

President's Note



Dear members of the Karnataka Goan Association,

It is with great honour and humility that I write to you as the newly elected President of our beloved association.

First and foremost, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our outgoing President, Mr. Valarian Fernandes, and his Managing Committee for their dedicated service, hard work and commitment to the association.

My heartfelt thanks to all our General Body members for placing your trust in me and electing me as President for the year 2026 - 27. Your vote of confidence means a lot and I assure you that I will do my best to live up to it.

I am truly grateful to my Managing Committee members who have come forward to serve. I am inspired by the commitment and dedication exhibited by this team, and our first event together was a great example of what we can achieve when we work as one. I assure you that we will strive to give you the best possible year, with activities that will not only bring us together as a community but also help us grow and keep our rich cultural heritage alive.

I look forward to seeing volunteers from across all age groups come forward with their thoughts, ideas and energy. Your involvement is invaluable in making this year a success.

I also encourage each one of you to actively participate in our events. Your participation is integral to shaping the future of our association and ensuring that it continues with the same zest

and passion, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Thank you once again for your trust in me and my entire team. Let us create a great future together and take our Goenkarponn to a new level!

Warm regards

Mafalda Quadros

President

Karnataka Goan Association



CATHOLIC CLUB
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
KARNATAKA GOAN ASSOCIATION

World GOA DAY

CELEBRATING GOA AND ITS UNIQUE HERITAGE AND CULTURE

TRIBUTE TO
Mario De Miranda
— 100TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY —

Culture Food and Music

LIVE IN CONCERT: ALTITUDE
With DJ Neil Hoskins

TICKET PRICES			
MEMBERS	OCCASIONAL MEMBER	TABLES	OCCASIONAL MEMBER GATE RATES
Rs. 350/-	Rs. 499/-	Rs. 200/- each	Rs. 999/-

24TH OCTOBER 2026 GATES OPEN AT 7:00 PM

Photo identity card is mandatory Rights of admission reserved Standard Club Rules Apply

"Born and raised in the beauty of Goa, I carry its culture, traditions, food, and music close to my heart."

At heart, I'm a homemaker, home chef, and singing is my passion."

"I have been a member of the Karnataka Goan Association (KGA) for 15 years and have served on the EWP panel for the past two years.

I am blessed with the support of my wife, Sharmila, and our children, Tanya, Sergio, and Ethan.

We believe in upholding values that define our Goan community - faith, unity, respect and remain committed to strengthening these within KGA."



"From the charming village of Tivim in Goa, Nikita is passionate about baking and swimming. Her baking skills delight everyone with delicious and visually appealing treats, often inspired by Goa's rich culinary heritage. She finds solace in swimming, enjoying the rhythmic strokes and the cool ocean waters, which help her stay grounded and focused. Nikita's enthusiasm for her hobbies makes her a cherished friend and a wonderful person to know."



MELWIN PEREIRA
HON. TREASURER

"Hello fellow Goans. I am Melwin Pereira, staying in Electronic City Bangalore, but from Orlim, Salcete Goa. This is in south Goa. But I have something in me of north Goa also, as my wife is from St Cruz, Tiswadi. I am blessed with two lovely daughters who are 11 and 15 years old .

I like to keep myself busy with different activities. I am a keen listener. So don't be bored if I listen more and talk less.

Thank you and God bless you."

STEPHEN GONSALVES

"I am a Bangalorean by domicile but Goan at heart. After 15 years in the Material Handling industry in Bombay and Bangalore, I promoted a small industry in Peenya in 1990 and retired in 2022. My wife and I are blessed with three children and three grandchildren. Not inclined to "ride into the sunset", I am delighted to serve on this passionate and energetic Committee. Food, music, and Konkani remain my enduring passions."



SHEILA BROWNE

"A teacher by profession and an Active KGA member for 33 years. I'm God-fearing, disciplined and compassionate with a strong desire to help others and treat everyone fairly. I enjoy social activities, making friends, dancing, travelling and being amidst nature. Engaging in Adventures land and water sports is also my passion. I'm honoured to serve on the KGA Managing Committee for the third consecutive year and I remain committed to serving my community with dedication and enthusiasm."





GILMOUR FERNANDES

"I'm Gilmour Saluzinho Fernandes, and it's an honour to serve on the KGA Managing Committee again. I've been part of the KGA family for 15+ years, contributing through dance performances and by conceptualising and choreographing events like KGA Carnivals and Mango Showers. Born and raised in Kuwait, with roots in Siolim, Goa, I work in Quality & Metrics at Visual Data Media Services. Dance has been my lifelong passion and brought me to my wife, Steffi. I hope to help KGA grow as a vibrant, united community for all ages, especially Young Adults."

NATASHA DSOUZA

"I believe our greatest strength lies in our community, culture, and the joy of celebrating life together. As a communications professional, I'm passionate about building meaningful connections."

I am from Chinchinim and connected to Thivim through my husband, Ryan Dsouza. I also have a son, Nathan, who keeps life lively and joyful.

For me, KGA is about staying connected to our roots and creating a sense of belonging through shared experiences.



SERGIO ROSARIO

"Round three with the KGA committee & I'm grateful to be back doing what I enjoy most - meeting people, bringing ideas to life, and giving back to the Goan community. Here's to another year of good vibes, great events, and plenty of memories."

Viva Goa!"



"A resident of Britona, a small village in the heart of Goa. He describes himself as a young working professional who, in his free time, can always be found wherever there is music."

"Grown up in the KGA, and her love of dancing has kept her on the stage at numerous events over the years. When she's not busy, she's usually reading, catching up on a series, playing sports, or trying out new activities. She's keen to bring more youth together and keep the KGA spirit alive."



Evergreens' Afternoon in Lisboa

Audrey Cardozo

On 8th August 2026, KGA' s new committee with Mafalda Quadros, President, now at the helm, premiered its first event for the Evergreens this year at the Sky Lounge, Catholic Club. The response was good and they had the highest turnout in recent times.

The theme chosen was Lisboa, Portugal. The event was very well curated from start to finish. Beginning with the well-designed invite and the aesthetically decorated venue which transported us to Lisboa the moment we stepped in. We were seated in cosy groups – blue, green, yellow & red representing the various taluka's of Goa- Salcette, Vasco, Bardez & Panjim.

After the welcome address by our President Mafalda, our very vivacious Natasha D'Souza compered the event with compassion and gentle humour. We began with the general knowledge quiz about Goa and Portugal. Many sought the help of Google Baba, but it was fun and we improved our knowledge. This was followed by a roasting & banter between the groups about which taluks of Goa was the best. There was a lot of camaradie and it ended on a happy note.

Then came the very interesting part – a talk by our very knowledgeable Fausto Cardoso on the journey of the Azulo Tiles, an integral part of our architectural heritage, all the way to Goa from Arabia via Spain &

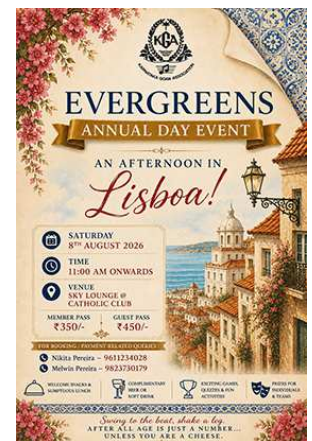
Portugal. This was followed by a drawing & colouring competition on Azulo Tiles. The creativity and bonding in the groups was amazing.

Finally, it was party time with foot tapping lively music by Fabian, as we danced, met old friends and made new ones while enjoying the great food and drink. It was heartening to see our youth give so much of their valuable time, bringing their youthful energy while guiding us through the dance moves and cheering us.

Alas, it was time to bid adieu to each other and we left with happy hearts, lovely prizes and take away souvenirs but most of all beautiful memories.

Our heartfelt gratitude and God bless you all who put in your time and effort to make this first event a resounding success.

Obrigado! Viva KGA!





Ladainha 2026

Natasha Dsouza

The Ladainha at SJBHS on 3 October 2026 was a beautiful evening of faith, music, tradition and community. We began at 6:00 p.m. with the Rosary, prayed in both English and Konkani. The community gathered in prayer, creating a beautiful harmony of languages and devotion.

The grotto looked almost surreal in the warm glow of the setting sun as we gathered to celebrate the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The KGA choir members led the congregation through the Litany in Latin, accompanied by traditional Konkani hymns that filled the space with a profound sense of reverence, warmth and togetherness.

A celebration like this becomes even more special because of the many people who contribute in their own unique ways. A heartfelt thank you to Sheila Browne for taking charge of the Ladainha and ensuring that every little detail was thoughtfully taken care of. The sumptuous snacks were lovingly prepared by Marleen Da Costa, while Gavin Santiago generously sponsored the delicious chicken sandwiches. Wilma Pereira added to the spread with her wonderful boiled channa with coconut, bringing an unmistakable taste of home to the evening.

For those who do not speak Konkani fluently or often, the Ladainha was also an opportunity to reconnect with the language through prayer and song. It was truly heartwarming to see such a wonderful turnout of KGA members this year. There was a palpable sense of peace and calm as we came together to pray for our personal intentions as well as those of our community.

Seeing the children participate in the prayers made the celebration of Our Lady even more meaningful. Their presence was a beautiful reminder that traditions such as these have the power to connect generations. In the years to come, it would be wonderful to see even more members sharing their musical talents and becoming part of the KGA choir, helping to keep these cherished traditions alive.

As I wrap up, I feel deeply grateful for the wonderful moments of prayer, the beautiful music and, most importantly, the people who came together to make the evening so memorable. I look forward to joining my fellow association members again next year as we come together to sing praises to Our Lady at the Ladainha.

I sincerely hope that our traditions continue to flourish and live on for generations to come!





EWP Committee Members

Ms. Aiona Goes, Mr. Alex Pereira, Ms. Daphne Smith, Ms. Deirdre Fernandes, Mr. Kenneth Smith, Mr. Mario D'Souza, Ms. Michelle Ann, Mr. Noel Pereira



AMC Committee Members

Noel Pereira, Noel Almeida, Bosco Andrade, Treasurer - Melwin Pereira

LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS

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