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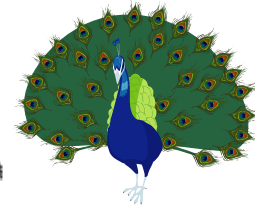
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The Fiji Association Celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2014

SANTOOR BANQUET & INDIAN KARAOKE NIGHT



Commencing the Association's 40th Jubilee Year 2013-2014

THEME NIGHT – INDIAN ATTIRE

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF MELODIOUS KARAOKE MUSIC AND DELICIOUS DINNER

Members and their guests are warmly invited to an Indian Night of dinner and melody, to be held at the Santoor Restaurant, Hillsborough, on **SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2013 FROM 7PM.**

STRICTLY LIMITED NUMBER – NO DOOR SALES

MEMBERS - \$30 (Subsidized) NON MEMBERS \$40

Please note the member's rate is subsidized, so ensure your current subs are paid.

Annual subs are still \$20 per family. **BYO Wine only** **Cash Bar available**

For Non Vegetarian Buffet

Entrée

Seekh Kebab (Lamb minced, spiced, rolled onto skewers and roasted in Tandoor oven)

Chilli Chicken (Chicken fillets marinated with chilli paste and grilled)

Mains Buffet

Chicken Korma (Chicken cooked in spices and cashew nut sauce)

Lamb Rogan Josh (Boneless pieces of lamb cooked in exotic blend of herbs and spices)

Fish Vindaloo (Goa style Fish curry)

Paneer Masala (Cottage cheese with capsicum, onion and ginger)

Jeera Rice, Garlic Naan, Pappadom, Mint Sauce, Tamarind Sauce, Sweet Mango Chutney, Hot Pickle, Raita, Kulfi (Mango Ice cream) and Cake

For Vegetarians

Entrée

Vegetable Pakoras & Vegetable Samosa

Mains

Paneer Masala

Dhal Tadka

Malai Kofta

Jeera Rice

Garlic Naan, Pappadom, Mint Sauce, Tamarind Sauce, Sweet Mango Chutney, Hot Pickle, Raita, Kulfi (Mango Ice Cream) and Cake

Prizes for special effort in costumes – 1 x Male and 1 x Female plus Special Prize

2013 ESSAY COMPETITION PRIZE GIVING

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) sponsored yearly secondary schools essay competition in Fiji, supported by the Fiji Association and the New Zealand High Commission, Suva concluded with a prize giving reception held at the Residency in Suva on 03 August 2013. Winners, parents, school representatives and invited guests attended. The two supreme winners were Abhishek Adarsh Kumar from Mahatma Gandhi Memorial High School and Neha Sharma from Korovuto College. Other winners hailed from St Joseph's Secondary School, Sabeto College, Cuvu College, Natabua High School, DAV College, Tilak High School, Xavier College, Suva Grammar School, Baulevu High School, Andhra Sangam College, Sigatoka, Gospel High School and Ahmadiyya Muslim College. Special awards were also given to students from other schools, through their own school principals. The supreme winners received \$1000 cash,

trophies, and their schools were given Plaques. The total cash pool for other prizes was \$10,000 and the top five winners were also treated to hotel accommodation in Suva if traveling from others parts of Fiji, to enable them to attend a special screening of “ A Journey to the Dawning of the Day”, a 1983 documentary about Sir Edmund Hillary’s adventures in Fiji.

The event was hosted at the University of the South Pacific, attended by many organizations such as Rivers Fiji, Rucksack Club, Environment Fiji, The Fiji Museum, and village representatives where Hillary’s documentary featured. Lady June Hillary was the guest of honor. Sixty five secondary schools in Fiji participated in the 2013 competition.

The Association presented many new books and other awards as part of the project. The New Zealand High Commission will announce the 2014 topics in January next year, as the competition runs from February to April in Term One. Entries are only accepted through schools, certified by principals or heads of department. We record our grateful thanks to the two adjudicators – Lady June Hillary and Dr Satendra Singh who have completed their fifth consecutive year as judges. In that time, they have read hundreds of essays from young men and women of Fiji, on topics such as Fiji’s Role in the Region, The Lessons of the SS Syria’s sinking (1884), How My School’s Culture Can Help Fiji, Rugby Links between Fiji and NZ, The Legacy of Sir Edmund Hillary and Educational Links between NZ and Fiji. The first essay competition offered in Fiji by the Fiji Association was in 1979, in conjunction with the United Nations. The winner was Ami Chand from Labasa College. He was given a chance to attend De La Salle College in Auckland for a term. He went on to complete a medical degree and was later a Permanent Secretary of Health, currently, a senior partner in Suva’s Medical Centre. Dr Chandra enjoys attending the prize giving ceremonies at the high commission to encourage winners. Please visit the Association’s website for details of the competition and photos of the 2013 winners – www.fijiassociation.co.nz



Competition Winners with Lady Hillary, Dr Singh and Mr Phillip Taula

DEATH OF STUDENT

It was with sadness the 2013 Prize Giving Ceremony offered a Minute Silence to remember a 17 year old student, Noshal Chaudhary, a winner from last year, from DAV College, who was killed in a tragic house fire. Noshal attended last year's award ceremony with his parents and school principal. A message has been transmitted to his family through the DAV College principal.

LETTER FROM MAHATMA GANDHI'S GRAND DAUGHTER

A rare letter was received from Ms Ela Gandhi, grand-daughter of Mahatma Gandhi. It was addressed to Lady June Hillary and Dr Satendra Singh, concerning the essay competition on Sir Edmund Hillary's Legacy, and in particular, the supreme winner being selected from a school named after Ms Ela's legendary grand-father. The congratulatory letter contained valuable words of encouragement for young people. Lady Hillary and Dr Singh decided to hand the letter to Mahatma Gandhi Memorial High School and the winner at their school assembly. The Chair of the Board, Mr Narsey was overwhelmed and said this would be a rare gift for them, to have Ms Gandhi's special blessing.

Return Form for Tickets

Name-----

Contact Tel number and email-----

No of Tickets Required -----

Current Subs paid/attached (\$20)

Member (must be currently paid up or include subs payment please) -----@ \$30

Non Member -----@\$40

Your guests have the option to become members and pay the \$20 subs

TOTAL AMOUNT ATTACHED: \$ (cheque to Fiji Association in Auckland)

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2013 - 2014**