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Fr Melwin J.Pinto SJ Patron, SACAA

Each institution has its own history, a unique ethos, a distinct culture, an exceptional value system which goes a long way in forming individuals with a distinctive mark. When one calls oneself an 'Aloysian' there's all this and more... No wonder this indescribable emotion is summarized as 'pride', 'honor', 'prestige'...and still found wanting.

Whatever the emotion, there is a profound longing in the heart to go back to those nostalgic moments of the formative years and relive a few of them with deep joy and satisfaction.

It is with these emotions we gather every year for our annual alumni reunions. May these reunions always bring back that pristine joy and prompt us all contribute our mite to the alma mater in terms of our time, energy and resources.

Long live St. Aloysius Institutions!

Rev. Fr Melwin J. Pinto SJ

#### Inspirational quote

" You seek, as you leave this place, a kind of compassion that can stand in awe at what the poor have carry, rather than stand in judgement at how they carry it".

-Greg Boyle, Sა



Dr Praveen Martis SJ Director SACAA

My dear friends in SACAA,

It is heartening to observe that the College Alumni Association has been as vibrant as ever during the past few months. Besides the regular scheduled activities, they have launched several new programmes and initiatives. I would like to specially commend the association for responding to the environmental concerns and supporting the management in a significant way in its campaign for addressing the eco-concerns in and out of the campus. The SACCA Talks and Alumni-Abroad Connect have been revived and driven with passion. It is indeed commendable that the SACAA has been engaging actively with its local, regional, province, national and global counterparts keeping abreast with the happenings along with significant representations in all their meets and conferences. It is a matter of pride that SACAA has maintained its place as one of the major Alumni Associations and voices among the Jesuit Higher Education Institutions. Congratulations!

It is with a great sense of satisfaction and pride that I announce that the College has received the distinctive A++ grade with CGPA of 3.76 out of 4 in the 4th cycle of NAAC accreditation. With this distinction, the College stands second in the state and one of the highly accredited higher education institutions in India.

The Golden Alumni Reunions have made a special mark during the last two years. The golden batches of 1971 and 1972 have celebrated their golden Jubilees with gusto and excitement. The following batches of 1973 & Samp; 1974 have already begun their remote plans for their Reunions, which, I am sure will create history and fond memories for their batches as well as for all at SACAA. I wish them all the best!

As we feel gratified with the progress, it is also our responsibility to sustain the credentials and raise the bar towards higher levels of excellence. Therefore I call upon all the alumni to strengthen the hands of SACAA. I congratulate the President, all the Office Bearers and Executive Body Members for their hard work and passion in the activities of the Association. I thank the editorial Board for their meticulous work and dedication.

Rev. Dr Praveen Martis SJ









Mr Sunil Kunder K. President, SACAA

Amidst Brilliance of participation spree as it exudes among our ensemble of SACAA leaders, at this moment as we are enroute to the release of our reflections.

I am ecstatic to express my good will and greetings to our immaculate reporting system of Newsletter.

So often we have been reaching to the brim of our set activities that, we are certain to reach higher pinnacles of success.

Our Newsletter holds mirror to our activities in the direction of our mission to enhance the student-alumnus bonding and our endeavors to up hold our social responsibility.

By all means our approaches towards achieving our goals and resultant success need to be recorded aptly and all our achievements need to be highlighted, through Newsletter, so that the message is spread across in the required directions and Nothing succeeds like success. The Editor's hard work along this direction is always of paramount importance.

My all time best wishes to our Editorial team and hearty congratulations to the Editor and his team in bringing our essential SACAA team work into the spotlight.

Thanks all.





Dr Alwyn V. D'Sa Editor, SACAA

## "Nobody is bothered about an institution more than its alumni." NR Narayana Murthy

It is with immense joy and satisfaction that we place the April, 2023 issue of the SACAA Newsletter in your hands. As the above quote reminds, it is the alumni who drive the institution towards fulfilling its desired goals. They rally around their alma mater in its strides into excellence.

SACAA Newsletter is an earnest attempt to reach out to the alumni spread across the length and breadth of the globe and update them with the happenings in the campus and beyond. It is also envisaged that the alumni bond beyond boundaries by capturing the significant events and occasions observed and celebrated in the College.

The events covered in this Newsletter are neither exhaustive nor complete taking into consideration the plethora of events and activities held in the College. But it is an attempt to give a bird's-eye-view of the vibrancy and excitement that prevails in your alma mater.

The campus teems with life with an exquisite tapestry of colourful pieces of art, soothing green spots and learning spaces for all who visit it. It is a veritable haven for humans- students, staff, alumni, parents and all stakeholders besides a supportive habitat for birds, animals and insects. All are invited to be a part of this exquisite experience.

It has been our endeavor to infuse SACAA with the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion in terms of gender, age, ethnicity along with energizing the national and international chapters of the Alumni. It is our firm belief that this endeavor would definitely drive the association with more vigor, efficiency, efficacy and effectiveness.

This endeavor of putting together the glimpses of the campus life and beyond needs your support and advice. We earnestly request all the alumni/ae to offer your feedback which will definitely add value to the quality and pleasure of reading the newsletter. The members of the Editorial Board express our heartfelt gratitude to the Patron, Director, Executive Board members for their constant and timely support. We look forward to similar support in future too.

Kindly send your feedback to:  ${\bf editor.sacaanews letter@gmail.com}$ 

Dr Alwyn V. D'Sa







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## MEN AT THE HELM

#### **RECTOR**



**Fr Stany F Vas SJ** 1972-1974

Fr Stany Vas SJ served as Vice Principal before he was appointed as the rector. He became the first Principal of the Evening College which was founded by him and Fr Melwin Lewis. His forte was kindness towards all. He used to visit the Wenlock Hospital, especially the cancer ward almost every evening and comfort the patients.

#### **RECTOR**



Fr Mathew Lewis SJ 1977-1980

Popularly known as the 'Centenary Rector' Fr Melwin Lewis was a man filled with enthusiasm and innovative ideas. When he was appointed Rector, the financial system of the institution was in doldrums. He was quite aware that he had been given thorns sit on. He not only rectified the half-depleted reservoir but also made the centenary year meaningful and memorable one.

### **Rector and Principal**



Fr Lawrence F Rasquinha SJ

Rector: 1975-77 Principal: 1966-1980

Fr Lawrence Rasquinha SJ was a man of discipline. Everything had to be done in a systematic way, clean and precise. He served as the principal for 14 years, the longest tenure ever held by a person in the history of the college. He did so well as Principal that the succeeding Rectors did not choose to disturb the arrangement for 14 long years. He will always be remembered as a forward looking administrator who though was a Rector for a short spell, was Principal for the longest term in Aloysian history.



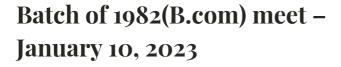


# **A Flurry of Reunions**

## SAPUC Mega Reunion – December 16, 2022

In the first of its kind St. Aloysius PU College Alumni Meet on December 16, 2022, more than 2000 alumni gathered. The predominantly youthful throng was treated to a spontaneous bonanza of music and stage performances by budding cine actors and beat groups, all from the ranks of the alumni. The excitement was palpable among the unexpectedly large gathering and the unprecedented euphoria will be remembered for a long time to come.

The handful of Alumni, who organized the programme, invited the Rector, Fr. Melwin J Pinto SJ, to address the gathering. The Rector had only words of encouragement and appreciation for the Alumni for their wonderful response and the need for an alumninetwork with constant touch with their alma mater. The principal of the PU College Fr Clifford Sequeira SJ thanked the alumni for rendering their support to the institution and highlighted the fact that the institution is bound to grow and see progress through their creative and valuable contributions.



The Batch of 1982(B.com) met at the 'Gelge' Hall for a brief evening reunion for the first time. What began as a Whatsapp group motivated more than 30 of them to gather together for a brief encounter. They spent a great time reminiscing the good old days, some of them meeting each other after 40 years. There was a short interaction of the group with the Rector and Principal, who encouraged them to meet more often and build rapport with the College for mutual enrichment.













### The Golden Jubilee Reunion 1972 Batch - January 11, 2023

One especially poignant reunion was that of the Degree Batch of 1972 who met in order to celebrate their Golden Jubilee of passing out of the College. The day-long Reunion commenced with a ceremonial march past with drum cadence and hoisting the Golden Jubilee Flag followed by singing the national anthem. A formal program was conducted in the Robert Sequeira Hall to commemorate this event. The Convocation Ceremony was held and each of the fifty odd Golden Jubilee Alumni dressed in the graduation attire was donned with a stole and was presented a memento, which they proudly received like young graduates.

In turn, they also felicitated and honored their teachers. All the batch mates expressed their gratitude to their alma mater and presented their token of appreciation in the form of a cheque for Rs. 10 Lacs to the Benjamin Memorial Sports Foundation (BMSF), which has been established recently to promote and rejuvenate the culture of sports and games in the institution.

The batch of 1972 concluded their memorable day at the Mangalore Club with a grand dinner with the spirit of lasting friendships. The tradition of Golden Jubilee Reunions begun with the Batch of 1970 still continues and we are looking forward to the Degree Batch of 1973 to organize the same in this current year.





### High School Batch of 1986 - January 12, 2023



The 1986 batch SSLC Classmates met together just before the SACAA Reunion event with a specific purpose. This batch has sponsored a Mini-Miyawaki-Forest. Since the mini-forest is located behind the swimming pool, the 20+ Classmates made a beeline to the Pool for its inauguration, just before the Mega SACAA reunion. A plaque was unveiled at the swimming pool. The 300 trees in this forest have been planted covering half an acre of land. This was a unique way of giving back to the mother earth where their alma mater stands tall.





### 1971 Batch meets again - 22 March, 2023



1971 Golden batch meets again to catch up with those batchmates who couldn't make it to the Golden Jubilee Reunion and relived the golden moments.

### Annual Aloysian Reunion – January 12, 2023

12th January is the founders' day of St Aloysius institutions and as the tradition, SACAA organises Annual Aloysian Reunion every year on this day with the aim to provide an opportunity to all the Aloysian Alumni to come together and reminisce the student days.

This year, around 500 people participated in the event. A formal program was staged for 45 minutes, followed by 2 hours of entertainment. Mr Michael Dsouza (convenor), welcomed the gathering. President Sunil Kunder K led with the announcement of sponsors and Fr Praveen Martis SJ did the honour of felicitating the sponsors and Fr Melwin Pinto SJ(Rector) in his address thanked the alumni for their constant and continued support .

During the program, three events took place, mainly-

- 1) Launching of the Benjamin Memorial Sports Foundation(BMSF) and unveiling of its official logo.
- 2) Unveiling of KIOSK for Annual Magazine of SAC institutions.
- 3) Releasing the coffee table book initiated by Rector Rev. Fr Melwin Pinto SJ and principal Rev Fr. Praveen Martis SJ.

Professor Edmund Frank was felicitated for being elected to the governing council of JAAI and Dr. Richard Gonsalves was felicitated for being elected as the President of South Zone, JAAI. Mr Anil Kumar J (Secretary, SACAAA) proposed the vote of thanks.

Later, Mr Manoj Fernandes kept the audience engaged by conducting various spot games and fellowship activities. The Live band and melodious songs kept the audience entertained. Attractive prizes were distributed to all the winners. The Alumni had a great time with their classmates and interacted with various other batchmates while enjoying fellowship and dinner. The program was concluded at 10:30PM. Whole hearted support from each and every executive member resulted in having a wonderful and memorable event.





## **Cricket and Throwball Tournament**

St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) organised the Cricket and Throwball Tournament on 04th December 2022 at the Pathala ground. This annual event is conducted as part of Reunion. The idea behind the tournament is to bring together all the units of St Aloysius Institutions and have sports competitions such as throwball and cricket. The cricket match is held in the memory of Mr Bennett Pinto, a commerce lecturer and a well known singer whereas the throwball event is held in the memory of Mr Benjamin D'Souza, one of the Physical Directors of the College. In total, 7 teams participated in the Cricket tournament and 4 teams participated in the Throw Ball tournament. The Degree College staff emerged as winners for cricket as well as throwball tournament and the runners-up for cricket was SACAA, whereas for Throw Ball it was the Gonzaga School. The winning teams took home the trophies and cash prizes. The whole event was a gala experience for all lecturers and staff of the institutions to unite and play together in the spirit of healthy competition. SACAA Executive Committee Member, Mr Naveen Mascarenhas was the Convener of the tournament and Mr Conrad Nazareth was the scorekeeper. The entire event was a success and the participants showed exemplary spirit throughout the event.





## **New Launches**







#### **Benjamin Memorial Sports Foundation (BMSF)**

The Alumni Sportspersons came up with a new initiative in establishing Sports Foundation. They joined hands with the management to restore the Aloysian pride and inaugurated 'Benjamin Memorial Sports Foundation (BMSF) at the Annual Alumni (SACAA) Reunion naming it after Late Mr. Benjamin D'Souza, former PED of St Aloysius College, who was no less than a legend for the past several decades.

The main purpose of this initiative is to provide a platform for budding Aloysians to create a strong foothold in the sports arena and ultimately transform it into a sporting hub.

Inspired with this initiative, the 1972 Golden Jubilee batch contributed a sum of Rs 10.5 Lakh towards this initiative which is the first contribution towards the BMSF Fund.

The BMSF has launched its First Free Summer Camp from 11 to 30 April, 2023 for all the children aged between 10-16 years at St Aloysius College grounds.

#### **Digital Kiosk**

A Kiosk was unveiled at the Annual SACAA Reunion and is presently installed at the SACAA office at the High school building. This Kiosk will display the scanned magazines of the past and documents from the year 1939. All Alumni/ae are welcome to SACAA office from 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM to have a glimpse of their reminiscences of the past and take home wonderful memories cherished during the school college days.





## Single-use Plastic: Immediate Need for Ban

Today, Plastic has become integral part of our life. Plastic is inexpensive and hence it is rampant everywhere. That what started as a new invention to bring easy maneuvering to carry-on day to day life became so prevalent that now we feel it as a menace and frankenstein of our own creation.

In 1979, the carry bags and grocery bags were introduced. Initially housewives rejected them as the already in-use paper bags had flat base and were easier to be placed on car seats. Gradually single use plastics became normal part of our existence.



Why plastic is Dangerous?

Some of the dangerous single use plastic items are as follows:

1. Cigarette butts-	8. Cups.	15. Hand wash.
(filter has plastic fibers.)	9. Plates.	16. Cosmetics.
2. Grocery bags.	10. Trays	17. Face pack.
3. Straws.	11. Polystyrene.	18. Banners.
4. Stirrers.	12. Ear Buds.	19. Thermocol.
5. Water bottles.	13. Shampoo.	20. Garbage bags.
6. Water bottle caps.	14. Face wash.	21. Liners for paper cups.
7. Food wrappers.		

- 1. Chemicals: Bisphenol A (BPA), Phthalates, Anti mini trioxides, Polyfluorinated lead etc. BPA now are found in breast milk and even in the placenta too! BPA has hormone mimicking characteristics. The mimic on estrogen is causing hormonal imbalance and resulting in cancer. Phthalates are carcinogenic chemicals
- 2. Micro plastics and Micro beads: Plastic doesn't decompose; instead they disintegrate into minute particles called micro plastics. Micro plastics are less than 5 mm length. These get swallowed by cows and they found in cow milk. Fish and other marine life consume them and from fish the micro plastics get into the human body.
- 3. Climate Change: Plastic litter, plastic dumping strewn across the land and ocean, highly contribute to the climate change because they emitting green house gases like Carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydro fluorocarbon, hydro chlorofluorocarbon and ozone.
- 4. Plastic is not bio degradable. Plastic remain for 1000 years. They are broken down into small, tiny pieces that are swept down and end up in the oceans which are then consumed by marine organisms. In the land fill they block the water seepage of rain water resulting in drying up of water table.
- 5. Tremendous loss of energy in producing plastic: For production of 9 plastic carry bags the energy required is equivalent to the energy required to drive a car to a distance of 1 Km. Life of each plastic bag is only 12 minutes. Hence loss of non renewable energy occurs in the production of plastic.

Today micro plastics are found in human blood rampantly. Micro beads are ingredients installed in cosmetics, face/hand wash, shampoos, scrubs, cleansing balms, moisturizers, hair spray etc. to give exfoliating effect. On the labels of products with micro beads, the ingredients are listed as anyone of the following:

- 1. Polyethylene (PE)
- 2. Polyethylene terephthalate (PET).
- 3. Nylon (PA)
- 4. Polypropylene (PP).

One of concerns with micro plastics is they carriers of



What shall be our contribution to reduce the adverse impact of single use plastic?

- 1. Instead of plastic carry bags, we can use cotton bags which are reusable.
- 2. Plastic cutlery; spoon, knife, stirrers etc. can be avoided while ordering for door delivery food.
- 3. Avoid plastic straw whenever possible. For e.g. while drinking tender coconut, we can opt out plastic straw.
- 4. Stop generating snips while opening milk packets.
- 5. Dry garbage which mostly includes plastic should be separate from wet garbage and shall be kept out on specified day.
- 6. Use wooden handle tooth brush.
- $7. \, Store \, all \, the \, inevitably \, received \, plastics \, in \, one \, dedicated \, container \, in \, the \, house \, so \, that \, we \, can \, reuse \, them \, when \, required.$
- $8. \ Where \ the \ cotton \ bags \ are \ not \ suitable \ to \ be \ carried; for \ example \ while \ buying \ fish, we \ can \ use \ nylon \ bag \ which \ can \ be \ washed \ later \ and \ reused.$
- 9. Reduce usage of plastic wherever possible.

10.Burning of Plastic: This releases toxic gases from chemicals like Carbon monoxide, Chlorine, Sulfur Dioxide, Dioxins. These chemicals get spread in the air and they will be the cause for lung ailments.





Insect Hotel

## Al-Kshema-Dhama A Green Initiative

An Eco-Friendly Theme Park 'Al-Kshema Dhama' with 25 Themes was Launched At St Aloysius College Campus, Behind The College Administrative Offices with the combined efforts of Mr Arjun Mascarenhas (SACAA Committe Member , Environmentalist and Green Activist) with College Eco-Warriors.

Which was once a land filled with trash including old furniture, office equipment and other waste is now a green space. Mr Arjun and team have put in their heart and soul in the extreme makeover of this land by cleaning the tiniest bit of waste and turning plastic bottles into pots of beautiful paintings. All the unwanted plants were plucked and different varieties of plants were planted. More than 60% of the materials used in the eco theme park are discarded material from encompassing the campus. i.e washing machine spinners, pipes, waste tiles, wooden logs etc.

Many visitors come to experience the peace and serenity of this green haven. Our students and staff are regular visitors. Moreover, its pleasant to the eyes and calming to the mind. Greenery in our living environment not only benefits our health and well-being but also facilitates water management and promotes biodiversity. Mr Arjun Mascarenhas have already started his journey in making our planet green again. Its high time that we too embrace nature and join the 'Go Green' battalion .

Organic Farming



Vertical Garden



Infinity acupressure walk





### **SACAA Talks Revival**



A Cancer Awareness program was conducted by Department of Business Administration in association with SACAA. Dr Prasanth Bhat P, Department of Hematology(KMC Mangalore) was invited as the key resource person of the program. Our beloved Principal Rev.Fr Praveen Martis SJ shared his point of view regarding the cancer awareness program and concluded his speech with message to the students with regard to alumni return to institution and connect with the present generation. Dr.Prasanth Bhatt P, our proud Alumnus, thanked Mr Sunil Kunder K, president of SACAA for the opportunity provided and in his address to the students he briefed that in India 8 lakh new cases arise where 5lakh people loose their life due to negligence and consult the doctor at the last stage. He then shared his own experience and said that he has noticed people who are effected to cancer without smoking or drinking which indeed proves cancer is non predictable. He concluded his talk by saying let's all stand and fight against cancer by taking up preventive measures and motivate the cancer patients to overcome it. It was a knowledge gaining session for the students present at the 'SANIDHYA' Hall.





A Talk on **Business Consulting** - **The Future** was organised by Department of Business Administration in association with SACAA. Mr Sujjin Ommen Phillip an alumnus of the college was the resource person. He highlighted about the career prospects in the field of consulting and addressed the nature of business issues which require assistance. He informed that the scope of Business consulting is inclusive of marketing and branding issues, technology gaps, human resource outsourcing and so on.





SACAA in collaboration with the centre for Extention services organised an Awareness Talk on Cardiac Conditions titled" **May the heart go on and on**". The resource person was our own Alumnus Dr Jostol Pinto, Interventonal Cardiologist & Associate Professor of Cardiology at Fr Mullers Medical College, Mangalore. He spoke about the various myths surrounding heart ailments and unawareness of early symptoms or signs engulfed with heart ailments. He denoted the underlying adverse effects of modern lifestyle where health is completely ignored. Most of the audience who dint belong to science background realized the importance of CPR during emergencies and various medical examinations that determine welll being of heart. The facts, figures and statistical future predictions left the audience awe struck with not-so-sweet truth. Overall, the session was filled with humor and grim reality.

An interactive session on "Building your resilience quotient to succeed" was conducted by The Students Council in association with SACAA and The department of Training, placement and careers. Mr Sandeep SP, HR Head of Prat & Whitney India, our proud Alumnus was invited as the key resource person of the program. He explained a new concept on 'Resilience Quotient'(RQ) in addition to the existing IQ and EQ that can be measured by the ability to recover or spring back and come out stronger despite of weakness. He explained the adverse effects on lack of resilience that might sabotage the future if ignored. He gave enormous tips about being "Resilient" in career as the most essential traits in a student's journey towards success and simplified the term relating to examples of daily lives. It was an engaging session and students gained a lot of insights in terms of corporate world.





### **Alumni-Abroad Connect**





St Aloysius College Alumni Association (SACAA) in collaboration with Student Council and The Department of Training, Placements and Career, of the St Aloysius College held a seminar on 'A beginners' guide to work in the UAE' on 11 March 2023 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at Sanidhya Hall, St Aloysius College. This seminar is a part of 'Abroad Alumni–Student Interaction Programme' of SACAA.

Mr Rajesh Sequeira and Mr Avil Pinto, both working and residing in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), were the resource persons for the seminar. Mr Sequeira working in an aviation industry flew down to conduct the seminar. Mr Pinto currently working as a Logistics Account Manager, Supply Chain for Middle East Operations for one of the world's largest Dutch cooperatives interacted with students on an online platform 'Zoom' from Dubai. Nearly eighty five students and a few college staff members and SACAA members attended the seminar.



### **SACAA Picnic**





Picnic was held on 26 Feb 2023 to celebrate, to rejuvenate and to add happier moments to the repertoire of SACAA executive committee legacy. Due credits to Mr.Harish Shetty for facilitating his ancestral house at the serene greenery juxtaposed to sea beach! Entire environment was a pristine green belt with which we had an opulence of after lunch zephyr!

We relished a feeling of "no strings attached" ambience of scot free get together at the age old house wherein we found a flurry of relics of bygone "guthu" house routines. Plenty spot games, music to dance tapping, glimpses of drama snippets, refreshing gulp of Toddy followed by sumptuous lunch which was locally prepared with good old traditions and cricket to reminisce our adolescent days.. Overall we enjoyed the spotless ambience of nature with all the members pouring their heart to each other

-Mr Sunil Kunder K







## **JAAI Affiliations**

#### GC South Zone, JAAI meet at St.Xaviers High School, Palyam, Kottai on 09-10-2022





SACAA executive committee members Dr.Richard Gosalves-President South Zone JAAI, Mr Naveen Mascarenhas-GC member South Zone and Prof.Edmund Frank-Ex officio member JAAI attended the JAAI South Zone GC meeting.

#### JAAI West Zone Congress and JAAI GC meeting at St Xavier's College High School, Surat on 19 and 20 November 2022



#### 10th National JAAI Congress, Patna from 10-12 Feb 2023







10th National Congress of JAAI was held on the 10, 11 and 12 February 2023 at St Xavier's High School, Patna and St Michael's High School, Patna. SACAA representatives, Dr.Richard Gosalves, Mr Naveen Mascarenhas, Prof.Edmund Frank and Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ attended the meeting. The JAAI news letter 'VOICE OF JAAI' edited by Prof Edmund Frank and book authored by Prof Edmund Frank on St Ignatius Loyola titled "Cannon Balled to Sainthood" marking the IGNATIAN year was released at the National Congress. The results of the election was announced wherein Prof Edmund Frank was elected as Vice President of JAAI. SACAA extends its best wishes to all his future endeavors.



## First Meeting of 1973 and 1974 Golden Alumni batches



1973 Batch



1974 Batch

The trend of Golden Jubilee Reunions started from the batch of 1970 and since then it has become a tradition. Its indeed an honor and a great privilege for the Alumni to meet once again after 50 years of their schooling. This year on Jan 2023, 1972 Batch celebrated their Golden Jubilee Reunion. The 1973 and 1974 batch will have their Golden Jubilee celebrations in the month of January 2024.

The preparations for these reunions has already begun as a lot of time is involved in establishing contacts as back then there were no telephones or emails. Moreover, some have left to their heavenly abode and couple of them are suffering with critical health conditions and few others are scattered in different parts of the world.

Mr Ravindranath(SACAA EC Member) belonging to 1973 batch was instrumental in contacting Mr Manmohan Padiyar(PCM batch and held the first meeting along with Mr Sunil Kunder K(SACAA president) in SACAA office on February 14,2023. Fr Hector joined in later that month.

The first meeting of 1974 batch was held on February 27,2023. Mr Conrad Nazereth(SACAA EC Member,1974 batch) who already had an established whatsapp group of B.com batchmates met Rev Dr Praveen Martis SJ and Mr Sunil Kunder K(SACAA president) at SACAA office. Later next month, few from BZC batch joined in.

Since then, there have been regular meetings and the number of attendees keep increasing.

We now have 2 different whatsapp groups for 1973 and 1974 batches and continue to welcome those who belong to these batches. For more details please contact SACAA office.



