



JANUARY 2022

CATCH-UP!

The Catholic Club Monthly Newsletter

FOR EVERYTHING
THERE IS A SEASON.
A TIME FOR EVERY ACTIVITY
UNDER HEAVEN...





FROM THE **PRESIDENT's** DESK



**There is a Time for Everything,
and a Season for Every Activity under Heaven:**

*A time to be born and a time to die,
A time to plant and a time to uproot,
A time to kill and a time to heal,
A time to tear down and a time to build,
A time to weep and a time to laugh,
A time to mourn and a time to dance,
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
A time to embrace and a time to refrain,
A time to search and a time to give up,
A time to keep and a time to throw away,
A time to tear and a time to mend,
A time to be silent and a time to speak,
A time to love and a time to hate,
A time for war and a time for peace.*

Dear Fellow Members,
On behalf of the Managing Committee, I take this opportunity to wish all you dear Members and your families a fabulous 2022.

The month of advent started with our Faith Programme where Fr. Edward Thomas and Fr. Joseph Royan joined us members in reflection for this season. Fr. Royan gave a special blessing to the newly inducted Managing Committee.

It was a hectic but absolutely enjoyable month. Congratulations to Deepak and team for all the entertainment programmes in the season which were very well organised. It kicked off with The Mistletoe a joint show with the KCA followed by the SJCC OSA GALA , Christmas Bazaar, Carols by Candle Light, Cake & Wine and finally the Yuletide Ball. Unfortunately, again this year all New year celebrations were cancelled by the Government due to the ongoing pandemic. These events were highlighted by some great music performed by bands from Bangalore like Platinum Rose, Crown Tree, The Revivers and also leading bands from Goa like Tidal Wave and RAAGAS TO RICHES.

The Club was buzzing with exciting activities in all departments – iBrowse, Ladies, Cards, Super Seniors, Billiards, Children Christmas Tree and What's the Good Word. Thanks to all the MICs who successfully organised these events.

Though Vincent and his team from The CCOT could not organise the traditional Christmas fun Orphans' Day which is held on the first Sunday of December, they reached out to all the homes by going there and distributing delicious food and goodies to the children. God bless all of them and their families.

Thanks to our major sponsors Kingfisher, Pernod Ricard, Diageo, Salud and Manglam Build Developers Ltd. for supporting us during the season.

Last but not least a shout out and a big thank you to our dedicated staff for their efficient service right through the season and you my dear Members for your patronage towards all the Christmas programmes to make this season a great success.

Thanks to all our caterers SDC, Plan B, Kori Gassi, Stoke House and Black Garlic for the excellent food provided to our Members and their guests.

Ricky Patel
President

BANQUETS & CAFETERIA



The entry to the Banquet foyer has been spruced up to give it a welcoming look, with potted plants and colourful lights.

All parties / events at Banquet parties will now have a welcome drink, courtesy De cocane Juice. The dinner for the event "Carols by Candle Light" had a delicious variety of items served for the members and their guests.

To help ease service to our members the F & B has implemented table numbers for the different locations.

Rakesh Lobo
MIC

CARD ROOM



CARDS

The new Committee started with the bang organising two tournaments 13 cards and 21 cards Rummy Knockout tournament which was very well attended. The food was delicious and the beverages much appreciated along with bumper prizes.

We look forward to having more such tournaments monthly. Given below are the list of winners.

21 Cards Christmas Rummy Knockout Tournament:

1. Rachel William Joseph
2. Charles Meakin
3. Francis Mascarenhas
4. Bhushan
5. Shanthi Shaw
6. Dr. T.N. Tilakraj

Hermie Mathias
MIC

13 Cards Christmas Rummy Knockout Tournament:

1. Edmund Lobo
2. Annie Lobo
3. Regie D'Souza
4. Dinesh
5. Lally.V
6. Ravi

CHAMBERS

Dear Members,
I take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Happy, Prosperous and Safe New Year-2022. The Chambers has seen increased booking during the Christmas season. Thank you, members.

A few potted plants have been put in the corridors and we have plans to refurbish the rooms and stock the mini bar with beverages and snacks.

We have a Great deal for our members who can book a room after 7pm at 50% discounted rates. These bookings are subject to availability of rooms on that day. Please avail of the opportunity.

Looking forward to your valuable suggestions and inputs in order to help us increase the occupancy rate as occupancy had dipped due to Covid. We hope to achieve 98% occupancy in the coming months, with your support.

Joey Santiago
MIC

WHAT'S THE GOOD WORD

SPORTICO
INDOOR/OUTDOOR



It was the first edition for the new Committee and it was fitting that a new team (Deepak D'Souza and family) conducted it! The rounds were traditional but interesting, with a Christmas theme to some.

Competition was good but the team of Pranit Braganza, Madhuri Braganza and Christopher Rao seemed to be running away with top honours. However, with a never say die attitude, the team of Rosalind Vieyra, Rebecca Vieyra and Gavin Cordeiro fought back to win on the last word by just one point - the final scores being 285 - 284 in their favour!

The competition was held outdoors and the quizzers and audience enjoyed every minute of it.

GERRY PEREIRA
MIC



For it is in giving, that we receive



Fr. Edward Thomas and Fr. Joseph Royan CSsR joined the members in reflection during the season of advent.

Fr. Joseph Royan, led us in prayer and delivered a special blessing on the newly inducted Managing Committee.



We spent our time together in gratitude for the wonderful blessings God has given us. And, joined together in song, a quiz competition. Dream India Network children, presented us with a dance and song. It all made the meeting humbling and meaningful.



Commented Fr. Edward, "With over 58 foster homes with at least 8 children in each home, there is so much that our community can do to support the underprivileged. The Dream India Grace Hospital (destitute hospital) also reaches out to those in need. It's time for us to join our hands together and support our community".





CATHOLIC CLUB IN ASSOCIATION WITH
KANARA CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS



Mistletoe





Regrets, None

- by *Dolly Thakore*

The discussion of the book *Regrets, none* by veteran theatre and media personality Dolly Thakore, had a remarkable impact on the members of the Catholic Club.

Her recent book, written with wit, humour and candour, *Regrets, none* is a rare memoir that is unafraid to bare it all. Moderated by Stanley Pinto, the session focussed on her growing years in Delhi. The assortment of Air Force stations, got her started with theatre while in college. Dolly's time in London lead to her involvement with social issues. Through her illustrious career, she worked on the casting for Gandhi and its filming across India. She has worked in radio, television and advertising while always returning to her first love, theatre, and more.

She signifies a true-blooded embodiment of what it means to be a strong, empowered, vulnerable, courageous (and sometimes outrageous) woman. It was an insightful evening listening to Dolly recollect her experiences.





iBrowse Book Club

SUGATA SRINIVASARAJU



'A powerful and resonant book'

Jeremy Seabrook, author and columnist

Furrows in a Field

THE UNEXPLORED LIFE OF
H.D. DEVE GOWDA



Friday, 28th January 2022 at 6pm

Catholic Club, Museum Road, Bengaluru

Covid-19 protocols strictly followed





THE SJCC OSA GALA



SUNDAY BUMPER HOUSIE



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE

This event was held this year after a gap of one year. With safety protocols in place, the 250+ children were treated to a thoroughly enjoyable Magic Show, which even the adults were applauding!

Prior to this a couple of fun games were held – Musical Chairs in age groups and, a Christmas Quiz.

Santa's arrival from the terrace put an end to everything as all wanted to meet him. Accompanied by the children, he took his place on stage after circulating for some time. The distribution of gifts was done in record time, after which many took individual pics with Santa.

The yummy snack box and Club takeaway gift were also highly appreciated.

GERRY PEREIRA
MIC



THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE



Catholic Club
LADIES COMMITTEE

RESERVE
YOUR SEATS
THROUGH A
TELEPHONE CALL
080 4902 3333

INVITES YOU TO

Ladies in Wonderland

SUNDAY, 23 JANUARY 2022

11AM

CATHOLIC CLUB, MUSEUM ROAD

COME DRESSED IN FLORALS,
PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED,
TAMBOLA, SPOT PRIZES & MORE!

TICKETS

MEMBER: RS. 350/-

GUEST: RS. 500/-

A Jolly Christmas

The Ladies Christmas party on 19th December 2021, had an overwhelming response. An occasion filled with laughter, entertainment, and positivity.

The special feature of the party was the Women Entrepreneurs Spotlight with over 10 stalls featuring Christmas decorations, gifts, and hand-made and homemade products.

A lively session with the tableau of The Three Kings brought in the Christmas spirit. Followed by a Jolly Carol sing-along. Our Christmas Tambola and Hamper, completion for best-dressed, games quiz, and a sumptuous lunch, made the event one to remember. The ladies spread the good tidings by acknowledging our support staff. They have been a big pillar of support to ensure our monthly events happen seamlessly.

The competitions and games saw enthusiastic participation. The Best Dressed saw ladies dress in Christmassy colors – Red, Green, and Gold. A wonderful time with friends, loads of laughter and joy. Thanks to the ladies for bringing in the Christmas spirit and for spreading love, peace, and joy to all around us.

Regards,
**Sameera
MIC**







cake & wine





THE YULETIDE BALL