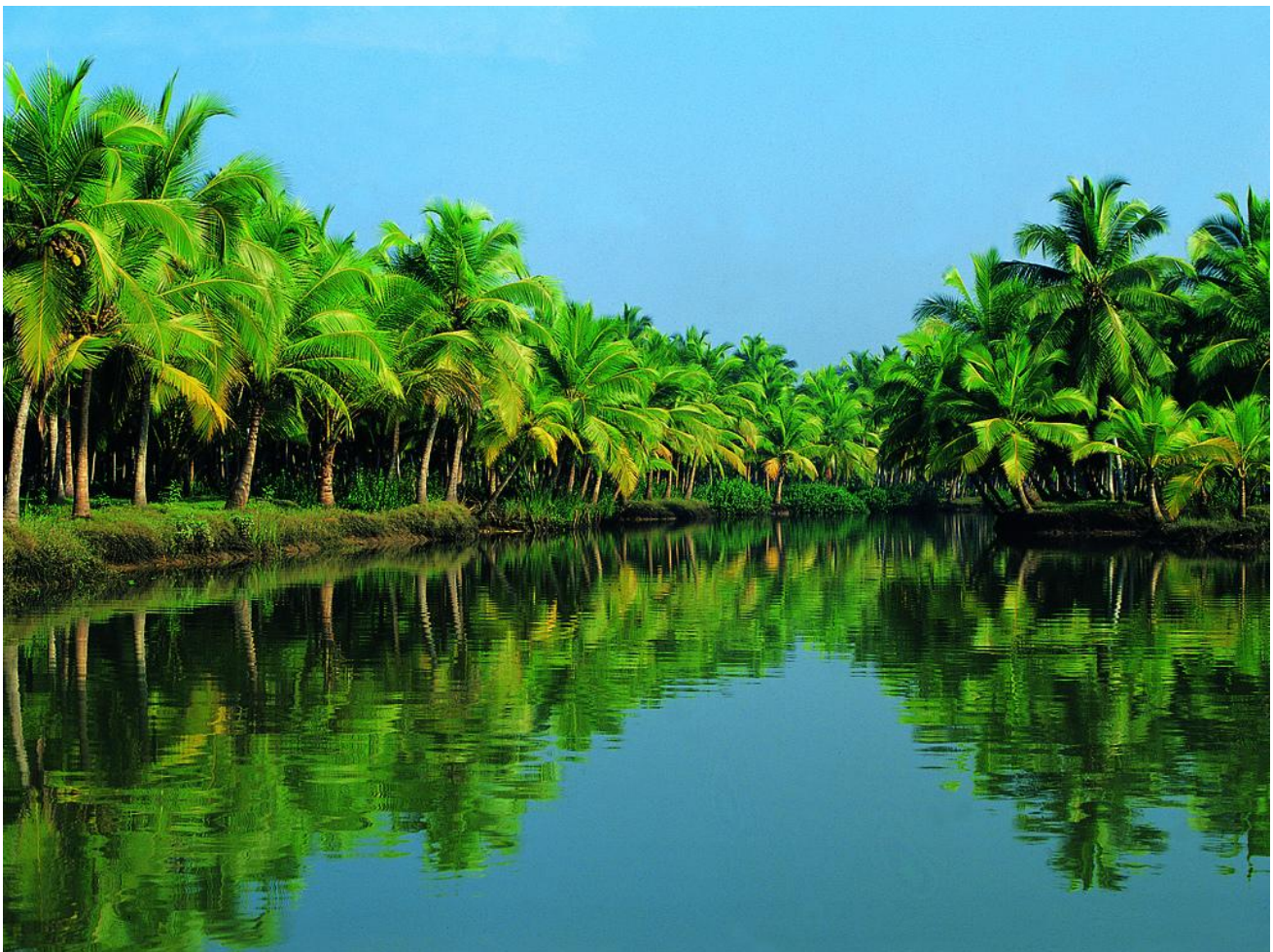




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The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of MANOFA

June 2012





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Half Year Report

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your wholehearted support, we have had a pretty eventful year and it has certainly been a year of fulfillment. MANOFA has grown to the next level by venturing into uncharted waters. We can be proud of the many accomplishments that were once outside our reach; only in our dreams.

We started the year with our first ever Newsletter; "Dhwani", of which we have successfully published 3 editions. Dhwani has been received well among our members; old and young alike with active participation from both kids and adults.

Our first major event for the year was Vishu-Easter celebration that was held as a family social event with light entertainment. This event was held on Saturday March 31st at India Express Banquet Hall. We had a very good turnout for the event and everyone enjoyed the event. The informal format of the event was appreciated by many and facilitated social networking among our members. The event was offered at a subsidized cost for MANOFA members.

This year, once again we participated in Jax India Fest and represented the Malayalee community, serving Keralite food and displaying our traditional handicrafts.

We had our Annual picnic on May 5, 2012 at Losco Park. Our members braved the heat and made it a memorable day with a lot of fun and food. This was a free event for our members.

May witnessed a milestone event in the history of MANOFA. We were able to host our first ever stage show in Jacksonville involving many cine artists. The show "Joke-Pot 2012" was a grand success and was enjoyed by all.

MANOFA committee has been meeting every month to ensure we maintain the momentum as we strive to bring you many events, as promised.

Thanks to all our members for your cooperation and participation without which all this would not have been possible.

We have yet to witness many more events that are planned for the remainder of the year. We are looking to bring you a Malayalam movie very soon.

Also in the works, is a volunteering opportunity to help members contribute their time towards a major charity organization in Jacksonville. We will be seeking volunteers towards this event.

Our ONAM celebrations are scheduled for the first week of September followed by Soccer camp, Volleyball tournament and Sports Day.

We look forward to closing the year with our annual Christmas/New Year Gala on December 29th. We request your continued support and participation.

Thank You,

Ajumon Zacharia
Secretary, MANOFA

Upcoming Events

Please look for emails from MANOFA for more information on the ONAM celebration and Kids Soccer camp.



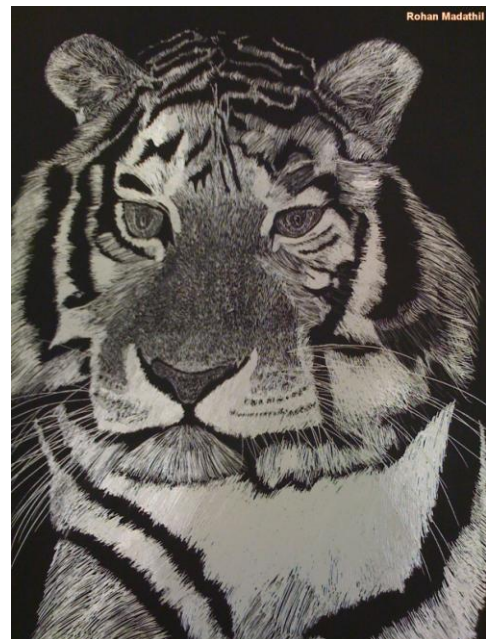
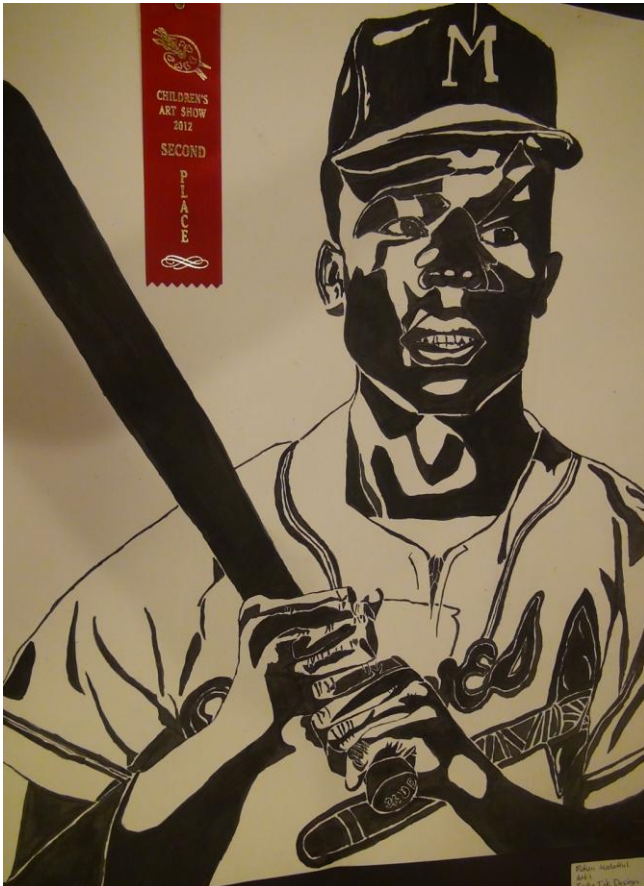
Cheers

Jubel Puthusseril

Jubel Puthusseril has been elected as senior class president for the next school year at Douglas Anderson School of The Arts in a close race against six other candidates in the election held last month. She will now lead the student council and has responsibilities such as planning events, proposing ideas, assisting in graduation ceremony and planning reunions. She will work with the student body and administration to achieve these goals, with the intent of creating a memorable senior year for the Douglas Anderson class of 2013. Hearty congrats to Jubel!

Rohan Madathil

Rohan Madathil won 3 prizes in the Children's Art Show 2012 contest (First place in Scratch Art, Second place in Indian Ink Category and third place in Ebony Pencil). Congratulations to Rohan. Enjoy the wonderful art!





Congratulations to Reshma Mathew and Joshua Mathew on their birthdays!

May this birthday be just the beginning of year filled with happy memories, wonderful moments and sharing dreams.

Happiness

Kurian Varghese



HAPPINESS

*Everybody, everywhere seeks happiness,
it's true,
but finding it and keeping it seems
difficult to do.
Difficult because we think that
happiness is found
only in the place where wealth and
fame abound.....
And so, we go on searching in places of
pleasure,
seeking recognition and monetary
treasure,
unaware that happiness is just a state
of mind
within the reach of everyone who takes
time to be kind.
For in making others happy we will be
happy too.
For the happiness you give away returns
to shine on you.*



Jokepot 2012 – A Word of Gratitude

Thank you for the wonderful turnout at the best ever Entertainment Show in Jacksonville. Thank you for your support and cooperation. On Behalf of the committee, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you.

Thanks to our Platinum Sponsors - India House Restaurant, India Cuisine Art- House of Spices Grocery and Kishek Jewellers and our Gold Sponsors - Masala Indian Cuisine, ALOHA Mind Math.

Thanks to all the local dancers who participated in the event. Special thanks to their families and our dance teacher, Mrs. Asha Joseph. Thanks to Celin & Reshma for coordinating the dances.

Thanks to Ramana of Mudra Photography, who generously accepted our invitation to be the official photographer of the event.

Thanks to Mr. Norman Young, Andrew Payne & staff of Bolles Middle School, who supported us all the way and assisted us in every way possible.

Thanks to our restaurant partners, Sharmaji from India House for Opening their doors for star dinner & Mr. Reddy from Masala Indian Cuisine for providing lunch and snacks to our artists and Thanks to SGOC members for providing snacks during the program.

Special Thanks to our MC's for the event; Ms. Aarathi Devi and Mrs. Supriya.

Special Thanks to Freedra Entertainment team -Mr. Dias Damodharan, Mr. Sreejith, Dr. Freemu, Mr. Jose Zacharia etc.

Thanks to all members of MANOFA and SGOC committees and members and all our volunteers.

Above all, Thanks to the wonderful crowd, that comprised of most of the Malayalees in JAX, our Tamil, Telugu and friends from other regions. Though, we are a small group, we have made a difference.





Dr. JAX

Be Safe, Be Healthy

Summer is here and that means that you will be left trying to figure out how to keep those little hands busy for a few months. Here are some easy ways to keep little ones entertained all summer long.

1. Introduce new literature

Most local libraries have summer reading programs to encourage reading over the vacation. Give your kids incentives for reading, and read with them! This can give everyone some morning quiet time.

2. Cool off

Whether you have your own swimming pool or a favorite public pool or watering hole nearby, it's the perfect time to splash around or take swim lessons.

3. Take in a movie

Movies are great because they take up about 2 hours of time during the day, are air conditioned, don't require sunscreen, and your child can simply rest a bit. Most local movie theaters offer a summer deal for kids.

4. Include kids in meal planning

This is a great opportunity to teach kids the basics of cooking so they can help year-round when the schedule is busy at home.

5. Get crafty

It can be simple coloring or engaging in a more complex sewing project. There are endless resources online for craft inspiration and you can also get a lot of ideas from your local arts and craft store.



6. Plan fun filled activities for each day

Eg. Sprinkler day, Teach your kids to fly a kite, Bake a cake, Go bowling, Have a water balloon fight etc.

7. Volunteer Programs

A good way to wrap up your two-week blitz of summertime fun is to allow your kids to donate their time to a worthy cause. Contact a few local charities and find out which ones will allow kids to volunteer some time over the summer (under your supervision)

"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."
— Abraham Lincoln

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 4, 2012



"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes."
— Mahatma Gandhi

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY
August 15, 2012





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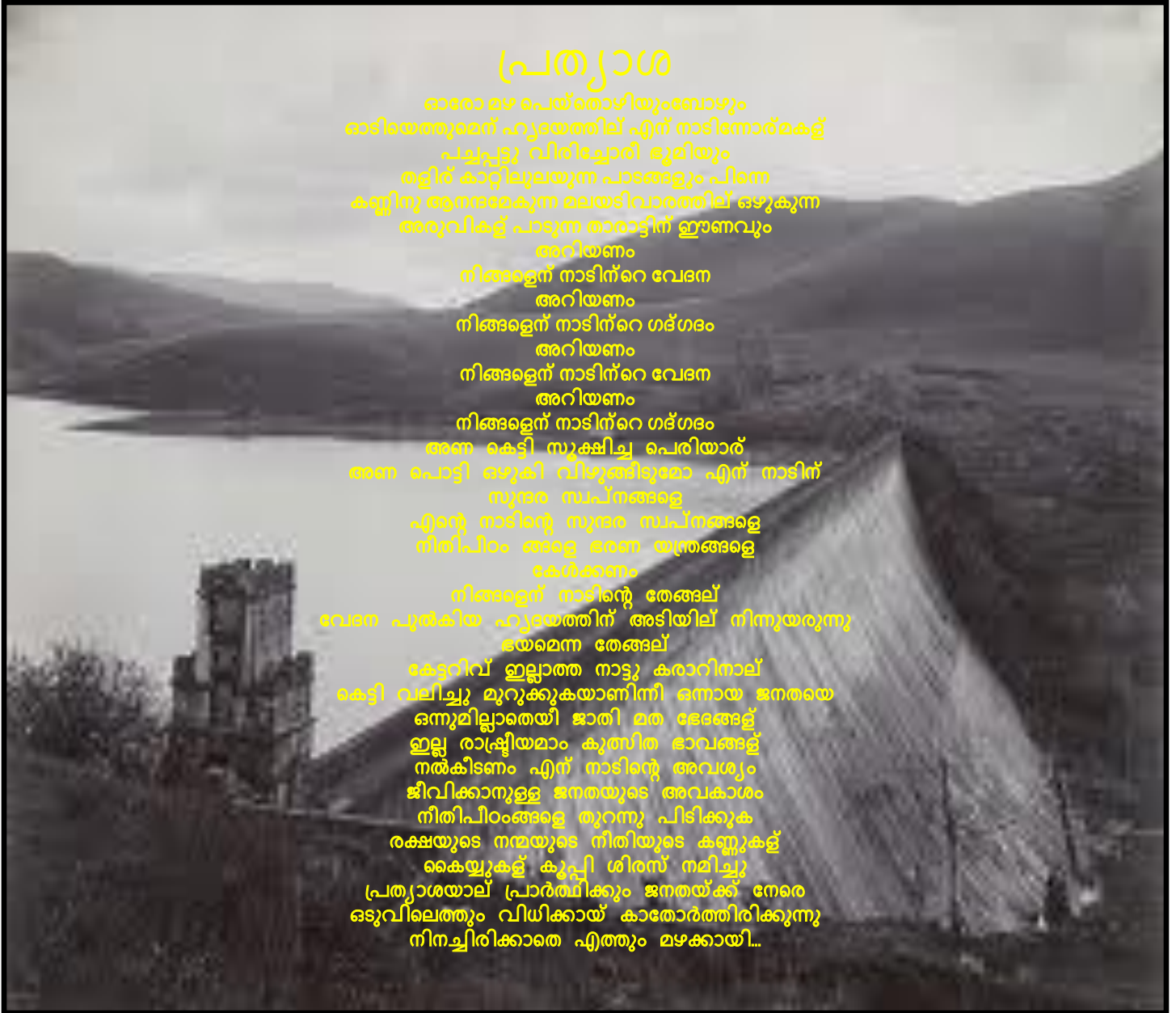


Jacksonville Location

House of Spices / India Cuisine Art
9978-4 Old Baymeadows Road
Jacksonville, FL 32256
Tel: 904-646-4427

Kavitha

Salim Puthenveetil





MANOFA Picnic 2012

MANOFA conducted its annual picnic at Losco Regional Park on 5th May 2012. Thanks to everyone who attended the picnic. There was lot of fun and food. Please visit our website for more photos,

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