

June 2010



From the President's Desk

Welcome to another long awaited edition of the Kitem Khobor which gives you all a brief of the events held so far. A calendar of future events for the rest of 2010 is also included, for you to pencil in the dates in your calendars. My sincere thanks to our Vice-President Rohan Coutinho, for giving us a concise account of all the events held during the past twelve months.

As you all know, the present committee completes their two (2) years tenure in August. So this hopefully will be my last brief as the President of the G O A. This is my fifth (5) year as the President and I feel the time is ripe for a change. The G O A needs fresh new faces and people with the dedication, commitment, new ideas and initiatives, to take the G O A to the next level. We have been fortunate to have excellent committee members working together for the past five years and I'm sure we have talented members who can serve the association and forge forward on the strong foundations already in place.

My sincere request to the membership is to volunteer to take over the reins of this great organisation that has been successfully operating since 1979. I'm confident that we have many members, both young and not so young who can take over the reins of the G O A. So here is your opportunity to share your talents and give your time for the benefit of the Association and the GOAN community in WA.

We have been successful over the past five years, in putting the G O A on the social and political map in Western Australia. Our Radio Show is running well, thanks to, Rohan Coutinho and the Youth team, Mario Sequeira and his team and of course my teams of Manny's angels. We need to keep the show alive, through your support and be proud that we are the first Goan Association in the world to have its own Weekly Radio show. We need more volunteers for the radio programme.

The Launch of our History "Goenkars in Western Australia" has been very successful and those members who have not received a copy of the book you copy we urge you to contact any of your committee members and arrange to collect it. We wanted to post the books individually to our member families; however the cost is exorbitant, around \$8.00 per book. Note the book itself is free (one copy per financial member/family) so don't miss out.

Moving forward, we are currently putting the final touches to our **New Website** and should be live on the web by the end of next month.

As you can see by this brief and the information in this issue, that the committee has been very active for the past year and I wish to thank each and everyone one of them for their time, efforts and talents. It has been a pleasure to lead such a committed & driven team. However the success of the association is a reflection of the participation of its members and we wish to thank all our members and their friends for their support and assistance over the past 2 years. However now is the time for our members to stand up and take on the challenge of a role on the committee and not have the déjà feeling.

We offer our condolences to the families whose near and dear members have passed away recently, and we also ask you to pray for those members who may be suffering ill health and hope God grants them a speedy recovery.

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you all at our future events. Tune in to "Goans on Air" every Friday at 7.00 am.

God Bless you all

Manny



\$ Treasurer's Report \$

By Merle Fernandes

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2009

| Ordinary Membership | Fees Per annum |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| - Family | \$25 plus \$5 joining fee |
| - Single | \$15 plus \$5 joining fee |
| - Associate (Couple) | \$10 plus \$5 joining fee |
| - Associate (Single) | \$8 plus \$5 joining fee |
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| Life Membership | |
| - Family | \$275/- |
| - Single | \$150/- |
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Note: Associate membership applies to full-time students. Parents, if you have children who are over the age of eighteen (18) they cannot be included under your family membership and have to become members in their own right.

NEW MEMBERS – ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

Ganga Prasad Sapkota, Ishwar Prasad Sapkota, Debra & Wilfred O'Kelly, Dr. Neil & Christina Fernandes, Earl Henriques, Linus & Betty Rego, Darren & Sonia Quadros, Veronica Cacciola, Anthony & Joella Fernandes, Michelle & John Cota

NEW MEMBERS – LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Audrey & Stan Dias, Adrian & Crystal Sampey, Russell & Ruban D'Silva and Joana Soares & Joao Diego Pires Poeira, Shekar & Priyaa Aryaa, Lewelyn & Judy D'Costa, Nigel & Lorraine Smith, Julius & Valerie Carvalho, Mark & Charmaine Misquitta, James & Jaya Ernest, Melville & Santhini Fialho, Delfino & Olivia Morais, Gladys & Malcolm Sequeira, Varun Sequeira, Nikita Sequeira, Brendon D'sa, William & Alice Fernandes, Jeffrey & Arlene D'Silva, Rob & Adele Royalle.

It would be much appreciated if the members, youth and the full-time students apply or renew their memberships for the years 2009 -2010 and 2010-2011. Please feel free to contact me on 0432 157 107 or any of the committee members to find out whether your membership is due for renewal.

ADVERTISING / SPONSORSHIP – NEWSLETTER

Should any of our members/organisations wish to place an advertisement in the newsletter the cost is as follows:

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| Quarter Page: | \$75/-; | Half Page: | \$100/-; |
| Full Page: | \$150/-; | Back cover page – inside: | \$200/-; |
| Back cover page – outside: | \$250/-. | | |

ADVERTISING / SPONSORSHIP – GOA RADIO SHOW

The GOA runs a radio programme every Friday morning at 7 am on WEBA 95.3FM.

Should you wish to advertise on the show the costs are as follows:

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|----------------------------|--------------------|
| One off session | \$50/- |
| Three (3) month contract | \$70/- per session |
| Six (6) month contract | \$60/- per session |
| Twelve (12) month contract | \$45/- per session |



What's been Goan on...?

By Rohan Coutinho aka The Bhadshah!

Well this KK has been a long time coming, but as they say in the classics "good things come to those who wait"

Since our last KK in May 09, we have had a splurge of successful events thanks largely to the support of our members, their family and friends. So if I can start by saying a BIG THANK YOU to all those who supported the events and most importantly to all those who assisted the committee, you know who you are, WE APPRECIATE your special efforts.

Quiz Nite

There are many talented youth in our great association and to single out one would be unfair. But in this KK we will make a few exceptions as we appreciate the talents of Quiz master extraordinaire Brendan D'Sa and the entire D'Sa family. They worked tirelessly with Nicole and yours truly to organise this most popular event for your enjoyment. The entire evening had that special and well organised "D'Sa touch". The subject genre was varied, audio visuals better than professional and questions that tested the best minds.



Quiz master centre.....fold!

A special tribute to Michael Jackson by Brendo & Chicky was both moving and appropriate. This time we allured our guests with cash prizes for the top three place so it would be remiss of me not to make a special mention of our to our sponsors 3J Enterprises, IGA Como and EES shipping. A great night had by all and to our winners "Goan to Win" Congrats



Winners are grinners

World Goa Day – fundraiser for El Shaddai

Many listeners to the GOA radio show were moved by the special interview between Manny and Anita Edgar co-founder of El Shaddai. Her experiences and stories of the life of street kids in Goa certainly touched the hearts of the management committee who took it up on themselves to make El Shaddai the charity of choice for the GOA. In doing so we had our inaugural El Shaddai charity function in conjunction with World Goa day to raise funds. Thanks to the support and generosity of our 170 + members and friends we raised \$3000 which has been donated to fund an El Shaddai hospice project in Goa



Sisters are doing it for the kids.



The next G

El Shaddai does fantastic work for the street children in Goa. We are humbled to be able to make a difference even in a small way. We hope that this remains an annual event on the GOAWA calendar and look forward to seeing you all on July 24 at the Riverton Leisureplex. Check out the flyer in the following pages. Let's make a huge effort for this worthy cause. .

AGM

Well attended but we would like to see many more members. For those who attended they were treated to an afternoon of great debate, new ideas and passionate members. This was well balanced with a delicious lunch and well earned drinks provided. This August marks the end of the 2 year term of the current Management committee and it's time for a new team to take over the reins. **Do you think you have what it takes to make a difference to your community or do you know of someone who fits the bill? If you have ever thought of what it would be like to be on the committee?** Then I strongly encourage you to nominate for a role. This is a fantastic opportunity, **DO NOT HESITATE.**

Whist Drive

A very popular function on our annual calendar and when one thinks of WHIST, a name that immediately pops to mind is CP aka Cedric Pereira aka Mr Burswood. But as they say "behind every great man there is a super organised woman" so a big "Deo Borem Korum" to CP and Joyce for their enthusiastic and tireless efforts in assisting the committee to bring this favourite card game to our members.



The DRIVE' ing couple



Dux of the class!

The punters experienced an afternoon of great skill, lots of cunning, some controversy, great food entertainment and most of all fun. A special mention goes out to our MC Angelo Fernandes for his usual professional approach and Mark and Nancy for the delicious luncheon. Did I mention that this was an annual event of the GOA calendar? See you all next year!

30th Anniversary Ball

A significant Anniversary in the history of GOAWA was celebrated as we launched the most anticipated book "Goenkars in Western Australia" To celebrate this milestone event we were honoured to have the High Commissioner of India Her Excellency Mrs Sujata Singh launch the book along with many other local political & business dignitaries.



Special guests



Oh what a night!

The exquisite ambience of the Embassy ballroom was the perfect setting for such an auspicious occasion. The ladies with their beautiful ball gowns dressed to the nines looked stunning and with the men in their sharpest lounge suits and slick style made this event a class above the rest. We were treated to the most scrumptious Indian buffet by Mela Indian Restaurant and sallied all night to the Mustangs. To say it was "A night to remember" would be an understatement.

Goenkars in WA book Launch

Join me as I pay special tribute to the Super Team of Manny Rodrigues, Jaya Ernest, Joyce Pereira and Mario Sequeira. Over a 2 year period this team toiled tirelessly through many adversities, hurdles, controversies, criticism and a lot of ups and downs that one would experience into putting a mammoth project such as this together. We appreciate your time, efforts and passion in producing a most magnificent and historical record of "Goenkars in Western Australia" On behalf of the entire Goa community we salute you for a job well done!

A special thanks to our sponsor Lotteries West and The Office of Multicultural Interest, without whose support this project would simply been a dream.

History such as this had to be shared so after a stunning book launch at our Anniversary dance we complimented the success with a member's only, exclusive book release event. On a hot steamy afternoon (similar like in our beautiful Goa) we welcomed our 150+ guests with a refreshing glass of champagne or 2 (in some cases too many to count) to toast the occasion. A delicious array of Indian snacks and sweets were a welcome treat for those mid afternoon munchies!

NOTE: The book is available free of charge to all financial members (one book per family) so if you have not received your copy , please e-mail Manny Rodrigues mannyr@iprimus.com.au and we will get a copy to you.

St Francis Xavier's Feast



Manny & June Rodrigues along with Louis and Fatima Fernandes and their families celebrated the most significant feast day on the GOA Calendar. Due to recent changes in the policy of hiring facilities of Catholic churches in the South of the river, Manny was left without a venue to host the event. But thanks to special efforts of Tony D'Souza and Brian & Lucrecia D'Souza, we were able to celebrate in the traditional way that we Goenkars in WA have become accustomed to. The celebration was held at the beautiful Mary MacKillop Church in Ballajura and commenced with a beautiful mass, well complemented by the angelic voices of the choir led by Carl Rodricks. A communal lunch in true Goan style was enjoyed by all in the church hall and the special Goan sweets especially prepared for the event were the perfect ending to a delicious Goan fare. We were also thoroughly entertained by Bernie Lyons and his peculiar brand of music and antics!

A special vote of thanks to all those who assisted the Rodrigues and Fernandes families in preparation for this function especially Tony, UNCLE YOU SAVED THE DAY!



"Family that prays together stays together"

Children's Christmas Tree

A bright hot summer's day greeted our youngest members at the Shelley foreshore for the most anticipated kid's day of the year. Santa surprised all the kids with a super slick entrance on board a



"Santa Claus has come to town"

RED Saab convertible (courtesy of Mrs Santa – aka June Rodrigues). The children were filled with excitement as they ran across the park to greet the man with the white beard, large tummy and bag full of gifts.

A sausage sizzle, ice cream and special gifts made it a day super day!



We have been good,,,,,promise!

Thanks to the parents and grandparents for your participation and to all the kids "You better watch out, you better not cry, you better be good I'm telling you why" Santa Claus is coming to town.....in 7 months!!

NYE Dance

The most popular family function of the year was attended by 450+ members and guests who were all still buzzing from the excitement of the Christmas week. This event is quite unique as it attracts people from all communities, GOA members whom we may only see once a year and a plethora of new faces which adds to the excitement on this the last night of the year. What is most encouraging is the continuous and ever growing presence of our youth I guess they realize that the "Goan way" is "Their way".



Party time



Flaming Hot

We all burned the floor to tune of The Flames who were very well compliment by our very own only VJ DJ Varun Sequeira's unique remix – your awesome DUDE!

A special thanks to all those who helped in setting up the venue and especially those who sold the tickets. We hope that all your dreams are coming true in 2010.

St Valentine's Day Dance

"MOG aka Love" was the theme that welcomed all those Valentine's couples on this romantic night. Our guests were welcomed in style with a glass of champagne and the ladies received a



My sweet valentine

beautiful rose from their partners "ON BENDED KNEE" The romantic ambience courtesy of the ladies of our committee was exceptional and perfectly complimented the theme of the night. Our guests were thoroughly entertained by PS it takes 2 and enjoyed the delicious Malaysian & Indian cuisine on offer. A special evening was enjoyed by all.



Love is in the air

GOA FAMILY DAY 2010

WELCOME TO GOA FAMILY DAY

MEMBERS ONLY FUNCTION

DATE: **20th June 2010-05-24**

LOCATION: **MELVILLE CIVC CENTRE**

10 ALMONDBURY ROAD, BOORAGOON

TIME: **12.00pm to 4.00pm**

COST – **GOLD COIN DONATION**

RSVP 10th June 2010 –

BYO: All food, drinks and crockery & cutlery

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE MUSIC AND
ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
YOUNG AND NOT SO YOUNG.**

**THERE ARE ALSO PRIZES FOR THE BEST
DRESSED *Goenkar* AND *Goenkarn*.**



World Goa Day Dance Fundraiser for El-Shaddai



A spectacular night...for a wonderful cause!

When: Saturday 24 July 10

**Where: Riverton Leisureplex,
Bill Cole Centre (Cnr High/Riley Road),
Riverton**

Time: 7:30pm – 12pm

Dress: Smart Casual

Band: “Mustangs ”

Tickets: \$15 (adult) \$10 (children under 10 yrs)

Donations for raffle prizes would be appreciated and Cash donations are also welcome. Please contact your committee members with your pledges.

***100% of all profits go to the El Shaddai Charitable Trust.
For more details refer to www.childrescue.net***

BYO Everything.

FOOD ON SALE catered by Mark and Nancy D'Souza.

Below is the menu and contact details. We strongly suggest that you pre-order to avoid disappointment

Place your pre-order – Contact Mark or Nancy on 0424983386 or e-mail mandewe2000@yahoo.co.uk

MENU FOR THE NITE

Meat Kebabs \$ 1.75 each

Goa Sausage Pao \$ 4.00 each

Mutton Xacuti at \$ 7 a container

Pork vindaloo at \$ 7 a container

Tandoori chicken Maryland's at \$5 a portion.

Beef Masala at \$ 7 a container

Paratha -\$1each

Pulao Rice at \$ 2.50 a container

UPCOMING FUNCTIONS !!!

Please mark your calendars and diaries and stay tuned to 95.30fm Fridays 7-8am, the yahoo group e-mails and future Kitem Khobor's. We look forward to your participation

PUT THIS PAGE ON YOUR FRIDGE AS A REMINDER

| Month | Date | Event |
|---------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| June 2010 | Sunday 20 th | GOA family picnic – MEMBERS ONLY |
| July 2010 | Saturday 24 th | World Goa day – El Shadai fund rasier |
| August 2010 | Sunday 22 nd | AGM |
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| October 2010 | Saturday 23 rd | 31 st Anniversary Dance. |
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| December 2010 | Sunday 5 th | St Francis Feast |
| | TBC | Children's Christmas Tree |
| | Friday 31 st | New Year's Eve Dance |
| February 2010 | Saturday 12 th | Valentines Day Dance |

Please contact your committee members for bookings and any assistance you require

Manny Rodrigues – 0412 341 499
Merle Fernandes – 0432157107
Nigel Dias – 0422354605
June Rodrigues - 9457 5925

Rohan Coutinho – 0433772910 or 94574358
Lorraine Moniz - 0407 200 440 or 93322202
Nicole D'Costa - 0422430253
Evelyn & Allan D'Souza - 93075253

REMINDERS

Yahoo Group

A friendly reminder, if you are not already a member of the yahoo group, we urge you to email us at diasnigel_85@hotmail.com. By doing this you can keep in touch with all the latest news on the GOA. There are regular posts about up and coming events. We are aware of the reluctance of some members being part of the yahoo group, due to the possibility of receiving spam or corrupt mail. Rest assured that our web and email moderator Nigel Dias will ensure that no spam or junk mail is be circulated by the yahoo group.

6EBA Radio Show

On a second reminder please tune in to the GOA Radio Show on 6EBA 95.3 fm, every Friday morning at 7.00am, for a great hour of entertainment and music. Please feel free to send birthday and dedication wishes. Your loved ones and friends and family in the east and overseas can tune in on the web via this link <http://www.6eba.com.au/> then click on button marked 'listen online now'.

Please contact your committee members for bookings and any assistance you require

Manny Rodrigues – 0412 341 499
Merle Fernandes – 0432157107
Nigel Dias – 0422354605
June Rodrigues - 9457 5925

Rohan Coutinho – 0433772910 or 94574358
Lorraine Moniz - 0407 200 440 or 93322202
Nicole D'Costa - 0422430253
Evelyn & Allan D'Souza - 93075253



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Dependants:

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2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

New Address

Street: _____

Suburb: _____ **Postcode:** _____

Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

E-mail address: _____

Do you wish to subscribe to the GOAWA Yahoo e-group?**

Yes ☐

No ☐

** All information provided on this form is strictly confidential and accessible only to GOA executive committee members.*

*** Your email address will only be used to send you GOA event updates and will not be disclosed to any organisation/individuals.*