

This season Goans celebrate >>>

Naga Panchami - 04th August
Raksha Bandhan - 13th August
Assumption/Independence Day—15th August
World Goa Day - 20th August
Novidade/ Konsachem Fest - 24th August
Bonderam - 27th August
Ramzan Id/ Eid-ul-Fitar - 31th August
Ganesh Chaturthi - 1th September



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GOENKAR



Karnataka Goan Association
World Day
Celebrating the world we come from

Sunday, 21st Aug '11 at Opus - Palace Cross Road from 11am onwards
*Fun. Music. Dance. Goan food. Prizes and surprises.
 Dress up in the "Goan Monsoons" theme colours of blue and green. It is an event you just can't afford to miss.
 Celebrate yourself.*

Donor Passes*:
 Members: Rs 400/-
 Children (5-12 yrs): Rs 200/-
 Members' guests: Rs 600/-
 Gate – members (only): Rs 600/-

*Available with all committee members and at Lusitania Mosque Road and Brigade Road
 Inclusive of lunch

From the President's desk.....

Greetings Goenkars!

Another year of jam-packed, fun-filled activities, both social and welfare came to a finale on the 26th June 2011, when the Old Managing Committee bowed out with a feeling of satisfaction and elation that all the hardwork had paid off. Congratulations to Arun and his Team of Stanley, Gavin D, Gavin C, Noel, Melvyn, Nissim, Brenden and yours truly for the excellent work done during the year.

Kudos to the Asset Management Committee of Perry, Eddie and George for their initiatives and the work done to stabilize and multiply our resources.

Congratulations also to the Welfare and Education Committee of Stephen, Aloma, John, Maureen, Mona, Keith, Vivienne, Michelle and Suja who kept that spark of compassion and service ignited while taking care of those in need in the Community.

The New Managing Committee does sport a few "old" faces; old in the sense that they have worked at some point of time on the KGA Managing Committee. Your Committee members have committed to work together to strengthen our ties by keeping up the Old traditions and functions and introduce new ideas and ventures with an impetus on reviv-

ing our cultural roots.

This year, in addition to the fun and cheer (which we Goans are famous for!), some portion of our energies will be focused on highlighting various social issues to create an awareness of others less fortunate than ourselves and I couldn't think of a better way than the "Diya Foundation", the CEO of which is our own member Ms Sarah Santamaria.

At the first Committee meeting itself, Sub-Committees have been formed to ensure that each Activity/Function has the maximum participation. Each leader of the sub-committee will need volunteers from all of you and we are confident that you will not refuse that help. But, most importantly, this message goes out to all of you, not to miss any activity/function, because your presence itself will be encouragement for all of us on the Committee who besides holding down full-time jobs and other responsibilities have committed to ensuring that 2011-12 will be an eventful year for the KGA family.

Warmest wishes from all of us,
Adele Britto
President

NOTICE

The KGA Secretary will now have an e mail called <kgasecretary@gmail.com> to ensure that all correspondence with the Secretary, be organized at one location. This email address will be passed on, so we can maintain continuity with the past correspondence. This will also ensure that old messages are not lost in individual/personal emails.



COME CELEBRATE PEOPLE, CELEBRATE LIFE !

Diya Foundation (Diya) is a Vocational Training Center in Bangalore providing training and employment to differently abled individuals. Founded in 1999, DIYA is a registered charitable trust. The idea for the centre grew out of a growing need for vocational training once basic schooling is completed.

Intellectually challenged students go to a special school or no school at all depending on the financial situation of parents. These students spend their formative years learning basic, functional academics that will not help them get or keep a job. At the age of 14, they leave school, ill-prepared to deal with life's challenges. Diya provides an easy transition from school to work, work to life goals and life security.

At Diya, each person's disability is metamorphosed into opportunities for growth, self reliance, and independence. Our main focus is on the development of life skills through a structured program that involves training in: Daily Living Skills, Personal-Social Skills, Occupational Skills.

Diya offers training and employment opportunities in the following units: Candle Making, Chocolate Making, Paper products, Cleaning liquid manufacturing, Data Entry, Screen Printing, Horticulture/Gardening. From Yoga sessions every morning, to shared lunches, cleaning the premises, welcoming visitors, every activity is geared towards en-

hancing various skills.

The splashes of colour on a greeting card, the strokes of paint on a terracota diya, the simple folds on a newspaper bag, the arrangement of chocolates in a box, are all testimony to the fact that mentally challenged people can follow instructions, work to precision, and earn a livelihood. www.diyafoundation.com

We remain dedicated to our vision and continue to work towards the expansion of the Vocational Training Centre. This will enable

tions. Encouraged by our experiences of the past, we now dare to dream bigger. In order to impact a larger number of challenged adults and widen our reach we are looking at starting small self-help groups with our parents to provide employment for our trained adults.



Our aim at present is to create job opportunities in the community. To do this we need your support in giving our trainees an opportunity to come into your work space and get a taste of what is available out in the Community for maybe an hour a week to maybe half a day. If you are connected to a hotel or service apartment invite our trainees to help out with housekeeping for an hour – making beds, dishwashing etc. If you see an opportunity in your packaging department or in your data entry departments or administration departments where our trainees can do simple, repetitive tasks do write to us at

us to admit a larger number of trainees and also offer them a wider variety of work op-

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NOTICE : MEMBERSHIP RATES

The KGA Managing Committee commits itself to continue to support the Education & Welfare Committee in providing timely help to those Members who are in need of assistance, to ensure that the Assets of the Association are revenue-generating and to keep the Community together by organizing Activities and Functions. To achieve all this successfully, we need to strengthen our Financial Base which will make the KGA strong and viable.

Keeping these objectives in mind, the MC has after considerable deliberation and consultation have taken the following decisions:

1. NEW LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Rs 500/-
2. DONOR MEMBERSHIP : Rs 5000/-
3. PATRON MEMBERSHIP : Rs10000/-
4. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP :Rs 3000/- (For Non-Goans..decision of the MC)

These Membership Rates are effective from 1st August 2011.

We urge our existing 'Life Members' to upgrade their Membership to DONOR/PATRON. All Donor/Patron Members names will appear in the NEWSLETTER with the Photographs. All Patron Members will have a Table Reserved for them at the Mango Showers, the Carnival and Think Goa Live Goa Functions (information has to be given to any Committee Member at least a week before the function)

Sd/- Adele Britto, President

KONKANI CLASSES

The much awaited Konkani Classes will take off shortly. Please register your names with Mr Bosco Andrade, Committee Member. We have a record of those who had sent in their names to Adele Britto earlier this year. Its going to be "learning our mother-tongue with fun" consisting of conversation, impromptu skits and some songs. We hope that by the end of the Course you will have working knowlege of konkani, enough to hold your own in Goa and to converse with other konkani-speaking persons

Adele Britto, President

A hard-core Banker, she is determined to fill the coffers of the Kga. She has been a leader in almost everything she has taken up, which is why she is confident that, she will be able to motivate all in the Committee to work together as one unit to achieve great success.



was a member of the Youth Group during her college years and enjoyed camping and development activities. Is Currently a member of the Soc.of Vincent de Paul providing help in their charitable activities.At present, She enjoys working as an Investment Banker.

feels that the ties with older members need to be strengthened and he sees himself working towards that in this year.

**Bosco Andrade
Comm Member**

Born in Calcutta and had his education in St Josephs and St Xaviers Calcutta. He is a free lancer in Communication Skills.He's an Emcee,a Toastmaster and involved in Church and social work. He has decided to contribute to the KGA



**Mafalda Quadros
Vice-President**

Mafalda Quadros was born in a tiny village called Betalbatim in Salcete Goa,Mafalda is a die hard Goan who loves music,singing dancing and cooking. She is an integral part of the Cecilian and unforgettable choir's and also has been incharge of our own KGA Choir for the SFX feast. A visit to Goa three times a year to smell the fish market in Margao and feel the sea breeze is a must do.



**Linsey Denazareth
Comm Member**

Linsey de Nazareth is a dance and Aerobics instructor and proud mother of four, danced for KGA 34 years ago and hasn't stopped since!



**KGA Managing
Committee
2011-12**

**Gavin D'Souza
Comm Member**

Gavin is an old hand of the KGA, he has served as the treasurer last year and is now a part of this committee. He is a product of St. Aloysius Higher Secondary School, Jabalpur. He is a light hearted person with a great sense of humor.



Neil D'Souza, Secretary

Engineer by profession, Goan at heart. Fun Loving, loves good food and all things Goan. Born and brought up in Mumbai, but now been residing in Bangalore for the last 9 years. Looking forward to working with the KGA and getting to know all of you.



**Lilian Fernandes
Comm Member**

Lilian Fernandes is a software engineer by profession, Lilian also plays the violin & guitar. Loves singing in a choir, travelling, reading and cooking. She joined the committee to help make this another wonderful year for the KGA and hopes that every member will attend every event!



**Marshal Fernandes
Editor Goenkar**

Marshal Fernandes is an emcee, with many years of experience hosting Christian weddings, corporate events and the likes. He's also been part of the KGA for a good long time and this year too he hopes to add his two cent where ever he can.



**Shane
Fernandes , Treasurer**

Shane has been involved with the KGA for the past 6 months and now has taken up the position of Treasurer. He has taken this opportunity to bring a new dimension of networking at the KGA. Shane is from Panjim and began his career in Mumbai. He currently works in Bangalore as a Finance Analyst and also leads the Pastoral Insight and Support team of CFC India. He loves playing the keyboard and guitar and enjoys long distance drives



**Kenneth Smith
Comm Member**

Scratched his head as Committee Member under the leadership of Perry Goes. Decided to go bald after that and has won admiration in the Kga for the Baldie-Goldie look. Not exactly sure why he got into the Committee this year. According to him,in all probability, he couldnt refuse the request of the pretty women who needed some 'great men' around! He's been there, done it all. This year he has decided to push for new faces and more participation



**Roweena Barreto
Youth Rep**

An investment banker by profession, Roweena Maria Barreto is the daughter of long-time KGA life members, Amir and Helga Barreto. Completing her Electronics and Telecom Engineering from Goa Engineering College, Roweena went on to do her MBA from Goa Institute of Management. An enthusiastic member, her designs featured on the cover of the 2011 KGA annual report.



Colette Rato, Asst-Treasurer

Colette Rato grew up and studied in Pune and has been residing in Bangalore since the last 10 years. enjoys reading crime-legal fiction, Art , watches Sci-fi movies and loves trekking. She



**Victor Pereira
Comm Member**

Victor Pereira is one of the earliest members of the KGA. He's been part of the KGA since his youth. He



**Levin Serrao,
Youth Rep**

"Hi Todos! This is Levin de Fatorda. Have been in Banagalore since 2007. Love playing classical guitar and being in a kitchen too cracking out new delicacies.



World Goa Day @Bangalore

Goa in the Monsoons! What a euphoric picture that conjures up! The green swaying paddy fields drenched in water, the long, wet, winding roads, the gushing, overflowing canals and streams, the lashing incessant rain, the locals both children and adults in their monsoon gear and the fragrance emitted when the rain crashes on the dry earth; its such an unbelievable experience, it makes us rain-starved, traffic-jammed, pollution-crazed Goan Bangaloreans nostalgic!

Your New Managing Committee brings to you our first Function for the year... THE WORLD GOA DAY at the OPUS on Sunday 21st Aug 2011 commencing at 11am.

THE THEME COLOURS ARE BLUE AND GREENthe soothing blue of the sea (we didnt want an angry grey!) and the vibrant green of the

picturesque goan countryside.....

Our VP Mafalda is doing what she does best...training our little ones to lead us in konkani mandos. Our Committee Member Lilian who is now handling the goans@kgabangalore.com site has been brainstorming to ensure that all you wonderful people out there have one helluva time!

Dont miss this Show for the World! Be there, be dressed in the Theme Colours but before that send in your photos for the GOA PHOTO COMPETITION.

Fantastic Goan Cuisine, Konknni Mandos brought to you by our Little Ones, Konknni Masala and other favourites by the Youth, Prizes galore to attract you including Kingfisher Tickets to Goa; what more could you ask for?!!!

TICKET RATES:.

Rs 400/= (Members)

Rs 200/= (Children 5 yrs to 12 yrs)

Rs 600/= (Members' Guests)

Rs 600/= (Gate Tickets Members)

Tickets with All Committee Members and at Lusitania Mosque Road and Brigade Road.

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FOR OUR ADORABLES

If you are 60 years and above, we have for you the MAMBO ITALIANO MORN. "Mambo Italiano" is the Theme; which means that the Music, the Décor, the Continental Food with live pasta counters and Carlton crooning your old favourites will take you down a Wonderful Gondola of Italian somnolence! And who to do that better than Linsey, our Committee Member who will be working to put together an Enjoyable Day for all of you. She has lined up Games and Competitions and the lucky Winners will walk away with Prizes. But before you come to the OPUS on the 10th Sep, we would like you to put on your thinking Caps and give us a New Name(Can be one or two words) for our 60 pluses! Keep it Secret till the 10th Sep to ensure you walk away with the BIG PRIZE!!!

Venue: Opus

Date: 10th Sep 2011

Time: Starting at 11 AM

Ticket Rates: Rs 100 per member



Send us your favorite photographs of Goa! Whether it's a picture of Granddad snoozing on the 'pial' or snow white Portuguese churches nestling against the hillside - we want to see the pictures that describe your idea of Goa. The best 3 photographs (chosen by our panel of judges) will win fabulous prizes and the winner/runner up pictures will be displayed at World Goa Day. Please include a caption describing your photograph.

Limit: 2 photographs per participant
Last Date for Submissions: August 14, 2011

How to submit your entry: Email digital copies of your photographs with captions to goans@kgabangalore.com with the subject "World Goa Day Photo Contest". If you don't have a digital copy, you can submit your prints to any of the KGA committee members. Our very own celebrated photographer, Ryan Lobo, will head the panel of judges!

