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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**

Ladies & Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome every one of you to our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Royal Ball. While this is a significant day for Royalists, we want the evening to be memorable for all our Guests who make this dance the successful event it is. We have enhanced the Event by having two live bands perform tonight. As proud members of the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation, we have been able to support our Alma Mater, as well as other charities in Sri Lanka and in the United States.

Your attending our Dance has enabled us to fund many essential academic and student enrichment programs that are not covered by government funding for our alma mater. These include setting up of new IT Labs, construction of new dormitories at the Royal College Hostel, renovation of classrooms, the Dental clinic, enhancing the Media unit. We have also provided assistance to sports projects such as Rowing, Rugby, Provisioning of IT textbooks to the students, setting up of Sports endowments. Funding has been made for new camping tents and multimedia projects for the Boy Scouts Troop. We have also contributed to the Welfare projects of past teachers and provisioning educational scholarships to needy students.

Additionally, funds raised through our annual Royal Ball dinner dance have also supported other charitable causes outside of Royal College, both here in the United States and in Sri Lanka. Donations have been made to those affected by hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and also reconstruction of damaged bridges in Ratnapura. Funding has been made for IT Labs and library books for schools in the North & South. We have donated Library books to schools in the North & East and constructed new classrooms in the south, provided filtering units for drinking water to villagers of Kebithigollewa. For most of these projects, we were able to obtain manpower from the Sri Lankan Armed Forces. These projects have enhanced the lives of the less fortunate. We were able to achieve this with the generosity of all of you who attend our Annual Royal Ball, for which I thank you very much.

I wish to thank the Executive Committee and their spouses for helping us to organize this event. We are fortunate to have Past Presidents who support our efforts, guide and encourage us all the time.

Last but not least, I would like to thank our sponsors, advertisers, the management and staff of the Royal Manor for making tonight's event a success.

Have a wonderful evening!

*Sudath Jayasinghe*

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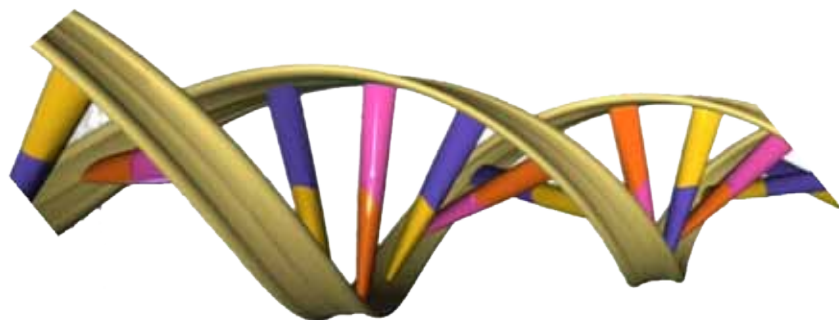
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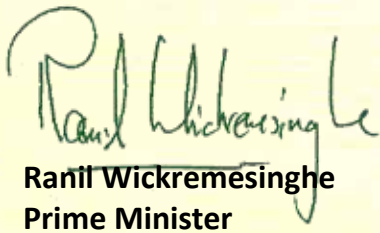


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**Prime Minister of Sri Lanka**

It is indeed a pleasure to congratulate you on this occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Ball, being held by the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation. The gathering together of Sri Lankans and well-wishers to raise funds for our Alma Mater is a testament to the spirit of camaraderie at Royal College.

The projects that have been funded over the years, including the donation to the 60 Group Restoration Project last year, are important not only to the College – but show us how we can all come together for the common good.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a successful event, and the very best in the years to come.

  
**Ranil Wickremesinghe**  
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25<sup>th</sup> March 2019



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# Royal College

Greetings to the 26th annual dinner dance of the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Foundation!

I am very happy that the Old Boys community in the East Coast is going from strength to strength. It may be many years after you have left your Alma Mater, and the shores of Sri Lanka, and it is a pleasure to know that you have not forgotten to support your Alma Mater. You have supported Royal College with many projects in Rowing, Hostel, Scouts and in many other areas.

Royal College being the largest school in Sri Lanka, having a student population over 8,500 needs all the support of the old boys to maintain the standards. To this end, the support rendered by the Royal College East Coast Foundation has been great and I do sincerely hope that you would continue your support in the future too.

I wish the 2019 Dinner Dance all success.

B. A. Abeyratne  
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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 pleasure to convey my warm greetings to the Royal College Old Boys East Coast Association, on the occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> Royal Ball, to be held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Royal Manor in New Jersey. I extend my congratulations to the organizers on yet another successful celebration.

Each year the Royal College Old Boy's East Coast Association works with the dual vision of bringing together members of the Sri Lankan community in the Tri-State area of New York, while continuing to serve our motherland. I note with pleasure the range of service projects carried out in Sri Lanka since last year's event, including the setting up of classrooms and computer labs, donations of equipment, and the sponsorship of scholarships, among a range of other charitable endeavors. These initiatives, especially those in service of advancing education in Sri Lanka, are important and deserve strong commendation. It is heartening to witness members of the Sri Lankan diaspora and expatriate community standing united in service and commitment to our country's development and progress. Certainly, your contributions are and will continue to be invaluable towards advancing the vision of a peaceful and prosperous Sri Lanka.

On the occasion of your 26<sup>th</sup> Royal Ball, I congratulate you on all your achievements thus far and wish you all success for all future endeavours.

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

Dr. A. Rohan Perera P.C  
Ambassador and Permanent Representative of  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF



It is indeed a great pleasure and honour for me as an Old Boy of the Royal College to pen this congratulatory message to the Souvenir being published on the occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> **'Royal Ball 2019'**. The 'Royal Ball' undoubtedly has become a significant event organized by the Royal College Old Boy's East Coast Association (RCOBECA).

The RCOBECA which follows great Royal culture and tradition has been one of the prominent and generous clans of Royalists which assists our Alma Mater to reach greater heights through a number of novel initiatives. The association has become a strength to our college and stands as a strong pillar behind many successes brought into the college in a competitive environment.

I would like to mention with gratitude that RCOBECA has been playing a leading role in assisting the needy people with a number of community and charity projects which have earned praise of the people. I wish that the association would continue to engage with such activities in the years to come.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to the President, members, and the organizing committee of RCOBECA for their unparalleled effort and wish the **'Royal Ball 2019'** a memorable and a grand event for the Old Royalists, their families, and well-wishers !

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Dear Friends,

RCDC thank you for the opportunity to convey this message of warm regards and best wishes to RCOBECF on your annual marquee fundraiser. We recognize your achievements throughout the year and applaud you for them.

I am appreciative of the alliance and solidarity our two organizations have developed and shared over the years.

Looking forward to the year ahead, we have the opportunity to continue foster and further the rich traditions Royal bestowed upon us on the lives of the children in College and those young adults who have left Royal.

I wish you all an enjoyable and memorable evening of camaraderie, dance, and good cheer.

Thank you,

Sujith De Silva  
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Congratulation to RCOBECF on completing a successful 26 years.

On behalf of the Committee and the members of RCOBANA it is my pleasure to send this message to members of RCOBECF and their guests attending the 26<sup>th</sup> year of existence, celebrating the ROYAL BALL 2019.

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 Sudath Jayasinghe and the committee for all their hard work to make the 26<sup>th</sup> 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 reminisce 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 RCOBECF all the best and continued success.

*Rumi Salihue*

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala hosted by the Royal College Old Boys' East Coast Association (RCOBECA).

This special event brings together alumni of Royal College, Colombo, Sri Lanka, along with family and friends for an evening of celebration.

Royal College, Colombo is the foremost educational institution in Sri Lanka started by a Scottish Missionary, Rev. Marsh in 1835. I admire the role it plays in supporting the students attending Royal College, Colombo in order that they may realize their full potential in both their personal growth and in serving their communities.

On behalf of the Executive Board and the members of RCOBA (Ontario), I wish everyone a fun filled evening.

Floreat

*Dil Rajendra*

Dilkarán Rajendra

President

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12 March 2019

**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 (ROBEC Foundation), for the much looked forward to annual dinner dance of ladies and gentlemen of Blue and Gold living in the east coast, to be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> Of March 2019.

Our journey in supporting Royal College hasn't been without challenges, and they are getting even greater! It is through the support and contributions 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 all over the world. Like we have done throughout the proud history of our College, it is the duty of alumni to support, guide and protect the legacy of the college. We must ensure the next generation of Royalists will have the best possible opportunities, and through that Royal College continues to produce men of integrity and character, equipped with the skills demanded by the digital transformation all over the world.

As in the past, we in ORAUK look forward to closer collaboration with ROBEC Foundation 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 your hard-work and dedication in organising this event.

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

FLOREAT!

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### Royal College Old Boys Association in Australia

On behalf of the RCOBAA committee, it is my pleasure and privilege to send this message of felicitation to the Royal College old boys East Coast Association (RCOBECF) as they get together with family and friends for their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance.

Since its inception, Royal college has produced many of the Sri Lanka's finest, ranging from brilliant scholars to great sportsmen. Not only did we learn of books at Royal, we learnt of men- it was also the place where we first appreciated diversity, learnt to live with fellow Royalists of different backgrounds, religions and races. We learned to play the game- a sense of fair play and equity, not only in sport but also in interactions with our mates.

We owe so much to our Alma Mater. Like you, we striven to support college- by helping our disadvantaged Royalists via the Loyalty pledge program and our deserving past teachers with their medical needs. Like you, we use the funds collected from our flagship event, the annual dinner dance to be held in June this year, to support these deserving causes. If any of your members happen to visit at this time, please let us know and we will be happy to accommodate them at our dance.

I would like to congratulate RCOBECF committee for organising this event and I am sure all attendees young and not so young with their partners will have a wonderful time tonight. With the help of enthusiastic and passionate Royalists, I hope RCOBECF will continue to evolve as a great association.

Thank you  
Yours sincerely

Soba Ranasinghe  
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## *My Friend Anura*

*“A soul so gentle, yet so regal  
A friend so willing, ready and able  
In good times and bad alike,  
Sincerity was his bible.*

*I will miss his daily calls,  
I will miss the frequent visits,  
His intellect and wit,  
His thoughtful ways and winsome smile.*

*In Politics, he stood tall,  
Was not afraid, to take a call  
He longed for a United Lanka.  
Where every race could be equal*

*Parliament was his shrine,  
Respect it, he did all the time,  
When he waxed eloquent in the House,  
There was not a murmur anytime.*

*Although, he never made it to the top,  
Remorse and regret, he had not,  
No matter what he did, or didn't do,  
He was a star that shone so bright.”*

*- Excerpts of a Poem by Pradeep Amirthanayagam*



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1997 - Buddhi Abeyasekara Dance at Palisadium – NJ, Summer Picnic & Stag

1998 - Wakely Paul Dance at Palisadium – NJ, Summer Picnic & Stag

1999 - Vajira Gunawardana Dance at VIP Country Club – NY, Summer Picnic & Stag

2000 - Ravindra Karunaratne Dance at Palisadium – NJ, Summer Picnic & Stag

2001 - Sandy Waran Dance at Palisadium – NJ & Stag

2002 - Firoz Nilam Dance at Palisadium – NJ & Stag

2003 - Anura Rajapakse Dance at Palisadium – NJ & Stag

2004 - Rukshan Perera Dance at VIP County Club – NY & Stag

2005 - Santusht Perera Dance at Villa at Mountain Lakes – NJ & Stag

2006 - Miran Salgado Dance at Villa at Mountain Lakes – NJ, Stag & Inter School Cricket Tourney

2007 - S. Sujanthakumar Dance at VIP Country Club – NY, Stag & Inter School Cricket and Rugby Tourneys

2008 - Ranil Abeysinghe Dance at Villa at Mountain Lakes – NJ, Stag & Inter School Cricket

Tourneys

2009 - Prashanth Wijedasa Dance at Villa at Mountain Lakes – NJ, Stag, Inaugural Royal Cruise & Inter School Cricket Tourneys

2010 - Anantham Harin Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag & Inter School Cricket Tourneys

2011 - Chandana Mutucumarana Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag & Inter School Cricket Tourneys

2012 – Sumith Ekanayake Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag, Inaugural Royal-Thomian Cricket Match & Inter School Cricket Tourneys

2013 - Kanishka Hettiarachchi. Dance at Villa at Mountain Lakes - NJ, Stag, Royal-Thomian Cricket Match & Inter School Cricket Tourneys.

2014 – Ravi Ratnasingham. Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag, Royal-Thomian Cricket Match & the Inter School Cricket Tournament.

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2016 – Chanaka Seneviratne. Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag & the Inter School Cricket Tournament.

2017 – Senaka Senaviratne. Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag, Royal Cruise & the Inter School Cricket Tournament.

2018 – Arjuna Ranasinghe. Dance at Royal Manor NJ, Stag & the Inter School Cricket Tournament.

*For further information, please visit RCOBECF website: <http://www.rcobeca.org>*

## Utilization of Funds Raised Through RCOBECA Events



## RCOBECA's Past Projects

Donation of New Rowing Boats to the Royal College Rowing Club



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## RCOBECA's Past Projects

Donation of a New Public Address System to Royal College



## RCOBECA's Past Projects

Construction of a New Dormitory at the Royal College Hostel



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Construction of New Toilets at the Royal College Hostel



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

New Multimedia Projector to the Royal College Scout Troop



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### RCOBECA's Past Projects

New Camping Tents to the Royal College Scout Troop



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Repairing the Windows of the A/L Biology Building



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### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Provisioning of Library Books to the Delft School in Jaffna Assisted by Sri Lanka Navy



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Provisioning Library Books to the Padaviya School Assisted by Sri Lanka Navy



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Donation of new kayaks for Royal College Scouts



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Creation of a Sports Endowment for Royal College Sports

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### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Provisioning of Educational Scholarships to Students at Royal College



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Setting Up a New Computer Lab at Royal College jointly with the RC89 Group



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Funding the Annual Picnic of the Royal College Past Teachers' Association



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### RCOBECA's Past Projects

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### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Financial Assistance to a Royal College  
Student Recovering from a Swimming  
Pool Accident



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Donation of a New Boat for the Royal College Rowing Club



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Financial Contribution to Educational Scholarships at Royal College



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Donation of New Instruments to the Royal College Cadet Band



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Renovation of Royal College Advanced Level Classrooms (A Joint Project With the RC 60 Group)



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Financial Assistance to the Royal College Past Teachers' Association



### RCOBECA's Past Projects

Financial Contribution to Royal College Rugby



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Modernization of the Royal College Middle School Dental Clinic (Joint Project With the RC 89 Group)



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### RCOBECA's Past Projects

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*S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia beat Royal College Colombo by 7 wickets for the D. S. Senanayaka Shield at the 140th Battle of the Blues. Batting first the Royalists scored 158 runs in the first innings while the Thomians scored 296 runs. In the second innings, Royal scored 259 runs and the Thomians scored 124/3 and won the match after a 12-year hiatus!*

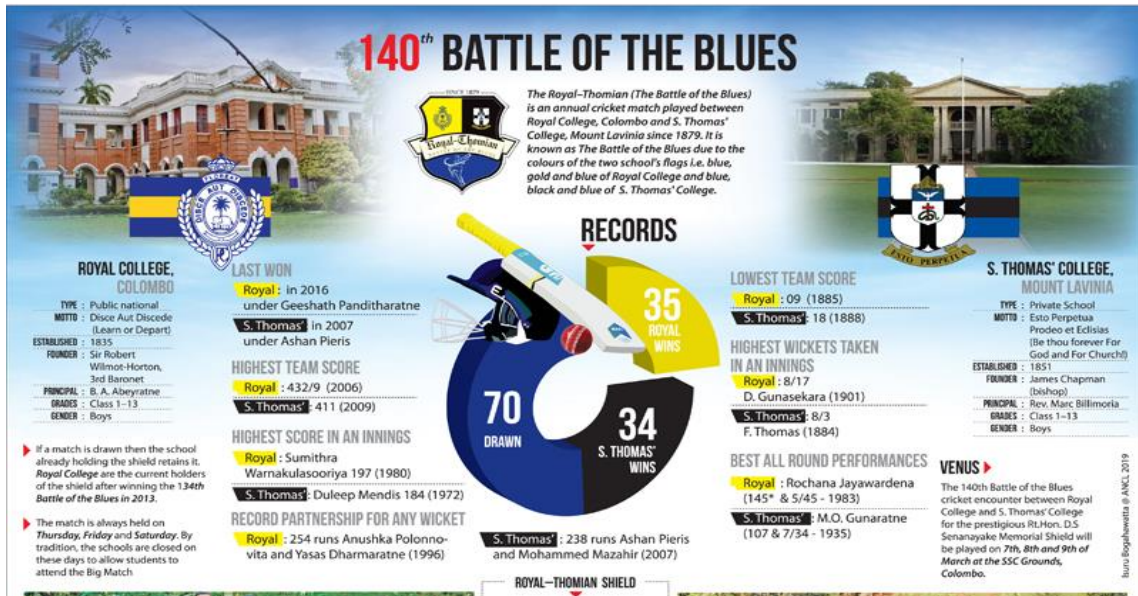
*In the limited over encounter, Royal defeated St. Thomas's for the Mustang's Trophy after 5 years by 1 wicket with a dazzling display of batting by Lahiru Madushanka who scored 48 in 17 balls which included 6 towering sixers!*

**ABOUT THE ROYAL THOMIAN ENCOUNTER**

The Battle of the Blues over 135 years old, played by two great schools which even World War 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. 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. There have been many cricketers representing Ceylon and Sri Lanka from both schools with distinction. Some have captained the National Team with much acceptance. 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.

## ROYAL – THOMIAN MATCH STATISTICS



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**3 CAPTAINS REMINISCING:**

**69 CRICKET CAPTAINS – KARIYAWASAM (STC) & LIEVERZ (RC 60 GROUP) -  
RC WON 69 BIG MATCH**

**&**

**80 RUGBY CAPTAIN SUBRAMANIAM (RCOBEFC)**



**SUJAN WITH FELLOW ROYALISTS**



**CAMARADERIE OVER RIVALRY!**

**SUJAN WITH THOMIAN - CHRISTOPHER DIAS**



**PRASHANTH (RCOBECF) & NAVIN (STCOBAGNY)**





**PRASHANTH WITH BATCHMATES**



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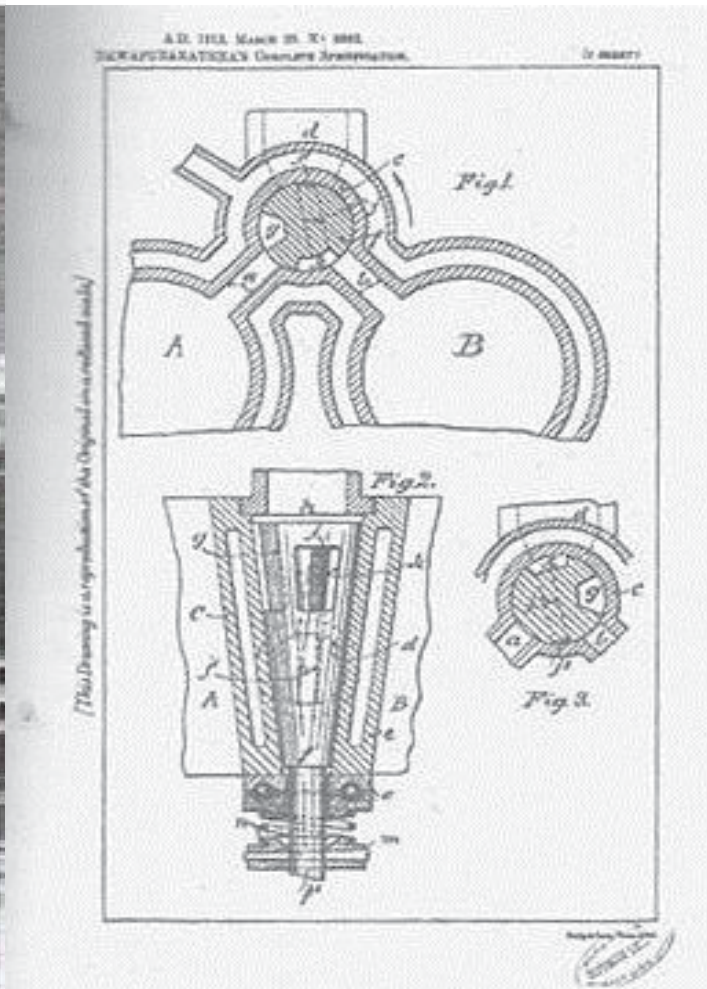
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**TEENAGE ROYALIST GRANTED A BRITISH ROYAL PATENT 100 YEARS AGO  
"Bertram Elibank Dawapurathna" (1895 – 1918)**

*This is a story of a child genius who shone brilliantly at Royal College, Colombo when the school was located at St. Sebastian Hill, Hulftsdorp and went on to develop a patent in England for improving steam engines in locomotives*



**DAWAPURARATHNA IN 1912**



**PATENT DESIGN**

Bertram Elibank Dawapurathna was the inventor of a mechanism that improved the Reversing Gear in Steam Engines. His original design was patented and registered in London in 1910 (patent no. 6883). He also had a second patent in 1913 for a device that improved the valve mechanism of internal combustion Engines.

After completing his studies at Royal College, he went to England to pursue higher studies in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Glasgow in 1912. He chose the University of Glasgow as this was where the famous mechanical engineer James Watt



developed improvements to the Steam engine, after whom the unit of power “Watt” was developed. Professor William Rankine who developed the complete theory of the steam engine and the “Rankine Cycle” also attended the University. Glasgow was also the home of the North British Locomotive Co, which was the largest locomotive manufacturer in Europe, and supplied many of the locomotives to the Ceylon Government Railway (CGR).

On March 20, 1913, a few months after Bertram commenced his engineering studies in Glasgow, he applied for a patent for “Improved Valve Mechanism for Internal Combustion Engines”. He was granted Royal Patent No. 6883 exactly a year later on March 20, 1914.

The most commonly used valves in four stroked internal combustion engines are poppet valves. The minimum number of valves is two per cylinder (inlet & exhaust). Some high performance engines have more than the minimum number. Dawapurathna's patent was a proposal to reduce the number of valves from four to two, for two cylinders. The two cylinder “A” and “B” (see Figure) have a common valve chamber “c” in which there is a rotating tapered plug valve “f” rotating at half the crankshaft speed. The air/fuel mixture from the carburetor enter from the top through the passage “h” and is admitted to the cylinders when the gap “g” is in line with the ports “a” and “b”. Line up with the gap “k”, the exhaust gases leave the cylinder through the passage “j” to the exhaust outlet “d”. **This was quite an ingenious idea to reduce the number of valves and cost of the engines.**

It is said that during the war he was flying a test plane which crashed after which he returned to Colombo to convalesce in a warm climate. He went back to England and graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1917. He had embarked on a ship ' P & O Nyanza' to finally return to Ceylon. On the way the ship was attacked by a German Submarine and badly damaged within 25 miles off the shores of England. Both Bertram Dawapurathna and another Ceylonese - Walter de Silva, were seriously injured and died in Hospital after they were taken back to England in the badly damaged ship. Available records reveal that Bertram Dawapurathna had died in 1918, when he was 22 years old, and ashes interred in a British cemetery.

**Had he lived a normal life span, he would without a doubt have been on par with the famous engineer D. J. Wimalasurendra who had the vision to conceive the Laxapana Hydro-Electric project about 100 years ago.**

**Senaka Weeraratna – Attorney - at – Law (RC 1960 Group)**

*The author acknowledges Hugh Karunanayake of Melbourne, Australia for sending an article written by Thiru Arumugam, about Bertram Dawapurathna, having read a substantial account on him published in an old Royal College (pre - First World War) magazine.*



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*From*

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**~In Memoriam~**  
**Anantham Harin, M.D.**

*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.*

*The exceptional outcomes are a result of Dr. Harin's tremendous commitment and dedication to the NICU. He relentlessly strived for technical and procedural perfection. If you did not meet his expectations, he would let you know it. His loyal staff has been trained so well that even when he was not there, his wishes were always put into place. If you were not sure, you could call him up – day or night, weekday or weekend. Another great passion of Dr. Harin was teaching and guiding the Pediatric residents. For the last few years, he has served as the coordinator of the Pediatric Department's program to teach and promote professionalism among the trainees.*

*Whether a patient's family could not pay or whether they could donate to the hospital, Dr. Harin's children were always treated the same.*

*For almost three decades, Staten Islanders have been very lucky to have such a wonderful resource so close by. They have one special man to thank for that, Dr. Anantham Harin. In these times, it is rare and particularly noteworthy when one individual can truly make such a significant difference for so many. Dr. Harin has impacted the entire borough by creating a special unit where his presence can be felt day and night, all year long. While his friendship and his leadership will be missed, his legacy lives on in his many success stories.*

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

*Dr. Harin,  
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KEARA HETTIARACHCHI**



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# **Menu**

## **Cocktail Hour**

*Full Top Shelf Open Bar*

*Selection of Hors D'oeuvres*

*Tomato Bruschetta, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rack of Lamb, Stuffed Shrimp with Crab meat*

*Mediterranean Kebob Station*

*Oriental Wok Station*

*Italian Pasta Stations*

*Cold & Hot Selections*

*Imported and Domestic Cheeses, Chilled Seafood Salad, Seasonal Fresh Fruit carvings,  
Cold Cut Platter, Grilled Veggie Salad, Fried Calamari, Beef Tenderloin Crepes, Sesame chicken,  
Eggplant Rollatini, Spare Ribs & Sri Lankan appetizers*

## **Buffet**

*Exotic Fruit Carving, Imported and Domestic Cheese Display,  
Elegant Mozzarella and Tomato Platter,  
Fresh Spring Mix Salad*

## **Carving Station**

*Roast Leg of Lamb - Rosemary  
Beef Chicago Round*

## **Chaffing Dishes**

*Chicken Parmigiana, Beef San Marzano, Broiled Salmon – Beurre Blanc, Penne Basil Marinara,  
Seafood Lasagna, Mixed Vegetables in Garlic & Butter  
Chicken & Vegetable Biryani, Yellow Rice, Mutton Curry, Eggplant Curry & Malay Pickle*

## **Desserts**

*Chocolate Mousse Station, Turkish Baklava, Sri Lankan Watalappam, Sri Lankan 'Royal' Cake,  
Ice Cream Station, Fresh Fruit Display  
Coffee & Tea*

## ***Program***

*Meet and Mingle, Cocktails,  
Hors D'oeuvres, Open Bar*

*Guests Arrive in the Ballroom*

*Singing 'School of Our Fathers'*

*President's Speech*

*Join us on the Dance Floor to the Sounds of  
Two live bands*

*Special Performance by DJ George*

*Buffet Dinner*

*Dancing continues*

*Prize Draw*

*Dance till the end of the evening*

*It's time to say 'Goodbye' until we meet again!*

*Safe driving...*



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**THE FAMILY OF  
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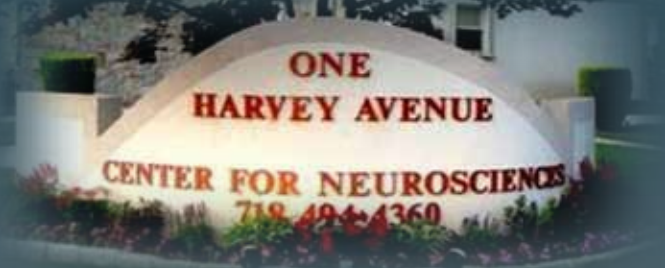
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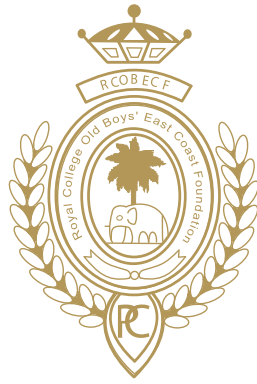
  
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