

IN RIGHT EARNEST

Last month the monsoons played havoc with the coast and how! Landslides, cyclonic winds and a torrential deluge- we had everything! There were several heart rending stories and poignant images of a calamity that ruined lives and property. People from our own coastal city did their bit to alleviate the pain.

It's been almost a month since the AGM and the new committee has got down to business in right earnest.

The Independence Day Celebrations saw good participation of more than 200 members and the programme was well appreciated. Thanks are due to Sameer Saldanha and team.

Albert Rebello has ensured that our spirits remain high with some attractive offers on liquor for September. The rates have been displayed in the bar.

For the gourmets, a 'Kebab n Biryani' fest is just round the corner in addition to weekly specials.

The Strategic Planning Committee has taken rapid strides with two meetings already having been held in its quest to purchase land in the adjoining areas of the club.

Sales are showing a healthy growth every month and it's heartening to note that members are making MC their preferred choice to host parties.

For the committee to act and take positive steps your feedback is vital to us. September is being observed as Feedback month.

Do spare some time to fill in the forms which will be given to you by our staff.

All this is just the beginning- there will be lots more to follow in the months to come!

Ganesh Kamath

Honorary Secretary



A young member at the independence day event

THE EDITORS DESK

August 2018 proved memorable for the wrong reasons. We witnessed a natural calamity in the form of floods in Kerala and Coorg. The destruction wrought by the floods in both places was immense. The way in which the rest of the country has responded in the form of funds and supplies is very heartening. The unity and spirit exhibited by the locals was exemplary. Let us pray that both places recover to a 'business-as-usual' status as soon as possible.

In the sports arena, there's a lot to cheer, with the Asian Games medals tally being respectable and lot of new stars making

their mark at Jakarta. A seesawing test series in England also kept us on tenterhooks, the series might be lost, but it's been a closely fought affair. A common feature was victories being dedicated to the flood affected.

A lot has been happening at the club with the first major event of the year, the Independence Day treasure hunt followed by festivities at the club. This issue we have the coverage of the Independence Day event, an interview with a member who's a successful entrepreneur and the eminent ophthalmologist Dr. C.R. Kamath reminisces on the days following independence.

Dr. Siddarth Shetty

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EVENT - INDEPENDENCE DAY

While the storm clouds darkened the sky
The colourful Indian flag, at MC, did fly high.

In the morning, the members of the committee unfurled the Tricolour
Celebrating 71 years of independence, our flag, fluttered in glory and splendor.

Next came the much awaited treasure hunt
19 teams revved up their engines ready to zip, zoom or even perform a stunt.

The flag – off marked the beginning of the event
All geared up, clue sheets in hand, off the teams went.

You could hear the MC cars zooming up and down
Cause the exciting clues were scattered all over town.

At noon, the participants cooled off in Morgan’s hall.
From the excited chatter, it was evident that they had had a ball.

Three Housie games kept everyone glued to their seat
The snacks and sumptuous lunch were, as usual, a treat.

Miola, the charming emcee, kept us going with some exciting spot prizes
The painting artist adorned us with the tricolor in different shapes and sizes.

E-3 the band with their harmonious voices, filled the air with melody
This year, it was great to see, that the hall was packed to capacity.

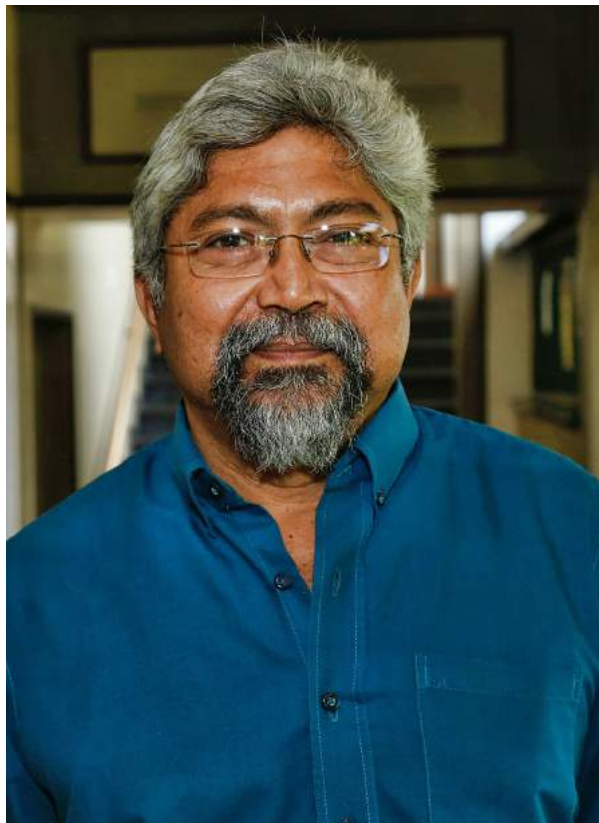
A noon well spent enjoying the camaraderie
It was wonderful to meet and celebrate the independence of our country.

JAI HIND!

by **RAMONA MATHIAS**



MEET : CHRISTOPHER NORONHA



Our member Christopher Noronha hails from one of the famous families of Mangalore. He has forged his own path and is an acclaimed architect and successful entrepreneur. He started an architectural practice, Christopher Noronha Associates in Mangalore in 1983. He is also the managing partner of Designer Homes, promoters and builders since 1994. In his interview Mr. Noronha comes across as a person unaffected by success, humble and grounded.

We congratulate and welcome the candidate who has been elected as Permanent Member of Mangalore Club at the Managing Committee meeting held on 31.08.2018, Dr. Nithish Mohandas Bhandary

Fondly known as – Christo

Family – Lolly (Claudette) Nitya, Nishan

MC member since – 1983.

MC must have food and drink – Our family favourite has always been grilled chicken with chapathi. My favourite drink is a good scotch and soda.

MC area I'm mostly hanging around at – The Morgan's Bar.

MC event I never miss – An evening of good music.

I am always – Ready to play or watch sport.

Favourite 70's jam – Bobs Dylan, Eric Clapton, Cat Stevens, Leonard Cohen, Pink Floyd to name just a few.

My Inspiration is – The works of creative writers, architects, artists and musicians

Favourite holiday destination – The National Parks in U.S.A, notably Yellow Stone National Park.

If granted a wish, it would be – To see the world as a better place where people live in peace and harmony with each other and nature.

Clothes that define me – shorts, T-shirt and sandals.

Best compliment ever received – When my work was appreciated.

I cannot do without – My afternoon siesta.

The last thing I watched on TV – 'The Voice'. Love watching music videos and sport on TV.

One thing I regret – I do not regret anything. I live life on my own terms.

Success is – Working hard to achieve one's dreams and goals.

Advice I often give and live by – Be enthusiastic and enjoy whatever you do in life and help others in whatever way you can.

Interviewed by LUVLYN JANICE D'SOUZA

EVENTS

- 15.09.2018 – Bumper Housie
30.09.2018 – Rummy Knockout Tournament
Upcoming events :
07.10.2018 – October fest
10.11.2018 – Diwali Nite

INDEPENDENCE DAY TREASURE HUNT

- 1st place - Rishab B.K S/o Sudhir B.K - MC No: 252
2nd place - Shekar Poojary - MC No: 45
3rd place - Dr. Avanish Bhandary - MC No: 175
Winner Ladies team :
Miss. Sulaj Kini - MC No: 596



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IDENTITY

I was twelve when we got Independence. Yes- Independence with a capital 'I'. I didn't know what it meant but I remember the joy, the near ecstasy of the people around me and in my young mind I knew that something momentous had happened, something had changed forever.

Mangalore wasn't even a town then, it was a village. The 2nd World war saw crippling shortages as everything was sent to the front. Chutney for Dosa became an unattainable luxury as coconuts just weren't available. There wasn't soap to wash with and the rice that we got set off an awful stink when cooked. There was severe petrol rationing- a few gallons per month were all that were allowed per car owner. It hardly mattered as there were only a handful of vehicles in Mangalore. In those days, the poor travelled by horses and the rich by motorcars- ironically the situation is reversed today, where owning a horse is the preserve of the rich and famous!

The memories of those days are hazy and sepia toned. I remember marches and lathi charges- we feared the police and ran from them. My fathers' friends spent time in jail, inspired by Gandhi's philosophy. A close family friend was beaten up so badly that his femur was shattered- from then on, he always walked with a limp.

Those days, though, were soul enriching. Gandhi, Nehru, Patel- these were the titans who made speeches, who were jailed and they were the giants who filled out hearts with the fervour to be free. And when the day finally came, when Nehru made his immortal tryst with destiny speech- indeed, I remember the joy of the elders around me and the pride they felt.

Things have changed today - Mangalore is a bustling city, the Indian economy has been opened up and has grown. This generation is impatient for growth and takes freedom for granted, or they do not know what it is to be under the yoke on a foreign ruler. Yet, every August 15th, I think that we must pause to take stock and remember those great men and women who wrested independence from the English and paid for it with blood, sweat and tears. We must march onwards proudly as one without religion and status dividing us, march towards prosperity-only then will we consolidate the freedom that was won with so much effort. Jai hind!

- DR. C. R. KAMATH

