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IN RIGHT EARNEST

"Life can only be understood backwards but it must be lived forwards..." We approach the new year 2019 with a sense of optimism. The club adds another eventful year to its glorious history.

The month of November saw the club immersed in lots of exciting activities. The 'Deepveer' saga might have had the romance minded Indians hooked over the last two weeks. However, the fun loving members of the club had their own fix of excitement at the Diwali Dhamaka held at the club on Nov 10th. Dj 'lil B' enthused the crowd with her Bollywood remixes. The decor matched the mood of Diwali. Street food counters and the buffet that followed were both much appreciated. Kudos to the entertainment committee for a great effort.

Children's Day was celebrated with a unique 'Children's Party' on Nov 18th. Story telling, a Crafts corner and a magic

show with gola and candy floss counters kept the kids happy. A record attendance of 108 children made the event meaningful. Special thanks to Ramona Mathias and Rajni Patrao for their efforts in making this evening happen and to all the sponsors for their generosity.

The Xmas bazaar will be held on 8th and 9th December, so get ready to shop for Christmas goodies and some delicious kuswar. Christmas carols will be sung, a band will be playing to keep you entertained and games of houseie will be held over two days.

The annual Christmas Ball, which is the signature event of the club will be held on 24th December. New Years Eve Family Nite on 31st Dec will be a gala bash to usher in the new year in a grand manner. A variety of cuisines will be dished out by our chefs for this festive season. Popular brands of spirits will be on offer too. MC will be the place to go to!

December is also the time for us to express our gratitude to the polite and courteous staff of our club for the services rendered through the year. You may show your appreciation with your contribution in the staff giving book which will be in circulation.

The managing committee and staff join me in wishing all of you a merry Xmas and a very Happy New year!

GANESH KAMATH

Honorary Secretary



Hejjenada Dance Troupe on stage at Diwali Mela

THE EDITOR'S DESK

As the year starts to wind down, you're sometimes hit by a sudden feeling of time whizzing by. You can be caught unawares as age creeps up on you. What have you been doing all this time? Have you achieved all that you set your mind on? If not, the solution is to make the most of the moment. Carpe Diem- Seize the day.

The year-end also signals a busy social season weddings galore, Christmas and New year. Lots of bonhomie and positivity in the air. Make the best of this lovely time in Mangalore to springboard yourself into a marvellous future full of health, happiness and productivity for you, your family and society.

The Club has just conducted a fantastic Diwali Mela and a lovely new event for Children's day, 'Kids fest' which by all accounts was a super hit with the bachcha log. All credit for this event goes to the sister act by Los Lobos, Rajni Patrao and Ramona Mathias. Just around the corner we have the marquee events of the year for which members wait with bated breath, the Christmas Bazaar and the MC Christmas party. The year-end new year bash will conclude the year's festivities.

This issue has an account of the November events with lots of photos and a teaser to the Christmas event by Dr. Ajay Kamath.

Dr. Siddarth Shetty

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MC DIWALI MELA - 10.11.18

Diwali Mela 2018 was a display of Indian culture befitting the festival of lights. Firecrackers might have been missing, but we had an explosion of stars on stage. The evenings decor which had floral arrangements and the rows of lamps that lined the entrance to the club transported us to a glorious past. The ambience was unforgettable. "MC Street Kitchen" had goodies like a Chaat counter, a Dosa counter, Chole Bature and an Omelette stall, these catered to those among us for whom Diwali means good food! The evening started with a bang, dance star Jnana Aithal and her troupe of marvellous dancers 'Hejjenaada' set the stage on fire with marvellous performances. The talent on display was incredible. The committee led by Hon. Sec. Mr. Ganesh Kamath came to the fore. The Hon. Sec. spoke a few words on the occasion and the committee lit a ceremonial lamp in a symbolic gesture. Stage dances followed leaving the crowd asking for more. DJ Li'l B took over the proceedings, Dandiya beats with dhol filled the air, The crowd took to the dance floor and the function started to rock. The bar counter did brisk business. Members and guests of all age groups, from kiddos to oldies danced DJ Li'l B's beats. The Diwali Nite at MC last year had set the bar high. This year it has further cemented its place as a red-letter event on the Mangalorean's social calendar. It was an event to remember!



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KIDS FEST -18.11.18

Rule Number One: It must be "FUN" ... And the kids sure did have enough to last this season!! Kids Fest 2018 organized on the 18th of November was a super success! 120 kids under one roof, imagine that!! Anjana Kamath and her team from Hakuna Matata had the children engaged in a variety of activities which were not only enjoyable but equally productive. The activities included Krafty Korner by Nicola, Slime making by Vanditha, Beads bracelets by Dolcy, Story telling by Deekshitha, Tattoo drawing by Venus and not to forget the highlight of the evening- a Magic Show by the great magician Harin Kumar! Anjana compered the event and conducted many games for the children of all ages to participate in. Also present was a stall for sale of toys and books put up by School Book Company. You could hear the children giggling and cheering at the sight of unlimited Ice Golas and Candy Floss. Kudos to the cooks and staff of Mangalore Club for the wonderful and elaborate spread that catered mostly to the children's palate, from French fries to chicken nuggets; noodles to cheezy pizzas and to top it all Ice Cream!!! And how does one send a child home after such a fabulous party? With a "Take Away" gift of course!! The delight and gleam in their eyes was unforgettable!! Big thank you to the organising committee for setting a precedent that will be challenge to match for the next Kids Fest!! Best wishes for a cheerful Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all!!

- Luvlyn D'souza



EVENTS

Dec 8th & Dec 9th 2018 – Christmas Bazaar/ Housie– 2018.
24.12.2018 – Annual Christmas Ball.
31.12.2018 – New Year Family Nite.

PRE-BOOKING

To pre-book tickets for Christmas Bazaar, Annual Christmas Ball and the New year family Nite please call these numbers.

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THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALL

This year the Christmas Ball will be on Monday 24th December, Here are some rules for you to note :

- Dress code : Formal / Lounge Suit with formal shoes. Jeans and sneakers are not allowed. All tickets are not transferable.
- Entry only tickets will go on sale at club office from Dec 15th.
- Each member will be entitled to buy two guest couple tickets.
- Guest tickets are limited in number and will be available on first come-first served basis
- Sale of tickets will cease at 2 PM on 24th December.
- Guest entry will be strictly against Photo ID only.
- Lounge facility available at AC Hall, Please call the club office for details.

Member Couple - Rs. 1000
Member / Members Spouse with Partner Rs. 2500
Guest Couple Rs. 5000
Member child (16-25 yrs) Rs. 800
Member child with Partner Rs. 2500
Single lady Rs. 1750

There will be no service at the club, except the bar, on the evening of the 24th and the next afternoon.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT THE CLUB

There's a quiet buzz in the crowd- its background noise, growing every minute. People walk around with their drinks, chatting idly but one eye is on the stage. There is an air of expectation, of something major about to happen. And then the emcee clears her throat and makes her announcement. Four young men- or is it five- and a lady are on stage. They're smiling. One of them is saying something. An electric guitar strikes a chord, and the iconic riff of Toto's "Africa" is the only sound you hear. Before the roar. Where's that roar coming from? Right. Its us. Its the audience. And the event of the year, the Mangalore Club Christmas dance is finally under way.

It wasn't always like this. Twenty years ago, the dance was still the event of the year- for us. But the real dances happened on Christmas night at the Kanara club and New Year's Eve at the Ladies club. Ours was a staid affair, with a couple of hundred people in attendance. A tired college wedding band would try their best to destroy Jailhouse Rock and Rock Around the Clock and we would jive and wait for a DJ to play some tunes that we could listen to. And even that was fun- so starved were we for entertainment.

Things changed when about a decade ago, we started bringing in bands from outside, A risk was taken, a band from Bombay was paid a small fortune and some of us in the committee crossed our fingers and toes and hoped for the best. It was a spectacular hit. And from then on, there was no looking back,

In the early days, money was a major issue. I remember committee members contributing cash to pay the band's fee, requesting a club member to emcee the event for free. Dire straits. Today, the dance is a major earner for the club. The clamour for tickets begins weeks in advance and guests are willing to pay an arm and a leg to get in. Never mind if some of them don't want to dance or can't tell a guitar string from a G string. It's important to be there and to be seen there,



We've been lucky with the music, For the past several years, A-26 from Goa have been our Xmas band, the dance is now on Christmas night and the band, inexhaustible and completely without airs, seems to feed off the crowd's energy as they play for hours.

The stage is lit up like for a rock show and with the pretty young things dressed to the nines and screaming themselves hoarse, the vibe is edgy and hot. Jet Airways magazine carried a piece on it a few years ago, calling it one of the top Christmas events in the country- that's how popular it's become.

So, if this is something you haven't done yet, don't despair. This Christmas, bring out the tux and the formal shoes. Get your ticket early and be one in the throng. It's a decision you won't regret!

- Dr. Ajay Kamath

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