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Editor's Note

As a result of weeks of planning and brainstorming, we are excited to announce the first edition of HRMA Newsletter for year 2022 featuring the programs we have rolled out to date. In this edition, we have featured artworks of our children related to the theme "Colors of Life". This edition has a puzzle corner and we encourage you to send in your answers to hrmalluadmin@gmail.com, and we will announce the winners through our social media. If you have opinions about previous issues, suggestions for columns, or any other feedback, we would love to hear from you. Happy Reading!

Latha S Nair - Chief Editor

HRMA Summary to date

As Q2 2022 draws to a close, we take this privilege to thank the community for supporting HRMA activities. Over the few months, we celebrated and held in-person SpringFest 2022, established and launched our new website, volunteered for 33rd Clean the Bay Day Campaign, and completed our first semester of revamped malayalam classes for both senior and junior batches. We have also added Shiju Philipose and Chummar Ceril to the HRMA Executive Committee for the term 2022. We are looking forward to organizing many exciting events in collaboration with HRMA YouthClub in the remaining months of 2022, starting with HRMA Onam '22. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with, and for, such a committed community. Till we meet again, stay healthy and stay safe. Good wishes to you and your family!!!

HRMA SpringFest

HRMA conducted SpringFest on March 27, 2022 at Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church. The event was special in a number of ways, with special performances, an authentic Kerala spread and engaging participation from our Youth Club. The cultural show was a feast for our eyes with amazing performances from our community members. All of our wonderful volunteers invested great energy and time to ensure we had a memorable celebration and all the videos have been uploaded to our [YouTube Channel](#). Our [HRMA Website](#) has an event gallery, and we have posted all the pictures on our [HRMA Facebook Page](#) as well.



HRMA Clean the Bay

HRMA in association with Chesapeake Bay Foundation volunteered for the "33rd Annual Clean the Bay Day" to help clean, protect, and make our shorelines even more beautiful by picking up litter. One of the most rewarding aspects of Clean the Bay Day is the ability to make a difference together with the people we love. Thank you to all the 40 volunteers for the difference you made on Sandbridge Beach by participating in the "Clean The Bay Day" Campaign.

Food prepared by our community members was one of the highlights of the event. Anil Manmadhan and Prajeesh Shekhar provided Kappa and Chutney; Chanchal Rachel prepared chicken sandwiches. We are thankful to all the HRMA Youth Club members who have joined us in our efforts to make an impact and create a positive change.



Tennis Tournament

HRMA successfully conducted second Annual P.V. Chummar Memorial Ever Rolling Tennis Tournament on Sunday June 12th, 3:30pm to 9:30pm at Greenbrier Park Tennis Courts. The tournament suited all players including beginners. It was conducted as an A-B-C-D drop-down event accommodating A players (experts), B players, C players and D Players (beginners).

This tournament was a result of tireless team effort from HRMA community. Many volunteers worked round the clock in making this tournament happen. HRMA youth club supported tremendously in the smooth run of this tournament. In a nail biting final, Gandhi Yenda/Karthik Rajaraman team beat Ram Surapaneni/Naren Mohan team on a tie breaker finish to lift the 2022 P.V. Chummar Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy.

Winners of the 2nd Annual P.V. Chummar Memorial Ever Rolling Tennis Tournament are as listed below:

Champions: Gandhi Yenda/Karthik Rajaraman

Runners up: Ram Surapaneni/Naren Mohan

B-Bracket Champions: Arun Lazar/Nithin Dharan

B-Bracket Runners up: Vignesan Devarajan/ Sujith Mitta

C-Bracket Champions: Saikumar Ponnaganti/Rakesh Reddy Arrolla

C-Bracket Runners up: Anil Manmadan/Sibi Kurian

D-Bracket Champions: Irfan Feroz/Omkar Shirodkar

D-Bracket Runners up: Bipin Naliath/Sabin Jacob



Revamped Malayalam Classes (HMC)

Fostering Malayalam language and its rich heritage is one of the critical missions for HRMA. As a community, we believe all our younger generation should be able to read, write and speak in our native language. With that ambition in mind, starting 2022, HRMA has revamped Junior and Senior Malayalam classes (HMC). This includes hiring a full time Malayalam Teacher and new schedule for both Junior and Senior HMC. Junior batch includes 12 students and Senior batch consists of 5 students.

HMC has completed its first semester through this academic year and proud of all students as they have completed lessons of all 42 consonants and 15 vowels. Our student assistants have engaged in multiple ways and quizz series curated by them were popular among students. HMC continue to expand the lessons to constructing words, sentences and slowly step into speaking skills through the second semester.



Achievements

Congratulations to Nitha Nithin, who won Virginia Lottery's fifth annual "Thank a Teacher" Art Contest

Fourth-grader Nitha Nithin, daughter of Nithin Sasidharan and Anu Nithin at Coventry Elementary School, was one of three winners in the Virginia Lottery's fifth annual "Thank a Teacher" Art Contest.

As the elementary school winner, Nitha received a \$150 gift card while Coventry Elementary also received \$1,000 from the Virginia Lottery and \$1,000 from The Supply Room for the school's art department. "I especially loved how Ms. Nithin's artwork shows a child's early view of how teachers help to educate them to be globally-minded," shared blue-ribbon panelist, Christine Greenleaf.



Ann Elizabeth Cherian bags Joe Biden's Presidential Educational Excellence award, Principal's Special Student Service award, and Clipper Ambassador award

Ann Elizabeth Cherian daughter of Vishakh Cherian and Anu Thomas,

- (1) Won first place in state of Virginia for a Video Contest/middle school category related to the topic "How do we transform education now for the future?". Ann received a cash award of \$200 for the same.
- (2) Ann was elected as the Vice President of the 9th grade (high school) as part of the school officers elections conducted at her school
- (3) Ann completed middle school with highest honors of 'A' grades in all subjects throughout 6th, 7th & 8th grade, received Joe Biden's Presidential Educational Excellence award, Principal's Special Student Service award, and Clipper Ambassador award for her contributions to the school and to the community.



Azza Safa won the first place in Poetry Presenter of Virginia Beach Public Schools Citywide Forensics Tournament

Azza Safa, daughter of Abdul Jabbar Abdulla and Nusrath Abdul Jabbar, won the first place in Poetry Presenter of Virginia Beach Public Schools Citywide Forensics Tournament



Kombans overcome early jitters and finish as Runners Up

Kerala Kombans Cricket Team emerged as the Runners Up of the Hutfin-LASA Homes Super 8 Cricket Tournament. Even though Kombans started with two consecutive losses in the league stage, the team regrouped to emerge as the top two. In reply to the Sunrisers' 85/4 in 10 Overs in the finals, Kombans were all out for 37.

Arun Ghosh emerged as the MVP of the tournament as he led the batting and bowling charts with 166 runs and ten wickets, respectively.



HRMA participates in 2022 Shamrock 8K Run

HRMA participated as a team in the 2022 TowneBank Shamrock 8K run that took place on Saturday, March 19 2022 on the world famous Virginia Beach Boardwalk.

HRMA is grateful to our volunteers who actively participated and successfully finished the 8K run, and we are also grateful to other volunteers who spent time and effort ensuring that we were ready to participate in the 8K run as a community.

“Challenging yourself is the best way to improve yourself” -Jerry Frostick



Kids Corner

(Theme: Colors of Life)



Nitha Nithin
Grade : 5



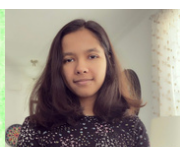
Shivanya Prajeesh
Grade : 1



Vasudev Selvakumar
Grade : 3



Prarthana Prajeesh
Grade : 4



Azin Marwa
Grade : 9

Puzzle

PICK YOUR POISON

There are five bottles before you, but they've gotten jumbled up. Poison is found in one of them. If you arrange them from left to right, following the instructions given below, you will be able to know where poison is found.

1. The poison is not found in a bottle of a primary color.
2. The blue bottle is immediately to the left of the given bottle.
3. The yellow bottle is not on either end.
4. The red bottle is somewhere to the right of the bottle with the poison, but not immediately to its right.
5. The orange bottle is next to one of the end bottles.

Note: Please submit your answers to hmalluadmin@gmail.com

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HRMA Sponsorship subcommittee has been working relentlessly towards adding more sponsors to our family. Our latest addition to the list of sponsors is Barkath INC, Barkath provides consultations on financial awareness programs upon request to help our community make smart financial decisions.

HRMA Tennis Tournament was only possible due to Ceril Chummar's honorable contributions in the loving memories of his dad. We also thank all our sponsors Fathom Realty by Deepak Satheesh, Royal Bazaar Indian Asian Market, Barkath Financial Services, and Lakeshore Dental for their continued support of all our activities.

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