

Old Peterite Newsletter



CELEBRATING CENTENARY



**St. Peter's College Old
Boys' Union**

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EDITORS COLUMN

On behalf of the editorial team, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the 2nd quarter e-newsletter of the St. Peter's College Old Boys' Union (SPC OBU) for the year 2022/23. From the Editorial committee's perspective, it has been a very successful quarter as the committee has been able to increase the reach of its updates by utilizing mainly the electronic platforms such as OBU website (<https://stpetersobu.com/>), FB Page (www.facebook.com/obuofstpeterscollege/), Twitter(www.twitter.com/obuofstpeterscollege/) etc.

As we conclude the Centenary year celebrations in Jan 2023, the previous quarter was filled with many events to celebrate the Centenary. The Editorial committee has decided to publish an e-souvenir highlighting all Centenary events organized throughout the year and the same will be published during the current Quarter. Therefore, this issue of the Newsletter is composed to provide updates of few of the key events and news falling under Q2.

On behalf of the Editorial Committee, I would like to thank the entire Peterite Community connected with us and request to stay engaged for continuing to serve our Alma Mater in the future too.

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SAINTS QUADRANGULAR

The 53rd Saints Quadrangular Tournament 2022 – Old Boys was held on the 26th and 27th November at the St. Peter's College Grounds.

Old boys from four premier Catholic schools in Sri Lanka, namely St. Anthony's College, St. Benedict's College, St. Joseph's College and St. Peter's College took part in T10 Cricket, Sevens Rugby and Basketball while also commemorating the Centenary of St. Peter's College.

The two-day tournament was organized by the Old Peterite Sports Club of the SPC OBU.

St. Peter's College won the coveted Quadrangular Trophy along with Cricket both Over 40 and Under 40 with SJC ending up runners-up in both events. Basketball & Rugby were played as an open event with Peterite Cagers winning and SJC ending as runners-up. Rugby was won by SJC on a league standing with SPC finishing as runners-up.



BACK TO SCHOOL 2022

The “Back to School for the Centenary” event was an event where the SPC OBU community was given an opportunity to recall and re-enact their schooling memories and experiences by taking a “trip down memory lane” albeit, this time as an Old boy of St. Peter’s College dressed as a school boy.

This year’s event was even more significant as the college celebrated its centenary year in 2022 and for the Old boys, it was a memorable event which shall be cherished for years to come. The event was held on the 11th of December 2022, starting with the Holy mass followed with classroom sessions which flowed into fellowship at the College grounds in the company of past teachers and present teachers.



PETERITE CAROLS



The Peterite choir presented its annual Christmas Carol service titled 'Gloria In Excelsis Deo' on the 18th of December, at the college chapel. This year's program was open to the public after many years and it attracted quite a crowd. The event was graced by Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel, one of our dear former rectors, who was the chief celebrant at the service .

Proceedings began with the ceremonial procession down the aisle of the college chapel, followed by Rev Fr Rector and the priest community in procession, bringing in the statue of Baby Jesus and laying it within the homely crib erected within the college chapel.

The Peterite choir began proceedings with their diverse selection of carols performed elegantly, followed by the performance of the youngest group, the Primary school choir even though their average age was only between 9 to 10 years old.

Rev. Fr Travis Gabriel proclaimed the Gospel, followed by a truly meaningful Christmas message. The College Western Band made a superlative performance was also joined by members of the Peterite Ensemble, a new group of ex Peterite musicians who have gathered to keep their comradery alive through music.

In keeping with past years, this time too the Teachers choir participated in the carol service, sharing their musical talents. The fact that they comprised of a forty voice strong choir was a notable fact, with representation from teachers and masters from both the primary and college sections. The Peterite Chorale, comprising of past Peterite choristers, with its rich blend of mature voices performed a diverse range of carols from Acapella to popular Sinhalese carols.

The last segment of the program was the combined effort of the Peterite Choir, the Peterite Western Band, The Chorale, the Peterite Ensemble and Teachers' Choir performing together.

To sum up the evening's events, Rev Fr Rohitha Rodrigo our Rector, thanked all who had participated in the event, and also extended his thanks to the congregation who had assembled in great numbers to participate in this event. In closing, the combined choirs performed the Christmas classic "Silent night", whilst they exited the chapel in procession, to regroup outside the front of the chapel and joined with the College Western band to share the Christmas cheer by singing a few more secular Christmas songs before dispersing into the night which was enjoyed by the massive crowd who had gathered at St Peter's.

BATTLE OF THE PETES

INTER BATCH CRICKET CARNIVAL

The Inter Batch Cricket Carnival organized by the Old Peterite Sports Club (OPSC) was held on the 22nd January 2023 at the College Grounds. A total of 52 teams participated under both categories of “over 40” and “under 40”. The event brought forth a display of some brilliant Cricketing skills of our Old Boys which was also filled with comradery & fellowship which was truly becoming of the “Peterite spirit”.

Over 40 Category



Champions - Class of 2002



Runners-up - Class of 2000

Under 40 Category



Champions - Class of 2009



Runners-up - Class of 2015

PETERITES IN THE NEWS

Dr. Nirmal joins IMED Governing Board



Asia Pacific Institute of Money and Entrepreneurship Development (IMED), which was founded a year ago, with the primary objective of contributing to enhancing entrepreneurship development and financial literacy across the Asia Pacific region, has announced the appointment of a veteran in the entrepreneurship sphere, Dr. Nirmal De Silva, to its governing board.

Dr. De Silva is a great advocate in improving the startup and social enterprise ecosystem in Sri Lanka. He is also a member of the National

Advisory Committee (NAC) for Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development at the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. De Silva is an Associate Professor, Visiting Lecturer & Thesis Supervisor for Undergraduate and Postgraduate level programs in several local and international universities.

Dinesh Sri Chandrasekara has been re-elected as the Chairman of SLFFA



Old Peterite Mr. Dinesh Sri Chandrasekara has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Logistics & Freight Forwarding Association (SLFFA) for (2022/23) the second year in a row.

Old Peterites, Mr. Andre Fernando joins the Committee as the Treasurer, while Mr. Navin Perera continues as an Exco member.

UPCOMING MAJOR CALENDAR EVENTS

Feb 2023

09th - OBU COM Meeting at 06.45 pm

22nd - Ash Wednesday

24th - GG 2023 Meeting 02 at 08.00 pm

*Honours Night 2023 *Tentative* at 06.00 pm (Before 26.03.2023)*

March 2023

09th - OBU COM Meeting at 06.45 pm

24th - GG 2023 Meeting 03 at 08.00 pm

April 2023

06th - OBU COM Meeting (Due to New Year) at 06.45 pm

28th - Golden Gleam 2023 Meeting 04 at 08.00 pm

May 2023

11th - OBU COM Meeting at 06.45 pm

25th - OBU COM Meeting (Annual Re) at 06.45 pm

26th - AGM Batch Group of 95-2000 at 06.30 pm (Sr. Flora).

26th - Golden Gleam 2023 Meeting 05 at 08.00 pm

June 2023

08th - OBU COM Meeting at 06.45 pm

30th - GG 2023 Meeting 06 at 08.00 pm

July 2023

02nd - OBU AGM

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*Best
Wishes*

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