

Director's Message

The first newsletter of the new year 2023 is a celebration of the work and legacy of Don Bosco. Don Bosco gave himself wholeheartedly for the welfare of society, especially the youth in engineering а social peril, revolution that is continuing even today. The various activities of FCDP and its sister organizations are in keeping with this spirit. The month of January saw several such activities. The most significant one among them was the Don Bosco Under-15 Football Sevens Tournament 2023 organized by Bosco Children's Forum Don (DBCF). It was a fitting tribute to Don Bosco and did recreate the spirit of Don Bosco. Another event was the 'Lucky Draw' organized towards the Cancer Relief Fund. "CanHelp" Christened and organized in honor of Don Bosco, it will go a long way in easing the financial burden of poor cancer patients. Let the dream of Don Bosco continue. At Kollam, we will continue to live it, in efforts to reach out, especially to the fisherfolk community. May God Bless you All !

> -Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP)

Looking Forward

A planning cum evaluation meeting was conducted on 21st January 2023 at Tiberias, Thangassery, Kollam. The current projects (Palliative care, We-Autos, WYEP, We Live, Health Centre, Skill Training, FCDS) DBCF, DBYF, Media Management, and upcoming projects were discussed in the session. It was led by Fr. Joby Sebastian (Director, FCDP & TMS) along with Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) and Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS). The project heads, coordinators, and team leaders of various departments attended the meeting. The meeting chalked out the plan for the new year keeping in mind the integral development of the fisherfolk community.

Sr. Mary Karuvelil Celebrates Silver Jubilee of religious profession

Rev. Sr. Mary Karuvelil (Asst. Director, TMS) celebrated her silver jubilee of the profession in her hometown at St. Xavier's Church Kuruppanthara on 21st December 2022. The members of FCDP & TMS, the Board & Staff joined the celebration. The function began with the holy mass followed by a reception. Representing the organizations, Fr. Joby Sebastian, Director of the Fishermen Community Development Programme and Theeradesa Mahila Society offered felicitations. Mrs. Gretta Raju (Coordinator, FCDP) presented the memento and Mr. Luis (Accountant, Joe FCDP) honored Sr. Mary with a shawl. We thank Sr. Mary Karuvelil for her dedicated service to the organization. We pray for her good health and Lord's choicest blessings upon her.







"Don Bosco Under-15 Sevens Football Tournament".

"Don Bosco Under 15 Sevens Football Tournament" organized by Don Bosco Children's Forum under the leadership of FCDP, was a wonderful way of honoring Don Bosco, the father & friend of the young. Eight teams - DBC warriors, DBC Legends, DBC Thunders, DBC Rockstar, DBC Golden eagles, DBC Bangton, and DBC Squad X, including the girls' team from Children's Forum, participated in the matches. The tournament was organized at Don Bosco Boys' home ground from 23rd January. The Finals were held on 28th January, Shri. Kuruvila Joseph (Councillor, 42 Mundakkal Ward) inaugurated the event. Rev. Fr. Bino presided over the function.



DBC Golden Eagles and DBC Thunders clashed in the exciting final. DBC Thunders won the match through a penalty shoot-out. Don Bosco Ever Rolly trophies for the winners & runners-up were handed over by Shri. Kuruvila Joseph. Mrs. Usha Biju proposed the vote of thanks at the prize-giving ceremony. Don Bosco FA Coach Mr. Innocent S (Aji), Mrs. Bindhu Harrison (Coordinator, DBCF) Group Animators Mrs. Mini Placid, Mrs. Usha Biju, Mrs. Rineesha Francis, Mrs. Anu Moses, Mrs. Jency Paul, and Mrs. Nancy Xavier conducted the tournament.



Don Bosco Children's Forum is the children's wing of FCDP. The forum consists of 7 groups of more than 300 children from 5th to 10th standard from different sections. DBYF brings together children of the coastal area to provide integral formation & development.



Lucky draw winners announced

The "Can-help Lucky Draw" winners were declared at the function held on December 30 at FCDP Hall. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) presided over the function, and Fr. Joby Sebastian gave the welcome address. Fr. Sepherin (Procurator, Diocese of Kollam) inaugurated the function and picked up the first lot to declare the winner of the first prize. Mrs. Agnes John and Mrs. Veronica Anthony (President, TMS) drew the winners of the second and third prizes respectively. Winners for all the 25 prizes of the lucky draw were announced during the program. Mrs. Veronica Antony (President, TMS) proposed the vote of thanks. The board and staff of FCDP & TMS, youth, members, and well-wishers participated in the event. Called "Can-help", the lucky draw was organized to raise funds for cancer patients in the coastal region. It was organized in collaboration with the other sister organizations of FCDP. In 2021, a biriyani Fest was organized by FCDP for raising funds for Cancer patients and was a relief for many cancer patients from the region.

Can-help Lucky Draw

Prizes	Coupon Number	Prizes	Coupon Number	Prizes	Coupon Number
1.	10037	10.	12338	18.	12396
2.	11667	11.	6904	19.	619
3.	12263	12.	9202	20.	1663
4.	9234	13.	6646	21.	11034
5.	1480				
6.	13027	14.	9241	22.	763
7.	7719	15.	10086	23.	917
8.	7913	16.	2631	24.	12786
9.	12075	17.	946	25.	1006



Celebrations!

We wish Mrs. Veena Murali, Mrs Mary John, Mr. Joe Luis and Mrs. Usha Biju good health and prosperity as they celebrated their birthdays in the month of January. We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP.

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