

A REPORT RE- MEMBERS

There were 896 names entered in a Register of Members which was handed over to the current Secretary by the outgoing Secretary on or about ----. This included 57 names against whom the endorsement “deceased” had been written. Several entries/names appeared to be repetitions, although the initials and some times the addresses were varied. There were 90 names without any addresses whatsoever. Apart from the above, some names are entered in pencil outside the normal place of entry . It was therefore difficult to ascertain the correct number of Current Members by perusing the Register.

The Mailing List of the previous Ex-Co contained 435 names and addresses. Here too there appeared to be 4 repetitions. There were also 2 names without addresses.

Only 53 Members whose names appeared in the Mailing List referred to above had responded to the previous Secretary’s communication to fill in and return a Data Sheet to enable the preparation of a Directory of Members. In order to assist that Secretary several teams made personal visits to the addresses of the rest of the Members in the Mailing List in the Colombo Municipal Council areas and also the suburbs of Ratmalana, Mt. Lavinia Dehiwala, Nugegoda, Nawala, Rajagiriya, and Kotte. It was possible to collect the data sheets of a further 161 Members consequent to these visits followed up by telephone calls etc. 20 Members appeared to have left their addresses as they could not be found therein on visits made.

Members in the said Mailing List who had outstation addresses were written to, requesting them to complete the fresh data sheet sent. There was no significant response to these letters, However, 14 letters were returned undelivered as the relevant Members appeared to have changed their addresses.

Thereafter letters were sent to all Members whose addresses were available in the Register referred to above (which appeared to have been abandoned). These Members with addresses numbering 109. had been omitted in the Mailing List referred to above. There was no significant response to these letters too, 23 of them being returned undelivered as the relevant members appeared to have changed their addresses.

In the first OBA Newsletter that went out in late May,2002 lists of the above Members whose addresses were not available i.e 129 and or who appeared to have changed their addresses i.e 61 were furnished so that others who may be able to help may do so.

The new Register was written up taking into account all the above factors. The names of those Members who did not appear to have an address against their names from the inception were also reproduced. An amalgamation of the above Mailing List, Data Sheets collected thereafter and information received from Old Boys resulted in Issue 01 of the Newsletter being posted to 591 Members. Of this, as at date 26 were returned undelivered. 05 out of the said 26 were re-addresses, apparently successfully on information received. Two of the said Members appeared to be deceased. Thus the Mailing List was reduced to 570.

By the time Newsletter 02 was sent out further information and data had come in and hence Newsletter 02 was sent to 596 Members. Of these, to date 02 have been returned undelivered. 01 out of the said 02 was readdressed successfully. Thus the current Mailing list extends to 595 Members.

The current position is as follows:-

The Register now has 758 Members
106 Members who are deceased have their names entered in a separate list.
87 Members who had their names entered in the original Register and reproduced in the New Register) without addresses, have their names listed separately. (Refer List 'A' in the first Newsletter).

81 Members appear to have changed their addresses perhaps without any intimation and have their names listed separately. (Refer list 'B, C & D' in the first Newsletter).

Members are kindly requested to keep us informed if they are aware of the current addresses, telephone numbers or any information leading to the persons whereabouts in the Lists A,B,C & D above.

We wish to place on record our appreciation of the trouble taken by Mr.P S Duleep Kumar, Mr.Bandula Wanigasekera, Mr.John Marasinghe, Mr.Merril Aluvihare, Mr.Ananda Jayasinghe, Mr.Upali Slagado, Mr.Lanka Nesiya, Mr.Chrishantha Weerawardena, Mr.A H M Razeek, Mr.Sujeewa Godage and Mr.Nihal Wanniarachchi who have sent in addresses of Members to update the Register of Members.

Members are requested to be good enough to excuse any errors and omissions in the Members Directory, the Newsletters etc. Suggestions and constructive criticism is welcome.

Membership Cards have accordingly been posted to 595 Members. Membership Cards will be written and posted to the remaining 163 Members as soon as their addresses are available.

Since the Members Directory came out on May 30,2002 over (91) amendments have already been made consequent to information and instructions received and new Members been enrolled etc. These adjustments are done on a daily basis in the data base of the Computer. These amendments will be incorporated at the time the 2nd Issue of the Members Directory is put out.

1. Dr.Ranjith Wijesinghe, Dental Surgeon, District Hospital, Haputale. Dr. Mahinda Perera, M O General Hospital, Badulla and Dr.Chinthaka Rupasinghe MO General Hospital, Badulla were thanked by letters of 10.07.2002 re. Health Camp on 15.06.2002 and OBA Application Form sent. Only Dr. Chinthaka Rupasinghe responded (vide copy annexed).
2. 13 letters (vide copy annexed) were sent to Members of 62 Group who are not OBA Members with Application Forms. There had been no response.
3. Letters of 25.06.2002 together with observations and Report on visits on 1st, 2nd, 3rd June 2002 were sent to 41 Members of 62 Group and a few others. There was no response (vide copy annexed)
4. Letter of 07.06.2002 was posted to 31 Members of the 62 Group and e.mailed to 15 Members of the 62 Group. There was no response.
5. 13 Members of the 62 Group are not OBA Members.
6. We enrolled 39 Members to the OBA upto 02.03.2002 and letter of 18.02.2002 was written to them requesting them to attend the AGM on 02.03.2002. (Copy annexed).
7. Letter of 08.02.2002 were sent to 55 Members of 62 Group.
8. Mr.John Marasinghe sent us a list of 14 Old Boys who are non- Members. We wrote to them on 07.08.2002 (Vide copy annexed).
9. Mr.A N P Jayasinghe from Melbourne sent us a list of 09 Old Boys who are non – Members. We wrote to them vide letter of 08.05.2002 (vide copy enclosed). Only 01 Member responded.
10. Mr.Rizvi Jalill has written to 90 Old Boys who left School in 1980 (50) and 1981 (40) (vide copy annexed). There was no response.