

The TEGSA Meet 'N' Greet Event

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TEGSA's MEET 'N' GREET event held on April 30, 2010 was a resounding success despite the fact that it was the first attempt by the new social committee.

Barring the initial hiccups, the committee achieved a well-deserved praise and outstanding reputation for bringing fresh, pure and exceptionally entertaining value to our evening – the Goa Day.

The professionalism of the Master of Ceremonies, Sheilah D'Souza, was spell binding as well as exhilarating from the beginning to end. With her eloquence and charm she kept the crowd on their toes well entertained all evening.

Ruth Kumar gave an excellent rendition of her traditional konkani songs with Felix Remedios accompanying her with his exotic tenor voice and his wonderful guitar playing skills. The audience simply loved it as it inspired nostalgic feeling – an evening in Goa.

By then, the members were well spent from the exotic entertainment provided and were beginning to feel hungry, so the President, Olga Madeira, quickly realizing this recited the Grace Before Meal and wished them bon appetit. Sheilah then directed the people to a sumptuous meal of sorpotel/chicken, veggies, sannas and bathica, and by golly was that a sumptuous meal! After the meal, Sheilah introduced the Goan folk show, which was prepared by Juliet Maikar and her troupe. They danced and sang songs, which was truly in the spirit of the Goan tradition. Sheilah encouraged everyone to join in and they joyfully did.

As the evening was coming to a close, tea or coffee with gram sweet (dosh) was served.

What a treat! - a generosity rarely seen.

Next item that followed was two rounds of Free Bingo. Everyone was kept on tenterhooks until somebody yelled B I N G O !!!

The evening was a perfect show for our members. Over 200 members were in attendance and everyone of them was extremely entertained. Our feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to the next social evening. It was a BIG HIT !!!