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E D I T O R I A L

Dear fellow members,

Happy Holidays. KHABBAR wishes you and yours a very happy and prosperous New Year.

KHABBAR has been making a concentrated effort in reaching all the Konkani families in North America. The response from all the members has been heartwarming. With this issue, I have enclosed the latest mailing list. The year-end issue of KHABBAR will normally include our mailing list. So, if you didnot get yours, please let me know.

Our new mailing list is on the new IBM Computer and my special thanks go to Dr. Vasudev Nayak for his constant help with the computer, paper, mailing labels, etc and bearing with me. I also thank Deepak and Dinesh Shenoy of Edison, NJ for typing in all our names in the computer. The new system can hold upto 30,000 names! Hope we don't run out of room in this new machine!!

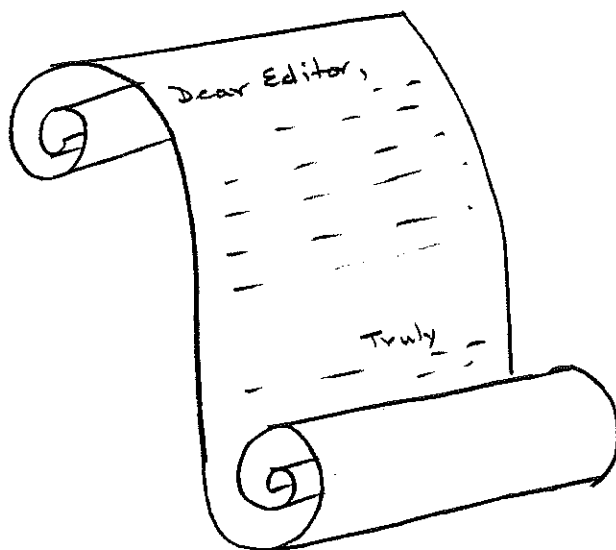
The new and energetic Office bearers of the KONKANI SABHA have lined up some religious activities for 1985. Once the details become available, we will let everyone know about it. Meanwhile, if you have any constructive ideas, please let us know. Remember to keep August 4th 1985 open for the Annual Picnic.

Hoping for a warm winter,



Vasanth Bhat

Editor



# LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
Thankyou for the KHABBAR. Please find the enclosed check towards our subscription for the same. With regards,  
Pandu Kini, Belleville, IL

Dear Editor,  
I am interested in joining the Association and subscribing to "KHABBAR". Please send me the necessary information and also the latest copy of "KHABBAR". Thankyou,  
Bipin K. Pai, Munster, IN

EDITOR'S REPLY: "KHABBAR" is issued to all Konkani speaking people in North America on a quarterly basis for an annual dues of \$5.00.

Dear Mr. Bhat,  
Thankyou for a recent issue of "KHABBAR". Enclosed is a check for the subscription to the same. Sincerely,  
Vishwanath Pai, Wallingford, CT

Dear Editor,  
Thankyou for including our name in your mailing list. Enclosed is our membership dues for the "KHABBAR".  
Mr. & Mrs. S.M.Bhat, Arroyo Grande, CA

Dear Editor,  
Many thanks for the recent issue of KHABBAR. We would like you to add us, to your mailing list and your membership. Enclosed please find a check for \$5.00 and once again our well wishes to your fine service in serving the Konkani community in North America.  
Vishwanath & Vaishali Nayak, San Jose, CA

Dear Editor,  
Enclosed \$5.00 for the membership fee. Our new address is: Suratkal Vaman Shenoy, Box 929, Meadow Acres, Keyser, WV 26726 (304)-788-6340. Please send me the address list. Thankyou  
Vaman Shenoy, Keyser, WV

Dears Vasanth & Poornima,  
I see your creativity, dedication and hardwork in each issue of KHABBAR - the pacemaker and lifeline of Konkani Sabha. It is unfortunate that not enough is said about your work, even though everyone who receives it enjoys reading it.  
I feel fortunate to have friends like you and will be more than happy to be of any assistance in your selfless work. With lots of wishes,  
Ravi Baliga, Randolph, NJ

Dear Editor,  
I am enclosing copy of an appeal letter from Kashi Mutt Samsthan. With your effort, I would like to have this appeal reach all our community people in North America. I thankyou for your effort and would like to add that we enjoy reading KHABBAR. Thanks again,  
Mrs. Urmila Kamath, Metairie, LA

Dear Mr. Bhat,  
Per our telecon, I am herewith sending an appeal from our revered Kashi Mutt Swamiji which is self explanatory. Please send copies to all the members. Enclosed please find \$5.00 for the annual dues towards KHABBAR. Thanking you,  
Damodar Prabhu, Pittsburgh, PA

# WON Khabbar

## o CONGRATULATIONS:

o RAMESH and ROOPA KAMATH of Cambridge, MD opened "India Gate"- an exclusive Indian handicrafts boutique in their hometown.

## o WEDDING BELLS:

o MEETHA PAI, daughter of Gopal and Shanthi Pai of Lake Marie, FL married KYLE GOULD on Saturday October 20th 1984 in Columbus, OH.

## o WELCOME:

o SURESH RAO KARKALA, son of Late Karkala Govind Rao, has recently immigrated to the U.S. and is presently residing in Chicago with his brother-in-law K.N.S. Prabhu and sister Ashalatha Prabhu.

## o NEW ARRIVAL:

o NIKHIL, son to Vasudev and Sumana Pai of San Antonio, TX in September 1984

## o UPANAYANAM

o Venkatesh and Shubha Kamath of Fairport, NY celebrated the sacred thread ceremony of their son, VIVEK, in Mangalore in June 1984. Needless to say, the vatu is busy doing the Sandyavandanams.

## o MIDWEST "KONKANI SABHA":

o The Konkani families in the midwest recently celebrated the Diwali Function on a grand scale. Also, at that time they decided to form a "KONKANI SABHA" to cater the needs of the Konkani community in the midwest area. Mr. Vasanth Pai became the President and Dr. Vasant Acharya became the Secretary. The Khabbar wishes the new Sabha all the luck.

## o OBITUARY

o Mrs. RAJIVI PRABHU (70) died on October 7th, 1984 in New York City. Khabbar expresses deep condolences to her son Krishna Prabhu and his family.

ALL YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT "KHABBAR"  
but  
WERE AFRAID TO (OR DIDN'T CARE TO) ASK

1. What is "KHABBAR"?
  - o "KHABBAR" is the official newsletter of the Konkani Sabha serving the North American Konkani speaking community.
2. How many times a year is Khabbar published?
  - o Khabbar is published quarterly. It is in it's seventh year of publication.
3. Is there any dues?
  - o Yes, it is \$5.00 a year, collected during the Konkani New Year (Ugadi).
4. What is the purpose of Khabbar?
  - o Khabbar maintains the cultural, social and economic ties within the Konkani community in North America. Khabbar's mailing list includes approximately 380 names.
5. Mailing list is a good idea. How can one get the list?
  - o Mailing list is updated regularly but issued to all the members on an annual basis normally at the end of each calender year.
6. Can one not have his name in the list but still receive the Khabbar?
  - o The mailing list is computerized to such an extent that even the mailing labels get printed out zip code wise. It will be an extremely difficult task to oblige unlisted names.
7. Can one give or recommend more names of Konkani people not yet in the list?
  - o Khabbar always welcomes that idea. More the merrier.
8. How is Khabbar mailed to the members?
  - o Khabbar goes by bulk mail. It costs 11 cents as against 20 or 37 cents for first class mail. Of course the time factor is 3 to 4 weeks for bulk mail. Khabbar does not get forwarded in case the members have moved. Hence on an annual basis, Khabbar agrees to pay return postage and it costs 62 cents to get the corrected member's address!
9. How can one help Khabbar to succeed?
  - o By active participation; Constructive criticism will always help, writing articles of interest, sharing your knowledge, etc.
10. What really goes into the production of Khabbar?
  - o I collect the member's news (some are send to me and some are "overheard") and print them in my computer. The xerox work is courtesy of my Office staff. The mailing labels are courtesy of Dr. Vasudev Nayak. My children help in sticking the labels and stamps.
11. Do you hold any picnic or indoor functions?
  - o Yes and no. Picnic is held on an annual basis and since couple years that is the only thing the Sabha members have been enjoying. We used to have lots if indoor functions( Diwali, Ugadi, etc). Due to lack of active member participation those things have died down a lot.

RICE HULLS OFFER ELECTRICITY

By means of a gasification process, rice hulls are being turned into electricity at the University of California, Davis.

A byproduct of the milling process, rice hulls are the most plentiful of crop wastes, says John R. Goss, prof. of agricultural engineering. When burned, they produce carbon monoxide, hydrogen, and hydrocarbons. At Davis, the combustible gases are cleaned and fed as fuel to a single-cylinder engine attached to an electrical generator. "Combusting this clean gas produces less nitrous-oxide pollutant than does the burning of natural gas," says Goss.

Because rice hulls have a low energy density relative to gasoline, they generate "about half gasoline's horsepower in an appropriately sized engine." But the system would be ideal for developing countries such as India. India has a tremendous demand for energy to power small irrigation pumps, but little financial resources, Goss explains. Rice is a staple crop that could provide a supply of low-cost fuel in the form of rice hulls.

India has 5-million diesel pumps used for irrigation, all rated under 5 hp. Gasification has the potential to replace 90% of the diesel fuel. Each system would cost \$1,200 to build. Considering that 100 lb of rice hulls produce energy equal to 3 gal of gasoline, 20 tons of hulls would have to be burned to recover the construction costs, Goss continues. But rice hulls are in ready supply, Goss added.

SUCCESSFUL TITLES

Some names sound successful; others don't. That's why Benjamin Kubelsky became Jack Benny, Maria Rosario Pilar Martinez Molina Baeza became Charo and Kishen Bhanji became Ben Kingsley. The idea of name "improvement" isn't new. It's reported that the practice of popes changing their names began in A.D. 844, when newly elected Pope Boca de Porco (pig's mouth) figured he would find more acceptance with the name Segious II.

Names do correlate with life styles and careers. Research reportedly shows that people whose last names begin with the letters A thru R generally live longer than those in the S-Z group.

It is reported that hiring officers prefer distinctive or aristocratic-sounding names over "anemic" or common names. For example, a name like Lulu Butts is more likely to be ignored than Jennifer Mayhew Adams. If your name is Irving Smith, you are better off being known as I.J. Smith, Irving J. Smith or, in the best case, I. Jacob Smith.

Being known by a nickname is a no-no in the corporate struggle. But "Andy", "Casey", "Chuck", "Dave", "Don", "George", "Nan", "Nick", "Peter", "Ron", "Van", "Ven", "Vic", and others don't worry- things can change.

K I D ' S K O R N E R

T R I V I A

by  
Priti Baliga

1. What's an infant eagle called?
2. What Thames River bridge is nearest the Tower of London?
3. What conflict was known as the War to end all wars?
4. What's inscribed on the tablet held by the Statue of Liberty?
5. What city did Adolf Hitler plan to rename Germania?
6. What's Russian for U.S.S.R.?
7. What's a resident of Moscow called?
8. What color is Chablis?
9. What's the world's largest news agency?
10. What country's capital is Wellington?
11. Where is the human skin least sensitive?
12. What's most widely eaten fruit in America?
13. What does a dipsomaniac crave?
14. What U.S. city has most chapels per capita?
15. What's yellow-shafted flicker?
16. What began on June 25, 1950?
17. What's cube root of 64?
18. How many Nixon-Kennedy debates were there?
19. What color are a scallop's 35 eyes?
20. What animals does a hippophobe fear?

ANSWERS:  
1. An eaglet 2. The Tower Bridge 3. World War I 4. July 4, 1776  
5. Berlin 6. C.C.C.P. 7. A Moscovite 8. White 9. The Associated Press  
10. New Zealand 11. The heel 12. The banana 13. Alcohol 14. Las Vegas  
15. A bird 16. The Korean War 17. Four 18. Four 19. Blue 20. Horses

CHRISTMAS WORD FIND

by

Vinodh Bhat(9), Long Valley, NJ

Can you find these Christmas words in this Word Find:

- Christmas
- Elves
- Gift
- North Pole
- Reindeer
- Rudolph
- Santa
- Sleigh
- Snow
- Snowman
- Toys
- Tree

A C E D A B B S A N T A P C D T  
D V D B Q U D L O E F G T H S S  
N A C G A B C E P G E S H S L N  
O K F H G D O I R F E I I J A O  
R J R Q R E F G U R K K Y X E W  
T S W O F I E H E L U X W T S M  
H X O F C O S E D L N V Y Z R A  
P H C O E D L T R I V U S F Z N  
O F R M F E B R M W Q E I E N T  
L O E R Y D P E B A R R S D F U  
E S E U O R U E F O S J X Y U P  
D I D D M G I A A N O M W I X B  
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P S I L Y S Y B G I F T N A F E  
S P E P H U U O U R S O O O N Y  
T R R H F W X Y T I J P W Z F X



# APPEAL



**G. S. B. SABHA (Regd.) K. C. G.**

BOMBAY - 400 070.

**SILVER JUBILEE ( 1959-1984 ) SOUVENIR**

**'Satya Meva Jayate'**

Dear Sir,

G.S.B. Sabha (Regd.) K.C.G. is a philanthropic institution with religious and charitable aims and objects. Born on 31-7-1959 as a small organisation, this Sabha has today grown up into a gigantic body due to the kind co-operation, advice and help rendered by the people such as you and will be completing 25 years of its existence on 31-7-1984.

During the past 25 years thousands of needy students have benefited by the free and loan scholarships awarded by the Sabha. Free scholarships are being awarded to poor students since 1962 and loan scholarships to the needy students of professional courses since 1981.

Hundreds have benefited by Free Medical Aid Scheme launched by the Sabha since its inception. This aid is given to the poor and needy who do not have means of spending for medical treatment during their ill health.

These days, performing marriages of their children is an ordeal even for parents with adequate means. The Sabha has been helpful to hundreds of poor and needy parents in performing the marriages of their kith and kin by not only providing financial aid but also by conducting a marriage bureau to find the eligible partners. The Community Hall (called Shri Balaji Mandir Hall) belonging to the Sabha is provided for such marriages at cost and in very poor cases, free of cost.

The Sabha conducts sewing classes for ladies thus providing the ladies of poor classes a means of livelihood. Coaching classes are conducted for the students. Both these classes i.e. Sewing and Coaching are conducted without any monetary gain to the Sabha. Free Aid is provided to the poor for the cremation ceremonies whenever death occurs in their family, not only financial aid but also manual service. Blood Donation drives are conducted by the Sabha often.

It is not enough to provide material aid to the needy for the uplift of a society. It is incomplete if spiritual and religious education is not infused into the people. As such the Sabha has established in 1973, the now famous Sri Balaji Mandir at Kurla where thousands of devotees have received spiritual solace to their minds. Various religious activities are conducted at Shri Balaji Mandir every year at which thousands of people of all castes and creed and from all strata of society participate because every person, however, rich or poor materially, is always poor in spiritual inheritance and without spiritual contentment the life is not complete for him. Thus, this is the greatest of all philanthropic activities that this Sabha conducts to maintain the spiritual health of the society.

During the last 25 years this Sabha and its activities have grown after undergoing many trials and tribulations which were surmounted by the Divine Grace of Lord Balaji and Blessings of Swamijis of Kashi, Gokarn and Kavale mutts. Thus this is an occasion for rejoicing and it is, therefore, decided to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Sabha in a befitting manner. There will be a 3 day celebration on 16th, 17th and 18th December 1984, in the august presence of H. H. Srimad Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji of Samsihan Kashmirutt.

**N.B. :- Cheques must be drawn favouring "G. S. B. Sabha (Regd.)**

**and mailed to:-**

Dr. C.K. Kamath, Ph.D.  
7750 Topridge Drive  
Westchester, OH 45069

# *Klassified*

**o R E M I N D E R:**

o Please remit your membership dues of \$5.00 for this year either to the Treasurer or to the Editor.

The Treasurer, KONKANI SABHA, 136 Crescent Rd., WANAQUE, NJ 07465

The Editor, The "Khabbar", 33 Quail Run, LONG VALLEY, NJ 07853

**o W A N T E D:**

o Articles of interest are always in need to be published in the "Khabbar". Let SABHA members share your knowledge and experience. Please send your articles to:

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