



GOENKAR

Newsletter of Karnataka Goan Association - Bangalore

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Dearest members,

This being the last Newsletter for the current MC term, my sincere gratitude goes out to the Managing Committee for being such a strong, supportive and cohesive team that has worked seamlessly through this wonderful year; not just to roll out the events super-successfully, but also to put many things into place behind the scenes, in order to make running our lovely Association smoother as the years roll on!

Our 45th year of the KGA has brought many showers of blessings. We now have ONE mobile phone number that will be handed down through Secretaries, through which phone communication can happen as well as WhatsApp messages can be broadcast and received (to those who save the number) - **KGA Secretary + 91 99723 45164**.

Our website (kgabangalore.com) is totally revamped. I would encourage members to use it to keep track of upcoming events, photos of past events, Goan articles, recipes, a notice board or to update your contact details. Newsletters will also be archived here for easy reference. Thank you Francisco Saldanha!

Our new members have been increasing steadily. I request all KGA members, who know or come across Goans in Bangalore, to ask them to get in touch through the above mentioned number and website, to learn about our beautiful Association!

Our email newsletters have been going great and we have saved considerably on printing costs by printing for those who request hard copies of the same. Similarly we will be moving to email Annual Report with hard copies only for those who request them, as well as for those present at the AGM slated for June 30th, 2019, Sunday 11:00 a.m. See you all there!

Our next event is the youth overnight trip scheduled for 11th and 12th May promising much adventure with camping, trekking and lots of nature!

Those who are interested in being part of the Managing Committee for next year, please do contact the Secretary. With lots in the pipe-line, the coming year has loads of excitement in store!

My sincere appreciation and deep respect goes out to the hard work put in by the all sub-committees who

worked towards their respective goals for this year:

EWB - For the great support provided to members in need of financial aid for Education as well as Welfare. This year has been a record-year in terms of aid that was sanctioned by them. Also for the beautiful healing prayer services and Christmas hampers!

AMC - The Asset Management Committee has successfully done up the CSM property with a tenant placed and providing monthly income which will help the Association.

Advisory & Carnival Committees - Heartfelt thanks to the gentlemen on here for the words of wisdom and guidance through the year in general and for Carnival.

The Creative Team - A huge thanks to the wonderful ladies of the Creative Team and volunteers for putting on a spectacular show at the Carnival gone by which was a feast for the eyes – The Kaleidoscope of Colours!

Which brings me to the biggest event of the year **Festa do Carnaval** – which is becoming more and more amazing with every passing year! Massive thanks to our main sponsor - UB (Kingfisher) as well as BigBasket and other prize sponsors for making the first ever Sundowner Extravaganza a sizzling and mesmerizing night to remember. It poured cats, dogs and hailstones all over Bangalore – but our carnival venue had only a passing shower of blessing!

This year has seen great individual contributions which has not only helped with the events, but also allowed KGA to carry out its main raison d'etre, which is to support those in dire need in our Goan Community with their school or college fees, surgeries and other requirements! For this we are eternally grateful. I pray this generosity grows in the years to come!

It is with a sense of great honour and gratitude that I say "Thank you for the opportunity!"

God bless & Viva KGA!

Carlos Norman Guido
President

Festa do Carnaval – 2019

- Alfred Santamaria

Miracle of miracles, and yet who believes in Miracles!

The weather-man predicated rain. The overcast was dark. From Bommasandra to Devanahalli it poured cats & dogs, hail-stones and flooded roads.

Then boomed Nellie, and the carnival Parade, in its Kaleidoscope of colours danced out - sending up the KGA rainbow to cover Manipal County – the 15th edition of our Festa do Carnaval began and wasn't it spectacular?

Our leading lady costumed in gold – in richness and glitter was followed by the youngest members, showing emotions of love, joy, life and energy in different hues of red.

The pre-teens and teens led by the big ball of fire – the sun yellow - the brightest and happiest of colours, associated with Orange symbolizing strength, fascination and laughter, were followed by our youth, the Green Brigade, calling us to join the fight against global warming.

With tapping feet were our young adults, clad in pink - the colour of love, and the fire dancers setting our hearts aflame to the spirits of the Carnaval. The dancers were dressed in pink that looked like pale tissue that floated as they moved.

Magic and mystery in shades o' purple our adults masquerading as celestial Angels, its lightest hues calm the soul and its vibrancy enhances imagination and creativity. Their dance was like the mingling of the leaves and their shadows in a breeze.

Loyalty, strength, wisdom and trust – blue, blue your heart is true, who else but our Evergreens

could look great in blue, bubbles going POP, POP, POP and still singing – under the sea, under the sea. Still can't get rid of the tune!

King Momo in all his splendour strode out led by three sirens clad in silver.

The crowd waiting for this moment, feet tapping and throat dry, to hear the king declare his Royal decree...

A hush and he says:
**"Friends, call me what you will,
Nojotcarel,
I that shall stand for Goa
Till I die.
Eat, dance and make merry!
Let the Carnaval begin.**

If music be the food of life, play on and that's what A26 did, but our appetite was not satisfied for too soon it was 11 o'clock and the efforts of Carlos and his group came to an end.

Hats off to the team leaders, the planners, dress makers and choreographers.



For more photographs of the Festa do Carnaval please visit the website - www.kgabangalore.com



The Ladies Friendship Group

-Bridget Rosario

They say that friendships are forever and what better example of this can there be than the Ladies Friendship Group. It was started way back in 1981 by Mrs. Mena Fernandes and is still going strong today 38 years later.

It was open to ladies of Goan origin or with Goan spouses. We'd meet one Saturday a month at a Member's home for a morning of fun, including housie, games, a couple of snacks, a sweet, coffee, and a demonstration of a dish.

I was a mere 29 years when I joined the group. Some of the others who were part of the original group and are still members today are Louisa Rodrigues, Blanche Viegas and Maureen Noronha. Many of us were raising young kids at the time.

Through the years, what started as a Coffee Morning has evolved into anything but? Coffee has not seen the light of day at our meetings for a couple of decades and our meetings now extend far beyond the morning to sometimes past tea-time. Each meeting is an expression of love, carefully planned and painstakingly produced by the hostess of the day with games, housie,

starters, drinks and lunch. I can honestly say that we have some of the best cooks in Bangalore in our group. If a member is unable to host a meeting at home, she might organize it at a club or restaurant.

How we look forward to the fun and camaraderie of our monthly meetings!! It's amazing to see this group of ladies (20 members is the limit for practical reasons and space constraints) ranging in age from 94 to 60 years, let their hair down and have fun with jokes, games, singing and dancing (walking sticks et al).

Many of our precious members are no more and are remembered with fondness. A member leaving the group is a very rare occurrence, and it's usually because of ill health or moving out of Bangalore. The latter are more than happy to attend our parties when they're in town.

It's a wonderful feeling belonging to this group. As we age together we've had our fair share of personal challenges, but it's so heartening to have our ladies support each other in any way possible, often giving of themselves so selflessly.

Long live our Ladies Friendship Group! May we continue to lighten and brighten each other's lives.





**Karnataka Goan Association Youth
presents**

THE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

**At Rock Fort Homestay,
Sakleshpur**

Ages - 18 to 35

Date : 11th and 12th May

Registration : Rs1400/-

***Includes meals, Transport and
Activities***

For Registrations contact

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KARNATAKA GOAN ASSOCIATION - BANGALORE

Nomination Form

Nomination for the office of President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Committee Member.

I, _____ propose
Name of Proposer (in BLOCK letters)

Mr. / Ms. _____
Name of Candidate (in BLOCK letters)

for the office of (tick the relevant box below)

☐ President

☐ Vice President

☐ Hon. Secretary

☐ Hon. Treasurer

☐ Committee Member

☐ Lady Member

☐ Youth Member

for the Year 2019 - 2020

Signature & Membership Number of the Proposer

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I, _____ second the proposal
Name of Seconder (in BLOCK letters)

Signature & Membership Number of the Seconder

.....
I, _____ accept
Name of Candidate (in BLOCK letters)

the nomination and am willing to serve as _____ if elected to this office.

Date of submission

Signature & Membership Number of the Candidate

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Secretary _____

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