

THANKSGIVING 2 – OCTOBER 13, 2023 – WRITE UP BY LIGIA ALMEIDA

Thank you, TEGSA organizing committee, for the outstanding work you did for this year's Thanksgiving celebration. I, as well as many other attendees on October 13th, were very impressed with all the hard work and dedication you put into organizing and running not just one but two such events, on October 6th and 13th.

This made it possible for everyone to attend, as well as bring some friends as guests. We really appreciate all the time and effort you have all put into making this celebration such a success for all of us, the members, to enjoy.

When an unexpected little hiccup happened...the food was delivered cold! ... all of you rose to the occasion and selflessly went into action! Fast and Furious! Kudos to the committee for taking it all in their stride and heating up such a large amount of food so very quickly! Well done!

It was a great idea to have people serve the food/dinner to all the attendees, instead of self-serve. The line moved faster, and even the tables that were called last (like ours was) were served within a reasonable time. And best of all, except for the salad, there was still enough food left for those being served last and it was absolutely delicious!

Being a Thanksgiving celebration event, I was wondering if the dinner menu could have been a little different from the regular fare that was served. Something special and different for Thanksgiving Day, to celebrate the multicultural cuisines of this wonderful country we live in? The music was wonderful to dance to, but we wondered whether it would be more enjoyable for everyone if the music was grouped into sets, according to genres...e.g. Bombay/Konkani mash up music, line dancing music, Latin/salsa, slow or fast waltzes, foxtrot, cha-cha, etc., etc. This is just a thought, a suggestion...not too sure if DJs are receptive to these kinds of suggestions.

The Bingo session was enjoyed by everyone who participated. The callers were loud and clear and very engaging. Most of us waited with bated breath for just one number, to win a line or full house...but, alas, it was not to be! Congratulations to the winners. Better luck, next time, to the rest of us!

Once again, a big thank you, to each and every one of you, committee members. We truly appreciate all the time and effort you put in to make occasions like these a success, and will continue to do so for upcoming events.

Looking forward to attending as many as possible. Good Luck.