

What's On

Association elects new management committee for 2020

Billava Sangha Kuwait holds 7th Annual General Body meeting

KUWAIT CITY, Dec 15: The 7th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Billava Sangha Kuwait was held on Dec 6, at the Dhoom Auditorium, Abuhalifa, Kuwait.

The event commenced with Guru Shloka followed by the lighting of lamp by the President Krishna Poojary and members of Management and Advisory Committee.

President Krishna Poojary in his welcome speech appreciated all the committee members for working with unity towards the upliftment of the community.

General Secretary Raghav Poojary presented the Annual Report mentioning the activities carried out in the Year 2019 and briefed about the constitution amendment, while the Treasurer Venugopal read out the financial report for the year 2019, both of which were approved by the members.

Poojary honored the members with flowers who contributed in different ways to the success of Billava Chavadi function, which took place on Sept 20, 2019.

Welfare Office Prabhakar Bola spoke about the scholarship programme and other welfare activities conducted during the Year 2019.

During AGM, kids competitions (coloring / drawing / speech / pick & speak) was held for the members to bring out the best talent in them. Materials for coloring and drawing competition were provided by M/s Manoj Drawing Class. The competition was fairly judged by the judges Sudhir Kumar, Vishwanath Shetty, Manoj Kumar and Ms. Shilpa Chandrashekar. Prizes distributed for all the winners as below:

2 to 4 age group: Coloring — first: Avani Anand Poojary; second: Sanvi Nilesh and third: Aadya Sudhir.

4+ to 7 age group: Drawing — first: Naameesh Bangera; second: Baruni Suvarna and



Billava Sangha Kuwait managing committee members.

third: Tanushri Harish
7+ to 12 age group: Speech — Tulunadu Culture — first: Tejas Poojary; second: Tanushri Poojary and third Amogh Prabakar
12+ to 18 age group: Pick & Speak — first:

Arjun Surendra; second: Nikilesh Poojary and third Krathi Poojary
In addition to the competition, BSK members exhibited their talent by performing dance, singing & skit which added more flavor to the event.

Talent show participants: Solo dance: Sharavani Raghav Poojary; Solo dance: Pranav Sudhir; Singing: Saisha Rohit Salian
Skit: Raghav Poojary, Mamtha Sandeep, Sujee, Manoj, Rakesh, Gautham, Prapthi, Sarita,

Gireesh and Ghanshyam.

Individuals luck was examined by playing a unique game called "Wheel of Fortune", wherein Yadav Poojary, Gautham Suvarna and Ms. Asha Kunder were lucky to win the gold coins.

Returning officer Govind Belchada announced the new management committee members elected unanimously for the year of 2020 as follows: President — Krishna S. Poojary; Vice President — Ms Sushma Bangera; General Secretary — Raghav D. Poojary; Joint Secretary — Prashanth Poojary; Treasurer — Venu Gopal; Internal Auditor — Ms. Hareesha Poojary; Cultural Secretary — Ms. Jayalaxmi Vishwas; Joint Cultural Sec. — Ms. Yashodha K. Bangera; Sports Secretary — Amarnath Suvarna; Joint Sports Sec — Sujith Kotian; Welfare Officer — Prabhakar Bola; Joint Welfare — Sathish Kotian; P.R.O. — Gautham Suvarna; Joint PRO — Dayananda Amin; Media Secretary — Ghanshyam Attavar and Joint Media Sec — Gireesh Kumar Raghav C Poojary, Manoj Kumar and Chitrek Bangera will be in the advisory Committee for the year 2020.

Re-elected President Krishna Poojary addressed the gathering and requested the full cooperation from all the Committee members in fulfilling his duties towards the Sangha.

The event was gracefully hosted by Mahesh P. Polaliand capably photographed by Sandeep Attavar.

Vote of thanks was given by the Joint General Secretary Prashanth Poojary.

The program was concluded with snacks. BSK management committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the sponsors and BSK members for their contribution towards the success of all the functions and the events taken place during the year 2019.

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Drinking problem?: Friends of Bill W. are available to help. Totally confidential. Email: rohsecretary@gmail.com

Narcotics Anonymous: NA can help with addiction problems. Totally confidential: 94087800 English/Arabic.

Cancer online support group: If you are Cancer patient or family member fighting with this deadly disease, come join our online support group. Best way of dealing with this disease is providing support and share our experience with each other. There are lot of things which even doctors can't tell so be member of this website and start sharing your experiences which may help others. October is recognized as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). The primary purpose is to promote self examination and screening mammography as the most effective way to save lives by detecting breast cancer at early stage. For more information visit: <http://fightingwithcancer.webs.com/>

Latest

Dec 19

IMA public program: Indian Muslim Association - Youth Wing (IMA-YW) will conduct a public program on Thursday, Dec 19 at 7:30 pm at the Jamaatul Islah Center - Rawda.

Guest speakers from India Br Labeed Shafi, National President, SIO of India and Br Syed Azharuddin, General Secretary, SIP of India will deliver prominent speeches.

For details contact: Fahaeel 50134779; Khaitan: 65140942; Salmiya: 51668837

Dec 20

St Paul's Church events: Welcome and consider being part of our upcoming festivity events at the St Paul's Anglican Church, Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf.

● Friday, Dec 20: Dedication of the New Chapel by Archbishop Michael Lewis at 10 am. Celebration and refreshments will follow.
● Tuesday, Dec 24: Christmas Eve service at 6.30 pm.
● Wednesday, Dec 25: Christmas Day service at 6.30 pm.

● Tuesday, Dec 31: New Year's Day Vigil at 6.30 pm.

Our church is home to Christians from Western Europe, North and South America, Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and India. Members from the Protestant, Reformed, Anglican/Episcopal, Evangelical and other traditions

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

Seek and ye shall find

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A K J 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q 10 7 6
♣ K J 3
WEST
♠ 10 7 6 3
♥ K J 8 5 4
♦ K 4
♣ 6 2
EAST
♠ Q 5 4
♥ 10 9 7 2
♦ A 3
♣ 9 8 7 4
SOUTH
♠ 9 8
♥ A Q
♦ J 9 8 5 2
♣ A Q 10 5

The bidding:
South 1♦
West Pass
North 1♠
East Pass
2♣
3♦
3 NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.

In some notrump contracts, declarer cannot afford to establish his long suit because by the time he does so, the opponents will have collected enough tricks to set him. In such situations, declarer must look elsewhere for the tricks he needs to get home safely.

Take this case where West leads a heart against three notrump. South wins with the queen and can count eight sure tricks — two spades, two hearts and four clubs. Understandably, his natural impulse is to try to establish the diamond suit. But if he

gives in to this temptation, he is headed for certain defeat, since by the time the A-K of diamonds are driven out, the defenders will have scored at least three heart tricks and two diamond tricks.

South must therefore find his ninth trick elsewhere. The only remaining source is in spades, where a simple finesse against the queen is available. If West was dealt the queen — a straight 50-50 shot — finessing the jack will succeed, and declarer's troubles will be over.

However, while this line of play raises South's chances from zero to 50 percent, it is still not the best approach. An even better plan, which raises his chances to 75 percent, is to lead the nine (or eight) of spades at trick two and let it ride if West follows low.

In the actual deal, the nine forces East's queen, so the jack of spades becomes declarer's ninth trick. (If West covers the nine with the ten, dummy's jack is played, and the eight becomes the ninth trick.) If the nine happens to lose to the ten, South can finesse the jack next time.

This line of play succeeds whenever West was dealt either the ten or queen of spades, or both. Mathematically, the odds are about 3-to-1 that West has at least one of these cards. All South need do at the outset is to recognize the value of the 9-8 of spades.

Tomorrow: Points, schmoits.

make up a warm and dynamic St Paul's Church family.
Visit our website or contact Revd Michael Mbona (Chaplain and Rector)
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Church location: Cnr 9th Ave & 6th St

North, Block 14, Ahmadi, Kuwait.
STECI Kuwait Carol Service: It's Christmas time! — a time to rejoice and reflect on the Birth of our Christ Jesus.
St Thomas Evangelical Church of India (STECI)

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world (John 1:9)

St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India Kuwait Parish
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE 2019

Lights of Love

Chief Guest
Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Abraham
(Presiding Bishop, St. Thomas Evangelical Church of India)

20TH DECEMBER 2019 6:30 PM
AT NECK NORTH TENT

WE ARE SO EXCITED TO INVITE YOU FOR AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND CAROLS AS WE SING FOR YOU

Rev. John Mathew
Vicar

Boney K. Abraham
Secretary

Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR

A flyer of the event.

CI, Kuwait Parish warmly invites each one of you on Friday, Dec 20 at NECK premises by 6:30 pm to be a part of "Sneha Prakasham" — a Christmas gala comprising a trove of melodious carols by the Parish Choir, captivating Christmas Pageant by the Sunday school children and edifying Christmas message by Most

Rev Dr Thomas Abraham (Presiding Bishop of STECI). The programme is being organized under the guidance of the Parish Vicar Rev John Mathew and assiduously supported by the Parish Secretary Boney K. Abraham, Choir Master Sijumon Abraham and other committee members to make this an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Concepts Sudoku

The grid must be so completed that every row, column and 3x3 box has every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive

By Dave Green

	7	3					1	8
6			2		3			4
			8		1			6
			3		6			7
		1			7			8
	4				5			2
1					8			3
4					2			9
9	3	2	5				8	7

Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

1	9	7	8	6	2	5	3	4
6	5	4	1	7	3	2	9	8
2	8	3	4	5	9	1	7	6
7	4	8	2	9	5	3	6	1
5	1	2	6	3	4	9	8	7
9	3	6	7	1	8	4	2	5
8	7	9	3	4	1	6	5	2
3	6	1	5	2	7	8	4	9
4	2	5	9	8	6	7	1	3

Difficulty Level ★★

Challenger

By Louis M. Moore

				19
			9	18
		5		16
				20
			5	25
8				
21	23	20	15	13

DIRECTIONS:

Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
■ Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
■ Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
■ Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge
Time 8 Minutes
3 Seconds
Your Working Time ___ Minutes
___ Seconds

Yesterday's solution

				14
7	4	1	4	16
5	8	2	3	18
4	6	1	4	15
2	7	9	3	21
18	25	13	14	19

Word by Word

Soft (رقيق) Raqeeq

A soft answer turneth away wrath.
Al jawab al raqeeq yosket al ghadab.

Numbers الجواب الرقيق يسكت الغضب

8347 Eight thousand three hundred forty seven

٨٣٤٧ Thamaniyat alaaaf wa thalath maah wa sabah wa arbaoun



General

AWL registration: If you were interested in joining the American Women's League (AWL) please check out their website, www.awlkuwait.org, or email them at awl@awlkuwait.org. American women over the age of 17 or wives of Americans are able to join. All other nationalities are welcome as associate members.

IEI Kuwait membership: The Institution of Engineers (India), Kuwait Chapter invites all its members to update their membership information for the year 2018-19 and actively participate in the chapter activities. Indian engineers residing in Kuwait are welcome to join the pool of more than 750,000 engineers by becoming corporate or non-corporate members of The Institution of Engineers (India).

IEI, Kuwait Chapter conducts many technical events for the benefits of its members. Please watch for further details in your registered e-mail or announcement in media. The chapter has science club activities for members' children, and ladies wing activities for the member's family. IEI, Kuwait Chapter has facility to register student members for AMIE Examination for those interested in pursuing career enrichment.

For more information and on chapter membership, kindly contact IEI, Kuwait Chapter on Mob: 90098667 or through email to ieikwt@hotmail.com

Advisory for OCI card holders: All those having OCI Cards are required to carry both their OCI Card and passport to travel to India so that they do not face any difficulty in immigration clearance.

From October 2018, ICAO will accept only machine readable travel documents, hence, existing PIO Cards, which are handwritten will therefore, become invalid. Thus it will be necessary upon PIO Cardholders to obtain machine readable OCI Cards in lieu of existing hand written PIO Cards before October 2018 to avoid any inconvenience.