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**Hello** Probians , We present herewith the Eighth issue of News Letter . We hope you enjoy reading it .

## **THAT WAS THE MONTH THAT WAS**



Diwali was celebrated with deep devotion , fun and frolic all over the Country. On this auspicious occasion we convey our greetings to all the Probians and wish them Happiness and Prosperity through out the Year.

## **CLUB ACTIVITIES OF THE MONTH AND ABOUT OURSELVES: PRESIDENT'S PARA :**



**Friends, time to celebrate! We are all very smart! Read the following:**

"Researchers found that when it comes to mental acuity, 74 is the new 59. They compared performances on a battery of intelligence tests between a group of contemporary 74-year-olds and another group of people who took the tests 16 years earlier, when they were also 74. The latter-day septuagenarians performed better on the tests across the board. In fact, the average performance of a contemporary 74-year-old was closer to someone 15

years younger in the earlier testing group, researcher Elizabeth M. Zelinski, PhD, tells WebMD. Zelinski is a professor of gerontology and psychology at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles."

## **SOCIAL AND CULTURAL BUZZ :**



Probian B.V.Krishna Kumar , National Vice President of Indian Institute of Public Administration , New Delhi, called on the newly appointed Governor , Sri N.D.Tiwari , and felicitated him. Congrats B.V.K and wish you all the best.

**Probian Balan writes :** 'Pleased to inform you that our youngest son Jayant was recently promoted as General Manager at Voltas Ltd -- a Tata Group Company. He put up their Modern Plant at the Industrial Complex of Utranchal . I became GM at 40 in the Tata Group, and Jayant is just 33 -- a great achievement indeed.' **Congrats to Jayant and to the proud parents.**

**WELCOME BACK :** Azhar Ahasan, after an enjoyable holiday in Canada and USA with his children.

## **FELLOWSHIP GET-TOGETHER :**



**Probians Rajalakshmi and K.V.Krishnamurthy hosted a Dinner for all the Probians on 17<sup>th</sup> November 07 at the Secunderabad Club .Probian V.S.Subbarao thanked the hosts for organizing an enjoyable evening. Picture shows a section of the gathering.**

## **GENERAL MEETING OF THE MONTH :**

The General Meeting was held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 07 , chaired by **Pr. V.S.Subbarao** . The various Sessions of the Meeting included : Laughter , Business , Felicitations, Fellowship and Guest Speaker Sessions. The Highlights of each Session are :

### **LAUGHTER SESSION :**

In line with the recent trend , Pr. V.S.Subbarao requested Pr.K.V.Krishnamurthy to tell a few jokes, and accordingly Pr.K.V.K told a few jokes , which made everybody laugh.

### **BUSINESS SESSION :**

Discussions were held as per the Agenda circulated earlier.Pr. V.S.S invited suggestions from the members , how to improve the performance of the Club and increase the Membership.

**FELICITATIONS SESSION : Pr. Rukmini Subbarao, Chairperson of Greetings Committee** and a Creative Writer herself , felicitated the following Probians who celebrated their Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries during the Month of November . She requested the Anniversary Couples to recall and share some interesting moments of their Marriage Day with the Members, which is a very novel idea and was appreciated by everybody. Accordingly , Probians Rajalakshmi & Krishnamurthy and Pr.Sudhakar ( Pr.Vijaya Sudhakar could not come due to prior engagements) shared their happy moments with the Members:



**Happy Birthday to Probians : Sarojini Guruswamy ; S.Sree Rama Rao ; T.Nirmala Devi & K.V.Krishnamurthy ; Probians Sarojini & Guruswamy are in the picture. Probians Sree Rama Rao and Nirmala Devi could not attend the meeting and hence they are not in the picture. Pr. K.V.K's photo is shown in the Wedding Anniversary column.**

**Happy Wedding Anniversary to Probians : Vijaya & Sudhakar ; Rajalakshmi & Krishnamurthy ; Savithri & Tirupathi Rao**



**Vijaya & Sudhakar**  
Probians Savithri & Tirupathi Rao could not attending the meeting and hence their photos could not be taken



**Rajalakshmi & Krishnamurthy**

**FELLOWSHIP SESSION :**

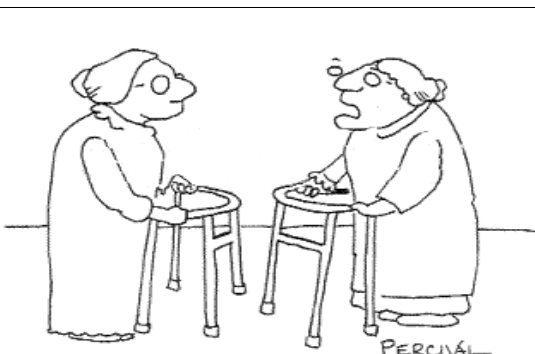
Fellowship is the central theme of our Club, around which all the Club activities revolve. All the Probians enjoy this session thoroughly and have a little chat with fellow Probians over a cup of Tea and snacks. Thanks to our innovative Secretary , **Pr. T.Kumar** , who always adds some zing into the Menu to the delight of every body.

**GUEST SPEAKER SESSION :**



This month our Guest Speaker was the learned **Sri Ravi Kumar** from the Well Known and Rapidly becoming Popular all over the World, 'Art of Living Organization.' He exhorted the members to live in the Present Moment instead of worrying about the future and Thank the Divine for all the Blessings he has showered on us, instead of craving for more and more material wealth. By doing Meditation one will be able to see the divine within oneself and in others. **Pr. Ramesh Sawhney** introduced the guest and **Pr. Azhar Ahasan** proposed a vote of thanks. **Pr. Bhaskara Rao** presented a memento to the Learned Speaker.

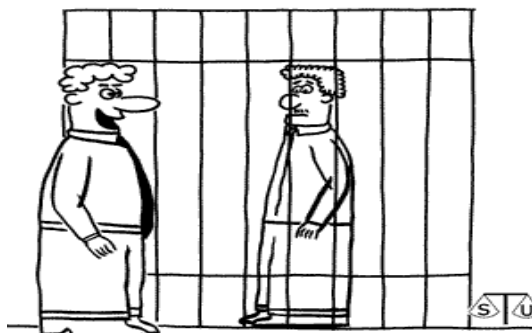
**HUMOUR OF THE MONTH:**



*"The trouble with today's generation is that they can't stand on their own two feet."*

**Senior Citizen's Complaint**

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**LAWYER'S JOY - CLIENT'S MISERY**

## PROBIAN OF THE MONTH :



Belonging to the illustrious family of Patriotic Poet , Subramanya Bharathi , Probian K.G.Venkataraman , ( KGV ) was born in Rangoon in May 1931, as his parents were living in Burma at that time ,due to the involvement of their grandparents in the freedom struggle ; consequently , there were not welcome to the British. He started his schooling in St. Pauls , Rangoon ,where he happened to come under the influence of Swami Renganathanada of Ramakrishna Mission, which was adjacent to his school. In December 1941 , he had to leave Rangoon enroute to Calcutta, in a great hurry along with a few other students , under the care of a Jesuit Father, Fr. Beastly , due to the raging World War. Under these turbulent circumstances , he got separated from his parents and was reunited with them only after three long years.

Even under these distraught conditions , KGV continued his schooling , thanks to Fr. Beastley , in Calcutta and later on in Don Bosco and St. Xaviers in Bombay. He always did exceedingly well in his studies and was always on top. After completing his schooling , he did his Graduation and Post Graduation in Higher Maths and Statistics from Allahabad University.

Later on he was selected for the prestigious Indian Foreign Service after securing 3<sup>rd</sup> Rank in the Competitive Examination. During his tenure with IFS , he served in various countries including , Australia , Japan , Uganda, Nigeria and Egypt. Being upright and not being in step with the Establishment always , he was not posted to the best of places. However, during this period , he got the opportunity to do Educational Courses at London School of Economics and Indian Statistical Institute , Calcutta.

In June 1975 , just before Emergency , due to the differences he had with the Top , he was seconded to London School of Economics. Being positive , he converted the adversity into opportunity , by doing his Post Graduation and Doctorate. Also , simultaneously , he could complete his Doctorate in Biometrics , from the University of Wisconsin, USA.

After resigning from IFS , he joined the Reserve Bank of India , in 1979 , in Bombay , as Chief General Manager , as advised by Dr. I.G.Patel , Governor of RBI .After a few years with RBI , he took voluntary retirement from RBI .

He came to Hyderabad at the behest of Swami Ranganathananda and started his own Consultancy .As a consultant , he undertook lot of work for World Bank , which included execution of 75 Projects for Argentina , China , Kenya , Mexico and most of the Latin American Countries. He was also visiting Faculty for the IIMs, ISB , ASCI etc and continues his association with London School of Economics and University of Purdue , USA. Not being in the pink of his health , he is slowly cutting down on his assignments. He was also Editor of our News Letter till 2006 and contributes to Economist even now. In addition to being a Member of our Club , he is a Rotarian and a Mason.

Married to highly educated and accomplished Srimathi Jayalakshmi in 1956 , who unfortunately passed away in 1993 ( May her soul rest in peace ),whose fond memories, wells up tears in his eyes even now, they have two sons and a daughter, Sudha , who are all highly educated , well placed , happily married and comfortably settled. We wish KGV excellent health and all the best to him and his family

## EDITOR'S COLUMN :



Friends ,that is all for the time being . Look forward to saying Hi in the first week of December with News Letter No. 9 in the first week of December.

Bye now - Phir Milenge – Malli Kalustham – Thirimbi Parklam - Khuda Hafiz

K.V.Krishnamurthy

Dr. R.Bhaskar Rao

Kanti Singhal

