



Hampton Roads Malayalee Association (HRMA)

HRMA Annual Secretary Report 2022

Hampton Roads Malayalee Association Committee, led by Nisaraj Dharmarajan (President), has made a tremendous effort to serve the community with the help of the committee members.

The HRMA Executive Committee for the term 2021-2022 comprised of:

- Committee President: Nisaraj Dharmarajan
- Vice President: Anjaly Ajith
- Secretary: Anu Thomas
- Treasurer: Sreejith Chandran
- Board of Directors: Jikku Abraham, Deepak Satheesh, Nithin Dharan, Prajeesh Sekhar, Aneesh Panachikkuth, Shiju Philipose, Biju Abraham, Chummar Ceril, Joy Kannarkattu (Ex-Officio).

Let's look back at the initiatives that were successfully completed by HRMA Committee in the year 2022.

HRMA participates in 2022 Shamrock 8K Run

HRMA participated as a team in the 2022 Towne Bank 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. We are grateful to other volunteers who spent time and effort ensuring that we were ready to participate in the 8K run as a community.

HRMA SpringFest

HRMA conducted SpringFest on March 27, 2022, at Saint Gregory the Great Catholic Church. The event was special in several 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 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



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Sekhar 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.

Kerala Kombans Cricket Team emerged as the Runners Up of the Hutfin-LASA Homes

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 Onam Celebration

HRMA community and family members celebrated this year's Onam on September 17, 2022. Hosted at the Hindu temple of Hampton Roads, the HRMA community, with the help of volunteers and our Youth Club, coordinated and arranged a beautiful venue from seating to staging. HRMA members and guests who attended the function were treated to cultural programs, including singing, dancing, and skits (performed by all age groups). HRMA community members worked together to create a one-of-a-kind Onam Sadya, served on a traditional banana leaf that will be a memory to cherish for a lifetime.

HRMA Picnic

HRMA conducted this year's annual picnic on October 15, 2022, at Bayville Farms Park Shelter. It was a day of fun filled activities and yummy food from "Thattukada". A huge shout-out to all the wonderful volunteers who invested great energy and time to ensure we had a memorable day. We would also like to congratulate each of the winners on their awards for games conducted as part of the picnic.



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HRMA Malayalam Class

HMC has always been focused on how to read and write Malayalam for both Junior and Senior students. HRMA has arranged a Malayalam teacher who go over the class via Zoom meeting. Our student assistants were an integral part of the learning process and helped with catch-up classes and other creative ways to support learning as a fun process. HMC also participated in the HRMA events like "Padyapaarayanam", "Onapattu" etc which was well appreciated by the community. We're proud of what HMC has achieved this year.

HRMA Newsletters

In the interest of being connected with community, HRMA committee decided to publish newsletter twice a year (June, December). HRMA wanted to recognize community contributions/achievements, awards, professional advancements, and significant life events of Malayalee's in the Hampton roads area. Primary focus was to inspire and motivate the school aged children in the academics as well as in any area of talent by the citations in the newsletter.

HRMA Youth Club

HRMA Youth Club led by Theertha and Ashwin aims to provide children with access to volunteering, social opportunities and supporting them to express their ideas. HRMA has actively involved the youth members in all the association's relevant activities such as Clean the Bay Day, Tennis Tournament, Onam, Picnic, Operation Smile Fundraiser, Food Drive and many more. Thank you to all the parents for their support in bringing up the youths to the next level.

HRMA Sponsors:

For the year 2022, our sponsorship subcommittee has received sponsorships from our Sponsors Royal Bazaar, Deepak Satheesh: Realtor - Fathom Realty, Nabeel Mattara – Bharkath Financials, and Amrish Patel - Lakeshore Dental. Sponsors are the backbone of any association. We are thankful to all our sponsors.

As a result of the work of the Executive Committee, HRMA had a very productive year in 2022. Furthermore, people are showing interest in performing at our events, and many volunteers are offering their help. A detailed evaluation of all HRMA events was conducted by the executive committee at various committee meetings. Our sincere appreciation goes out to the selfless volunteers who have supported HRMA's efforts unwaveringly, and we look forward to another exciting year ahead.