

Chengannur Christian College Alumni Association (Kuwait Chapter)

Annual Report of 2011 –'14

Introduction

The Association of the former students of Christian College in Kuwait, initially named as “Alumni Association of Christian College” and renamed later, as “Christian College Chengannur Alumni Association” has successfully completed 10 years since its inception. As we look back, inspite of our busy schedule, we could be proud of the fact that we have been able to function in a meaningful, effective manner.

Our annual family meets, picnics, and committee meetings have contributed immensely to the strengthening of our association.

The annual general body meeting of the association for the year 2011 – '11 met on 28 April 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in Abbasiya United Indian School with the President of the association, Mr. Mathew Alexander on the Chair.

Election of Office Bearers

The following members of the association were elected as office bearers:

President : Sri. George Mathew

Vice President : Sri. Idiculla Mathew

General Secretary : Sri. Alex A. Chacko

Joint Secretary : Smt. Mini Shaji

Treasurer : Sri. Aji Kuriakose

Executive Committee : Smt. Anu Philip Koshy, Smt. Annamma Varghese, Sri. Jacob Kadavil

George Mathew (Reji), Sri. Jacob Varghese (Binoy), Smt. Sherly Thomas

Sri. Jacob Varghese (Jolly), Adv. John Thomas P., Sri. Mathew Alexander,

Sri. Mathews Mammen, Smt. Saramma Johns, Sri. Sunil thomas Varghese,

Sri. Thomas George, Sri. Thomas John, Sri. Zachariah Mamman,

Sri. Santhosh Oommen

Auditor : Sri. Joseph Panicker

Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee has met 11 times since May 2011 to take decisions regarding the functioning of the Association.

Snehasparsham

The Sub committee *Snehasparsham*, constituted under the Convenorship of Sri. Idiculla Mathew for the purpose of charity has been functioning in a meticulous manner for the past 6 years. We are

happy of the fact that under the scrutiny and recommendation of the committee, we have been able to donate Rs. 1,10,000/ to 6 needy persons since May 2011.

Kuwait Alumni Awards

You are aware of the fact that our association has instituted Cash Awards to needy students of our Alma Mater. During the past 7 years, we have been able to disburse Cash Awards (Rs.1000/ per student) to 12 students every year.

Family Picnic

We have organised family picnics on 15 November 2012 and 5 November 2013, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Riggae Garden. Around 60 members participated in these family trips. As usual, the food served was brought by participants from their homes.

Executive Committee Get together

The members of the Executive Committee met together twice. On 28 April 2012 the meeting was organised in Kohinoor Auditorium, Fahaheel, and on 2 April 2013 it was convened in Chachoose Auditorium, Abbassia.

Reception

The Association arranged a get together on 23 October 2012 in Caesar's Restaurant, Abbasiya, in honour of His Lordship Dr. Zachariahs Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan, Manager of Christian College. Another meeting was organised in on 2 April 2013 in Chachoose Auditorium to honour Retd. Prof. P.M.mammen. On 17 March 2013, the members of the committee were also able to visit and spend some happy moments with Rev. Siby Mathew, alumnus of our college and Secretary of Mar Thoma Yuvajana sakhya who was on an official short visit to Kuwait.

Send off

The Association arranged a send off party to bid farewell to Sri. Jacob Varghese (Jolly), Treasurer of the association during 2008 -'10, who had been leaving Kuwait for good to settle down in Kerala. The party was arranged on 29 September 2011 at Farwaniya Aryappar Restaurant Auditorium.

Condolence

Association expressed its condolence at the sad demise of Sri. Cherian George (F/o Smt, Salini Ninan) who passed away on 4 march 2012, Sri. C.J.Oonnoony (F/o Sr. Jacob Varghese and Sri. Sammon) who passed away on 22 December 2012, Smt. Thankamma Joseph (Mother-in-law of Smt. Mini Shaji) who passed away on 27 February 2013, Smt. Aleyamma Joseph (M/o Adv. John thomas & Smt Sherly john) who was called to the heavenly abode on 29 september 2013.

A Word of Gratitude

On behalf of all members of the association, I express my sincere gratitude to Sri. Thomas Chandy and Sri. John Thomas, Managing director and Administrative Manager of United Indian School, who have provided us with all facilities of the school for holding our meetings, periodically. I am also happy to express my gratitude to all members of the association and executive committee who render all possible help and cooperation for the successful conduct of our activities.

With the permission of all members of the Executive Committee, I humbly present before you this report.

Alex A. Chacko
General secretary

Passed by: Sri. Sammon A.O.
Seconded by: Sri. James C.B.

Chengannur Christian College Alumni Association (Kuwait Chapter)

Annual Report of 2014 –'15

CHRISCCAA – alumni association of Christian College, Chengannur, started in 2003, has more than 150 members as its permanent members. Efforts are being taken to identify more old students and encourage them to become its members. We have been able to achieve quite a lot during the past years, especially by organising picnics (for all members and their families), and family get togethers. Apart from these, our regular committee meetings and other major and minor programmes strengthen our association.

We can undoubtedly affirm that this association, its activities and the love and care its members have for each other have magically transformed the lives of expatriates like us in the Middle East.

The annual General Body meeting of 2011 –'14 met on 1 May 2014 at 8.00 p.m. in United Indian School, Abbasiya, with Sri. George Mathew, President of the association, on the Chair. In this meeting Sri. Alex A. Chacko, General Secretary presented the annual report. It was proposed by Sri. Sammon na seconded by Sri. James C.B. and the report was accepted unopposed.

Sri. Aji Kuriakose, Treasurer of the association presented the accounts of the association, Sri. Idiculla Mathew presented the report of the activities of *Snehasparsham*, which was followed by the presentation of accounts and auditors' report of *Snehasparsham* by Sri. Joseph Panicker.

Election of Office Bearers

The following members were elected as office bearers and members of the Executive Committee.

President : Sri. Idiculla Mathew
Vice President : Adv. Jhom Thomas
General Secretary : Sri. Sunil Thomas Varghese
Joint Secretary : Smt. Annamma Varghese
Treasurer : Sri. Aji Kuriakose

Executive Committee : Sri. Alex A. Chacko, Sri. Jacob Kadavil, George Mathew, Giju mathews, Dr. Gincy Varghese, Jacob Velloor, Sri. John Alexander, Smt. Mini Shaji, Sri. Noble Mathew, Smt. Rachel Thomas, Sri. George Mathew (Reji), Sri.Jacob Varghese (Binoy), Sri. Mathews Mammen, Smt. Saramma Johns, Dr. Sunil Thomas, Sri. Thomas John, Sri. Zachariah Mamman, Sri. Thomas Oommen

Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee has met 10 times from May 2014 onwards in order to take necessary decisions regarding the proper functioning of the association.

Snehasparsham

The charity works of *Snehasparsham* are well coordinated under the leadership of Sri. Mathews Mammen, the present Convenor. Our gratitude is due to all members who have whole heartedly contributed towards our charity projects.

Kuwait Alumni Awards

As usual, this year also we have send Rs. 12000/ to the 12 UG students of Christian College, whose selection is made on need cum merit basis. The Executive committee is grateful to all those who have willingly contributed for this cause.

Golden Jubilee Project

It was the deep wish of all members of the association to be part of the Golden Jubilee Project of the College – construction of two houses for the most deserving students of College. The general body decided to sponsor one of the houses, the expense of which would come to around Rs.3,50,000/ . The fact that we were able to collect and send the money in three instalments was a commendable achievement. The Committee extends its heartfelt gratitude to all those who have participated in this project.

Annual Picnic

The annual family picnic was organised on 10 April 2015 at Riggae Garden from 9 a.m. onwards. The food served was prepared by association members at their homes.

Reception

We were able to arrange a reception party in Chachoos Auditorium to honour Sri. Ravi Varma Thampuran, our alumnus who is also the Editor of Malayala Manorama, Pathanamthitta Bureau, on 20 September 2014 at 8 p.m. He formally inaugurated the Golden Jubilee celebrations of our College in Kuwait. On 20 august 2015, a reception was arranged for Retd. Prof. Joseph Jacob, who was on a short visit to Kuwait. The Office Bearers and members of the Executive Committee were also able to visit our alumnus, His Grace Yakoub Mar Iraneaus, Bishop in charge of the Kochi Diocese of Syrian Orthodox Church when His Grace was on an official trip to Kuwait, on 17 April 2015.

Send off

The Annual general body meeting and get together of the association on 1 May 2015 turned out to be a send off meeting to bid farewell to Sri. Mathew Alexander who had decided to leave to Kerala for good. The association expressed its gratefulness to him for rendering all help and leadership in various positions like President, Vice President and Treasurer of the Alumni Chapter.

Condolence

The association expressed its condolence at the sad demise of the near and dear ones of the following members:

- Sri. A.K.George (F/o Smt. Leela Suresh) who passed away on 17 April 2014
- Retd. Prof. Kuruvilla Cherian who passed away on 12 May 2014.
- Sri. E.A.Alexander (F/o Sri. John Alexander) who passed away on 13 August 2014
- Smt. Mary Philip (S/o Sri. Mathew Alexander) who passed away on 3 September 2014
- Smt. Sosamma Abraham (Mother-in-law of Sri. Zachariah Mammen) who passed away on 5 September 2014
- Smt. Susamma Rajan (S/o of Sri. Zachariah Mammen) who passed away on 4 September 2015

A Word of Thanks

I am happy to express my gratitude to all members of the association and executive committee who have rendered all possible help and cooperation for the successful conduct of our activities during this year.

On behalf of all members of the association, I express my sincere gratitude to Sri. Thomas Chandy and Sri. John Thomas, Managing director and Administrative Manager of United Indian School, who have provided us with all facilities of the school and its premises for holding our meetings, periodically.

With the permission of all members of the Executive Committee, I humbly present this report before the general body of our association.

Sri. Idicula Mathew

(President)

Sri. Sunil Thomas

(General Secretary)

Signed on 17 September 2015

Proposed By: Sri. Raju Varghese

Seconded By: Sri. George Mathew

Chengannur Christian College Alumni Association (Kuwait Chapter)

Annual Report of 2015 –'18

Introduction

The alumni association of Christian College, Chengannur — CHRISCCAA – started in 2003, has more than 150 members as its permanent members. Our picnics (for all members and their families), family get-togethers, regular committee meetings and other major as well as minor programmes strengthen our association.

We have successfully planned and materialised numerous programmes for the growth and welfare of our “alma mater”. We have been able to give awards to needy students of our college who are good in their studies, too. All these things have been possible with the collaborative effort of office bearers and executive committee. Let me present before you an evaluative report of our activities during 2015 –'18.

Annual General Body

The annual general body meeting of the association for the year 2014 –'15 was conducted on 17 September 2015 at 8 p.m. at United Indian School, Abbasiya.

Annual Report

The annual report for the year 2014 –'15 was presented at the meeting by Sri. Sunil Thomas Varghese, and it was unanimously accepted by the general body.

Annual Accounts

Sri. Joseph M. Panicker (Auditor) read and presented the Auditor’s report regarding the accounts of 2014 –'15. This was followed by the presentation of the account statement. Sri. Aji Kuriakose presented the annual account statement with an income of KD. 204, expenditure of KD. 248. 250 and a balance of KD. 119. 395. This was unanimously accepted by the members present.

Election of Office Bearers

The following members were elected as office bearers and members of the Executive Committee.

President : Sri. Raju Varghese Venmony

Vice President : Adv. John Thomas P.

General Secretary : Sri. Mathews Mammen

Joint Secretary : Smt. Mini Shaji

Treasurer : Sri. George Mathew (Reji)

Executive Committee : Sri. Alex A. Chacko, Sri. Jacob Kadavil, Smt. Annamma Varghese

Sri. Noble M. Mathew, Sri. George Mathew (Mathukutty),

Sri. Santhosh Varghese, Dr. Sunil Thomas, Sri. Idicula Mathew,

Sri. Sabu M.K., Sri. Sunil Thomas Varghese

Auditor: Sri. Joseph M. Panicker

Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee has met 23 times from September 2015 onwards in order to take necessary decisions regarding the proper functioning of the association.

Snehasparsham

The charity works of *Snehasparsham* were well coordinated under the Convenorship of Sri. Idicula Mathew. As he has gone back to Kerala for good, Sri. George Mathew (Reji) has taken up the Convenorship of the Body. During this period, we have been able to donate Rs.1,15,108/ to 8 needy people. Our gratitude is due to all members who have whole heartedly contributed towards these charity projects.

Kuwait Alumni Awards

We have been giving Rs. 12000/ as scholarship during the past 11 years. This year also the amount had been sent to 12 UG students of Christian College, whose selection is made on need cum merit basis. The Executive committee is grateful to all those who have willingly contributed towards this need

Membership Campaign

As per the decision and direction of the Executive Committee, a Membership Campaign was organised. The result was exhilarating and 40 new members were newly enrolled in the association.

Christmas Carol Rounds—House to House Visit

For the first time, in December 2017, members of the association visited the houses of the members in Abbasiya and Salmiya as part of the Christmas Carol Rounds. We were able to visit 40 houses in the Abbasiya area, and 11 houses in Salmiya. Everywhere warm reception was given to the visiting minstrels. On behalf of the Committee, I may express my sincere gratitude to all Hosts. As the decision was taken all on a sudden, and as it was an experimental move, I regret to inform you that we were not able to visit the houses of all our members. We were running short of time as we had not worked out a detailed time schedule beforehand.

Christmas & New Year Programme

During the months of December and January of 2015, 2016 and 2017, CHRISCCAA was able to organise Christmas & New Year Programmes in a wonderful manner. We could organise a venue for children to exhibit their multifarious talents. Christmas, New Year feasts were also arranged for all who attended these programmes. Around 100 members took part in these programmes.

Memorial Function

On 20 February 2016, a condolence meeting was organised by the association to pay tearful homage to the Senior Suffragan Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church and Manager of our College, His Lordship Dr. Zachariahs Mar Theophilus Metropolitan who was called back to eternal home on 27 December 2015. Rev. Sam Koshy, Vicar of Kuwait City Mar Thoma Parish made the Memorial talk on this occasion. Following the talk, Sri. Mathew Mammen, General Secretary of the

association, presented the Condolence Message. A copy of this was forwarded to Dr. Achamma Alex, Principal of Christian College, by e-mail.

Guests

Sri. Sony Cheruvathoor, Renji Trophy Cricket player and alumnus of college was given a warm welcome on 28 October 2017 while he visited Kuwait. He was presented with a memento by the alumni.

Felicitations

- Adv. John Thomas, Vice President of CHRISCCAA, who was elected to the Episcopal Nomination Board of Mar Thoma Syrian Church was felicitated by the association.
- Sri. Noble M. Mathew and Sri. Sunil Thomas Varghese who had won as TOAST MASTERS during 2016 –'17 were felicitated by the association.

Farewell Functions

The following members of the association who had ended their expatriate life and gone back to Kerala to enjoy a retired, settled life were given send off and they were presented with mementos.

1. Sri. Idicula Mathew (played a crucial role in the formation of the association and served in various positions as Ad-hoc committee member, Vice President, President and executive committee member)
2. Sri. Jacob Mathew Thundiyath
3. Sri. Zachariah Thomas (member of Ad-hoc committee and student of the first batch of college)
4. Sri. Vineeth Alexander
5. Sri. Raju Varghese Venmony (played a crucial role in the formation of the association and served in various positions as Ad-hoc committee member, Vice President, President and executive committee member)
6. Sri. Mathai E. Skariah

Condolences

The association expressed condolence on the death of the following near and dear ones of its members:

- Sri. K. C. Mathew, F/o Sri. George Mathew (Treasurer)
- Sri. Philipose Thomas, B/o Sri. Jacob Kadavil (Member of Executive committee)
- Sri. Johns Mathews, H/o Smt. Sosamma Johns
- Sri. Koshy George, F/o Sri George Koshy
- Retd. Prof. Mathew Varghese (History Dept, Christian College)
- Sri. Dan Cherian (Retd. Librarian, Christian College)
- Sri. P. A. John, F/o Adv. John Thomas P. (Vice President)
- Sri. P. C. Rajan, (Retd. Laboratory Assistant, Dept. Of Chemistry)
- Retd. Prof. Leelamma Thomas (Former Head, Dept. Of Mathematics)
- Sri. K. C. Joy (Retd. Store-in-charge, Christian College)
- Sri. K. K. Ramachandran Nair, M.L.A. of Chengannur (alumnus)

Communication

Members of the association communicate with each other using the available applications in Social media. To facilitate fast communication, a new “WhatsApp” group named, CHRISCCAA – KUWAIT is being operated. Apart from this, members of the association communicate through the Facebook Account “Chengannur Christian College Alumni – Kuwait Chapter”.

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Mathews Mammen

General Secretary

Proposed By: Sri. Thomas George

Seconded By: Sri. George Mathew (Mathukutty)

Read and approved on 26 January 2018

Office Bearers for the Year 2018- '19

- President : Sri. George Mathew (Mathukutty)
- Vice President : Adv. John Thomas P.
- General Secretary : Sri. Noble Mathew
- Joint Secretary : Smt. Annamma Varghese
- Treasurer : Sri. Sunil Thomas Varghese
- Executive Committee : Sri. Alex A. Chacko, Sri. Jacob Kadavil, Smt. Mini Shaji,
Sri. George Mathew (Reji), Sri. Jacob Varghese (Binoy), Sri. Sabu M.K,
Sri. Mathews Mammen, Smt. Saramma Johns, Dr. Sunil Thomas,
Sri Jojy Thomas, Sri. Santhosh Varghese, Sri. Thomas K, Oommen
- Auditors : Sri. Joseph M. Panicker
Sri. Thomas George
- Snehasparsham* Covenor: Sri. Jacob Varghese