

Journal of the Dutch Burgher Union of Ceylon

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THE DUTCH BURGHER UNION OF CEYLON
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Sri Lanka.

OUR NEW PRESIDENT



We offer our heartiest congratulations to Ms Kem Martenstyn, nee Koch, who was chosen at the last AGM in June this year, to be the thirty third elected President of the Union.

On the demise of her husband in the 1960's, Kem became the Head of their family business, as its Chairperson; she retired a few years ago but continues as Chairperson of the Company.

She ran several dress boutiques for designer clothing in Colombo and London and staged fashion shows, with Sri Lankan models, in London, Paris, Amsterdam, Brussels, Germany and Italy. She also owned a Batik factory in Colombo 5, which is now run by her daughter.

She was a Cabinet Member of the Lions Club of Bambalapitiya (Metro), and the Lion Lady behind the island-wide flag day to raise funds for Lion Club International's "Sight First" project, which project won the International Award for 'Dedicated Humanitarian Services.'

Kem was also the President of the 80 Club of Colombo, the Women's International Club and the Ceylon Amateur Dancesport Association, which functions under the auspices of the Ministry of Sports.

Since becoming a Member of the DBU, it was no surprise that she involved herself with Social Welfare and Entertainment activities, and in 2004 she was unanimously elected as Deputy President.

Kem has selected to her Committee a very versatile and professional team, nine of whom were on the Committee last year when she was Deputy President. With her wide experience in heading many a Service Organisation, she will no doubt give that leadership which will bring out the best in the Committee and augur well for the Union.

We wish her all the very best in her Presidency.

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BURDENS by Barnaby Spivey

"Going down some old cement steps, I noticed an ant carrying a leaf on its back. The leaf was many times bigger than the ant. Then the ant came to a big crack in the cement that it couldn't cross. The ant stopped a moment. I wondered if the ant would turn back or proceed into the crack without the leaf. Instead, the ant put the leaf across the crack and then crossed the crack by walking across the leaf. On the other side, the ant picked up the leaf and continued its journey.

"It made me think that the burdens of today will be the bridges by which we will be able to cross the hard places in life in the future"

Editorial - Our Journal

Our last Journal (Volume 69) was published in 1997 and now, eight years later Volume 70 comes out in print. This, we feel, calls for a few words of explanation.

"To cause to be prepared and read at its meetings, or printed and published papers, essays etc on questions relating to the history and origins of the Dutch and the Dutch Burghers of Ceylon and to publish the genealogies of the Dutch Burgher families now in Ceylon", is a provision in the Constitution under which this is issued. The Committee, in its endeavour to reach out to the membership through dedicated Teamwork and Transparency, decided to revive the publication of the journal to meet one of the Union's important objectives. Through the Journal, we aim to keep alive, especially in the minds of our newer and younger members, some of the many facets of our history and traditions, so that they "might be encouraged to labour together to maintain the honour and dignity which had come to them as a heritage. This, it is hoped would serve as a stimulating influence towards effecting some of the objects for which the DBU was founded". (JDBU Vol. XIV Pt.1)

In the early days, the Journal was published Quarterly, but from 1964 onwards it became the practice to combine the four parts in one Volume, not for the want of material, of which there was an abundance, but only because of the cost factor.

In the interests of historical truth and accuracy, we have re-produced in this issue essays, articles and much data dealing with what we perceive to be important to the present day membership. We are confident that the publication of the JDBU annually from this year onwards will become a reality with your unstinted support - this support being necessary to make the Journal self-funding and obviate the need to draw on Union funds. We also must remind our members that we invite contributions on suitable topics, relevant to the Objects of the Union, and which would be of permanent interest. This journal, thus supported, will gain value as the years go by and become a repository of material that will prove of use and interest to future generations of our Community.

PRESIDENTS OF THE UNION

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| 1908 - 1911 | Hon F.C.Loos |
| 1911 - 1912 | H L Wendt |
| 1912 - 1913 | F H de Vos |
| 1913 - 1915 | Sir H Van Cuylenberg |
| 1916 - 1930 | R G Anthonisz |
| 1930 - 1932 | Dr L A Prins |
| 1932 - 1935 | Dr H U Leembruggen |
| 1935 - 1936 | E H Van der Wall |
| 1936 - 1938 | Dr R L Spittel |
| 1938 - 1942 | J R Toussaint |
| 1942 - 1946 | H K de Kretser |
| 1946 - 1949 | Dr V R Schokman |
| 1949 - 1953 | C A Speldewinde |
| 1953 - 1955 | Dr R L Brohier |
| 1955 - 1957 | R S V Poulier |
| 1957 - 1959 | J A Martensz |
| 1959 - 1961 | Dr E S Brohier |
| 1961 - 1962 | Dr V H L Anthonisz |
| 1962 - 1963 | Dr H A Dirckze |
| 1963 - 1965 | W J A Van Langenberg |
| 1965 - 1966 | LVO Jonklaas |
| 1967 - 1971 | W B Jonklaas |
| 1971 - 1972 | C L Beling |
| 1972 - 1973 | L V O Jonklaas |
| 1973 - 1978 | W B Jonklaas |
| 1978 - 1988 | Hon Justice P Colin-Thomé |
| 1988 - 1989 | A I E de Kretser |
| 1989 - 1999 | H V J C Speldewinde |
| 1999 - | R C Gray (<i>decd.</i>) |
| 2001 - | G de Kretser (Actg.) |
| 2001 - 2003 | Ms D B Brohier |
| 2003 - | W Woutersz (<i>decd.</i>) |
| 2003 - | ML Kerkovan (Actg.) |
| 2004 - 2005 | G de Kretser |
| 2005 | Ms K Martenstyn |

STRENGTH AND UNITY

The motto *Eeendracht Maakt Macht* - **UNION GIVES STRENGTH** - which the Dutch Burgher Union of Ceylon took for its own nearly twenty years ago was no new phrase coined for the occasion. It was the well known watch word of the United Netherlands East India Company (VOC) founded in 1602 and was the guiding principle of those adventurous intrepid spirits who went out in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries to settle in distant lands, carrying with them their Dutch institutions and Dutch laws; to whom we owe our existence here today. This motto was later adopted by the South African Republic and it no doubt inspired those sons of the veld in their struggle for independence, first against the aborigines and afterwards against the overmight of the British. It was also, we believe, the motto of the New York Holland Society, that proud and thriving institution of American citizens, whose speech is English, but who claim and rejoice in their descent from the Dutch settlers of the seventeenth century, as do the Dutch Burghers of Ceylon.

The idea of unity having been, as we see, a ruling principle with people of our race from early times, it behoves us to consider how far it has influenced or stimulated us as a community in the changing conditions through which we have lived here; how far we have benefited by the operation of this stimulus and how far we may hope, inspired by it, to advance in the future. It is well for us to reflect on the full significance of the phrase which the Dutch Burgher Union has taken as the expression of its purpose. There are two elements in it, **union** and **strength** which, in their relation to each other, as cause and effect, require to be pondered over.

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SOCIAL WELFARE IN THE DBU

by
ANTHEA MÜLLER
 (Chairperson, Social Welfare)



(Ms Anthea Muller presenting a dictionary gifted by Mr Maurice and Ms Pam Forster of Melbourne to one of 120 children whose education is sponsored by the 80 Club of Melbourne (July 2005))

Through all the changing scenes of life one golden quality is to help those who cannot help themselves, and I can proudly say that the most important object of our Founder of this prestigious Union, R G Anthonisz, has been to relieve by charitable help, distress and want amongst those of our community who may be in destitute circumstances.

The Dutch Burgher Union is deeply involved in encouraging such Burgher children of school going age to pursue their studies even to higher levels and enter Universities, and if suitable, pursue various Courses to become literate citizens of Sri Lanka. In addition, Senior Citizens or "Welfare Beneficiaries" as we name them, who are deserted, homeless, sleep under church porches, sick and without any basic means, are provided financial assistance to tide things over and keep their home fires burning. Personal visits are made frequently to the assisted families to make assessments of their requirements.

Our main back bone where finances are concerned to carry out these compassionate acts, are the Eighty Club of Melbourne who sponsor 202 school going children and 245 Welfare Beneficiaries, the Burgher Association of Melbourne who sponsor 140 school going children and the Burgher Welfare League who sponsor 18 Welfare Beneficiaries. 59 children are also assisted financially by local sponsors, and it is with a deep sense of gratitude that we reiterate that the burden of our tasks have been lightened by the largesse of the donors, whose donations are generous, prompt and given with such a deep sense of Caring and Sharing to the hapless brethren in the Country of the land of their birth.

Payments are made once a quarter and individual interviews carried out regularly to assess their aptitude and progress in School. A book allowance is also made available at the beginning of the year and the Welfare Beneficiaries receive a mid year and a Christmas bonus in addition to their quarterly allowances.

In addition we also maintain a special contingency fund for immediate relief to casual callers in dire straits. This is treated on a "One Off" basis.

In 2004 it was possible also through generous donors to complete the erection of a house for a needy Burgher family in Divulapitiya, and help them install windows, a well and a kitchen. This was a great accomplishment as through personal visits we found that the cooking was carried out on 3 stones in the rear compound, no ventilation in the rooms and water had to be carried in buckets from an adjoining compound.

The horrendous Tsunami that hit our fair isle in December 2004, brought much destruction to some Burgher families living on the beach and coast line, some of them losing their loved ones and all their precious belongings. Personal visits were made to the families and assistance afforded to the best of our ability. We also delivered 32 crates of essential items including medicines and clothing to the Dutch Bar in Batticaloa where a number of Burgher families were badly affected.

The festive season at the end of the year is not forgotten and parties and treats are held for the children and the old folk where prizes and surprises await them.

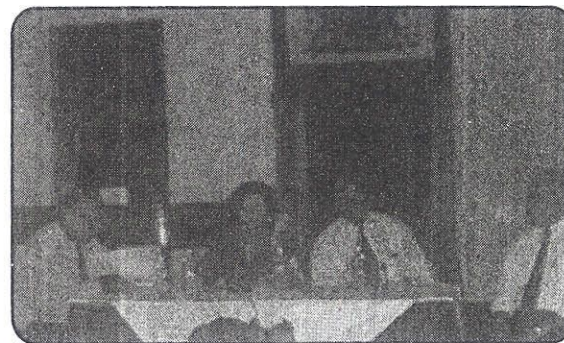
Both in 2004 and 2005 reading glasses sent by kind donors from Australia, were distributed amongst the Welfare Beneficiaries.

You cannot kindle fire in another heart until it is burning in your own, and this is precisely what we at the Dutch Burgher Union practice, as we now see ourselves sailing in a ship as one dedicated crew. We do not advertise or publicly make aware all the Social Service activities we embark upon on, but do our duties silently, with dedication and most importantly, with love for one another always keeping our Motto in mind - "UNITY GIVES STRENGTH".

97th Annual General Meeting

The 97th Annual General Meeting of the DBU was held at the Union Headquarters on 24th June 2005. The outgoing President, **Mr Godfrey de Kretser** addressed the meeting:

"Ladies and gentlemen, I am happy to extend to each and everyone of you a warm welcome to today's 97th Annual General Meeting of The Dutch Burgher Union. As is our tradition, let us start our day's programme by remembering those who are no longer with us - Mrs Christobelle Oorloff - most of us are aware of the valuable contribution this great lady has made not only to the DBU but to the country in general in the field of education. Then, we had another great person who was very close to us - Mr Michael Mack, a very senior member of this institution who made a very valuable contribution to the Union. His concern for the DBU and his generosity is well known all us. May we now observe two minutes silence in memory of those who are no longer with us?"



(Office Bearers at 97th AGM (l-r) Wg Cdr E H Ohlmus (Secretary), Ms Kem Martenstyn (President), Mr Mervyn Andriesz (Deputy President) & Mr David Grenier (Treasurer))

Ladies and Gentlemen, the past year has been a somewhat successful one for the DBU. We initiated a few of the promises we made at the last AGM and there is much more work to be done to implement what we have started. We have had a lot of support from various quarters, very specially from our friends in Australia, the Eighty Club and the Burgher Association, just to name two.

Last year saw this country going through a bad period when we experienced the Tsunami. Here again the DBU played a small role and we explored the possibility of seeing where assistance could be given not only to the Burghers in need but to others who needed a helping hand.

We have also made a few changes at the St. Nikolaas' Home which was causing much concern. There were quite a lot of communications received, all of them unsigned, not only by us but also by Australia and other quarters accusing the administration and the staff of various lapses and omissions. We had to address this issue seriously because it was not doing the DBU any good. Finally, the sub-committee had to be dissolved and another appointed in its place. However, the feed back I am now receiving is that things at the Home have improved and we are now being thanked for the better facilities provided. This morning I received a letter from Mr Darryl Isaaks who says that from the responses he receives from the residents of the Home, it is evident that they are happier and are thankful to the new Committee for the steps taken. I would therefore like to say 'thank you' for a job well done to the members of the Home Committee led by Chairman, Mr David Martenstyn.

I also had a lot of support during my period of Office from other sub-committees. We have a very active member in Wg Cdr Holly Ohlmus who did a great job of work in putting into order many areas which were in total disarray in the genealogy and archives section. There was a lot of material which was not available and hence a lot of repair had to be done to the available documents, after which they were sorted out and a stock finally taken. Thank you, Holly.

Then we had a lot of work done in connection with the maintenance of the building and Mr Stephen LaBrooy, who headed the Buildings sub-committee must be congratulated for the immense effort put in. Much more work needs to be done and I am sure that the incoming Committee will give this their urgent attention.

We also looked at the possibility of getting an in-house catering service but in this area we were not successful as at the last minute the would be caterer pulled out even though he signed the agreement.

Another area of importance is Social Welfare and this has been handled very well and a very valuable contribution was made by Mrs Anthea Muller. A personal request was made to me by the Eighty Club that no changes be made, as she has done an excellent job of work. She has up-dated the records and she has found out that some recipients who were receiving assistance were not deserving and Anthea had their assistance stopped. Thank you Anthea for all the support. I hope that she will be re-elected this evening by you, to continue to serve the DBU and the Welfare beneficiaries in her own dedicated way.

I had a lot of support from the Principal Office bearers. There was Mr Michael Anthonisz who kept a close tab on the accounts. Then Mr Vernon Muller who kept the office moving and a very able and amiable Deputy in Mrs Kem Martenstyn who stood in for me during my frequent travels abroad.

We had a lot of activity in the social area. An innovative and efficient team which was headed by a very dynamic person, Mr Dorian Gray who not only organized well-attended Members' nights with different themes, but also arranged a very successful and enjoyable families' outing. My thanks and that of the Committee go to him and his team.

I was very lucky to have a capable and dedicated team, where all the younger members played a very active part. I am indeed very grateful to all of them.

I have something to tell you this evening. I will not be available for re-election because of my frequent travel abroad and I cannot give of my best to you. I had a lot of plans when you ladies and gentlemen

placed your confidence in me, but deep within I was aware that I did not perform the way I ought to have mainly because I was often away from Sri Lanka. Therefore I have decided not to seek re-election and hope that you will elect someone who is committed to the ideals of this sacred institution and who will have the time to continue the traditions of our Founder and our forefathers.

I thank all of you ladies and gentlemen for all the support you have given me during my short period and God bless all of you. Thank you."

Ms Kem Martenstyn, who was proposed as President from the chair, on assuming office, said:

"My dear fellow members and friends,

I am deeply honoured and proud to be elected this evening as President of the DBU one of this country's oldest and most hallowed and prestigious institutions. In accepting the post of President, I am faced with a very exciting challenge. It is one I look forward to, particularly as I have an extremely talented and a very professional committee to work with. I must confess that on my own I would not be able to achieve all that I want to do for the DBU. What are they? I can tell you that, like most of my predecessors, I too would like to see the DBU once again as a happy, smiling, vibrant and thriving place for our community - a place that we can be so proud of and that we would not only want to come here ourselves, but would want to bring all our friends along too. This is not going to be an easy task given the constraints in our present Constitution, as my immediate predecessor had also stressed. Our programme of work must be accomplished with the style, panache and the highest standards for which the DBU is famous for.

I am a great believer in analyzing strengths and weaknesses. Our strengths lie not only in our history, but, more practically, in the

magnificent old building that we occupy and its superb location. If restored to its former glory, and endowed with modern facilities especially for the younger members we could make this place one of the most prestigious and sought after social havens in Colombo. As to weaknesses, we are small in number and, as a Union, lack finances to make this a reality. Well, I am no miracle worker, but I can tell you quite frankly that we do have some practical ideas to overcome both of these difficulties which has to be constitutionally correct. Hopefully in a very short time I would be able to share these ideas with you, but until my Committee has studied and approved them, I am not in a position to say more - it would be premature to do so.

Whatever we do though, will need your guidance and support. We must rely on you to make this a "stand out" year "*par excellence*". **Teamwork** and **Transparency** are the essential ingredients that will ensure our success together. And we must not be afraid to act and do what is constitutionally right and proper. Many others before us have caused the DBU to become a respected and venerable institution. I am convinced that they would want us not only to restore its relevance to the world of today but to take it to new heights of excellence. Together, and I do mean together, I am convinced we can achieve this."

Quoted by Mr. E. H. Venderwall on 15 July 1933

**"Who steals my purse, steals trash
But he who filches me from my good name
Takes that from me which not enricheth him
And leave me poor indeed." - Shakespeare.**

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ADDITIONS TO THE JOSEPH FAMILY

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I

David Haddon Cyril Joseph, born 18th September 1938, died in Australia 28th May 1984

II

Frederick Allan Joseph, born in Ceylon 27th December 1939, arrived in Australia April 1962, married in St Leonard's Church Glen Waverley, Melbourne on 23rd August 1969, Jean Cheryl Ebert (DBU Journal XLV Vols. 1&2 page 44) daughter of James Emille Ebert and Ruth Dorothy Brohier (DBU Journal Vol XXXI page 208). He had by her:-

1. Oscar James Frederick, born in Melbourne, Australia, 5th March 1970

III

George Anthony Miles Joseph, born 21st October 1947, died in Australia in 1983

IV

Roger Philip Louis Joseph, born in Ceylon 16th February 1953, married in Sacred Heart Church, Melbourne, Australia 7th May 1981, Jozefa Halina Tanski, born 26th January 1951, daughter of Josef Tanski and Stanislaw Wujias of Melbourne. He had by her:-

1. Carylene Bernadette, born in Australia 10th March 1982
2. Amanda Christine, born in Australia 27th August 1985

ADDITIONS TO THE LOOS FAMILY

I

Errol Cecil Loos (DBU Journal (Vol XXXIX [No.3] Page 121 July 1949), born 1st May 1920, married in St Mary's Cathedral, Galle, 26th December 1947 Joan Elizabeth Buultjens born 24th September 1920, died 9th August 2005, daughter of Oscar Walwin Buultjens and Lolita Balziel Don. He had by her:

1. Adrian Anthony, born 20th August 1948, who follows under II
2. Desmond Cecil, born 7th October 1950
3. Russel Eardley, born 23rd May 1952, who follows under III
4. Wendy Ann, born 31st May 1956
5. Graham Cecil, born 29th October 1960

II

Adrian Anthony Loos, born 20th August 1948, married in Baptist Church, Mt Hawthorn, Perth, Australia on 6th December 1975, Christine Trott, born 6th March 1952, daughter of Alan Trott and Joyce Guthridge. He had by her:-

1. Tracey Anne, born 30th January 1980
2. Tina Mary, born 21st November 1981
3. Tristan Anthony, born 4th August 1990

III

Russel Eardley, born 23rd May 1952, died 11th August 2005, son of Errol Cecil Loos and Joan Elizabeth Buultjens, married in Perth W. Australia, Jacqueline Lyn Pritchett, born 10th May 1957, daughter of Douglas Pritchett and Gwendolyn White. He had by her:-

1. Adam Russel, born 19th July 1980
2. Jerad Douglas, born 3rd October 1982

ADDITIONS TO THE LOOS FAMILY

(Continued from DBU Journal Volume XXXIX [No. 3]
Page 121 July 1949- section XLVIII)

I

Patrick Robert Loos, born 17th January 1946, married in All Saints Church, Colombo 8 on 1st May 1967 Claudette Therese Kreltszheim, born 29th September 1948, daughter of Arthur Mervyn Kreltszheim and Colombo and Patricia Keegal. He had by her:-

1. Michelle Claudette Anne, born 5th January 1968 married in Sydney, Australia on 22nd September 1990, Christopher Leslie Mitchell, born 12th October 1964, son of Raymond and Mavis Mitchell. She had by him:-
 - a. Mathew Patrick, born 11th January 1991
 - b. Lauren Mavis, born 7th May 1993
2. Natalie Patricia, born 19th February 1978

CORRECTION-OHLMÜS FAMILY

(Correction of spelling mistakes in Ohlmus
genealogy Vol LXVII, part 2-3, page 80)

Francis Bertram Joseph Ohlmüs, referred to in Vol XXVIII page 175, section XIV -6, married in St Mary's Church, Bambalapitiya, 22nd May 1940, Doreen Milicia Carmel Foenander, born 12th July 1915, died 24th December 1984, daughter of Hubert Forrest van Dort Foenander and Lucy Annabelle D'Abrera (DBU Journal Vol XXXVIII, page 104). He had by her :

1. Fritsz St Anthony Haddon, born in Ceylon 27th April 1941
1. Wilhelm Anthony Ellis, born in Ceylon 23rd April 1949
2. Elizabeth Anne Marie, born in Ceylon 3rd April 1952
3. Doreen Rosemarie Therese, born in Ceylon 23rd September 1954

ADDITIONS TO THE OHLMÜS FAMILY

(Continued from DBU Journal Volume LXVII Part 2-3, Page 80)

I

Wilhelm Anthony Ellis Ohlmüs, referred to in JDBU Vol LXVII page 80, section I -2, married in Uniting Church, Camberwell, 3124, Melbourne, 26th November 1983, Cheryl Sandra Hoffman, born 24th January 1950, daughter of Ernest Arthur Hoffman and Noeline Myra Rose Poulter (DBU Journal XLI, page 178 Section VII-6). He had by her :

1. Lara Carmel, born 21st May 1986
2. Marc Anthony Aaron, born 29th June 1989

ADDITIONS TO THE SCHUMACHER FAMILY

(Continued from DBU Journal Volume XLV (Nos. 2 & 3)
April-July 1965, Page 78)

XXII

James Alexander, born 3rd January 1927, married in St. Paul's Church, Milagiriya, Colombo 4, 28th May 1954, Thelma Todd. He had by her:

1. Aloysius Paul, born 23rd August 1946, who follows in XXIII.

XXIII

Aloysius Paul, born 23rd August 1946, married in the Additional District Secretary's Office, New Town Hall Green Path, Colombo 3, 29th December 1976, Amelia Mavourine Bowen born 29th December 1950, daughter of James Edward Fredrick Bowen. He had by her:

1. Erwin Stefan, born 3rd September 1979

An excerpt from the writings of Dr R L Brohier - (1961)

"The world is ever ringing change. Every succeeding age will repel the dicta of the past. Living conditions, social life and customs will vary as long as Time shall last. Nevertheless the bond of family fellowship and Community cannot be repealed it remains with us forever..... The Burghers, by sympathy and whole hearted effort have obtained the respect and regard of the major communities among whom our lot has been cast in this most beautiful of many lands. The future now lies with the younger generation and those who follow..... They would be showing themselves unworthy of the traditions of the past if they did not foster that mutuality of trust and co-operation..... which the history of the Burghers connote."

THE DBU CONSTITUTION

by Stephen LaBrooy

It was felt by many in the DBU that the first and most important step in re-vitalising the Union was to make constitutional amendments necessary for a substantial increase in our numbers.

Whilst it had been clear for some time that our tiny membership did not make for an economically viable entity, the constitution as it stood did not allow for any positive progress to be made.

Rule 3 was viewed by some as inviolate even though it precluded many in the community, of good standing, from joining us. At the same time, others felt that some might want to join us with a view to getting their hands on our considerable fixed assets. It was also clear that Burghers would not consent to being "second class citizens" within their own community (as was evidenced by the very small percentage of Burghers amongst our Associate members).

The problems therefore were quite complex, and the General Committees, since 2004, had been taking a long and hard look at how amendments could be effected to admitting more Burghers of respectable social standing to the Union whilst at the same time affording adequate protection to its assets.

The Revision of 2003 had made some relatively small changes to the Constitution of 2000. The latter, however, had made a glaring error in deleting the specific reference to the Dutch Burgher Union **Board**, in Rule 5 (d) of the April 1999 re-print of the March 1944 Constitution. This error was compounded by the irregular addition of 3 trustees!

In the second half of 2004, significant feedback from three workshops and written submissions from the membership were gathered by the Committee. It was also discovered that the DBU had, for five years, neglected the existence (and legal fact) of the **Dutch Burgher Union Board** which had been in existence since 1937 and in fact was the sole Trustee in whom the assets of the Union had been vested.

This legal fact, and the feedback from our membership formed the basis of the draft which was sent out to the membership on 28th August 2005.

The legal opinion of Justice Mark Fernando, P.C, instructed by Mr Michael Sproule of D.L & F De Saram was sought. The salient features were:

- a) All the assets of the Union, were **in legal fact held in trust on behalf of the Union by "The Dutch Burgher Union Board,"** a Body Corporate, incorporated on 18th June 1937 under The Trusts Ordinance No 9 of 1917 by order of the Governor. **This is still legally valid today.**
- b) "The Dutch Burgher Union Board" consisted only of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Union for the time being with perpetual succession who have full authority, but are in turn subject to the sanction of the General Committee.
- c) That the conditions of Incorporation **precluded** the Union from making any amendments to its Constitution which were **inconsistent** with the conditions of the Incorporation, (which in fact, the DBU had already done erroneously in its Revised Constitution of 2000 !). Obviously, the discovery of this serious flaw, necessitated immediate remedial action through constitutional amendments to comply with the Law.

Justice Mark Fernando was also asked for his opinion as to the following:

- a) What was constitutionally achievable vis-a vis increasing our membership, given the constraints of Rule 3 and Rule 12 (which precluded amendment to Rule 3.)
- b) What could be done to obviate the worries of our members that an "unscrupulous" committee might at some time or other dispose of our assets for personal gain.

On these two points, he advised that::

- a) Several new categories of membership be incorporated in our Constitution namely, Members by Invitation (for members of the Burgher Community only), Honorary Members, and Temporary Members.
- (b) That we enshrined in our constitution (by amendment to Rule 14) our intention that upon dissolution of the DBU, our assets will be held in Trust by the "Dutch Burgher Union Board" for the education, and alleviation of poverty of the Community.

Justice Fernando also opined that Rule 3, with regard to descent in the female line, could be construed to be "discriminatory" and "violative" of Article 12 of the Sri Lanka Constitution, in terms of gender discrimination and may require amendment, or deletion; in order to achieve this, Rule 12 of the Constitution may have to be amended as a first step. His remarks on "European Nationality" too, were noted and which are quoted below:

"Rule 3 is open to serious objection. "European Nationality" is vague, though it may perhaps be interpreted as referring to ethnicity, but "marriage with Europeans" cannot today be explained even on that basis: a Sinhalese or Tamil while resident in Sri Lanka is certainly not "European" but if he obtains citizenship in the UK, France or Germany should be regarded as "European"; likewise other non-Caucasian citizens of European nations."

The Committee received further submissions to the draft of 28th August 2005 and many of these too were included in the final draft that was unanimously adopted at the Special General Meeting held on 11th October 2005.

Today, we have a document that could be called a Constitution. Its printing cost will be met by overseas sponsors, and the practice of giving each member and joining member a copy will be resumed, thus fulfilling a pledge given by the Committee.

The writer is a member of the General Committee and the Convener of the Constitutional Committee 2005/6. The necessity for major Constitutional change was realised by last year's Committee and its President Godfrey de Kretser kick-started the change process with his "Situation Report" sent out to the membership in March this year. The present Committee continued in the same vein, with incumbent President Kem Martenstyn's August 28th letter adding the finishing touches, to what is reckoned to be a reasonably crafted Constitution that is comprehensive enough to meet present day needs. And for the first time in over three decades perhaps, every member will have his/her own copy of the Constitution and By-Laws.-- Editor

Dutch Burghers

(These extracts, may be of much interest to many of our readers - Editor)

• European descent in the DBU

Question: "Is it necessary, in order to gain admission into the Dutch Burgher Union, for an applicant to trace his descent back to the ancestor who arrived from Europe?" [This question is asked because it is understood that a great many Dutch Burghers of good family are deterred from joining the Union owing to the difficulty of obtaining this information.]

Answer: "We are glad of this opportunity of settling any doubt which may exist on this point. A glance of Clause 3 of the Constitution of the Union would show that the qualification required is descent in the male line from those of European nationality who were in the service or under the rule of the Dutch East Indian Company in Ceylon. Now The Dutch Company had a perfect system of classification of their servants according to birth and descent: *EUROPEESCH* meant one born in Europe: *CASTIES*, one of pure European descent born in the Island; and *MIXTIES*, one whose paternal ancestor in the direct line was European, but having a native female connection. All these composed the 'Dutch Community' in the Island. It will thus be seen that to satisfy the requirement of our rule, an applicant need not go beyond the name of the ancestor who came under any of these classes. We believe, as a matter of fact, that the descent of most Dutch Burghers in Ceylon could be traced to the original settler, but even if this information is not available, especially in the case of families who settled at a very remote date, the fact of European descent would be found officially recorded in the Acts of Appointment and other documents."

(From : JDBU Vol. XVI Part 1)

● From the booklet "The Dutch Burgher Union, its foundation, its aims and its membership" by LE Blazé (Editor) 1933.

* Burghers, Their Origin: Under the Dutch administration of Ceylon, the Dutch Community consisted of two classes, official and unofficial. The former were persons in civil, military or naval occupations, while the latter, who were engaged in private business, were known as Burghers (*citizens of a town*). When the Dutch ceased rule in 1796, the official class disappeared and both classes were combined under the common name of Burghers. The large majority of persons who came out to Ceylon under the rule of the Dutch East India Company, were naturally Dutch, but representatives of other European races were also attracted to the Island and were admitted on the same terms as the Dutch. The Colonists' wives were either European or the descendants of the Portuguese, the latter of whom had in many cases married among the people of the island and derived a strain of Eastern blood. Direct inter-marriage with the people of the island was not encouraged, and such marriages were permitted only under special Government dispensation with regulations for the education and training of the children, "so that they might be fit to marry in the community." the important principle in marriage being the social equality implied between the two parties to the contract. When the British assumed the reins of administration in Ceylon, they found a coherent community of Burghers, inspired by the ideals of a great past and willing to offer loyal service to the new dispensation. Practical and progressive, the Burghers soon found a leading place in the professions, the various services under the Government and in public life. The small community of Burghers may well be proud of the honourable record they have established in the history of this Island. Both historically and ethnologically, the term Burgher has a clear and well defined meaning. But it is perhaps inevitable in a country like Ceylon, in which so many communities and persons of mixed descent are found, that the term Burgher should be usurped by persons without any right to it. Whether it sprang from lack of knowledge or from deliberate aggression, the ultimate effect was the same, and an honoured community was in danger of losing its birthright. The matter created anxious and often indignant discussion in intimate Burgher circles. An age of talk usually precedes an age of action. The letters of "Gallicus" (the late Mr C L Meurling) prepared the community for concerted action, and the guiding star and the chief source of its inspiration was the late Mr R G Anthonisz.

● The Soulbury Commission and the Burghers

The report of the Commission on Constitutional Reform in Ceylon, by the 3 Commissioners, Lord Soulbury and Messrs J F Rees and F J Burrows, made to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in the UK on 11th July 1943 has two paragraphs on the Burghers (Chapter VII page 40).

" 130 The Burghers, numbering some 30,000, are descendants of the Dutch colonists who remained in Ceylon after the capitulation to the British in 1796. At first they formed a necessary and valuable link between the new British rulers and the Sinhalese and Tamil inhabitants. Subsequently they have played a leading part in the social and political development of the Island, filling prominent positions, especially in the medical and legal professions.

The spread of education, the closer contact of the Ceylonese with European thought and industry, and the more recent growth of national aspirations have, as was to be expected, combined to diminish the dominant position at one time held by the Burghers in the public and professional life of Ceylon. Nevertheless, they continue to maintain their identity, and occupy an important place in the intellectual life and Public Services of the Island, enjoying the respect and goodwill of the other communities.

131. The Burghers are represented in the State Council by one Nominated Member."

BOOK REVIEW

Taken from the website

<http://www.ozlanka.com/reviews/burghers.htm> -14.6.2003)

The People In-between

by Michael Roberts, Ismeth Raheem and Percy Colin-Thomé

(Reviewed by Professor JOHN D. ROGERS, Tufts University)

In Sri Lanka, the term "Burgher" is commonly understood to refer to persons descended from unions between Europeans and local residents. This book is the first of several projected volumes on the Burghers. It is co-authored by an anthropologist, architect, and retired Supreme Court judge, but primary responsibility for this volume seems to lie with Michael Roberts, the anthropologist. According to the preface, the book "is not a history of the Burghers, but a contribution towards such a history."

A major theme of the book is the difficulty contemporaries had in constructing consistent categories to describe persons of mixed European and Asian origin. Both the labels and boundaries of the various categories were continually subject to change. During Dutch times there were various gradations that depended on place of birth, religion, and occupation and parentage. For about two decades after the arrival of the British in 1796, the more respectable of the "Dutch inhabitants" were treated as a superior class of "natives". By the end of the nineteenth century, the term "Burgher" was used widely to refer to persons who claimed part Portuguese and British as well as Dutch ancestry, but this usage was not accepted by some Dutch Burghers, who sought a narrower definition that included only those whose European ancestry could be documented as legitimate from the paternal side.

A central argument of the book is that around 1850, a few Burgher notables, constructed a "Ceylonese" identity that put forward a cross-ethnic nationalism, but that Burghers abandoned this progressive political position by the early twentieth century, partly because of their cultured Anglicization and privileged position within the colonial order, and partly because their

small numbers made them irrelevant once elections began to play a role in politics. When British rule came to an end, many Burghers emigrated to Australia and other English speaking countries. This movement reversed the process of Ceylonization that had taken place in the early nineteenth century.

The argument that the Burgher elite advocated a Ceylonese nationalism in the mid-nineteenth century rests on the views of a small group of young men, most of whom wrote for the journal 'Young Ceylon.' The importance of these writings may have been overstated. As the authors point out, they have not explored the extent to which older Burghers agreed with the ideas of these youths, nor have they examined systematically how these young men's ideas changed after they matured and took up influential positions in colonial society.

Many readers will find it difficult to link the eccentric and provocative opening chapter, which attempts to uncover an examination of Sinhala images of the Burghers, with the arguments in the body of the book. In other chapters, the effort to place the Burghers within the context of the island's history is more successful, but the book's overall style and structure make it difficult reading for the non-specialist. This is a pity because the story of the Burghers is of considerable comparative importance for those interested in the process of identity formation in colonial societies.

People In-between's most important contribution is demonstrating, in convincing detail for over two centuries, the contradictions and ambiguities of the "Burgher" identity. Specialists will all benefit from the book's meticulous documentation and detailed appendixes. It succeeds in its goal of providing a contribution to the history of the Burghers, and will be the essential starting point for a more comprehensive study. In the meantime, this book will serve as the standard work on the subject, albeit one that may hold pitfalls for the non-specialist.

FOUNDERS OF FAMILIES

WHO SETTLED IN CEYLON DURING THE DUTCH ADMINISTRATION (1640 1796)

(Ref : JDBU Volume I, Parts 1,2 & 3 (1908))

| <u>NAME</u> | <u>LIVING IN CEYLON IN</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Altendorff, Marten Lodewyk | 1730-1749 |
| Andree, Frederik | 1759-1784 |
| van Andringa, Olke | 1770-1801 |
| Anthonisz, Abraham | 1736-1778 |
| Angier, Jan Jacob | 1788-1794 |
| Auwardt, Jan Baptist | 1750-1770 |
| Beling, Johan Fredrick | 1774- |
| Beling, William Carel | 1766-1780 |
| von Bergheim, Bernard Hendrik | 1764-1777 |
| De Boer, Lourens | 1796-1814 |
| Bogaars, Henricus Ezekiel | 1790-1811 |
| De Bordes, Jacobus | 1771-1781 |
| Borwater, Jan Hendrik | 1771-1776 |
| De Breard, Marie Joseph Benjamin | 1788-1805 |
| Brochet De La Touperse, Louis | 1760 - |
| vanden Broeck, Arnoud | 1717-1727 |
| Brohier, Phillipus Mattheus | 1780-1798 |
| Buitenmuller, Johan Godlieb | 1796-1805 |
| Camp, Christiaan | 1796-1805 |
| van Charlet, Jacob | 1725-1733 |
| Conderlag, Johannes | 1782-1796 |
| Condradi, John Fredrik | 1776-1802 |
| Cramer, Robertus | 1735-1760 |
| van Cuylenberg, Wilhelmus Phillipus | 1741-1762 |
| Dormieux, Abraham | 1676- |
| Dornhorst, Johaan Christiaan | 1785-1828 |
| van Dort, Cornelis Jansz | 1700-1740 |
| Ebell, Carl Fredrich | 1773-1805 |
| Ebert Georg Godfried | 1725-1742 |

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| Ephraums, Coenraad Christiaan | 1785-1813 |
| Erfson, Johannes | 1738-1760 |
| Estrop, David Hendrik | 1774-1796 |
| Ernst, Georg Nicolaas | 1785- |
| D'Estandau, Jean Jacques David | 1788-1815 |
| Felsingier, Nicolaas | 1760-1780 |
| Falck, Frans Willem | 1720-1737 |
| Flanderka, Petrus | 1793-1820 |
| Foenander, Samual Pieter | 1780-1800 |
| Fryer, Coenraad Augustinus Hendrik | 1789-1800 |
| Francke, Adrianus Johannes | 1756-1773 |
| Fretsz, Diedrich Thomas | 1763-1815 |
| Fretsz, Frans Philip | 1785-1820 |
| Frobus, Christiaan Lourens | 1738-1750 |
| Gauder, Joan Adam | 1796-1828 |
| van Geyzel, Frans | 1679-1689 |
| Gilbert, Jan Jacob | 1768-1777 |
| Gildmeester, Jan Daniel | 1753-1760 |
| Giessler, Albert Henry | 1790- |
| Goldestein, Daniel | 1743-1754 |
| Gouillard, Noel August | 1787-1796 |
| Gratiaen, Johannes Franciscus | 1747-1788 |
| Grenier, Jean Francois | 1762-70 |
| DeHaart, Benjamin Pieter | 1786-1803 |
| von Hagt, Augustus | 1743-1770 |
| Halwachs, Carl Frederick Willem | 1797-1806 |
| van Hek, Andries | 1790 |
| Heyzer, Jan Pieter | 1740-1766 |
| Ide, Hendrik Jansz, | 1732-1742 |
| Ide, Gerrit Hendriksz | 1738-1760 |
| Jansz, Albert | 1173-1760 |
| De Jong, Huybert | 1740-1792 |
| Jonklaas, Simon Ysbrandz | 1767-1771 |
| Joseph, Abraham | 1790-1817 |
| Kellar, Steven | 1770-1784 |
| Kriekenbeek, van Rutgerus | 1659- |

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| De Kretser, Louis | 1684-1695 |
| Keegal, Johannes Gustavus | 1763-1791 |
| Kessels, Jacobus | 1793-1801 |
| Kofferman, Harmanus Fredrick | 1766-1771 |
| Konst, Severinus | 1782-1794 |
| Kersse, Gerradus | 1734-1764 |
| Leembruggen, Henricus | 1744-1782 |
| Lorenz, Johan Friederich | 1795-1845 |
| Lodovici, Jan Hendrik | 1789-1804 |
| Lebeck, Noel Anthony | 1736-1770 |
| van Lynden, Baron Stephen, | 1793-1811 |
| De Lannoy, Adam | 1769-1794 |
| De Ly, Arnoldus | 1756-1768 |
| Landsberger, Johannes | 1766-1775 |
| Loos, Jacob Pietersz | 1680-1702 |
| Lourensz, Hendrik | 1724-1729 |
| Mooyaart, Anthony | 1667-1683 |
| Mottau, Andreus Wilhelmus | 1794-1806 |
| De Mauregnault, Jan | 1723-1732 |
| Mylius, bBaron Friedrich Heinrich, | 1795-1807 |
| Meurling, Johannes | 1745-1802 |
| Meerwald, Daniel | 1772-1782 |
| von Meybrink, Johan Fredrik | 1786-1798 |
| De Neys, Jacob | 1783-1798 |
| Oppenheimer, Johannes Casparus | 1771-1784 |
| Ohlmus, Jan Carel | 1760-1780 |
| van der Parra, Rombout | 1683-1714 |
| Poulier, Armout | 1714-1726 |
| Potger, Everhard Lodewyk | 1751-1761 |
| Pfeiffer, John Christoffel | 1739-1772 |
| Paravincini di Capelli, Elias | 1766-1787 |
| Piachaud, Francois | 1795- |
| Roosmale Cocq, Petrus Jacobus | 1764-1813 |
| Rabinel, Jean David | 1790-1800 |
| von Ranzow, Count Ferdinand Anthon | 1737-1758 |
| von Ranzow, Count August Carl Fredrik | 1789-1844 |

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| Rudolph, Jan Theodosius | 1765-1787 |
| Reckerman, Jan Hendrik | 1763-1770 |
| Roerbach, Christiaan | 1772-1780 |
| Ruñtsdorff, Everhard | 1732- |
| Rode, Balthazar | 1739- |
| Schokman, Jan Arentsz | 1697-1712 |
| Sulysken, Pieter | 1759-1807 |
| Stork, Jan Philip | 1771-1785 |
| Schrader, Julius | 1713-1736 |
| Schneider, Johan Hendrik | 1772-1794 |
| van der Smagt, Ary Carelsz | 1736-1745 |
| Sela, Albert | 1763-1780 |
| Samlant, Barent barentsz | 1677-1687 |
| Sisouw, Marinus | 1784-1800 |
| van Schuler, Pieter William Ferdinand | 1783-1799 |
| Schroter, Frederik | 1751-1805 |
| Scharff, Jan Christoffel | 1743-1754 |
| van Sprang, Arnoldus | 1747-1751 |
| Spittel, Jan Lourens | 1760-1805 |
| van der Straaten, Engelbert | 1742-1790 |
| Smitz, Joseph | 1790-1805 |
| Schumacher, Frederik Willem | 1772-1778 |
| Trek, Gillis Woutersz | 1690-1705 |
| Tranchell, Johannes | 1779-1805 |
| De Vos, Olivier | 1673-1699 |
| Vollenhoven, Hendrik | 1766-1784 |
| Wendt, George | 1792-1815 |
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 Poulier, Gerrit Joan
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 de Vos, Pieter Juriaan
 Anthonisz, Abraham Concilianus

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 van der Kamp, Thomas
 Rothe, Hendrik Willem
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 Gersse, Pieter Carolus
 van Coeverden, Abraham
 van Zitter, Andreanus Justinus
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 de Moor, Pieter Arend
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 Le Dulx, Wilhelmus Jacobus
 Engel, Hendrik Christiaan
 de Vos, Albert Cornelis
 van Hagt, Jacobus Ernestus
 Maas, Wilhelmus Harmanus
 Felsing, Gabriel Nicholas
 Mack, Johan Nicholas
 de Run, Petrus Johannes
 Kalenberg, Pieter
 Blume, Juriaan Christoffel
 Heer, Abraham Hendrik
 Pompeus, Lourens Albertus
 van Geyzel, Pieter
 Williamsz, Theodorus
 Tyken, Johannes Bartholomeus

van Ebbenhorst, Jan
 Kellens, Diederick Johan
 Toussaint, Barend Justinus
 Kats, Jurgen
 van Hek, Isaac
 Verwyk, Louis
 Driemond, Warnaar Christiaan
 Steenkelder, Mattheus
 Heynsburgh, Johannes Arnoldus
 de la Rambelje, Anthony
 Mom, Asnoldus Johannes
 de Niese, Willem
 Hesler, Johan Christoffel
 van der Wert, Jacobus
 Pronk, Willem Cornelius
 Keegal, Anthony Godfried
 Bartholomeusz, Daniel
 van Hoorn, Jan Hendrik
 Heynsburgh, Pieter
 Garnier, Jan Lambertus
 Kwesius, Jan Cornelis
 Dormieux, Jan Anthony
 Cadenski, Stephanus Henricus
 Stol, Johan Theodosius
 van der Gucht, Johannes
 de Hoedt, Andries
 de Wolff, Barend
 Modder, Willem Jacob
 Schneider, Christoffel
 van Schoonbeek, Johannes
 de Rooy, Gysbert
 Scheffer, Willem
 Grieve, Jan Wessel
 Hesler, George Samuel
 Otto, Johannes Willem
 Marcus, Ary
 de Risp, Carl Lodewyk
 Bartholomeusz, Ursinus
 Dirksz, Ary
 van Rossum, Willem
 Kruis, Mattheus
 Parreyn, Warnaar
 Claasz, Gerrit
 Smith, Hendrik
 van Brenkelen, Harmanus

Koch, Godfried
 Specht, Christiaan
 Vynke, Gysbert
 Leander, Pieter
 Schrader, Hendrik Harmanus
 Corteling, Jan Hendrik
 Steenstraad, Cornelis
 Sonnenberg, Carl Frederik
 Specht, Michiel Bartholomeus
 Wigman, Jan Andries
 Fosty, Jan Frederik
 de Bondt, Hendrik Mattheus
 de Vos, Jacob
 Leanders, Augustinus Sylvester
 van Aardenberg, Adrianus
 Wolff, Jan Cornelis
 van der Putte, Balthazar
 Keegal, Christoffel Gerard
 Zwekkerts, Jan Anthony
 de Hoedt, Johan Carel
 Aubert, J M

Grave, GB
 Pepeyn, Jacob
 de Smith, Carolus
 Siegerts, G
 Crasse, Jan
 Randits, Caspar
 Durand, Pieter
 de Vissier, G

Editor's note : A number of Company Servants did not settle down in Ceylon but either returned to their homelands, or proceeded to serve in Batavia. After 19th February 1796, those of this group who remained behind could no longer be called 'Company Servants' as the Dutch East India Company had ceased to exist. They were thus referred to as "Dutch Descendants".

On Intellectual Culture.....

"It is to intellectual culture that we must look if we want to see our young folk rise to positions in which they can think and act for the Community. When we look back at the history of our past in this Island, we recall the names of men whose intellectual attainments enabled them to serve their generation with so much usefulness, loyalty and patriotism that their memories live with us to the present day. If we would remember that, in spite of the distractions of modern life, the means by which those giants of old attained their power and influence are still available to those who, with courage and patience, would steadily persevere in the path of duty and patriotism, I am sure we may look confidently to the future of our Community." **RG Anthonisz - (1918)**

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Excerpts from a speech by the late Lakshman Kadirgamar, PC, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, at the farewell dinner accorded by him in Colombo to H.E. Bastian Korner, Ambassador of the Netherlands, on 31st October 1996



"Your Excellencies, Hon Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

1996, this year, marks the bicentennial anniversary of the departure of the Dutch administration from Ceylon in 1796. Two hundred years is indeed a long time. But it is a remarkable tribute to the Netherlands that the influence of that 150 year period when the Dutch were here, has remained. That influence lingers in many areas of our national life. It is still vibrant and very strong in some areas. All of you know, including members of the Diplomatic Corps who are here for only few years, that there are many vivid monuments, buildings and architectural achievements to the credit of the Dutch, in many parts of Sri Lanka. There are two great living legacies of the Dutch period: one is the Roman Dutch Law and the other is the Dutch Burgher Community, alas! not as numerous as they were a few decades ago.

The Roman Dutch Law is a living body of law that exists and applies today-- I believe only in two countries, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

During the British period of our history, the Dutch Burgher Community played a remarkably unparalleled role in the public life of this country. I wish to take this opportunity to pay a tribute to the Dutch Burgher Community of Sri Lanka through those members of the Community who are present here this evening. Those who are here are themselves individually most worthy representatives of those magnificent people who have gone before them. Literally, in every walk of life, the Dutch Burghers made an outstanding contribution, and in doing so they showed that our national life could be enriched, that there is a contribution to be made by all citizens of our diverse society if only they look beyond the narrow constraints of ethnicity. Our public life is studded with names of eminent, legendary figures from this Community. They produced great judges and lawyers, outstanding doctors, surgeons, writers, historians, sociologists, archaeologists, legislators, administrators, professors, teachers and scientists. In the field of business and commerce there were giants among them.

The Dutch Burgher Community excelled not only in exalted positions in our society, but also performed with great credit, quietly, effectively and efficiently in various other areas of our National Life in the Police, Armed Services, Railways, Plantations and in Sport. Some of the pioneer sportsmen of our country came from this Community. Now alas, as I said a moment ago, there are very few Dutch Burghers left in Sri Lanka they began to melt away, perhaps most markedly, in the decade of the 1950's. Their departure has greatly impoverished our public life. Many of them migrated to Australia, others over the decades went to other countries, but in Australia there are a large number of them and there too they are playing a notable role as good, solid citizens.

In brief, Excellencies, Ministers, Ladies and Gentlemen, the Dutch Burgher Community had a most beneficial influence in the history of our country for which we must be very thankful."

Hon Lakshman Kadirgamar, PC (1932 -2005), a distinguished product of Trinity College, Kandy and Oxford University, was an intellectual, a lawyer, a sportsman, an extraordinary statesman, the epitome of culture, a good human being and above all one of the very few politicians who was brave and strong enough to dare and stand up against all forms terrorism. He was assassinated with a sniper's bullet in Colombo on 12th August 2005. The thousands of accolades he received from people from all walks of life, bear ample testimony to his vision to bring about the day when all communities in this lovely island of ours, can "leap to a single bugle and march to a single drum"- Editor.

CORRECTION - ARMSTRONG FAMILY

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Marcus Hilary Armstrong, born 14th November 1874, at Point de Galle, Ceylon married in the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Singapore, 14th February 1912, Theresa (Ressie.) Langer, born in Sonnenberg, Austria, daughter of Joseph Langer and Anna Suchful. He had by her :-

1. Dorothea (Dixie) Ressie Ethel, born in Singapore, 23rd February 1913
2. Gracie Anne, born in Singapore, 12th July 1915
3. Ralph Emil Hilary, born in Kaadan, Czechoslovakia, 12th November 1928, now resident in Queensland, Australia.
4. John, died in infancy, 3rd November 1930

In lighter vein

..... of Genealogies and the Internet

by RYAN OHLMUS

There are thousands of genealogies, Burgher and other, published in Internet websites by genealogists and others. We find serious and authentic material for study and research, yet, at the same time, there are adjunctive notes to genealogical data, too hilarious to define. In lighter vein, here are some of the gems to keep you smiling along

- Twelve young Bergh blokes report to fight for the pope and even sacrifice their lives for the good cause.
- Killed the Japanese after spitting at them.....
- Cause of death : Japanese soldiers.
- Affected by Gas World War I.
- His tombstone and that of his wife can be found lying innocently; yet for two small tombstones they hide such a colourful and enormous life that touched many people and continents.
- One of the twins which died: causes Unknown.
- He also became an advocate and sometimes Judge.
- By his third wife he had a further son.
- He is believed to have some illegitimate children in Malaya.
- Occupation : Involved in Secret Wind Tunnel and Nuclear testing.
- Medical Information : Rheumatoid Arthritis, Swan Fingers, Plastic Hips, Diabetic, Big toe and two toes removed due to Arthritis.
- Injured finger when checking height of blades after starting lawnmower!
- Apparently 4 half sisters or brothers.
- Law and the profession were meat and drink to him.
- Friends: Became friends during WW II when catching tram to work.
- Died unknown in England.
- Cause of death: Kidney fail via infection.
- Cause of death : Traffic Accident (She was riding a Bicycle)
- Cause of death : Said "I've had enough!."

The Union and its possibilities

by Mr R A Kriekenbeek JDBU Vol 7Pt 3- (1914)

1908 saw that there was a real awakening of the Burghers to a consciousness of their own solidarity and the first and inevitable step towards the control and guidance of their future. Until Mr R G Anthonisz started to harness opinion and consent for a distinct grouping that was to become the Dutch Burgher Union, they had spoken of themselves as a community and were merely stating what was only a conception. The Union made this conception a *fait accompli*.

The very pressing danger which has ever been threatening the Burghers, that is the submergence of their entity among the surrounding communities, could only be averted by founding an Union for welding into the common whole, for all those "who may justly claim the name of Burgher." Undoubtedly this was the fundamental aim of the Union; this was what its originators proposed to themselves as the primary object to be compassed for the future.

Despite the malicious detractors and selfish individuals, who unfortunately exist in every community, the Union has now firmly established itself.

What were to be the aims of the members composing the Union, if its purpose was to be fully achieved?

- A future - for which it will prepare and create for itself for the genuine pursuit of the well-being of all its members.
- A compact whole - the several sections of a divided body to be bound by a common purpose, so as to concentrate attention on the improvement of its moral and social life and on the details of its internal administration.
- Range of activities the extending of its activities for the bettering of the conditions of those members who are less fortunate than others.
- Distinct identity maintain a distinct identity as equal citizens of Ceylon and contribute to a harmonious unification with the different races and communities in Ceylon, all as equal citizens in one nation.

We Burghers must never show ourselves unworthy of the traditions of the past and of our ancestry.

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"FOR EVIL TO FLOURISH, IT
TAKES GOOD MEN TO STAND
BY AND DO NOTHING" - BURKE

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence . As far as possible be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly, and listen to others , even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons , they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career however humble ; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs , for the world is full of trickery . But let this not blind you to what virtue there is . Many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism . Be yourself . Especially do not feign affection . Neither be cynical about love, for in the face of all avidity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass . Take kindly to the counsel of the years , gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune . But do not distress yourself with imaginings . Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness . Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the Universe no less than the trees and the stars. You have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you , no doubt the Universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be and whatever your labours and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its sham and drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful; strive to be happy.

(Found in Old St Paul's Church, Baltimore, USA - 1692)

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