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*Come
Together*

ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
NOVEMBER 24, 2023

Come together

As we come together
to bring in the festive season,
we wish members and friends
of the 55PGA a
world of peace, love and joy
now and in the many
years to come.

This wish is brought to you
with love from
Susan and Aires Barreto

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to thank each one of our members for your outstanding support over the last two years and especially today. It truly is encouraging to see such a large attendance.

This year has been a tragic one for many families in the community. As we enter the festive season let us remember, not only those who have left us - a loved one or a close friend - but especially those who are experiencing the deep pain of their loss.

To put together an occasion of this size requires a tremendous effort, not just from the Executive Committee but also many others who come forward to help. To ensure an affordable occasion, a few individuals took upon themselves to raise funds to subsidise today's high cost of tickets. Our sincere thank you to all these individuals.

This occasion also marks the end of our tenure. Most of the committee members are veterans who have served you for a decade or more. I believe it is time for an infusion of fresh blood with new ideas. Please consider coming forward to serve your Association and thereby the community proudly.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and all the hard-working helpers, we would like to wish you and your loved ones the best Christmas ever and may the dawn of the New Year bring with it fulfillment of all your hopes and aspirations.

Have an enjoyable evening.

Alcino Rodrigues.

President

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The 2023 Executive Committee: Romeo D'Souza (Communications Director), Ruth Remedios (Vice-President & Social Secretary), Aggie D'Mello (Treasurer), Leslie de Souza (General Secretary), Alcino Rodrigues (President), Tony Braganza (Member), and Ruby Morias (Asst. Communications Director).

To all of you
who come together to
participate
enthusiastically in the
events that the
55PGA Committee so
tirelessly plans and
executes, here's wishing
you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.

Jane and Alcino Rodrigues

Wishing 55PGA
members and friends
an enjoyable
Christmas
Come Together.

Here's to a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!



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at the 55PGA who give so much of
their time and talent
to make life so much more exciting
for us members, an abundance of
blessings at Christmas and a warm
and peace-filled New Year!*





Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

This time of year is about spending time with family & friends.
It's about creating happy memories that will last a lifetime.
Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year.

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55PGA – How it began!

55 Plus Goan Association – West GTA Inc

On September 7, 2005, a meeting was held at the UofT Erindale campus where all seniors were invited to form a group (55+) for people in the Etobicoke, Mississauga, Brampton and Oakville area. Tony and Vivien Fernandes acted as point persons.

More than 45 responses were received, all in favour of starting the group. A mandate was given to the Steering Committee led by Tony Fernandes to proceed with the organization of the group. The result of this meeting was the formation of the FIFTY FIVE PLUS GOAN SENIORS GROUP-West GTA.

On October 18, 2005, at Saint Martin of Tours Parish Hall, a meeting was held to enroll members; to review and comment on a draft constitution of the organization; to elect the first Executive Committee; to plan activities and events. Eligible members completed enrollment forms and paid a \$10 per person fee to be eligible to vote.

This was the makeup of the interim executive committee:
Tony Fernandes - President; Mathew Rodrigues - V. President;
Muriel Lucas - General Secretary; Francis Fernandes - Treasurer;
Juliet Rebello - Social Secretary; Vivien Fernandes - Trips Coordinator;
John J. D'Souza - Communications/Editor;
Maureen Rodrigues - Officer; Lucy Fernandes - Officer.

The new group had their first social event on December 21, 2005, when more than 250 members and guests celebrated a Christmas Dinner Dance at the Oasis Convention Centre in Mississauga. The event served to enroll more than 200 members into the organization.

Today, the success of the 55PGA can be attributed in large part to those founding members and mentors.

Jingle Bells

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun, It is to ride,
In a one-horse open sleigh, Hey!
Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun, It is to ride,
In a one-horse open sleigh, Hey!

Dashing through the snow
On a one-horse open sleigh,
Over the fields we go,
Laughing all the way Ha ha!
Bells on bobtails ring,
Making spirits bright,
Oh what fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight, (Oh!)

Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun It is to ride
On a one-horse open sleigh, Hey!
Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way
Oh what fun, It is to ride,
In a one-horse open sleigh, Hey!

Silent Night

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace!
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born!
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.
Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

O Holy Night

O Holy night, the stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt it's worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees O hear the angels voices.
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night divine, O night divine, O night divine.

Feliz Navidad

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Feliz Navidad Prospero año y felicidad.
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Feliz Navidad Prospero año y felicidad.

I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
I wanna wish you a Merry Christmas
From the bottom of my heart.

Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
Had a very shiny nose,
And if you ever saw it,
You would even say it glows.

All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names;
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve,
Santa came to say,
Rudolph with your nose so bright,
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?

Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,
You'll go down in history.

Deck The Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
Troll the ancient Yuletide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the blazing Yule before us,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Strike the harp and join the chorus.
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Follow me in merry measure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
While I tell of Yuletide treasure,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Blue Christmas

I'll have a blue Christmas without you
I'll be so blue just thinking about you
Decorations of red on a green Christmas tree
Won't be the same dear, if you're not here with me

And when those blue snowflakes start fallin'
That's when those blue memories start calling
You'll be doin' all right, with your Christmas of white
But I'll have a blue, blue, blue Christmas

You'll be doin' all right, with your Christmas of white,
But I'll have a blue, blue Christmas

I'll Be Home For Christmas

I'll be home for Christmas
You can count on me
Please have snow and mistletoe
And presents on the tree

Christmas Eve will find me
Where the love light gleams
I'll be home for Christmas
If only in my dreams

Little Drummer Boy

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum pum
A new born King to see, pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,
So to honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum,
When we come.

Little Baby, pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give the King, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,

Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum,
On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,
Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum
Me and my drum.

Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart
Prepare Him room
And Saints and angels sing
And Saints and angels sing
And Saints and Saints and angels sing

Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns
Let Saints their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
the sounding joy
Repeat, Repeat, the sounding joy

Joy to the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love
And wonders of his love
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love

Hark! The Herald Angels

Hark! The Herald Angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconcile
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem'
Hark! The Herald Angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King

Hail, the Heaven born Prince of peace,
Hail the Sun of righteousness
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The Herald Angels sing,
Glory to the newborn King

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer

We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some
So bring some out here

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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together

THANK YOU!

The Executive Committee of the 55PGA would like to thank all of you for attending this event. We thank the advertisers and well-wishers featured in this booklet and those who donated money and prizes for the raffle. This has gone a long way in creating the incentivized ticket price that we all enjoy. We thank our spouses and the volunteers for their ongoing support.

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and best wishes for a
Happy New Year.

Julie & Paul Nazareth



*Wishing a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year
to all our 55PGA
members!*

Tony and Vivien Fernandes



Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!
Wishing the volunteers and
members of the 55PGA
a season of
peace, joy, and love!

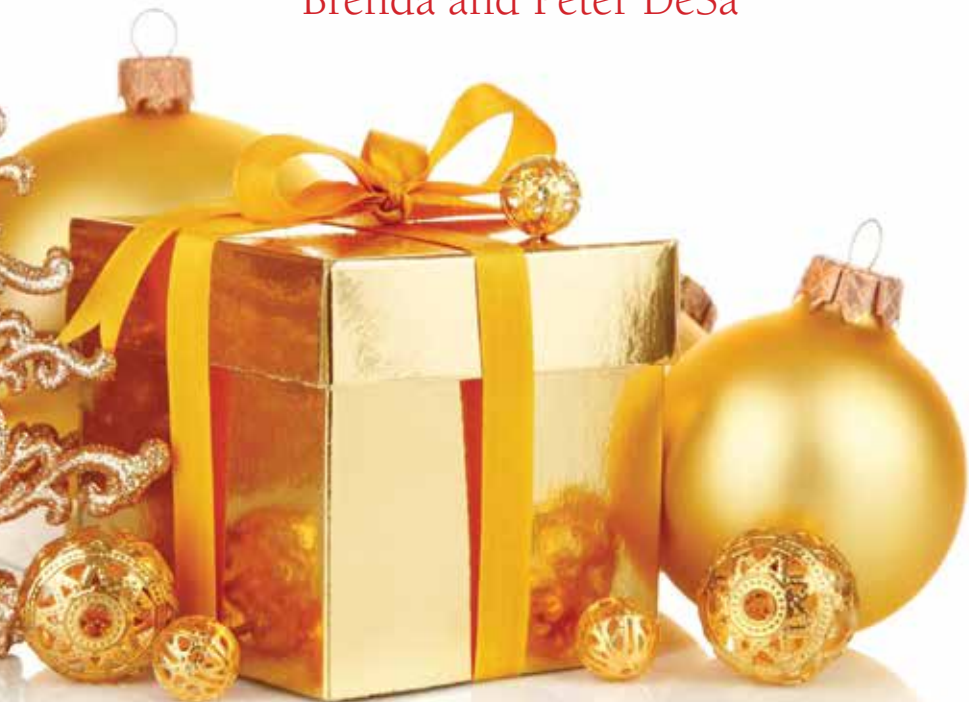
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a Happy New Year!

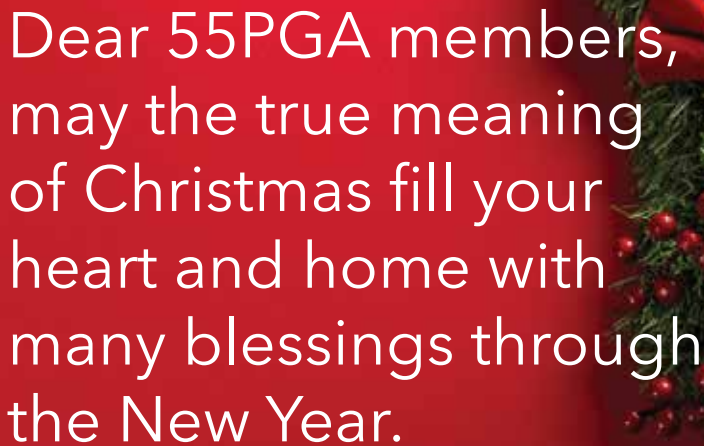
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*Warmest wishes for a
Merry Christmas
to all our 55PGA friends
and best wishes for a
Happy New Year!*

Norman & Delfine Da Costa



Dear 55PGA members,
may the true meaning
of Christmas fill your
heart and home with
many blessings through
the New Year.

Lydia & David Nazareth

*Here's wishing 55PGA members
an enjoyable Come Together
tonight in celebration of
Christmas.*

*May the New Year bless you with
an abundance of good health.*

Ruth and Osbert Remedios





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to the members,
family and friends of
the 55PGA,
this Christmas and
every day in the
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From Maureen and Rudy Fernandes



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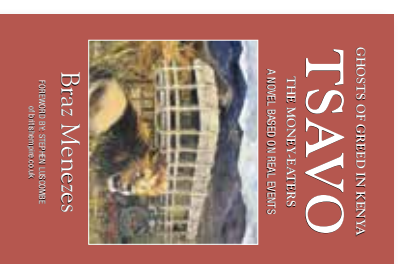
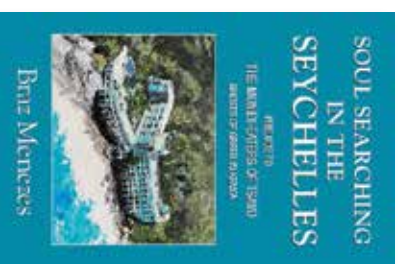
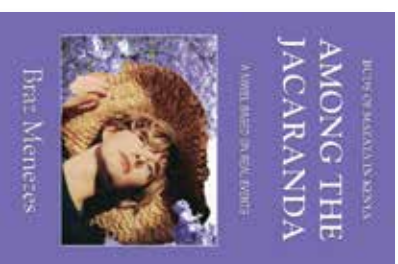
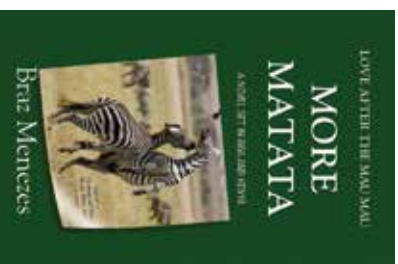
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