

Dear KGA Members,

We recently realised that KGA is celebrating our 45th Year so kudos to every single one of you reading this, for helping us get here and participating so actively! We've been very busy recently with a fantastic-football-frenzy-themed Evergreen Program, a cultural and tasteful World Goa Day, a cowboy and cowgirl Wild West Kiddy Party and a solemn, yet joyous Ladainha. It's always wonderful when our community gets together, and by the time this newsletter is out, we will be getting



ready for our SFX Feast and Christmas Dinner on Dec 1st. Save the date!

The committee members in charge of our events have really done a splendid job in organizing the four awesome events gone recently by. Mafalda Quadros and Luciana Vikas worked wonderfully together to bring our

Evergreens a party with a difference, with exciting games, scrumptious food and even a delightful live band performing for them. VP Reuben D'Mello and Shanon Caldeira organized a lovely WGD with authentic Goan cuisine by our very own home chefs, as well as superb skits highlighting Goa and its Goenkarponn. We also had a large gathering of past-presidents to mark the milestone of our 45th year of KGA. Sincere thanks to our lovely ladies from the Creative Team for their tireless efforts and ever-beautiful work. Huge thanks to our sponsors Kingfisher, Epson as well as Expat Properties. Thanks to our talented photographer Romario D'Monte for taking some fabulous shots. Next, Wilma Pereira put together a unique and special children's party with everyone dressing up like they just came out of a Western Cowboy movie. Sincere thanks to Aiona Misquita for sponsoring this event as well as Perry Goes for helping sponsor our AGM gone by! There are few more individual

contributions in the pipeline from our guardian-angel benefactors, and for this, our Association is grateful. Treasurer Stephanie Vaz was member in charge of the Ladainha which had the litany sung in Latin and Konkani courtesy Aldrin Dsouza and our fabulous choir.

Special thanks to Francisco Saldanha for his expertise in helping with poster designs as well as our beautiful KGA Newsletters that you are reading.

Apart from our events, there has been "work" literally going on behind the scenes as well. Thanks to the Asset Management Committee who have overlooked the fencing of CSM property as well as a gate, which is now finally complete. A big thumbs up to the EWP which has been working extra hard for our members. They have requested more cases of Education and Welfare to come to them. Sincere thanks to our very dedicated Secretary Wilma Pereira for smoothly transitioning our brand new KGA Phone Number. Incidentally, if you haven't saved it yet, please do so – as it is set up in such a way that you do not receive KGA What's App event Posters and updates unless you save it!

**KGA Secretary: 9972345164**

We are happy to report many new member registrations coming in!

See you all at SFX Feast with Christmas Dinner and Excellence Awards on 1st Dec at St. Joseph's Boys High School.

Viva KGA!

Thank you all and God bless

Warm regards,

**Carlos Norman Guido**

President

*P.S. – Please Come All Ye Faithful, in large numbers and join in the merriment of our Annual Carol Singing. On a separate "note", there is talk of forming a KGA Choir and Band with all the talent we have! – Contact MC! Also, our website is coming up very soon with a brand new look, for all KGA updates online.*

# Karnataka Goan Association : Excellence Awards

The KGA Awards of Recognition for Excellence for the year 2017-18 will be awarded on 1st December 2018 at the KGA SFX Feast dinner.

We are accepting applications till the 20th of November, 2018. Contact any Committee Member to submit the applications.

**Aim** - To encourage recipients and motivate others to aspire to similar levels of proficiency in their respective fields.

## Award Categories

### Excellence In Academics:

Class X - 85% or above

Class XII - 85% or above, overall, in any discipline, from any recognised college.

Graduate - 75% or above, from any recognised college.

Post-Graduate - 75% or above, from any recognised college.

A special achievement in a field of studies, State or University Rank, National or State Merit Scholarship etc would also be considered for KGA Excellence Award in academics.

### Excellence In Sports -

There will be two categories of awards : Student & Non-Student

Eligibility - Represented the University, State, or Country in any sporting activity, at the Under 19, Sub Junior, Junior or Senior level

### Excellence In Music -

There will be three categories of awards : School, PU/College, Post College

School Level: Std IX and below – Distinction in Grade IV, and above, in any music field.

Std X and below – Distinction in Grade V and above, in any music field

PU/College Level: Certificates for candidates getting a Merit in Grade VI and above, in any music field.

Post College level: Certificates for candidates getting a Merit in Grade VII or equivalent and higher levels, in any music field.

**Excellence In Performing & Visual Arts -** For excellence in the field of Performing Arts (like theatre, film, etc) and Visual Arts (like painting, sculpture, etc). The criteria for judging would be State level or National level recognition.

**Excellence In Profession -** This would include Corporate, Entrepreneurial or Individual achievements. The criteria would include achievements that have been noted in the community, state, country or industry.

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### Terms & Conditions:

- All awards are only for KGA members or members children.
- Nomination for the Academics, Sports, Music & Performing/Visual Arts categories will be by self or parent.
- All nominations need to be accompanied by relevant supporting documents.
- For Excellence in a Professional field, the nominee would have to be proposed & seconded by KGA members who are not immediate family members of the nominee or of each other.
- Judging will be by the KGA Managing Committee, with advisory inputs from any 3 Past Presidents as necessary.

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## Football Frenzy - Evergreens

*Daphne Smith*



We look forward to any function organised by our enthusiastic KGA Committee and the Over 60s function with the "football" theme, did not disappoint us.

The Weather Gods held up the skies on Sunday 5th August as the ladies in red and gents in blue trooped in with sporting attire. The KGA youth dressed as Cheer leaders, welcomed us with Team Tags. The innovative Creative Team had the hall decorated with footballs painted on paper plates and appropriate "footie" tags on every table. A colourful fun-filled environment never fails to heighten your expectations.

We started off with coffee and biscuits and a Football Quiz which was not too mind boggling. A live band began playing and the dance floor

was soon bustling with all the "oldies" but very young at heart swaying to the music. Much later another "girls" group also entertained us. And much later, our very own Oscar Menezes charmed us with his songs.

Snacks were served along with beer or soft drinks. The balloon game had everyone energised and running around to support their teams. Over the head and under the legs with skirts tucked up. Age is just a number!

The game of Housie was compered by Pam Pereira who had everyone hooting and in splits, with her hilarious (sometimes scandalous) quips. A scrumptious lunch/dessert was served followed by more music and dancing.

The potted plant given to everyone when leaving was much appreciated....a reminder that we are evergreen.





# World Goa Day - "Goa and its Goenkarponn"

*Tony Doulton*

Live to Eat, Live to Dance, Live to Sing - if you have any of these attributes, you are part Goan!

What better way to spend my Sunday that to be among one of the most hospitable, vibrant and colourful communities in India, the Goan. I totally enjoyed my time at the KGA organized 'World Goa Day' celebrations. With tasty Goan culinary available, to the well enacted cultural show and liquid flow that kept us in good spirit, can anyone ask for more?

Yes! Await the next KGA show! Cheers and best wishes for more such community connects! You can take the Goenkar out of Goa , but you can't take Goa out of the Goenkar, wherever they are!





## Kiddies Event – “Wild Wild West ”

*Nina Goes*

The kids party took place on October 5th, Friday. It was perfect timing, as most of our exams got over earlier that day.

The theme was "Wild West" and the decorations were amazing. There were ropes with hats hanging from them, and pictures of cowboys everywhere. There were many balloons and a jail in the corner. In the beginning, they sorted us age wise and gave us ribbons to indicate which group we were in. They had different games for the groups, such as apple bobbing, sack races and lasso the horse. For snacks they gave us a box with a burger, a quiche, a croquette and a tetra pack of juice. The takeaway gift was a a sheriff badge with our names on it, a bandana, a packet of chips and some sweets. Overall, the party was fun and I hope I can come for more.

Thanks to our President, Uncle Carlos, Aunty Wilma who was in charge, Cyrus, the MC and everyone who helped.





# Ladainha

*Sergio T Rosario*

The Goan Ladainha is certainly an event that allows the Karnataka Goan Association to fully live up to its name & purpose... Slowly & gradually the procession began right after the first hymn, not failing to bring back memories that we had experienced when we received Mother Mary in our Goan Households...on the Joseph's Ground with our candles ablaze accompanied by the melodious voices of our KGA Choir resonating in our hearts... Somehow even though a majority of us didn't know the exact words we were all inclined to participate in this majestic happening... Well after a walk in the cold evening with a slight pause every now and then to mark the end of a decade, who wouldn't want some lovely Goan snacks? Well I certainly did. Ressois, Bolinas, Choris Pav and what not. Well that surely was a wholesome prayer meet both for the soul and the stomach.







## St. Francis Xavier's Feast Saturday, 1st December, 2018

Mass: 6p.m (Konkani), St. Joseph's Chapel, Museum Road  
Followed by fellowship and Christmas Dinner & Excellence  
Awards at St Joseph's Boys' High School Auditorium

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