



Kerala Association of Colorado

Annual Report – 2016

Dear KAOC Members,

We wish to take this opportunity to say “THANK YOU” for your support and participation in making 2016 another great year.

As in the past, KAOC organized the four events – IDF, Summer Picnic, Onam and Christmas all of which was a huge success. There were some “First” in each of the event which we would like to point out. For the first time we had a title sponsor for IDF. Onam had a fully catered Sadhya, served after the cultural show so that participants and guests could enjoy without the pain of cooking. Christmas had a record guests and vendor stall put up to bring in additional revenue to the association.

Apart from the above annual events, another event was the Music Nite, which was received with tremendous participation from the community. The credit of organizing this event goes to our home grown band Kattanchayya, kudos to them.

And then the biggest of all, we had “Mollywood Jollywood” the stage show which was a first time in Denver by any community. Initially there was lot of skepticism both within the committee and the public in general about organizing such a show, its financial viability but the success of the show speaks for itself. This event could be said as the epitome of success of this year’s activities.

And we would attribute this grand success of every event to a couple of reasons. The first being, our sponsors. No organization or event can be successful without sponsorship. We were very well supported by our gracious sponsors and we are very thankful to each of them.

The next is the support from the association members. We have a growing Malayalee community here and at present KAOC has 182 members. We couldn’t have done it without your overwhelming support. And we hope the membership continues to grow in the coming years.

Of course, all the committee members worked very hard, but the committee is very aware that none of these events could have been possible without the support of our volunteers. They spent a great amount of time and effort on all these event days, and most of the time missing out on the events and fun itself. A big thank you to every volunteer for your time and effort, we couldn’t have done without you.

Other actions taken by the 2016 executive committee in the best interest of the association -

- Drafted a very elaborate set of by-laws for the functioning of the association. This is put up as a draft document in the website and the next committee can work on getting it approved and giving it a better shape as required.*
- Regularly communicated with members on important issues.*
- Sent out invitation for elections of office bearers for KAOA executive committee. Though not very successful this year, hopefully will be a trendsetter for the future and will increase participation from the association members.*
- Following the KAOA tradition, presented the financial report during Christmas program.*
- Send out annual report.*

Financial Overview

Income		Expenses	
Initial balance from 2015	2,094	IDF	5,712
Membership collected	8,824	Picnic	1,240
Sponsorship	20,726	Onam	9,130
Ticket Sales	17,647	Stage show	24,462
Misc. income	650	Christmas	3,647
		Misc. expenses	856
Total	49,941	Total	45,047
Balance, to be handed over to 2017 committee			4,894

In closing, we want to thank all of you for your continued support for KAOA. We want to wish the very best to the new committee of 2017 and request you to give the same support to the new committee so that KAOA will reach newer heights.

Best Regards,

KAOA 2016 Executive Committee

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“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” – Henry Ford

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