



OBASSKZM
OLD BOYS DAY & ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING REPORT
12 December 2015

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46 TH REUNION DAY (OBA) – 12 DECEMBER 2015

SPONSORED BY THE 1990 BATCH

EVENT REPORT

1. The various activities that took place on 12 December 2015 (and earlier in connection with OB's day) at Sainik School Kazhakootam are as shown in the succeeding paragraphs:

0700h - Alumni arrive at School Campus

2. Alumni started arriving in the Campus as early as 0700h. The customary registration counters were moved closed to the School Gate Area, so as to facilitate easier registration on arrival. A total of 289 Alumni (excluding batch of '90) registered at the counter. The conducting batch (1990 batch) was in full strength with as many as 52 members with their family members attending. Rs.74500/- was collected as registration fee. Thank you, 1990 batch, for attending in such large numbers. Another notable presence was of 32 OBs from 1976 batch.

0820h - All members of 1990 Batch assemble at the Harshan Pavilion

0830h – Arrival of the Chief Guest

3. Lt. Gen Sarath Chand AVSM, VSM (628/75) Chief of Staff, South West Command was the Chief Guest. He arrived with Mrs Sarath Chand and was received by the Principal Col A Rajiv 2053/90, Administrative Officer Lt Col B Girish Kumar 1928/89 and Headmaster Lt Cdr Gireesh G, along with the OBA President Cdr (Retd) Sam T Samuel (637/75). Along with the batch of 90 and other Old Boys present, the group paid homage at the Hut of Remembrance – dedicated to the memory of all departed Old Boys.

0840h - Hoisting of the OBA Flag

4. The Chief Guest Lt. Gen Sarath Chand AVSM, VSM (628/75), in the presence of the School Administration Officers and OBA President, subsequently hoisted the OBA Flag.

0845h - 1990 batch procession

5. After hoisting of the OBA Flag, the batch of 1990 marched towards the School Foyer led by their School Captain, Rajesh Unni M (2002/90). A decorated vehicle carrying photos of alumni matrys led the marchers to the Stupa of Remembrance. They stood audience to the Guard of Honour, wreath laying and paid respect to the martyrs.

0900h- Guard of Honour Review & Wreath Laying by the Chief Guest

6. The school NCC contingent along with the Band provided the guard of honour in an impeccable manner. The Chief Guest Lt. Gen Sarath Chand AVSM, VSM (628/75) inspected the guard of honour and then laid a wreath at the Stupa of Remembrance in memory of those alumni who laid down their lives in the service of the nation.

7. Subsequently, the Chief Guest paid homage to the School Founder Shri VK Krishna Menon in the Foyer, Col N J Nair AC, KC in the North Wing, Capt Harshan AC in the South Wing and to 2 Lt R M Naresh & Maj S Chandran SM in the Central Triangle.

0920h - Commemoration Meeting at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Auditorium

8. The commemoration meeting started with the Presidential welcome and address. In his

address, the OBA President Cdr (Retd) Sam T Samuel (637/75), stressed the need for all the old boys to become part of the association and emphasized the benefits of being a part of this family. This was followed by the distribution of prizes sponsored by the OBA. The Chief Guest, Lt. Gen Sarath Chand AVSM, VSM (628/75), distributed the prizes to the cadets who excelled in various subjects in the previous academic year.

9. OBA felicitated the following illustrious alumni for their achievements in **2014-15** with the Late Fg Offr MP Anil Kumar Memorial Achiever Awards. The Awards are instituted in memory of MP Anil Kumar (1122/81):

(a) **Maj Rintomon Thachil Sena Medal (Gallantry) 3264/01**

On 10 Dec 13, four terrorists were spotted in a village intermingling with the civilians. Continuous surveillance was maintained till 11 Dec 2013. At 0630 hrs when the terrorists were challenged by closely placed stops, the terrorists using civilians as human shields started firing indiscriminately. The officer with his utter disregard to his personal safety crawled under heavy fire to the rear of the terrorists and shot them at a very close range. At school, Maj Rinto was an exceptional sportsman and best athlete. He has won several medals in Cross-country.

(b) **Sqn Leader Kapil Kareem, Vayusena Medal (Gallantry) 3511/03**

A fully operational 4-aircraft leader on Mirage 2000 aircraft and has 691 hours of service flying. He was authorized to lead a 2 Vs 2 combat mission on 06 May 2014. The sortie was uneventful till the second combat situation. Towards the end of the second combat situation, the aircraft went into severe oscillations in pitch. He could not move his neck to glance at the warning panel on the right side. He maintained calm and displaying courage of the highest order, skillfully controlled the aircraft by throttling back and selecting air brakes out. Despite being unable to straighten his neck and the resultant limitation to the vision in front, he landed the aircraft safely. He, despite being nearly incapacitated, went beyond the call of the duty to stay with the aircraft and recover it safely, thereby displaying courage of the highest order. For this act of exceptional courage in ensuring safe recovery of aircraft Sqn Ldr Kapil Kareem has been awarded with Vayusena Medal (Gallantry). Sqn Ldr Kapil Kareem was school captain in 2003 and was the best all round cadet for the year 2003.

(c) **Capt .Gautham Sasikumar (3762/05) M-in D**

Capt. Gautham's unit was tasked to carry out an ambush on an enemy location consisting of 6 Pakistani soldiers. Capt Gautham, being the Ghatak platoon commander was assigned by the CO to lead the operation. This was in retaliation to an IED incident that claimed the life of 2 Indian jawans in the same division where he was posted, earlier that day. A team of 10 led by Capt Gautam started descent from the ridge to the previously received location at around 0100 hours. They reached the location by 0430 hours under the cover of darkness. Maintaining absolute surprise, concealed from enemy observation, the team moved on to the Line of Control and took their positions and waited for the right opportunity to strike. The team consisted of 3 snipers and 3-rocket launcher detects. At 0730, the snipers fired their rounds eliminating two of the six

Pak soldiers. The team then had the most difficult task of getting back to safety in own territory. Under heavy mortar and MMG fire, the team did manage to evade the retaliation of the enemy and reach back to own location at 0820. For this operation, Capt. Gautham was awarded Mention in Dispatches (Gallantry) on 26th January 2015.

(d) **Capt Louis G Meprath IN Retd 642/72**

Capt.Louis the most familiar OLD BOY face in the school campus has successfully migrated to a new career in basketball coaching after a distinguished service spanning 37 years with the Indian Navy. He successfully completed International Basketball Federation Level I Coaching Course with 98% score and in December 2015, Capt Louis has topped the Level II coaching course as well.

(e) **Mr Josy Joseph 2136/91**

Josy Joseph (2136/91) was the only Indian selected in 2014 by the British government to the International Leaders' Programme organised by its Foreign & Commonwealth Office. He is currently The Hindu's Editor-National Security and was earlier the Special Projects Editor for the Times of India and one of India's most acclaimed investigative journalists. In a career spanning over 20 years, his scoops have won him the Prem Bhatia Award for best political reporter of 2010 and the Ramnath Goenka "Journalist of the Year" in print media in 2013. He is a graduate of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts, of which notable alumni include Shashi Tharoor, MP. Particularly high-profile investigations to his credit recently include the Mumbai Adarsh Housing scam and the 2010 Commonwealth Games scandal in New Delhi. Josy's non-fiction book on contemporary India, tentatively titled "India: A feast of vultures" was scooped up by Harper Collins after a round of bidding between major publishing houses for the highest book deal ever signed with an Indian author for a nonfiction book. It is set for release in middle of 2016.

(f) **Mr Lepeesh Parat 3254/01**

For being awarded 'Swami Vivekanada Yuva Prathibha Award' in Entrepreneurship by The Youth Welfare board of the state Govt. of Kerala in 2015. In 2014, he was also awarded with the Kerala Sahrudaya Vedi Award for the Young Business man of the year.

(g) **Mr Jiji Mammen 938/79 CEO, Mudra Bank**

Mr.Jiji Mammen Roll No 938 of 78 batch joined NABARD in 1985 as direct officer and moved up the scale to become the Chief General Manager of the Bank. He was appointed as the first CEO of MUDRA Bank in 2015.

(h) **Mr.C R Sasikumar 551/74**

Mr.C R Sasikumar Roll No 551/ 74 joined State Bank of India as a Probationary Officer. He rose through the ranks of SBI and held the positions of CEO, Shanghai –SBI, CEO-SBI SG Global Security Services and became the Chief General Manager of the bank.

He was elevated to the post of Dy Managing Director (Inspection & Audit) of the Bank in June 2015.

(j) **P J Joseph 550/74**

Has been elevated to the post of Agriculture Insurance Corporation's (AIC) Chairman and Managing Director. He held additional charge as CMD of the National Insurance Company (NIC) for a brief period during 2015.

10. The Chief Guest also felicitated two teachers and three General employees retiring this year:

(a) **Teachers**

- (i) Mr. NG Babu, Master in Chemistry
- (ii) Mrs. Sudhalakshmy, Asst Master in Biology

(b) **General Employees**

- (i) Mr. Madhusudhanan Nair, Head Waiter
- (ii) Mr. K. Babu, Waiter
- (iii) Mr. Soman, Pump House

11. Subsequently, in his address, Lt. Gen Sarath Chand AVSM, VSM (628/75), urged the students of Sainik School Kazhakoottam to join the Armed Forces where there are a large number of opportunities, and also informed the young cadets of SSK that, though the world has got lots of opportunities, Armed Forces is the most lucrative career in front of them.

12. Cdr (Retd) Sam T Samuel (637/75), President, OBASSKZM thanked Lt. Gen Sarat Chand AVSM, VSM (628/75) and all the Cadets, Staff and Alumni for their active participation in all the events of this year's OB day.

13. Thereafter, all members of staff, cadets and alumni moved for tea arranged just outside the auditorium at the Major Satish Chandran SM Gallery. A saxophone orchestra and magic show was arranged at the venue.

1030h - Festival Cricket Match Principal's XI vs OBA XI & Organised Campus Tour for Ladies & Children

14. The OBA team played brilliantly and restricted the SSKZM Team to a paltry 59 runs in 15 overs, due to the excellent fielding done by the OBs. Not a single boundary was scored till the 13th over. In addition, good wicket-keeping by Sqn Ldr Gafoor resulting in two run outs and one stumping and accurate bowling by Cmde G Prakash (Vice Captain), Captain Rajesh Ram Kumar, Dr. Vimal and other OBs helped the Old Boys to win convincingly with 3 overs to spare. The OBs are winning the cricket match after nearly a decade.

1200h- AGB Meeting at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Auditorium

Minutes attached herewith separately.

1315h - Dedication of the "Tree of Eternal Light" to the School. Dedication of Turning Point in memory of MP Anil Kumar

15. Lt. Gen Sarath Chand AVSM, VSM (628/75), dedicated the Tree of Eternal Light to the

School. He also dedicated 'Turning Point', the memorial for Flying Officer M. P. Anil Kumar. S. M. Kamalamma, Anil Kumar's mother, his sister M. P. Sheeja and other family members were also present. His desktop computer, wheelchair, 'mouth writing' stand as well as his medals from the NDA, Air Force Academy and Indian Air Force have been displayed in the special corner spot of the hall. His original article written with the aid of a stick held with his mouth, titled 'Airborne to chair-borne', and his numerous newspaper columns also found space at the motivational hall.

1330 h - Lunch for Alumni, Faculty, Class XII and all Cadet Appointments.

16. A grand lunch was organised by SSKZM and the Batch of 90 at 2/Lt Radha Mohan Naresh Hall (Cadets' Mess). A total of 1150 pax approximately attended the lunch, which included Ex-Masters, OBs, spouses and children.

1500h - Thiruvathira Dance performance, Basketball, Football and Volleyball Matches and Prize Distribution

17. Family members and cadets also attended a Thiruvathira Dance performance organized at the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Auditorium between 1500h and 1600h.

18. In Football, the OBA XI was leading 2-0 at half time. Sensing an easy victory, the Old Boys became overconfident as well as complacent and substituted their main players. The SSKZM Team fought back and won 5-2.

19. In volleyball, the Principals' team won convincingly in straight sets. The OBA team gave a good fight to the school team in the second game and the match fluctuated several times at match point.

20. However, the most interesting match of the day was the Basketball Match. Initially, the Principals' team cruised to a 10-point lead. However, a sustained fight-back led by Major Robin Mathai, Sajit Raja and the team captain (Captain Louis George - who just turned 60 on 07 Dec), enabled the OBA team to equalise the score at 46 all. At this juncture, it rained and the match had to be called off. The teams were declared 'Joint Winners'.

21. The Prizes were distributed by Captain Louis George Meprath (642 / 1972). This was followed by tea.

1730h - Interring the time capsule of 1990 & 2016 batches.

22. The sponsoring batch of 1990 and the present passing put batch of 2016 interred their aspirations and memorabilia including writings and photographs in an aluminum box, which was locked and kept in a cement cabinet (time capsule) near the motivation hall to be opened 25 years from now ie 2041.

1750h - Departure of all Alumni and Families

23. The old boys dispersed after tea, promising to return on 09 July 2016 for OB Day 2016!

HOPING TO MEET ALL OF YOU FOR THE NEXT OB DAY TO BE HELD ON 09 JULY 2016 BY THE SPONSORING BATCH OF 1991.

OBA ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING MINUTES

1200 hrs Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Auditorium

AGBM INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY

1. Silent Prayer (1 Min) in memory of dear departed.

The General Body meeting started by observing one-minute silence in memory of our dear departed Alumni, Cadets and Staff. 107 alumni attended the AGBM.

2. Address by Principal, SSKZM

Principal Colonel A. Rajiv thanked all the Old Boys for their attendance. In his address, he urged all Old Boys to sponsor the maintenance of their alma mater. Currently, the school is facing a deficit of funds to the tune of 2.5 crores and the state government has promised to give it Rs 50 lakh.

3. OBA Diary in brief for 2014-15

- 3 EC meetings held on 09 August 2014, 20 June 2015 and 10 October 2015.
- Updated accounting statements filed in all EC meetings.
- Grand Kazhak Meet 2014 - 16th August 2014 at Cochin with the Ernakulam chapter
- Farewell dinners to outgoing Registrar Lt Col PG Suresh Kumar.
- Various activities under the aegis of OBA,organised by sponsoring batch of 1990.
- Social responsibility project by 1991 batch in Attapadi as sponsoring batch of 2016
- Bangalore chapter meet on 06 July 2014
- Delhi chapter meet held on 21 December 2014 and 19 April 2015
- Bangalore chapter meet held on 11 January 2015.
- Mumbai chapter meet held on 29 November 2015
- Thiruvananthapuram chapter meet on 20 June 2015
- Coordinated a collection drive and raised INR 23Lakhs for treatment of an alumnus
- Contributed INR 1 lakh towards new basketball boards for SSKZM
- OBA flag unveiled and hoisted on Old Boys Day 2015

4. Presentation by Class Of 1990

The Class of 1990 had conceptualised and set in motion a series of initiatives aimed at bringing, building and enriching the Sainik School Kazhakootam fraternity that included the cadets, the Old Boys' community and the Class of 1990 themselves, in a time – bound manner.

- August 2014 - Revived the Newsletter that kept the Old Boys community informed, and adapted it for the digital age.
- September 2014 - An enhanced Onam Sadya, for the entire Sainik School campus community, estimated around 1000 members.
- October-November 2014 - A highly interactive and engaging 4 – part Motivational Lectures series titled THE IGNITE SESSIONS for Class XI and XII at the SSKZM Motivational Hall that broadly addressed Leadership, Attitude, Teamwork, Career

options outside NDA & the SSB dynamics. Sri M Rajesh (2002/1990); Rear Admiral K. Jyotish Kumar(875/79), Assistant Chief of Integrated Defence Staff; Sri G Madhavan Nair (Ex Chairman, ISRO); and Sri APM Mohammed Hanish IAS delivered the motivational IGNITE series lectures.

- November 2014 - Diwali celebration with cadets, sponsoring Rs.25000/- worth firework show
- December 2014 - Xmas celebration with cadets, wherein three HCL tablets along with other gifts were given to the deserving winners
- December 2014 - The first ever School Film Festival in Kerala “Loud Screen 2015”, is launched and inaugurated in school, with the able support of Rajeev Nath(80/67) and Chalachitra Academy.
- April 2015 - Career Guidance session for Class XII (2014-15) cadets conducted by OBs from different fields and led by Ramesh Babu(888/79) was partly sponsored by the class of 1990.
- June 2015 -Capt Louis George (642/72) was invited to coach the school basketball team for the Harshan Memorial Basket ball tournament, as part of the efforts to support the school’s sporting activities
- June 2015 - Conceptualization of the 'Eternal Tree of Light' began
- August 2015 - Conceptualization of 'A book for SIMON PETER" began
- September 2015 - Preparations are made to built up a structure for Time capsule
- October 2015 - Capt.Louis George (642/72) revisits SSKZM to train the basketball team

5. Presentation by Class Of 1991

Santhosh Kumar J 2226/91, batch representative, started the presentation. The logo of the sponsoring batch was released on the occasion.



The major projects envisaged by the batch of 1991 are as follows:

SL NO	AREA	TITLE	PURPOSE	SCHEDULE
1	SPORTS & GAMES	P U SAJI MEMORIAL "CATCH THEM YOUNG" PROGRAM	TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL COACHING TO CADETS IN BASKETBALL & VOLLEY BALL	JUNE TO NOV 2016
2	INSPIRATION & CAREER	TOM GEORGE MEMORIAL "IGNITE SESSIONS"	TO GIVE INSPIRATION TO CADETS TO JOIN DEFENSE SERVICES AND OTHER CAREERS	JANUARY & JUNE 2016
3	HEALTH	SANJAY KD MEMORIAL "PILOT ORGANIC FARM"	TO GUIDE CADETS TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY LIVING AND ORGANIC FOOD	MAY 2016 ONWARDS
4	SOCIETY & SCHOOL	SHINE P BABY MEMORIAL "PROJECT SHINE"	TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR TRIBAL KIDS TO ENABLE THEM TO SECURE ADMISSION TO SSKZM	JULY 2015 TO JAN 2016.

Babu Mathew 2229/91 then did a presentation on Project Shine – executed by Batch of 1991.

Salient Features of Project Shine:

- Inaugurated by Cdr Rajeev Maroli, Vice President, OBASSKZM on 04 July 2015 at B.R.C Hall in Attappadi.
- Exam training for Vth Std Scheduled Tribe children from Attapadi Tribal Area to appear for the All India Sainik School Entrance Exam on 03 January 2015. Project Outlay: Rupees Four Lakhs.
- Official sanction and major support by Shri P.B. Nooh IAS, Sub-Collector, Ottapalam.
- 24 Tribal students from Attapadi prepared using Socio- Emotional Learning (SEL) approach.
- Held on all Saturdays for 6 hours, from July 2015 till December 2015.
- Provides teachers and training inputs along with meals at the Attappady Hill Area Development Society (AHADS) in Agali.
- 180 hours training.
- Two residential camps of 10 days.
- Dr. Sunil Rajendran and Dr. Louie Fischer, both from the 91 batch, conducted free medical check up.

- The Project Convener held counseling sessions with the parents.
- Every week, spouses accompany to help with training, counseling and setting up meals for the children.
- The students are also appearing for the Navodaya Vidyalaya entrance exams to Class VI for the Academic Year 2016-17.

AGBM MINUTES

1. Presentation of Accounts by OBA Treasurer

The Treasurer, Mr.Rammohan GS 2529/95, presented the audited account statement for 2014-15. The account was approved by the General Body with Mr. Jaison AC 2118/91 proposing and Mr. Vishnu Ginaraj 2563/95 seconding the motion. Audited statements are added as annexures.

2. Students Scholarship Fund (SSF) Briefing.

Cdr.Rajeev Maroli VP-OBA put forth the need for urgent augmentation of the SSF corpus to at least Rs.12 lakhs so that the annual interest would be sufficient to meet the growing scholarship needs of at least 10 cadets per year. Currently, the SSF corpus is approx.Rs.2.95 lakhs. In this regard, it was put forth that a portion of the balance in the funds collected towards the treatment of Mr.Renjith BV 3350/05 may be transferred to this corpus as the main purpose for which the collection took place was fulfilled. The OBA received Rs.23 lakhs towards this purpose of which only Rs.9.30 lakhs was spent and the balance in this fund is Rs.13.70 lakhs. However, the GB felt that the individual contributors need to be contacted and permission for the same be sought from them. EC will contact the contributors at the earliest.

In this context, the following was also discussed: The SSF is used to provide scholarship to cadet chosen by the school, where in the criterion up to passing 8th standard would be the financial position of the student (alone) and there after, there would be a combination of financial position and the academic performance. Presently, the amount available is below 3 lakhs, and there is a need to raise it to about 12 lakhs to support 10 cadets per year. The need may increase with the revision of school fee amount and with the possible increase in the number of deserving cadets. Therefore, it was proposed to set a target of 15 lakhs in SSF and build it with contribution from OBs. It was also proposed to have collection for SSF also at the time of registration by providing a column in the form for voluntary contribution.

The AGM approved the proposal unanimously.

3. Alumni website, Beta Testing and Content Management. Institution of Online Reputation Management Committee.

The President assured the community that a fine website for the OBA is in the final stages of launching and shall be brought out soon. The EC will soon form a Online Reputation Management Committee to ensure a standardised format and policy for disseminating all news related to OBA on social media and other online resources.

4. OBA Reunion in 2016, Sponsored by 1991 Batch Date Amendment

The date suggested by the sponsoring batch of 1991 – 09 July 2016, Saturday – was unanimously approved by the Annual General Body Meeting.

5. Capt Harshan Memorial Basketball Tournament/ Col NJ Nair Memorial Debate

Competition Funding

The EC intimated to GB that it has approved a sum of Rs.50000 every year to be given by OBA towards the conduct of the Capt. Harshan Memorial Basketball Tournament and Col NJ Nair Memorial Debate Competition held in memory of illustrious alumni. School will conduct the events and they will make all arrangements locally.

6. Other Points

The President OBA conveyed to the GB that OBA would be going in for a fresh registration of the Association as a society in view of the penalties to be paid for non-filing of annual returns to the Registrar of Societies since 1993. The GB has given the go-ahead for the same.

7. Election of office bearers for 2015 – 2016 [as per the OBA Bye Laws, all posts in the EC falling vacant on 12 Dec 2015 (OB Day)]- SENIORMOST OLD BOY TO PRESIDE.

The election of office bearers for 2015– 16 was held in the AGBM. Shri K S Rajan (39/65), senior most old boy, was the Returning Officer for the elections. The new office bearers for 2015-16 are as follows:

	Designation	Name	Roll No	Year
1	President	Cdr(Retd) Sam T Samuel	637	1975
2	Vice President	Cdr Rajeev Maroli	954	1980
3	Vice President	Shri Gopikrishna S	1737	1987
4	General Secretary	Shri Soni Somarajan	2186	1991
5	Organising Secretary	Shri Santhosh Kumar J	2226	1991
6	Joint Secretary	Lt Cdr(Retd) Naiju Thomas	1917	1989
7	Joint Secretary	Shri Anup S	2297	1992
8	Treasurer	Shri Ram Mohan G S	2529	1995
9	Auditor	Shri MB Sanil Kumar	777	1977
	Batch Representatives			
10	1965-1970	Shri T.K.Chandramohan	64	1966
11	1971-1975	Col (Retd) Sajjad M	574	1974
12	1976-1980	Maj(Retd) Suresh Kumar R	792	1977
13	1981-1985	Cmde G Prakash	1064	1981
14	1986-1990	Shri Habeeb Mohamed	1750	1987
15	1991-1995	Dr Anish Baby	2219	1992
16	1996-2000	Shri Kannan S	2766	1997
17	2001-2005	Shri Cyril Cyriac	3434	2003
18	2006-2010	Shri Adarsh AK	4131	2008
19	2011-2014	Shri Arun.K.Nair	4413	2011
20	Communication Cell (Co-opted)	Wg Cdr TR Padmaraj	2298	1993

The AGBM was thus concluded. Thereafter, members proceeded for lunch at the Cadets' Mess.

PROGRAM BY SPONSORING BATCH OF 1990

11 DECEMBER 2015

1630hr - Guruvandanam

The Guruvandanam program was conducted in the school auditorium with Lt. Gen Sarath Chand AVSM, VSM (628/75), and Mrs. Sarath Chand as chief guests. 13 retired teachers participated in the program apart from current schoolteachers, staff, cadets, the OBASSKZM EC members and the sponsoring class of 1990. The Principal Col Rajiv A gave the introduction. The sponsoring batch School Captain, Rajesh Unni M (2002/90), compered the entire program to felicitate all the 13 teachers on stage. Lt. Gen. Sarath Chand gave an emotional speech followed by a presentation on teachers who are no more in this world.

This was followed by a high tea at the Major Satish Chandran SM Gallery.

1900hr – Entertainment Program

The entertainment program started at the Open Stage at Harshan Pavilion, conducted by Hamsadhwani Orchestra with Idea Star Singer fame, Vivekandan, being the lead artiste.

This was followed by dinner at the Major Satish Chandran SM Gallery for Guests, Staff and alumni and dinner in Cadets Mess for cadets and duty staff.

OBA DIARY 2014 -15

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1. The following are the year round up of old boys across the globe. Every attempt has been made to include all news / events that have come to the notice of the EC. For **social interaction** with OBs across the globe, the following WhatsApp groups are in use. OBs may use it for informal interactions. For any assistance to add, please contact Wg Cdr TR Padmaraj (2298/93) at [9846552298](tel:9846552298) or mail at buldo2298@gmail.com

- (a) Kazaks@Delhi (For Delhi Kazaks)
- (b) Kazaks@TVM (For Trivandrum Kazaks)
- (c) THE KAZAKS (has 2 from each batch)
- (d) Kazaks@Bangalore (For Bangalore Kazaks)
- (e) Kazaks@Malabar (For Malabar area)
- (f) Kazaks Down under (For Kazaks in Australia and NZ)
- (g) Kazaks@Kochi (For Kochi Kazaks)

Gallantry Award Winners

2. The President of India has pleased to award gallantry awards to the following from the Kazaks fraternity.

- (a) **Maj Rintomon (3264/01)** awarded **Sena Medal (Gallantry)**
- (b) **SqnLdr Kapil Kareem (3511/03)** awarded **Vayusena Medal (Gallantry)**
(Was also a former school Captain)
- (c) **Capt Gautham Sasi Kumar** awarded **Mention – in – Dispatches**

OBs Recognised at National and State Level

3. Alumni from SSKZM were also recognized at various spheres of their glittering career in the past one year.

- (a) **Mr Lepeesh Parat (3254/01)**: (Managing Director & CEO Zesty Beanz Technologies India / Germany | UAE Sector: IT Services) Awarded
 - (i) In 2014, with the Kerala Sahrudaya Vedi Award for the Young Business man of the year.
 - (ii) “Swami Vivekanada Yuva Prathibha Award” in entrepreneurship by the Youth Welfare board of the state Govt. of Kerala in 2015
- (b) **Mr Josy Joseph (2136/91)**: (Investigative Journalist) Prem Bhatia Trust selected Josy as India’s best political reporter of 2011, for a series of investigative reports the Ramnath Goenka “Journalist of the Year (Print)” award in 2013. In 2015, he has been selected by the **British Govt to the International Leaders’ Programme organized by its Foreign and Commonwealth Office.**
- (c) **Capt (Retd) LG Meprath IN (642/72)**: Former OBA President, passed **Level I** Basketball Coaching Course conducted by **FIBA (Federation Internationale de Basketball)** with **98%** and topping the **Level II** in Dec 15.

OBs Reaching Higher Distinguished Positions

4. The year also saw OBs reaching higher distinguished positions in their illustrious chosen career.

- (a) **Mr Jiji Mammen (938/79)** working with NABARD as CGM, Telengana state becomes the **CEO of MUDRA Bank of Govt. of India.**
- (b) **Mr CR Sasi Kumar (551/74 batch)** has been promoted as Deputy Managing Director of State Bank of India. This is the highest position anybody from SSKZM has reached in State Bank of India, till date.
- (c) **Mr PJ Joseph (550/1974 Batch)** is currently Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Agriculture Insurance Company of India and in the year 2014, he also held Chairman-cum-Managing Director (Additional Charge) of National Insurance Company of India for a brief period.

NB: All OBs named above are the winners of **Late Fg Offr MP Anil Kumar Achiever of the Year award for 2014-15** and were felicitated by the OBA on 12 Dec 15. **Hearty congratulations!**

Newsmakers and other Notable Feats by Alumni

5. **Presidential Awards:-** The following Personnel from Defence Services were awarded by the Presidential for distinguished services. Many congratulations and many more to come.

- (a) **Lt Gen C Anantha Krishnan (514/72)** awarded **PVSM**
- (b) **Brig Pramod Kumar (1136/81)** awarded **YSM**
- (c) **Maj Gen John Mathew (590/74)** awarded **VSM**
- (d) **Air Cmde B Balachandran VM (1363/83)** awarded **AVSM**

6. **Promotions - Defence Services:-** The following officers of the defence services have been promoted to the next higher ranks. Hearty congratulations from the OBA fraternity.

- (a) **Lt Gen. Sarat Chand, 628/ 1975 has been cleared for Army Commander. He will take over the South West Command based in Jaipur early next year.**
- (b) **Maj Gen Cherish Matson (734/76)** to the rank of Lieutenant General. The officer sponsored the 'Cherish Point' for SSKZM in 2014.
- (c) **Brig KT Sreekumar (1012/80)** to the rank of Major General
- (d) **Air Cmde Biju Paul (989/80)** to the rank of Air Vice Marshal. He is the second ground duty officer from IAF after AVM KMS Pradeep to reach this position.
- (e) **Col AY Rajan (1782/87)** to the rank of Brigadier
- (f) **Col MN Sajan (1651/86)** to the rank of Brigadier
- (g) **Gp Capt KV Surendran Nair (1543/85)** to the rank of Air Cmde

7. **Prestigious Courses:-** **Gp Capt KV Surendran Nair (1543/85)** and Air Cmde Laly Joseph Vetticad 1329/83 has been selected for the Higher Command Course at prestigious National Defence College starting in Jan 16.

8. **Promotions - Public Sectors:-** **Mr CR Vijayan (646/75)** has taken charge as General Manager, United India Insurance Co. at Chennai on 10 Aug 15. **Mr S Machendranathan IAS (Rtd) (331/70)** is the new Chairman of Airports Economic Regulatory Authority

9. **Play on MP Anil Kumar' Life:-** A stage play on Late Fg Offr MP Anil Kumar (1122/81) was organised by Kolkata based theatre group Padatik, based on the life of the fighter pilot. The play was staged at New Delhi during the Air Force Day.

10. **Other Notable Feats:-** The following alumni from SSKZM also made news in the year that gone by.

- (a) **Wg Cdr S Suraj (2291/92) during Op Maitri:-** The officer's Unit was the first to activate for rescue operations at Nepal that wreaked havoc in that country and the officer was the first to reach Nepal with his chopper.

- (b) **Prasad Pillay (2617/95)** developed India's first Personal safety car gadget 'Raksha safe Drive' a smart road safety system.
- (c) **Vinod Jayakumar (2991) and Vinod Vijayakumar (3007)** both of 99 batch made their debut in the film 'Salt Mango Tree' as script writers. The film is a commercial success in Kerala. Hearty Congratulations!
- (d) **Dr Kishan Kishore (1351/83)** was awarded by Indian Press Club of North America.
- (e) **Lt Deepak R (4285/10)** finished 3rd in YOL course
- (f) **Lt Rohit P Nair (4446/11)** Adjudged Best Athlete at IMA during POP. Earlier he was also adjudged the Best Athlete at NDA as well.
- (g) **S/Lt Akash Sathyan (4440/11)** was selected as the Best All Round Sportsman at INA
- (h) **Capt Ashik Paul Eldo (4180/09)** won the Pachuri Trophy for best in Outdoor and Sports in Signals YOS and also came fourth in merit.

Chapter Get-togethers

11. This year also saw many get-together organised by various chapters.
- (a) **Delhi Chapter** The Delhi Chapter had three get-togethers; in Dec 14, in Apr 15 and in Oct 15. Around 80 OBs with families attended in all chapter meet.
 - (b) Trivandrum Chapter get-together under aegis of OBA was held on 20 Jun 15. This was also the occasion to formally welcome Col Rajeev (2053/90) and Lt Col B Girish Kumar (192/89). 107 OBs with families attended the function.
 - (c) Secunderbad Chapter GTG held in March 2015.
 - (d) Chennai Chapter GTG was held on 12 Apr 15 at PGOI

Obituary – Rest in Peace

- (a) **Brig Vinod Ahuja (229/68)**. He was one of the students from Punjab who joined our School in 1962 at Pangode. He had the rare honour of winning the Best NCC Cadet baton at the Republic Day Parade in N Delhi in 1967.
- (b) **Mrs NBN** (w/o Mr NB Nair, founder OBA) passed away due to age-related illness in Jul 15
- (c) **Dr CKC**, former master SSKZM passed away in Nov 14.
- (d) **Ajith Jagadeesh (1586/85)** due to cardiac arrest on 06 Jul 15. He is survived by his wife Bindu and two young daughters Megha (16 yrs) and Varsha (11 yrs).
- (e) **Mr KB Rao**, Ex- Art Master, SSKZM passed away on 25 Oct 15 at home in his sleep.
- (f) **Mr George Joseph**, Ex –Master, SSKZM

- (g) **Mrs SV Sarma** (w/o Mr SV Sarma, former Maths teacher, SSKZM)
- (h) **Mr Harindran** (84/67) due to heart ailments.

ANNEXURES

FINANCIAL STATEMENT BOOK FOR SIMON PETER

OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION, SAINIK SCHOOL, KAZHAKOOTAM

BALANCE SHEET AS ON MARCH 31, 2015

Amount (₹) Previous year	Liabilities	Amount (₹) Current year	Amount (₹) Previous year	Assets	Amount (₹) Current year
	Capital Account			Fixed Assets	
1,429,734.40	Opening balance 1,563,324.40		1,870.00	Computer & Accessories 748.00	
133,590.00	Add:- Excess of Income over Exp. 206,220.00		4,876.00	Safe Locker 4,145.00	4,893.00
1,563,324.40		1,769,544.40			
				Current Assets	
118,904.00	Refundable to 1974 batch 118,904.00			Fixed deposits	
-	Less:- Refunded during the year -	118,904.00		FD with Canara Bank 507,175.00	
35,000.00	Refundable to 1977 batch	35,000.00	507,175.00	FD with Central Bank of India 698,200.00	1,205,375.00
			698,200.00		



	Student Scholarship fund			Bank Accounts	
312,071.00	Opening balance 278,471.00				
16,400.00	Add:- Contributions during the year -		24,599.40	Canara Bank- kazhakutom -A/c. No.84 25,593.40	
-	Add:- Interest during the year 11,250.00		422,028.00	Canara Bank- Ullor A/c. No.16 561,734.00	
50,000.00	Less: Scholarship Disbursement -				
-	Less:- Bank charges -	289,721.00	31,339.00	CBI- A/c. No.131 122,622.00	
			25,927.00	Federal Bank- A/c. No.537 3,231.00	
			278,471.00	Federal Bank- A/c. No.704 289,721.00	1,002,901.40
			1,214.00	Cash-in-hand -	
3,659,023.80	TOTAL	2,213,169.40	1,995,699.40	TOTAL	2,213,169.40

See accompanying Notes to the financial statements

For **OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION, SAINIK SCHOOL, KAZHAKOOTAM**

(President)

(General Secretary)

(Treasurer)

Place: Trivandrum
Date:



As per our report attached
For **KUMAR & BIJU ASSOCIATES**

Chartered Accountants

M.B. SANILKUMAR

(Managing partner)

Membership No. 29122

Place: Trivandrum

Date:

OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION, SAINIK SCHOOL, KAZHAKOOTAM

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

Amount (₹) Previous year	Expenditure	Amount (₹) Current year	Amount (₹) Previous year	Income	Amount (₹) Current year
-	OBA Room Furnishing & Inauguration Exp.	8,055.00	1,824.00	By General Contribution/ donation	-
56,000.00	Accounting Charges	-	47,000.00	Life Membership Fees	46,000.00
-	OBA Day Expenses	20,167.00	70,140.00	OBA day receipts	86,200.00
38,400.00	Prizes, Endowment, Mementos, Trophies etc	32,000.00	113,253.00	Interest on Bank Deposits	130,162.00
90,000.00	Aid for conducting meet	-	90,000.00	Sponsorship	10,000.00
-	Rent of Office	-	-	Other Income	33.00
-	Photography Expenses	-	-		
-	Meeting Expenses	-	-		
-	Printing & Stationery	-	-		



562.00	Bank Charges	675.00			
-	Send off- Ex Principal	3,425.00			
3,665.00	Depreciation	1,853.00			
133,590.00	Excess of Income over Expenditure	206,220.00			
322,217.00	TOTAL	272,395.00	322,217.00	TOTAL	272,395.00


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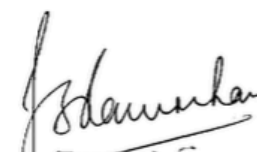
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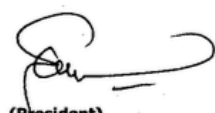
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OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION, SAINIK SCHOOL, KAZHAKOOTAM


RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT OF OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2014 TO 31ST MARCH, 2015

RECEIPTS		AMOUNT(Rs.)	PAYMENTS		AMOUNT(Rs.)
To Opening Balances					
" Cash in Hand		1,214.00	By OBA Day Expenses	20,167.00	
" Canara Bank, - SB A/c 2762101000084	24,599.40		" Bank Charges	675.00	
" Canara Bank, Ulloor - SB A/c No 608101001616	422,028.00		" OBA Room Furnishing & Inauguration Expenses	8,055.00	
" CBI - SB A/c - 1368606131	31,339.00		" Prizes, Endowments & Trophies	32,000.00	
" Federal Bank 16170100021537 (Golden Jubilee)	25,927.00		" Send of Ex Principal	3,425.00	64,322.00
Federal Bank 16170100029704	278,471.00	782,364.40	Closing Balances		
" Mis. Income		33.00	" Canara Bank, - SB A/c 2762101000084	25,593.40	
" Interest on Bank Deposits		130,162.00	" Canara Bank, Ulloor - SB A/c No 608101001616	561,734.00	
" Sponsorship		10,000.00	" CBI - SB A/c - 1368606131	122,622.00	
" Life Member Ship Fees		46,000.00	" Federal Bank 16170100021537 (Golden Jubilee)	3,231.00	
" OBA day receipts		86,200.00	" Federal Bank 16170100029704	289,721.00	1,002,901.40
" Students scholarship fund (Interest)		11,250.00	" Cash in Hand		
TOTAL		1,067,223.40	TOTAL		1,067,223.40

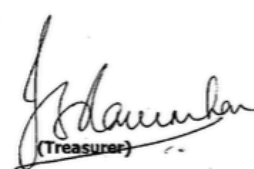
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(President)



(General Secretary)



(Treasurer)



Place: Trivandrum
Date:

OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION, SAINIK SCHOOL, KAZHAKOOTAM

Fixed Assets

Sl. No.	Items	WDV as on 31-Mar-2014 ₹	Additions used for		Deletion ₹	Total ₹	Depreciation for the year		WDV as on 31-Mar-2015 ₹
			180 days or more ₹	less than 180 days ₹			Rate %	₹	
1.	Computer & Accessories	1,870.00	-	-	-	1,870.00	60	1,122.00	748.00
2.	Safe	4,876.00	-	-	-	4,876.00	15	731.00	4,145.00
		6,746.00	-	-	-	6,746.00		1,853.00	4,893.00





OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION SAINIK SCHOOL KAZHAKOOTTAM
Notes on Accounts for the year ended March 31, 2015

The **Old Boys Association Sainik School Kazhakoottam**, Trivandrum is a trust registered in 1993 under the Travancore-Cochin Literary and Scientific Charitable Societies Act 1955 with the main object to create, foster and maintain union, friendship and fellowship among the Former Students of the Sainik School, Kazhakuttom, Trivandrum.

1. The method of accounting followed is cash basis of accounting. Funds / donations received for a specific purpose earmarked for the purpose and not credited to Income & Expenditure Account as an Income. All subscriptions are recognized as income in the year of receipt.
2. Fixed assets are accounted at cost. Depreciation is provided at the rate as per the Income tax Act, 1961.
3. The Accounting Standards issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has not been applicable to the association formed wholly for the charitable purposes and not carrying on, either wholly or in part, any activities of commercial, industrial or business nature.
4. Previous year figures have been reworked / regrouped / reclassified wherever necessary to confirm to the current year presentation.
5. Mr. M.B. Sanil Kumar, Managing Partner of Kumar & Biju Associates, is a member of the Association.

for **OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION SAINIK SCHOOL**
KAZHAKOOTTAM


(President)


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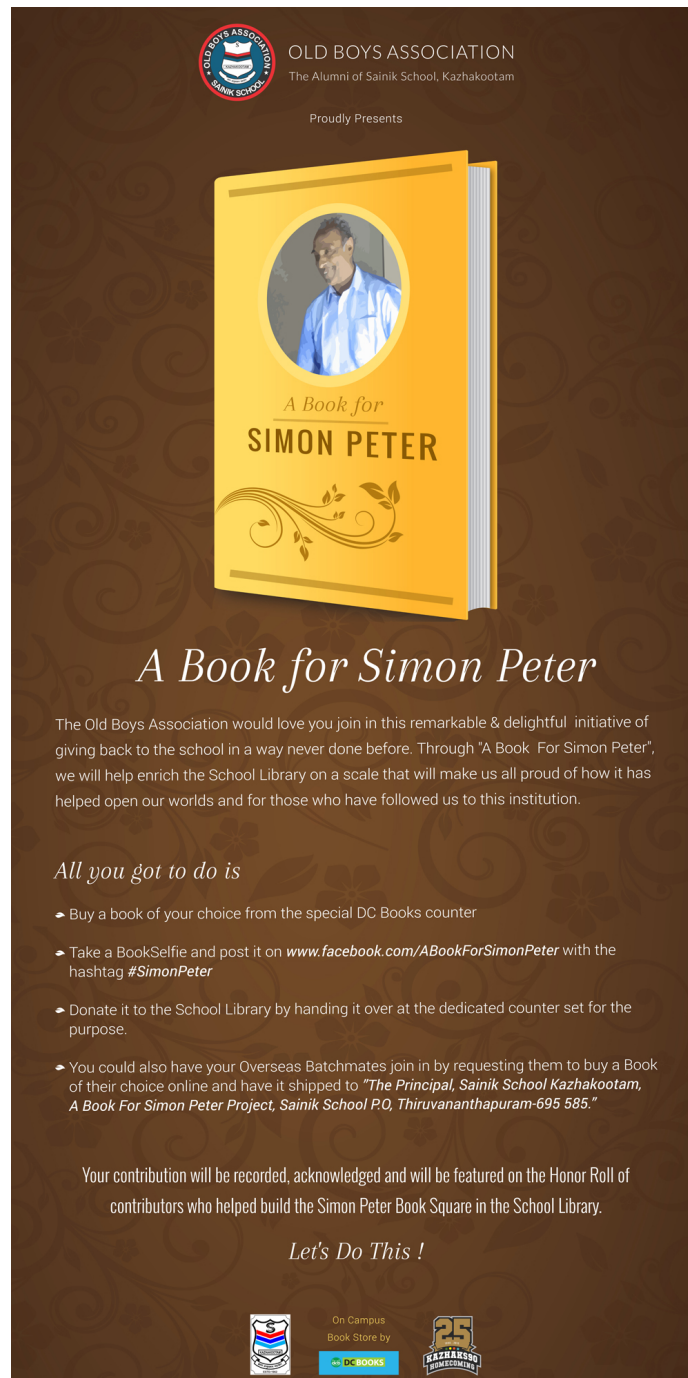
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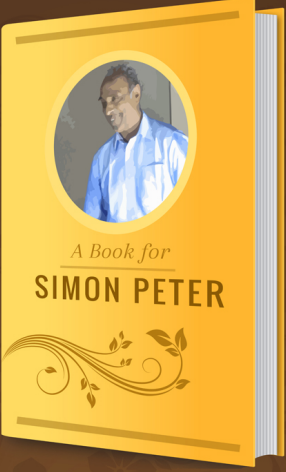
A BOOK FOR SIMON PETER INITIATIVE BY 90 BATCH

As a part of the 46th OBA Reunion Day activities, the 1990 batch implemented an initiative on behalf of the OBA that had twin objectives:

1. Honor the memory of our late School Librarian, Sri Simon Peter
2. Augment the Book Repository of the Sainik School Library through the initiative



 OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION
The Alumni of Sainik School, Kazhakoottam
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A Book for
SIMON PETER

A Book for Simon Peter


The Old Boys Association would love you join in this remarkable & delightful initiative of giving back to the school in a way never done before. Through "A Book For Simon Peter", we will help enrich the School Library on a scale that will make us all proud of how it has helped open our worlds and for those who have followed us to this institution.

All you got to do is

- Buy a book of your choice from the special DC Books counter
- Take a BookSelfie and post it on www.facebook.com/ABookForSimonPeter with the hashtag #SimonPeter
- Donate it to the School Library by handing it over at the dedicated counter set for the purpose.
- You could also have your Overseas Batchmates join in by requesting them to buy a Book of their choice online and have it shipped to "The Principal, Sainik School Kazhakoottam, A Book For Simon Peter Project, Sainik School P.O, Thiruvananthapuram-695 585."

Your contribution will be recorded, acknowledged and will be featured on the Honor Roll of contributors who helped build the Simon Peter Book Square in the School Library.

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