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THE TOLLYGUNGE CLUB LTD.

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Dear Members,

As we approach the Quasiquicentennial year of our club, we are planning to have members and their families interact and participate in numerous exciting events.

Our New Year's Eve celebration this year is going to be the curtain raiser for our 125th year. We want it to be a trip down memory lane. To this end, we plan to have a cozy evening with a smaller number of guests, formal attire and a candle-lit dinner with traditional cuisine -including Shepherd's Pie, Mixed Grills and more. The South Verandah will be included in the enclosure, and tables will be allocated at the time of booking on a first-come basis.

In keeping with the mood, music will be from The Louiz Banks Brotherhood and Sonia Saigal - recreating the magic that was Blue Fox. Later in the evening, Shayne Hyrapiet will be joined by the extremely talented Michelle Manuel to amaze us with their pulsating renditions of songs by Nat King Cole, Elvis Presley, Elton John and others. Cyrus Madan, in his own inimitable style, will MC the performance-packed evening to help us usher in our 125th year. It is an evening not to be missed!

To make the 125th year memorable, in addition to our usual calendar of events, we are curating many special commemorative events for you this year. We are trying to encompass the various facets of life at Tolly. This is just a sneak preview of some of our plans!

-The Senior National Equestrian Championships

-A PGTI Golf Tournament

-Interactions with various sporting greats – one such is a discussion with the “3 Sauravs of Tolly”- Saurav Ganguly, Saurav Ghoshal and Saurav Kothari.

-Several eminent personalities, authors and public speakers have been approached for debates and discussions. There are some very exciting names on this list.

-For music buffs, a day long celebration of Rock music at the 7th tank, creating our very own “Woodstock”

-For photography enthusiasts– a workshop cum exhibition, where members will get a chance to exhibit their photographs

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-Winter Family Fests, celebrating the diversity and multiplicity of the members that make up the “Tolly family”

-Art aficionados will be treated to an Art Auction supported by Christies, the proceeds of which will be shared equally by the Institute of Cerebral Palsy and the Caddies Benevolent Trust at Tolly

-A National Interclub Quiz competition

-A Health Fest

-An event to commemorate the first flight at Tolly

-A ham radio workshop

-Keeping with our promise to protect and create awareness of the environment, there have been suggestions to plan a “Tree Hunt Competition” where members will need to identify the trees of Tolly.

-Bearing in mind Tollygunge Club’s rich Indian legacy, we are planning an “Awadhi” evening, where the secret recipes of the royal families will be prepared and served by the famous chefs of Lucknow. There will also be music and dance performances in keeping with the theme of the evening.

-The Library is working to publish a special Tolly Cookbook with 125 recipes collected from members, with anecdotes.

Needless to add, this is only a small portion of the immense variety of events that our committees are painstakingly planning for you all through the year. Details of all events will follow – so watch this space!

Last but not the least, Club merchandise is being specially crafted for the 125th year celebrations. They will be available shortly.

Before I conclude, on behalf of the General Committee, I take this opportunity to invite all Tolly members for Tea on Sunday, 15th December 2019, at 4.30pm on the Main Lawn for an interaction with the General Committee.

We look forward to a great afternoon with you all.