



Dhwani

MANOFA Newsletter

November 2012

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A Thank You Note

Philip'WILSON' Mathew

Dear MANOFA Members,

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to each and every one who cooperated and participated in MANOFA's activities from the past year.

You all went out of your way to make all the functions memorable and successful.

I would like to make use of this to mention the members who exclusively spend their body and mind in bringing together the spirit of oneness among Malayalees in Jacksonville.

Below are the events in 2012 in its order of occurrence.

- Vishu Easter program celebrated for the first time at India Express Banquet Hall.
- Family Picnic at Baymeadows Regional Park
- Conducted Jokepot Megashow at BOLLE'S middle School for the first time
- MANOFA participated in the India Fest at Metropolitan Park.
- MANOFA played two Malayalam Movies as an entertainment activity for the first time in MANOFA's history.
- Participated India's Independence day Parade and meeting Organized by ICS -(Indian Cultural Society)
- Onam Program was celebrated at Landmark Middle School.
- Soccer Camp was held at Baymeadows Regional Park.
- MANOFA participated in the meeting with Former Indian President Dr. Abdul Kalam Azad in a dinner Organized by Chamber of Commerce.
- FAMILY SPORTS DAY was organized at Landmark Middle School Sports hall. This was an activity conducted for the first time.
- Participated in the Second Harvest volunteer program for the first time.
- X'Mas – NewYear event scheduled for 5th January, 2013

Our Team-2012

- President - Philip Mathew (Wilson)
- Vice President- Regin Ravindran
- Secretary - Ajumon Zacharia
- Joint Secretary - Sayi Sathyavan
- Treasurer - Sunil Nair

Directors

- Public Relation-Eldo Mathew
- Sponsorship-Sujit Gangadharan
- Cultural Events-Lisa Philip
- Sports-Sajan John
- Membership-Bindu Ajay Nair
- Technical Team-Raju Karappan
- Food and Beverages- Lucy Cherian ,Chinnamma Abraham
- Facilities Management-Johny Johns
- Auditor-Jesin Panjikkaran

Thanks to 2011 Election Commission

- Manoj Kumar
- Viswan Nair
- Jesin Panjikkaran

Election Commission Process in progress for 2012 Manofa's Officials

- Manoj Kumar
- Manny Varghese



Cntd...

Our tips to success

- Team work & Unity
- Dedication and Hard work
- Systematic movements
- Up-to-date accounts

I thank you all who gave me the opportunity to elect me as the President.
Thanks to 2012 Committee members and thanks to all Chief Guests,

Thanks to all Participants and their parent's valuable time and their interest shown. Thanks to all our sponsors,

Thanks to St. Gregorios Orthodox Church Committee for their JOKEPOT joint venture.

Thanks for the advice & participation from all previous MANOFA's Presidents,
Thanks to House of Spices and George Cherian (Saji) for Videography and Photography.
Thanks to Dance Choreographers Asha Joseph, Renuka Kiran, Reshma Suresh, Bincy Satheesh, and Lisa Koshy. Thanks to all program coordinators.

Thanks to the authorities for providing their facility and premises. Thanks for your cooperation.

Thanks to our grand sponsor 'House of Spices' and to all other sponsors.

My hearty wishes to the new committee and I request all of you to support and continue supporting the new members in all their ventures and events.

My suggestions to the new committee are to coordinate more charity works for the needy.
I also propose to start pro-active Malayalam Classes for Kids to share the heritage among our kids.
I urge new faces and young generation to come up with new ideas to make our activities and events richer and diverse.

Thank You,
Philip 'WILSON' Mathew
President, MANOFA

MANOFA Election Committee invites interested parties to submit nominations for 2013 MANOFA Executive Committee.

Nominations are open to all 2012 paid members and for the following positions:

**President
Secretary
Treasurer
Vice President
Joint Secretary
Joint Treasurer**

If you believe you are the right candidate for any of the above positions or if you wish to recommend a potential candidate for 2013 executive committee, please visit our website (<http://www.manofa.org/recommend-candidate.html>) and submit a simple nomination form. Please note that the same form may be used for self-nominations as well.

Last date (Cut-off) for MANOFA to receive any nomination submission is December 16th, 2012 @ 11:00 PM EST.

We encourage everyone to make use of this opportunity and participate in the 2013 MANOFA Executive Committee election process.



MANOFA Annual Report

Ajumon Zacharia

Dear Friends,

Thanks to your support and cooperation, MANOFA 2012 committee was able to present you with a very eventful and successful year. I take pride in the fact that we were able to deliver beyond our promise and surpass our objectives. This was possible only due to the dedication of the committee members and the whole hearted support and participation of all our members.

I have tried to list out some of our highlights of the year; details of which, were published in the previous editions of Dhvani.

- 1. Published bi-monthly Newsletter ; Dhvani*
- 2. Vishu-Easter social*
- 3. Committee Family Social*
- 4. JAX India Fest*
- 5. MANOFA Picnic*
- 6. JokePot - Mega Cultural event and Star Show*
- 7. JokePot committee family social*
- 8. Movie Night*
- 9. ONAM 2012 Cultural Event*
- 10. India Day Parade*
- 11. Charity Volunteer Event*
- 12. Soccer Camp*
- 13. Annual Sports Day*
- 14. Christmas & New Year Celebration (Jan 5th 2012)*
- 15. 501(c3) Certification process (process started)*

While 2012 was a pretty eventful year, it has certainly been a year of fulfillment witnessing many "first ever!" events. MANOFA has grown to the next level by venturing into uncharted waters. We can be proud of accomplishing many of those tasks that we could only dream about.

I take this opportunity to thank our directors; Cultural, Sports, Facilities, F&B, Membership and all members of the extended committees who contributed towards the success of the year. I am sure MANOFA will grow even further in the coming years, in an exemplary manner, making its presence felt in North East Florida and Southern Georgia.

We are following the footsteps of 2011 committee with the election process. We request each of you to nominate either yourself or a prospective member towards MANOFA 2013 Committee.

We look forward to closing the year with our annual Christmas/New Year Gala on January 5th.

We request your continued support and participation.

*Thank You,
Ajumon Zacharia
Secretary, MANOFA*

Cheers

Announcements, accomplishments, wishes etc.

Do you know there is a Common Wealth Silver medalist in our community?

Sini Myalil has following accomplishments in powerlifting....

- 🏆 2005 London Commonwealth Games powerlifting silver medalist.
- 🏆 Participant in 2005 Finland Senior World Powerlifting championship.
- 🏆 Won 1st Prize and 2nd Prize 2 times each in All India Senior National Powerlifting Championship.
- 🏆 Awarded 1st prize in All India Junior National Powerlifting Championship two times.
- 🏆 Won Championship in All India Inter University Powerlifting and Weight lifting championship 4 times.
- 🏆 Powerlifting Champion in Calicut University (3 times) and Mahatma Gandhi University (2 times).
- 🏆 Won Kerala State junior and senior championship (6 times).
- 🏆 And many more....

Congratulations to Sini, her husband Abby and her kids - Chase (2 years) and Luke (2 months).



Happy 25th Anniversary
Romy & Sheila Paul
Viswan & Jaya Nair

Inserted By: Ajay, Bindu & Aarathi



Congratulations to Aarathi Devi on her new position as the President of ICS Youth Committee 2013!

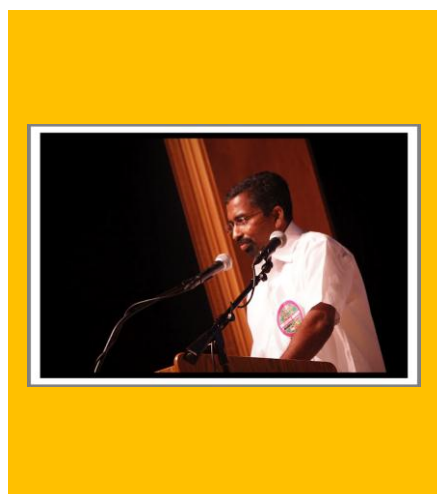
MANOFA 2012 Activities – A Visual Guide



Easter -Vishu Family Night



Picnic at Losco Park

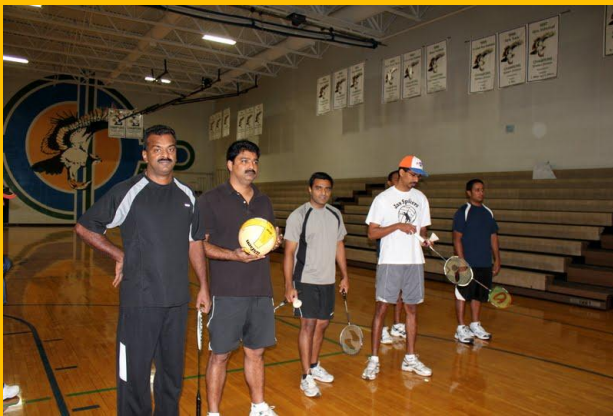


Jokepot 2012

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Onam 2012



Sports Day



Grand Master Movie Show

Soccer Camp

Charity Event

HOUSE OF SPICES

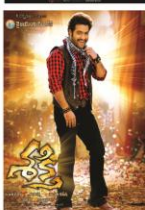
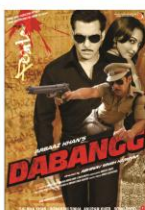
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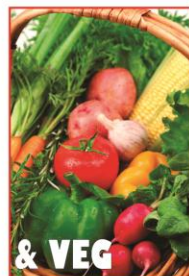
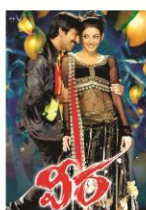
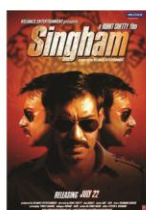
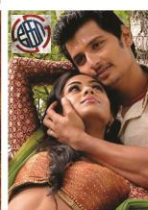
Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Sweets & Snacks

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Jacksonville Location

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



Tiny

A short story by Abel Thomas

Abel Thomas - 5th grader at Loretto Elementary, Son of Lincy and Thomas and brother of Alicia Thomas.

Old Man Henry was just walking down the street, not a care in the world. His big old beard shifted from side to side as he was bouncing along. Old Man Henry was a farmer. He worked his hardest each and every day. Each year he was the only farmer whose plants survived the winter. He was not married and even if he was, he wouldn't have time for a wife. He was a fairly round (And old) man. He had a big white beard that came down all the way to his feet. He also had slightly tanned skin along with a strange glint in his eye. While he was walking he heard something...

"Don't tell anyone," said someone in a scraggly old voice. "Don't tell anyone what?" another voice asked. "How to become tiny," replied the scraggly voice. "To become tiny, one must trudge into the deepest part of the forest and eat the strange eight leafed plant that grows only there. Then one must take a bath in the Beyonnee River," whispered the scraggly old voice. Old Man Henry slowly backed away from the alley. For some reason, he was didn't feel very safe around the alley. He looked toward the left and bolted to the left of the alley. He didn't stop until he reached home.

"Was it really possible to become that tiny?" Old Man Henry wondered. "If it was, I could have great advantages to being tiny. I could make a suitcase an eight-room house and one of my crops would feed him for two months straight!" Old Man Henry thought. "I must eat this plant and bathe in the Beyonnee River," Old Man Henry told himself. Thus, began his wonderful adventure in the forest.

Old Man Henry turned back toward the town square, let out a sigh, and trudged back to the town square. His big beard bobbed along the way. When he got to town square he saw a man with a horse wagon. "Hey you with the horse wagon, could I hitch a ride?" Old Man Henry asked. "Where are you going?" asked the horse wagon driver. "The deepest part of the forest," replied Old Man Henry. "Sorry, I can't go there," said the horse wagon driver. "But you can go by yourself," he said. So Old Man Henry got into the wagon and kept going straight. Now he knew which way to go, just not how to control the wagon. "Giddyap!" he shouted. The horses took off full speed with Old Man Henry in the backseat!

Luckily, the horses went the right way, but when the horses got there Old Man Henry was so afraid he just sat there for five minutes straight. When he woke up from his trance, he found the horses had gone. In his shock, he gathered up the courage to walk to the deepest part of the woods himself. He painfully walked through the thorny forest, occasionally stopping to drink. When he finally got to the deepest part of the forest, he found the strange eight-leafed plant. He plucked it from the ground and ate it. He made deep groaning sounds as he ate the plant...

He fell to the ground. After a while, he woke up. He got up and he vomited all over the ground! He started to walk toward the Beyonnee River to take a bath. Once there, he took off his clothing and took a bath. When he came out, he found that his clothes had somehow shrunk! Then he felt himself shrinking, his body being squashed into something very tiny. Old Man Henry walked over to his clothes and put them on. He started prancing around like a child with a new toy. While he was prancing he didn't notice that he was getting closer and closer to the river's edge. All at once, he fell over and the current started to pull him toward the east!



Tiny Cntd.....

"Somebody save me!" Old Man Henry shouted. But alas, no one could hear him as he had a tiny voice as well as a tiny body. As the current kept on pulling at him, he saw a big piranha in the distance. It kept getting closer and closer, until its mouth was wide open and Old Man Henry was getting sucked into it. Old Man Henry slid down the piranha's throat, slime erupting onto him! As he slid, he reached a stop into green murky water. Then he felt the water being sloshed around as the piranha was being picked up...

"Hello my little darling," croaked the woman who had picked up the piranha. "You're all I need to complete my spell!" said the woman. Now she didn't know that Old Man Henry was inside piranha, in fact she didn't even know there was such a man named Old Man Henry. Old Man Henry was frightened. It was obvious this woman was a witch and she was going to drop the piranha into her spell, but how would he get out of the piranha? Old Man Henry started to punch the side of the piranha, hoping that the witch would hear him. "What's this I hear in the piranha? It sounds like something is hitting the side of it," the witch said. So the witch went and cut the piranha open. There she found Old Man Henry. "How did you get shrunk? Speak up, man!" the witch shouted. Old Man Henry stared at her.

"I was shrunk by a magical plant that I ate and my name is Old Man Henry not 'man'. I also got swallowed by the piranha," Old Man Henry replied. "Is there any way to get back to normal size?" he asked. "Yes. You have to go into a deep sleep to get back to full size," So Old Man Henry lay down in the witch's hand and went to sleep. After a while, I woke up. "Dad, come here! I just had the weirdest dream about an old dude,"...

Save the Date!

Saturday, January 5th 2013

MANOFA 2012 Christmas-New Year Gala

Venue: Bolles High School, San Jose Campus

Address: 7400 San Jose Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32217

Please look for an email from MANOFA for more details.



MANOFA Onam 2012

ONAM 2012

MANOFA's 2012 Onam was celebrated at Landmark Middle School on 09/15/2012. The event was filled with a wide range of cultural programs followed by delicious 'Onam Sadhya' and for the first time ever, we had a 'Pookkalam Malsaram'. We express our sincere gratitude to everyone for making this event a grand success.

- Thanks to "House of Spices- India Cuisine", our Grand Sponsor for 2012 for their support.
- Thanks to our Restaurant partner "Masala Indian Cuisine" for opening their doors and working with us to provide us authentic Kerala dishes!!
- Thanks to "House of Spices" for the video coverage for the event.
- Thanks to Mr. George Cherian (Saji), our Official Photographer for the wide coverage of the event.
- Thanks to Mr. Lukose Abraham, who once again stole the show with his amazing performance as M.C
- Thanks to all the participants; especially kids, who worked so hard to put up an amazing performance
- Thanks to our Cultural Coordinator: Lisa Koshy and her team who assisted her; especially Aarthi, Asha, Bindu, Binsy Satish, Celin, Minu, Reshma, Sandhya, Simmy, Supriya and others.
- Thanks to our Food coordinator; Lucy Cherian who coordinated the potluck and also played a major role in the cooking at "Masala" kitchen along with Reshma and Bindu. Never have we heard of such traditional Kerala dishes from a Jacksonville restaurant.
- Thanks to Saleem & Sajan for the wonderful Stage setup. Thanks to all who assisted in the stage set up and cleanup.
- Thanks to the caretaker and authorities at Landmark Middle School
- Thanks to all committee members who worked together to make this happen within the time constraints and ensured the program started and ended on time.
- Thanks to Kalyan Market for their generous donation.
- Thanks to all the parents, dance teachers and coordinators who worked hard over the past month to bring you such an amazing performance.
- Thanks to our pookalam participants.
- Thanks to all who supported us for the ONAM Bumper.
- Thanks to our special guests who graced the occasion by their presence.

Sports Day 2012

MANOFA conducted its first ever sports day on 11/03/2012. Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to the winners.

WINNERS

Game	Champion	Runner Up
Badminton Doubles - Men	Joe Abraham & Philip Mathew	Bala & Suresh Madathil
Badminton Doubles - Women	Celin Zacharia & Smitha Prasanth	Annie Mathew & Sophie Kurian
Volley Ball	Bala, Prashanth, Raju, Sujit, Suresh, Regin, Thomas	Ashok, Bishak, Boban, Jaison, Joseph, Madhu, Tony
Throw Ball	Aarthi, Celin, Divya, Minu, Simmy, Smitha, Sophie	Annie, Gisha, Greeshma, Lincy, Pallavi, Remy, Sandhya

Soccer Camp 2012



MANOFA's 2012 Soccer Camp started on 10/14/2012 and ended on 11/25/2012. We have 20+ kids participated in the camp. Thanks to our coaches Joseph Francis, Bishak Menon and Philip Mathew and to all our participants.



Editor's Message

Dear MANOFA Members,

This is the final issue of 'Dhwani' in 2012 and its time to express my gratitude to all of you. It is with great enthusiasm I took over the editorial responsibilities for MANOFA's first ever newsletter. Thanks to MANOFA's Leadership Team for providing me such a wonderful opportunity. My heartfelt gratitude to all who provided articles, information, photos, suggestions and comments of any kind to make 'Dhwani' a big success. Great thanks to all my readers and their valuable feedback.

This is just a simple start for 'Dhwani'. We can make 'Dhwani' a lot more powerful by purchasing more text, graphical and Malayalam editing software. I am sure we will be there soon. I wish all success to the future editors of 'Dhwani' and offer my support and help to them.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Eldo Mathew

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& a prosperous

New Year!

