



THE GOAN OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION



November 2006

UPCOMING EVENT

St. Francis Xavier's Feast
Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006
12 Noon—5 pm

Cherry Hill
Conference Center
Cherry Hill Park

Last date for
reservations is
Mon. November 20th.

**Note: Feast Price is higher
after due date so please
book early.**

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The President's Address

With the summer now behind us, I hope that all of you are relaxed and have spent some quality time with your families. I am sure that by now most of you all are back to your routines with work, school and bustling and preparing for new events like Thanksgiving and Christmas.

With the holiday season soon approaching, one of the events that many are looking forward to is the upcoming Feast of Saint Francis Xavier. We have as always a great event planned and I hope to see many of you there. At this occasion that happens once a year, we gather, pray and reunite with all our families and friends and is also a pleasure to see the children that have grown over this year.

At this particular special event, every two years we solicit a ballot that would nominate a new President that would lead us

through the next two very short years with their innovative ideas, enthusiasm and love for keeping the culture alive in the eyes of our Goan American Children. You see, speaking from experience, as being a President Second time around I feel it is in me, to give a little something not only to our communities where we live, but also save just that little effort to give to an organization of which I am. I think back into my childhood days when my beloved Father served, several years on various Goan organizations and looking at my own children and how their passion to seek where they come from is sprouting. With this in mind, I encourage you to think it over and serve with dignity and courage.

Please take a moment now to register and come join other Goans for an evening of good music, dancing, our traditional sorpotel and singing mandos. Register

now so that we can ensure that the evening is a huge success.

I look forward to seeing you and your family at this Feast of our patron Saint.

Sincerely,

Francis
De Souza
President
G.O.A.



Feast, Food & Fun

The St. Francis Xavier Feast this year has a delightful spread of Goan classics. Buffet delights include Sorpotel, Chicken Xacuti and King Fish Curry.

Do not miss the opportunity to come and have a great time with your fellow Goans.

It's time to elect a new committee.

At the St. Francis Xavier Feast on December 3rd, members will vote to elect a new Committee. Only members with their dues current will be eligible to vote.

Nominations are invited for the following positions:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Editor.

Please email goa_khobor@yahoo.com if you are interested and would like to volunteer. Nominations are also welcome on the day of the Feast.

GOA needs You

Members' Corner

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Also known as Apostle to the Far East

Memorial [3rd December](#)

Profile Nobleman from the Basque region. Studied and taught philosophy at the University of Paris, and planned a career as a professor. Friend of Saint Ignatius of Loyola who convinced him to use his talents to spread the Gospel. One of the founding Jesuits, and the first Jesuit missionary.

In Goa, while waiting for his ship, he preached in the street, worked with the sick, and taught children their catechism. He would walk through the streets ringing a bell to call the children to their studies. Said to have converted the entire city.

He scolded his patron, King John of Portugal, over the slave trade: "You have no right to spread the Catholic faith while you take away all the country's riches. It upsets me to know that at the hour of your death you may be ordered out of paradise."

Tremendously successful missionary for ten years in India, the East Indies, and Japan, baptizing more than 40,000. His epic finds him dining with head hunters, washing sores of lepers in Venice, teaching catechism to Indian children, baptizing 10,000 in a single month. He tolerated the most appalling conditions on long sea voyages, enduring extremes of heat and cold. Wherever he went he would seek out and help the poor and forgotten. He traveled thousands of miles, most on his bare feet, and he saw the greater part of the Far East. Had the gift of tongues. Miracle worker. Raised people from the dead. Calmed storms. Prophet. Healer.

Born 1506 at Javier, Spanish Navarre

Died 2 December 1552 at Sancian, China of a fever contracted on a mission journey

Beatified 25 October 1619 by Pope Paul V

Canonized 12 March 1622 by Pope Gregory XV

Do you have pictures from previous GOA events (2004 & older)? We need to borrow them to build a Photo Album on the Website

Attention Members: The GOA Website and Newsletter needs your involvement to expand and prosper. We have invited articles from you to share with fellow members and photos from past GOA events to build a website album. In the past year and a half we have received but a few articles (we thank those who have supported us) and no photos. Without your participation and enthusiasm the site and newsletter will never rise to the level the Association deserves. 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.

Looking for Choir Volunteers:

The Feast is scheduled for the afternoon of December 3rd. 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:

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

Email: losfernos@verizon.net



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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Susan's Goan Delicacies:

As the holiday season approaches, we invite you to check out Susan's Goan food specialities including but not limited to Sorpotel, Xacuti, Curries, Samosas, Cutlets, Croquettes, Chutney Sandwiches, Pickles, Cakes, Bebinca, Batka, and many other Goan delicacies.

For more information, prices, and/or to place orders, please contact Susan or Romel

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Past GOA Presidents:

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