

From the President's Desk...

My Dear Fellow Members,

n behalf of the Managing Committee, I take this opportunity to wish all you dear Members and your families a Happy New Year. May this year bring in Love, Joy, Peace and Happiness and wishing you all a fantastic year 2025 ahead.

What a month of December it has been for all at the office. This month will go down in our memory as the best one and I hope it has been the same with all of you. December 2024 has been nothing but a magical month and I am very keen to express my deepest appreciation for your overwhelming support and patronage of events that have marked this festive season.

The month started with the CCOT organizing the traditional Christmas Fun Day on the 1st of December with over 850 children from 12 different child care institutions who were present and all of them had a great time at Catholic Club. The children started their day with great breakfast and were surprised by music from our own DJ, leading the children to dance their way to the Ball room. Thank you goes to CCOT Chairman Mr. Vincent Pinto and team for making this year memorable and impactful.

The Month of Advent started with our Faith Program where Rev. Msgr. S Jayanathan our Spiritual Advisor and Rev. Dr. Christopher Vimalraj, Associate Deputy Secretary General, CCBI joined us Members in reflection for this season. Rev. Msgr. S Jayanathan gave a special blessing to the newly inducted Committee.

Soon we were at the first cultural program of the month, Mistletoe, which was a joint program between Catholic Club and Kanara Catholic Association, with the Goan band 24K playing. Big Thank you to Mrs. Shanti Peres President of Kanara Catholic Association for collaborating with Catholic Club and making it a grand success in spite of the time restrictions.

The much awaited show for Sassy Seniors this time was Silver Bells. Even though it rained throughout the spirit of our Seniors did not die down. We had a record turnout of Members and Guests who danced to the tune of Tumbleweed even thought the space was a constraint. Members were surprised when it was announced that the entry fee of Rs. 450/- to 282 members present, shall be refunded to our Sassy

Seniors. Oh what a gesture! Thank you to our sponsor for the day, Mr Thomas.

Ladies Coffee Morning "It's the season for giving" was organized at the Sky Lounge which

was a big success. Every one enjoyed the games and fashion show. Big thank you to our MIC Coreen Fareed D'Souza and her sub committee for putting up a great show and raising the bar at every program.

Gavin Corderio had his hands full with iBrowse and Billiards which he did it to perfection without a trail of any mistakes. Good job Gavin with the Book Bangalorean, What's The Good Word and the Billiards Night.

21 and 13 cards Christmas Rummy Knockouts were a huge success along with the Rs. 3 lakh Christmas Bumper Housie. Wareen and his team of sub committee members have really done well and congratulations to all of you.

Wow!! What a hectic but enjoyable month.

Congratulations to Michael Saldanha and his entire subcommittee for all the entertainment programs during the season which were so well organized. It Kicked off with Mistletoe followed by SJCC OSA GALA, Carols by Candle Light, Christmas Bazaar, Cake and Wine with A26, Yuletide Ball with RAGAS 2 RICHES and finally ended with a bang at the New Year Party with UZO.

The Club was buzzing with exciting activities in all departments - CCOT, iBrowse, The Ladies coffee morning, Cards, Housie, Sassy Seniors, Billiards, Children's Christmas tree and What's The Good Word. A Bid thank you to all the MIC's for successfully organizing these events meticulously.

On its heels, the week-long Christmas Bazaar was a great success with members/friends shopping, enjoying the delicious food and entertainment every evening with 53 stalls.

Carols by Candle Light, our most wanted program was the highlight which was soul stirring evening with your members presence. The highlight to remember was the Choir by our dear Manipur staff who sang the



hymns to perfection in their own local language which was well appreciated by all present.

This year in addition to the Members Roller Ball, the Committee introduced the staff roller ball for all the staff which was greatly appreciated by them. The Prize Money for the winner every day was Rs. 1000/-. Thanks to Gavin, Patrick and Antonio for managing the Members gate at the Christmas Eve Ball. They greeted every Member coming into the Club with wishes like it was in the good old days. Thank you to the Committee members who were present during the major events and I would like to thank God for blessing us with a fantastic December month without any incident for any shows in our Club.

A big thank you to our sponsors UB, Pernod Ricard, Sula wines and Paul John and all the other liquor companies who gave us offers which we passed on to the Members. Thanks for supporting us during the season.

Last but not least a big shout out and thank you to our dedicated staff for their efficient service right through the season and you my dear Members for your patronage towards all Christmas programs to make this season a great success.

We had some great food through the season. Thanks to all our caterers SDC, Kori Gassi, Mustard Café, Hyper scoop, Cake Land, Siddapur and Plan B with their delicious menus provided to our Members and their guests.

The Projects in hand are all set to kick off shortly separate access to the Ball Room toilet from the corridor, toilets for drivers in the basement. If any inconvenience, please bear with us.

Thank you for the continued support, enthusiasm and the vibrant energy all of you bring to our Club. May the spirit of togetherness and generosity stay with us throughout this year.

For FUN DAY (CCOT) on 1st Dec transportation for the children from the institutions to CC and back, was organized by Mr. Thomas Neeliyara! The children started their day with a sumptuous breakfast from Empire Hotel, again sponsored by Thomas Neeliyara. Thanks to Thomas for these generous gestures.

Wishing all of you a joyful and prosperous New Year.

Warm Regards

Jude Rajesh Ferrao President

Welcome our new members

Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary

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List of New Members Approved at the Membership Interview Meeting held on10th December 2024

Mr. George Robert	New Senior Citizen
Mr. Aloysius Pais	New Senior Citizen
Mr. Darryl Willibrord Ohara	New Senior Citizen
Mr. Roger Pais	New Senior Citizen
Mrs. Sheekha Anna Aleyas	Donor
Mr. Davy Mohan	Donor
Mrs. Vishwa Kapadia	Donor
Mrs. Gina Jaison	Life
Mr. John Gerard Surendran	Life
Mrs. Mary Jane	Life
Mr. Xavier Kurian	Life
Mr. Jason E Davis	Life
Mr. Vijay Michael Raj	Ordinary
Ms. Aarushi Karimpanal	Ordinary
Mr. Nathash Betts	Ordinary
Ms. Charmaine Mathew	Ordinary
Ms. Christabel Mary Dsouza	Nonresident
Ms. Preethi Anand	Temporary
Mrs. Shalini Rao	Temporary
Mr. Anil Jose Thomas	Temporary
Mr. Leon Victor Pereira	Temporary
Mr. Rohit Varkey George	Temporary

Mr. Dominic George Da Costa Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary Ms. Raquel Denise Rodericks Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary Ms. Shanelle Anne Anklesaria Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary

Ms. Rayna Teresa Raj

Mr. Vincent Paul Fernandes

List of New Members Approved at the Membership Interview Meeting held on 28th December 2024

Mr. Lalit Mohan Tayal	Donor
Mr. Sharlton Amit Menezes	Life
Ms. Serena Joseph	Life
Ms. Ektaa Ravishankar	Ordinary
Mr. Clifton Preetam Fernandes	Ordinary
Ms. Rebecca Patricia	-
Geralda Vieyra	Ordinary
Mr. Noel Rohan Vasanth	Ordinary
Ms. Amanda Rachel Pais	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Ms. Raphaella Peters	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Mr. Jordan Ridhay Rasquinha	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Mr. Rohan Michael Raphael	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Ms. Clacil Premika Maria Lobo	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Mr. Shaun Jeune Chiramal	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Mr. Jason Joachim Carvalho	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Ms. Celine Miriam Larive	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Ms. Amber Diya Dsouza	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Mr. Rahil Patel	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Ms. Weniz Wills	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Mr. Raul Bastian	Sr. Dpnt To Ordinary
Mr. Varun Susheel Jitender	Associate

iBrowse

iBrowse is a book club with a difference and while its core essence has always been to interact with authors about their new books.

Here was a unique opportunity that was missed by many of our members, to witness a book program that had simple yet moving stories, told by the people written about in the book "Bangloreans" on Dec 16th. such a special iBrowse the book had all the biggest names in Bangalore with stark expressive black and white photos that told their own story.

Then there were the heart-breaking stories of the coconut seller in his own words, a maid's daughter translating her mothers and father (a rickshaw driver) sad and poignant tale in superlative English and a masseur lady and a man in a wheelchair who found gods inspiration to overcome their disabilities.

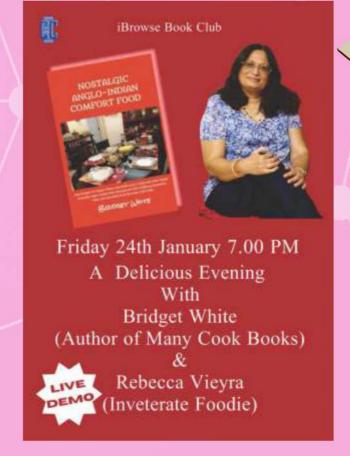
It took a Bangalorean lady now settled in Sweden, a British and an American author combined with a Swedish photographer to bring us this soulful moving book and believe me when I say that there was not a dry eye in the Sky Lounge at the end.

- Shared by an iBrowse enthusiast at CC

In January Bridget White is back with her latest book of Anglo Indian Cuisine. Be there for a lip/smacking evening.

Gavin Cordeiro MIC







Registrations opened at 6.30pm and we had a full house within 5 minutes. Sadly, we had to say No to teams who came later.

The whole evening was with Christmas based words and it ending with teams singing Carols!

The Winners all got Christmas hampers. Our next edition will be on Friday January 17th, 2024.

See you there!

Gavin Cordeiro





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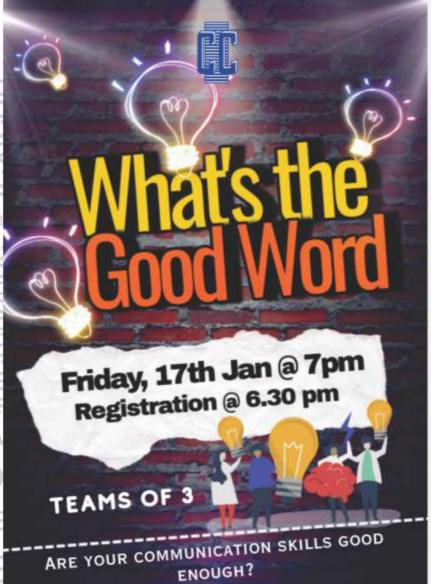
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Faith

I would like to begin by saying a big thank you to our dear members for the support that I have received, over the last 5 months. a big thank you to our president Mr. Jude Rajesh Ferrao,

my fellow committee members and my sub-committee for 'Faith', for the continuous support.

December 6th had Rev. Msgr. S. Jaynathan, Spiritual Advisor, Catholic Club and Rev. Dr. Christopher Vimalraj, Assoc Dy Secretary General, CCBI, who took us through a very inspirational advent recollection. The Catholic Club choir added a special touch to the evening with their melodious voices. Thank you.

Inviting you all, dear members to be present at our very interesting Faith Initiative - 'Conquering our personal challenges in the New Year', which will be led by Fr. Denzil Lobo, SJ, Dean, School of Information Technology, St. Joseph's University, Bangalore.

I would like to make a special mention of the exciting evening had for Carols by Candlelight. The Catholic Club choir that was initiated earlier this year as part of our faith endeavour, had in attendance a group of 25 exceptional singers, singing carols to the perfect keyboard accompaniment by our senior member Mr. Winston D'Souza. A big thank you to him and our singers for their time and effort.

We also had our Manipuri staff and kids of Catholic Club who put up a fabulous performance.

Thank you one and all.

Faithfully yours,

Coreen D'Souza Fareed MIC - Faith















Ladies

The 15th of December had 170 ladies enjoying their special Christmas Celebration with fun, games, music and a fantastic meal.

I would like to thank, Mr. Jude Rajesh Ferrao our president, for the support extended to make this a memorable morning for our members and guests. A big thank you to my subcommittee for their support and help.

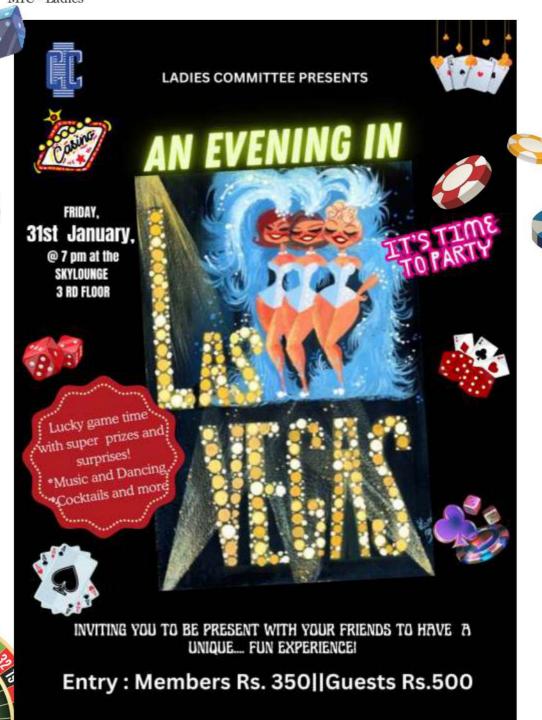
Here's another exciting event for you ladies to look forward to.

'An evening in Las Vegas' - inviting you to attend in large numbers with your friends.

Warm regards

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Coreen D'Souza Fareed MIC - Ladies



In January we plan to have a Pool
Tournament. Watch the Notice Board for details.

This month we had a fun Black Ball Tournament followed by a first time ever Billiard Room Christmas get together.

All who attended enjoyed themselves. Thanks to our sponsors who helped make it possible.

Congratulations to the Winners.

Gavin Cordeiro MIC





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Housie

The month of December was special as we had planned for 4 weeks of housie and the Super Duper Christmas Bumper.

The first three weeks of housie saw good turn out but the Christmas Super Duper Bumper had an excellent turn out with participants exceeding 300 in numbers and this seems to be one of the first at CC. Cake and wine was served to all participants and every participant who purchased a booklet was given a complimentary coffee mug specially designed for this event, Apart from this there were many prizes given out.



The last week of housie was planned for members only followed with dinner, there were over 100 members in attendance and this was appreciated by all our members.

Overall December month was a good month and we saw every week with good turn outs.

There is more lined up for January, please stay tuned.

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Warren Gawde MIC









Cards



Closing Out 2024 with a Bang: Christmas Rummy Tournaments for All!

This December, the holiday season was extra special for our community, thanks to two fantastic Rummy tournaments - the 21-card and 13-card events - that brought players together in the true spirit of Christmas. From the cheerful faces of our senior citizens to the excitement of nearly 100 participants on the Sunday before Christmas, it was a memorable way to wrap up the year!

A Festive Start with the 21-Card Tournament.

We kicked off the celebrations with the 21-card Rummy tournament, and it was clear from the start that this wasn't going to be just any ordinary event. With a focus on inclusivity, we gave special attention to our senior citizens — anyone over the age of 80 got a warm welcome, along with a special gift: their entry fee was refunded. A total of five seniors, all 80 years or older, participated and added a unique charm to the event.

The energy was high, and the atmosphere was full of festive cheer. With a total of 50 players competing, the tournament was a great success. Our seniors not only enjoyed the fun of the game but also savored the great food and hospitality. It was heart-warming to see the smiles on their faces as they got their money back and enjoyed the day with fellow community members. The 13-Card Rummy Tournament: A Christmas Eve Warm-Up.

The excitement didn't stop there! Just two days before Christmas Eve, we hosted our 13-card Rummy tournament on a bright Sunday morning. The festive spirit was palpable, with nearly 100 participants showing up ready to play and share in the holiday fun. The event quickly became a highlight of the season, with everyone buzzing about.

Here's where things got interesting: For the first person who was knocked out of the tournament, we offered a special treat — a free re-entry for the second round! We also kept our special prizes going like the previous tournaments.

Both tournaments wouldn't have been possible without the incredible community that came together to make it all happen. Thanks to the Sub-Committee members who helped organize the events, the energy and enthusiasm were the key ingredients to making these tournaments a success. And a special shout-out to the winners and participants — who made these events truly special!

As we close out 2024, we can't help but feel grateful for the connections we've made, the fun we've shared, and the community spirit that continues to thrive. Here's to more games, more laughter, and more unforgettable moments in the year ahead!

Happy New Year to one and all!

Warren Gawde MIC



























December at Catholic Club: A Month of Festive Celebrations.

As we bid farewell to December, we reflect on a month filled with joyous celebrations at Catholic Club. It was a busy time, marked by a series of events that brought members and their guests together in the spirit of the season.

This year, we brought in six top bands from Goa to give our members A December To Remember! Our festivities kicked off with a Sundowner - 'Mistletoe', a joint event hosted by the Catholic Club & KCA. It was a delightful gathering that set the tone for the month. 24K from Goa made sure that everyone had a blast.

Following this, the SJCC OSA Gala showcased an elegant evening, with 'Shine On' keeping the crowd on their toes.

The Christmas Bazaar week was a highlight, drawing a large crowd everyday and created a very 'Christmassy' vibe in the Club. The scintillating lights, decorations and live music set the tone for our events to come.

Carols by Candlelight provided a heartwarming atmosphere, with members coming together to celebrate the joy of Christmas. Lavina's Ensemble from Goa were at their absolute best and the crowd danced the night away in true CC style.

Cake & Wine was the feather in our cap, bringing members and guests to continue the age old tradition of the Club, which over the years, has gained the reputation of being Bangalore's best Christmas Party. A26, were at their fabulous best as usual and before we knew it, it was morning! The Christmas festivities culminated in the spectacular Yuletide Ball, where the crowd put on their dancing shoes to Ragas 2 Riches who enthralled us with a set of latin, salsa ,cha-cha, and jive which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Finally, we welcomed the New Year with a lively New Year's Eve Party, ringing in fresh beginnings with joy and celebration with UZO from Goa.

A big Thank You to our emcees for the month – Peter Rebello, Gavin Cordeiro, Marcus Pereira, Jake Texeira, and Jonathan Smith, who made each event special and memorable. I cannot thank our ever supportive staff, who never fail to go the extra mile ensuring that our events flow seamlessly.

A special shout out to our Sponsors—United Breweries, Pernod Ricard, Paul John & Lexus for their generous support.

I am grateful to our President Mr. Jude Rajesh Ferrao who was by my side every step of the way in ensuring the season was a grand success., Most importantly, I extend my sincere gratitude to my Sub-Committee consisting of Sam Texeira, Naveen Mendonza, Coreen Fareed & Santosh Cherian, who tirelessly worked behind the scenes who made sure that all the boxes were ticked and that the festive season went by flawlessly, by sacrificing their time and energy throughout the month.

Last but not by any means the least, I wish to extend a Thank You to all members and their guests for attending and contributing to the festive cheer that brightened our Club. Your participation has made December a truly memorable month.

Stay tuned for many more events to come.

Happy New Year!

Michael Saldanha MIC - Entertainment

Penguins Party

This event was held after a long time and was eagerly awaited by all as could be seen by the crowd that landed up.

Some of the highlights:

Youngest participants - Sia/Ethan Eldest female participant & she won all 3 of her races -Carmelita

Eldest male participant was Mathew Cherian who is such a great sport and never misses the pool events through the years!

We had most participation by the George family. Siblings Theja, Anila & Avran (Gayle, Avrans wife) and 3 of their little ones all under 8 years, took part in various event with their Grandpa George Pallivathukal cheering for the whole gang from poolside!

Below 6 years we had our tiny tots collecting colourful balls from the toddler pool and handing these over to their parents. Our talented 6 and above had 2 races, in the big pool. These confident kiddos had a kicking race across the length while balancing a Maaza drink on their kickboard & a swim noodle race.

The adults had their share of the fun with the Pepsi race where you swim one lap, chug a glass of Pepsi and swim back!

Penguins party ended with every one's favourite event...

Water tug of war in the baby pool - (best of 3's) had both adults & kids taking part and was the most keenly contested event.

Suresh Monteiro

Sportico

Happy New Year 2025 from the Sportico Team!

We hope this year brings joy, health, and success to all.

December was a month of celebration and camaraderie for Sportico. We hosted an exhilarating Badminton Tournament on the 14th, which saw enthusiastic participation from over 48 members of all age groups. The unique relay format emphasized teamwork and camaraderie among the four competing teams, culminating in a thrilling display of skill and coordination.

Team Yuletide Titans, led by Savio, emerged victorious after a spectacular performance.

Adding to the festive spirit, we also played Secret Santa, which brought smiles to everyone's faces. A special mention to our youngest player, Ivor, who gave out the gifts.

As we step into 2025, stay tuned for more exciting sporting events. Let's make this year even more action-packed and memorable together!

Ajit Lobo MIC











Silver Bells

A Night of Joy & Togetherness



The magic of Christmas came alive on 12th December 2024 as Catholic Club hosted Silver Bells, a delightful evening dedicated to our vibrant seniors. The event was a resounding success, filled with laughter, music, and festive cheer.

The sensational band Tumbleweed took the stage, filling the air with soulful music and classic hits that got everyone on their feet and dancing. The venue sparkled with festive decorations, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere that truly embodied the spirit of Christmas. Exciting prizes and gift hampers were a highlight of the night, bringing smiles and surprises to our wonderful attendees.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors, Austin Roach, James, Mohan Raheja, Errol Fernandez, and Thomas, for their generous support. A special thanks to our gift hamper contributors, Joiiben, Sunshine, Girish, Patricia Andrews, Habib and Ayesha Khan, and Patricia Crasta, who added a touch of magic to the celebrations. We also wish to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our President, Mr. Jude Rajesh Ferrao, and the dedicated members of the sub-committee, Girish, Sunshine White, Anita Pelegrim, Lydia, Maisy Johnson, Patricia Crasta, Gavin Cordeiro, Marcus Pereira and Racheal Williams, whose hard work and meticulous planning contributed to the event. We also would like to extend are gratitude to Santhosh and his F&B team, Vani, and all the Catholic Club staff, for all their support in making this evening a resounding success.

Silver Bells was not just an evening of entertainment; it was a celebration of togetherness and the joy of the season. To all who attended, thank you for making this night so special.

Until next year, let's keep the Christmas spirit alive in our hearts!

Warm regards,

Jeffry Crasta MIC- Elders























Christmas Bazaar



Children's X'mas Tree



































Ladies' Coffee Morning





























Cake & Wine







































Carols by Candlelight































Mistletoe























New Year's Eve Party

























Kudos

Congratulations to Anya D'Souza! Daughter of Arun and Reshma D'Souza and sister to Arjun D'Souza. Fourteen year old Anya has achieved a remarkable milestone in gymnastics!

At the **National Gymnastics Competition 2024-25** in Surat, she made Karnataka proud with:

- Junior Nationals Under 17 Bronze Medalist: Uneven Bars
- State Ranking: 2nd in Karnataka
- National Ranking: 16th in the country



Kiaana Nadine
Nair, daughter
of Danielle &
Rajeev Nair, won
2nd place in the
Open State Level
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Rotaract Bangalore Institute of Technology.

The competition was held on 16th November 2024 and she received the award on 24th November 2024 at Bangalore Institute of Technology. Kiaana is a 5th Grade student in Bethany High School, Koramangala.

Anya's dedication, perseverance, and passion for gymnastics have truly paid off! She trains 6 hours a day, 6 days a week.

We couldn't be prouder of her outstanding achievement!

Programme for January 2025

04-01-2025	Saturday	Musical Evening	8.oopm
05-01-2025	Sunday	Sunday Brunch	12.30pm
06-01-2025	Monday	Whist Drive	6.oopm
07-01-2025	Tuesday	Bridge	6.oopm
10-01-2025	Friday	Faith Programme	7.00pm
		Bar Nite	8.oopm
11-01-2025	Saturday	Musical Evening	8.oopm
12-01-2025	Sunday	Sunday Brunch	12.30pm
13-01-2025	Monday	Whist Drive	6.oopm
14-01-2025	Tuesday	Bridge	6.oopm
17-01-2025	Friday	What's The Good Word	7.00pm
		Bar Nite	8.oopm
18-01-2025	Saturday	Pool Tournament (Billiards)	1.00pm
		Musical Evening	8.oopm
19-01-2025	Sunday	Sunday Brunch	12.30pm
20-01-2025	Monday	Whist Drive	6.oopm
21-01-2025	Tuesday	Bridge	6.oopm
24-01-2025	Friday	ibrowse Book Reading	7.00pm
		Bar Nite	8.oopm
25-01-2025	Saturday	Amateur Nite	7.00pm
26-01-2025	Sunday	Sunday Brunch	12.30pm
27-01-2025	Monday	Whist Drive	6.oopm
28-01-2025	Tuesday	Bridge	6.oopm
31-01-2025	Friday	Ladies Event - An Evening In Las Vegas	7.00pm

