



Photo: The kids at St Anthony's



KKCF Newsletter October 2009

KATHLEEN KEEGEL CHILDREN'S FUND

## Kathleen Keegel Children's Fund

### Hi Everyone!

Welcome to the October Edition of the 2009 KKCF Newsletter.

It's filled with heaps of exciting news about our latest projects, upcoming events, travelers' tales to our orphanage in Sri

Lanka and picture of our recent Karaoke Night.

### Orphanage Update

We now have 11 children staying with us and are hoping to get more in the near future.



Gayathri

Meet 10 year old Gayathri who is one of the children at our home. She loves singing and dancing and has settled in well to the home.

We also have 6 year old Tharaka at the home. He has a heart murmur and weighs only 10kg. He comes from a family of 7 children whose mother left when he was 3 months old. He is not strong enough to go to school and can't eat very much as he can't keep it down. He also has an ongoing discharge from his left ear and needs constant antibiotics.

He came to us in May and enjoys English, Sinhalese and Tamil.

At the home the children wake up at 5.30am and have breakfast at 6.30am before they head off to school. Olivia teaches English from 3-4pm each day. The children also learn Tamil and Sinhalese as well as other homework.

Friday is sports day and on Saturday they enjoy doing art and craft from 11am-1pm, followed by gardening, then they have quiet time between 1-3pm for reading before watching a movie in the evening.

They are working on a Christmas show and hope to hold a fundraising exhi-

bition for the community later in the year.

A new staff member is Duthika who works with us as a carer. She loves sewing and has made new sheets for all the beds. She helps the children with their craft work and they have made toiletry bags and serviettes.

The fence to secure the property has been put on hold due to lack of funds. The new kitchen is still in progress. Olivia is sourcing new sinks and cupboards and received a quote for \$2,500AUD for this project.

Photo below: On their way to Church



Gayathri

### Who is KKCF?

The Kathleen Keegel Children's Fund (KKCF) is an Australian-based charitable organisation helping to relieve poverty in Sri Lanka.

Olivia (one of Kathleen Keegel's ten children) and her husband Fred Bartholomeusz have been in Sri Lanka since March 2004 and have faced many challenges during their time there.

For an update on their progress visit our website: [www.kkcf.org](http://www.kkcf.org)

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## Agricultural Project

Fred has prepared a training course to commence soon for around fifteen students and plans that they work in groups of three on practical tasks of the course. We hope to provide them with an English course prior to the agricultural course so

there is a dual benefit for the student. The course will run for 5 to 6 months. We are looking for young farmers to attend 4-5 hours a day for 4 days a week.

We are hoping to purchase the lemongrass seeds soon and commence

planting in the next few months. The pump (worth \$250AUD) for the well on the property was recently stolen and needs to be replaced. They now have to share the remaining pump between the two wells. [www.globaldevelopment.org.au](http://www.globaldevelopment.org.au)

## RECENT EVENTS

### Melbourne Karaoke Night, 13<sup>th</sup> June

We had a great time at our Karaoke night on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June. Although we didn't have a large crowd, those who came had a wonderful time and because of their generosity, we raised just over \$2,000. A huge thanks to Maree and Peter Kelly from The Art House ([www.theartshouse.com](http://www.theartshouse.com)) for their very generous donation.

Thanks also to Patrick Correya and Prabir Saha for their donation of personal coaching sessions; Katie Albanis for her donation of a makeover ([www.bridalstyles.com.au](http://www.bridalstyles.com.au));

David and Cathy Cruse from Knox Tavern for their voucher; and also Michael and Laurel Sloan for their ongoing generosity and support. Thanks to Michelle and Kirstyn from Big Mamma's Karaoke & Disco Show (0411 788 194)



for the great job they did providing the entertainment for the night. Thanks also to Tracy, Rosie and Jessie for keeping things going in the kitchen and James who looked after the bar all night and doubled up as our auctioneer.

The best singer award went to Rowena Correya for an outstanding performance.

**Well done Rowena!!**

## KCCF Takes on Sydney

### Combined Services Dinner at Panthers Club, Penrith

When KCCF Director Tracy Warner won 5 days' car hire and \$500 accommodation from RACV and Hertz, it didn't take her long to generously suggest that we use this towards a road trip from Melbourne to Sydney to promote KCCF.

Tracy and Georgie gave a presentation at the Combined Services Din-

ner on 12<sup>th</sup> May in Penrith. Natalie Keegel and the team at Gunargarang Rotaract Club organized a fantastic night with nearly 200 guests in attendance. Thanks to their generosity \$1000 was raised for KCCF.

Some of the members from Gunargarang Club are planning to visit our orphanage and agricultural project in 2010. **Thanks guys for your great support!!!**



## COMING UP NEXT ISSUE

Photo: Kellie Furey visiting from Melbourne.

Look out for Kellie's story in our next newsletter...



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NYE09 Melbourne

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL MELBOURNE - MUSIC BY BIG BAND REPLAY 6



On 31<sup>st</sup> December at Preston City Hall - Dance the night away to the fabulous sound of internationally reknown Replay 6.

See flyer on the last page of this newsletter.

Save \$200 on a table of ten by paying for your tickets by **15<sup>th</sup> November** = \$65 per head. Single tickets at \$75 per head. After 15<sup>th</sup> Nov tickets go up to \$85 each. Get in quick as tickets are selling fast for this fabulous event.

See the flyer on page 7.

## KKCF Garage Sale

KKCF will be having a garage sale before Christmas, so if you have any donations of clean goods (please no clothes), we would be happy to collect them for you.

Just call Peter to organise a pickup 0403 023 950.



## TRAVELLER'S TALES

Hi my name is Julia and I went to volunteer at Olly's orphanage for two weeks earlier this year. While there, I enjoyed helping out with several tasks and really enjoyed the peaceful surroundings of the buildings and grounds, how blessed they are to have such a serene setting in which to establish their organization.

I helped Olly to run English classes at the local school every day and then we also taught after school lessons at the orphanage. The local children and young adults from the village came for separate classes and they really enjoyed my 'Aussie music' lessons (Half the time I didn't know who was having more fun, me or them!).

I also made curtains for the dormitory, did a hardware stock take, helped Olly with her computer skills and gave one of the boys a

haircut! The best part of each day was playing cricket with the children and staff in the evenings after a hard day's work. It was a great way to wind down and laugh together!

Olly is a very warm and welcoming woman who amazed me with her stamina, determination and kindness. Amongst all that she is already trying to achieve, she remains a vigilant 'do gooder' and is regularly found doing things for others and sparing her time, regardless of her own needs.

Olly always gave her time to people, whether it was someone in the street just wanting

to talk or one of the workers back at the orphanage needing some advice/assistance. It was inspiring to witness such a selfless person and I thank Olly and her family for such a wonderful opportunity and wish them every success in their mission.

*Julia*



## Help Raise Funds for KKCF with Guaranteed Investment

One of our very valued supporters is a company called **THE SUCCESSFUL INVESTOR** which is run by two of our friends Laurel and Michael Sloan. Have a look at their website -

<http://www.thesuccessfulinvestor.com.au>

We got to know them when they owned Destiny Financial Solutions in North Fitzroy where they would teach people about investing in property. They started their new business in June this year and now source and recommend specific properties to their clients. Michael and Laurel are very passionate about making sure their clients buy safe and secure investment properties.

They are so confident about the properties they recommend that they offer an **Australian first buy back guarantee if the property does not perform up to their client's expectations, plus they even cover up to \$20,000 in costs.**

Michael and Laurel get most of their business from referrals and part time consultants who spread the word about how safe it is to buy an investment property from their company.

There are many unscrupulous operators in the investment property industry. People referring buyers to The Successful Investor know they are doing their friends and family a favour by recommending them to a safe company run by honest people.

We have spoken to Laurel and Michael about all KKCF supporters becoming their referrers and they thought that was a great idea. They have a marketing budget like all companies and pay a fee from that budget for each property sold by referral.

This is normally \$2,000 but for our group they have agreed to donate \$2,000 to KKCF and a \$500 gift voucher to the person who made the referral.

We think this is a great opportunity because most of us know someone who is interested in property investing and in a year if we get 5 sales that will be \$10,000 raised for our cause and we all know how hard it is to raise that kind of money.

As well as being a qualified property advisor Michael is also an expert at structuring loans (he does not do mortgage broking any more but was Victorian and Tasmanian Broker of the year last year). Michael says for the average person or couple who have a home loan, one of their house and land packages in a great estate in Melbourne would cost nothing out of their pocket each week as the tenant and tax department will buy the property for you.

I have asked Michael and Laurel to come to a meeting where they can tell you about all the above and answer any of your questions then we are able to

make a decision on taking this on board as a fund raiser.

The venue will be at their new office in **Suite 10/134-136 Cambridge St Collingwood** on **Wednesday October 28** at **6.30pm** drinks and nibbles supplied.

Please let me know by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October if you can make it as we would like as many people as possible there.

Georgie



Laurel and Michael Sloan.

<http://www.thesuccessfulinvestor.com.au>

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***Come along to the exclusive presentation by Michael at  
Suite 10/134-136 Cambridge St  
Collingwood***

***Wednesday October 28 at 6.30pm***

Drinks and nibbles supplied

RSVP to Georgie 0403 023 949 or 9774 7883

by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

## OUR DONORS

Meet **Bill Sloan** from Windsor Gardens in Adelaide. Bill is one of our regular monthly contributors. He is in his 80's and loves travelling and meeting people. Bill and his partner Dot have recently discovered the joys of cruising. They are about to embark on their second cruise which will see them sail from Sydney to Papua New Guinea.

The first cruise they went on earlier this year from Sydney to New Zealand was the first time Bill had been on any kind of ship since he joined the navy aged 17 in the last year of WW2. During that time in the navy Bill landed in Japan after the nuclear bomb and he and a friend borrowed bicycles and cycled to Hi-

roshima and took in the devastation of what has occurred there. This stayed with Bill for the rest of his life and is one of the reasons he likes to help others whenever he can.

For one of his ways of making a difference Bill decided that instead of all the gifts he would receive from one of his children throughout the year for all the normal events like Christmas Fathers day and so on the year he would prefer to have a regular donation made to the Kathleen Keegel Children's Fund. We think that is a terrific gesture on Bill's



behalf and can assure him the regular donation is going to good use.

One of Bill's grandchildren is Joshua Sloan and he and his partner Hailey Travis will arrive in Sri Lanka in January to help out on site for 2 weeks. When they get home they will be able to tell Bill first hand

how the orphanage is progressing. Joshua is currently at University studying to become a teacher so he would like nothing more than to interact with the children. Joshua is also a qualified bricklayer and we are sure we are going to be able to put that skill to good use.

## Wedding Donation

**Mick Brown and Rosemary (Toots) Thuring** had an Elvis Pink Cadillac Wedding in Las Vegas on June 5 2009. When they returned to Melbourne they held a reception for



friends and family at Clayton Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> July. They asked that guests do not give them gifts but instead make a donation to KKCF - they raised \$1,683. Thank you Mick and Toots for your sincere kindness

and generosity. **We wish you all the very best for a long and happy future together.**



## Joseph Louis Patrick Keegel

24<sup>th</sup> Jan 1950 - 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009



Joe was the fifth child of Frederick and Kathleen Keegel and their first son. Brother to Pauline, Christine, Agnes, Dawn, Olivia, Norman, Lucian, Peterine and Georgiana.

He married Zita Murphy on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1976 and was beloved father to Natasha, Simon, Timothy and Monique; father-in-law to Matthew; grandfather to Noah and Dion; and Kaye and Louis partners of Tim and Monique.

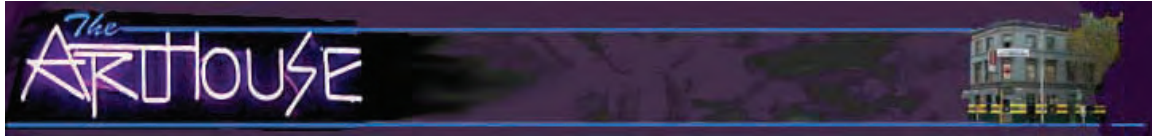
Godfather to Louisa Austin, Evelyn Jayasuriya, John Kenny, John Keegel, Natalie Keegel, Shireen Smulders, Leah Strauch and Regan Barker.

**Joe's family has requested that donations be given to KKCF in lieu of flowers.**

# SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS

## Major Sponsor - THE ARTHOUSE

We thank Maree and Peter Kelly for their amazing support. Please visit the ArtHouse Backpackers and Studio at 616 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne, 9347 3917. Original live music six days a week. [www.thearthouse.com](http://www.thearthouse.com)



## Major Sponsor - THE SUCCESSFUL INVESTOR

If you are looking for quality investment property, we highly recommend the very valuable services of Michael and Laurel Michael. They have very generously supported KKCF in the past and continue to do so. We can personally vouch for their integrity and commitment to helping others -<http://www.thesuccessfulinvestor.com.au/index.cfm>

## Photographic Exhibition

30th September—17 October, 2009 at Red Gallery, 157 St Georges Road, North Fitzroy. Wednesday to Saturday 11-5pm.

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## VOLUNTEERING

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If you have holidays coming up,  
have always wanted to travel to  
Sri Lanka or just want to do some-

thing different please consider  
becoming a KKCF volunteer.

Fred and Olly need all the help  
they can get and you are guaran-  
teed an amazing, enriching, first-  
hand experience at making a dif-  
ference.

Email Fred at [kkcf@inbox.com](mailto:kkcf@inbox.com) for  
more information.

## GIVE GENEROUSLY THIS CHRISTMAS

Christmas is less than three months away. Consider making KKCF your Christmas charity.

Go to [http://www.kkcf.org/ways\\_to\\_support/donations](http://www.kkcf.org/ways_to_support/donations) to find out how you can donate or get in touch.

# KKCF

KATHLEEN KEEGEL CHILDREN'S FUND

presents

## NYE09

Gold

### The New Years Eve Gold Ball

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2009

7pm to 1:30am

Preston City Hall

284 Gower St, Preston

Formal Dress

PARTY TICKETS INCLUDE

- Music by internationally renowned *Replay 6*
- Golden roast big buffet



*Tickets \$75 per head or \$650 table of 10 if paid by November 15th*

*(After November 15th \$85 per head)*

*Tickets include a glass of bubbly on arrival*

*Drinks available at the bar (no BYO)*

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