

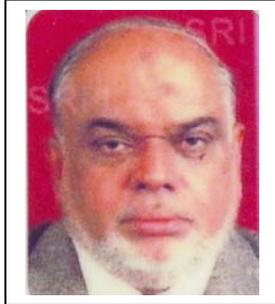
ZAHIRA COLLEGE COLOMBO GROUP OF SIXTIES

NEWSLETTER

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Ifthie elected President of G60'

At the last Annual General Meeting, Alhaj A.C.M. Ifthie was appointed President of the Group of Sixties. He thanked all members for the confidence they had in him and electing him as President and assured that with the help of Almighty Allah he will do his best for Zahira. He appealed to all members to continue with the support in whatever ventures that the Group embarks on. "I wish to highlight to possible donors the plight of the new entrants who are unable to gain admission to the College due to lack of funds. Together with Foster Parents Group and Azeez Scholarship Fund we hope to help the bright students and the needy to continue to study at Zahira College. It is essential that we help such students as this will eventually produce better results at public examinations' he said.



Dr. A.M.A. Azeez Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund which was launched in 2006 has now become an important contributory factor towards enhancement of standards of education at Zahira College, Colombo. The Fund offers scholarships to academically bright students who secure the best results at the GCE (OL) examination

and continue their education at College. Scholarships are also awarded to students selected purely on the basis of need. The scholarships consist of a payment of a minimum of Rs. 1500 per month for a period of 2 years. Since the time the Fund was initiated, over 70 scholarships were awarded. This year the Group of Sixties is targeting at least 20 scholarships.

Any contribution towards the education of the younger generation is Sadakah ul-Jariya and will be rewarded by the Almighty. Even Zakath contributions may be made to the Fund, which will specifically be utilized for the purpose of awarding scholarships. With the Holy month of Ramazan approaching, the time is opportune to make these contributions and seek multiple rewards..

Cheques drawn in favour of 'G60 A.M.A. Azeez Scholarship Fund' may be sent to Mr. Nizam Lantra, Secretary of Education Committee, 264/11 Artigala Mawatha, Thalangama North (0777447261).

Justice Marsoof brings honour to the country

Honorable Saleem Marsoof, a past President of the Group of Sixties has been appointed as Justice of Appeal of the Supreme Court on the panel of Non-resident Justices of the Government of Fiji for a term of 3 years from March 2011. The appointment was made by H.E. Epeli Nailatikau, President of The Republic of Fiji. It is a great challenge for a Sri Lankan to go to the apex court in another country and sit in judgement on appeals from their lower courts including the High Court and Court of Appeal, with very

little or absolutely no knowledge of local laws, customs and practices.



Hon. Saleem Marsoof, P.C. taking oaths from H.E. Epeli Nailatikau, President of The Republic of Fiji.

Zahira Rugby Sevens 2011

For the 4th consecutive year, the popular schools rugby tournament organized by the Sports Committee of the G60s, headed by M.S. Mazeer will take place on 24th July 2011 at the Royal College sports Complex. Twelve 12 teams from leading schools playing rugby, will participate at the tournament. Attractive prizes await the winners. The Cup Champions will receive the trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 50,000 while the Runners up will receive a cash prize of Rs. 25,000. The Champions and Runnersup vying for the Plate also will receive a trophy and cash prizes of Rs. 30,000 and 20,000 respectively. Other trophies to be awarded are the Bowl and for the Most Outstanding Player.

Proceeds of this tournament will be used to support the education of players enabling them to spend a long school career at Zahira.



Rugby Sevens Organizing Committee – Seated (L to R) Saqqaf Muheed, Riza Abdeen, Faisal Amit, M.S. Mazeer, A.C.M. Ithie, M.H.M. Nafaiz & Ifthikar Ahamed. Standing (L to R) – Akram Jaleel, A.R.M. Thasleem, Palitha Kulatunga, T.M. Saldin, S.M.A. Wahab & Farook Lantra.

Leadership & Personality Development

A full-day seminar on “Leadership & Personality Development” for prefects & student leaders at Zahira College was held on 14th May 2011. This event was organized by the Education Committee of Group of Sixties and assisted by the Principal and staff of Zahira College. A collection of hand-picked eminent speakers made this day a memorable experience to everyone who participated.

Programme of the Semiar

- Developing Leadership Qualities – the Islamic Way – Hon. Saleem Marsoof
- Effective Management & Motivation – Mohamed Jiffry
- Using Technology for Effective Leadership – Azmeer Mohamed
- Essentials of Communication – Munsif Hussain
- Developing Your Personality – Tanya Vidanagama
- Goal Setting and Managing Performance – Rauf Reffai
- Our International Environment – Shaffi Marikar
- Effective Speaking – Rajiv Goonetilake
- Prospects for the Future – The Way Forward – Nizam Lantra

Compere - Mr. Saqqaf Muheed



Pix L to R – Nizam Lantra, A.C.M. Ifthie, M. Jiffry, Saleem Marsoof and Saqqaf Muheed

M.A. Ameer: A soccerite par excellence

Insert Scan photo of Ameer

M. Anver Ameer certainly had soccer running through his veins. As a child he was fascinated by the so called ‘poor man’s sport’ and firmly believed that some day he will rise to the top in football. Although his desire was to be a number one soccerite, the born sportsman that he is, Anver could not resist the call of other sports while at his Alma Mater, Zahira College, Colombo. He represented the college at both athletics and cricket in addition to dazzling for the college soccer team. In fact he was one of the most brilliant and illustrious footballers to don the college jersey and helped Zahira College to become the unofficial school soccer champions during his tenure. He also captained the team where he displayed inspirational qualities of leadership at which he was, to put it simply – ‘A natural’.

While still a schoolboy, Ameer caught the eyes of the national selectors as a defender simply ‘out of this world’ and was called up to represent the President’s Eleven against the touring Zenith Russian team. In that same year he was selected as the Sports Ambassador in football to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Furthermore, while still a schoolboy, Anver represented the national team against Czechoslovakia in the Multan Gold Cup Tournament in Pakistan and the South Pentagonal Tournament held in India in 1960. That same year he was also to wear the jersey in East Pakistan in the Aga Khan Gold Cup Tournament. In 1961, and still a schoolboy, he represented the national team against the Swiss Boys, Berne team and that very year, was chosen captain of the national youth team that participated in the Asian Youth Festival Tournament. Among his team mates in that squad were future ‘greats’ – Mahinda Aluvihare, the late Edward Wickramasooriya and P.H.S. Albert. Ameer’s in born talent and versatility was simply ‘out of this world’ and his exploits on the soccer fields both at home and abroad was truly amazing. From 1959 to 1970, he wore the national jersey with great distinction, representing the country in addition to the above against India, Pakistan, Burma, Indonesia, Ganefo Games, Malaysia, West Germany and Russia to name a few. He has also toured Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Iran, Israel and England captaining the country from 1964 to 1966. In the local arena, Ameer wore the boots for Saunders Club in all major tournaments and his classis exploits were a delight to watch and he won for his club many major awards and trophies. After Ameer called it a day, he qualified as a fully fledged coach and functioned as a coach of the Hettan SC Samtah in Saudi Arabia, Saunders SC and Zahira College in addition to serving on the Technical Committee of FFSL and as a national selector. Ameer is still actively involved in the game, participating in Veteran’s Tournaments and thus keeping the flame of the game he loves so much alive in his heart and soul.

Annual Members Day

The Annual Members Day this year was held on 8th May at Broadland Resort in the cool climes of Kitulgala. Situated in a hill top with a picturesque view of the valleys and waterways, it provided the ideal setting for a day of fun and relaxation to members and their families. Over 100 persons participated at the event on this day which consisted of cricket, party games, fellowship, lunch, music and prize giving. The pictures that follow tell the story.



"Ice Breaking"



"Swimming" for the family



Ladies "Fellowship" corner



"Musical Chairs" for ladies



"Cricket" for gents



"Prize Giving"

G60' Executive Committee 2010/11

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*Seated L to R – T.L. Doole, Faisal Amit, Hon. Saleem Marsoof, A.C.M. Ifthie, Riza Abdeen, M.H.M. Nafaiz & S.M.A. Wahab.
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