



Zahira College Colombo Group of 60

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Hon. Justice Saleem Marsoof re-elected President

Hon. Justice Saleem Marsoof was re-elected unanimously as President of the Group of 60 at the 3rd Annual General meeting held on Saturday 20th October 2007 at the College Hall. The others elected to office were:-

M.S Macan Markar (Immediate Past President)
Prof. Tuley de Silva (1st Vice President)
A.C.M. Ifthie (2nd Vice President)
Nizam Lantra (Secretary)
M.H.M. Nafaiz (Asst. Secretary)
M. Riza Abdeen (Treasurer)
M.S. Mazeer (Asst. Treasurer)
M.F. Saqqaf Muheed (Editor)



Committee Members

M.M. Saheer Romy Hassen
Hon
Ansar Hamdoon Faizal Amit
and
Ashraff Ghany S.M. Abdul Wahab
A.J.S.H. Ilyas M.T. Ifthikar Ahamed
T.M.I. Hamid M.S. Munir Rashard
T.M.F. Packeer

L to R – Nizam Lantra, Secretary,
Justice Saleem Marsoof, President
Riza Abdeen, Treasurer.

Bus for College - A dream come true

The Brand New Ashok Leyland 40 seater Bus costing around Rs.2.6 million was ceremonially handed over to the Principal on the 20th of October 2007 soon after the

AGM of the Group of 60. Mr Fuad Jain Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee was at the helm in raising the much needed funds ably supported by his committee and supported by many others. This has helped Zahira at last to fill a most wanted requirement to enable our sports teams to travel in comfort. The main event that was held to raise funds was the Fund Raiser Dinner and the shortfall was met by a few sponsors. It is hoped that the bus would be put to good use and maintained well.



Mr. Fuad Jain handing over the keys of the Bus to the Principal.



Death Anniversary of Marhoom Dr A.M.Abdul Azeez – Former Principal

The 34th Death Anniversary of Marhoom Dr A.M.Abdul Azeez was commemorated on 24th November 2007 at the A.M.A.AZEEZ Auditorium of the All Ceylon YMMA Conference, Dematogoda Road, Colombo 9. Mr Latheef Farook the well known veteran journalist delivered the oration amidst a large gathering of distinguished personalities.

The Annual Commemoration was jointly organized by Dr. A.M.A.Azeez Foundation and the All Ceylon YMMA Conference Mr S.H.M. Jameel President of the A.M.A. Azeez Foundation and Mr M.S.M Saleem Vice President Acting for the President of the ACYMMA Conference Mr Jiffry Haniffa delivered the Welcome Addresses. A Booklet titled 'A.M.A. Azeez – A Profile' was released on this occasion published by the A.M.A.Azeez Foundation at 47/2, Frederica Road, Colombo 6. Mr Nadvi Bahudeen – National General Secretary delivered the Vote of Thanks



Programme of the Group of 60 – Past, Present & Future

Projects Completed

- A new Gymnasium for the students
- New washrooms for the staff
- Tsunami Relief
- 'Education for Progress Foundation' (E4P)
- Visit to Hambantota to assist Muslim schools
- Renovation of the Computer Lab
- Seminar Series for GCE OL and AL students
- Educational Programme for Rugby Players
- Scholarship Programme
- Recognition of National Rugger Players
- Members Day
- Purchase of 40 seater Ashok Leyland bus for Zahira

Ongoing & Future Projects

- Scholarship Programme
- Education Programme for sportsmen
- Seminar Series for GCE OL and AL students
- Fund Raising Projects
- Development of Cricket at Zahira
- Staff & Student Welfare
- Members Day 2008

Six Beautiful Gems for every Muslim to live by:

1. Imaan – Every Muslim should strive for perfect Imaan.
 2. Salaah – Should be given preference over all matters.
 3. Zikr – We should remember the Almighty with every breathe we take.
 4. Ikraam – A Muslim should always be ready to assist a fellow muslim at all costs.
 5. Ikhlaas – Anything we do, we do for Allah alone.
 6. Dawah Illal Laah – Always show those around you the beauty of our deen
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Results of the Raffle Draw of Group 60

The following are the results of the Raffle Draw of the Group of 60 held on 27th October 2007 at the College premises.

First Prize	-No.7246	- J.A. Sattar		
Second Prize	-No. 2275	- B. Ashraff		
Consolation	-No. 0070	- Rilwan Ram	-No. 4943	- Wijaya Gem
	-No. 4613	- M.A.M. Ismail	-No.4874	- M.R.A. Kania
	-No. 2264	- B. Ghany	-No. 2062	- Salahudeen Cader
	-No. 2622	- Amjad Khan	-No. 4836	- D.M. Pemasiri

Inter House Rugger Tournament

For the first time an inter house rugby tournament for 10-a-side and 7-a-side was held on 26th January 2008 at the college grounds. The matches were worked out for the age categories of under 12, 14, 16 and 20. It was a colorful event with 160 players from all the 4 houses participating. At the under 18 finals, Cordova House emerged the champion team beating Angora House 22 points to 5. An exhibition sevens was also played between CH&FC and the Old Zahirians SC. This occasion was also used to recognize the College Soccer Team which had performed extremely well in several tournaments recently.

The special guests for the occasion were Ms. Rosie Barrie (daughter of late A.H.A. Samad, rugby players in the 1950s and Zahira coach in the 1960s) and Mr. A.G.A. Barrie, a distinguished old boy of Zahira who excelled in cadetting, boxing, athletics and rugger in the fifties in addition to being the senior prefect.

The newly appointed Chairman of the sub committee for rugby, Mr. Ifthikar Ahamed is very keen in developing the game and has great plans for this year.



Ifthikar Ahamed – Chairman
of Rugger Sub Committee



Awards to Champion teams by Mr. A.G.A. Barrie, Ms. Rosie Barrie and Mr. M.S. Mazeer

Inter House Cricket Tournament

The inter house cricket tournament commenced during the month of February and the final match will be played on 30th March 2008.

According to the Chairman of the sub committee for cricket, Mr. M.M. Saheer, the tournaments will be for the age groups of under 13, 15, 17 and 19. The main sponsor for this event is Mr. B. Amit, a former captain of the Zahira cricket team in the sixties. He has also supported the college in several past projects and has pledged continued support for college activities in the future, especially cricket



Members Day

The members day this year will be held on Sunday, 6th April at Lulua Estate Villa, Avissawella. Like in previous years it will be a day excursion to members and their families. The location has been selected for its natural beauty and country side atmosphere and provides the ideal setting for relaxation. The Chairman of the project, Mr. Romy Hassen has a string of events lined up for the day



A.M.A. Azeez Scholarship Fund

The Dr. A.M.A. Azeez Memorial Scholarship Fund programme was a great success when it was launched in July 2007 with the award of 26 scholarships for the students of Zahira. Each AL student received a sum of Rs. 1000 per month for a period of 2 years. This year the scholarship amount will be increased to Rs. 1500 per month with a larger number of recipients. The committee on Education, headed by Mr. T.M.I. Hamid, has resolved to invite donors to assist in this worthy cause. For further information you may contact Mr. A.J.S.H. Ilyas (Secretary of education committee) at 0773936753

Staff and Student Welfare

The committee on welfare, headed by Mr. T.M.F. Packeer, is planning to undertake 3 assignments this year. It hopes to provide packets of milk for the needy students at the college. Around 500 students would avail of this facility once started. The committee is also planning to organize a teacher training programme with the assistance of an experienced German instructor. The third project is a fund raiser in the form of a Trade Fair.

International Scout Award

M.F.Saqqaf Muheed - Asst. Chief Commissioner of the Sri Lanka Scout Association and an Old Boy of the College was recognized Internationally when he was awarded the "Good Service Award" at the Regional Conference of the World Scout Bureau held recently in Tokyo, Japan. Mr Muheed was among 10 recipients of this award from among 26 member countries of the Region. He was recognized for his service to scouting internationally for having served as Member of the Programme Sub Committee and, Public Relation Sub Committee of the World Scout Bureau – Asia Pacific Region and the Hony. Correspondent of Sri Lanka to the APR News. He is at present a member of the Scouting Profile Sub Committee of the Region. He is the first Sri Lankan to receive this award.



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