

KHOBOR

President's Message ...

Dear Friends,

The May Ball for the 2003 is history. We had a moderate crowd (a little over 110) who donned suits and fancy dresses to enjoy a sumptuous buffet and lively music until midnight. The heavy rain that was coming down in buckets did not dampen the spirits of members who wanted to dance and have a good time. Prior to the start of the festivities, the sky was adorned with a beautiful rainbow beckoning the ladies and gents to the dance floor to the delightful sound of contemporary music.

Everyone enjoyed themselves with tasty food and good conversation with old and new friends alike. The May Queen was selected from among 8 partici-

pants. Every participant was a winner, however the judges (Sheila Ribeiro, Dianne Nunes, and Jessie Magoon) had a tough time in selecting the eventual winner. The May Queen, Gaelyn Almeida from Boston, Massachusetts, was showered with a beautiful hamper containing lots of goodies from Revlon, thanks to my good friend Clifford Pires. All those who participated we say thanks.

Those who could not make it due to prior commitments, we hope to see you at the next event because it is your organization and we want you to be there. It was nice to see friends from Pennsylvania and New Jersey who belong to our sister organization of New Jersey. They had a good time and want to come back



next year. My team (Roque, Lavinia, and Claudette) and yours truly want to thank everyone who helped in making the May Ball of 2003 a success.

Rosario D'Costa

Words of Gratitude...

The new 2003 President along with his team thank Sheila Ribeiro and her committee members for their tremendous effort put in towards this Association. I personally feel Sheila did a very good job in her nomination as former President. Her initiative and attitude brought all the Goans together for all gatherings, not forgetting her beautiful smile. The present committee members also thank Conrad Ribeiro for his group "The Bandwallahs" who kept us lively during all occasions, the caterer Roy Barretto for the good Goan cuisine, the treasurer Roque Viegas who balanced our ongoing budget, the publishers and editors who kept us informed of the events, and Jessie and Pete Magoon for their games. Overall it was a great Committee! Hats off to all!

Claudette Brito

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Something typically Goan and found in the Kitchen



Budkulo (pot) in which rice is being cooked on firewood (chul). To the right is seen a portion of the konnfo (meant for draining the rice after cooking). To the left is a tovli (a clay vessel meant for curries). There is dovlo (ladle made of coconut shell and bamboo) in the pot.

KITCHENDOM

Patolleo

Ingredients:

500 gms rice, 1 large coconut (grated), 500 gms jaggery (molasses) and 2 dozen turmeric leaves.

Method:

Soak the rice overnight. Using very little water, grind it fine till a nice dough is formed. Melt the jaggery in a little water, add the coconut and cook till quite dry. Wash and wipe the leaves dry. Starting from one end of each leaf spread a small ball of dough thinly on the leaf using 3 fingers. Place a little coconut filling along the centre and fold the leaf. Seal the edges firmly. Steam for 15 to 20 minutes.

GOA News ...

- ♦ Heavy rains continue to lash the State of Goa. Panjim has recorded 150.4 mm of rainfall. Margao, Mapusa, Quepem, Sanguem, Canacona, Valpoi and Ponda recorded 75.8, 10, 90.4, 109.2, 200.3, 125.2 and 104.6 mm respectively in the last few days. While the seasonal normal for this time of the year is 1445.2mm, Panjim has recorded 970.1 mm till date.
- ♦ Union Civil Aviation Minister, Rajiv Pratap Rudy, today said he would engage with the defence

ministry and eke out an overall plan to ease civilian operations at the Naval airport in Dabolim.

- ♦ SMART CARDS: The Goa State Government plans to issue Smart Cards to around 2 lakh employees by the year-end. Shortly, many other trades/ establishments will be covered.

Present Committee Members

Rosario D'Costa, President

Lavinia Fernandes, Vice-President

Claudette Brito, Secretary

Roque Viegas, Treasurer

Vilma de Perigant, Editor

Other Committee Members

Wendy Lobo, Membership

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Lyra Viegas, Maryland Representative

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Our Annual Picnic—Lake Accotink Park, Springfield, VA



This year's annual picnic will be held at Lake Accotink Park on Sunday, August 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield. Enjoy boating, fishing, hiking, miniature golf, a carousel, snack bar, tourboat rides, trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds. Nominal fees are required for miniature golf, the carousel, rowboat, pedal board, and canoe rentals.

More information in the inserted flyer.

Jessica Martha Brito received her First Holy Eucharist on May 4.

Congratulations to her and her family

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feast of St. Francis Xavier will be celebrated on December 6, 2003.

*Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 14. **Details in next edition.***

Medical News — CARDIAC CENTER

A **CARDIAC CARE CENTER** is proposed at JMJ Hospital, Porvorim, Goa, India with the assistance of members of the Goan Association of New Jersey, Inc. and Goa

Sudharop. It will be established in the existing facilities of JMJ Hospital with an ambitious plan to add more rooms on existing grounds and acquire adjacent land. Goa Sudharop, a non-profitable charitable organization (501c3) will facilitate the transfer of funds and the Hospital Management will assume responsibility for accounting and maintaining a detailed record of expenditures.

As a Goan and President of the Association in the tri-state area, I felt compelled to write this short note to empower fellow members to help in this worthy cause. I know personally the group that is spearheading the drive to make it a reality. The doctor who is behind this selfless venture is

Dr. Neville Mascarenhas, MD, FACC, Director, Cardiac Catheterization laboratory, Warren Hospital, New Jersey, whose generosity has supported



hospitals in Bombay and Croatia. I can personally vouch for my good friend Dr. Mascarenhas for I transported a suitcase full of cardiac equipment (stents, leads, pacemakers, etc.) during my trip to India last December. This was a donation to his alma mater, the KEM hospital. In his own words this is what he had to say

about the center “ As a heart specialist, I personally feel the need of such a clinic in Goa. Having provided support to hospitals in Bombay and Croatia, I felt the need of doing something for Goa”. Dr. Mascarenhas and the members of the Goan Association are working hard to make it a reality. I want you think about this facility and ask yourself as to how you can help to this worthy cause. The association will accept your tax-deductible contributions earmarked for Cardiac Care Center, Goa. Keep your heart beating for Goa. You can contribute whatever you can and remember to give from the heart. For more information you can contact yours truly or send your tax deductible contribution for this worthy cause directly to Chris Nunes, President, Goan Association of New Jersey, 2, Monroe place, Cranberry, NJ 08512 (Phone #609-395-8428). Thank you and may God bless you.

Rosario D’Costa

World GOA Day!

On August 20, 1992, both houses of India's Parliament unanimously approved of Konkani being included in the 8th Schedule of the Indian Constitution. It was a historic vote for the Goan language. But more importantly, Konkani's official language status fulfilled the prerequisite for granting Statehood to Goa - home of the Konkani language.

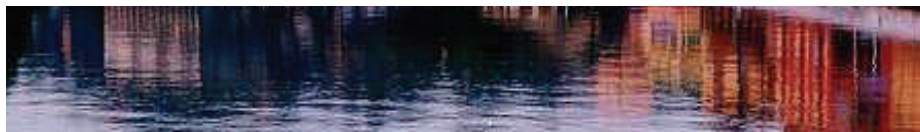
This year World Goa Day will be celebrated on August 20. On this day Goans world-wide join in SOLIDARITY to celebrate our Goan heritage. Let GOA DAY be a beacon of light and inspiration throughout the year and for the rest of our lives. Let us make this our motto: "Proud To Be a Goan," and live up to that motto.



Good Old Panjim (Panaji)!



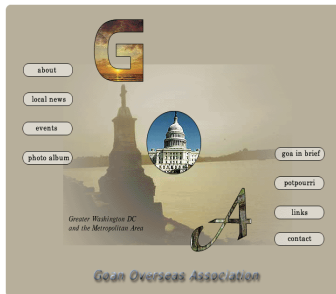
HOW OLD IS Panjim? We all know the official Statistics. But the historic record is not so cut and dry..at least this became clear from a recent Internet debate. Jorge de Abreu Noronha in Portugal pointed out the capital was transferred officially to Nova Goa by royal decree of Queen Maria II only on March 22, 1843. But, actually, the government services of the State of India had been transferred from Goa (Velha Goa) to Panjim around 1763 during the government of the 1st Count of Ega, Manuel de Saldanha e Albuquerque (74th Governor, and 47th Viceroy, 1758-1785). So, while Panjim marked its 150th anniversary with a low-key (and almost forgotten) affair in 1993, in two-and-half years from now we would be seeing the 240th anniversary of the town. Strange but true.



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Few words from the Secretary

Here it is!

Dear Members,

Its been a while since our first newsletter got released. I know that you all must be anxiously waiting to read it. Our team apologizes for not having it in time.

Goans have traditionally been a highly socialized community, forming a socio-culture wherever we go. Therefore, as this new 2003-2004 committee, our mission and goal would be to promote our rich and colorful Goan culture as well as provide social and networking opportunities to you.

As with most Associations of this type, GOA exists to provide social and cultural services. Over the years a number of Presidents have been appointed. It is fair that the Association faces difficulties in getting persons readily available to serve on the committees. This is understandable, given that people are busy establishing their homes and working hard at school or jobs. The very people whom the Association need most, the youth, find it very difficult to devote time. Nonetheless, a number of them have given their best efforts. The challenges to find new blood in the leadership remains.

Since the web site mentions that GOA began functioning in 1978 on an ad hoc basis, we are celebrating its **Silver Jubilee** this year. There is much to be done. The focus will be to ensure that the Youth take an active interest in the affairs of the Association, that older members are adequately gratified in their senior years and that there is a system whereby cultural values are transmitted to the very young so that they can cherish and benefit from their rich GOAN heritage.

Bonderam! Harvest Festival

Sao Mathias (Divar) celebrates Bonderam on the fourth Saturday of August every year in true traditional spirit, alongside a wonderful family atmosphere. Tiny tots, children, parents and senior citizens cater on the day with various activities which suites every Goan's taste.

Teenagers bearing the colorful flags of the various wards led the parade, with a traditional brass band in tow. Each of the floats try to bring out the essence of Goan heritage and the natural grandeur of the emerald island to the best of their abilities. The floats with groups of young dancers display themselves in a colorful attire. Commendable is the fact that quite a lot of native elements like the fisher folk, Goan Kunbis and cultivators are featured prominently. Of course, the festival appears a bit too commercial but it is quite an entertainment. It attracts people from all over Goa to the picturesque island 10 kms from Panjim. Many come for the first time, to behold the spectacular event. With every passing year, the crowd at the flag festival appears to be larger than the previous year.