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Rector: Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel



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FROM THE PRESIDENT
AND THE COMMITTEE

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS IN CANADA





Message from Roshan Navaratnam President - JPAA Canada 2009/10



As it unfolded - JPAA Canada had a banner year in 2009 when we celebrated a milestone in our history – twenty five years anniversary since the association was formed. Strategically we used our two main events to celebrate the occasion – the Annual Joe-Pete Cricket Encounter and the JPAA Annual Dinner Dance. Both events were well patronized by old boys, family and well wishers.

At the Cricket match on July 1, we recognized the original Ad-Hoc Committee of 1984, and introduced them to the two teams at the grounds. At the dance, we recognized all the past presidents by staging a parade after which plaques were given to commemorate their contribution towards keeping the association up and running. We also paid tribute to the two founders of our great organization – Upali Obeyesekere and Benito de Silva. All said and done, my team and I did our best to keep the flags of St. Joseph's College and St. Peter's College flying at all times.

For the first time in Canada, JPAA Canada launched the “Saints Quadrangular” with St. Anthony's College, Kandy OBA and St. Benedict's College OBA. The tournament was a worthy initiative of JPAA Canada and the huge turnout present was an endorsement that this will be an annual event in the sports calendar of the four schools involved. The Peterite team did well to win the inaugural quadrangular tournament beating the Josephians.

I had the unstinted support of my committee, the two founders and many past presidents of JPAA Canada. I thank my peers in the Committee for the great work done this year. They did a super job in making this a memorable and remarkable year. Without their help and support, none of what we achieved would have been possible. It is therefore my pleasure to acknowledge their contribution in making my leadership year, a truly rewarding one. Thank you, one and all! From the feedback received, JPAA Canada lived up to its reputation as ‘leaders of the pack’. With much humility, we are proud of the fact that JPAA was the very first Sri Lankan Schools Alumni Association to be formed in Canada.

Many old boys too pitched in and the success of both the cricket match and annual dance is testimony to the caliber of people who walked in their student years through the hallowed hallways of St. Joseph's College at Darley Road and St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya. We are proud of our Alma Mater – two great educational institutions.

The vision of the founders and the Ad-Hoc Committee must be lauded. Our task is to continue the mission and maintain JPAA Canada as an interactive organization that caters to the large Joe-Pete fraternity in Canada. We must ensure that our organization grows with distinction. May god bless our continuing efforts to foster camaraderie and fellowship within this select group.

On behalf of JPAA Canada my best wishes for the festive season to our members and old boys of the two schools all over the world. May you have an exciting new year filled with peace, good health and happiness.

Please enjoy the pictorial recap of the year under review in the next few pages.

Roshan Navaratnam
President, Josephian-Peterite Alumni Association - Canada

PICTORIAL RECAP OF YEAR UNDER REVIEW



AD-HOC COMMITTEE 1984-1992



JOE-PETE ENCOUNTER 2009 - TROPHIES



MAIN GAME TEAMS



MAIN GAME PETERITE TEAM



2009 MASTERS TOURNAMENT: JOSEPHIAN-PETERITE TEAMS



Veteran Umpire Christie Wijesinghe



Srinath Wijeyeratne & Mario Joseph



Peterite skipper Michael Jayatilaka



MAIN GAME SKIPPERS S. SENTHURAN (SPC) & P. RAVISHANKAR (SJC)



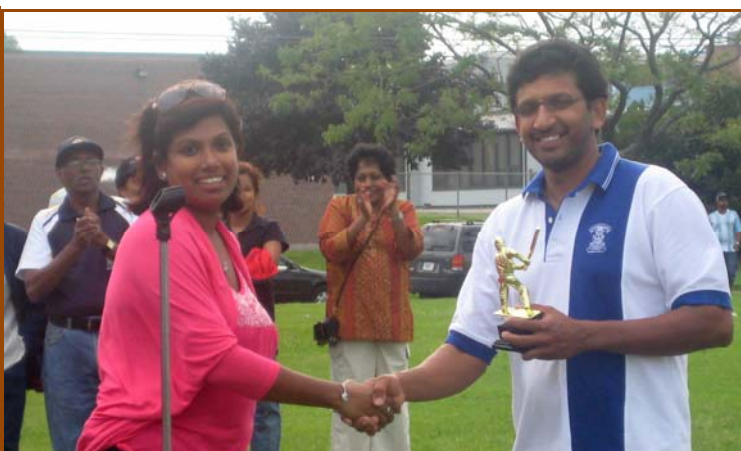
Josephian players P. Ravishankar & Brian Rajadurai



Man of the Match: Dhanuka Pathirana (SJC)



After 25 years - 1984 match ball changes hands
Benito de Silva presents ball to Upali Obeyesekere



Brian Rajadurai (SJC) receives Best Batsman Award
Presented by Theshini Navaratnam, wife of JPAA President Roshan Navaratnam

MAIN GAME: OLD JOSEPHIANS BEAT OLD PETERITES BY 8 WICKETS

Old Peterites – 143 for 9 in 40 Overs - Srimantha Wijerathne-42; Crofton Joseph-12; Clement Fernando-31; Roshan Wignarajah-16; Yohan Wijeyawickrema - 13 n.o.; Roshan Navaratnam-6 n.o. Bowling: R. Manickavasaga 4 for 24; Nigel Isaacs 2 for 16; P. Ravishankar 2 for 28

Old Josephians – 146 for 2 in 21.3 Overs – Brian Rajadurai – 37; Dhanuka Pathirana – 63 n.o. and Arvind Kandappah 16 n.o. Bowling: Crofton Joseph 1 for 15; Clement Fernando 1 for 36

- ♦ Best Batsman – Brian Rajadurai (SJC)
Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai Challenge Cup
- ♦ Best Bowler – Roshan Manickavasaga (SJC)
Rev. Fr. Nicholas Perera Memorial Cup
- ♦ Best Fielder – Mario Steinwall (SJC)
Rev. Fr. M.J. Le Goc Memorial Cup
- ♦ Man of the Match – Dhanuka Pathirana (SJC)
Rev. Fr. Mervyn Weerakkody Challenge Cup

♦ MAIN GAME WINNERS – OLD JOSEPHIANS
ST. ELMO OBEYESEKERE CHALLENGE CUP

MASTERS GAME: Peterites Win easily by 105 runs

Old Peterites beat Old Josephians by 105 runs

Old Peterites – 196 for 3 wickets in 20 overs: (Mario Joseph, 20; Srinath Wijeratne, 47 n.o.; Dane Joseph, 28; Denver de Zilwa, 70 retd.) Sunimal Perera 1 for 15; Roshan Anthony 1 for 33; B. Baldsing 1 for 42.

Old Josephians – 91 for 5 wickets in 20 overs: (Jeevan Pragasam, 25; B. Baldsing 17 n.o.) Ricardo Nicholas 2 for 15; Mario Joseph 1 for 17.

- ♦ Best Batsman - Denver de Zilwa (SPC) – Dr. C. Balachandran Memorial Challenge Cup
- ♦ Best Bowler – Ricardo Nicholas (SPC) – Felix Pragasam Memorial Challenge Cup
- ♦ Best All Rounder SJC – Jeevan Pragasam – Capt. G.H. De Silva Memorial Challenge Cup
- ♦ Best All Rounder SPC – Denver de Zilwa – Nihal and Dharshi Jayawardene Challenge Cup
- ♦ Championship Trophy: Old Peterites – Yvonne Cooke Memorial Challenge Cup

SAINTS QUADRANGULAR 2009

JCAA CANADA TOOK LEAD ROLE IN ORGANIZING THIS INITIATIVE





Saints Quadrangular 2009 – Josephian-Peterite Teams with the three presidents of JPAA Canada, SACKOBA, SBCOBA



JPAA President Roshan Navaratnam, Harold de Silva (oldest living Peterite cricketer) and Upali Obeyesekere



(1) Two old boys lead the past presidents parade; (2) Founding President Upali Obeyesekere; (3) Benito de Silva (co-founder) reciting prayer before dinner and (4) Upali Obeyesekere cutting the 25th Anniversary cake with JPAA President Roshan Navaratnam



College anthems sung by old boys



JPAA President Roshan Navaratnam (in the foreground) flanked on both sides by Past-Presidents who were each presented with a plaque in recognition for their contribution towards the Josephian Peterite Alumni Association – Canada.
From L to R: Ranier de Lambert, Victor Santhiapillai, Roderick Diaz, Jeevan Pragasam, Rehan Goonetilleka, Lloyd Wijesinghe, Roshan Navaratnam, Milan Gunawardena, Bhanu Wijeyesekere, Hamzie Hameed, Anton Perera & Upali Obeyesekere

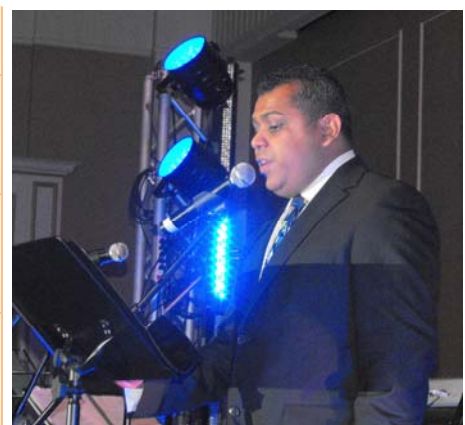


JPAA Canada Past-Presidents From L to R: Rehan Goonetilleka, Ranier de Lambert, Bhanu Wijeyesekere, Valentine Balasingham, Victor Santhiapillai, Roderick Diaz, Roshan Navaratnam (Current President), Hamzee Hameed, Upali Obeyesekere, Roshan Dharmarathne (partly hidden is President of SPC-OBU in Colombo), Chris Cooke, Milan Gunawardena, Lloyd Wijesinghe, Anton Perera, Jeevan Pragasm, Nihal Jayawardena.

ADDRESS BY JPAA PRESIDENT ROSHAN NAVARATNAM



JPAA Committee stands in the foreground



OLD BOYS MEET AT DANCE



L to R: Rannan de Silva, Anslem Perera, Ravindra Seneviratne & Roshan Navaratnam



L to R: Roderick Diaz, Roshan Dharmarathne, Ranier de Lmbert



Crofton Joseph & Roshan Dharmarathne



L to R: Roshan Dharmarathne & Joe Wickrema



Cecil Perera & Dr. Adiel Anghie both from U.S.



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ANSLEM PERERA – SOCIAL SECRETARY

MEMBERS OF THE AD-HOC COMMITTEE (1984-1992) ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓



Benito & Annette de Silva



Anton & Rane Perera



Yvonne & Hamzee Hameed



Tammy & Upali Obeyesekere

MEMBERS OF JPAA CANADA COMMITTEE ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓ ↓



Roshan & Theshini Navaratnam



Glen & Daphne Ragell



Anukshi & Yohan Wijeyewickrema



Savio & Diane Alexander



L to R: Anslem Perera, Jerome Fernandez, Glen Ragell, Joe Lawrence, Rehan Goonetilleka & Lakdasa Perera



SOHAN & THE X'PERIMENTS PLAYED MAGNIFICENTLY TO KEEP THE CROWD ON THE FLOOR



Mr. & Mrs. Percy Nagthall



Maurice & Mercy Ranchigoda



JPAA Canada Past Presidents in picture with Roshan Dharmarathne, President of parent St. Peter's College Old Boys' Union (3rd from right)

JPAA Canada founder and incumbent gets a lift.....



25TH ANNIVERSARY: "He's a jolly good fellow" heave for JPAA founder Upali Obeyesekere by JPAA Canada Committee



"He's a jolly good fellow" heave for incumbent JPAA President Roshan Navaratnam by his team members

Our Rugby outing.....



SING ALONG

Date - 18th December 2009 (Friday)

Venue - Nicholas Perera hall

Band - Cosmic Rays

Comper - Radly Steevens

Tickets - Rs.300.00 per head (Table of 10 -Rs.3000.00)

Food and Drinks Available

Santa Claus will be in attendance to give away gifts for kids

ORGANIZED BY OBU OF ST.PETER'S COLLEGE

FOR TICKETS-
LASANTHA 0777358305
RAMESH 0777915537
DIMITRI 077766056

7.30 P.M ON WARDS



JPAA CANADA WAS FORMED AS AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE IN 1984 AND THEN FORMALLY STRUCTURED IN 1993. WE HAVE REACHED A MILESTONE THIS YEAR - OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY. THE JOURNEY WAS LONG AND CHALLENGING, BUT THE END RESULT WAS EXTREMELY REWARDING.

IN THIS PUBLICATION, OUR MAIN FOCUS IS TO CAPTURE NEWS FROM OUR JOINT ASSOCIATION HERE IN CANADA. IN ADDITION, WE ARE PLEASED TO INCLUDE NEWS FROM OUR PARENT UNIONS IN COLOMBO AND ALSO OTHER ASSOCIATION AROUND THE WORLD.

SEND IN YOUR COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK. THANK YOU! COMMENTS MAY BE SENT TO THE EDITOR, JPAA NEWSLETTER: Hinfo@joepete-canada.com

In other Joe-Pete news!!!

SPC - Under 19 cager champs for 2nd successive year



The champion Peterite Basketball Team (Third row from left): Priyan de Mel, Pramuka Tennekoon, Joel Pererapulle, Jeewaka Herath, Lakshan Samarasinghe (Capt.) Andre Jayakody, Ramesh Roshan, Trevor Juriansz, Arnold Fernando, Sajeev Mecshy, Inura Ekanayake, Hashan Kavisha, Suresh Ahamed, Shenal Dias, Arun Goonaratne. (2nd row standing from left): Dr. Reshan Godwin (Team Doctor), Dimithri Perera (Asst. Manager), Shamendra Wimalasena (Manager). (Seated from left): Noel Cooray (Senior MIC), Rev. Fr. Shameera (Sports Co-ordinator), Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel (Rector), Rev. Fr. Rohitha Rodrigo (Priest-in-charge), Chaminda Sembukuttiaarachchi (Coach) and Jayan Bandara (Junior MIC).

Basketball and St. Peter's College, Colombo seem to go hand in hand with each other. The Peterites have earned the reputation as the leading senior division school in basketball in the island. The Peterites have established themselves as a strong force over the years and have netted in many trophies to their credit. In the year 2008, the Peterites were crowned as 'Double Champions'. St. Peter's had clinched the under 19 'A' division Inter-School Basketball Championship Trophy, but also clinched the most prestigious Championship Trophy in the National School Games for the year 2008. The under 17 team were placed third the same year. However, in the previous year - 2007, the under 17 'A' division All-Island International

School Basketball Championship, the Peterites won again. This year - 2009 has once again turned out to be a successful year for the Peterites and they have been able to win the under 19 'A' division Championship Trophy. The Peterites were all Island champions. In their march to success this year, the Peterites had quite a close call in their match against Lyceum International and won by a close margin - 71 points to 60. Then the Peterites had somewhat of a easy game against De Mazenod and won by 89 points to 46 and won against Azar College comfortably by 108 points to 70 and also had an easy win against St. Sebastian's College by 70 points to 28. The Peterites remained unbeaten in the group stage of the tournament. Came the quarter-finals, the Peterites had somewhat of a tough match, but their superior court craft gave them to climb the ladder of success and won here too by 59 points to 36. Came the semi-finals - another tough game. St. Peter's went through to the final by beating Lyceum International by 85 points to 77. Then it was the final - a big occasion at that. St. Peter's showed that they were made of real champion qualities and they quite comfortably beat S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia by a comfortable margin of 85 points to 52. This was the victory that the Peterites yearned for and the fact that they clinched victory in the final, crowned them as the All-Island Under 19 'A' Division Basketball Champions again! Getting to championship honours calls for some superb play by the Peterite team and it is true that their's were a fine display of cohesive play. However, there were some individual brilliance too in the Peterite team. Shenal Dias was adjudged Best offensive Player of the tournament. The Peterite captain Lakshan Samarasinghe was awarded the prestigious award: "Best Player of Tournament". St. Peter's would certainly like to say a big 'Thank You' to their Rector Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel for the leadership that he has given to sports and to Rev. Fr. Shamira Nirosh Cooray - the Sports Co-ordinator and Rev. Fr. Rohitha Rodrigo - the Priest-in-charge of basketball inspiring the boys to give off their best in basketball tournament matches. The head coach Chaminda Sembukuttiaarachchi, the masters-in-charge Noel Cooray and Jayan Bandara, the two managers Shaminda Wimalasena and Dimithri Perera for all the hard work they put into get up this champion Peterite outfit.

St. Peter's WP Schools U-14 Rugby champions

The under-14 rugby team of St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya won the Western Province Inter-school Rugby Tournament held recently at the Royal Sports Complex. Playing open and fast rugby, the team displayed their superiority throughout the tournament when they recorded victories, without conceding any points, in their matches against Science 35-0, Ananda 31-0, St. Joseph's 7-0 and Royal College 14-0 in the final. The team is coached by Senaka Balasuriya under the guidance of head coach Sanath Martis.



Standing L to R: Thakshina Nonis, Kevin Dixon, Ranith Silva, Praveen De Silva, Shehan Mark De Silva, Shawn Moses, Mayantha Perera, Rahal Delpachitra, Clifford Perera, Avishka Heenpella
Seated L to R: Senaka Balasuriya (Coach), Rev. Fr. Shamira Nirosh Cooray (Sports Coordinator), Sandesh Jayawickrama (Captain), Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel (Rector), Senura Premawardena, Mohomad Shukri (Master-in-charge)

St. Josephs' Under-17 joint hockey champs



St. Joseph's College, Colombo, emerged joint champions at the Colombo Schools U-17 Hockey tournament. They entered the tournament as favourites and remained unbeaten throughout. The finals were played late in the evening and could not be completed as their opponents, Ananda College, Colombo protested against the light. St. Josephs' and Ananda were declared joint champions. The Josephians were captained by Shenal Cooray and coached by an old boy, Shane Ratnam. Dinesh Buddhika is the Master-in-Charge. St. Joseph's College, Colombo, U-17 hockey team

Standing L-R: Shane Ratnam (Coach), Kushal Jayasekara, Chanuka Perera, Enose Praveen, Sheshan Rajapakse, Shenal Cooray (Capt.) Manoj Chrishanthan, Mithurshan Joseph, Stave Silva (VC) Bryan Joseph, Midhesan Nadaraja and Dinesh Buddhika (Master-in-Charge). **Kneeling L- R:** Anton Manoj Joseph, Kaushan Perera, Chanaka Madanayake, Kavindu Nayomal, Travis D'Rose, Naveen Motha and Dhanish.

OBITUARY

CORTELING - EDWARD PATRICK son of late Eric Patrick and Flora Dulcie Corteling much loved brother of Allanson, Ainsley and Desmond Cortelling, brother-in-law of Moira, Laurette and Manique. Uncle of Adrian, Warren, Andrew and Shavonne in Australia, was handed to our loving god on the 8th of December 2009. May he rest in peace and in our thoughts and hearts for ever. Cortege leaves **A.F. Raymonds Funeral Parlour** on Friday 11th December 2009 at 4.15 p.m. Burial at General Cemetery Kanatte (Roman Catholic Section). Old Peterite.

Ruwan Silva says, "I read with sadness the news of the death of Edward Corteling who was a batchmate of Dr Nihal Thenabadu and others. He was a long time resident of Fussells Lane Wellawatte and a familar figure in that area. He worked in the Mercantile sector. The last time I was in SL I saw him striding along the street with his cloth hat on. He was an altar server at St Lawrence's".

Nostalgia.....by Gerald Vandergert

Joe-Pete - victories and interesting finishes

Once again it is Big Match time and we are back at the Oval to witness the 2004 encounter. I have had the privilege of having witnessed every single match since the 1963 encounter - bar the game in 1965 when a bout of flu enforced a break. The last 41 encounters have left me with many unforgettable memories of great batting and bowling performances and being a Peterite, I must be pardoned if I tend to remember more of the exploits of Peterites. Due to restrictions of space I will confine my memories to Games that ended in a result or had close finishes.

Earliest memories begin with the 1963 game where I vividly remember Maurice Deckker and David Heyn trash the Josephian bowlers to all parts of the field during a hurricane unbroken partnership of 73. Several sixes landed on the galvanized sheets of the students' tent. One of them dislodged a sheet which came tumbling down. I also have vivid memories of Deckker splitting a bail in the process of clean bowling a Josephian batsman. St. Joseph's pursuing a victory target of 208 were struggling to avoid defeat at 118/7 at the close and survived thanks to a battling 50 by stumper Placidus Liyanage.

The '65 game was the last to be played at the SPC ground. Both teams were packed with outstanding players. I missed this match but closely followed the radio commentaries. The Peterite captain Travice Fernando bowled St. Peter's to a memorable victory. The aggressive batting of Darrel Wimalaratne and Charlie Goonesena played no small part, specially in the second innings when they gave the Peterites a flying start in the pursuit of 94 runs in around 50 minutes.

Controversial game - The 1967 match was perhaps the most controversial game of the series. The Joes won the toss and batted first. Denham Juriansz help to restrict them to 142 with a 6 wicket haul. In their turn the Peterites soon found themselves in a great deal of trouble collapsing to 35/9. Ronnie Gunaratne batting at No. 11 and Nihal Gunawardena swelled the score to 81 with a last wicket stand of 46. Ronnie top scored with 33. In their 2nd essay, the Joes found the bowling of Tony Opatha and Denham Juriansz too hot to handle and were bowled out for 102, leaving the Peterites 164 to win. The Peterites lost wickets at regular intervals in the process of crawling towards their target. At 161, Skipper Tony Opatha was run out attempting a second run. The scoreboard operators in their excitement credited St. Peter's with two runs and the scoreboard read 162 instead of 161.

The new batsman Nirmalendren scored a single which was recorded on scoreboard as the 163rd run. Lalith Silva taking strike scored another single, at which point the Josephian fielders ran off with the stumps. On checking the scorebook it was found that the actual total was 163 and not 164 as was incorrectly indicated on the scoreboard. The game was subsequently awarded to St. Peter's but this left an unsavoury taste in the mouth. The fact that the Josephian fielders ran off the field compelled the umpires to award the match to the Peterites. Looking back at first few years at the Joe-Pete, memories go back to many boyhood heroes. The teams of that era seemed to have been packed with outstanding players - or so it seemed to a boy in the primary and middle school. The names that come readily to mind are Tyrone Le Mercier, David Heyn, Maurice Deckker, Travice Fernando, Darrel Wimalaratne, Peter de Niese, Ravindra Fernando (I remember him making a century against Royal in 1964). The Patternott brothers, Aubrey, Rodney and Hamish, Tony Opatha, Ronnie Gunaratne (His century against Royal in 1968 ranks as one of the best I have seen) Denham Juriansz and Rory Inman of St. Peter's. The Joes were equally well represented with name like Chris Moreira, Joy and Berchman de Alwis, Placidus Liyanage, Polycarp Wijesekera, Alan de Costa, Victor Wimalasingham, Anil Peiris, Lalith de S. Wijeyaratne, Brian Obeysekera, Vernon Davidson and Hector Perera. The Joes were led by Hector Perera in 1970. The Peterites batting first were all at sea against Rajiv Benedict and were bowled out for 105. Benedict took 6 wickets. The Joes rattled up a quick 252/7. When the Peterite batted a second time Chrisantha de Alwis the Peterite opener greeted Benedict's first 4 balls with boundaries. However, the Peterites eventually folded up for 164 leaving the Joes to score a mere 18 to win, which they did without a loss of a wicket. Benedict took 4 wickets in the second innings to end up with a match-bag of 10.

Fightback - The 1971 game saw a magnificent fight back from the Peterites. Batting first, the Joes declared their innings closed at 223/9. Once again the Peterites floundered against Rajiv Benedict and were bowled out for 121, Benedict taking another 5 wicket haul. Following-on, Chrisantha de Alwis - as he did in the previous year - treated Benedict with scant respect, once again hitting him for 4 boundaries in the first over. The 1st wicket pair raised the 50 in only 28 minutes. After two quick wickets were lost by the time the score reached 60, Roy Dias joined de Alwis and really got stuck into the tired Josephian bowlers. The 100 was raised in 60 minutes. The Peterites eventually declared at 235/8 scored in only 175 minutes of batting, leaving the Joes to score 135 to win in 62 minutes. The Joes made an attempt at this target but had to close shop when Gamini Goonesena took 3 quick wickets. They ended up at 88.6. The 1972 game is probably the one all Peterites would like to forget. Batting first, the Peterites struggled to 112 all-out. In reply, the Josephians made their merry way to a quick 235 for 7 declared. Going-in for the second time, the Peterites were destroyed once again by the Benedict hoodoo and were bowled out for 36 - their lowest ever total in the series. Benedict had the magnificent figures of 14.5-12-06-08 - the best figures by a Josephian bowler at the Big-match (until it was bettered by Shinal Warnakula who took 9 wickets many years later) Two wickets in the First Innings gave him yet another 10 wicket haul at the big match. The Peterites captained by the outstanding left-arm spinner Gamini goonesena hit back with a vengeance in 1973. Put into bat, they made 200/6 thanks to a century by Edgar Tavarayen. The Joes managed only 100 all out and were asked to follow-on. Fresher, Gerald Solomons who took 3 wickets in the first innings bowled a deadly spell to send the Joes crashing to 161 in their second innings. Solomons' figures read 28.5-10-43-07. The Peterites made the required run for the loss of 4 wickets to achieve a remarkable victory against all odds.

In Memoriam!

DR. P. R. ANTHONIS (1911-2009)

Eminent surgeon and one of Sri Lanka's most illustrious sons Deshamanya Dr. P. R. Anthonis passed away in December, one month shy of his 99th birthday. A legend in his lifetime for his healing touch and skills and dexterity as a surgeon Dr. Anthonis was until very recently the oldest active practitioner of his craft in South Asia. Born on January 11, 1911 young Anthonis showed early promise of what he was to achieve later in life as the country's most talked about medical practitioner.

At his Alma Mater St. Peter's College, he carried away almost all the class prizes at annual prize givings of the school. Entering Medical College in 1930 he excelled as a student topping his batch virtually in almost all subjects and winning the Loos Gold Medal for Pathology, the Mathew Gold Medal for Forensic Medicine, Rockwood Gold Medal for surgery and Government diploma level. Passing out of the Medical College in 1936 he took up appointment as a Medical Officer in the Public Service. In 1945 he proceeded to the United Kingdom where he was successful in the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, passing both primary and final examinations in the first sitting thereby not only creating a record at the Royal College of Surgeons but also by becoming the youngest Fellow of the College. Returning to Sri Lanka in 1947 turning down a lucrative appointment in the UK (an example to today's doctors going on scholarships) he embarked on his star studded career at the Colombo General Hospital.

A devout Buddhist Dr Anthonis was also a member of the Board of Governors of the YMBA and a member of the Board of Trustees of Vajiraramaya. He was conferred the highest National Honour Deshamanya in 1986 and was also bestowed with the title Vishwa Prasadini.

A VICTORY IN TRIBUTE TO OUR FRIEND

Dear Peterite's and friends around the world.

We all know we lost a good Soul when God decided he had a much better plan for our friend Mahesh Kodikara. The Old Boy's from St. Peter's College entered the Sri Lanka/USA Rugby 7's Tournament in California on October 11th 2009. The team was lead by Priyankara Katugampolage, and assisting him were fellow Peterites Shehan Morais, Gregory Wise and Reshan Cook who came all the from Washington DC to give a helping hand. As a team, we decided to invite Sudesh Kodikara, brother of Mahesh to witness the Tournament being played in honor of his late brother. Prior to the game beginning, we had a moment of silence for Mahesh. The team played with their hearts and ultimately was victorious as they were the Champions; this is the first victory for St. Peter's college since the tournaments inception.

The players were playing with the comfort of knowing Mahesh was looking down on them and dedicated their victory to him. Among the crowd was Rohan Wiratunga, President of USA St. Peter's College Old Boy's Association. I did introduce him to Sudesh and mentioned the fundraiser for the two children. The Old Boy's Association will be hosting a Cup party on the 24th of October. And further more I would like to take the opportunity to ask that all the Old Boy's that reside in California to help us with raising funds for the two children until they are 18 years old. I cannot say enough about Mahesh Kodikara except for that he is missed but will always be remembered through his children and the great things he left us.

God Bless and thank you.....P.K.