



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

From the Chair ...

Giving back to society....

A key part of the Corona ethic is to give back to less fortunate members of our society. This year our Corona branch dedicated the month of September to this end. Our committee has focussed its giving to support women and children in need, and at our September meeting we invited some of the organisation to whom we give to share with members a little bit about what they do:



SACIM: Society for Aid to Children Inoperable in Mauritius

Dr Amrit Rajkomar (President) explained the history of the society (founded in 1968) and gave examples of some of the inoperable ailments that have been alleviated through the interventions of SACIM. The society is wholly funded by donations and provides advice, assistance and care for the patient and their family. They maintain close ties with a variety of medical centres around the world including India, South Africa, Australia, France and UK. Their services include assistance with diagnosis, travel, accommodation and meeting the cost of the medical care.

MMHA: Mauritius Mental Health Association

Originally a consultation centre for people suffering from mental health problems, in the 1960s MMHA refocussed to cater for the needs of people with intellectual disabilities. Jane Delorie (President) explained that the organisation now operates three centres from their premises in Stanley, Rose Hill; a school catering to around 75 children; a daycare centre for around 35 adults, and most recently a vocational training workshop which will cater for around 30 adults teaching them skills like woodwork, sewing, crafts, etc. Jane encouraged us to become members and get involved www.mauritiusmentalhealth.org

In our September meeting, members were reminded that giving is the point of our Gala Dinner, and there was definitely no shortage of giving for this event. The committee would like to thank each and every member who contributed to the huge success that was our 2019 Gala Dinner. Some of us could not make the event but donated towards the raffle. Others bought raffle tickets even though they were not able to attend. We thank you all for your support.



Your committee before the event hard at work on the set-up



NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY 18TH October @ 10 am

"BRING A FRIEND" to CORONA day



This year Diwali is on 27th October therefore our Corona meeting falls a bit before the big day. Nonetheless, we thought we could get an early start. So celebrate Diwali with us by bringing along a "taste of India" to share with members. We would also like you to bring along a friend to this meeting.

OCTOBER DAY TRIP

WEDNESDAY 23RD October

Plans are underway for a visit to Ferney Spinning Mill followed by lunch. Please book your place soonest and let us know if you have a suggestion for where we should have the lunch.

NOVEMBER MEETING

FRIDAY 15TH November @ 10am

In November we are planning to try something new for Corona meetings. So come along, have some fun, and try your luck at BINGO.

DECEMBER MEETING

FRIDAY 20TH December @ 10am

At this, our final meeting of the year, we ask each of you to bring a celebration dish from your own culture to help us end 2019 in style with a truly international feast. Sticking to tradition, Corona will provide the sherry.

Wishing all those gorgeous ladies who celebrate their special day in October a very lovely day.



Chocolate & Orange Cake

225g plain flour
 1 ½ teaspoon baking powder
 1 ½ tsp bicarbonate soda
 85g cocoa powder
 ¼ tsp salt
 350g caster sugar
 2 large eggs
 200ml milk
 125ml sunflower oil
 2tsp vanilla
 Grated rind and juice of one orange
 250ml boiling water

Preheat oven to 180.
 Prepare 2 cake tins (8") and line with paper.
 Beat together all ingredients except hot water.
 Ensure mixture is smooth and well combined.
 Add boiling water a little at a time and beat till smooth with each addition. (When all water added mixture will be very liquid)
 Split the mixture between 2 cake tins and bake at 170-180 for about 30 minutes.
 Leave to cool in tin.

200g plain chocolate
 200ml of double cream
 Orange zest

Topping: Heat cream and chocolate until chocolate melts. Add orange zest and whisk mixture till smooth, glossy and thick. Cool well before applying to cake.

Recipe brought to you by JANE

RECIPE CORNER



Yummy chocolate cake
 Our best wishes to Sara and Jane, who celebrated their birthdays in September. Our thanks to Neesha for baking the lovely cake.

THE SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

A total of Rs 1150 was raised from our September raffle. Congratulations to Dawn who won the raffle draw, and our thanks to Fazila who donated the prize.



OUR GALA DINNER



Those who came along to the roof-top of the Palm Hotel in Quatre Bornes to enjoy our evening brought a great attitude. Our ladies (and their escorts) looked so good we opted to have an impromptu competition for the best dressed man and woman. The committee decided Neesha should take the ladies prize although it was not an easy choice as you can see from the pictures. Rosemarie's husband Jacque took the gents prize. We had a multitude of raffle prizes to be won (as many prizes as guests) and we were able to raise a total of Rs 26000 just from the raffle. These funds will go towards supporting the charities selected by the committee.

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