr Frank Anthony. It was built in Ponmalaipatti on private land. Both my parents served on the AI committee in Golden Rock, which meant that we were regular patrons at the Club. Here again, Franklyn club was the hub of social activity for Anglo Indians; the prime time being around Christmas and the New Year.

In the Railway Institutes: There were two Railway Institutes in Golden Rock. One was on the route to Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church, and the other was nearer to the Railway Station. Although the institutes were a legacy of the British rule, Anglo Indians were extensively involved in the activities conducted there; primarily wedding receptions, boxing matches, billiards and snooker. There was also a movie theatre in the Institute near the railway station.

Other - Butcher Shops, Bakery, Dairy Shop, Pork Butcher in Tiruchy (Masingput) There were four butcher shops near the Rock (linked back to back) that catered for the supply of beef for Christians, while mutton had to be purchased from another source in the market place in Ponmalaipatti.

And of course, pork and authentic pork sausages were only available from the specialist pork butchers in Marsingput (Tiruchy). These pork sausages were soo popular that Anglo Indians from around the State would crave for it. Not far from the butcher shops was a Bakery which supplied bread, baked fresh every day and home delivered. This bakery also baked our traditional Anglo Indian cakes at Christmas time.

Conclusion: There is soo much more that I remember about our growing up days in Golden Rock and surrounding areas (Tiruchy in particular) that I like to talk about if I have the opportunity, but I’ll save it for another opportunity.

Our Australian Life Members

ALMEIDA	Melroy	South Oakleigh	VIC	HONOUR	Charles	Cranbourne West	VIC
ATKINSON	Edgar	Roxburgh Park	VIC	JACOB	Rex	Woodcroft	NSW
BIRD	Ian	Point Cook	VIC	JACOB	Sylvester	Pemulwuy	NSW
BREWTY	Ean	Clarinda	VIC	JACOBS	Alfred	West Pennant	NSW
BROOK	Dagma	Narre Warren South	VIC	JAMES	Royston	Cranbourne West	VIC
BROOK	Neville	Narre Warren South	VIC	JOHNSON	Glen	Endeavour Hills	VIC
CALLANAN	Barbara	Altona	VIC	KEIN	Callistus	Clayton South	VIC
CALLANAN	Loftus	Altona	VIC	KEIN	Campion	Mulgrave	VIC
CARROLL	Ian	Heatherton	VIC	LEWIS	Michael	Point Cook	VIC
CARVALHO	Raymond	Narre Warren	VIC	LOBOW	Godfrey	Hampton Park	VIC
COLOMB	Noel	Glen Waverley	VIC	LOBOW	Marius	Cranbourne North	VIC
CONYERS	Jenny	Clarinda	VIC	LOPEZ	Audrey	Bentleigh	VIC
CORREA	Jude	Thomastown	VIC	LOPEZ	Joseph	Bentleigh	VIC
COTTER	Cecilia	Wentworthville	NSW	MACEDO	Raulston	Bentleigh	VIC
COTTER	Evelyn	Greystanes	NSW	MC CONVILLE	Audrey	Dandenong North	VIC
COTTER	Gwendoline	Sefton	NSW	MCCUTCHEON	Bruce	South Bank	VIC
COTTER	Joseph	Greystanes	NSW	MCCUTCHEON	Tanya	South Bank	VIC
D'CRUZ	Cleaton	Bentleigh	VIC	MENEAUD	Marius	Clayton	VIC
D'LASSELLE	Bernard	Carnegie	VIC	MICHEL	Juan	Hampton Park	VIC
D'MONTE	Eric	Wantirna	VIC	MICHEL	Jude	Hampton Park	VIC
D'MONTE	Mercy	Mulgrave	VIC	MICHEL	Kevin	Karratha	WA
D'MONTE	Sean	Clarinda	VIC	MICHEL	Lester	Collie	WA
D'MONTE	Vernon	Mulgrave	VIC	MICHEL	Gavin	Lynbrook	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Alister	Dingley Village	VIC	MOREIRA	Ronald	Berwick	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Cedric	East Brighton	VIC	NORDMANN	Clato	South Headland	WA
D'ROZARIO	Dawn	Mulgrave	VIC	PATERSON	Vera	Park Orchards	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Jude	Mulgrave	VIC	PATTERSON	Terrence	Canning Vale	WA
D'ROZARIO	Priscilla	Keysborough	VIC	PAUL	Gary	Springvale	VIC
D'SOUZA	Peter	Springvale	VIC	PEREIRA	Eddie	Glen Huntly	VIC
D'SYLVA	Daryl	Harrisdale	WA	PEREIRA	June	Patterson Lakes	VIC
D'VAZ	Don	Dandenong North	VIC	QUENTAL	Christopher	Cranbourne North	VIC
DE MONTE	Stanley	McDowall	QLD	QUINTAL	Eric	Noble Park	VIC
DEVISSER	Walwin	Clayton	VIC	RING	Alexander	Bateman	WA
DILLON	Joseph	St.Helens Park	NSW	RING	Jonathan	Willetton	WA
EDWARDS	Royston	Cairnlea	VIC	RING	Malcolm	Kellyville Ridge	NSW
ELLIS	Philo	Skye	VIC	RING	Russell	Thornlie	WA
ELLIS	Sydney	Skye	VIC	RODRIGUES	Adrian	Templestowe	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Christine	Clyde North	VIC	RODRIGUES	Astrid	Keysborough	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Derek	Keysborough	VIC	RODRIGUES	Brenda	Templestowe	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Gerard	Clyde North	VIC	RODRIGUES	Denzil	Vermont South	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Margaret	Beaconsfield	VIC	RODRIGUES	Dudley	Braybrook	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Patrick	Beaconsfield	VIC	RODRIGUES	Robert	Chester Hill	NSW
FERNANDEZ	Ronald	Noble Park	VIC	RODRIGUES	Vilma	Oakleigh East	VIC
FULLER	Tyrone	Hawker	ACT	ROUSE	Alester	Berwick	VIC
GOMES	Christopher	Berwick	VIC	ROUSE	Melford	Noble Park	VIC
GOMES	Patricia	Berwick	VIC	SMITH	Tommy	Clarinda	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Austin	Dandenong	VIC	STARR	Robert	South Oakleigh	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Bernadette	Clyde North	VIC	THEOBALD	Dale	Bentleigh	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Craig	Figtree	NSW	VAN HALTREN	Derrick	Glen Waverley	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Cyril	Clyde North	VIC	VAN HALTREN	Winston	Fairfield	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Dalton	St. Clair	NSW	VERNEM	Joyce	Doveton	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Llewelyn	Keysborough	VIC	WALKER	Canute	Clarinda	VIC
HENDRICKS	Rory	Shelley	WA	WALKER	Claver	Knoxfield	VIC
HICKMAN	Daniel	Clarinda	VIC	WRIGHT	Neville	Whealers Hill	VIC
HICKMAN	Desiderius	Hampton Park	VIC				
HICKMAN	Dymphna	Hampton Park	VIC				
HICKMAN	Joseph	Clarinda	VIC				
HICKMAN	Lucien	Hampton Park	VIC				

Our Overseas Life Members

BASTIAN	Ashley	Hounslow	UK	NETTO	Elwyn	Alwaye	IND
BAYER	Alroy	Coimbatore	IND	NETTO	George	Kerala	IND
BAYER	Winston	Oxon	UK	PAUL	Maxwell	Isle of Wight	UK
BOUT	Aubrey	Florida	USA	PAUL	Patricia	Vancouver	CAN
Br. Soosairaj	sg	Trichy	IND	PEARS	Sten	Galway	IRE
D'SILVA	Emmanuel	Kottayam	IND	PILARRD	Henry	Cumbum	IND
D'SILVA	Rex	Trivandrum	IND	RODRIGUES	Noel	Ontario	CAN
EVERS	George	Tiruchirappalli	IND	ROZARIO	Percival	Trichy	IND
GREEN	Cyril	Surrey	UK	SHERWOOD	Althea	Tiruchirappalli	IND
GREEN	Kevin	Wiltshire	UK	SUKUMARAN	Arumugam	Chennai	IND
HART s j	Fr. Rodney	San Juan	PH	VASSOU	Shannon	Trichy	IND
ITTIANATH	Raman	Goa	IND	WRIGHT	Avis	Tiruchirappalli	IND
MCQUE	Jude		UK	WRIGHT	Beverley	Tiruchirappalli	IND

Obituaries:

Mrs Diana Fernandez – Mother of Alroy & Carlton Fernandez and the mother-in-law of Mike Lewis passed away in Chennai on the 22nd of Dec.2021. May her soul rest in Peace.

Laurie Gonsalvez – Eldest brother of Cyril Gonsalvez (Class of 50) who was aged 104, passed away in Canada on the 24th of Jan 2022. May his soul rest in Peace.

Florence Edwards - Mother of Royston Edwards (Class of 68) passed away on the 8th March. May her soul rest in peace.

Just for Laughs

The children at a local primary school were lining up at the cafeteria for lunch.

On a table there were some apples with a sign "Take one only, God is watching".

At the end of the same table, there were some chocolate cookies with a sign written by one of the children "Take all you want, God is watching the apples". 😊

Who's Running the World? 🌍

Biden, Putin and Xi were arguing on Who's in charge of the world? 🌍

US, Russia or China?

Without any conclusion, they turned to "Narendra Modi", the Indian Prime Minister and asked him

Who's in Charge of the World? 🌍

Modi replied: All I know is:

- Google CEO is an Indian.
- Microsoft CEO is an Indian.
- Adobe CEO is an Indian.
- IBM CEO is an Indian
- TWITTER CEO is an Indian
- Net App CEO is an Indian.
- MasterCard CEO is an Indian.
- DBS CEO is an Indian.
- Novartis CEO is an Indian.
- Diageo CEO is an Indian.
- SanDisk CEO is an Indian.
- Harman CEO is an Indian.
- Micron CEO is an Indian.
- Palo Alto Networks CEO is an Indian.
- Reckitt Benckiser CEO is an Indian.
- IBM CEO is an Indian.
- Britain's Chancellor is an Indian.
- Britain's Home Secretary is an Indian.
- Britain's next Prime Minister will be an Indian
- Ireland's last Prime Minister was an Indian.... and the American Vice President is Indian.

So who's running the World? 🌍

Very interesting!!
Unbelievable! 😊

Last night I went to a wedding without an invitation.

The brideside asked me : "From whose side you are from?"

Almost simultaneously the Groom's side also asked :
"From whose side you are ??

Gathering my wits about me, I simply started counting the persons around me & said calmly, "I have been sent by the police station to count the number of people who are in attendance here for the wedding."

Soon thereafter.... I got a special chair and treatment.

At the end of the day, on leaving I also got a wallet of ₹ 11,000 /-.

I'm going to be attending a lot of such functions hereon.... 🙌 😊

FRIEND : WHAT'S THE MATTER?
WHY ARE YOU NOT PICKING MY
CALL?

ME (WHISPERING) : I AM IN A
LECTURE.

FRIEND : WHERE ARE YOU?
WHAT'S THE TOPIC?

ME : I AM HOME. I AM THE TOPIC.

"DRINK RESPONSIBLY"
to me, means
don't spill.

Just for Laughs

I have digital scale .
Everyday the first
thing I do is weigh
myself and it shows
68 Kgs. However, if
I weigh after I wear
my specs I see 88
Kgs.... The specs
weigh 20 Kgs.
Unbelievable. 😏😏



Today's Humor



Wife: I could have been born as the newspaper, so that you will hold me with so much excitement everyday

Husband: Please be aware, that I don't read the same newspaper everyday

***Pack my box with
five dozen liquor jugs!***



**This is the shortest
sentence which has all
26 Alphabets of English.**

Discovered by a proud drinker

A Teacher asked her young students to get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it.

The next day, the kids came back and one by one, began to tell their stories.

There were all the regular type of stuff.

But then the teacher realized that only Janie was left.

"Janie, do you have a story to share ?"

"Yes madam.....My daddy told me a story about my Mom "

"OK, let's hear" said the teacher.

"My Mom was a Marine pilot in Operation Desert Storm in Iraq and her plane got hit".

"She had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a flask of whiskey, a pistol and a survival knife".

"She drank the whiskey on the way down so the bottle wouldn't break and then her parachute landed her right in the middle of 20 Iraqi troops."

"She shot 15 of them with the pistol, until she ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife, till the blade broke and then she killed the last Iraqi with her bare hands."

Pin drop silence in the class !!

"Good Heavens" said the horrified teacher "What did your Daddy tell you was the moral to this horrible story ?"

"Stay away from Mummy when she's drunk.....!!!!"

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Angry with someone?
Think before you talk..

If the person is junior to you..
count upto 10 and then talk.

If the person is Equal to you..
count upto 30 and talk..

If the person is Your senior to you
then count 50, then talk..

If the person is your wife..
keep counting..don't talk!

If the person is your husband...
keep talking don't count!



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