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From then to now

By Valentine Paulraj

This issue of the newsletter is special to me as it is just after our first get together of SJC Alumni.

Special thanks is to Alex Prabhakar who co-ordinate the events of the get together. He took time to contact everyone who had wanted to be part of the get together. We had a great time. It was different in a way and unique too. We met for the first time as not just old students but alumni with family. Our families had a great opportunity to meet each other and know each other and also listen to us during our exchange of information spanning various generations and various stages of SJC. We shared about 30 years of collective history of SJC. We had games, good delicious catered food and social time. We also made a resolution to develop our network and get more connected. We also decided to have a similar gathering once a year at various parts of the country thus bridging the gap between friends of SJC.

Father Principal of SJC was gracious to write a wonderful e-mail and it is published in this newsletter. He has shared his views and thoughts about our group,

New friends have joined the group and we have now crossed the 100 mark in a matter of 5 months. We hope to grow in the months to come and that means we need more support and help from every one of you.

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Just a week ago, **Dr. Abdul Kalam** the former President of India and an alumnus of SJC was here and Johnson was able to meet him and update him of our group. He wished us well and signed a personal note wishing our group success. Check out the greetings at the URL

<http://picasaweb.google.com/josephites.trichy/MeetingWithDrKalam>

We encourage you to write to the newsletter sharing your experience during and after SJC. Once again we thank contributors of articles for this newsletter, wish you all the very best and remember to stay connected until we meet again. "United we stand, divided we fall".

With warm wishes

Valentine Paulraj

Here are some quotable quotes on success

Compiled by John Britto B.Com 1978

"You're not going to make me have a bad day. If there's oxygen on earth and I'm breathing, it's going to be a good day." -- Cotton Fitzsimmons

"Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michaelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein." -- H. Jackson Brown

"Forget about all the reasons why something may not work. You only need to find one good reason why it will." -- Dr. Robert Anthony

"We have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. Life is 10% what happens to us and 90% how we react to it. Our attitude is everything." -- Charles Swindoll

"The biggest problem in the world could have been solved when it was small." - Witter Bynner

"A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes." -- Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain)

"Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't." - Pete Seeger

"God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into its nest." - J.G. Holland

"If you don't like something change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it." - Mary Engelbreit

"Creativity is allowing oneself to make mistakes Art is knowing which ones to keep." --Scott Adams

Recipe for your taste

By Sumalatha Raghupathy

Kara Kuzhambu

Ingredients

- 1 Cup potatoes
- 1 Onion
- 1 Tomato
- 10 Garlic flakes
- 1/2 Cup tamarind pulp
- 1/4 Cup coconut milk
- 1/2 tsp Turmeric powder
- 2 tsp Sambhar powder
- 1 tsp Gram
- 1 tsp Black gram
- 1/2 tsp Fenugreek seeds
- 2 tsp Chilli powder
- 1/4 tsp Cumin seeds
- 1/4 tsp Mustard seeds
- Few curry leaves
- Salt to taste
- Oil for frying

Method:

- Cut onion and tomatoes in slices and crush Garlic flakes
- Heat oil and fry black gram, gram and cumim seed till they become brown.
- Grind the mixture into fine powder and keep it separate.
- Heat oil add curry leaves, crushed garlic and sliced onion.
- Sauté for a few minutes, and then add potatoes and fry.
- Mix sliced tomatoes, turmeric powder, chilli powder and sambhar powder.
- Add tamarind pulp, salt and water.
- Boil for five minutes
- Add dal powder and coconut milk.
- Cook it over low flame.
- Kara Kuzhambu is now ready.

Something to laugh

By Sadagopan R. M. Sc Chemistry 1990

A sardar from Delhi had an old car, which had run for over a 1,00,000 kilometers. He wanted to sell it, but was not getting a good price because of its excess mileage.

He approached a Madrasi friend of his and asked for help. The Madrasi gave him an address in Chennai (Madras) and asked him to visit a mechanic there. The mechanic would adjust the meter so that it shows only 30,000 kilometers. The sardar thanked him and left for Madras.

For a few days, the Madrasi didn't see the sardar. He assumed that the sardar would have sold the car.

A few weeks later, the sardar came to see the Madrasi in the same car. The Madrasi was surprised and asked - "What happened? Why have you not sold your car yet?"

The sardar replied - "Why should I? It has run for only 30,000 kilometers."

Sardarji went to the appliance store sale and found a bargain.

"I would like to buy this small TV," he told the salesman.

"Sorry, we don't sell to Sardars," he replied.

He hurried home removed his turban and changed his hair style, and returned to tell the salesman

"I would like to buy this TV."

"Sorry, we don't sell to Sardars," Salesman replied.

"Damn, he recognised me," he thought.

He went for a complete disguise this time, haircut, new hair colour, new outfit, big sunglasses, waited a few days, saw the salesman again.

"I would like to buy this TV."

"Sorry, we don't sell to Sardars," he replied.

Frustrated, he exclaimed, "How do you know I'm a Sardar?"

"Because that's a microwave," he replied.

One day Sardar happened to see a marathon race.

"What the guys are doing" asked the sardar.

" We are running a marathon. The winner will get prize"

replied one runner.

"Only the winner will get prize! Then why others are participating!!" Exclaimed the Sardar

Sardar was terribly overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet.

I want you to eat regularly for 2 days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for 2 weeks. The next time I see you, you'll have lost at least 5 pounds."

When Surd returned, he shocked the doctor by losing nearly 20 pounds.

"Why, that's amazing!" the doctor said, "Did you follow my instructions?"

Surd nodded. "I'll tell you though, I thought I was going to drop dead that 3rd day."

"From hunger, you mean?"

"No, from skipping."



Smoking is injurious for everyone

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முழுநேரச் சிந்தனையால்
மூளையெல்லாம் வறண்டு போச்சு

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வாலிபம் இங்கே முடிஞ்சு போச்சு

நகராத உடல் உறுப்பில்
நாளங்கள் நீர்த்துப் போச்சு
இயந்திரத்தோடு வாழ்ந்து வாழ்ந்து
இல்லறம் இன்னலாப் போச்சு

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உறக்கமதும் தொலைஞ்சு போச்சு

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வசதிகள் பல இருந்தும்
வாழாவெட்டி ஆகிப் போச்சு

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உயிருடனே இ-மெயில் அனுப்பியாச்சு

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99 Club

By Xavier John M.Sc Botany 1986

Once upon a time, there lived a King who, despite his luxurious lifestyle, was neither happy nor content.

One day, the King came upon a servant who was singing happily while he worked. This fascinated the King; why was he, the Supreme Ruler of the Land, unhappy and gloomy, while a lowly servant had so much joy.

The King asked the servant, "Why are you so happy?"

The man replied, " Your Majesty, I am nothing but a servant, but my family and I don't need too much - just a roof over our heads and warm food to fill our tummies ."

The king was not satisfied with that reply. Later in the day, he sought the advice of his most trusted advisor.

After hearing the King's woes and the servant's story, the advisor said," Your Majesty, I believe that the servant has not been made part of The 99 Club."

"The 99 Club? And what exactly is that?" the King inquired.

The advisor replied, "Your Majesty, to truly know what The 99 Club is, place 99 Gold coins in a bag and leave it at this servant's doorstep .." done.

When the servant saw the bag, he took it into his house. When he opened the bag, he let out a great shout of joy... So many gold coins!

He began to count them. After several counts, he was at last convinced that there were only 99 coins. He wondered, " What could've happened to that last gold coin? Surely, no one would leave 99 coins! "

He looked everywhere he could, but that final coin was elusive. Finally, exhausted, he decided that he was going to have to work harder than ever to earn that gold coin and complete his collection.

From that day, the servant's life was changed. He was overworked, horribly grumpy, and castigated his family for not helping him make that 100th gold coin. He stopped singing while he worked.

Witnessing this drastic transformation, the King was puzzled. When he sought his advisor's help, the advisor said, " Your Majesty, the servant has now officially joined The 99 Club. "

He continued, " The 99 Club is a name given to those people who have enough to be happy but are never contented, because they're always yearning and striving for that extra 1 telling to themselves: "Let me get that one final thing and then I will be happy for life ."

We can be happy, even with very little in our lives, but the minute we're given something bigger and better, we want even more! We lose our sleep, our happiness, we hurt the people around us; all these as a price for our growing needs and desires. That's what joining The 99 Club is all about."

Your Letters to the editor

Date: Thu, 13 Sep 2007 11:32:07 -0700
From: rajasxc@yahoo.com
Subject: letter from Fr.Principal,St.Joseph's College, Trichirapalli-2
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Dear Mr.Valentine and Johnson,

Peace!

I am Rev.Dr.Rajarathinam,S.J., Principal, St.Joseph's College happy to go through your the first three issues of "The Josephite" which are good to bring all our Josephites together. I was praying to God that such kind effort should take place in USA, so that all Josephites in USA come together and remember their golden days spent here.

I am thankful to you for your loyalty and faithfulness towards your college. All our old students in and around the world are doing well. They influence and make impact all over the world. Your efforts in publishing "The Josephite" is not only a way to bring all the josephites but also to bring their lovely contributions to the world. This will speak of the glory of our St.Joseph's College. I congratulate and thank you for your love and concern towards your alma mater.

As you know our college has got a website:www.sjctni.edu . You can access the website and give your valuable opinions.

I want to put our college in the international educational map. That is in the line of international universities. I have approached to have MOU with St.Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Fordham Jesuit University, Bronx City, New York, George Washington University, Tokyo University etc. Progress is on. In this regard I welcome your valuable ideas how to put our college in the international map.

Our college has got A+ from National Assessment and Accreditation Counsel NAAC, Bangalore, which is equivalent to the best college in India. Our college was chosen to be the first Degree Awarding Status College in India by our University. Efforts are on to recognise our college to be the Degree Awarding Status by University Grand Commission (UGC), Delhi. Both are the Government Agencies. With this status I would request you to have consultation with our alumni, how we could have MOUs with the computer based industries and educational institutions to have exchange programs and implant training or one year work experiences at USA based industries situated in India.

Recently Dr. Abdul Kalam, our alumnus, the former President of India, visited our college. He spent 2.30 hours at our premise. He was extremely happy to be with us and relate with our students. He is ready to teach subjects for the student of economics and Physics. Also he is ready to help financially for the poor students.

I am also an alumnus of our college. I did BA Economics from 1976-1979 and M.A., and M.Phil from 1985 to 1989.After my priesthood I worked as the lecturer of economics at St.Xavier's College, Palayamkottai from 1991 to 2005 and then I was missioned to be the Principal of St.Joseph's College. This is my third year of my Principalship. We have 5200 students.

I was at Fordham Jesuit University in 1997 for my doctoral work. All our alumni are welcome to St.Joseph's at any time of the year. I will be here to welcome them.

Kindly convey my wishes to all our old students in USA. They could contact me to the following email ids.
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Thank you and God bless all your efforts.

Bye.
Rev.Dr.Rajarathinam,S.J.
Principal St.Joseph's College, Trichirapalli-2

Thanks for your input father and for your offer we will be in touch with you to seek your guidance and use your assistance. Our web address is: josephites_trichy@googlegroups.com

From: Antony Babu <santonybabu@gmail.com>
To: johnsonsab@gmail.com
Date: Oct 18, 2007 6:08 PM
Subject: Reg. our Shepherd program

Dear Johnson,

Hope you are doing well. Glad to know about your visit to meet Dr. Abdul Kalam. Hope you had a good experience.

Recently, I came to know the web site launched by "

Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances(DARPG)". The web site is:
<http://darp-grievance.nic.in/>

It offers the facilities to lodge grievance, view the action status and much more. Why don't we inform our Shepherd Dept. head, Rev. Fr. Dr M Elias SJ . Our (Current) students can lodge the complaints thru' this web site and give awareness to the village people.

Here's Shepherd Dept. mail id: shepherd@sjctni.edu

Even, we can mention in our next newsletter too. Any thoughts??

Take care,

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Best Regards,
S Antony Babu
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Job Opportunities:

[Lockheed Martin, one immediate opening](#)

1. [Integration Engineer on a DoD contract requires TS/SCI clearance must be US citizen.](#)

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[All the Best and God bless you.](#)

The Flat and Transparent World

By Johnson Sab

VoIP revolutionized the telecommunications industry and brought the world close at hand. Consumers got more VoIP choices, the competition brought the voice delivered free of cost. As time goes by, the innovations directed towards video conferencing. This new technology SoIP (Services over Internet Protocol) offers the best video conferencing while you are talking over your computer, PDA or laptop; who can enable you to talk to someone while easily inviting a third or fourth person into the conversation; who can enable you to talk and swap document files and send text messages at the same time, so you can actually speak and work on a document together while talking. People who live in Bangalore or Beijing will be able to get themselves in the Yellow Pages in New York. Looking for an accountant? Just a double-click Hang Zhou in Beijing or Vladimir Tolstoy in Moscow or Ernst & Young in New York. Take your choice for accounting: Tiananmen Square, Red Square, or Union Square. They will be happy to collaborate with you in filling out your tax returns.

HP and the film company DreamWorks SKG collaborated on the design of a videoconferencing suite - with DreamWorks bringing its movie and sound expertise and HP contributed its computing and compression technology - that is breathtaking. Companies whose presence over the world used this technology to sit in front of the Flat panel TV screens and cameras pointed to them. The flat panel screens display the people at the other side which could be anywhere in the world. It creates an effect of everyone sitting around a single conference table and is apparently a quantitatively different experience from anything that has been on the market before. Because DreamWorks is doing film and animation work all over the world, it felt that it had to have a videoconferencing solution where creative people could really communicate all their thoughts, facial expressions, feelings, ire, enthusiasm and raised eyebrows. This level of videoconferencing, once it proliferates, will make remote development, outsourcing and off shoring much easier and more efficient. In 1996, person from Bangalore to contact US office, he used to use command line e-mail program or telephone which was very expensive. The VoIP and SoIP made the world to be very transparent to do businesses and inexpensive. One of the reasons for the third world countries economic growth especially India is due to the innovation over telecommunication and the PC industry.

The Messenger has gone through several of the above demonstrations while he was doing the research in US and understood the reality of today's world. He would like to know more about the wireless world. How industries and companies are benefited from the wireless technology? What are the devices and the methodologies used for the wireless communications? How servers and PC's are remotely managed? He raised these types of questions on his mind and tried to find an answer. What kind of answer he got?

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