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President’s message

KNANAYA CATHOLIC SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

May 6 Friday 7 pm
KCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 7 Saturday 9 am
KCCNA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AT CHICAGO

May 14 Saturday 10 am
SEMI ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

August 4-7
KCCNA CONVENTION, HOUSTON

August 27 Saturday
KNANAYA OLYMPICS

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If I were to write the story of my life, I would title it “A Mother’s Influence” because I feel that everything I am, everything I do, can be traced back to the influence my mom had on my life, despite the fact I had only lived with her for the first 17 years of my life. See, my mom passed away at the age of 48 with cancer, leaving my 9 year old brother and myself in the hands of our caring father. In perspective, I had lived on this earth longer without her than with her. So why was she so influential? I pondered this question and have unveiled the truth to my existence and the philosophy of life that I follow. It is all directly tied to my mom and her short life on earth. This experience has molded me to be who I am today and how I live my life.

My mom was a simple woman who lived a simple life. It was hard to leave her family and come to America and settle down in a new place. Both my parents worked hard, and didn’t spend much money on luxurious things; I could count the few vacations we ever took with only one hand. My mom came from a large family, and she married into a large family as many have done in that generation. Along with that came numerous personalities she had to deal with. Growing up, I was a very observant little one. My mom used to say that she could not get away without knowing what she was saying on the phone or in the next room. I was very in tune to my surroundings, and I was a talker! I would repeat everything I heard or saw, so my parents learned, at an early age, that they had to be cautious of what they were saying and doing at all times. They even spoke in Hindi sometimes as a code language so I would not know what they were saying. I find this comical, in retrospect, but I also understand how and why I remember so much about my mom’s short life and how it influenced my own life as an adult.

I have learned many lessons in life and the first is how to treat others. My mom was a kind and loving person who was a little shy at times. If you were her friend, she would give you her love. She showed me how to be a good host and how to treat a guest that entered your home as if it were God coming to visit. This alone allowed me to grow into a great hostess for parties and allowed my social life to flourish. I am a good friend, and I help others when I can as that is the right thing to do.

I observed, with my keen eye, how my parents treated each other. I never saw my parents fight or put one another down. I learned how to be a good wife and how to take care of my family from my mom. She was such a devoted mother to my brother and me. I remember she taught me enough in the kitchen but when it was time to drain the water, she was too afraid I would burn myself and would do that part herself. Isn’t that sweet? I remember this each time I make rice and it sometimes brings tears to my eyes. The thing is, at the age of 17, a few weeks after my mom died, I remember making rice for my dad and my brother and draining the water from the rice for the first time in my life, by myself, with tears running down my face. This simple example taught me a great lesson.

We, as parents, do similar things. In our eyes, we think our child is just a child and may not be able to do something just because he or she is our baby. We don’t allow them to obtain their own sense of independence, and instead we do everything for them. If you took yourself out of the picture tomorrow, your child will have to start doing those things for themselves. Many people live life without even thinking about this. I, on the other hand, remember this every day because of my mom. It made me a better parent. Kids will grow up with or without you. Life goes on, so when you are there, make it worthwhile. Be pleasant, do things that make you and others happy. Don’t ever say or leave things for “tomorrow” because tomorrow may never come. Love your children and do things with them, for them, but also teach them to be independent so that when the time comes, they are prepared.

My mom’s cancer diagnosis came suddenly in April and by the following November, we had buried her. During these 7 months, “the dark months,” I call it, our family went through a dramatic change. Our lives were turned upside down with doctors’ visits, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and a whole lot of prayer time. We, as a family, turned toward God and begged for His healing power. God was the only relief to the pain. That is how my faith grew and strengthened. I learned from this experience, how to deal with difficult times and how to cling to God during times like this. One day, after chemotherapy, I remember cleaning up my mom’s vomit as she made her way to the bathroom and crying to God to please help us get through this. He did. My faith is the only way I survived then and now. God is great and my faith only grew as the years went on. They say tragedies bring you closer to God and I was fortunate to experience that at the age of 17, because then I had God in my life for that much longer through thick and thin.

All of these experiences that revolve around my mom have defined me. Today, I am happy and balanced. The road to this point in my life has been influenced by the principles I learned during my mom’s short life on this earth. I have learned to enjoy life and smile a lot. I don’t hold grudges and I forget easily. I have abundant love for others and I enjoy being of service to others. My faith is strong now and forever. This is who I am. This is how I define myself.

There are many women who took the role of a mother figure in my life. To each of them, I gave a bit of love and attention that I would have given to my mom if she were alive today. Each of them has also influenced me in one way or another. If you have the honor of having your mother here with you today, and if you know she will be gone tomorrow, what will you say to her? What will you do for her? Say it! Do it! Time is running out. A mother is so influential in one’s life... be a positive influence.
KCS SPORTS FORUM UPDATE

KCS Sports Forum Committee is so much thankful to you for the outstanding support you were given us last sports season. It’s all made possible with the outpouring support of KCS executives and all the KCS Members. We are planning an another wonderful season this year with 6 excited events. This will be Card games, Basketball, Volleyball, Cricket, Tennis and Badminton. The dates for some of the events are confirmed and few need to be updated. We will keep you posted as soon as the dates becomes available. We the Sports Forum Committee here to work with you for all your sports need. We are also open for new ideas suggestions. You can contact any of the KCS executives or myself with questions or suggestions.

Below is the confirmed dates and planned tournaments.

Card games May 21st at Community Center.
Basketball Jun 11 at 11 am. Feldman Recreation Center in Niles.
Volleyball July 10th at 12pm. Feldman Recreation Center Niles.
Cricket Tournament July 31st 12 pm. Dee park Des Plaines.
Tennis TBA
Badminton TBA.

Sincerely
Shiju Cheriyathil (Sports Forum Chairman)
ക്കാരുടെ അതിശീലതയുടെ ഉത്സവം എന്നും എഴുതിയ പുനരുത്ഥാനം അതീവ ഉന്നതമായി ഒരു പ്രഭാതി ചെയ്തു. അതുകൊണ്ട് നമുക്ക് ഒരു ന്യൂനസാധ്യമായ മാനുഷ്യമേഖലാ നിർമ്മാണത്തിലേക്കുള്ള ഒരു പ്രതിഭയുള്ള ആത്മീയ സാമൂഹ്യ സ്ഥാപനമാണ് ക്കാരുടെ അതിശീലതയുടെ ഉത്സവം. പ്രത്യേകിച്ച്, ഇത് ഒരു ന്യൂനസാധ്യമായ മാനുഷ്യമേഖലാ നിർമ്മാണത്തിലേക്കുള്ള ഒരു പ്രതിഭയുള്ള ആത്മീയ സാമൂഹ്യ സ്ഥാപനമാണ് ക്കാരുടെ അതിശീലതയുടെ ഉത്സവം.

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Dear All,

KCS Sports Forum is conducting Card Game Tournament on May 21st at the Community Center. This will be a unique opportunity for all the members to get together under one roof to play your favorite card games. The Sports Forum of KCS will be conducting the games in such a way that the husbands and wives will be able to create a team to play against another couples. This is the first time KCS is doing something in this nature. There is also the regular twenty-eight and Rummy competitions as well.

The registration begins at 8:30 am and the fee will be $50.00 per person for all shapes of Twenty-eight and for Rummy the cost will be $100.00 each. Food will be served during the day. We, the Sports Forum Committee, encourage all of you to come and join for a fun filled day. The couples 28 will start at 9:30 AM and around 10:30 AM we will start the regular Twenty-eight. The Rummy will start around 4pm.

Shiju Cheriyathil
(KCS Sports Forum Chairman)

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Chicago KCWF raised $12,000 for Project Deepti, a KCWFNA initiative. The money raised will be used to provide educational scholarship for Knanaya women admitted to professional courses after Plus II. The eligibility for scholarship will be considered based on merit and income basis. The scholarship application is available at the website [www.kccna.com/initiatives/KCWF/project-deepti](http://www.kccna.com/initiatives/KCWF/project-deepti).

We are extremely grateful to all the grand sponsors, sponsors, and KCS members who participated in the Raffle ticket sale for Project Deepti, making this KCWFNA initiative a success! The Raffle drawing is on Saturday August 7th during the 2016 KCCNA convention in Houston.

The Chicago Grand Sponsors are Mr & Mrs Chackochen and Shiji Kizhakkekutty, Mr and Mrs Tomy & Sherly Nellamattom, Mr and Mrs Thomas and Julie Puthettu.

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KCYL participants attended an ice skating trip as their last winter event. The members were able to learn and skate throughout the magnificent park over the night. Afterwards, the youth enjoyed a day in the city by visiting the famous “bean”. This was a great event to regather many of the participants from summit and continue the bond.

Also special thanks to the Chicago KCWF Vice President Sheeba Mutholam and Board member Selma Nellamattom for selling the most tickets for the Raffle ticket Sale.

Thank you,
Prathibha Thachet
KCWFNA President
Term 2015-2016

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**WOMENS FORUM NEWS**

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