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Exposition Mass Schedule

Inaugural day Nov. 21—Pontifical Mass celebrated in the Pandal @9:30 am followed by carrying of the Relics to the Cathedral where it will be kept for public veneration till Jan 1, 2005. Pilgrims will be allowed to venerate the relics from 6 am—7pm.

The relics will be carried from the Basilica to Cathedral by representatives of the deaneries. Masses in the Pandal—Nov. 22 & 23 will be in the morn. 6,7,8,9:15 (English) and even. 4,5,6 (English)

Masses during Novena days from Nov. 4 to Dec. 2 morn. English 6,7:15,8:15 (Novena Mass), 9:30, 10:30. 11:30 (mass for pilgrims) and even. 3:45, 5:15, 6:15 English.

On Feast Day (3rd) Masses will be in the morning from 4,5,6,7,8,9, and 10:30 Feast Pontifical Mass. Evening 4,5,6 (English)

On the closing day Jan 2'05 the procession carrying the relics will begin at 8 am followed by Pontifical Mass at the Pandal at 9:30 am. No veneration of the relic on this day. Confessions will be done morn. 5:30 to 12 noon and 3 to 7 pm in even.

Dear Friends,

With the exception of rain, we had a beautiful summer. I am sure you enjoyed your summer, entertaining guests and friends and using the grill to the maximum to barbecue that steak or the marinated chicken. It sounds so nice that I feel like tasting some, the next time you do a cook out, remember us and we will be there.

Our summer picnic was a lot of fun as we were blessed with a beautiful day. The ambiance of the Lake Needwood Park enticed many members and their guests to be present. The buffet lunch was a gourmet affair as every one pitched in to bring their signature dishes. Every member and guest alike enjoyed the lunch and the fellowship that follows when Goans get together to have a good time. I want to thank everyone who was present and helped in making it a success.

The fall is upon us that means the trees will change their colors soon. It is that time of the year when we plan for the feast of our patron saint, St. Francis Xavier. It will take place at the Cherry Hill Community Center, College Park, Maryland. Watch for the flyer and please send in your quick response. Please do not wait for the last moment as the caterer needs to be informed. When you receive the flyer, fill in the necessary information and forward it to our treasurer, Roque Viegas with your contribution. Please do not send it to my attention as I will be out of town.

I will be completing two years in December that means it is time to choose a new president. I would like to continue as your president should you decide to throw in your hat in my favor. However, if you feel a change is needed my committee and I will resign to satisfy your wishes. The last two years has been a challenge and rewarding for as your representative, it allowed me to develop many new friendships. Without your help this would not have been possible. My committee consisting of Lavinia, Roque and Claudette would like to thank you very much and may the association carry on its true Goan tradition and its culture. Lastly, I want to inform you about Goan American Heart Foundation that was formed to open a Cardiac Center in Goa. Please read about it in the newsletter and think about helping this worthy cause. Whatever you can give, give it from your heart and it is tax deductible. Thank you for your help. Rosario.

Goa-America Heart Foundation *Its Vision and Mission*

Goa-America Heart Foundation believes that the successful caring of the patients is the function of a positive, joyful and compassionate environment promoted by every individual associated in the functioning of the Foundation. These individuals will demonstrate highest level of proficiency in their field of work, and they will exercise in scrupulous practice of professional integrity, social and professional etiquette, and genuine compassion.

Goa-America Heart Foundation will follow the highest values and practices of healing with respect for the patient, and mutual respect among various caregivers. In order to accomplish this it will follow the management practices centered on mutual respect and a genuine acknowledgement of valuable role each one plays in the overall function of the Foundation.

Goa-America Heart Foundation will strive to practice the highest principles of social justice among its ranks and resolve all disputes in a spirit of genuine dialogue.

Goa-America Heart Foundation will represent the highest ideals of business practices and be a leader in the business community by striving for excellence in all its aspects and functions.

Goa-America Heart Foundation will serve as a magnet to the Goan community overseas to exercise its moral obligation to contribute and support towards the health care of Goans. It will invite the financially blessed individuals in Goa to participate in the collective welfare of its citizens.

Goa-America Heart Foundation will strive to be a model of excellence in medical care, it will endeavor to nurture the noblest of human spirit, it will engage in humane business practices, and it will contend to be a leader in cardiac care treatment.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

We are glad to inform you that we have established a successful partnership with the Manipal Hospital, Dona Paula, Goa. We eagerly look forward to offer cardiac care services to our folks in Goa by January 2005. We are launching a campaign to raise \$300,000.00 by the end of December 2004.

WE NEED YOU

We need your assistance not only to donate funds to this important cause; but to support the project in any and every way possible. We need volunteers in each Goan Diaspora community to help us to make Goa-America Heart Foundation a very successful service-project.

You may make your **tax-deductible** contributions to **Goa Sudharop** earmarked for Goa-America Heart Foundation and mail to: **Rosario D'Costa, 313 Fleece Fower Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878**. Your employer may have a matching gift program for your charitable contribution.

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I can't believe two years have gone by already since I took over the editorship of the **KHOBOR Newsletter**. It's been a great two years for me of being so closely connected to our Association's activities. I've enjoyed working on each issue of the *Newsletter*, going to our meetings and helping to organize programs. I think I'll miss working on the issues each quarter, but I also think it's time to pass the role along to someone else.

I'd like to thank the many people who helped make my term as editor such a rewarding experience. It was a great pleasure to work with all of them. Hope you enjoyed them. **Farewell!**

Claudette Brito

CANDOLIM—The Exotic Resort Island

The traditional old peace, green grandeur, and golden sands have witnessed the charming coastal village of Candolim. The unending Aguada fortress skirts the Sinquerim plateau, the beautiful Linhares Church, and the lighthouse, glows in the evening supporting the historical heritage of Candolim. It is one of prime resorts and draws a number of visitors and tourists.

Candolim celebrates the feast of Nossa Senhora de Esperance on December 19. People from the surrounding villages gather in large numbers for the feast with hope and pleas for intercession. They also have a rare monsoon festivity called *Sangodd* on June 29 every year, coinciding with the feast of St Peter. The *Sangodd* is an aquatic tableau ma de by tying together five canoes to form a platform and decorated like a chapel. The floating stage is rowed gently along the river and the large crowds gathered along the banks move along watching the lively musical program enacted aboard the platform. Until a decade ago, there used to be three such floats but only the one at Orda Santa Cruz continues till date.

Candolim taps lightly on the shoulder of its tourism-twin - Calangute - in the North. Hill-clad Pilerne lies to its North-East, and a meandering stream of the Mandovi river separates it at Saipem from neighbouring Nerul on the West. Saipem is the gateway to Candolim from the Betim side. "Saipem, is an idyllic place, where you can forget the din and dust of big cities like Bombay.

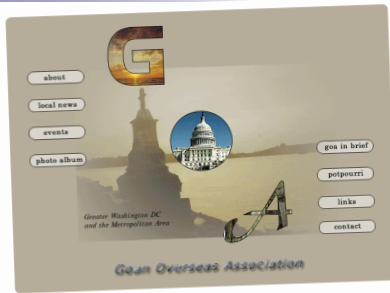
Fishing craft and dolphins cresting the waves make up a pretty sight on the horizon. Candolim's bewitching sights begin atop the scenic Sinquerim plateau, which overlooks the scenic Quegdevelim beach framed by palmfronts. At the Sinquerim plateau, a ribbon used to be traditionally tied from the Fort Aguada to Cabo, which the then General of Rivers would cut and throw the sandbar open for navigation. The colorful ceremony was held in front of the dome-shaped chapel of St Lawrence (controller of winds) raised to a church in 1668. It is also known as the Linhares Church since it was given to the Franciscans by a deed by its founder the Count of Linhares.

The feast of St Lawrence is celebrated on August 10. According to *Bosquejo das Possessoes Portuguesas*, "Before the day of St Lawrence nobody expects to see a sail on the horizon, because it is monsoon; but with the break of dawn one sees on passing by a miracle, or there appears at the sandbar by his favor the vessel of the high seas, and the coastal vessels or the ships which have been lying anchored during the monsoon get themselves ready to leave. It is because of this that the church faces the sea, the churchyard is packed with curious people, the sailors make their calculations by scanning the horizon, and the pious and devout souls fulfill and make their vows on this occasion."

The massive fortress snakes up the rocky headland from the seashore to 260 feet above, culminating in the 42 feet high *Agvadcho foler* (lighthouse) with a 36 1/2 diameter. The fort was built in 1612 to ward off the British and French attacks from the sea and internal raids by the Marathas, Bhosles and Ranes. The lighthouse has been a beacon guiding the seafarers and colonials for centuries. The name "Aguada" comes from a 225 feet cistern holding 2,376,000 gallons of water of the fountains within the fortress. The ships would berth here for shelter and bunker of water for the long voyage. The fortress possessed 79 guns, two powder rooms, two prisons, four barracks, a chapel and several buildings. When coastal surveillance became unnecessary, the Portuguese converted Fort Aguada into a political prison, within whose stark walls virtually every freedom fighter languished and suffered torture. Since Liberation Aguada houses the central jail.

Being a village which has kept a watchful eye on Goa's strategic coast for centuries, we can understand why Candolim is called *Kan-dolle* (ears and eyes) of Goa. It is also called *Kanda Halli* (onion village) though chillies and sweet potatoes are also grown here.

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Sympathies and condolences to the families of Poonam Bajaj and Natty Fernandes on the death of their mother on October 6, 2004, in Mumbai.

Portuguese India on Stamps, by Joaquim Colaço

On May 20, 1498 at Calicut, Vasco de Gama made the Portuguese entry into India. He left Portugal on July 4th 1497 and discovered the sea route to India. On December 18, 1961 the Republic of India forcibly annexed Portuguese India but the colony leaves behind an interesting philatelic heritage.

From October 1, 1871 until the territory was annexed by India, more than 600 regular postage stamps were issued. The early stamps were hand-stamped one at a time from a single die. The first set of stamps was 10, 20, 40, 100 and 200 Reis issued on October 1st 1871 and was printed on thin transparent brittle paper. In 1872, they started printing the stamps on thick wove paper and later on they improved on their technology. Starting in the late 19th century, many definitive stamps of Portuguese India have designs similar to those of Portugal and other Portuguese colonies.

The King Luiz stamps of 1886 and the King Carlos stamps of 1895-96 and 1898-1903 are the Portuguese Crown stamps. Later on, many of the stamps were surcharged with new values or overprinted "REPUBLICA" after the monarchy was overthrown. The Vasco de Gama stamps of 1898 were part of the world's first omnibus issue of commemorative stamps. Eight stamps with these designs were issued for Portugal and eight of its colonies including Portuguese India. During 1912-13, the King Carlos definitive stamps were bisected by perforating them into two vertical halves and each half was surcharged with a new value. There are many colorful stamps showing maps of the colony, historical persons, religious themes, famous men of India and the Universal Postal Union.

After the Indian army invaded and annexed the territories of Portuguese India, Portugal continued to issue stamps for its lost colony, but the stamps were never used in the colony. A set of six diamond shaped sports stamps was issued in December 1961.

As you can see, Portuguese India stamps give you a sense of History of this wonderful colony. I'm proud to be both a collector and dealer and there is something for everyone both general collectors and specialists who are interested.

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