



ROAD TRAFFIC BILL 2018



Anyone driving on the roads of Mauritius recently will have already seen the impact of this new Bill introduced in July 2018. The police are highly visible with more mobile radars and the traffic laws have been strengthened to provide for tougher penalties:

- The number of offences for fixed penalty notices goes from 141 to 204.
- The fine for speeding at more than 25 km/h above the authorized limit will increase from Rs 2,000 to Rs 10,000.
- Fines in respect of driving while under disqualification, driving without a licence and authorizing a person prohibited from driving by reason of age to drive, will be increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 100,000
- After committing three Cumulative Road Traffic Offences, a driver will receive a notice informing him that if he commits two more offenses, his license will be suspended for a period of six months to two years.
- A zero tolerance policy will be applied with respect to drinking and driving.

As a consultant in forensic medicine the former Chief Police Medical Officer and Member of Parliament, our speaker, **Satish Boolell** was of the opinion that the Act was poorly drafted. In particular he noted that the policy on drink driving was impossible to enforce and posited that it would not be long before it was challenged in court. He pointed out the many loopholes and in a humorous way suggested ways to avoid being caught. As always Satish was able to make a very serious topic entertaining and was more than happy to answer questions from the audience. Our members were very vocal and expressed many concern with the way the new laws were being enforced.

Special birthday wishes to all our members who celebrate their special day in November



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY 16th Nov @ 10 AM



Demonstration of Rangoli.

Since 7 November marks the public holiday for the celebration of Diwali in Mauritius, members are asked to **bring and share** their favourite Diwali delicacies and to dress in Diwali splendour.

COFFEE MORNING

This is still scheduled for either 28th or 30th November @ 10.30 am at Caprices De Gervais in Quatre Bornes. Please let us know your preferred day of the week.

OUTINGS

Regretfully, our Casela outing was cancelled due to lack of participation. The committee humbly request members to let them know what outings they want to participate in for 2019.

DEC MEETING

FRIDAY 21ST @ 10 AM

CHRISTMAS bring & share
Let us continue our tradition with a splendid spread of international delicacies in December.

DIWALI

the Hindu festival of lights celebrates the victory of light over darkness, or good over evil

For many of us Diwali is the season of lights, fireworks and traditional sharing of sweets. For Hindu's it is a religious festival which is preceded by cleansing of soul, body and surroundings.

The legends behind the Diwali festival are many. During five days various gods and goddesses are worshipped and celebrated with great fervour. Each day of the festival has its own celebration with its own story and legends. In particular the goddess Laskhmi and Lord Ganesh who represent wealth, good luck and enlightenment.

To celebrate the return of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, Hindu's light up their homes. The belief is that Lakshmi does her annual round and chooses the dwelling she finds the most attractive to bless.



Satish Boolell was happy to draw the winning ticket for our cake raffle. The cake for the raffle was donated by the committee and won by Manda.. The sum collected for the raffle amounted to MUR 950. The cake for our November meeting has been pledged by Nisha.



And in this, *the season for giving*, our Committee has undertaken to donate MUR 10,000 to each of the four causes listed below

a non-profit organisation that provides support and counselling to cancer patients and their families.



LinktoLife



Foyer de la Trinite
Centre Nazareth is a one stop centre for children and young adults with intellectual disabilities



S.O.S Femmes

Putting Woman back on their feet

a non-profit and non-governmental organisation established to offer advice, support and shelter to women and children that are victims of domestic violence, incest and rape



the only (NGO) in Mauritius exclusively concerned with the conservation and preservation of the nation's endangered plant and animal species.

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