

ADDITIONS TO THE ARNDT FAMILY

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Mr. Speldewitde then referred to Mr. Blaze who founded Kingswood, Kandy with 11 students and nurtured it for 32 years. Today it is one of the leading colleges in Kandy. His dedication to Kingswood did not however obscure his devotion to the DBU. The Union took great pride in the fact that in 1929 he was conferred with the OBE and CBE honours.

The President also mentioned that the late DR. R.L. Spittel had made one of the most tangible contributions for the well being of the old and infirm of the community, in donating the land that houses St. Nikolaas' Home. He said that we must not forget the services rendered by Mr. Durand Altdorf in compiling the genealogy of the Dutch Burgher families. The President concluding called upon the senior members to ensure that their children and grand children continued to support the Institution, as we are now at the cross roads since the old order is fading away, and it is upto the younger generation to see us into the 21 st century. He said his ambition of improving the conditions at the DBU had been achieved and hopes that 50 years from now they can look back with gratitude for what had done to keep them together.

The anniversary cake was cut by Mrs. Babs Speldewind a buffet dinner and a time of fellowship followed. A toast was proposed to the memory of Richard Gerald Anthonisz who founded the DBU, W.E. Vandersmaght de Rooy who made it possible for the home of the DBU to be built and to Mr. Bastiaan Korner, the chief guest that evening.

Farewell to the Netherlands Ambassador

The third event of the evening was the fare well to Mr. Bastiaan, Korner, who incidentally was the first Ambassador to become an Honorary Member of the DBU for the keen interest in the activities of the DBU throughout his term of office. He mentioned that our loss would be the gain of the country to which he will be next posted. as not only where the Burghers are concerned. but in every other activity which His Excellency participated, he had done a great deal for the people of Sri Lanka. Mrs. Anthea Muller the past social Secretary who served for 20 years presented the Ambassador with a gift. His Excellency replying said that he had been greatly interested in the DBU as he found that it was one place where much fellowship among the Burgher community was enjoyed. He spoke on the extraordinary services rendered by Mr. Speldewinde and said he always spent a very pleasant evening among the members. He was sad to leave Sri Lanka and the fact that he will not be able to fellowship with the members of the DBU. He will however, continue his interest in the activities of the DBU even though it will be DBU another century of unity and success.

Dr. George Herbert Arndt born 23.3.1902 Married on 30.1.1929 Verena Laura Corinne Ephraums.

He had by her :

1. George Arthur Richard born 22.10.1929
2. Christopher Louis born 26.9.1931
3. Gillian Cecile born 21.10.1941.

I. George Arthur Richard Arndt married on 4.4. 1959 at St. Andrews Scots Kirk Colombo. Jeanette Ethel Austin born 30.3.1941 Daughter of Dr. Lester Drogo Cameron Austin and Alice Eleanor Loos. He had by her:

1. Arlene Therese born 8.1.1961. Married 24.8.1984 Ivan Frederick Budd Janse born 20.11.1944 died 18.6.1994 son of Ivan Budd Jansze and Dorrit Driberg.
2. Sandra Laura born 2.1.1963. Married on 2.4. 1988 at St. Columba's Church, Perth, W.A. John Mathew Stodart born 19.3.53 son of John Stodart and Jacqueline Flanagan.
3. Stuart George Alistair born 14.12.1963 Married 7.4.1990 at Christ Church Claremont WA, Jayane Marian Stainton born 2.4.1969 daughter of George Stainton and Mary Williams He had by her. Emily Marian born 9.1.1994