

MAAK BOOK

Real Stories at your Fingertips

05

Marianites@Cochin

Glimpse into the formation of Cochin Chapter

11

Achievements by Alumni

*Dr. Ann Baby, Asha M Thomas,
Jayakrishnan VR, Dr. Kumar V*



Aksa Ann Thomas
Chief Editor - MAAK
BOOK

Editorial

Dear Marianites, we are happy to release the February issue of our MAAK BOOK. At the same time I would like to extend my gratitude to everyone of you for the support and successful release of our first edition. Many of you reached out with words of encouragement comments and suggestions as well. Thank you all.

In this issue, we have opened few new sections and more photographs. First being a 'Campus Corner' where we bring you the updates/activities from college. Even though we have moved out from the campus, it is always good to be in tune with the updates of the college. Another new section is 'Blast from the Past' showcasing old photographs from your college days.

We have messages from two of our Association's Vice Presidents as well. These would bring our readers more clarity about what their portfolios are about, its activities and its potential.

Along with this we have a corner to showcase the achievements of our fellow alumni. It is heartwarming to hear that so many of you are excelling in your personal and professional journeys.

We hope the February issue brings you closer to the college, the alumni association and its activities.

We are open to your comments and suggestions, and are expanding the editorial team, please get in touch with me to join this amazing team.

Real Stories at your fingertips. Happy reading!



Adv. Nelson Joseph
President - MAAK

President's message

February has been a happening month for Marian Alumni Association Kuttikkanam (MAAK). After the installation ceremony of the office bearers of MAAK we have been seeing a lot of energy and enthusiasm in the community. We witnessed formation of various Chapters all across the Globe and Department-wise units. Cochin Chapter installation was class apart with the presence of 80 participants and their families. The presence of Jojoy Sir added value to the function. I congratulate MAAK-Cochin team for starting in style and wish all the best to do wonders.

March is going to be a really happening month for MAAK as well as for the College.

NAAC team visit is going to happen in the month of March. The Principal has requested the support of Alumni either by physical presence or online presence during the time of visit. I request our members to give all possible support for the same as and when requested.

This month we have included an area "blast from the past". The foundation of an alumni association is always the good old memories. It's not the person we miss, it's the feelings, moments and memories we had with them. Let this page help us to re-live those ever memorable moments in the most beautiful stage of our lives.

The 1st edition of MAAK BOOK was well received by all and it has already become a regular connecting link of Marian Alumni. Appreciate our Chief Editor Aksa Ann Thomas and her team for the efforts for publishing it on a monthly basis. I hope this bulletin itself becomes a Brand.

Best wishes to all.



Abu Surendran
Vice President
(Chapters) - MAAK

Why Chapters?

One of the priorities of the current Association Governing Board is to provide a platform for alumni to connect based on their geographical convenience, network, and support each other. Thus consolidation of the existing Alumni Chapters and forming new ones have become activities of primary importance in terms of strengthening Marian Alumni network spread across the globe.

The Association already has established chapters in UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Pune, Australia and Bangalore who serve as our ambassadors. We were also able to successfully launch our Cochin chapter over the past few weeks and conduct its first get-together along with the installation ceremony of their office bearers. There are active discussions in place for a new home chapter based in Kuttikkanam, chapters in the UK, Chennai and Trivandrum.

The key priorities for our Chapters shall be to promote the following.

1. Establish a Network under the Marian Brand: Building a strong network of alumni based on

geography to facilitate mutual co-operation and interactions with each other.

2. Focus on Engagement: Engaging our alumni by creating events and opportunities including but not limited to get togethers, professional development opportunities and charity activities/community service initiatives.
3. Leverage Technology: Use social media platforms and other digital tools to share news and updates, create online communities, and facilitate communication between alumni to engage them.
4. Collaborate: Work closely with the apex Alumni Association and the college to align the chapter's goals, and to ensure that the chapter is supporting the Associations mission.
5. Celebrate Success: Recognize Marian alumni's achievements, and showcase the impact that our alumni are making in their communities and careers.

It is also one of the objectives of the association to strengthen the governance of the existing and new alumni chapters including the committees, officers and constitution which will bring about a uniformity in terms of operations.

If we've learned anything over the period post Corona, it's that we truly need to gather together, network, meet face to face and keep our momentum going.

I sincerely hope we will see more such initiatives from Marianites spread across the globe who will come together and support the chapters under this umbrella!



Augustine K Benny
Secretary - Cochin Chapter (MAAK)

Inauguration Cochin Chapter

Venue: RECCAA Club, Kochi

Date: 26 February 2023

Time: 5 PM to 10 PM

On 26th February, the alumni in and around Cochin gathered at RECCAA Club to officially kick start the Cochin Chapter of MAAK.

The event commenced at 6 pm after an ice-breaker activity and an outdoor photo session.

The meeting was presided over by Adv. Nelson Joseph

(President - MAAK) who called the formal meeting to order. Formal meeting began with a prayer by Liance Thomas who recited few lines from the college prayer song.

Shri. Jojoy George, former HoD of Business Administration, was the chief guest of the event. Adv. Nelson Joseph, Merrill Mathew (Chairperson-Elect), Renu Elza Abraham (Vice Chairperson-Elect), Abhishek Saji (Joint Secretary-Elect) were the other dignitaries on the dias.

Renu Elza Abraham formally welcomed the gathering.

Adv. Nelson Joseph delivered the Presidential Address. He presented the importance of establishing chapters at different key locations around the globe and the decentralised model of the new Association Governing Board.

After the address, the installation ceremony of office bearers of Cochin Chapter under the leadership of Merrill Mathew took place.



The oath was administered by the association president - Adv. Nelson Joseph. As a symbolic representation, the President handed a lighted candle to the New Chairperson - Merrill Mathew who in turn lighted the candles of office bearers.

Merril Mathew took over the chair for the rest of the meeting and delivered his acceptance remarks. He described how important the Cochin chapter is to the association considering the size and potential of Marian alumni settled in and around Cochin. He mentioned that the alumni in Cochin has all the required ability and skillset to activate the initiatives of the association namely, Career Development, Business Forum, Community Welfare and more.

The inauguration of Cochin chapter was done by Shri. Jojoy George who in his inaugural speech described his happiness to meet his old students and shared his love and blessings for the chapter. He lighted the lamp along with the president of MAAK and office bearers of the chapter.

Thereafter, Joji Sebastian on behalf of the Association Governing Board, Lilin Thomas, Bijo Babu and Jils Abhilash expressed their best wishes to the chapter and the association. Smitha Nair - Director of Career Wing and Febin Dominic - Core Team member of Marianites' Business Forum addressed the gathering and presented the scope and activities of their respective programmes.

Abhishek Saji (Joint Secretary - Cochin Chapter) expressed his gratitude to all and the formal meeting was adjourned by the chair.

The alumni rounded up for an open forum, followed by socialising and dinner. Many alumni from different walks of life, joined the event along with their family.



We have a growing WhatsApp group of 280 Marian Alumni in and around Cochin. Along with familiarising with fellow Marian alumni in Cochin, this platform also enables interaction and peer support in terms of business queries, job vacancies and much more. Get in touch (80783 99653) to join the group.

 [instagram.com/marianites_cok](https://www.instagram.com/marianites_cok)



↑ “Long time, no see” moments. Snaps from warm and fun filled ice-breaking session. The crowd was asked to gather into small groups based on their birth month. Soon the air was filled with noises of seniors and juniors born in the same month meeting and circling up. You can see activity coordinators Rupna Kurian (BCom 2001 - 04) and Bibin Sebastian (BCA 2015 - 18) happily watching the chaos they just created.

← Lilin Thomas (BCom 2000 - 03) and Bijo Babu (BBA 2012 - 15) felicitating the meetup.



- ↑ Jojoy Sir inaugurating the chapter's activities
- ↗ Highest representation from 2000-03 batch
- ↑ Followed by 2001-04 batch
- ↗ Live portrait of Jojoy Sir by Tony K Sunny (TSK Arts, BBA 2017-20)
- Jojoy Sir with his students' kids
- Kids making new friends





The beginning of it all...

On 5th Feb '23, a few alumni in Cochin gathered to brainstorm, plan and visualise the future of Cochin Chapter of MAAK.

It was during this meeting, the idea of a grand inaugural event and a family meet came up and a core team was formed for a smoother execution of the programmes of the chapter.

Office bearers were also elected on this day.



Joji Sebastian
Vice President
(Departmental Units) -
MAAK

Consolidate and Establish to Facilitate growth

Greetings Dear Marianites,

It is with joy that I have taken up the role of Vice President (Departmental Units) for our alumni association.

We have a wide-angle-all-inclusive vision of consolidating alumni from each programme that our college have offered. To create a reliable source of industry-wise knowledge and experience, it is essential that we have such departmental units established in our alumni association.

Each programme from Marian College has crafted out experts in that particular industry. Our alumni is spread across the globe, we identify them and bring them under their respective courses they did at Marian. Hence enabling easier communication among Marian alumni from similar industry or profession.

Alumni of Commerce and Communicative English departments must have recently noticed the initial stages of this process. Under the leadership of Mr. Harikumar and Ms. Shwetha Pramod, alumni are identified and added to BCom and BA Communicative English (BACE) database respectively. Interestingly, BCom is one of the oldest programmes at Marian and BACE - one of the youngest. Along with these 2 departments, I am happy to announce that 3 more department units will be functional by the end of April. They are BBA, MSW and BSW.

This will also enhance the 'connect' each department has with its alumni and vice-versa. We have plans to do department-wide programmes including seminars, career guidance classes etc. For all these departmental alumni units to continue their activities, we need the support and active participation of all the alumni.

I hope we can continue to grow and keep giving.



Global Team Member - Wireless Female Network

Dr. Ann Baby (BCA 1997 - 00)

Dr. Ann Baby has joined the Global Team of WFN, which focuses on the socio-economic advancement of women and girls by ending period poverty, destigmatizing taboos attached to Menstrual Health, and breaking the cycles of generational poverty in the African continent and beyond.

Best Newcomer award

Jayakrishnan VR (MCA 2019 - 22)

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Knowledge Lens, Jayakrishnan VR was awarded as the Best Newcomer of the year.





Celebrity designer at Taj Mahotsav

Asha M Thomas (BBA 1996 - 99)

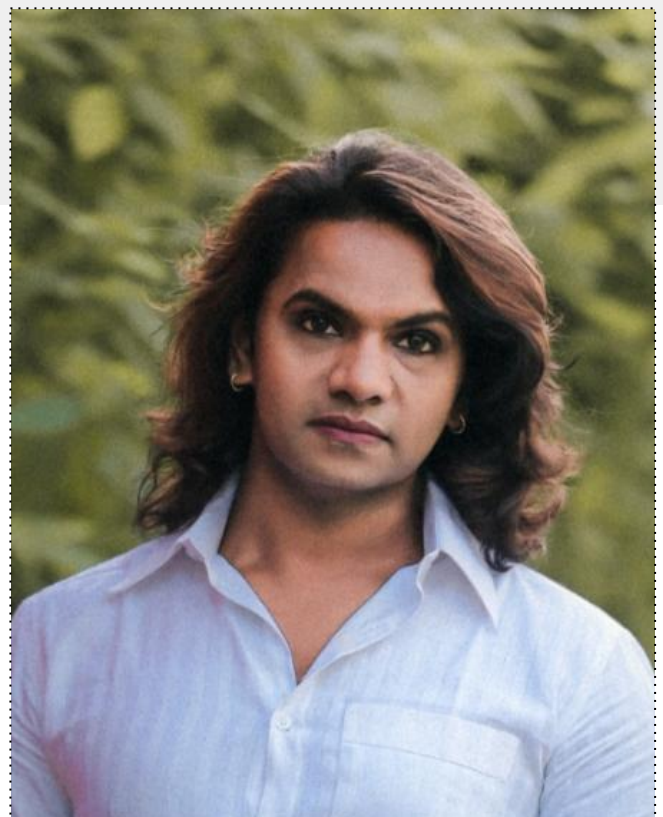
Fashion Designing faculty, Stylist, Fashion designer in South Indian Film industry. A member of the National Core Committee - World Designers Forum.

Asha M Thomas was honoured by Union Minister S P Singh Bhaghel and Former Minister of Uttar Pradesh Ram Sakal Gurjar for representing Kerala culture at Taj Mahotsav 2023, conducted by the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.

The Dance Guru who made us proud

Dr. Kumar V (BCom 2003 - 06)

Marian College Kuttikkanam Autonomous marked its presence at 'Aneka' - MG University Kalolsavam 2023 and Dr. Kumar V played a huge role. He was the Guru and mentor of Josna George who bagged more than 5 prizes including 1st prize for Bharatnatyam at the Kalolsavam. Hearty congratulations...





Mastering the Art of winning

'Aneka' - MG University Kalolsavam 2023

Josna George - BCom (A) 2nd year student won the 1st prize for Bharatnatyam and A grade for Mohiniyattam, Keralanadanam, Folk Dance and other forms of classical dance.

Marvel Sebastian - BCA 3rd year student won the 3rd prize for Percussion Western.



Homecoming

08 Feb 2023

Fr Ruban J Thannickal who served at Marian College as its Manager from 2005 to 2016 visited the campus and his old colleagues.



Get. Set. Go

16 Feb 2023

The newly revamped college ground was inaugurated by Mohammed Rafi (ISL Player) followed by a friendly football match.



സംസ്കൃതി

28 Feb 2023

Exhibition on Kerala culture & tradition at Campus' Indoor Stadium. The event revisited the equipments, gadgets and art forms prevalent in a long lost era of Kerala history.



← Even though this photo looks faded, the story remains very fresh in their hearts. These girls raced on the streets of Kodaikanal, one fell down on the way, heavily bruised. The girls sought help of the locals and she had to be taken to the hospital in a stranger's 'Omni' van. All we know is this 'ready to go cycling' pose did not end up 'all smiles'.



'Evergreen'

- ↑ Amala girls' hostel mates during their Kodaikanal Trip
- ↑ Maryknoll boys' hostel - 1st batch along with their warden Royachen and cook Shajichettan.
- ↗ BCom 1996 - 99 batchmates with actor Jayaram while filming 'Kusruthikuruppu' at Kuttikkanam
- MCA 2002 - 05 batchmates and Joshy Sir along with Late Musician Balabhaskar during his visit to the campus.
- Onam 2015 Tug of War champions (BCA 2013 - 16)





"Follow what you are genuinely passionate about and let that guide you to your destination."

Cover image: Sachin Jose (MBA 2014 - 16)

An impressive cover image marks the first impression of our newsletter. We encourage you to send us high quality images or artworks suitable as cover images for our upcoming editions.

Thank you

Please note, the March edition will be released on 1st April, Saturday. Do reach out to us with your content, achievements, awards, photos of alumni meet-ups and queries to alumni@mcka.in.

For private circulation among the Alumni, Students and Faculty of Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous).