



# GOENKAR

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Newsletter of Karnataka Goan Association - Bangalore

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Dear KGA Members,

By the time this newsletter reaches you, 2019 will be well under way. Nevertheless, wishing you and your families all the joy and success that the year has in store. Our KGA year is just flying by with every single event bringing us closer together as one large loving Goan family!

It's wonderful to see the youth actively participating in all the events, and we hope to continue this, to ensure our wonderful culture and traditions live on. The past quarter saw a very well attended SFX Feast with member in charge Aldrin Dsouza conducting a lovely Konkani choir. There was a Prom Night themed youth event that got all the youth together by youth representatives Shane Martin, Charmaine Ferns and youth mentor Denzil Pereira. And there was the exuberant Carol Singing, portions of which were even televised, highlighting to the city what the spirit of Christmas is really about!

Huge thanks to the EWP and all the great work they have been doing. Over the Christmas season, they visited our senior members and filled their homes and hearts with carols, hampers and love! These members couldn't have been more thrilled, as for many of them, it's the highlight of their Christmas. Special thanks to Linsey & Noel De Nazareth and Aiona Misquita & Perry Goes for all their help!

We have set a record high target this year to contribute towards Education and Welfare of those in our Goan community who really need the additional support. With the trend of individual benefactors stepping in, sincere thanks to Stanley Pinto for contributing generously and keeping his promise he made at the AGM!

Our biggest event of the year Festa do Carnaval is literally a few days away and I sincerely request you to be there to celebrate KGA's Big 45th Birthday Bash at our 15th year of the Carnival. Our annual celebration this year is a SUNDOWNER, with band and bar opening at 4PM! Please register your names for the free bus transport organized from

Catholic Club and Ascension Church at three timings of 1:30pm, 3pm and 4:30pm. Return buses too will be provided. The dress code is Fancy Dress and with everyone's favourite band from Goa A26, this Kaleidoscope of Colours featuring King Momo and his colourful procession of floats is definitely going to be a treat for the senses, with food and drinks flowing through the night! See you all there! VIVA CARNAVAL!

With warmest regards on behalf of the Managing Committee!

God bless & Viva KGA!

**Carlos Norman Guido**

President

A vibrant yellow poster for the Festa do Carnaval 2019. The title 'Festa do Carnaval 2019' is written in a stylized, colorful font. Below the title, there are several lines of text: 'KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLOURS AT THE SUNDOWNER EXTRAVAGANZA!', 'KING MOMO, HIS ENTOURAGE AND THE FLOATS!', 'ROCK THE NITE AWAY TO A26 (GOA'S TOP BAND!)', and 'FANCY DRESS COMPETITION PRIZES TO BE WON!'. A large illustration of a carnival dancer in a black and red outfit is on the right. At the bottom, it says '9 FEB 2019 4 P.M. ONWARDS' and 'VENUE MANIPAL COUNTY MANIPAL COUNTY RD, AISHWARYA CRYSTAL LAYOUT, SINGASANDRA, BENGALURU, 560068 FREE TRANSPORT'. A black box at the very bottom contains the text: 'Donor passes available for KGA/CC/KCA members. Please contact: Shanon: 96861 91080 | Luciana: 97313 88388'. There are also logos for '45 YEARS KGA' and 'KINGFISHER PREMIUM The King of Good Times'.

## Prom Night

Zuriel Coutinho

The youth party "Prom Night" that took place on Saturday October 20th was an amazing and fun party. The decoration was simple, yet beautiful and elegant, which suited the theme for the evening. The creative photo frame was indeed a good idea and brought about creativity within us.

The music was great, food was good, the crowd was amazing and I enjoyed dancing with them. We didn't talk much, but yet as a group enjoyed ourselves and had a lot of fun. The reason why I really liked the party was because it was a break from all the stress of studying, which was much appreciated and worth all the effort put in it to make it a success. Even though the group was small, it left a huge impact in every one of us.



Overall, my first experience and participation in such an event was great. I personally thoroughly enjoyed the evening, elegant ambience, the music and the company that I was with. We had a Prom King and Queen contest with judges finding the most enthusiastic and involved youth and I am grateful that I was chosen as Prom King along with Idalina Smith as Prom Queen. I would like to thank the KGA's Youth Reps and Mentor, President Uncle Carlos, Aunty Wilma, and the Managing Committee and all others who made this event a grand success. Looking forward to participating in more such youth events.

# St. Francis Xavier's Feast

Aiona Misquita



Come December 1st, and all roads led all members of the KGA to St Joseph's chapel on Museum road. Young, old and in between, we all headed to celebrate the feast of our Goencho Saib St. Francis Xavier with a traditional konkani mass.

The mass was a solemn prayerful celebration, Fr.Trascius Fernandes was the main celebrant, ably assisted by Fr Francis Pinto. The choir, led by Aldrin DSouza were superb, or so I was told numerous times! As a part of the choir myself, I absolutely enjoy the process of learning and singing these konkani hymns once a year! After mass, we moved to the hall next door and were greeted by the traditional feast snack of chouriz pao, cadio bodeo & boiled channa, transporting us right back to Old Goa! Nostalgic indeed!!

In short order, our cheerful and bubbly MC for the evening Sammy Pasha got the party started and soon the good times were rolling! Games, a live band, dancing, feni and of course Santa with presents for all the kids made the party ROCK! The highlight of the evening were the Excellence Awards presented to the high achievers - 8 kids and youth of our community were honored for their outstanding performances during the past year!

A lovely dinner rounded off the evening! Congratulations to President Carlos Guido, Member-in-charge Aldrin DSouza and the entire MC for giving over 250 of us such a wonderful evening! It was lovely ushering in the Xmas season with our fellow Goenkars!

Special mention must be made of the youth who



contributed in great measure to this event - from the hall decoration to helping with the snacks and then showing us how it's done on the dance floor!! - they have all the talent and the moves. Thanks Charmaine, Shane & Denzil! We can't wait for the Festa do Carnaval 2019! Viva!!!

## Carol Singing

*Alysia Martins*

At 21, it's a little surprising that I have never been Christmas Caroling, but I had my first opportunity this year with the KGA. The youth was all set in Christmas colors, with their Santa hats, reindeer antlers and hampers. We had a round of practice and then got into the back of a truck to start our caroling journey. The energy was infectious and it wasn't long before we were singing our hearts out in the middle of the road to strangers and wishing everyone Merry Christmas.

We stopped at 10 houses and every house was a different experience. They got involved by requesting songs and singing along with us, with some great performances. Some of the elder people were very touched and got extremely overwhelmed. Feliz Navidad and Deck the Halls were the crowd favorites and got everyone on their feet. We gave each family a homemade Christmas hamper, a way to remember us by. It made me so happy that just through singing a few songs we could make them feel so good and spread some Christmas cheer. The priceless expressions on everyone's faces filled us all with a sense of joy and that's when we knew the true spirit of Christmas was in the air.

It was great to see the KGA youth come together, take time away from their busy college or work lives to put in the effort and spend their day singing to people who needed that little bit of Christmas excitement. Especially since I am away from home, the youth and everyone who was there really made me feel like part of the family. It's unfortunate that it has taken me so long to have the caroling experience, but it was an absolutely incredible experience, one I intend to participate in every year.



## **KGA: Education And Welfare Panel**

The KGA has a mandate to promote the welfare of members of the community. The objective is to render assistance to members, offer support in emergencies and financial aid or grants to those in need. To implement this, a dedicated group of nominated members serve on an 'Education and Welfare Panel' (EWP) that has been in operation for over 10 years now.

The EWP is committed to assisting those who are in need to the extent feasible, in the form of advice, community support or grants, based on a request from the member concerned or the family. The EWP works closely with the KGA office bearers and committee to offer this assistance to the community.

The EWP provides financial and other personal assistance in a number of ways:

- Tuition Fees for schools and colleges courses
- Books, uniforms etc
- Medical expenses
- Assistance in emergencies
- Visits to the ailing members and senior citizens
- Career advice and job recommendations

The list above is not exhaustive and each case is considered on its merits. Members can approach the EWP for assistance on behalf of other members as well.

### **Process to be followed when seeking assistance:**

The request for financial or other support should come through a KGA member. On receipt of the request the EWP will get in touch to understand the requirement and organise assistance as required. **ALL REQUESTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.**

While requesting for support the member needs to provide some basic information :

1. Name
2. Contact Number
3. Email Id
4. Area of assistance
5. Case referred by (where applicable)

The request may be sent by email to one of the following members:

Mr Stephen Gonsalves: [sagkem@gmail.com](mailto:sagkem@gmail.com)

OR

Ms Linette Franco: [linette\\_franco@yahoo.com](mailto:linette_franco@yahoo.com)

Contact details of EWP Members:

Members are encouraged to contact any of them should they need any clarification or assistance.

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