

WILSON MUTTIAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR SCOUTING AT S T C

Dear Thomians

On the initiative of a few old scouts and some informal meetings it was decided to launch a scholarship fund in memory of Late Mr. Wilson I. Muthiah renowned for his contribution to the 16th Colombo Scout Movement

The Warden Prof. Indra de Soysa has given his approval and Eddie Appathurai had this formally tabled and accepted at the OBA Executive Committee meeting held on 27th August 2012.

We are delighted that in this way it is possible for us to pay a fitting tribute for the service rendered to our alma mater by the late Mr. W I Muttiah, a Teacher, Group Scout Master of 16th Colombo, a character builder of many Thomians to be honest, dependable and helpful citizens. He was a simple unselfish and a respected master who at all times reflected the true characteristics of being a Scout.

Mr. Wilson I Muttiah himself an old boy of S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia and a Scout in the pre World War period, was responsible for re starting Scouting at STC after the World War 11 and remained the Group Scout Master of the 16th Colombo Troup until his retirement from STC. He also served on the tutorial staff in the Middle School as a Class Master and an excellent teacher of many subjects including Latin, English, Geography and Divinity to mention a few.

Many of us had the good fortune to learn the great values of the Scout Movement that he so willingly inculcated into our lives, together with the love for Nature and the experience of the great outdoor life. The Annual Scout Concerts he produced with the available talent of all the Scouts was a very popular fund raiser, and a much awaited event that provided a hilarious evening of entertainment which even had Wardens Canon de Saram and Davidson in fits of laughter.

In brief:

1. The Fund will be called the "Wilson Muthiah Memorial Scholarship Fund" and maintained by the OBA Ex Co in line with similar Scholarship Funds it manages and accounts for in its annual report.
2. The award will be made annually to a deserving scout who will be selected strictly by the Warden in consultation with his appointed committee comprising of Head Masters and Teachers in charge.
3. The targeted amount of Rs 500,000 or more will be deposited in a Fixed Deposit and a portion of the interest made available as a bursary.
4. Though we suggest contributions to be in multiples of Rs 10,000 or more even lesser affordable amounts from those who wish to support the cause will be most welcome.
5. Cheques to be made in favour of 'S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia, Old Boys Association' and clearly specifying that it is for the Wilson Muthiah Scholarship Fund. The OBA Secretariat will issue a receipt for all payments received.
6. For those overseas it may be easier to send a TT transfer directly to the OBA Account no: **502100006634** at the Nations Trust Bank, 242, Union Place, Colombo 02 SWIFT Code NTBCLKLX
7. It is advisable to keep one of us informed when you make payments so we can follow up and ensure it is credited to the correct fund.

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