

TEGSA 18TH ANNIVERSARY – SEPT. 30, 2022 – WRITE UP BY MARGE FERNANDES

Where do I begin ... It was an awesome do. Full of love, cheer and gaiety which can be found only at TEGSA. Everyone was punctual, had to register, make sure they have a table so they can sit with their friends and woe, to those who come late but overall just being there had a feeling of its own. At the entrance, each person got an envelope with a scratch card in it.

Promptly at 6.30 pm Fatima opened the gathering and acknowledged everyone present and then Melba Remedios, wife of ex-President of TEGSA, said Grace and tables were called out and all had to line up to get their dinner of Jeera Basmati Rice, Red Masala Fish Curry, Fish Cutlet, Okra and Potato Veggie and for dessert Custard Fruit Salad which was catered by Nostalgia Kitchens. I don't know about the others but the food was excellent and the portions were good to.

Well, soon after we had our dancing and the old and the young danced to the music of DJ Francis Dias.

After dancing and dancing, Joaquim Menezes, the present President of TEGSA, took over the show and enlightened some of us of many things. TEGSA was celebrating 18 years of forming a club. It was started by 4 friends as the waiting list for St. Francis Xavier club was long. (Claude Gomes, Bel Remedios, Hilary Fernandes and Elsie Fernandes). The 1st President of the club was Claude Gomes, but he was not present at the celebration. Damn sad but he must be proud of his Vision. Cause his and his friends Vision have accomplished their Mission in making so many people happy. Joaquim also spoke about how the membership grew. And today, the membership stands at 614. We, as in TEGSA, have first preference to Commander Hall because of the relationship between Netto Noronha and ex MPP Bal Balkissoon. Ex-President Olga Madeira helped in getting the elevator done as she kept bugging so handicapped people could use the elevator to come up. God bless them all. The tribute was well and should be mentioned again and again, cause TEGSA is and will be because of them.

The first bingo was called out by Dorothy D'Souza and 2nd one was called out by Violet Fernandes. The winners were happy, the losers were happy too cause it is not just about winning but just having fun!!

All in All it was a superb evening which was had by all.