

Dec 7 - Spirit of Christmas

This was a sold out event - 205 members and 16 members of a choir known as the "Brampton Carollers" came out to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas. Members support for the less fortunate was overwhelming and donations poured in to the food bank.

Commander Hall looked festive with the traditional colours of Christmas – green table cloths and red poinsettia centre pieces beautifully created by the capable hands of Myra Misquitta. The vendors had a good selection of Goan foods and sweets and if you were late you were out of luck as items sold out very quickly.

Phil D'Souza led us in Grace and this was followed by a tasty traditional Goan meal. A choice of sorportel, sannas, rice, veggies and bibique or xacuti, pilau, okra and batika was the menu of the day. An added surprise of roast turkey catered by Elison Almeida. A flurry of excitement followed when members scrambled under their chairs to find the lucky numbers to the beautiful centre pieces.

The entertainment got off to a flying start with the choir from as far away as Brampton keeping us enthralled for over an hour with a class performance that received a standing ovation. The evening progressed with carol singing and the night ended with Bingo.

Our sincere thanks to Tecla Lobo who donated a large bibique which went off to the lucky winner in a raffle.

Accolades were given to Dora Noronha for organizing and managing this function so efficiently.