

SEASON'S
Greetings A wish for

Peace and Happiness
at this Christmas Season

and throughout the

New Year

FROM
THE EDITOR



THE 1993/1994 COMMITTEE

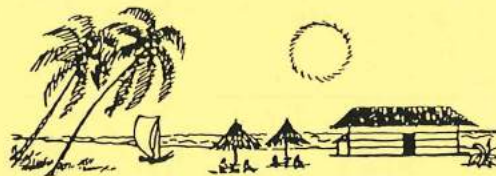
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Dear Members,

During this Christmas season may we rejoice with our families at the birth of our Lord. THE FAMILY is the universal school of life and the school of love.

If the family is weakened then the whole quality of life within our society is impaired, so let us TREASURE our families. With these words in mind, may I wish a Joyous Christmas and God Bless to each and every one of you.

Dag
EDITOR



YEAR OF INVOLVEMENT!!! (Sub-committees and Chairperson/Conveners)

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President's Message

The end of another year is fast approaching. The thoughts of what we have or have not achieved are intermingled with feelings of relief and joy as we look forward to and prepare for the festive season of Christmas and the promise we hope that the New Year will bring.

However Dear friends, the reality is that we live in a world of conflict, where man's inhumanity to man is incomprehensible. How fortunate we are to live in a country that offers us freedom of expression with cultural diversity.

Let us all guard it with a passion in order that race or religion are not barriers that divide us, but rather let us consciously develop respect, tolerance and love for each other, that will Australianise us all in a very special way.

On behalf of the committee and myself, we sincerely extend to all our members and their families our very best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Peaceful New Year 1994.

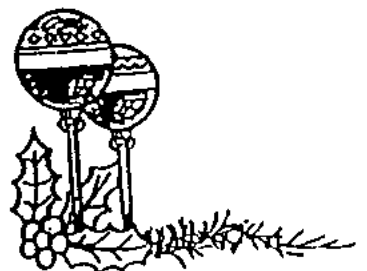
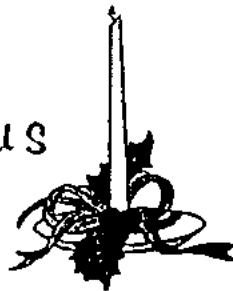
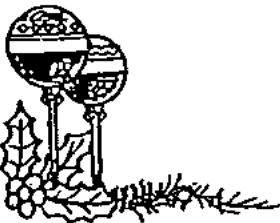
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PRESIDENT



We wish all
**OUR MEMBERS,
WELL-WISHERS
& ADVERTISERS**

a safe and happy
Christmas
and a
Prosperous

1994



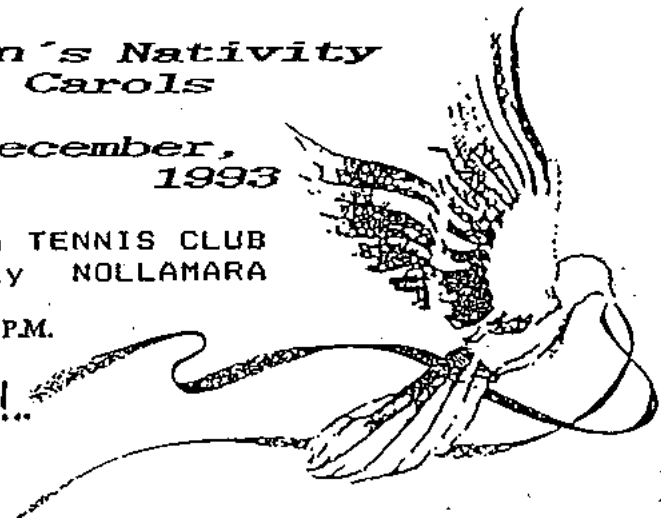
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THE WA - SRI LANKA (Ceylon) ASSOCIATION'S

**The Children's Nativity
Pantomime & Carols
On
Sunday 19 December,
1993**

at the NOLLAMARA TENNIS CLUB
Kindra Way NOLLAMARA

FROM 5 PM.



YES! we'll be singing carols in Sinhala too!..



The Children's Nativity Pantomime
will commence at 5.30 pm
followed by...SANTA'S ARRIVAL ..
.....at 6.30 pm

A RENDITION OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS performed
by the Sinhala Cultural Society will be
followed by Community Carol Singing

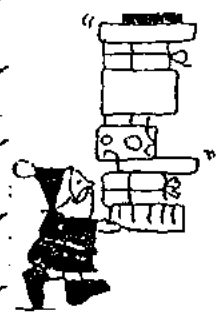


CHARGES:
Members NO CHARGE
Non Members ... \$ 5.00 per FAMILY

ATTENDANCE STRICTLY BOOKINGS

PLEASE BRING A PLATE
(To facilitate co-ordination of FOOD
please ring DAGMAR (271 6525)/OENONE (474 1235)

(bar facilities available)



**YOUR CHILD'S
GIFT SHOULD
NOT EXCEED
\$15.00 IN
VALUE**

BOOK by
Wednesday 15th December 1993
with
Dagmar Raymond 271 6525
Oenone Weinman 474 1235

PARENTS !!!
Please contact Michelle
Renasinghe (Ph: 387 6374)
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE if
you wish your child/
children to participate
in the Children's
Nativity Pantomime. OR
attend the 1st rehearsal
10.00 am 4th DEC 1993
at WASLA premises,
133 Lord St. EAST PERTH.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations!

Noel Raymond and Helen Bavcevich solemnized their marriage on 20th November 1993 at St. Patrick's Church Fremantle, witnessed by their proud parents Dion and Peace Raymond, Jelica and Ante Bavcevich, their relatives and friends - some of whom had travelled from Queensland and Victoria to grace the occasion.

The bride looked absolutely radiant in a stunningly beautiful white bridal gown with flowing train. She was attended by three bridesmaids and groomsmen.

The wedding was followed by a fabulous reception at Miss Maude's Function Centre in Fremantle.

FOUNDATION DAY

The Foundation Day picnic to Toodyay turned out to be an enjoyable one for those members who attended.

We had booked two buses, but settled for a Double Decker, as the response was not as we had hoped.

The younger members made sure they had the front seats on the upper deck.

Some of the more mature members refused to go up on the top deck as they said there was no driver.

The scenic drive through the undulating hills fresh and green with the kiss of spring, interspersed with multi-coloured carpets of wild flowers was very pretty.

The weather threatened on our arrival but it never rained. The younger members tucked into their sausage sizzle while the seniors patiently awaited their lampries.

After lunch, those bubbling with enthusiasm walked over a picturesque foot bridge and along a beaten track to the school oval while others preferred the motorised transfer, where the more energetic members played cricket, while others kicked a football or threw a frisbee.

After afternoon tea we boarded the bus and returned to Perth singing all the way.

Ed.

TAKE TIME

Take time to think...

It is the fountain of strength.

Take time to love and be loved...

It is a God-given privilege.

Take time to laugh...

It is the music of the soul.

Take time to pray...

It is the greatest power on earth.

Take time to read...

It is the foundation of wisdom.

Take time to work...

It is the price of success.

Take time to be friendly...

It is the road to happiness.

Take time to give...

It is too short a day to be selfish.

Take time to play...

It is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to save...

It is the foundation of your future

Take time to keep your health...

It is above all gold and treasure.



THE WA - SRI LANKA (Ceylon) ASSOCIATION
presents

**** "SILVER GLOW" ****

VERY SIMPLE TO DO THE
CHA-CHA-DEAR JUST DO
/ LIKE YOU'RE TRAMPING
SOME ROACHES...



GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE '93 DANCE

VENUE: KARRINYUP COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE

Davenport Street KARRINYUP
(Behind Karrinyup Shopping Centre)

TIME: 7.30 PM - 01.00 AM

DATE: FRIDAY 31st DECEMBER 1993

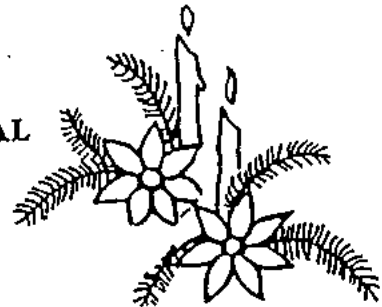
MUSIC: By the Fabulous "SWITCHING CHANNELS"

DINNER: Smorgasbord - Eastern & Western Cuisine

TICKETS: Members \$ 25.00
Non Members \$ 30.00

DRESS FORMAL / LOUNGE / NATIONAL

BAR FACILITIES - Strictly NO BYO



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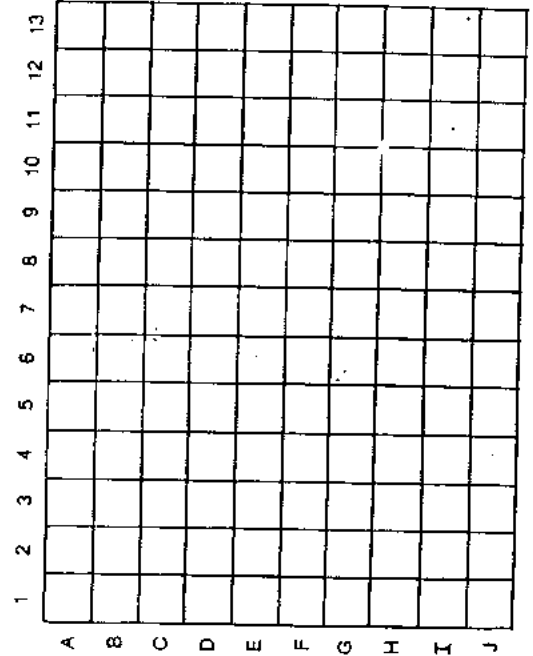
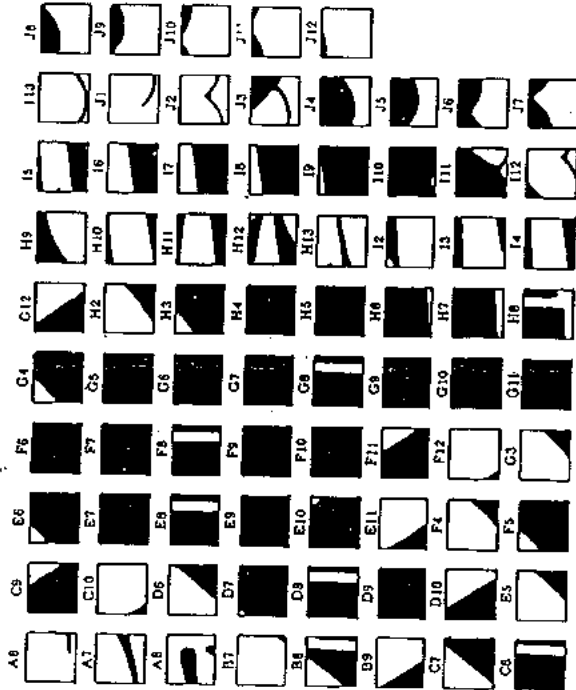
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!!! DOOR PRIZES !!! SPOT PRIZES !!! SURPRISES !!!
!!!! FABULOUS RAFFLE !!!!

PICTURE THIS

You do not need any special art training to produce a picture in the empty grid. Use the letter-number guide above each square and carefully draw what is shown into the corresponding square in the grid.



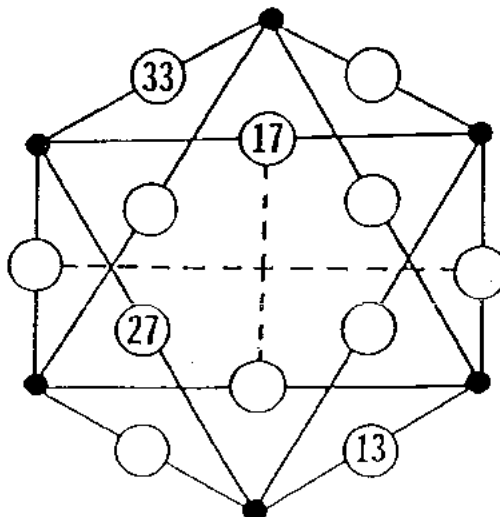
Try this MAGIC STAR & CROSS brain teaser.
It should keep you occupied during this holiday season. Better still if you could design one for yourself.

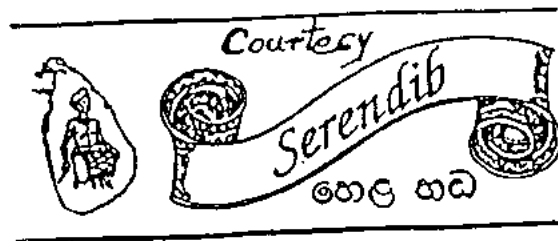
Using only the eight numbers below, complete the diagram by filling the numbers into the circles so that the following two conditions are met:

- 1) The sum of any four numbers connected by four lines that meet at a corner with a black dot is always 150 (there are six of these).
- 2) The sum of the four numbers in the circles connected by the dotted lines is also 150. These form the "Magic Cross."

In this Magic Star and Cross, the "magic sum" is 150. This Star and Cross is called "magic" because all the numbers used in it are different, yet add up to the same "magic sum." In ancient times, people believed that "magic" figures would bring good luck. Some were engraved on metal or stone and worn as amulets.

19, 21, 22, 34, 38, 73, 76, 77





Anura resigns

Mr Anura Bandaranaike yesterday tendered his resignation from the SLFP creating a new upheaval in its crisis ridden ranks. His resignation, according to the constitution, will cost him his parliamentary seat in one month. Anura has complained that no charge sheet had been served on him during the 89 days after he was suspended and he still does not know why he has been suspended.

Lanka wins at software competition

At the International Computer Software Competition held recently in Hong Kong, the Sri Lanka student 'A' team won the second runner-up award, coming second only to Singapore, and beating Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Hongkong, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Philippine and the Republic of China. This is the first time Sri Lanka has won an award at an international computer competition, though national teams have participated at competitions since 1990. (CDN 20/10)

Aussies buy zircon

An agreement was signed last Friday by the Lanka Mineral Sands Co. Ltd, Pulmuddai and International Gold and Mineral Co., Australia to sell 60,000 out of 130,000 metric tons of crude zircon that found no market for over ten years. The Australian company will presently install a zircon refinery in Trincomalee, and will purchase an additional quantity of 90,000 metric tons of crude zircon. The first consignment was valued at Rs 184m. Due to its resistance to excessive heat, zircon is largely used for polishing purposes of steel and metal moulds, to obtain the final glaze from ceramicware and in the manufacture of insulators. (CDN 20/10)

"Booker" prize

Michael Ondaatje, winner of the 1992 Booker Prize for the best novel published in Britain, has decided to donate his prize money to encourage writing in English in Sri Lanka, where he was born and received his early education. (CDN 21/10)

Hire purchasing popular

Lending by financial institutions and commercial banks for the purchase of durable consumer items is rapidly increasing and these institutions are quite satisfied over the high recovery rate of such loans, which is over ninety percent. (SO 17/10)

Ranil welcome's old mate

Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday welcomed his school mate, Anura Bandaranaike into the UNP, saying it would strengthen the party and democratic forces in the country. The Prime Minister said that the section of the SLFP which believes in democracy and liberal economic policies, and a section of the floating vote may come along with Mr Bandaranaike to the UNP. Asked whether Mr Gamini Dissanayake will be taken in, the PM said that Mr Dissanayake has had a meeting with the president and the president has made known his views. (CDN 28/10)

Gamini lashes out

Deputy Speaker, Gamini Fonseka has warned that UNPers who tried to persecute him for breaking ranks with them on an issue regarding corruption, would be severely dealt with. He said the Deputy Speaker was more than an ordinary parliamentarian and was not expected to go along with any party on all issues. He explained he had not followed the UNP whip and abstained from voting on an SLFP members call for a permanent Presidential Commission to probe corruption, as at voting time, he was Acting Speaker and not a UNP MP from Matara. The UNP voted against this motion. (ST 17/10)

Kanatte 'full'

The 42 acre Colombo cemetery at Kanatte has reached the limits of congestion and the sale of graves (8' X 9') has been stopped. However, in a limited area, land measuring 2' X 2' is being sold to the immediate left and right of the dead to put up tomb stones and epitaphs over existing graves. (CDN 21/10)

Forest cover dwindles

The population of Sri Lanka has increased during the past three decades from 10.6 million to 16.9 million, but the national forest cover has dwindled from 44 percent to 20.6 percent and may dwindle to 10 percent by the turn of the century. Indiscriminate tree felling is one of the most acute problems facing the country, because it has spawned a host of other problems like soil denudation, freak floods, land slides etc. (Daily News 18.9.93)

Eden In Lanka

Sri Lanka will soon be able to boast of its newest five star hotel outside Colombo, aptly named Eden Hotel. The new hotel is under construction on the enchanting Golden Mile in Beruwela, a few metres south of Hotel Riverina. (Sunday Observer 19.9.93)

Inflation up

Inflation is now running at 12 percent and the Central Bank has decided to issue its own securities to mop off the excess money in the economy. Rs 2,000 million worth of Central Bank securities, with maturities of 3, 6 or 12 months, will be issued during the rest of the year. These will be issued with a coupon interest rate and auctioned so that investors will be able to make a bid at the price of their choice. (CDN 21/10)

Rare find

A stone slab inscription dating back to the reign of King Mahasen has been found in a temple complex in Kulapitiya in the Kurunegala district. Along with the stone inscription, a gold coin was found dating back to the Mahasen period, 286 to 303 AD. (CDN 9/10)



A SMILE COSTS NOTHING, BUT GIVES MUCH

It enriches those who receive without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

Author Unknown

"A SMILE SENT OUT WILL ALWAYS RETURN"

A CHRISTMAS POEM

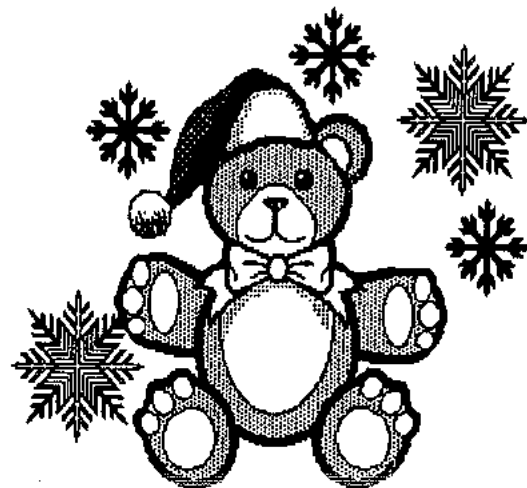
Twinkle little stars, we need your light.
For Santa is waiting until day turns to night.

Elves are singing as they make the toys,
For Santa to take to all good girls and boys.

Quietly now, quick fall asleep,
Santa is coming and you mustn't peek.

I can hear reindeer bells, has he visited my
tree?
It's morning light now, wake up and lets see.

So many presents all over the floor,
But the baby Jesus is the best gift of all.



By Jonelle Raymond



*The voice you have heard on disc
now see him in concert*

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217 FITZGERALD ST. NORTH PERTH**

**KEEP THE DATE FREE & WATCH OUT
FOR TICKET & BOOKING DETAILS.**



Sri Lanka
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AS PART OF SRI LANKA'S
INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS
The W.A. Sri Lanka (Ceylon) Assn.
Presents

SRI LANKAN TALENT IN CONCERT II

Entertainment from the diverse cultures
of Sri Lanka + Guests Artistes.

DATE: Saturday 5th February 1994
VENUE: Karrinyup Community Recreation Centre
Davenport Road, Karrinyup

TIME: 7 p.m. onwards
TICKETS: \$ 7.00 per head
(Includes Exotic Sri Lankan Finger Food)
Children under 10 - \$ 5.00
B. Y. O. Drinks.

Tickets are limited so book early with
Olga 328 6202/ Oenone 474 1235/ Dagmar 271 6525

N.B. We have sought approval from the Organisers of
The Festival of Perth for the Sri Lankan Kandyan Dancers
to perform for us at this function.

PROJECT SRI LANKA By R.R.

It was that time of the year, when our minds went back to the Charity aspect of WASLA's objectives and the function devoted in the calendar of events towards raising funds for helping charities in Sri Lanka.

This function was entrusted to Francis Wilathgamuwa and his small band of volunteers. And didn't they do it well!!!

As with all our other functions, pledges in form of attendance were pretty slow rolling in, causing Francis and his volunteers anxiety. But with 24 hours to go and the last minute rush, they were thinking differently. "Will there be enough to feed the large numbers?"

Our ladies on that day were equipped to the task. But then, like with all food that are prepared instantly, especially with the ever popular ones like Hoppers and Thosai's it is not the lack of expertise, but the production/preparation time that tend to defeat the enthusiasm. But then where else apart from the IMF where nations gather for their quota of money - would you get the opportunity to stand in queue, turning around and talking to each other till your quota was prepared (burnt).

All in all it was a good night. Made memorable by DJ "Jay Bee" with his wide variety of dance/listening music, the decor of black cloths Cyprus fern in round ceramic bonsai bowls with red candles set in the middle that ighlighted the table sellings, the large number of guests - very conspicuous, however, was the large number of our Australian friends and non members who easily outnumbered the members, the lady who bid and won the \$10 in the auction but gave it back to re-auction, the Belmont Bowling Club and its pleasant surroundings, all those ladies and gents who worked extremely hard, the comperes and the raffle tickets sellers and everyone who in any way contributed towards making the FUND big.

I am sure which ever Charity Organisation is selected to enjoy those fruits, will be worthy recipients of the monies thus collected.

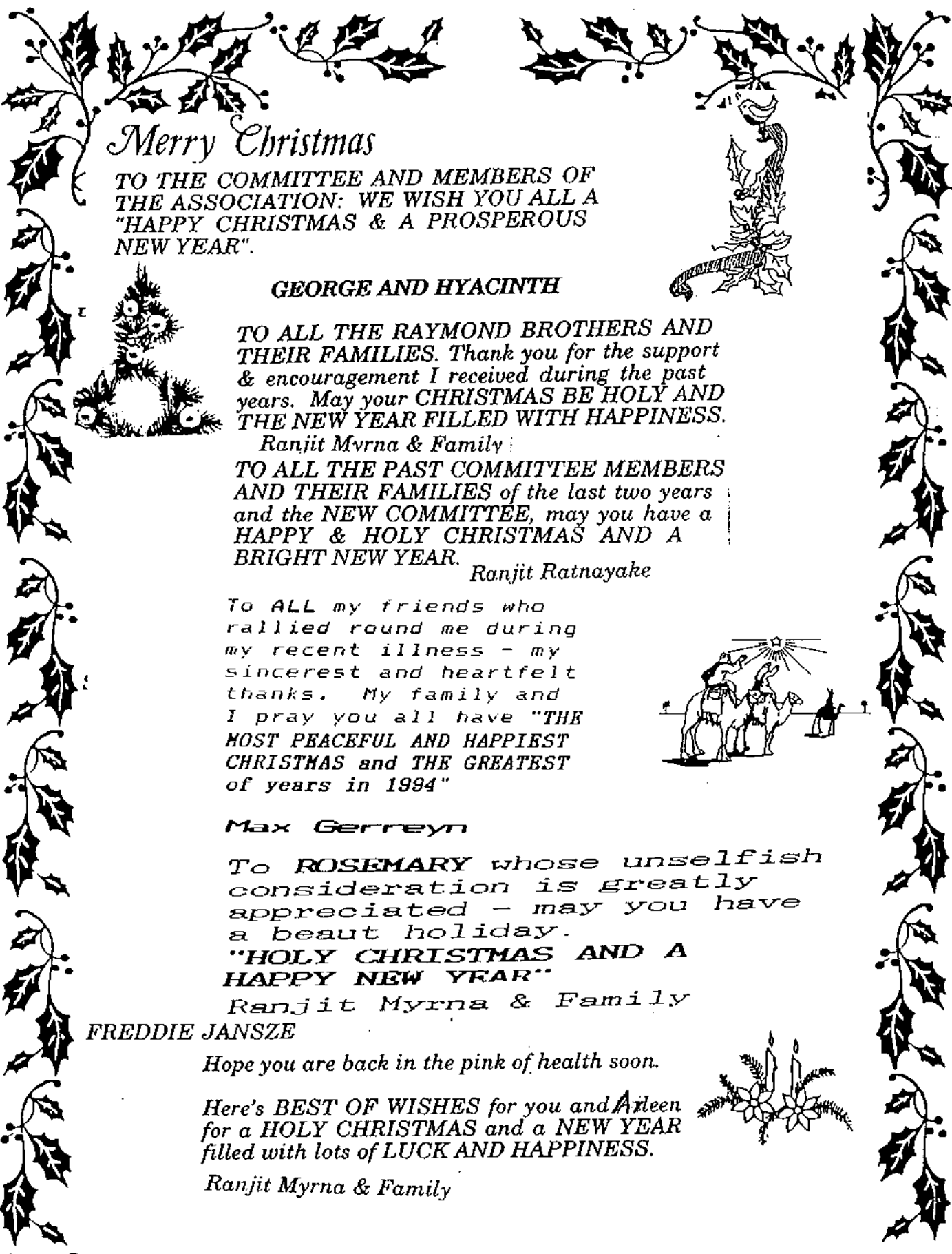
THOSE WHO GAVE NOT ONLY THEIR TIME AND ENERGIES BUT DONATIONS IN KIND, I FEEL SHOULD NOT GO UNACKNOWLEDGED. SO HERE THEY ARE:

Donations were received from:

Alex Raymond
George Hesse
Aubrey & Dagmar Raymond
Francis & Siggi Willathgamuwa
Chris Raymond
Joel White
Joyce White
Jeanette Raymond
Raj Rajagopalan
Myrna Ratnayake
Olga Ramasamy
Denone Weinman
Ranjith Kumar
Rosaine Anghie
Russell Raymond

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Ranee Moldrich
Rosaine Anghie
Rosemary Drieberg
Russell Raymond
Shiranti Saverimutto
Shirley Raymond
Vicky Sivarajah
Siggi Willathgamuwa



Merry Christmas

TO THE COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF
THE ASSOCIATION: WE WISH YOU ALL A
"HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR".

GEORGE AND HYACINTH



TO ALL THE RAYMOND BROTHERS AND
THEIR FAMILIES. Thank you for the support
& encouragement I received during the past
years. May your CHRISTMAS BE HOLY AND
THE NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HAPPINESS.

Ranjit Myrna & Family

TO ALL THE PAST COMMITTEE MEMBERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES of the last two years
and the NEW COMMITTEE, may you have a
HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS AND A
BRIGHT NEW YEAR.

Ranjit Ratnayake

To ALL my friends who
rallied round me during
my recent illness - my
sincerest and heartfelt
thanks. My family and
I pray you all have "THE
MOST PEACEFUL AND HAPPIEST
CHRISTMAS and THE GREATEST
of years in 1994"

Max Gerreyn

To ROSEMARY whose unselfish
consideration is greatly
appreciated - may you have
a beaut holiday.
"HOLY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Ranjit Myrna & Family

FREDDIE JANSZE

Hope you are back in the pink of health soon.

Here's BEST OF WISHES for you and Aileen
for a HOLY CHRISTMAS and a NEW YEAR
filled with lots of LUCK AND HAPPINESS.

Ranjit Myrna & Family



CONDOLENCES to Babs Lawson on the death
of grandson GREGORY GAIN.

Our DEEPEST SYMPATHY to the parents,
Roger and Starlene.



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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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or Michael on 248 3475 (H)

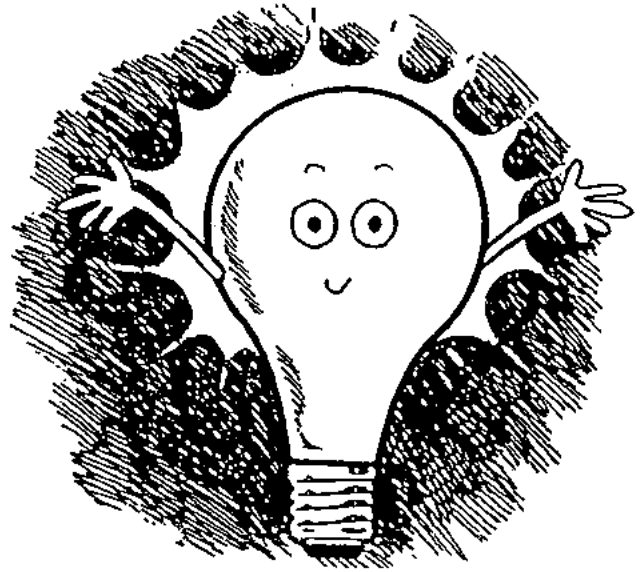
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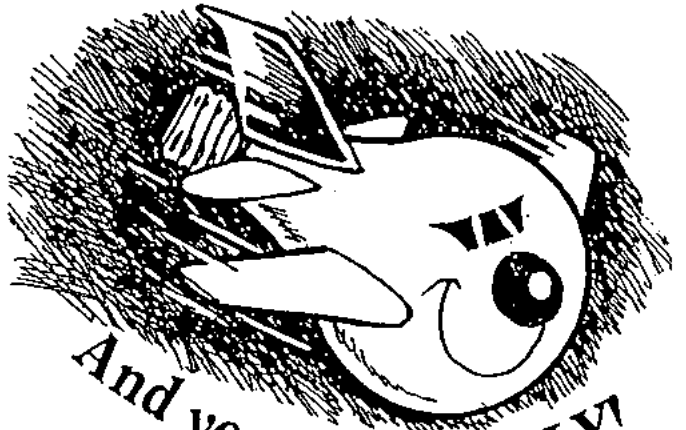
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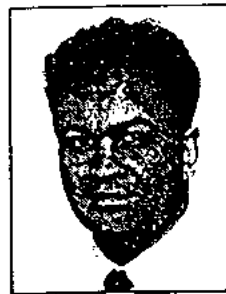


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