

Behind the Steering Wheel

Dear Goenkars,

I'm back in the 'hot seat' after a break of nearly 7 years! A lot of water has flown under the bridge since then and the KGA has grown in numbers and as vibrant as ever. It is no wonder then, that enquiries keep flowing in as to how one can become a member of the KGA. Needless to say, all Goenkars settled in Bangalore should take advantage of becoming members of the KGA.

The membership rates have remained constant over the years and this year your Managing Committee will be proposing an increase in Membership Rates for new members. Please urge all the Goans that you know who have not yet become members, to do so at the earliest.

This MC is just 2 months old, but we have already hit the ground running! The Youth Outreach Programme on the 21st July, 2019 saw youth from the KGA along with the students from the Sunbird Trust (*sponsored by Ms Paola Ravishankar*), spend the day at the Martin Farm. Our appreciation to Ms Fiona Martin for making them feel welcome and providing them with sumptuous food.

World Goa Day on the 11th Aug, 2019 saw a large turnout of over 550 people, both members and guests, having a rollicking time. There are so many people to thank for the success of WGD! To Perry, Francisco, Ravishankar, Carlos, Aslam Gafoor, Jonathan, Aiona, Pamela, Elaine, Linette, Daphne and many more... our gratitude.

The next event on the calendar is the Evergreens Event on the 15th Sept, 2019 at the Catholic Club. Don't miss it!

Kindly save the KGA SECRETARY's mobile number: +919972345164 to receive all the broadcasts, and check the website www.kgabangalore.com for the latest news.

Deo borem korum

Adele Britto
President



Karnataka Goan Association
Presents

Around the World

OUR EVERGREENS

Dress Code: Ethnicity of any Country of your choice

Date: 15 Sept 2019 | Arrival: 11:00 AM

Destination: Raintree, Catholic Club

Contact: Adele - 9980427035 | Paola - 9243026717
Luciana - 9731388388 | Ashish - 9845313508

Come and Enjoy a day specially planned for You!
Lots of Games & Prizes, Yummy Food & Beer, foot tapping music to a live band, and lots of dancing!

* Passes: Rs. 350 /- per head *



Upcoming events: Sep - Dec 2019

15 SEP Evergreen's Event	13 OCT Ladainha	15 NOV Childrens' Event
17 NOV Youth Get-together	30 NOV SFX Feast	22 DEC Goan Christmas

Amchi bhas, Konkani

Basic Konkani language classes will be starting soon with special emphasis on SPOKEN KONKANI.

Details regarding timing, venue & contact persons will be broadcast soon.

Don't miss this golden opportunity!

THE MANAGING COMMITTEE - 2019 - 2020



ADELE BRITTO
PRESIDENT

"A repeat as President, from Colvale with a Goan passion for cooking to a lover of books and writing & a long career in Banking, life has been anything but boring!"



ASHISH BRAGANZA
VICE - PRESIDENT

"From Candolim & working with Accenture. Jaime, Aiden & Ian make up my family. A staunch supporter of Manchester United & Ferrari being a huge football fan & F1 enthusiast."



SAMANTHA PASHA
HON. SECRETARY

"From Olaulim, Saleem, Saabil, Zaman & Sanayab make up my lovely family. Creative by nature, I believe in getting the job done!"



DENZIL PEREIRA
HON. TREASURER

"From Siolim, with a love for art, music & food, the Goan culture stays alive in me. Sketching & art are my passion."



CARLOS NORMAN GUIDO
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

"From Assagao, head in the clouds, feet on the ground, heart in Goa and mind on sorpotel."



SHANON CALDEIRA
LADY MEMBER

"From Panjim. Music, travel, food & life-skill training interest me greatly but being a beach bum tops that many a time!"

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LUCIANA M VIKAS
COMMITTEE MEMBER

"From Arlem, Raia, South Goa. Loving husband Vikas & daughter Dianne. Enthusiasm is the electricity of my life."



BOSCO ANDRADE
COMMITTEE MEMBER

"A true Goan at heart from Margao, I love music, dancing, singing & the occasional milk of life 'feni'!"



ALDRIN D'SOUZA
COMMITTEE MEMBER

"Dad, dreamer & doer... & foodie to the core!" That's me in a nutshell. From Pilerne- I'm a proud Goan & propagate our Goenkarponn at every opportunity"



PAOLA RAVISHANKAR
COMMITTEE MEMBER

"Travel & involvement in various charity projects keep me fulfilled. From Siolim, Bangalore is my home now. 'Sharing is Caring' is mine & my husband Ravi's motto"



PETER COUTINHO
COMMITTEE MEMBER

"From Britona, with varied interests; from developing farms to support & help in various charitable ventures... that's me Peter."



ROMARIO D'MONTE
YOUTH REP.

"Photography, biking and karaoke nights are my go-to for escaping the perils of IT life. From Siolim, life is complete with some sorpotel, sannas & feni!"



TANYA ROSARIO
YOUTH REP.

"From Bogmalo, being part of the KGA takes me back to my roots ; enhancing my flair for creativity for creativity , baking & adventure."

Youth Outreach - The Martin Farm

Romario D'Monte & Tanya Rosario

On the 21st of June 2019, the youth of the KGA along with students of the Sunbird trust had visited The Martin's Farm, Sarjapur. The Sunbird Trust, established in the year 2014, is a non-religious, apolitical non-profit organization that reaches out to underprivileged communities especially in the northern part of India.

We all met at Catholic club and introduced ourselves to each other. Right from the very first time we met the Sunbird students, we were greeted with warm and welcoming smiles. We set out to the farm, singing a number of tunes together that got all of the youth excited and hopeful for a fun experience ahead.

On reaching the farm, we had a few activities wherein the group was divided into teams and came up with their own quirky team names representing what they stand for. Some groups got quite creative and called themselves "potato chips" and "Gothilla Gang". The activities evoked a sense of camaraderie between the KGA youth and the Sunbird students.

Throughout the day we had multiple sing-along sessions and activities that kept the youth engaged and interactive. One such activity required each of the groups to create their own theme-song based on the names of their groups. The talent and team work with which both the KGA and Sunbird youth showed while creating their beautiful music, was nothing short of spectacular.

We had a farm-tour that included animal feeding, and also learnt various techniques of green living. After a delicious lunch that was cooked with farm grown produce, what made the trip even more special for all of us was the music performance that the Sunbird students put up for the KGA youth.

The highlight of the day was the pottery session wherein each of us got a chance at the potter's wheel and made our own mini pots as takeaways.

The outreach program instilled in the KGA youth, a sense of humility and kindness, with not only new friendships formed but memories to treasure for a lifetime.



YOUTH OUTREACH - THE MARTIN FARM

I, on behalf of all Sunbird Trust Students thank the KGA for inviting us. We were excited right from the moment we got the poster for the Outreach. We didn't really know what exactly we would be doing but now we are really having a great and blissful day in Sarjapur. This is one of the best Sunday day out ever. Music is accompanying right from Catholic club till now... It's really nice to see everyone with a big smile. It's not just the fun and lunch here... there is one most important thing that we learnt today. Martin farm house located in Sarjapur, here we learn about being aware of natural resources and animals. They are our best partner of survivor however, we humans, have been polluting and harming them. The host of this farm explained and highlighted which reminds us how we human can exist with them in the most eco friendly way once again.

We would like to once again thank to KGA youth for initiating this program and allowing us to enjoy this day with fun and enjoyment with them

With love and sincere thanks!

Johnny Joseph
Leader of the Sunbird Trust

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With the possibility of 14 of them graduating next year by this time, look to packing some more experience to improve their soft skills, communication, broad-mindedness, leadership etc and can do with all your help to give them many more such outings. These are like our own kids and we can look to give them every opportunity before they set off into the world...

Col Christopher Rego
Founder, Sunbird Trust:

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It was a sunday to remember. The Sunbird youth are so fun and talented!

Thanks to the KGA for organizing this! The caps and the pots (we made) was such a great idea!

Idalina Smith



YOUTH OUTREACH - THE MARTIN FARM



World Goa Day

Shanon Caldeira

Come August and it's that time of the year if you are Goan or feel like one or better still 'act' like one; then this is the day for you - World Goa Day, the event that is internationally celebrated and we, the KGA committee here in Bangalore reeled out our theme this year - "Goenchim Noketram" (Stars of Goa) in a true starry fashion.

If you felt like a Star of late then it had to be at the World Goa day on the 11th August 2019, with the opulence of the Jayamahal Palace Hotel, Golden Lawns and the catwalk you did on the red carpet brushing shoulders with the Stars-Remo, Lorna, Wendell, Reita Faria, Bruno Coutinho and many of your other favourite stars all captured in one frame with all their banter and quirkiness!

We didn't stop at that. We decided to give you a real YouTube star and Voila! We had none other than

Succorina Bai flown all the way from Mumbai to keep you in high spirits besides you sipping on your Spirits of course! It was wonderful to see you all rolling in laughter to every word she said.

This time we decided to add that extra fun to your experience and conducted a Costume

competition, a Culinary competition, Goenchem Jevonn and a Kids Korner. It was lovely to see so many adults and kids actively participating and winning prizes. Who doesn't like to win prizes no matter what the age?

We even saw all our Past & Present Presidents competing to win the Quiz competition & be

crowned the Nerdiest President! As with all our Goan functions and events, nothing is complete without a sumptuous

spread of food, music and dance and we were able to hit the highest note and ended the event on a high with a galaxy of crowd and great sunny weather that even God wanted us to live it up in true

Goan style and together we shout LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!



GOENCHEM JEVONN WINNERS

- 1st place: Sharmila Rosario - Sorpotel
Sharmila Cordeiro - Coconut Soufflé
2nd place: Victor Pereira - Chicken Cafreal
Terence Rosario - Batica

Judges: Aslam Gafoor & Jovina Smith

COSTUME COMPETITION WINNERS

- 1st place: Sanayah Pasha
1st Runner up: Jayden Zachary D'Souza
2nd Runner up: Elena Smith

Judges: Fausto Cardoso & Mildred Noronha

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"Another year, another smashing success by the KGA. I had a wonderful time at the World Goa Day on a balmy Sunday afternoon in the verdant green lawns of the Jayamahar Palace in Bengaluru. KGA is at the forefront of promoting the Goan heritage, culture and fostering fellowship among the members. This was abundantly evident in the organisation of WGD, right from the colourful decor, the excellent cultural performances, melodious singing, foot-tapping music, dancing and delicious Goan food and drinks. In today's modern age, it is heartening to see the solidarity of KGA members in ensuring the Goan heritage and culture is kept alive through generations."

Aslam Gafoor

Bengaluru based hospitality professional & food lover

I had the absolute pleasure of being invited to the World Goa Day as a judge for the Food Competition this past weekend. While I am a self-confessed foodie, I did feel quite a bit intimidated at the task at hand. Competitors were putting their heart on a plate and my fellow judge, Mr Aslam, and I had the task of choosing the winner and boy did we have our work cut out for us! I am extremely grateful to the KGA as I truly did have such a great time not only relishing all the delicious food but watching all the hard work of the members and the committee come to life on stage.

Jovina Smith

The World Goa Day 2019 at Bangalore was truly a day to remember. It had all the ingredients for a successful event. A sunny yet cool day, the ambience fresh and green at the Golden Lawns, Jayamahar Palace Hotel, the food traditional and tasty with a wide variety of drinks including the pride of Goa, the entertainment simply memorable and the decor beautiful but most of all, the lovely members and their guests who participated in the celebration.

It was really worthwhile flying down all the way from Kuwait to attend this event. I congratulate the Managing Committee of the KGA especially the President Ms Adele Britto for hosting such a fabulous event. Having done a stint on the Managing Committee a few years ago, I can well

imagine the effort & time put in to secure such a fantastic venue & such a splendid well organised & delightful show. Kudos and keep the momentum going MC!

Romel Rebello

Not too long ago I received a message from the KGA that said "KGA WORLD GOA DAY- SAVE THE DATE" and immediately I blocked my calendar as I know from experience and the World Goa Day is an event you don't want to miss. I was excited to see what the new committee had in store and was hoping for something fresh and new and was not disappointed! The venue was going to be bigger, better and greener and new events were added to the line up- a cooking competition and even a comedian from Goa! I was excited to see how I can get involved and my answer came in the form of an event that I am all too familiar with- the Fancy Dress Competition.

This year, I decided to keep my involvement a secret (even from my family) and after going through the list of options, I landed on 'Latha Mangeshkar'. My curious mind led me to Google and after researching all about her, I was quite intrigued by all her contributions to Goa and it was with this discovery that I made my decision. I put my costume together and was excited to take part in the adult category of the event.

On the day of the show, just before heading to the stage, a few of my friends gave me suggestions like using a helper "PAPPU" to carry my purse (thank you Mahender for playing along) and to talk only in Hindi and while this was not planned at all. I improvised and managed to pull it off and it all worked out for the best as I was given a prize and it felt great to be recognized for my effort.

The best part of the event were the food stalls filled with scrumptious Goan cuisine made by our members and how can we forget our "Succorine Bai" who stole the show with her spontaneous dialogue and quick wit leaving us all in splits of laughter. Hats off to the committee for a fabulous show

Elena Smith



KGA: Education & Welfare Panel

The KGA has in place an Education & Welfare Panel for over 10 years now. The objective of this group of dedicated members of the Panel is to render support in emergencies & financial aid or grants to those members who are in need. The EWP works closely with the Managing Committee so that timely assistance can be granted to those members in need.

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

- Tuition Fees for School & College Courses
- Books, Uniforms et
- Medical Expenses
- Assistance in emergencies
- Visits to ailing members & senior citizens
- Career advice & job recommendations



The list above is not exhaustive & each case is considered on its merits.

Process to be followed when seeking assistance:

The request for financial or other support should come through a KGA member or the member him/herself. **ALL REQUESTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE**

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

Name, Contact Number, Email Id, Area of assistance & Case referred by (where applicable)

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OBITUARIES

Sqd Ldr Tony Dias, husband of late Lucilia; Father of Fiona / late Joe; Louella / Bopaiya; late Angela / Mark passed away on the 12th July 2019.

Rev Fr Hedwig daCosta SJ, former Principal of St Josephs Boys High School passed away on 31st July 2019.

Selena Nunes, Past President of the KGA passed away on 11th Aug 2019.

Lily Rodrigues, wife of late Francis Rodrigues, mother of Lorraine / Raymond, Freddie / Jeanette & Louella passed away on 23rd Aug 2019.

Doreen Saldanha, mother of Joan / Ajit Pal passed away on 28th Aug 2019 in Mumbai.

May their souls Rest in Peace.



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