

December 31st – New Year's Eve Gala :

Our New Year's Eve Gala was a sold out event. The ambiance was warm and the mood was jovial as 256 members and guests, dressed in their finest, filled the Qssis Banquet hall ready to ring out the old and bring in the New Year with a bang.

The dance scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. saw partygoers arriving early and mingling and sharing the joys of the Christmas season amidst the chatter and laughter, while others were on the dance floor enjoying the nostalgic tunes provided by DJ Fab, a.k.a. Vinod Monteiro, our Communications Director.

The evening began with a warm welcome from our talented and popular Master of Ceremonies, President Joachim Menezes, followed by the Grace led by Carmelita D'Souza and a delicious and plentiful 3-course meal, with seconds served by the smiling wait-staff and a yummy dessert with tea and coffee. Dancers from Diva Diverse kept the crowd entertained during dinner with their performances of Bollywood, Salsa and a Waltz. Also to entertain us through the night were our amazingly talented members Malika D'Souza, Denis Davids, Donald D'Sylva and Sheilah D'Souza who gave us their renditions of some popular numbers.

Our emcee Joachim Menezes kept us entertained throughout the evening with his punch of wit and humour and at various times throughout the evening handed out a plethora of prizes, most of which were donated by our own members.

The half hour before midnight came all too soon and everyone with their hats, whistles and streamers got on the dance floor, dancing and singing to Vinod's music until the final countdown and the ever popular Auld Lang Syne! A bunch of black and white balloons hoisted at the ceiling came tumbling down for the midnight special while everyone embraced, hugged and wished A Very Happy New Year 2014!!

A bottle of champagne and a delectable tray of snacks and fruit at each table hit the spot after all the hectic dancing and activity of the midnight special. A special thanks to Fatima Lawson, our Social Secretary, and her band of dedicated volunteers, for bringing us a night of great fun and enjoyment – what a smashing success!