



THE GOAN OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION



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UPCOMING EVENT

St. Francis Xavier's Feast

Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005
12 Noon—5 pm
Best Western Hotel
College Park

Last date for
reservations is
November 23rd.

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The President's Address

Dear Members,

With the summer now behind us, I hope that all of you relaxed and spent some time doing the things you really wanted to do. I'm sure that most of you are back to routines with work and school, and preparing for the fast approaching Holiday Season.

Since our last newsletter, back in April, we have accomplished a great deal.

Our website, if not yet seen, is a great accomplishment for the Goan Association with credit to be given to Manuel Noronha, Editor. Further more, e-mails, if chosen to communicate in this manner with the GOA, are constantly viewed by

Arthur Fernandes and replied promptly, so feel free to use this service. Our membership and renewal drive has begun. I urge all to renew your memberships and fulfill back dues. Bringing membership to date has promoted a true sense of 'belonging' to a club like ours.

Unfortunately, some of the events we had planned during the summer were either poorly attended, or had to be canceled due to lack of interest. I guess everyone was busy with their own personal situations and unable to commit or attend.

I do hope we can turn this around for the upcoming St. Francis Xavier feast

celebration. We have an exciting afternoon planned so please send your forms in early. We have found that so many times people would love to attend but wait until the last moment to return their forms.

Please make every effort to come join other Goans for an afternoon of good music, dancing, and singing mandos. Register now so that we can ensure that the Feast is a huge success.

Sincerely,

Francis DeSouza
President
G.O.A



Dear Members:

It has indeed been a delight, designing and maintaining the www.goa-dc.com website and the newsletter but now their success depends on you - the Members. Without your participation and contributions, the website/newsletters can never be what they were intended for a place for us to share thoughts, events and achievements with other fellow members. So, do take the time to inform the members of the news of Births, Graduations, Achievements, Engagements, Weddings, etc. Also welcome are articles, recipes and events that will interest all of us.

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Members' Corner

A lighter side of Goa

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A GOAN WHEN

- 1.No matter where you go in the world you will find another goan named D'Costa, D'Mello, D'Souza, Fernandes, Monteiro or Rodrigues.
- 2.You have six middle names, most of which you can't pronounce.
- 3.You have annoying nicknames like Petus, Babush (or Busha), Bostiao, Forsulo or Popat!
- 4.You are really confused if you are Portuguese.....heaven forbid anyone says Indian!
- 5.You call everybody who is brown and not goan "bintkar" and make fun of them in konkani.
- 6.You interject "what", "man", and "re"(ray) in every line of your conversation.
- 7.You show you are listening to the conversation by saying "really?!"or "you don't say".
- 8.You call an older person you've never met before "uncle" or "auntie".
- 9.You eat last night's curry the next morning.
- 10.One club is not enough to cater to 10 goans.

.....contributed by Lavinia Fernandes

For the complete article please visit the 'Members Corner' page @ www.goa-dc.com

Achievements

Prince George's Arts Council has awarded Judy Luis-Watson of Bowie, Maryland an artist's grant to produce and present "A Tribute Concert to Thomas A. Dorsey: A Musical Revolutionary" by BluesWorks and Friends (Judy Luis-Watson, Paul Watson, Mark Puryear, Jaamin' Tempo, and Mavis Waters). Enjoy Dorsey's hokum and gospel blues while you learn about his life and contributions to American music on Sunday, November 6, 2005, 3 PM - 4 PM at Oxon Hill Library, 6200 Oxon Hill Road, MD. Free.

For information about this program, please visit the website: www.bluesworksband.biz. This concert is supported in part by a 2006 artist's grant from Prince George's County Memorial Library System and Friends of the Oxon Hill Library. For information, call 301-839-2400.

Young Goans International and Goan Observer present:
1st Young Goans International Essay Contest (2005).
 Theme: "What I can do for Goa"
 1st Prize (2): 150 USD : 2nd Prize (2): 100 USD

A MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH: Do not feel shy, do not think you have no idea about Goa, insufficient knowledge or no original ideas. If you like to write and if you have some kind of interest in Goa, some idea, some thought, share it in an informal way. Just let your fingers type freely what flows from your mind.

Conditions: You have to be not less than 15 and not more than 21 by 10th November 2005. Write in English on the theme in maximum 1000 words. Last date for submission is 10th November.

For the complete details on this contest, please visit the 'Members Corner' page @ www.goa-dc.com

New Members

Those interested in joining the Goan Overseas Association are urged to complete an Application Form and mail it in as soon as possible.

Members, please encourage your friends and relatives to join G.O.A. The success of the organization is dependant on a strong membership. Please visit the www.goa-dc.com website to download the membership form.



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Looking for Choir Volunteers:

The Feast is scheduled for the afternoon of December 4th. We are currently looking for some volunteers who would like to sing in the choir during Mass. Our choir master is Manuel Fernandes.

If interested, please contact him directly:

(703)969-2217 cell (703)831-4757 home

Email: losfernos@cox.net

Do you have digital pictures from previous GOA events?

Please email them to us so we can post them on the website. We are trying to build a gallery of past events pictures.

Please mention the year & event when sending in the pictures
goa_khobor@yahoo.com

Did you have a splendid vacation this year? Why don't you share some of the pictures on our Website.

Congratulations

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Vijay D'Souza, is getting married on November 12th, 2005. His fiancée is Stephanie Lisella, who will ultimately be Stephanie D'Souza! Parents' names are Philip and Rowena D'Souza. Sister is Priya D'Souza.

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 Ravi D'Souza (Brother)

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