Weekend Nuts

About Rupa Patil, Creator, Weekend Nuts:

Rupa Patil, aka Ruu, an Electronics Engineer, originally from Mumbai, settled in Bangalore for past 7 years. With IT work experience for over 11 years, Rupa currently works as a Manager-Technical Support with Akamai Technologies. Rupa is into travelling, public speaking & a strong believer of Entrepreneurship; but most of all, she loves community service of all forms. That's also her idea of 'Smiley Day' initiative! She first thought of and spoke of creative Weekends, as a speaker at Ignite Bangalore, in year 2008. And thereafter, worked on the concept of Weekend Nuts and turned it into reality, with her partner & now, her husband - Bernard.

About Bernard Corraya, Partner, Weekend Nuts:

Bernard Corraya, aka Ben, a long time Sales Professional, originally from Kolkata; settled in Bangalore for past 7 years. He too has been working for over 11 years & is currently managing sales for Taggle Internet Ventures, a Bangalore based company. Ben loves books, movies, travelling and has special interest in ecommerce in Indian market. Years before their wedding, Ben and Ruu used to run their own little community service events! Ben has been the biggest supporter, and strategic partner for Ruu, for making Weekend Nuts a success story.

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After staying and working in Bangalore, Ruu & Ben realized, that huge population of working professionals in Bangalore typically, spend their weekends lazing or roaming around. And small groups of working professionals, who want to do something creative, have little direction to do so. So, in February 2010, the idea of "Weekend Nuts" struck and within 3 weeks time, it turned into a reality!

Weekend Nuts, is a casual group of working professionals.
As crazy as it sounds, Weekend Nuts, is all about creative & meaningful weekends; with special emphasis on people-network, community-service and loads of fun!

Since its inception in year 2010, Weekend Nuts, has hosted a range of events & initiatives: Wine-Tasting for amateurs, Ghazals-evening, I-for-Idea (Open-speech-event), Photography contests, Excursions & day-outs. But most close to the heart of all the members of Weekend Nuts, is, their ongoing community-service initiative, named "Smiley Day" – a day to spread smiles, among kids, old people, poor people and others.

As of today, Weekend Nuts boasts of over 600 members in Bangalore & growing!
Currently, the membership is open for all, for free; visit www.WeekendNuts.com

Members of **Weekend Nuts core-group**: **Vipin Vinchurkar** (Chief Event Manager), **Soumya Gopi** & **Priyal Date**. Also, **Lawrence Samuel Raj** – a well known concert photographer!

So far, Weekend Nuts has been talked about by TV9, News9, Deccan herald and Time Out magazine.
In year 2010, Weekend Nuts, was shortlisted as one of the top 850 ideas by Economic Times' "Power of Ideas, 2010"! **… And the spirit of Weekend Nuts, continues** ☺

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