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# Secretary's message

Friends,
Greetings of the season !
November was an eventful month at M.C. We got a good response for the Children's Day event: Kids Fest 2019, where more than 80 children participated and enjoyed the evening. Diwali Nite too was a grand success, well appreciated by all. It had all the elements of a great event; awesome food, a fantastic band and sound, excellent décor and a fun-loving crowd. Big thanks to our enthusiastic and creative team led by Helen and Santosh.

Come December & it's Christmas time, MC flagship Christmas Ball and New Year's Eve family night are on the cards. Both events are eagerly awaited by members & guests, both young & old. Our entertainment subcommittee is all set to make both events more exciting and memorable.
We have launched "back home safe", a drop facility for members & guests of our club, to enable you to enjoy M.C. hospitality to the fullest and return home safely.
Looking forward to your participation with family and friends at all the events this big M.C. month of December.

**Shashidar Pai Maroor.**
Hon. Secretary

# The Editor's Desk

'*It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas*', as we wear our Santa caps and bring to you this Christmas issue of M.C. Live. Our chosen member of the month, is **Joachim Louis Pinto,** a successful entrepreneur, social activist and president of the famous Konkani cultural centre, *Mandd Sobhaan*. **Leah Mascarenhas**, recommends a Christmas special menu in '*foodie of the month*'. **Mrs Anitha (Ann) Goveas** takes us down 'Christmas' memory lane in a special issue article. **Ramona Mathias & Leanne Rodrigues**, have covered the major club events of the previous month. **Dr. Paul Varghese, Philomena (Phil) Castelino, Dr. Ajay Kamath and Paul Mascarenhas** have made some Christmas confessions in the '*club express*' section. Season's greetings and Happy Tidings from M.C. Live editorial team!

**Rajni Lobo Patrao**
Editor, MC-Live.

# Club events

**Christmas Bazaar**
Sat. 14 Dec. – 5 p.m. onwards.

**Christmas Special Housie**
Sat. 14th Dec. – 8 p.m.

**Christmas Ball**
Wed. 25th Dec. – 8 p.m. onwards.

**Rummy Knockout**
Sun. 29th Dec. – 10:30 a.m – card room.

**NYE Family Nite**
Tue. 31st Dec. – 8 p.m. onwards.

# Joachim Louis Pinto

## Business Entrepreneur

**Louis Pinto is a man who is aged to perfection, a fine blend of sophistication and warmth. He's a well-known personality around Mangalore and Karnataka. Louis believes in living life to the fullest and in a well-balanced manner. His 38 years of entrepreneurial expertise in the fields of; transport, liquor trade, fast food, bar and restaurant chain as well as real estate, make him a force to be reckoned with.**

**Louis is always bubbling with energy and can always be found in 'hi-spirits'. His passionate involvement in multiple portfolios in various industries just goes to show his concern and interest. He is the re-elected president of *Mandd Sobhaan*, a premier Konkani cultural organization, vice president of D.K. Wine merchant's association, board member of Fr. Muller's governing council, chairman – entrepreneur development cell of Rachana and of course a current committee member of M.C. and many more. Even though he is a very busy man, he is an ardent advocate for social causes as well as a vocal social activist.**

**Louis is a devoted family man, married to his wife Patricia for 34 years. They have three children, Samantha/ Praveen, Jake/ Viola and Nicky. Louis & Patcy are the proud grandparents of Lia, Alec and Kate. He is the chosen member of the month.**

**What gets you into 'high spirits'?**

When I'm amongst good company and friends.

**"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step" How did your journey begin?**

My journey dates back to the opportunity I sought when I was in 10th grade to set up a refreshment stall for the State Level Sports event. The minute details and the intricacies involved in getting things organized got me curious and enthusiastic. The position I am today, I owe it to that time.

**Preserving and promoting Konkani culture is important because...**

it is our IDENTITY.

**What's the best Christmas gift you ever received?**

Christmas for me is all about spending quality time with family. Best gift is my lifetime partnership with my spouse, Patcy, as we got married on 26th December.

**A New Year resolution that you make and break every year**

I am not a believer of making any resolutions for New Year hence I do not get to break any.

**What's your favourite dish and drink at your own bar & restaurant?**

It has to be Chicken Uruval and no doubt a chilled glass of Kingfisher beer.

**A social cause that's close to your heart and how do you support it?**

I am involved in supporting varied kinds of social causes in the areas of culture, environment, housing, education, entrepreneurial development, blood donation etc. However, I am currently involved in creating awareness about mental health as our society is now seeing high rate of suicide cases.

**Mangalore in the next 20 years will be...**

a beautiful place to live, cleaner and greener.

**Khoob jamega rang jab mil baithengey teen yaar;**

Kingfisher, Budweiser aur Tuborg.

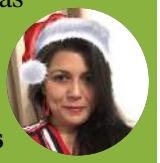
**Your message to MC club members**

Mangalore club has been my favoured place to exchange worries with good food and drinks. The ambience, staff and the vibe at Mangalore club makes it a great spot to unwind. I urge members to continue to visit MC in bigger numbers and wish to see it as their most favoured place to visit.

-Interviewed by :
**Rajni Patrao**

# Foodie of the month

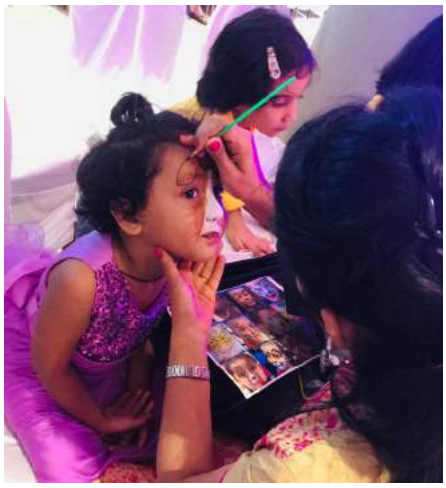
**Leah** recommends the *'leg of ham'* as a must-try dish at M.C. this Christmas season. Leg of ham or Yule ham is an old English traditional Christmas dish that dates back centuries. It often brings a *Charles Dickenson*-like feeling to every Christmas table. Today, leg of ham remains the cornerstone of holiday menus around the world. Mangalore club takes great pride in offering this delicacy to its members and guests during the Christmas ball & New Year's Eve family night. Leah and Paul also recommend the *'grilled tiger prawns'*. These delicious and succulent prawns will surely light up your taste buds, to which you can add a tall glass of *Jacob's Creek* red wine as a wonderful accompaniment!



Season's greetings & Bon Appetit!

**Leah Mascarenhas**

# **Events @ MC -** KIDS FEST



Round and round the A.C. hall happy children sauntered about, colourful balloons in hand. Their cute little faces painted like the animals in Old Mac Donald's farm. There was a mew -mew here and a bow- wow there, as these tots hopped about and played all the exciting games lined up for them. Various stalls like minion-bookmark and key chain making kept the older ones busy. The storytelling session had, even the most fidgety ones, spellbound. As the fancy lights came on, the children moved their little booties to the lively music. Calories were well expended before the happy meal. We are grateful to the Hakuna Matata team for making the evening enjoyable. Thank you M.C for dedicating this day to them. In the words of one grateful ten-year-old...why should grown-ups have all the fun?

**Ramona Mathias**

# Club News:

Mangalore club is happy to announce that we are now affiliated to two more clubs within India

**1) JODHPUR CLUB**

#774, 1st floor, "Narayan",
near Bafna Hospital, 5th Chopasani Road,
Jodhpur, Rajasthan - 342003

**2) ARERA CLUB,**

Opposite Mayur Park, Tulsi Nagar,
Link Road no-1,
Bhopal-462003.

# Diwali Nite

Desi Beats and festive treats! - That's what the poster read...and so it was! The Diwali Nite was blown away by cyclone Kyaar from the 26th of October to the 17th of November, but it did not succeed in dimming the lights of the celebrations nor the spirit of the members!

The aroma from the food carts filled the air and the thirst quenchers are always there. The members were in their best traditional attire and the weather was kind with a mild chill in the air. Our host for the evening was the dynamic RJ Arpith, witty and entertaining. Lavita Lobo and the band charged the air with so much energy that dancing was simply inevitable. DJ Ashish rocked the floor with his mixes. The dance floor had kids, teenagers, parents, grandparents, all making the most of the wonderful entertainment. All this and the decor to match had us enjoying a family night in the signature M.C style. Let's applaud the club committee and staff for organizing this *delightful* event. May the light of Diwali shine the whole year round for the club and its members.

**Leanne Rodrigues**

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Christmas season has always been the most wonderful time of the year for me. As someone who was brought up in Mangalore, I have seen and experienced Christmas season over several decades and I have witnessed the changes.
There are so many old Christmas traditions that just do not exist anymore. The Yuletide celebrations that I grew up with were so very different. Though today, we live in a 'ready-made' world where everything is conveniently available at our fingertips; from artificial trees of all sizes to the prettiest and most dazzling ornaments and decorations, it doesn't have the same sentiments or spirit of past Christmases.

When I was a little girl, the Christmas preparations, always began with the clearing up, cleaning and painting of our homes. Then, we would start buying all our Christmas and New Year greeting cards, mainly from UNICEF, CRY and CHESHIRE HOME, as the proceeds of these always went to charity. In those days, every single greeting card was hand written with a little note or letter to our nearest and dearest ones, sent all over the world. When we received a greeting card, we would immediately recognize the hand writing and knew who the sender was. It was quite thrilling. Before Santa Claus, the postman was the most eagerly awaited person during this season.

Our Christmas outfits were planned at least two months in advance. I remember going and selecting my dress material and then going to the tailor with our creative dress patterns. The thrill of waiting to get a call from the tailor informing us that our dresses were ready for trial. We didn't have the facility of buying ready-made garments.

I can say that the most exciting part of Christmas was building our own crib by collecting sand, mud, clay, grass and moss. Those days, there were many children in each house so there was more noise and more architects for the crib. Each crib was a unique masterpiece. A lot of trouble was taken but the end result was most rewarding.

It was a tradition back then, for the young boys of the household to go scouting to the Cashuarina forest at the Balmatta hill and find the most beautiful branches to form a Christmas tree. We would then decorate it, mostly with the Christmas cards that we had received from family & friends, along with buntings and lights.

All the decoration that went on the tree were handmade. The star at the top of the Christmas tree was another unique feature in every house. We would make our stars with bamboo sticks and white crepe paper. The biggest star would be tied to the tallest coconut tree in the compound for all to see and admire.

To make the Christmas sweets or '*kuswar*', every evening, our mothers sat to prepare sweets from scratch. All the children of the household were self-appointed tasters and the fun was tasting the sweets at every stage of preparation.

The midnight Christmas mass used to be held ONLY at midnight, and we could walk on the roads late in the night as those days Mangalore was a safe and peaceful place. This tradition of the attending the Christmas ball was introduced only in the 70's, it was never there before. Instead, we used to go and visit the elderly with a trayful of Christmas sweets and receive blessings from them. Christmas would end with a visit from Santa Claus and that too ONLY if we were good.

Though the present Christmas comes with its own charms and magic, I fondly remember and miss the spirit of Christmas past.

**Mrs Anitha (Ann) Goveas**

# Club Express

## Been 'Naughty' or 'Nice' this year? & All I want for Christmas is...

**Dr. Paul Varghese**

Naughty or nice? Bit of both. Being naughty is not an entirely disagreeable feeling. All I want for Christmas is the promise of being around for the next...

**Philomena (Phil) Castelino**

I always live up to my belief that 'health is key to happiness', I've tried to influence & motivate people around me to work out and keep fit, so I guess Santa will put me on 'Been Nice' list. All I want for Christmas is to dance the night away!

**Paul Mascarenhas**

Well, mostly naughty because that's what I am. But when required, I'm pretty nice. All I want for Christmas is...a silent night! 😉

**Dr. Ajay Kamath**

I have been told by authoritative sources that I am nicest when I'm naughty and I always aim to please. All I want for Christmas is...well, I have my two front teeth but I wouldn't mind a couple of molars which I have lost! Oh, and A-26 playing at the MC Ball, a glass of rum and a little bit of Monica by my side...would do nicely!

Last month Contest winner :
**Tarun & Venki Pai** winner of 'I resemble my parent' contest

Winner of Last month's Kids supplement issue:
**Ashna Saldanha** – 13 years

## Club contests

**JOLLY SANTAS @ M.C. COULD WIN RS 1,000/- CASH PRIZE !**

All you have to do is:

- Click a pic of you and your family or friends dining at M.C. wearing Santa hats.
- Add a caption and send in your entries to the editor @ 99459 20547.

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