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College Song

School of Our Fathers – Maj. H.L. Reed

Thy spirit first to life awoke
In eighteen hundred and thirty five
Beneath the sway of Marsh and Boake
Thenceforth did Lanka's learning thrive

Refrain :

School where our fathers learnt the way before us
Learnt of books and learnt of men, through thee we'll do the same
True to our watchword "Disce Aut Discede"
We will learn of books and men, and learn to play the game

Within thy shade our fathers trod
The path that leads to man's estate;
They have repaid the debt they owed;
They kept thy fame inviolate.

Refrain

And we their loyal sons now bear
The torch, with hearts as sound as oak;
Our lusty throats now raise a cheer
For Hartely, Harward, Marsh and Boake.

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President's Message

On behalf of the Executive Committee and the members of the Royal College Old Boy's East Coast Foundation, I am honored and privileged to extend you a warm welcome to the Royal Ball 2018. This year is of special significance for us as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Royal Ball.

It is with justifiable pride I inform you that our organization not only helps our alma mater, Royal College, but also supports numerous charitable projects in Sri Lanka and here. We have built libraries, drinking water plants, and toilets etc. at underprivileged schools and villages in remote areas. Last year alone we completed thirteen such projects including the replacement of a pedestrian bridge that was washed away by floods in Ratnapura.

We could not have done all that without your generous contributions. As new friendships are formed and old bonds are strengthened this evening, you can be proud and happy that you are also making a notable contribution to serve your motherland. I hope our fellowship continues for years to come.

The Annual Royal Ball has become an important Sri Lankan event in the east coast. It is not easy to organize an event of this magnitude. All this has been possible only with dedication, loyalty, and untiring efforts of the executive committee, past presidents, and their spouses. I wish to express my grateful appreciation to them. Also, my profound gratitude is extended to our non-Royalist friends who helped in many ways.

I thank all of you for gracing this occasion. May you have a wonderful evening with memories to cherish a lifetime!

Arjuna Ranasinghe

Arjuna Ranasinghe, Ph.D., P.E., S.E.
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Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

MESSAGE

On this occasion of the 25th Annual dinner dance being held by the Royal College Old Boys Association of the East Coast, I am glad that Sri Lankans and well-wishers alike, have gathered to raise funds for projects associated with our Alma Mater, Royal College.

The spirit of unity exhibited by the Association over the last 25 years is commendable, and a testament to Royal College.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a successful event and the very best going forward.

Ranil Wickremesinghe
Prime Minister

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Message from the Principal of Royal College

Dear Members of RCOBEC Foundation:

It is with great pleasure that I send this message of goodwill and congratulations to the RCOBEC Foundation on your 25th Annual Dinner Dance.

RCOBEC Foundation and its predecessor RCOBECA have been ardent supporters of development projects in Royal College through the Royal College Union during the past 25 years. The contributions your organizations have made have resulted in immense benefit to new generations of Royalists. It is a pleasure for me to note that one of the noble objectives of your Annual Ball is to raise funds for projects of your Alma Mater, which is highly commendable. I am also pleased to note that your Members, though living in North East of United States which is far away from the Motherland, have shown a keen desire to maintain the links with the Institute that has made them to " *learn of books and learn of men and learn to play the game*"!

I believe that RCOBEC Foundation's Annual Ball is a much anticipated social event that brings Old Royalists, their families and loved ones together to enjoy and renew past friendships and to stroll through memory lanes of good times spent at Royal College, While thanking the Foundation for continuing the tradition of organizing this annual event, I wish you all the success in your future endeavors.

B. A. Abeyrathna
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**Message from His Excellency Dr. Rohan Perera
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka
to the United Nations in New York**

It is a distinct pleasure to convey my warm greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the 25th Annual Dinner Dance hosted by the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Association, held on 24th March 2018 at the Royal Manor in New Jersey. The continued success and popularity of this eagerly anticipated event bear testament to the work and accomplishment of the organizers. While offering my heartiest congratulations on this year's special celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Royal College Old Boy's East Coast Association, I extend my best wishes for yet another thriving celebration bringing together the different members of the Sri Lankan community in the Tri-State area of New York.

Over the past 25 years, the Royal College Old Boy's East Coast Foundation (RCOBECA) has demonstrated a strong and unwavering commitment to service and to consistently working together towards the betterment of their *alma mater* and of Sri Lanka. The vast array of eminent Royalists who have excelled in their respective professional careers in the East Coast of the United States, continue to play an important role in the country's continuing journey towards prosperity, development and peace. I commend the service of these individuals and of RCOBECA, which perfectly embodies the spirit and values of their *alma mater*.

I offer my heartiest congratulations to RCOBECA on the successful journey thus far and best wishes to all the members who continue to contribute in a multitude of ways towards advancing the vision of a peaceful and prosperous Sri Lanka.

I wish you all a very pleasant and most enjoyable evening!

A. Rohan Perera P.C.

Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka to the UN



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from

Suku & Anne Nagendran

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF



The 'Royal Ball' undoubtedly remains as one of the major events organized by the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Association (RCOBECA). As an Old Boy of the Royal College, it gives me a great pleasure and pride in sending this message of felicitation to the souvenir being published on the occasion of the 25th **'Royal Ball 2018'**.

The outstanding role played by the RCOBECA over the years in assisting the college to reach greater new heights through a number of initiatives is mentioned with deep gratitude. The association has brought credit and glory to our college and to all those who had the privilege of following a great Royal culture and tradition.

I would also like to note here that the RCOBECA has been at the forefront in assisting the much needed community in Sri Lanka through a wide range of social responsibility projects. I admire the past initiatives of the association as well as a number of similar programmes that are already being lined up for the coming year.

I am sure the Old Royalists, their families, and well-wishers will have an unforgettable **'Royal Ball 2018'**.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to the RCOBECA President, members, and the organizing committee for making the **'Royal Ball 2018'** a memorable and a grand event.

I wish the RCOBECA all the very best!

RC WIJEGUNARATNE, WV, RWP & Bar, RSP, VSV, USP, ndc, psn
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March 2018

Dear Friends,

On behalf of RCDC, I take this opportunity to convey our warmest regards and best wishes to RCOBECA on your 25th anniversary celebrated at your annual dinner dance fundraiser.

I am appreciative of the alliance and solidarity extended to us over the many years. Our two organizations have supported each other on social events and sports fronts and have celebrated our achievements together. This is a feat to commemorate.

As RCDC celebrates its 10th year of success this year, I congratulate RCOBECA on your 25 years of continued support to our Alma Mater Royal College, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Thank you,

Sujith De Silva
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Congratulation to RCOBECA on completing a successful 25 years

On behalf of the Committee and the members of RCOBANA it is my pleasure to send this message to members of RCOBECA and their guests attending the 25th year of existence, celebrating the ROYAL BALL 2018 in New Jersey.

We also look forward to increasing our bonds and relationships between the two organizations and to assist Old Royalist and College whenever possible. Even though we are miles apart I take this opportunity to emphasize that the support and strength between us has been tremendous for the success of our associations.

I wish to congratulate Arjuna Ranasinghe and the committee for all their hard work to make the 25th Year a night to remember. Have a blast guys, Royalist and guests, let the college flag rise high.

The Annual Dance is a great time for old Royalist to get together, enjoy one another's company and remanence on old times. It is also one of the fundraiser to repay the debt we owe to our beloved Alma Mater by participating in the various projects recommended by the Royal College Union.

Once again have a great evening and wishing RCOBECA all the best and continued success.

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From

Drs. Arjuna

&

Chintha Ranasinghe



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March 15, 2018



Message from the President

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend my warmest greeting to everyone attending the 25th Annual Gala hosted by the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Association (ROCOBECA).

This event provides an opportunity for Old Royalists living in the East Coast of USA, to gather and celebrate with family and friends.

Royal College, Colombo is the foremost educational institution in Sri Lanka started by a Scottish Missionary, Rev. Marsh in 1835. The rich traditions of the past, sets us Royalists apart from the others. Amongst the many things taught to generations of Royalists, respect one another and embrace diversity and build on its strengths, is one that I consider the most important.

I am quite certain that this event will be a great success and you will have a splendid evening, dancing to the tunes by Misty and the DJ. On behalf of the Executive Board and the members of ROCOBA, I wish you the very best.

Floreat!

Dil Rajendra

Dilkaran Rajendra

President

Class of '80



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From

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**Message from the President
Old Royalists' Association in the UK (ORAUK)**

It gives me great pleasure to send this message of felicitation to the Royal College Old Boys East Coast Foundation (RCOBECF), as you reach the Silver Jubilee anniversary of the much looked forward to annual dinner dance of ladies and gentlemen of Blue and Gold living in the east coast. We in the Old Royalists' Association in the United Kingdom, send our heartiest congratulations and warm wishes to RCOBECF on your Silver Jubilee, recognising the yeoman service you have done for the great old school of ours.

It is through the contributions and benevolence from all of us, that Royal College has been able to maintain its lofty position in education in Sri Lanka, and its proud record to continue to produce men who have made significant contributions to societies and enterprises they live and work. The journey hasn't been easy and the challenges are getting even greater for us to maintain the standards at Royal College. Like we have done in the last 183 years, it is the duty of alumni to support, guide and protect the legacy of the college, we cannot expect that task to be done by the government or the ministry with due respect to them. We must ensure the next generation of Royalists will have equal or better opportunities than past generations, and Royal College continues to produce men of integrity and character, equipped with the skills demanded by increasingly digitising world.

In doing so, we in ORAUK look forward to closer collaboration with RCOBECF and other alumni associations to continue our support for the College and make sure Royal College always maintains its position as the premier education institution in the country.

On behalf of the committee and members of the Old Royalists' Association in the United Kingdom, may I take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to the organising committee, appreciating their hard-work and dedication in organising this event.

We would like to thank all the guests for their support towards RCOBECF and hope you have an enjoyable night.

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Hemantha Jay Edirisooriya



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Message from the President Royal College Old Boys Association in Australia

On behalf of the RCOBAA committee it is with great pleasure that I convey my warm regards to the committee and membership of RCOBECF and their guests attending the 25th Annual Dinner Dance today, 24th March 2018.

In 1835, Reverend Marsh established Hill Street Academy in the back verandah of a church in Hulftsdorp with about 20 pupils. He would be very pleasantly surprised today to see what Royal College has become: how deeply embedded she is in Sri Lanka's history, producing leaders in all walks of life – politics, law, commerce, science and technology. Moreover, she has become a beacon of unity and harmony as the country itself traversed some turbulent times. We were privileged to have received an excellent education in an institution with a rich history and tradition that gave us many opportunities to succeed in life, afforded not only to the offspring of the rich and powerful but to boys from the entire socio-economic spectrum: thanks to the actions of Governor Horton our Alma Mater became a government school in 1836. A rare case of successful nationalisation in Sri Lanka!

And today we carry the flag in the four corners of the world, maintaining our traditions, helping our school, and reaching across continents in fellowship. Much like yours in the East Coast of the US our association here in Melbourne has a rich history with a close-knit membership spanning all age groups who take a keen interest in our various events. As part of our service activities we continue to support underprivileged students at College through RCU's Loyalty Pledge program and by contributing to the medical fund of the Royal College Past Teachers Association. Like yours, our flagship event is the Annual Dinner Dance to be held in June this year. If any of your members plan on visiting Australia at that time please let us know; we will be more than happy to see them at our Dance.

I would like to congratulate the RCOBECF committee for organising this event, and wish everyone of you, members and guests, a great and memorable time tonight at the Dance. I hope that you will continue to support RCOBECF in their future endeavours, helping them reach even greater heights as an Association.

Warm regards

Indrajit Wijegunaratne
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We are deeply saddened by the recent passing of RCOBECA's First President – Dr. Ranjit Atapattu. Ranjit was born in Tangalla on 29th April 1933. His father D. P... Atapattu was a Member of Parliament for Tangalla from March 1960 to March 1970. Ranjit joined Royal College in 1945 from Royal Primary school. At Royal College he played rugger for the first fifteen and was scrum half at the Bradby shield match. From Royal he entered the Medical College and qualified as a doctor. After serving the government for a few years he set up a practice in Tangalla. He was known for his philanthropic qualities where he treated the less affluent patients free of charge.

In 1977 he became a Member of Parliament and continued until 1990 having held the positions of Minister for Colombo Group of hospitals and later Minister of Health. In 1991 Jim Grant the Executive Director of UNICEF offered a Director's post to Ranjit at UNICEF in New York and he moved to New York with his wife Dreda and his only child Druvi. Druvi entered Medical School and qualified as a doctor.

When the Royal College Old Boys' East coast Association (RCOBECA) was formed in 1993 the general membership unanimously decided to elect Ranjit as our first President. We had our first dinner dance at the Greek Orthodox Church hall in New Rochelle on the 12th of March 1994. In his message to the souvenir he mentioned that his hope was to have the dinner dance as an annual event and that the profits from the first dance should be used to give scholarships and accommodation grants to students entering Royal from rural areas. At the inaugural dance the band was all American and Ranjit sang a few bailas accompanied by Mithila with Anura Rajapaksa at the piano.

We can truly say that RCOBECA has made him proud by achieving his vision for the Association by celebrating its 25th Anniversary, and continuing to grow and enhance its charitable work.

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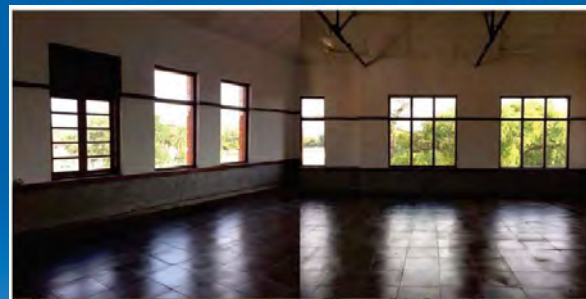
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Dr. Anantham Harin had been with Richmond University Medical Center for nearly 30 years as the Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). About one fifth of all of our newborns will go through the NICU, including the smallest, sickest and frailest of this borough's citizens.

In any schoolyard, Little League game, football game, classroom, church, Girl and Boy Scout troop, there are those children (and their parents) who have benefited directly from Dr. Harin, or have a cousin, neighbor, teammate or classmate who has.



Under Dr. Harin's guidance, the NICU was not only one of the original participants in the nationwide registry of NICU's, but our borough's premier NICU has outcomes scores that place it among the elite centers for many of the common neonatal programs in the country. Overall, while the national NICU mortality ranges from 4-5 per 1,000 admissions, at RUMC, the rate has been consistently lower. The RUMC NICU has enjoyed an excellent reputation for so long that it has established itself in the metropolitan region as a brand characterized by quality.

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-Simon S. Rabinowitz, PhD., M.D., Chairman, Department of Pediatrics

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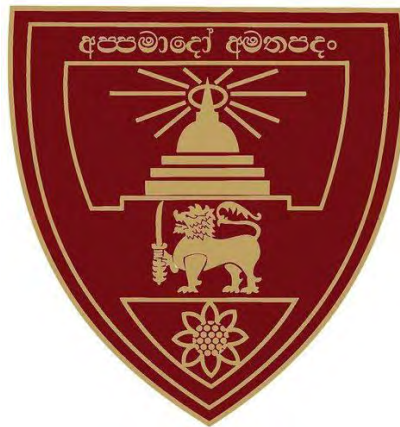
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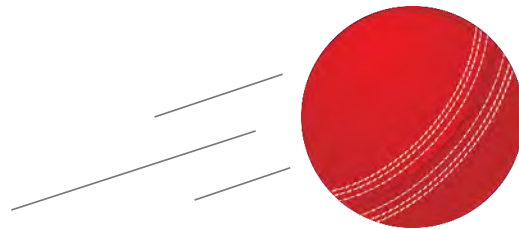
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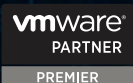
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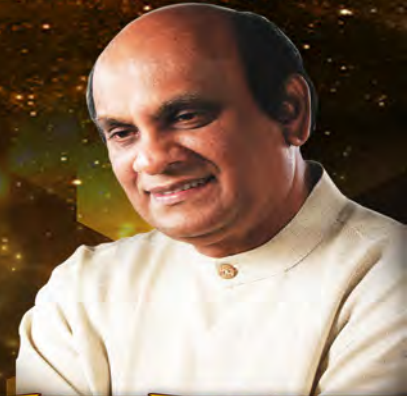


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Battle of the Blues

Rivalry & Camaraderie at its Best

UNIQUENESS OF THE ROYAL THOMIAN ENCOUNTER

The Battle of the Blues over 138 years old, played by two great schools which even World Wars I and II could not halt despite all the fury, a game of cricket which is the second oldest in the World, a game that is older than the Ashes series between Australia and England, is indeed unique. "Even when the Japanese bombed Colombo, and over the 30 year civil war, the game was played. Nothing can stop Royal College and S. Thomas from facing off, over the past 138 year making it cricket's second longest uninterrupted rivalry in history".

In Ceylon of the years gone by and Sri Lanka today, the Royal - Thomian cricket match is an undeclared holiday for the young and old of both schools. One cannot forget the fairer sex who has continued to add glamour to the event, irrespective of age. Many great Prime Ministers, a former President, Ministers and leading citizens of the land in many fields have represented both schools in the Big Match. Thomians and Royalist young and old continue to share the friendly rivalry each year and has also continued to uphold the greatest traditions, competitors cannot boast about. There are many old boys from both schools domiciled abroad, attending the big match each year sporting the school regalia.

And off they go... R-O-Y-A-L! R-O-Y-A-L! It doesn't stop. From the other end, T-H-O-M-A-S! T-H-O-M-A-S! In between the two opposite stands who are intent on bringing the roof down, is the beautiful patch of green where the chosen 22 are giving it their all. But the match is watched only during the key moments, there's a more important match going on in every row where a Royalist is hell-bent on pulling the Thomian down, and vice versa. Will this turn into a scuffle? Not really! On the field, they maybe enemies but off the field, they are brothers.

ABOUT THE 139TH ENCOUNTER

The 139th Battle of the blues, between Royal College Colombo and St. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia ended in a draw. The three-day match played at SSC in Colombo saw St. Thomas' college declaring after scoring 166 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in their first innings. In reply, Royal College was bundled out for 178 runs. The Thomians declared their 2nd innings after scoring 227 for the loss of 6 wickets setting a target of 216 runs for Royal College. When play was stopped due to bad light, the Royalists were on 143 runs for the loss of 6 wickets. The Dialog Trophy was shared by both teams while the D.S.Senanayake Shield was retained by Royal College.

This Event has become the Annual Reunion for RCOBECF's Global Network as evident from the following photographs!

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YOUNG ROYALISTS REVELLING AFTER RETAINING SHIELD!



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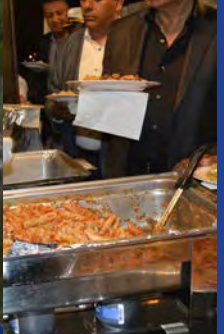




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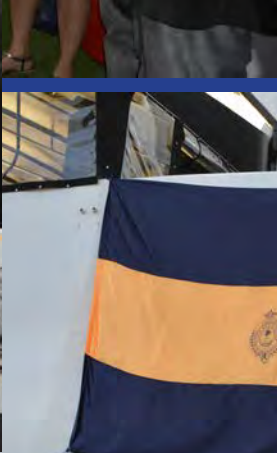




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