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Monthly Newsletter - June 2008

From your Editor,

My dear friends,

It has been a few months since I started to put together this Masika. I am repeating a couple of sentences from my first Masika. “I intent this newsletter as a communication channel for us all to let our friends know the important events in our lives – may be a wedding, a new child born, an accomplishment or achievement in career or simply about folks from India visiting us. This could also serve as a means for letting others know about your move to a new house, change of address and a long list of things. In order for this newsletter to serve usefully its purpose, I need input from all of you that can be included. There is no deadline or due date! Just send the information to me and I will take care of the rest”. I urge this again. If I get the information close to the end (or at the end) it will be difficult for me to get out the Masika. My editorial folks or I may be out of town. Anil Nair came back from India only today; I myself was on travel. So please, please flood me with information, so that we can make this Masika an enjoyable experience for you all.



You know this month has been filled with community events, cultural programs and social activities. Our youth community has done a wonderful job and won laurels. Please wait for all these with lots of photographs of the events in July Masika. I wish you, on behalf of KCS, a happy month of July, filled with all blessings and memorable events.

Regards,
Dr. Gabriel D. Roy
Editor

P.S. When I graduated from the College of Engineering, Trivandrum, there were 100 Engineering graduates coming out of Kerala every year. Do you know how many Engineering graduates Kerala produces in a year now? Make a guess ! Can you imagine 2800 graduates a year (I hope the source gave the correct information). Is it good or bad? Alarming, I should say.

Assure you more reading next month!!



I want a microphone *By* Elias Abraham, Baltimore

I want a microphone
to tell the whole world
about the dream dipped night
where stars in joy,
sing the songs
of age old love.

When, at midnight,
the cock crowed,
a truth slowly revealed,
death's story retold,
war's horrid cry
from thousand throats
emerged,
there's something broken,
something special,
something precious,
oh! truly,
I want a microphone.

JUST A REMINDER ...

Scholarship Program

KCSMW has decided to start a Scholarship program for the poor students in Kerala. Depending on the fund availability and applicants Scholarship committee will decide the allocation.

To be eligible for scholarships, student should be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in the 2007-2008 academic year in a post-Higher Secondary course leading to a professional degree program such as Engineering,

Medicine, Dentistry, Management, Nursing or Pharmacology.

Online or correspondence courses will not be considered for scholarships. Combined annual income of the student and the student's parents or guardians should not exceed Indian Rupees 50,000.00.

Applicants should have scored at least 75% aggregate marks in the Higher Secondary level (12th Standard) examination.

Applications for these scholarships may be submitted in the prescribed form available on the KCS website www.kcsmw.org

Applicants should not be related to KCS office bearers.

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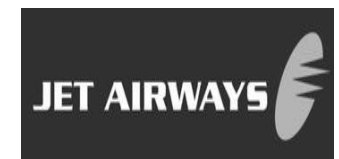
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- ✓ Build up equity & Credit
- ✓ Watch your investment grow
- ✓ Deduct mortgage interest & taxes

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