

TEGSA MOTHER'S DAY EVENT – MAY 12, 2017

The evening was well attended with not a spare seat at the table available! A very good turn-out – an indication of a successful event.

Sheilah D'Souza was the Master of Ceremonies. Or in this case, the Mistress! There was a slight delay to commencement of the proceedings due to technical difficulties which were quickly resolved. Sheilah called upon Frank Dias to say the Grace. She then called out table numbers so that guests could line up to be served, in an orderly manner.

Dinner consisted of chicken, roast pork, vegetable pulao, lentil vegetable and, for dessert, mango mousse. There was also some pickle to be had, for those lucky to be in the early round of tables to be called. All Goans love their pickles, so it was not surprising that the bowl was soon emptied! Unfortunately, the dinner did not come up to my expectation. The food was rather bland and I was tempted to scrape the bottom of the pickle bowl to add some flavour to my dinner and was lucky to be offered some pickle by one of the women who had served us. Another actually did use a spoon to get as much of the gravy out of the bowl! The mango mousse was delicious.

After dinner, a three part skit was performed by 3 fathers – Francis Fernandes who presented a narrative on his experience on first becoming a dad – with sound effects of a crying baby - and his attempt to change a soiled diaper for the first time, while his wife Carol was asleep. A very hilarious and entertaining performance.

Joaquim Menezes followed, professing that he never had to change a diaper, thanks to his wonderful wife, Martha Mary. He said that God's gift to all mothers is motherhood and raised a tribute to all mothers. He thanked Martha Mary for their wonderful years together and presented her with a contract, which he read out, promising her many good deeds for the next month – doing the dishes, taking her to a restaurant & movie of her choice, among others. He also presented her with a framed photograph of their grandchildren. He then invited her to dance with him to the tune of "Never seen a wonder like you" by Ricky Nelson. Everyone was invited to join in.

The last dad was Ronnie Vaz who paid tribute to his mother and to all mothers who have passed away. His words were touching, and later on, several people came by his table to say how they appreciated his tribute.

DJ Joe Menezes did a great job, as usual, playing music that everyone enjoyed and the dance floor was always occupied. It was great watching dancers do the jive, the twist, the line dancing and just grooving to the music. Yours truly was one of them.

Sheilah announced that there was a "Price is Right" silent auction for a spa basket donated by Mukesh and Mina Kapadia. The winner was Joan Page, with the price of \$ 49.99. The first name drawn was Yvette D'Costa, but unfortunately she was not on the premises when her name was called.

Dancing continued until 9pm when Sheilah announced the last dance. She ended by thanking everyone who had a hand in making this a successful event. She also made a couple of announcements regarding the TEGSA Picnic on July 8th and that the flyer for the Christmas/New Year dances would be sent out after the weekend. She urged members to buy their tickets quickly.

The night ended with bingo which was enjoyed by everyone, especially those who ended up winning, either the lines or the full house.

Kudos to the TEGSA committee for their hard work which culminated in a successful event.

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