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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of the KGA.

A lot has happened since our last Newsletter. You will read of some of this in this newsletter.

The most significant event was the Carnival. In this Golden Jubilee Year, we thought it would be good to keep the number of people taking part in the parade to 50 participants. We had a ton of fun, and make a reasonable profit too. So... all in all, it was another great event that was appreciated by many of our members. I thank Aiona, Eslinda, Elaine, Marleen, Gilmour for the great work done on organizing the entertainment, and arranging the practices. The event was done jointly with the Catholic Club, and we find this a workable partnership.

We had an emotion filled Healing Mass at St. Joseph's Boys' High School Chapel for some of our members. This was a unique experience, and it shows that we are together in Spirit too. Wonderful to be able to send energy through prayer, to our members who are afflicted with some health challenge, while praying for the repose of the souls of those who have left us. It also gives us a reminder that we are all on a limited time-frame, and while we do what we can to extend the time-line... we know that we will all, one day, have to face D-Day. And the good thing is that we are there for each other, in some small, sweet way to share the pain and to lighten the load. It is also a time to respect each other, and realise that we do not know what someone else is going through, but we can offer a helping hand... or a shoulder to lean on. We are grateful to all those of you who make time to help/serve others.

The KGA would like to place on record the unstinted contribution of Cyrus D'lima for creating the form to capture the data of our members. This

is a great step towards the digitization of the database of members' details.

Note: To join the KGA, kindly use the link <https://tinyurl.com/KGAMembershipForm>

The next events on the anvil are:

1. The MANGO showers... which will be conducted jointly with the KCA (Kanara Catholic Association). We have planned another fun event at the Catholic Club. It has been a good experience to work in collaboration with the Mangalorean Committee, and again to partner with the Club. For a committee, this does take a load off our shoulders while affording us the flexibility to focus on the camaraderie and the bonding. We think collaboration is the way forward, and surely future committees of the KGA will utilize this system to create great functions that all of us can enjoy.

2. The AGM will be held in the first week of July 2024. We will share details as we move ahead. As we get into the last few months of our term, it is time to wrap up a lot of issues. We will be approaching our Past Presidents and well-wishers for their considered opinions and suggestions to guide us on the Road Ahead. As we get ready for our AGM, we are hoping that many of you will consider doing your bit to serve the Goan Community in Bangalore. My experience has been wonderful. Working with a great bunch of people does make this a fun opportunity to collaborate and grow. Friendships deepen and ties are forged for a lifetime. Do join the committee for a year, and you will experience this goodness.

Ian Faria

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A Conversation with Icons

by *Eslinda Louzado*

The new year started with the KGA grooming subcommittee organizing a session on grooming and empowering women to create an impact with Mrs Nicole Faria Powar, Miss Earth 2010 and Mrs Anita Faria of WE MORPH who took time out from their busy schedule to spend an evening with the KGA members on the 6th of January 2024 at the Catholic Club.

The session started with Nicole who shared with us her journey till her triumphant moment of being crowned Miss Earth. A wonderful human being, warm and caring, she reached out to all present and shared all her ups and downs and how she strived only to get better. We then had a live make up session where she gave tips and showed everyone how-to put-on makeup on one of our young members, so that we could put our best foot forward while stepping out as a confident person.

Mrs Anita Faria of We Morph then gave us a talk on all that they do and also gave tips on skin care, hair care, diet and slimming. WE MORPH that Anita manages deals with all of the above. She gave us simple home tips on creating a face mask and emphasized on hydration and nutrition.

We had RJ Snigdha who moderated and kept the crowd energized during the session.

To sum it all Anita had brought along a BMI machine and all the ladies got themselves checked and results were sent to us.

All in all, a wonderful evening spent with Nicole and Anita. Thank you to our President, Ian who managed to get Nicole and Anita.

Festa Do Carnaval

by *Lizzane Aarya & Jennifer Singh*

The word Carnaval brings back so many memories of being in Goa during this festival - the streets bustling with people and the resounding Samba music. We Goans miss Goa in our own way and the KGA does such a fantastic job to bring Goa to you.

The Festa do Carnaval 2024 witnessed a magnificent resurgence, brimming with splendor, spirit, and spectacle. Bangalore's highly anticipated celebration, the Carnaval, united 1700 revelers to revel before the onset of Lent. Teaming up with the Catholic Club, the "Noon to Moon" affair on February 10th was a resounding success, smoothly orchestrated and well-attended. With the beloved band A26 gracing the event, excitement and liveliness were in abundance. The crowd delighted in dancing, humming, and foot-stomping to the infectious tunes of A26, infusing the party with endless fun and energy.

The skilled narration by the MC Jonathan, the elaborate costumes, and the enthusiasm radiating from both participants and onlookers made this year's Carnaval an extravaganza to cherish. The theme, "Touch of Gold," to celebrate and cherish the KGA's Golden Jubilee, added an extra layer of grandeur to the festivities. The parade, boasting over a hundred participants, fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among spectators.

Heartfelt appreciation goes to the Presidents of Catholic Club and the KGA for providing the venue and impeccable service. Special thanks to Brian D'Lima for his meticulous coordination of tickets and tables. A shout out to our creative team



Aiona Goes, Elaine DSouza, Vivienne De Gama Rose, Debbie Rodricks, Pamela Pinto, and the KGA costumes team for their stunning creations, intricately designed to perfection.

Acknowledgment is also due to the dedicated choreographers Gilmour, Debbie, and Cyrus, whose tireless efforts ensured seamless coordination of the vibrant dances performed by groups - Cuties, Hotties, Boldies, and Young Adults. And let's not forget the captivating performance of the leading Lady, King Momo, and his enchanting maidens.



In summary, the Carnival was another remarkable event for the KGA, with performances elevated to new heights in celebration of its Golden Jubilee. No stone

left unturned, and every effort made to make the Carnival a perfect and memorable extravaganza that makes the heart yearn for more.

Book Readings

by *Wilma Pereira*

Both the book readings held at the Catholic Club had a good turnout! Having a significant number of attendees often indicates a strong interest in the subject matter and can contribute to meaningful discussions and exchanges of ideas.

"Being a Goan" by **Michelle Mendonca** was held on February 24th, 2024, offers a unique



cultural identity blending Portuguese influences with Indian heritage, celebrated through vibrant festivals, delicious cuisine, and a laid-back lifestyle.

"Meanderings of a Disturbed Indian" by **AL Fernandez** was held on March 9th, 2024, delves into the complexities of modern India, exploring societal issues, cultural clashes, personal struggles and an ongoing quest for identity and harmony."

The snacks served during the event was chosen well, keeping in mind it was in lent! and was appreciated by all.

Both the books A Must Read!



Mass for the ailing and deceased members of the KGA

by *Aiona Misquita*

The KGA MC, in association with the EWP organized a Eucharistic Celebration on the 23rd of March 2024, at 5pm at St Joseph's Boys' High School Chapel on Museum Road.

It was a healing service specifically for those members suffering from serious illnesses and any other members who required prayers.

We mainly prayed for Ossie Martin (stage 4) & Marie Martin (early stages) who have been diagnosed with cancer. A few other petitions and for the souls of the members of the KGA that we lost this year.

Fr Joseph Fernandes celebrated the mass, the choir was very moving, conducted by Deirdre Fernandes Dominic and Eslinda Louzado and Natasha DSouza from the MC prepared the liturgy.

There was a small fellowship session after the Mass with coffee and some superb snacks catered by Marleen DaCosta.

LIST OF INTENTIONS

Ossie Martin (stage 4) & Marie Martin (early stages) who have been diagnosed with cancer.

Maria Fernandes (stage 3) cancer

Charles D'Souza – Recovery from a heart surgery

Neville & Vivienne – for their good health

Malti Massey – Pancreatic cancer

LIST OF DECEASED KGA MEMBERS

Mr. Ossie Martin (March 28, 2024)

Mrs Ruth Santos (July 6th, 2023)

Mr Agnelo Barneto (August 8th, 2023)

Ms Monica Veigas (August 13th, 2023)

Mrs Louisa Rodrigues (August 17th, 2023)

Mr Murad Printer (August 28th, 2023)

Cmde J P Carneiro (September 19th, 2023)

Mr Tony Fernandez (October 23rd, 2023)

Mrs Dorothy Fernandes (November 9th, 2023)

Mr Joao Patricio D'Souza

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