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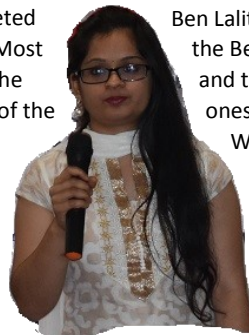
Glittering, merry and conversational - Charter Nite 2018 was all it was supposed to be. It all began with Ben Pooja at the mic, and all the way from Ben Vybhav's invocation song, until the very end, the event had the Bens both junior and senior, sitting back and relaxing- but just until the ever engaging Ben L Ravichandrar got them onto the stage to speak. The President, Ben Harshavardhan, in his welcome address spoke about how the club has stood tall and mighty against the test of time for 49 years.



A few days ago, unknown to the governing board, Members of the 2017 governing board Bens Sairam

and Venkat with the Convener Ben Sunil got together to finalise the coveted annual awards of Most Promising Ben of the Year, and the Ben of the Year. In a tough fight, the Most Promising Ben of the Year award was won by Ben Vybhav Sivakumar, who is also the Director of Circulation for the club's library.

And for her all round participation in literary sessions, organizing the Intra club activities the ever active EVP - Ben Krishnaveni bagged the prestigious title of the Ben of the Year! This was followed by a felicitation of the Charter Bens - Dr. Lalitha, Murali Mohan, Sethuraman and Subrah-



manyam. From here, Ben LRC in his distinguished style, stole the show, first by giving away Special Ben of the Year awards to the Revival champions Bens Sunil, Sairam and Venkat and later engaging with Bens in interesting conversations. Starting off with

Ben Lalitha, he got all the Bens- young ones, and the not so young ones, onto the stage.

With a few serious and some fun questions, and some more about the golden jubilee, everyone were seen

laughing, smiling, and enjoying the event- an event that was being held for the first time after 2004!

Charter Nite is an event that celebrates the club's birthday. Well, what's a birthday without a cake? The event that kicked off the Golden Jubilee Celebrations came to an end with the birthday cake, and a sumptuous buffet dinner which saw the Bens recollecting memories, making future plans, and sharing a laugh or two!



Ben of the Year



Ben Krishnaveni, the EVP, receiving the **Ben of the Year** award for 2017 from Charter Gen Secy, Ben G V Sethuraman .

Most Promising Ben of the Year



Ben Vybhav Sivakumar, receiving the **Most Promising Ben of the Year** award for 2017 from Charter member, Ben Dr. K Lalitha.

Reflections...!

It was really apt that the Unscramble last week was an ode to our club's Charter Nite - Celebrating the famous Bryan Adams song 'Summer of Sixty Nine' as the beginning of our time. Well, today I reflect on the last week's issue of BFMC Times and the happenings at the Charter Nite.

Feb 18th issue had a 'clarification' on a news item that had purportedly 'hurt' the feelings of a member of this august club. This actually followed a senior member personally calling and visiting the hurt members and expressing regret at the happenings and earnestly requesting them to attend the Sunday get-together.

Incidentally there was a message on that day in the Bens Club WhatsApp group which read "Apologizing does not always mean that you are wrong and the other person is right. It just means that you value your relationship more than your ego.

Editorial: Ben Venkat

Well, the Charter Nite did miss quite a few members who had genuine reasons to skip the event, and we are sure there is no reason anyone carries any ill feelings against anybody. For this club's hallmark has been the humility with which the members have carried forward the club's mission. We grew under a motto that envisaged inculcating a feeling of camaraderie and participative competitiveness in the organization, even while we have been striving hard to 'Learn & Practice'. The lessons we learnt through our members' experiences like 'courage to accept errors when they are pointed out' and have the humility to give a listening to youngsters. We are a 'born again' association and it's time we expanded our wings to more centres and to more expanding cities.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

It adds value when the likes of Ben Bijoy pen their thoughts for BFMC Times at the same time we are missing the STRAY THOUGHTS by Ben Guru Moorthy off late, these are the articles that create value to the overall essence of BFMC Times. At the charter nite I found Ben Dr. Lalitha to be some one who can be of immense contribution to BFMC Times. Request the publishing team to go for an outreach to such contributors.

- Ben Sairam Chavali

UNSCRAMBLE

G	L	O	U	E	Y

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The people have something to say, it's their job. Or is it the job of the insignia? That's the gist of this tempest in a teapot.

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Answers to the Last Week UnScramble

MUESLI | MORTAR | SUFFIX | NINETY

Bryan Adams sang about the time of our beginning.

Or the beginning of our time.

SUMMER OF SIXTY NINE

Ben D Narayan Presents BOLLYWOOD CROSSWORD

Millennium Special
Movies of 2000s

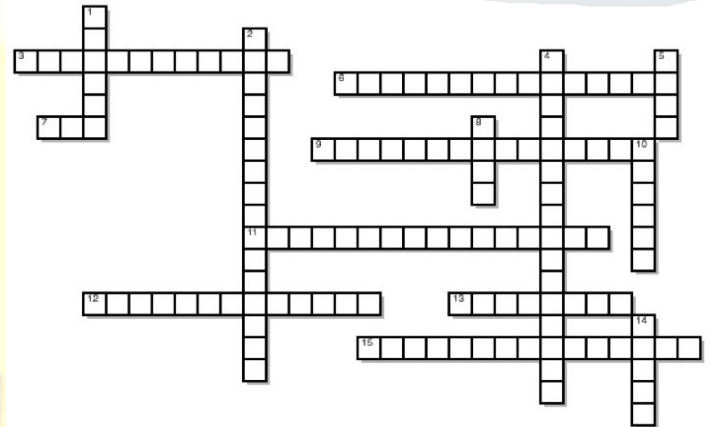
ACROSS

3. Might a Bengali say that the heart is an umbrella? Perhaps, but these three friends know better. (3,6,3)
6. With this, the world was introduced to the wonders of Bollywood's most famous extra digit well before the extra digit encountered extra-terrestrials. (4,3,5,3)
7. A remake returns a nod to the one who is not just difficult but impossible to catch. (3)
9. The father sang it, the son gave fair warning to fair maidens about his arrival. (6,2,7)
11. Bag, ha haha, milk bag turns into a story that sprints into the life of a champion. (5,6,5)
12. Rakesh and Vimmi try, among other things, to sell the Taj Mahal, before Dashrath captures and rescues them (from boredom). Don't get it? Have a bun with chai, and effervescent. (5,3,5)
13. A short-arm punch we encoun-

- tered got Aditya and Geet together after much drama, hilarity and song-and-dance. (3,2,3)
15. Entertainment, entertainment, entertainment. Now there's a line delivered smooth as Silk. That's what it's all about. (3,5,7)

DOWN

1. R.N. Cook turned crooner after abandoning corporate career and reuniting college band in this musical coming of age story. (4,2)
2. An orchestra, an instrument and the wedding party introduced us to a former advertising copywriter in his larger-than-life avatar. (4,5,7)
4. Wassup, rey? Fangs go awry in this multi-generational saga of coal country vendetta. (5,2,9)
5. Motion and emotion went with Pikachu (without much of its heart) on this journey of discovery between father and daughter. (4)
8. That dude, the one who, it appears, substituted you for we, was



- the one who had the hots for Paro, at least that's how the story was retold in the new millennium. (3,1)
- among other things, lighting a country cigarette with your body, and the salt of love. (6)
10. To the Punjabi, Othello was just an instruction to take it there. To the UP-ite, however, the story involved,
14. In which Rani takes you out of the queue, heads north at the tail end, and rules your heart. (5)

Answers to the Last week's Bollywood Crossword

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| Across | 9. Teesri Manzil | 2. Dil |
| 2. Dhurandhar | 10. Mughal E Azam | 3. Rang De Basanti |
| Bhatawdekar | 13. Trishul | 4. Heropanti |
| 5. Angoor | 14. Masoom | 7. Hum |
| 6. Chupke Chupke | Down | 11. Gol Maal |
| 8. Mohabbat | 1. Parinda | 12. Bobby |



Photo Feature

**Special
Ben of
the Year
2017**



In recognition of their contribution to the revival of BFMC, Bens **Venkat Parthasarathy, Sunil Narahari Nath** and **Sairam Chavali** were Awarded Special Ben of The Year 2017. This was exclusively planned and instituted by Ben L Ravichander. Here they are seen receiving the awards from the Charter Bens Sethuraman, Subrahmanyam and Murali Mohan respectively.

Charter Bens Felicitated



*Clockwise from Left: Charter Bens **GV Sethuraman, M Murali Mohan, G Subrahmanyam** and **Dr. K Lalitha** being presented mementos by **Former Presidents Bens V Sekhar, Gp. Capt V Krishna Mohan, Y. Vijay Kumar** and **V Janardhan** respectively.*





BenSpeak



Ben Y Vijay Kumar

I come here because I feel all these people are the children of BFMC and am proud to see the brethren here developing in leaps and bounds. It makes me feel special.

Excellent take over by the young Bens under the leadership of 4 Seniors. As I always said, there is enough freedom for people to work the way they would want the club to run. Revival was always on our mind, we wanted a like-minded set that could execute it and it happened. Very Happy



Ben G Subrahmanyam

Speak Less, Work More. Our Golden Jubilee Celebrations should be effort of everybody. We should form teams for each activity. Build a fund right from today.



Ben M Murali Mohan

Most important thing in communication with youngsters is 'the approach should be right'. The best way to motivate them is to induce confidence amongst the youngsters saying "you are the best"!



Ben N Shridhar

Whatever I am today, if I have pips on my shoulders, if I am here standing in front of you it is because of BFMC. I can do whatever in my might to support this cause.



Ben R Guru Moorthy

As Generations pass, you should learn to let go. The youngsters look at problems with a different perspective, let them do it.

I was a defaulter at BFMC, I wanted to give back to the club. I am happy my premises is being utilised for a good cause. Also, I wish to add that gadgets have made our lives miserable. There is no family interaction and no social interaction.



Ben L Jayaraman

We suggest and youngsters will deliberate, 85% of the time they will fall in place. Don't impose, they will learn in their way.



Ben G S Raghu Kumar

What next? Integrating Technology with our reach and outreach to the prospective Bens is the need of the hour. We should plan in a way that there is a sustainable organization built rather than a revival every now and then.



Ben Gp Capt Krishna Mohan

We will bring in younger members by conducting sports fest, outreach by starting affiliate chapters. These may not be the only ways, but these are few good ways.



Ben Vybhav Sivakumar

I don't get a chance to interact with my friends during the weekend, BFMC helps me talk to them at least over the weekend. Everybody is busy with studies and exams so when we say literary activities they are not interested.

Senior Bens insist that this is our club and we are free to run it the way we want to, but when it comes to the GDs they turn the tables. It is like though Virat Kohli is the captain, the field is being set by MS Dhoni. I am sure this will change soon!



Ben Tushar Ganesh



Ben G Krishnaveni

We said we will work towards bringing back the glory that BFMC had at one time, and we are. We spoke about the same during Installation Nite, and I repeat the same- As the EVP, I am and will do all I can to get people interested. Whether or not this will happen, time will tell.



Ben G S Harshavardhan



Ben GV Sethuraman

I learnt leadership at BFMC. Bens have taught me how to become a leader. Infact Bens are just not leaders, we are Trend Setters. We chose to be a leader as against being a follower or a spectator, it helped me immensely in doing an inclusive social service.

Social service is not about giving people what they want. It is empowering them to earn what they want. With so much I have, I make myself happy or make others happy. I chose the latter and am helping my might in slum development



Ben Dr. K. Lalitha

We are in a plan of integrating power sectors and have something in lines of Tulasani Debating Competition. WE would like to involve Colleges for this and bring in more participation.



Ben V Sekhar

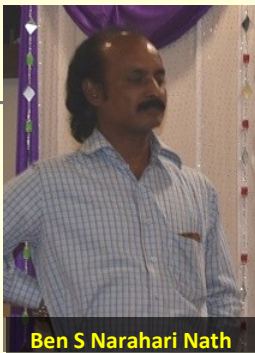


Ben L Ravichander

One huge hassle Ben Franklin has, everybody in this club at some time has thrown attitude some time or the other... but we have learned to coexist

Fifty years is long time for somebody to be passionate about something, unless it's your family . BFMC is like an extended family.

Paradigm shifts happen in every club, it's a sign of growth, as we speak today... aren't we living too much in the past and we are investing too little in the future?



Ben S Narahari Nath

"The 3 things that we will do in the Golden Jubilee year:

- 1. We will party!*
- 2. We will paint the town red!!*
- 3. We will meet again!!!*

Respectively: A Grand Reunion, Yuvtal & Social Service Events, and the GJ Charter Nite."

It was wonderful to be present yesterday at the Charter nite and meet the new lot of Bens and the not so new lot of Bens, after a long time. While I have been seeing this revival happening on what's app , it's heartening to see group and the enthusiasm in real. Big kudos to the charter Bens for kick starting this process and to the Tridev in making it happen. Based on my short interaction with them , I feel the exciting new Bens are just getting into

Ben Kiran Writes...

ent desire in all of us to scale , even for the few who get into the fold of the club it will be life changing for sure. What else explains our Group captain travelling all the way from Bengaluru to be present for just a couple of hours of Charter nite gathering here in Hyderabad. Even now I miss the debates and discussions that I enjoyed during the active years at the Ben club and feel a THEN BEN seniors group to interact once in a while to continue it in some form would be good . On a lighter note we can even create a TV studio feel if some senior debaters are coming to participate. Congratulations & best wishes to the new board and looking forward to a glittering Golden jubilee year ahead. Thanks all for the wonderful Sunday evening.

While there is an inherent rhythm and might need some hand holding to take the group to the next level. While I said that the support from the seniors should not become like a burden, I also feel that the transition team of the TRIO have a lot of work on hand for the Golden jubilee year celebrations and making the club happening and growth sustainable. Successfully implementing the grand ideas for the 50th year mentioned by Sunil yesterday and the plans that the new governing board makes , will take the club to greater heights and a new glory (not just bringing back the old glory). It amazes me to see the enthusiasm of our charter Bens like Ben Sethuraman & others .Would like to thank them once again for starting this wonderful platform , which has impacted many Bens including me significantly. With the many distractions available today, it



will be a challenge to make the new generation understand, accept and appreciate the benefits & value of active participation in a literary club. Consistent effort with some new age marketing might help the cause.

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- Ben Kiran Biligiri