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Editorial

I am extremely happy to share the E-Newsletter of the month of December with you. Christmas is a joyful festival celebrated every year to mark the birth of Jesus Christ. It is one of the most loved and widely celebrated festivals worldwide. Christmas is also a time for giving and sharing. The festival brings families and friends together, strengthening bonds and creating happy memories. It teaches us the importance of love, generosity, and helping others. Fishermen Community Development Programme marked the Joy of Christmas by organizing a Market Fest which enabled convenient shopping with feasible prize. As we are entering the new year 2025 I wish all our friends and benefactors a gracefilled year with lots of Joy and prosperity.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the board and staff members, benefactors and wellwishers for their continuous help and support in moving forward in our services.

**-Fr. Jithin Sebastian SDB
(Director, FCDP-TMS)**

CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY FOR BEAUTICIAN GRADUATES

As part of the WE-LivE project, under the joint patronage of FCDP, Rotary Club of Quilon East, and Jana Shikshan, certificates were distributed to students who had successfully completed the three-month beautician course. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP) presided over the function. Fr. Jithin Sebastian, (Director FCDP-TMS and FCDS) welcomed the gathering. Mr. Kishore Kumar, President of Rotary Club of Quilon East, distributed certificates to the students. Mr. Raj Kumar, Secretary of Rotary Club of Quilon East; Mrs. Najila, JSS Trainer for Beauty Care Assistant; and Sr. Mary K, (Assistant Director TMS) conveyed their greetings. Mrs. Gretta Raju, (Executive Manager FCDP) thanked everyone who attended the function. This course, initiated for women's empowerment, aims to encourage entrepreneurship in women and enable them to lead their families and work with equality.



CHRISTMAS CAROL GROUP DANCE COMPETITION AND DON BOSCO CHILDREN'S FORUM CONDUCTED CHRISTMAS

The Don Bosco Dance Club organized a Carol Group Dance Competition in collaboration with FCDP. Six groups participated in the competition, which began at 2 pm at the FCDP hall on 23 December. Ms. Anjana Justice and Mrs. Annie DeCruz served as judges for the event. Anna and her team secured the first position, and Alona Baiju and her team secured the second position in an exciting competition.



Following the competition, the Christmas celebration of the Don Bosco Children's Forum was also organized. Representatives from the children's group started the program by cutting a cake. FCDP Executive Manager, Mrs. Gretta Raju, shared greetings and done the prize distribution for competitions such as the Christmas card-making competition, football tournament, and carol dance . Dance club member, Ms. Anjana Ebel, thanked all participants for their involvement in the program.

FCDP ORGANIZED UNDER-15 SEVENS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Don Bosco Under 15 Sevens Football Tournament organized by Don Bosco Children's Forum under the leadership of FCDP concluded successfully. Five teams from Children's Forum and two teams from Don Bosco Football Club participated in the matches which took place on 22nd December 2024 at Don Bosco Boys home ground. DBC Warriors and Don Bosco A team and Don Bosco B team faced each other in the semi-final matches. Ahead of the finals, former FCDP Director Rev. Fr. Joby Sebastian wished the contestants good luck. Don Bosco A team and Don Bosco B team clashed in an exciting finals. Don Bosco B team won the final match 1-0 DBCF Coordinator Mrs. Bindhu Harrison, Group Animator and project staff led the tournament.



JEWELLERY MAKING CLASS FOR WOMEN: FOSTERING FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

In an effort to promote women's empowerment and financial independence, Fishermen Community Development Programme (FCDP) organized a 3-day jewellery making class exclusively for women. Certificates were distributed to students on the occasion of completing a 3-day jewellery making class, initiated for women under the leadership of FCDP, on December 12th. Mrs. Latha Rajan, Faculty at the Rural Self Employment Training Institute, Kottayam, led the class. Such classes provide opportunities for women to develop their creative skills and achieve financial independence. They enable women to start small businesses, ensuring financial security and boosting Their confidence. These activities aim to bring women into the mainstream and achieve self-sufficiency and financial independence



A JOYOUS CELEBRATION: CHRISTMAS MARKET FEST 2024

The Christmas Marketing Fest, held on December 17th and 18th at St. Stephen Church Parish Hall, was a resounding success. Inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Stephen Mukkattil SDB, Rector of Salesian institution, the event featured 18 vibrant stalls showcasing live food courts, elegant dresses, We Care products, and dress materials with stitching services. The festive atmosphere attracted a large crowd of enthusiastic shoppers and families, providing a wonderful opportunity for the local community to come together and support small businesses and artisans. The event was a perfect blend of shopping, food, and entertainment, with something for everyone to enjoy. The organizers would like to thank all the stall owners, volunteers, and attendees for making the event a grand success, and look forward to hosting similar events in the future.



FCDP-TMS BOARD & STAFF ORGANIZED CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER.

Christmas was celebrated by FCDP-TMS Board & Staff members at FCDP Hall on December 22, 2024. Fr. Stephen Mukkatil (Rector, Don Bosco Institutions) inaugurated the function. Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Director, FCDP-TMS) welcomed the gathering. Mrs. Agnes John (Chairperson, FCDP), Mrs. Lacticia Martin (President, TMS), and Dr. Sindha Mendez (Board Member, FCDP) conveyed Christmas messages to the gathering. 50 members, including board and staff, attended the ceremony. The celebration, filled with various types of art programs and games, was a memorable moment of happiness and joy in the minds of the FCDP family members.



CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING COMPETITION BY DON BOSCO ARTS CLUB

The Don Bosco Arts Club of FCDP successfully organized a Christmas Card Making Competition at FCDP. The event witnessed eager participation, zeal and enthusiasm of 25 members showcasing their creative skills. The competition on 8th December at 11:00 AM providing the participants with an hour to craft their unique Christmas cards. The vibrant and festive spirit of the event brought together creativity, innovation, and joy, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved. The Don Bosco Arts Club remains committed to fostering artistic talents through such engaging and community-building activities. Fr. Jithin Sebastian (Director of FCDP-TMS) graced the occasion and encouraged the participants to explore their hidden talents. The competition was judged by a panel of experts.



CELEBRATIONS

We wish Mrs, Freeda Gomez , Mrs . Mary Bindhu and Mrs. Jency Yesudas a joyous birthday and a year filled with good health , happiness and prosperity! . We also thank them for their dedicated service and support towards the activities of FCDP family.



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