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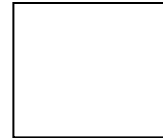
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TO:

Khabbar Follies

In this section, Khabbar looks into the Konkani community and anything and everything that is Konkani from a Konkani point of view. The names will never be published but geographic location will be identified in general terms.

There is no doubt in my mind that *Khabbar* is a part & parcel of life of Konkanis in North America. In fact, *Khabbar* has developed a special relation with most of the Konkani families and here are some examples of those close encounters of a different kind.....

I think with limited knowledge of Konkani, our kids manage pretty good. Case in point, this family was busy preparing for their daughter's wedding. The last name of a person on the invitee list was missing and the bride (second generation American Konkani) wrote the last name as "Koenke" meaning somebody in Konkani! As the invitee list was getting finalized and all the names were edited for accuracy, a contact was made to get the correct last name of that invitee. To everyone's

surprise, that person's last name was KOENKE! Now, what are the chances of that happening!?!

This family from CA after retiring in early 2009, decided on spending few months a year in India and the rest here in the US. This family being a true patron of *Khabbar*, I sent a copy of *Khabbar* to this family's address in India while they were there. Here came the reply from the family, "Hi Vasanth, It was a pleasant surprise to receive *Khabbar* at our Mysore address. As always reading *Khabbar* was fun. Now that is really news from "Kular" for us. It really shows how much you care about your loyal followers. Thanks."

SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

It is time to renew your subscription for 2010. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2007. Please, note that you have the FREE access to the *eKhabbar*, the electronic version of *Khabbar*, by logging on to *eKhabbar.com*. If you want hard copy, then only remit your subscription at \$15.00/yr. **Please, don't pay for future years!** Fill the form below and send your subscription with a check payable to *Khabbar* to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222. (Canadian Konkanis please pay cash or MO in US\$)

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Name	Boy/Girl	d.o.b.	Hobby/Interest
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Comments, if any: _____

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EDITORIAL

Dear Konkani family,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

This issue of *Khabbar* has been mailed to **ALL** families that have paid dues **at least once since 2007**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2006 will not be receiving this issue. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2007 and if there is any error let me know.

Even in these tough economic times, the Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* has decided that the annual dues will remain the same at \$15.00 a year and for that you get:

- Four issues of the *Khabbar*,
- Annual Mailing List and
- Discounted advertisement rates.

This issue has **not** been mailed to families that have specifically indicated that they will access eKhabbar. The on-line version of *Khabbar*, eKhabbar, will be on the web a **quarter** after mailing the hard copies.

The 2010 *Khabbar* Mailing List will be mailed **only** to families that have paid their subscriptions for 2009. The *Khabbar* Mailing List is a prized possession of our community and help me to keep it up-to-date. Send names and addresses of Konkani families that are not in the list to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222, or email khabbar@hotmail.com and rest be assured that I'll "*Khabbarize*" them!

Khabbar will publish all the developments and progress made by **NAKA** on an on-going basis. Send your constructive suggestions to any of the Directors of the NAKA Board. The much anticipated Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF) has been incorporated. Now we have an avenue to help our community at large. Please, extend all the help to KCF.

The response to the Konkani Cruise 2010 was overwhelming. Majority felt that we as a community should maintain our biennial meetings and hence the Konkani Cruise in 2010. Please, extend all your support to this venture.

The unofficial *Khabbar* correspondents in your area who send in the *hoon Khabbars* on a regular basis are doing an outstanding job. **Remember, if it did not appear in *Khabbar*, then it did not happen in North America!** If your area is not represented wholly, let me know and I'll recruit more volunteers. You can send the news items via email (khabbar@hotmail.com).

On the Quiz front, *Khabbar* has still remained as a champ. We had only six correct responses to the last quarter's quiz!. Let us see how you will do with this quarter's quiz!?!

The progress of the ambitious project, **Konkani Kendra**, the **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** is good. Thanks to **Basti Ganapathi Shenoy** who has devised a method wherein families wanting to help **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** can do so with relative ease! Call him at (702)-341-6706

or email: bshenoy@cox.net if interested to extend your help for this worthy cause. Indeed, the Kendra has become a center of attraction and I urge all North American Konkans to visit the Kendra to see what way they can benefit from this. Also, see in what way we can help our brethren who are doing an outstanding job in preserving our culture.

Sri Basti Vaman Shenoy, who dedicated his life to Konkani cause will turn 75 in 2010 and in his honor, the Board of Trustees of Konkani Language & Cultural Foundation has decided to celebrate the Amritotsav (Platinum Jubilee) on Jan 17, 2010. On behalf of North American Konkans, I applaud Sri Shenoy for his service to our community. Hope, you will be able to attend the function.

Khabbar will always publish appeals for charity free of charge but cannot collect money on behalf of any charity. Families are encouraged to send the money directly to the concerned charities. It is amazing to see so many appeals come to *Khabbar* on a regular basis. *Khabbar* firmly believes in helping our people whether it is in India or here. Join **Khabbar Kares Email List** if interested in helping the needy.

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year to you all.

Devu Boren Karo.

Vasanth
Honorary Editor

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor will be considered for publication unless the writer requests otherwise. Letters may be edited for publication. Editor reserves the right not to publish anonymous letters. Initials only on request if the writer includes his or her name.

Recently, I came across this Webpage titled, "MY MANGALORE" and was completely bowled over! It contains information & brief biographical sketches of several nationally & internationally acclaimed personages of Mangalorean origin; about places in and around Mangalore and most astoundingly, a gallery of fabulous photographs of Mangalore and its surroundings dating back to the mid & late 19th Century which one never gets to see anywhere.

I felt that I would be doing a great disservice to all of you if I were not to share this treasure-trove of goodies with you because in view of your connections with Mangalore, you will surely enjoy the contents and would not like to miss them.

Please do forward this Mail to as many of your relatives, acquaintances and friends of Mangalorean origin as possible as well to all those whom you think might have an interest in Mangalore and would enjoy to see how Mangalore looked in days of yore.

Please be advised that the Web page is a very long one and will take a long time to peruse. So, it would be prudent to open the page when you have ample time to pore over and savour the contents. In case you are unable to finish seeing the entire page in one sitting, or would like to visit it again (?and again), please Bookmark the site address in your Web Browser. To see the photographs in greater detail, please use the zoom feature of your Browser to enlarge the images.

To access the designated Web page, please Left Click the link below:
<http://www.mangalorespots.blogspot.com/>

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damobaliga@yahoo.com

Dear Friends,
Folks Magazine has been just updated. I am not sure if many of you know of its launch. We are now completing our first month with this issue.

Our average hits per day, on average, until today, is around 2,800. We want to make that 5,000 and thus this mail unto. Once we hit that 5k mark we will be at par with the premier magazines in the country. Being an apolitical magazine we are just trying, and hard, to make a point and for that we need your support. Read and if you relish, which we think - you will, do recommend us to your friends.

Counting on your continued support.
With kind regards and best wishes
Fraternally,

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Co-founder & Editor-in-chief
Folks Magazine
<http://www.folks.co.in>

Dear Vasant,

I just received a hard copy of *KHABBAR* (Vol. XXXII-3) at Windsor address. Thank you for the same. A voluminous publication! We just missed inclusion of our appeal in this issue. I also recall our telephonic conversation on this subject. I am attaching this mail our appeal, a power point presentation of "ADOPT A CHILD" Scheme. Balajimandir web site can be viewed on www.balajimandirkurla.com
I understand next issue of *KHABBAR* will be in DEC.2009. I will appreciate your approval of our appeal and publish the same.

It was an honor and blessing of Lord Balaji to me to be the President of this august Sabha for 8 years + last 2 years as Vice president.

I have attached the circular No.3 only for information regarding our activity during Kartik Masa, Paschimjagar & of course the most important is the visit of Parama Pujya Guru H. H. .Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji of Kashi Mutt Samsthan for 12 days starting from 1st Nov to 12th Nov.2009.

I shall be in touch with you again before leaving Canada on 18th Oct.09. Your views/suggestion on our appeal most welcome

With regards to you & Poornima,

P.Rajkumar Shenoy
rajkumarshenoy@hotmail.com

Dear all,

I am happy to inform u that our GSB Sabha has launched its own website www.gsbabhamumbai.org
You will get all TAAZA KHABBAR of the Sabha from there.

Sudha Pai
sgpai@hotmail.com

Dear Editor,

I am sending this article for submission to *Khabbar* Magazine for your upcoming issue. This article is written by my sister-in-law, Mrs. Vijaya Nadkarni, who visited this residential school for tribal mentally challenged children near Nasik, Mumbai. The school is being built by Mrs. Shitala Pandit, a Konkani women who has devoted her life to doing this wonderful service. I think it would make a wonderful addition to the upcoming issue. The pictures are also attached along with the article.

Thank you.

Regards,

Nandini Bijoor
nandinibijoor@yahoo.com

Dear Vasanth Bhat,

As you know the Konakni Charitable Foundation is now officially open for business. I have enclosed a letter of appeal to all Konkani to be included in *Khabbar*. This letter is forwarded on behalf of the foundation.

Thanks.

Vinayak Kudva
vinniek42@hotmail.com

Khabbar Editor:

I have attached Word and .pdf versions of an article about the 2010 Konkani cruise for inclusion in the December issue of *Khabbar*.

Thank you.

Lynne Mallya
lynnemallya@verizon.net

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

Ms VINITA BIJUR had the honour of singing the national anthem on the waterfront stage during the Canada Day celebrations held in Burlington, Ont.

NEELES NADKARNI of Toronto, Ont. who is already a Diplomat of the American Board of Internists, appeared in July 2009, for the examination of Fellowship of Royal College of Physicians, Canada. He also presented defense for his PhD-thesis in Gait, cognition and Alzheimer's disease at the University of Toronto. He was successful in both with flying colours and is now MD, FRCP(C), Ph.D.

ASHOK BHATT's firm Zaritsky Penny LLP merged with Neal Pallett and Townsend LLP to be called NPT LLP. This merger will join two excellent firms that share in philosophy, vision and quality of service, while complementing in professional advisory specializations. Once integrated, the combined firm will employ 12 partners and 58 staff making it the largest Chartered Accountancy firm in London, ON. Ashok will be the President of NPT Valuations Inc. and will specialize in valuations, mergers & acquisitions, buy/sell of businesses and dental practices etc.

The NIH Director's Pioneer Award Program is a unique aspect of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research, a high-risk research initiative of Research Teams of the Future. Pioneer Awards are designed to support individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose pioneering – and possibly transforming approaches – to major challenges in biomedical and behavioral research. The term “pioneering” is used to describe highly innovative approaches that have the potential to produce an unusually high impact on a broad area of biomedical or behavioral research, and the term “award” is used to mean a grant for conducting research, rather than a reward for past achievements. To be

considered pioneering, the proposed research must reflect ideas substantially different from those already being pursued in the investigator's laboratory or elsewhere. Biomedical and behavioral research is defined broadly in this announcement as encompassing scientific investigations in the biological, behavioral, clinical, social, physical, chemical, computational, engineering, and mathematical sciences.

Awardees are required to commit the major portion (at least 51%) of their research effort to activities supported by the Pioneer Award. Investigators at all career levels are eligible, and those at early to middle stages of their careers and women and members of groups underrepresented in biomedical or behavioral research are especially encouraged to apply.

One of the 2009 Pioneer Award Recipients is **Krishna V. Shenoy**, Ph.D., Stanford University.

Krishna V. Shenoy, Ph.D., is an associate professor of electrical engineering and bioengineering at Stanford University. He received a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1995. Shenoy combines theoretical, computational, behavioral, and electrophysiological techniques to determine how neural circuits generate arm movements and uses this knowledge to design neurally controlled prosthetic systems for profoundly paralyzed patients. He is using his Pioneer Award to create the technology needed to record—and perturb—neural activity and record muscle and body movements in freely moving nonhuman primates. He will use a fully wireless system to study how the brain orchestrates a broad range of movements, which could lead to new ways to treat paralysis in people.

NANDITA BIJUR recently had an article published in the online edition of The Toronto Star. The article discusses the efforts of various cultural organizations in preserving culture, including the Konkani Association of Ontario. Nandita is currently in Grade

11 and is president of two social justice clubs in her school, including a women's issues club and a group for youth with developmental disabilities.

Dr. SANDEEP KAMATH of Dallas, TX completed his fellowship in Cardiology from U.T. Southwestern College of Medicine, Dallas, TX and has now a Cardiologist License. He has accepted position of Asst. Professor of Cardiology and practicing cardiologist at University of Virginia Medical School/Hospital in Charlottesville. He and his wife Christina and daughter Anjali (6 Months old) have relocated from Dallas, TX to Charlottesville, VA. in September 2009.

In July, the Financial Express newspaper presented its Tenth India's Best Bank Awards in 12 categories. The banks are selected based on many factors such as growth, profitability, credit quality and strength over the past fiscal year. The country's top bankers were also presented awards this year. The Best Bankers awards were given in three categories: Lifetime Achievement Award - **KV Kamath**, MD & CEO, ICICI Bank (IBN)

Konkani Graduates:

AMITA BHATT of London, Ont., successfully obtained her CGA designation. The executive program consists of 18 months of online and in-person course work for senior leaders in both the public and private sectors, culminating in the CGA designation.

Ganesh & Shaila Prabhu of Cary, NC celebrated the Bharathanatyam Arangetram of their daughter, **Kum. SANJANA** (Disciple of Karnataka Kalashree Guru Smt. Supriya Desai of Payal Dance Academy) on Saturday August 22, 2009 at Athens Drive High School Auditorium, Cary NC.

NEVIN KAMATH, passed the California State Bar Examination and relocated with his wife Priyanka to Los Angeles from Cambridge, MA.

New Arrivals:

VIRIKA, a baby girl to Jayesh & Gayatri Nayak of Toronto, Ont. August 3, 2009.

TARAN NARASIMHA, a baby boy to Veena & Chetan Bettgowda on August 23, 2009 – Ganesha Chaturthi day. The maternal grandparents are Ramananth & Vidya Kamath of Hamilton, Ont. and paternal grand parents are Mr. & Mrs. Gayatri Bettgowda. Also, many congratulations to KAO's first great grandmother, Kusum Shenoy!!

TEVIN SANJEEV, a baby boy to Rashmi Bhandarkar & Ed MacPhee of Ottawa, ON on Sep 8, 2009. A brother to Callum Praveen. Maternal grandparents are Ratnakar & Sudha Bhandarkar of Mississauga, Ont.

PRIYANKA, a 7 lb, 21" tall baby girl to Anubhav & Seema Kamath of Brooklyn Park, MN on September 10th 2009, a sister to Roshin. The maternal grand parents are Gopi & Sheila Pai of Germantown, TN and the paternal grand parents are Jawahar & Aruna Kamath of Shakopee, MN.

JOSHUA EDWARD, a baby boy to Prithi & John Kurland of Old Westbury, NY on Friday October 16, 2009 at 5:58am, weighing in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and measuring in at 21 inches. The proud maternal grand parents are Dr. & Mrs. Satish Nayak of Wexford, PA.

ARIANA, a girl to Harish & Jennifer Nayak of Rochester, NY on November 10, 2009 in Rochester, NY. A sister to Kiran Rose and seventh grandchild to Vasudev & Shailla Nayak of Mays Landing, NJ.

DEVEN, a 6lb 12oz, 19" tall baby boy to Vivek & Anjali Rao of Redwood City, CA on Tuesday Nov 24th 2009. Proud paternal grand parents are Ananda & Syamala Rao of Pleasant Hill, CA and maternal grand parents are Ramesh & Pratibha Kamath of San Carlos, CA.

MILES, a 8 lb 3 oz baby boy to Vinay & Tanya Prabhu of Los Angeles, CA at 9:45 AM on Tuesday Dec 8, 2009.

The paternal grand parents are Dr. Vasudev & Sunita Prabhu of Mission Viejo, CA.

Newly Weds:

Raghu & Rakhee Prabhu of Elkridge, MD celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. ROSHNI with Chi. KASHIF**, s/o Ijaz & Bushra Malik of Laurel, MD on Saturday, Sep. 26th 2009. The Baraat was at 10:30am, Wedding Ceremony was from 11am to 1pm, followed by Lunch. Cocktail hour from 6pm to 7pm followed by Reception from 7pm to 11pm at the "Grand Ballroom" of BWI Airport Marriott, Linthicum, MD.

Chi ASHWIN of Anaheim, CA, s/o Smt. Suman & late Vijay Rao of Mumbai, married to **Sow. SHWETA**, d/o Pramod Vinayak & Gauri Rao of Mumbai on Saturday October 31st 2009 at Hotel Sea Princess in Mumbai.

Vasanth & Poornima Bhat of Lake Jackson, TX celebrated the wedding of their daughter, **Sow. VINDYA with Chi. SRIDHARAN**, s/o P. S. and Parimala Raman of Atlanta, GA on Sunday November 8th 2009 at the Piedmont Park in Atlanta, GA followed by a reception at the Magnolia Hall of the Park.

Relocation:

The newlyweds, The **BHASKARS**, Reena & Avinash, have relocated to 21 Grove Street, Summit, NJ 07901. The email ID: reenayak@yahoo.com

The **PRABHU** family, Manjunath & Hema, together with their kids, Vandana & Pramod, have moved from Rochester Hills, MI to 3509, Bally ford Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704. The new telephone is (309)-662-5036 and email ID: mprabhu@yahoo.com

The **BENEGAL** family, Arvind & Sonali, have relocated from Atlanta, GA to India and their new address is T-1, Bailey Apartments, 10 Rhenius St., Richmond Town, Bengaluru 560025. Email ID: abenegal@gmail.com

The **BRAHME** family, Nanda & Anita of Oak Park, CA moved to

Newark, DE. Their new address is 801 No. Barrett Lane, Newark, DE 19702. Tel. No. is (302) 738-4067.

60th Birthday Bash:

MUKUND PAI, of Solon, OH, celebrated his 60th birthday in August. He was thrown a surprise 60th birthday party by his wife Surekha and sons Gautam & Satyan. He was surrounded by about 80 family and friends from all over to celebrate this special occasion. The evening was filled with surprises including guitar performances by his sons and Prashant and Arjun Balwally of Dayton, OH, as well as a visit from "The Oddfather" to initiate him into the mafia.

A Shasthi Shanti pooja will be performed for him in Mumbai on Friday, Jan 8, 2010. Friends & family who will be in India during that time are most welcome to attend the function at Wadala Matt (Mumbai). We would be honored by your presence.

40th Wedding Anniversary:

RAMESH & PRATIBHA KAMATH of San Carlos, CA celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in Hawaii in November of 2009.

Welcome to America:

Mrs. Vijaya Manelkar has been posted with State Bank of India, NY for a period of minimum of 4 years. Her address is: 4323 Colden St, Apt # 25 D, Flushing, NY 11355. Tel: 347-732-4005

Obituary:

(PALIMAR) ANANDRAO DAYANAND PRABHU (72) passed away peacefully on September 2, 2009. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his brother Dr. Vasudev Prabhu and family of Mission Viejo, CA.

Smt. VIJAYABAI GULVADY, w/o Late Gurudattrao Gulvady passed away on Sept. 2, 2009 in Pune, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter, Meena Rao & family of Los Angeles, CA, son, Pradeep Gulvady & family of Saugus, CA, and Niranjana Gulvady & family of Pune, India.

SUJIR GOVIND NAYAK (86), eminent Chartered Accountant of Mumbai passed away peacefully on Sep 19th 2009.

Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to his daughter, Gita Bantwal & family of Jamison, PA, son Ajit Nayak & family of Denver, CO, wife, Smt. Tara Nayak of Juhu, Mumbai, son, Radhakrishna Nayak & family of Mangalore and grandson Vivek Bantwal of New York, NY.

Sri Nayak's latest novel in English about a young man taking part in independence of India will be published in November. He had published his second Kannada novel "Sambrama" in January 2009 and the first novel "Satyam Shivam Sundaram" 2006. His collection of short stories that were published in the 1950's was also reprinted in 2006.

He was the editor of the college magazine and the student union leader at St. Aloysius College, Mangalore. He took active part in the freedom movement. He worked with Ramdas Gandhi, s/o Mahatma Gandhi at Nagpur and was to visit Mahatma Gandhi with Ramdas but Gandhiji was assassinated.

Sri Nayak was an active member of the Progressive Writers Association in Mangalore between 1941 and 1954. He participated in social, cultural, and literary activities of Dakshina Kannada District. As a young enthusiastic writer, he was known to the readers of the Time and was received reviews in newspapers and magazines like Navabharath and Usha. He moved to Bombay after becoming a Chartered Accountant in 1956 and had retired in June of this year.

Smt. SUNITHA MALLYA (84) passed away peacefully on Sep 21, 2009. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter, Aruna Gupta & family of and brother Ratnakar Bhandarkar & family of Mississauga, Ont.

Smt. VASUDHA HALDIPUR (85) passed away in Bangalore on September 22, 2009, after a valiant three week struggle with lung infection. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son, Gaurang Haldipur and family of Sugar land, TX.

Dr. MAHARAJ KAUL (68) passed away on September 30th, 2009, following a brief illness in California. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his sister, Mrs. Usha Shiralkar of Sugar Land, TX and family.

He was a civil engineer who graduated from UC Berkeley and was very highly regarded in his profession. He was a political activist and the author of a book "Amnesty International and Its Neo-Colonial Mission" as well as the author of several political journal articles. Most importantly, he was a tireless and selfless worker in the service of the poor and less fortunate in India. But Maharaj's passion was the work he did promoting social justice, economic equality and freedom for the masses. Ever since his university days, when he was active in the India Forum, he relentlessly worked for his passion. He was the founding member of many organizations, such as South Asians for Collective Action, Coalition Against Communalism, Pakistan-India- Friendship Society, and the Gadar Heritage Foundation. He was also the founding director of the India Relief and Education Fund. He had organized dozens of film screenings of progressive Indian films, plays, and other events to promote the causes close to his heart. He never sought fame or credit for his tireless work. The Gadar Heritage Foundation is going to celebrate and pay tribute to him in January 2010.

Mr. RAM MOHAN SAVKOOR (79) of San Jose, CA, long time KAOCA member and a past president, passed away on November 7, 2009. He was much loved and admired by the KAOCA community for his humanity and contribution to KAOCA's development as a close-knit community. *Khabbar* joins KAOCA in conveying condolences to his surviving wife, Shrikala, and Savkoor and Hartland families.

Raghav (popularly nicknamed as Baburaya) Krishnaraya Pai (81), passed away on Friday November 13th 2009 in Sunnyvale, CA. He was native of Coondapoor, D.K., Karnataka, born and raised in that town. He spent many years in Bombay working for Getty Lubricants and

retired with the Company. Then with his wife, he moved to Sunnyvale, CA with his son a couple of years ago. He was cremated on November 18, 2009 at Funeral home in Sunnyvale, CA. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife KrishnaBai of Sunnyvale, CA, sons Dr. Anil Pai & family of Cleveland, OH, and Sudhir Pai & family of Sunnyvale, CA and three grand children and his SIL, Sunita Prabhu and Co-BIL (Saddoo) Dr. Vasudev Prabhu of Mission Viejo, CA.

Sri K. SHIVSHANKAR PAI (66) passed away suddenly in Mumbai on Nov. 18th 2009. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his brother Mohan Pai & family of NY and daughter, Sarita Mallya & family of Hartford, CT.

Smt. YAMUNA PRABHU (84) passed away on Nov 28, 2009 in Chennai, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her sons, Dr. Ramakrishna Prabhu & family of Houston, TX and Dr. Balakrishna Prabhu & family of Taylorville, IL and daughters Dr. Chitra Bhandari & family of Pinecrest, FL and Dr. Latha Sukumaran & family of Temple, TX.

Smt. KOTECERRY SHANTHA ANNANTHRAYA SHENOY (88) passed away peacefully on December 1st 2009 in Mangalore. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her grandchildren in North America to Dinesh Shenoy & family of Markham, Ont., Shalini Byker & family of East Lansing, MI, Yogish Kamath & family of Mississauga, Ont., Girish Hegde & family of Columbia, SC, Sridevi Kamath & family of Chicago, IL.

Send your "hoon *Khabbars*" to:
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KONKANI HAPPENINGS

KASC Summer Picnic 2009

The KASC picnic for Summer '09 was organized at the William Mason Park in Irvine on the 25th of July. This year's event was scheduled for the late afternoon/early evening time frame. The location of the gazebo where the KASC members met was situated right next to the lake. The warm So-Cal sunshine, clear blue skies and the cool breeze made it another beautiful, weather-perfect day in So-Cal. Kudos to **Vivek Pai** for choosing the great location.

The afternoon started with social hour and snacks. A yummy spread of kachori, samosas, bhel, cucumber sandwiches, dahi wada, jalebis, chips and cookies definitely got everyone licking their fingers. The Bhel was the biggest hit of the evening, prepared and served by our in-house bhel-expert **Ashish Pradhan**.

Once the tummies were filled up, everyone gathered along the lake front. After the introduction of the new members, **Sabitha and Prasan Pai** organized interactive fun games. The first game was an ice-breaker where all the attendees were divided into groups and were given 2 questions. Everyone had a good laugh hearing the hilarious stories for "Fresh-off-the-boat" experience and "What I would do if I won a million dollars and had to give it away". **Raghu Pai and Vidya Kudva** were the winners. There also were several fun children's games which had the kids gleefully engaged.

Dr. Ramadas Kamath made an announcement on the Konkani Cruise. The evening concluded with servings of sweet, juicy watermelon wedges. The event was attended by about 90 members. The committee would like to thank all who attended and enthusiastically participated! See pictures at <http://kascevents2009.shutterfly.com>

By: Jyothi Pradhan, La Palma, CA

About 130 members of **AMKA (American Midwest Konkani Association)** attended the annual picnic on August 8th at the Phillips Park in Aurora, Illinois. After a sumptuous meal, kids enjoyed the play areas available at the park in addition to the train ride and zoo. While men played volleyball in the hot sun, women stayed in the cool shelter to play pictionary and charades.

Drs. Narayan and Nirmala Nayak of KAOCA organized a free medical symposium on September 12, 2009 in Redwood City, CA. Konkani physicians and KAOCA members participated in discussions about health issues.

The Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO) held Dandiya Raas Garba on Saturday, September 19th 2009 at Northwood Community Centre in Toronto, Ont.

This year's **Konkani Sabha Diwali** function held on October 10th, 2009 at Sri Venkateshwara Temple Auditorium was a grand success. **Elegant Affairs** decorated the main stage with an impressive backdrop. **Jaimini & Santosh Kamat, and Vidya & Ganesh Kudva** took the lead in managing the registration desk and were assisted by many volunteers.

The program started with a serving of variety of appetizer, most of which were prepared by enthusiastic volunteers. Many thanks to volunteers **Vidya Kudva, Maya Shenoy, Usha Bhat, Sheela Manelkar, Vrinda Kamath, Poornima Kamath, Nandita Shenoy, Suvarchala Kamath, Jaimini Kamat** and many more who brought mouth watering specialty appetizers and desserts to the function. By 3:30 PM a favorite leg of the program 'Dandiya' started. Konkani's were in their full form either playing Dandiya or gathering together in small groups for the other favorite activity 'Panchadika'.

By 4 PM Puja started, followed by prayers. At the conclusion of the puja, our master of the ceremony from last year, **Sushma Kamath** took the stage, accompanied by **Sudhesh Nayak**. Together they set the stage for a variety of programs that dazzled the crowd. Program started with bhajans and prayers from young kids and quickly moved into a medley of music, songs and dazzling dances. Audience enjoyed the 'Jai Ho', 'Dance Pe Chance Mar ley', 'Ella Maya' (Kannada) and many other dances by youngsters. Ladies performance of 'Gondhol' mesmerized the crowd. **Arun and Sheela Manelkar** performed a skit that entertained many. Highlight of the program was the skit '*Kasane Korche Maraya*' received standing applause from the crowd. Konkani Laughter Challenge was a hit with non-stop comedy from many enthusiasts. The winner was none other than our MC, **Sudhesh Nayak**. Runners-up was veteran entertainer, **Arun Manelkar**.

Thanks to **Vinit and Vallabh Nayak** for arranging and managing the sound system. Thanks to **Rajesh Nayak** for the evite and program compilation. Hats off to **Vivek Shenoy** for printing colorful certificates for the participants, and for taking photographs of the function. I appreciate the effort by **Ganesh Kudva** and **Amit Kantak** for picking-up and dropping off the music system. Special thanks to **Vrinda and Satish Kamath** for managing the Kitchen for the entire evening. Credit for volunteering goes to dozens of other people including **Usha and Dinkar Bhat, Nita and Vivekanand Shenoy**.

Special note of thanks to the next gen kids who managed the kitchen/serving/chair setup/etc. - **Sushruth, Neil, Anita, Naina, Akshaya & Abhay** and many more... The program concluded with a grand buffet of mouth watering Konkani dishes including *Bibbe-Tendle Upkari, Batata Song, Valval, Toor Ghashi*. A separate note of thanks to **Shankari** and **Damodar Pai** for catering delicious and authentic Konkani food.

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Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) celebrated their annual Diwali function on Oct 10th at Sugarland Community Center in Sugar Land, TX with 146 persons in attendance! Kids and young adults who participated with shlokas, dances, songs, playing the violin and keyboard made this program a huge success. These were **Ms. Saisha, Uma and Rohit Kamath, Neha and Rohan Bhat, Ketaki Joshi, Pooja Nayak, Nikhil Baliga (Jr), Ria Rao, Shivani and Amrith Lotlikar, Samhita Bhat, and Sheela Prabhu**.

Meera Lotlikar and Kumud Nilekani sang the invocations, **Pushpa Desai** coordinated the prayer and aarthi, **Namrata Sirur and Nikhil Baliga** emcee'd. **Gauri Sirur** wrote and coordinated the Konkani skit enacted by **Gauri Sirur, Chetan Bhat, Deepa Karkal, Sharda Pai, and Pratik Karkal**. **Suresh & Kusum Pai, Ramkrishna & Maya Prabhu, Sharda Pai, Shanti Bhat, Pushpa Desai, Ravindra Pai, Raghavendra Pai, and Umesh Baliga** entertained with their singing. **Hema Kamath and Chaya Ubhayakar** engaged interactive sessions. **Venkataramana and Prabha Pai** amused audience with their real life Korean experiences. **Deepa Karkal** entertained with standup comedy. **Neela Kamath, Archana Rao, Madhav Ubhayakar, and Ramesh Kamath** did soulful karaoke singing. **Mohan Bhatt** performed extempore English songs.

Special thanks to **Prashant Lotlikar, Sadananda & Sharda Pai, Kumar and Gauri Sirur, Raju & Hema Kamath, Pushpa Desai, Suresh & Kusum Pai, Prabha & Anu Malya, Ramkrishna & Maya Prabhu, Madhav & Chaya Ubhayakar, Shanti & Mohan Bhatt, Ratnakar & Lata Bhatt, Ravindra & Shanthi Pai, Venkataramana & Prabha Pai, Sunil & Sandhya Shenoy, Pramod & Archana Rao, Prakash, Deepa, & Pratik Karkal, Didi & Nikhil Baliga, Ian Rao, Gurudath Kamath and Nikhil Nayak**.

If you are interested in getting DVD copies, please contact Shanti Bhatt and/or Chetan Bhat. The cost for the DVDs is \$15.

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The Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO) held annual Diwali function on Saturday, October 24th 2009 at Chinguacousy Secondary School in Brampton, Ont.

The Konkani Social Club (KSC) of South Texas celebrated their annual Diwali function on Saturday October 24th 2009 at the Madras Pavilion from 7:00 PM to past midnight. The hall was decorated with authentic Diwali items including the *Akash Goodu*. The program started with invocation of Goddess Lakshmi by **Smt. Shanta Rao**, visiting from India. Popular Emcees **Sunil Shenoy & Sheila Reddy** welcomed the audience for the fun-filled event sponsored by **Suresh & Usha Shenoy** of Sugar Land, TX. **Uma Kamath** did her maiden dance performance, a Bollywood dance, followed by a dance by **Samhita Bhat. Gayathri Rao** also danced to a popular Bollywood tune. **Deepa Karkal's** standup comedy followed by **Venkataramana & Prabha Pai** 's real life funny Korean experiences. The Karaoke singing by **Prashanth Lotlikar and Vijaynath Shenoy** and duets by **Govind Shetty "Shenoy" & Suresh Shenoy, Suresh & Usha Shenoy** thrilled the audience. **Sheila Reddy** performed another popular Bollywood dance. **Narendra Rao** conducted a hilarious "Run Girls Run" game. Dandiya & the dance to popular music were followed until the wee hours after the sumptuous dinner.

Konkani Association of California (KAOCA) celebrated its Silver Jubilee on October 24, 2009 in Campbell, CA. It was a whole day event with variety entertainment, live music by the noted Hindustani classical singer Nachiketa Sharma, nostalgic Konkani plays which made long time KAOCA members remember the history of KAOCA over the last 25 years. Of course, there was the famous authentic Konkani food prepared by the members with a 25-items sumptuous dinner. The socialization and cocktail hour crowd made one remember our "Sammelans", the last one being hosted by KAOCA in 2008 fresh in our minds.

The members of the **Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO)** went on a casino trip on Saturday, November 14th 2009.

Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) Diwali celebration was held at the scenic and idyllic Laguna Woods Club House Hall in Laguna Woods, California on Saturday, November 14, 2009. After an hour of socializing and delicious snacks, the program started with Diwali Mela, consisting of mehendi, competition for Rangoli, Diwali Sweets (mithai) preparation by members, and presentation of the sweets. All members were invited to sample the delicious sweets, view the Rangoli presentations, and vote for the winners. There was also Kiddies Corner for activities like drawing, painting etc.

The official program started with invocation and arati led by **Nandini Rao, Ramabai Pai and others**. This was followed by an artistically rendered Diya Dance. The participants were **Jyoti Pradhan, Bindya Baliga, Sabitha Pai, Anupama Kalle, Sujatha Dutt, and Anita Shenoy**. Little **Suraj Pai** (5 ½ years old), showed signs of a child prodigy when he used his tiny hands on a concert piano to entertain us with 5-6 tunes – some Western classical, some pop and to top it all, the popular Bhajan, Jai Jagdish without a musical score in front of him! **Ananth Pai** displayed his excellent dancing skills set to two popular Bollywood film songs.

Three generations of the Mission Viejo Pai family presented us with an interesting and hilarious Konkani skit on Diwali. They were **Raghu Pai, Ramabai Pai, Prasan Pai, Sabitha Pai and Roshan Pai**. **Presidents Prakash and Lynn Mallya**, delivered a vote of thanks, made a few announcements of upcoming events, and introduced new members. This was followed by Housie Housie, well conducted by **Pia Kamath and Ananth Pai**. Youth Rep **Roshan Pai**, did an exemplary job as the master of ceremonies. There were many winners. Of course, the event ended with a delicious catered buffet dinner.

The winners of the Mithai contest were First: **Vivek Pai**, Second: **Jyoti Pradhan**, and Third: **Deepa (Kudva) Samsi**. **Anupama Kalle** got a prize for the best presentation. Winners of the Rangoli Competition were First: **Nisha Shenoy**, Second: **Sabitha Pai**, and Third: **Sharmila Shanbhag**. Congratulations to all winners and other contestants.

Special thanks to **Venkatesh and Padma Rao**, for arranging for the venue, **Aravind and Beena Shenoy** for contributing the rent of the hall, **Venkatesh Hegde** for donating \$101, and **Ravi / Vidya Joshi** for donating \$25 to KASC. We also thank all KASC office-bearers and volunteers for working hard and making excellent arrangements, the stage performers for giving us good entertainment, and all attendees of the Diwali Celebration, for making it worthwhile.

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2 Indian American journalists win Wharton awards

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New York, Oct 1: Two Indian American journalists bagged the prestigious 2009 Knowledge@Wharton Awards for Business Journalism on Wednesday, Sep 30. The Indian origin winners are Sonia Narang, a journalist with NBC News in New York, and **SANJAY BHATT**, an enterprise reporter for The Seattle Times.

The awards provide journalists with a scholarship to attend the prestigious Wharton Seminars for Business Journalists at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in Oct 2009. "A mortgage crisis, global market turmoil, federal, state and local government budget cuts and tracking federal stimulus money. It's clear that economic and business coverage is important no matter what beat a journalist covers," said SAJA president Sandeep Junnarkar.

"The Wharton seminar is an immensely valuable opportunity for journalists to learn about intricacies of business coverage. We're grateful to the Wharton School for the 10th year of continued support," he said.

The award was sponsored by the South Asian Journalists Association (SAJA), the Wharton School and the Knowledge@Wharton online business journal.

Shenoy brothers awarded for community leadership

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Washington (HT Media): A member of the US House of Representatives has hailed the work of two Indian American philanthropist brothers on receiving Northern Virginia Community Foundation's community leader award for 2009.

Sudhakar V. Shenoy and Suresh V. Shenoy - both Indian Institute of Technology alumni - and their company IMC, Inc were recognized on the floor of the House Tuesday with Democratic member Gerald E. Connolly saying "accomplishments of these two individuals are truly impressive".

"They are successful businessmen, under their leadership, their company IMC Inc has become a highly respected and award winning technology solutions innovator that provides expert government, commercial and scientific solutions," Connolly said.

"The business successes of Sudhakar and Suresh Shenoy are matched by their philanthropic endeavors and commitment to the improvement of our community," Connolly said asking all members to join him in congratulating the two. Sudhakar Shenoy has a long history of civic and community involvement, the legislator noted.

In 1999, he was named citizen of the year and in 2003, he was named Lord Fairfax in recognition of his contributions to the community and his volunteerism.

He has been a strong leader and supporter in many organizations including the American Heart Association, Youth Aids, the American Cancer Society, Leukemia Society, Youth Life, the United Way, and the American-India Foundation, Connolly said.

Sudhakar was also named the Greater Washington High Technology Entrepreneur of the Year for 1998. In 1996, Sudhakar was honored by the University of Connecticut.

Suresh Shenoy currently serves as the Chairman of the National Capital Region American Red Cross. He also serves on the boards of the Kevric Company, the Fairfax County Information Technology Advisory Committee, IIT Heritage Foundation, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and was a founding member of the Thomas Jefferson Partnership Fund.

Suresh was an adjunct professor of Entrepreneurship, International Marketing and Business Administration at the Graduate School of Management, Clark University and currently serves on the adjunct faculty of the School of Information and Technology & Engineering at George Mason University.

In 2000, Suresh was inducted as a Fellow of the Information Management Congress (Europe) and AIIM International (US).

Gov. Paterson speaks to community on healthcare and budget issues

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NY Governor David Paterson addressed members of the Indian American community at an intimate event organized in his honor Wednesday at Akbar Restaurant, Garden City, by **Dr J. Ganesh Bhat**, Co-President of Atlantic Dialysis Management Services, and Ravishankar Bhooplapur, President of Xavier University School of Medicine (Aruba).

In his well reasoned out speech, Paterson conceded that the state of New York is facing budgetary challenges, though not as bad as California, Arizona and some other states. Giving the example of "choosing between buying toys for the children and paying the rent", the Governor said there are hard but wise choices which he has been pushing the legislature to make. "The legislature is making bad choices by pushing problems to the future", he said.

He also underlined the far-reaching steps and schemes he has initiated to take healthcare cover to more and more people—including changing the eligibility limit of Child Health Plus so all children get insurance, and allowing those in the 19-29 age group to go on their parents' insurance. In his address "Health Care and the Future", Dr Bhat highlighted some of the problems doctors face. While Bhooplapur welcomed the governor, Dr Nirmal Matoo, Co-President of Atlantic Dialysis, introduced the governor.

Closing comments were made by Richard J. Harris, Chairman & CEO of Comprehensive Healthcare Management Solutions.

Many prominent Indian Americans were in attendance that included **Dr J. Ganesh Bhat** and his daughter, **Dr Premila Bhat**, a nephrologist, to applaud the first African American governor of New York who is at pains to explain to the populace all that he is doing to solve some of the intractable problems of the large state

Gurbini Kappad (Baby shower Konkani style, a presentation of Sari)

Dr. Vasudev & Sunita Prabhu of Mission Viejo, CA celebrated Gurbini Kappad for their DIL, Tanya (wife of their son Vinay) on November 7th at our home in Mission Viejo. It was a joyous occasion for future arrival of their grandson in mid-December. It was attended by about 40 guests and family members. The ceremony started at about 12:30 pm. Vinay was seated on right side of Tanya. Sunita started with KumKum applying on Tanya's forehead and presentation of Sari which she wore on behalf of In-Laws. The ceremony was carried out with Aounti (showing aarti to Gurbini five times with five sided oil lamp) by most of the women in attendance and blessed with Akshata (sprinkled with kumkum rice on both of their heads). As the Aounti was carried out, all the women sang related songs, shlokas, mantras and bhajans in outdoor atmosphere in decorated backyard of the home and in presence of the Sun God as the witness as if he was also blessing the couple. After the ceremony, delicious lunch (appetizer with Samos and Bhajias with chutney were served before the ceremony) was served and catered by local Natraj Restaurant. Several Tasty dishes were included such as BhindiMasala, palak-paneer, Tadka daal, Baingan, Gujerati Patra, GulabJamoon, etc. Sweets such as peda, barfi, mysore paak and patra were catered from JayBharat Gujerati Restaurant. After blessing the couple (and future grandson in the tummy!) guests dispersed at about 4 pm. It was the most celebrated occasion of the day.

Submitted by: Dr. Vasudev Prabhu, Mission Viejo, CA.

Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy Amritotsav (Platinum Jubilee) Celebrations

Message from Shri P. Dayanand Pai, Chairman, Vishwa Konkani Kendra, Shakti Nagar, Managalore

Vishwa Konkani Sardar and Vishwa Saraswat Sardar Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy has completed 75 years. All through the years since his boyhood, he has dedicated his life to social, literary, art and cultural activities and it is needless to say that he has contributed significantly in these arenas.

During his younger days he was greatly inspired by the teachings of Swami Vivekananda and also the Gandhian philosophy. Then the writings of Pandit Jawaharalal Nehru the First Prime Minister of India influenced his thoughts greatly and helped him develop a VISION to serve the nation in particular and the humanity in general through inter-community dialogues and Sama and Samanvaya Bhava basing on equality and universal outlook. As a Bank Manager, he had the unique privilege of being close to two giant bankers who headed Syndicate Bank as Chairmen, Late Shri T.A. Pai and Late Shri K.K. Pai, whom he holds in high esteem even today as his mentors and at the same time, friends, philosophers and guides.

Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy got the rarest of opportunities to organize two World Conventions in Mangalore.

- He was the Chief convener of the historical First World Konkani Convention (Vishwa Konkani Sammelan) in 1995 &
- First Vishwa Saraswat Convention held in 1999.

While organising these two historical conventions he had travelled extensively and visited many places from Delhi to Kochi and Bhuj (Gujarat) to Kokata (West Bengal) and came in contact with a large number of people from all walks of life with a missionary zeal. As a result of these visits, he succeeded in knitting together 23 Konkani communities spread over 4 states of India speaking different dialects and from Hindu, Christian and Muslim (Navayat) religious beliefs.

The two World Conventions cited above have brought him closer to all Konkani speaking communities living throughout the length and breadth of India, in Gulf countries, U.S.A and U.K and the other parts of the World. Later he extensively developed these worldwide contacts that helped him to realise his VISION to build World Konkani Centre (Vishwa Konkani Kendra) at Mangalore on a three acre land. He is confident that it will become sooner or later a centre of attraction like Kashi (Benaras) to Hindus, Rome to Christians and Mecca to Muslims.

Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy has ceaselessly worked with writers and scholars in Kannada, Tulu, Konkani and other languages. He had organized cultural festivals in New Delhi, Baroda, and Mumbai to Kochi.

As President of Konkani Bhasha Mandal, he had worked hard for getting the Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy at Mangalore. It is not an exaggeration if it is stated that because of his tireless efforts, in the year 1994 the then Hon. Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri M. Veerappa Moily announced the setting up of Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy and he has served as the President of Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy for two successive terms when he worked to further the cause of Konkani. Government of Karnataka has made Konkani a subject of learning to teach in schools in Karnataka again on account of his endeavours since 1994.

Taking all this into consideration, Konkani Language & Cultural Foundation (Vishwa Konkani Kendra) has taken a decision to celebrate the Amrithotsav of Vishwa Konkani Sardar Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy in a befitting manner and elsewhere in this Bulletin full details of the programme are given.

I invite all the Members and Well wishers to join me in the felicitation programme to wish him health and happiness and longevity in service of Konkani Language and also the Society and the Nation at large.

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By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Board of Trustees of Konkani Language & Cultural Foundation has decided to celebrate the Amritotsav (Platinum Jubilee) of **Vishwa Konkani Sardar Basti Vaman Shenoy** on 17.1.2010 at Mangalore under the Chairmanship of **Shri P. Dayananda Pai, Bangalore. Hon. Shri Digambar Kamat, Chief Minister of Goa, Hon. Shri Oscar Fernandes, M.P., Hon. Shri Gurudas Kamat, Union Minister, Shri R.V. Deshapande**, Senior Political leader will honour and felicitate Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy. A Seminar on the theme 'Integration through language' will be held. Scholars, writers of Kannada, Tulu, Beary, Kodava and Konkani languages will participate.

Supreme Court of India upheld **H.H. Sri Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji** as the Pontiff of Shri Kashi Mutt Samsthan and all the 'Pratimas' of Sri Vedavyasa and deities shall be returned to H.H. Sri Swamiji by the parityakta Shishya Sri Raghavendra.

Shri Ekanath K. Thakur, Chairman visited World Konkani Centre in 20th September 2009 and voluntarily announced a donation of Rs.20.00 lakhs to the World Konkani Centre project and Bank Draft of Rs.20.00 lakhs was handed over to Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy on 5.12.2009 at their administrative office, Mumbai.

Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai, Director & Head and Shri U. Ramdas Kamath, Vice-President of Infosys visited World Konkani Centre on 19th November 2009 and declared an award for Rs.1.00 lakh every year to be given to litterateur of Konkani language in the name of his dear mother 'Smt. T.Vimala Raman Pai. He appreciated the 'VISION' and monolith of World Konkani Centre.

Shri Allen C. Pereira, Chairman & Managing Director, Bank of Maharashtra visited World Konkani Centre on 20th November 2009. He has donated Rs.5.00 lakhs to World Konkani Centre from Bank of Maharashtra.

The World Institute of Konkani language donated by **Shri Ronald Colaco** in the name of his parents Smt. Alice Colaco and late Shri Fabian B.L. Colaco will be functional from December 2009. Socio Econo religious cultural research work will commence and fellowships will be conferred to Research fellows.

Foundation stone was laid to the new Block of Manasa Hospital by **Hon. Sri Digambar Kamath**, Chief Minister of Goa at Shimoga, **Shri P. Dayananda Pai, Vishwa Konkani Sardar Basti Vaman Shenoy, Sri D.H. Shankar Murthy, M.L.C.** were present and felicitated by the Founder Dr. K.A. Ashok Pai.

A Symposium on the origin of Konkani Drama was held at the initiative of Kendra Sahitya Academy, New Delhi in association with Konkani Language & Cultural Foundation, World Konkani Centre was held at Bantwal Sri Yashavanth Vyayama Shala. Renowned Dramatist, writers from Mumbai, Goa, Mangalore, Kumta and Kochi attended.

It is decided to celebrate the Centenary of Konkani Drama 'Chandrasaha' written by **late Sri Bolanthur Krishna Prabhu Bantwal** at national level. It is regarded as the First Konkani Drama published by late Shri Bolanthur Krishna Prabhu in 1912.

'Konkani Bhakti Sangeeth Shibir' (Camp) was organized at World Konkani Centre on 23, 24 and 25 October 2009 for School Students of South Kanara and Udupi Districts. Renowned Singer **Shankar Shanbhag, Puttur Panduranga Nayak and Kodical Nagaraj Kini and Mrs. Namratha Kini** participated as resource persons. 100 Konkani Students took part in the Shibir for 3 days.

'Kodial Khaber' a Konkani fortnightly magazine arranged a Konkani Writers' Meet on 11.10.2009 at World Konkani Centre. **Shri Venkatesh N. Baliga** is the Editor of 'Kodial Khaber'.

'Vishwa Konkani Abhiyan' was held at Sullia, Puttur, Bangalore and Bantwal in the last week of October 2009. Konkani Yakshagana Bayalata was performed by Konkani ladies of Shimoga, Simha Nritya(Lion Dance), Kudumbi folk songs and dances and Childrens Dance were the main attractions for the Konkani people to attend Abhiyan in large numbers.

A Multi floor CBSE School building by Canara High School Association was inaugurated on 19.11.2009 Birth Day of late Ammembal Subba Rao Pai, Founder by **Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai. Shri P. Dayananda Pai and Shri P. Sathish Pai**, Donors were also honoured on the occasion.

Rare Konkani film gains Toronto festival spotlight (Reuters)

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TORONTO (Reuters) - The Toronto International Film Festival has catapulted several well-known Bollywood movies to global prominence in recent years, but 2009's event has showcased one Indian movie that had audiences buzzing for its use of a rare language, Konkani.

"Paltadacho Munis," or "The Man Beyond the Bridge" is the first ever film using Konkani -- a language only spoken in the tiny state of Goa in Western India and a few surrounding areas -- to be selected among the some 300 movies playing here.

Only a handful of movies have ever been shot in Konkani, mostly due to the small market. Recent estimates put the total number of Konkani speakers in India at roughly 2.5 million, a mere 0.2 percent of the country's 1.2 billion people.

Still, the film about one man's struggle to accept and love a mentally ill woman, has generated strong interest among a small group of the language's speakers who are excited by the rare opportunity of watching a Konkani film.

Director Laxmikant Shetgaonkar hopes his movie will appeal to a wider audience and that the festival's backing can give it the publicity it needs to play in theaters around the world.

Last year, Anees Bazmee's 'Singh is Kinng,' was showcased at Toronto and was one of Bollywood's biggest hits, and the festival also served as a platform for Karan Johar's romantic drama 'Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna' and Kabir Khan's first feature film 'Kabul Express,' which were both released in 2006.

"The Man Beyond the Bridge" follows the life of Vinayak a lonely forest guard, who one night comes across a filthy, unkempt and ill woman outside his house. Vinayak initially attempts to drive her away, but she keeps returning and a relationship slowly develops between the two.

But Vinayak is ridiculed and ostracized by local villagers, who cast out anyone with a mental illness and believe Vinayak's relationship with the woman is morally incorrect.

Shetgaonkar hopes the movie, set in the hinterlands of Goa, will cause audiences to question attitudes toward the mentally ill.

"The idea is to raise an issue, try to reflect different perspectives and make people think," he said.

Shetgaonkar also hopes the recognition gained by the film will encourage Indian filmmakers to produce works in other regional languages that do not have a long cinematic history.

"Konkani movies have a very small market ... But, since this movie is being screened here in Toronto, it shows that it is all about making a good film, irrespective of which language you make it in."

"The Man Beyond the Bridge" is the first feature film directed by Shetgaonkar, who has previously won critical acclaim for his documentary film "A Seaside Story," and the film was produced by the National Film Development Corp of India.

A visit - Dream Project of Late Smt. Rukmabai Tallur

By: - Mrs. Vijaya Nadkarni; submitted by Nandini Bijoor, nandinibijoor@yahoo.com

"A Saint of New India" Smt. Rukmabai Tallur on her 100th birthday had a vision - providing 'Food, Shelter & Education' to the poor handicapped adivasi tribal children. On this joyous occasion, she kept aside her gifts received for fulfilling her Dream Project, building a Residential School for the mentally challenged & the hearing impaired at Igatpuri 100 km from Mumbai towards Nasik. She called her niece Smt. Shitala Pandit & told her "take this money & build a school for these children at Igatpuri". Shitalapachi realized that this "dream" would require a lot more funds. To this Rukmakka replied, "Don't worry, you walk 10 steps & God will help you walk a further 20 steps".

Can you imagine that at the age of '100' Rukmakka could dream of such a big project. A true Karma yogi, who devoted all her life to the service of humanity, knew that you must dream big for the benefit of humanity.

This inspiration led Shitalapachi to take the initiative. Our visit on 12th July 2009 was to attend the Gana Homa, Vaastu Pooja & Navgraha Homa at the newly constructed School.

Built in beautiful & pictorial surroundings, near the Vipasna Kendra at Igatpuri, is the residential School. It provides accommodation & educational facilities for 103 children, 50 hearing impaired & 53 mentally challenged. The children are brought from remote villages of Nasik District. They come from poor & illiterate Adivasi homes, where a daily meal is difficult. How can the parents even think of giving them other facilities to overcome their handicap & become self-independent, leave alone to get some formal education?

This school has been built on half an acre of land. On the ground floor are 7 Classrooms, 2 Dormitories, a Kitchen, Dining hall, Toilet blocks and open space in the middle, where children can play indoor games & conduct other activities. These schools are functioning very well in temporary accommodation, which is now in dilapidated condition. The schools are recognized and have got an 'A' Grade from the Social Welfare Dept. but without any aid from the Government. The maintenance of the building, expenses of food, clothing, will be looked after by the Punyatma Prabhakar Sharma Seva Mandal till they get aid from the Govt.

To the clapping of hands, the children were welcomed into the building, which was to be their new home now. The dedicated staff assisted the children inside. They were led to the activity hall, where they showed the skills they were learning. Some of them sang some nursery rhymes. Others enjoyed drawing on the new soft board which one of the Donors, Mrs Kusum Karpe, had thoughtfully brought for them. The innocence on the faces of these 'special needy children' brought a tear to the eyes of the visitors.

The Pooja was conducted in the main hall, where beautiful marble moortis of Saraswati, Shiva, Hanuman & Swami Samarth were decorated with flowers. The main deity a marble moorti of Shree Ganesh seemed to be smiling benevolently on the work accomplished. After partaking the Prasad & enjoying the tasty lunch, came the most important function. The Principal of the mentally challenged children's school Shri Naval Sonar & his wife Smt Kalpana Sonar who are heads the hearing impaired children's school were honored. They are doing a laudable job without any salary. They stay at the school and are paid a nominal honorarium since 2 years from PPSSM. Shri Valu Sopnar fondly called as 'Baba' (from whom they have bought the plot), were also honored at the hands of Smt. Shanta Madiman, sister of Rukmakka. Thanks & honors were also given to Shri Arun Gokarn, who has offered his services for wholly managing the construction, together with his team of dedicated workers. They have done the work on no profit basis & at times below cost by extending credit. Shri Bharat Shah a renowned architect also gave his valuable service and various articles useful for the school. The function ended with 'Hip Hip Hurray' to Shitalapachi for her unstinted and selfless endeavor.

But this 'Dream Project' is far from complete. The first floor of the building requires an amount of around Rs. 10 lakhs for completion. After that the classes will be shifted to the first floor & the lower ground floor will house 'Vocational Workshops'. Special provision such as sound proof rooms and sound equipments need to be installed for the hearing impaired children.

We were dumbfounded / dumbstruck to see the humanitarian work done by the trust. So now it is our turn to help them in their mission. "Time is Money" but we may all not have time to devote to these children. But can we not do our bit for the Society by donating our mite? We can be assured that every rupee donated will be put to very good use. We spend so much on occasions like birthdays, marriages & other celebrations. We should decide that on every birthday and any other celebration we should donate for this noble cause.

Whenever you pass by Igatpuri, remember to take a left turn at 'Mahindra & Mahindra' plant & then wind your way past the 'Vipasna Kendra'. There you will see Smt. Rukmakka's 'DREAM PROJECT' taking shape which will make you feel happy and proud to be a KONKANI.



Konkani Calendar

January 2010	February 2010	March 2010
3 rd Sankashta Chaturthi	1 st Sankashta Chaturthi	3 rd Sankashta Chaturthi
13 th Makara-Sankranthi	11 th Maha-Shivaratri	14 th Meena-Sankranthi
14 th Amavasya(Dark moon)	12 th Kumbha-Sankranthi	15 th Amavasya(Dark moon)
22 nd Ratha Saphami	13 th Amavasya(Dark moon)	16 th Ugadi- New Year Day
26 th Yekadashi	21st KAO Musical Evening	24 th Shri Rama Navami
29 th Poornami	24 th Yekadashi	26 th Yekadashi
	28 th Holi- Poornami	29 th Shri Hanuman Jayanthi

Khabbar thanks Sri P. V. Kamath of Mumbai for furnishing the Panchang and My Astrologer-version 1.0 by Mr. Muralidhar Shenoy, Durham, N C.

My Sincere Thanks To

Some readers go out of their way to help Khabbar. Monetary means is one of them. The Advisory Committee of Khabbar has decided on publishing the names of the families that has contributed \$50.00 or more to Khabbar. This quarter, the following have extended their help and thanks to you

Names	Amount, \$
Vasudev & Shobha Shenoy, Houston, TX	51.00
Suresh & Usha Shenoy, Sugar land, TX	250.00
Ravi & Asha Baliga, Danville, CA	50.00
Sudha R. Kini, Bloomfield, MI	50.00
Damodar & Shobha Baliga, Brooklyn, NY	100.00

Statement of Accounts

Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
Balance Carried over since <i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XXXII No. 3	2,070.00	
Money Received:		
Subscriptions (35) and donations	816.00	
Ad (2)	200.00	
Interest	4.00	
Sub Total:	1,020.00	
Money Spent (<i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XXXII No. 2):		
Printing- <i>Khabbar</i> (410) - 20 pages		671.63
First Class Mail- <i>Khabbar</i> (363)		235.46
Canada <i>Khabbar</i> (14)		14.00
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper & labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		518.91
Sub Total:		1,500.00
Final Balance:	1,590.00	

Money spent on this issue was not available during press time.

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz: What is the longest word that has each of its letters occurring twice?

The Answer: **INTESTINES, ANTIPERSPIRANTES, ESOPHAGOGRAPHERS, CONCENTRATIONNAIRE, UNPROSPEROUSNESS**

The following gave the correct answer:

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX

Ashok N. Pai, Houston, TX

Raul Bhat, Washington, DC

Sachin Kamath, Plainview, NY

Akshay Kamath, North Brunswick, NJ

Praveen Kamath, Centerville, VA

This Quarter's Quiz

By Vasanthmaam

Continuing with the Konkani tradition of quizzing, here's the brainteaser for this quarter. If you can solve this correctly, send it to Khabbar address to have your name published in the next issue

A plane departs from city A at 10:00 AM flies due east and arrives at city B at 7:00 PM. Another plane takes off from city B at noon and lands at city A at 3:00 PM. What is the difference in their time zones? (All times are local. Also, exclude the effect of the jet stream on flying time)

Report from Konkani Youth Convention - 2009

Konkani Youth Gather in the Nation's Capital

In August 2009, over 120 Konkani Youth from 21 states and provinces descended upon Washington, DC to network with fellow Konkani, re-connect with old friends and family, and forge a path for the future of the Konkani community in North America. Over the course of three days, the youth participated in professional networking, educational seminars, and activities to strengthen bonds within the Konkani youth. The participants had this to say --

“The Konkani Youth Convention in DC was an amazing experience for all those who were involved [sic], I feel that the friendships that were formed in this short span of time will stay with many people for years to come.”

“It was a memorable weekend that I hope my children one day will be able to engage in as well!”

Sustaining Our Community

On the last day of the Konkani Youth Convention, several Konkani youth announced the creation of the North American Konkani Youth Association (NAKYA), an umbrella organization that will build, strengthen and unify the North American Konkani youth Diaspora. NAKYA was formed to instill shared Konkani values and culture while recognizing the unique experiences of Konkani youth in North America. The organization will foster and cultivate the Konkani community by educating Konkani youth about our ancestral past while creating a community consciousness that support professional and social development. There are currently ten active Board Members on NAKYA, and they are working to get more individuals on the Board of Directors and involved in a variety of committees that will focus on everything from language, food, and spirituality to highlighting individual Konkani youth in the network. Many of the participants at the Convention showed excitement about the creation and formalization of NAKYA and plan on getting involved in the organization immediately. One participant said, “I thought the final seminar really summarized well what NAKYA aims to do to unite Konkani Youths. All the Youth Co-coordinators are amazing people and I appreciated their passion and enthusiasm. I have high hopes for the youth activities in the future!” To find out more about NAKYA, keep tabs on their upcoming website www.nakya.org

Konkani Youth Give Back to the Community

After receiving feedback from previous conventions, the DC Konkani Youth convention planners hosted a seminar on the importance of volunteerism and giving back to the community. This seminar focused on three Konkani youth, despite having busy schedules, who found the time to make a difference in the lives of the underserved. **Manu Bhat** started off the seminar by sharing his story about donating his moonji money, at the urging of his parents, to the Sankara Eye Foundation. Through the support of his parents, he started visiting the Sanakra Eye clinics and saw first-hand the impact that free and subsidized eye care can have on millions of people. He now goes to India regularly to volunteer at the Sankara Eye Foundation and raises awareness of the organization in the United States. **Seema Kamath** shared her experience volunteering at the Bharath Sevashram in Bantwal Taluk. Using her public health experience, she conducted workshops on good oral health and provided oral health assessments and dental health screenings. She shared the stories of the people she met, and how she spoke Konkani to communicate with the people in the Ashram. Finally, the seminar was wrapped up by **Sunchenth Bhat** who outlined details for the Konkani Youth volunteer trip to India, and how the youth can get involved in these volunteering opportunities. The participants were moved by the experiences and shared their interest to get involved. One participant said, "I liked how honest and forthcoming the presenters were with their experiences, and I love the idea of going to India and doing something together."

Full speed ahead for the 2010 Konkani Cruise

SAVE THE DATES: JULY 5-9, 2010

Are you ready for lots of fun, sun, and relaxation? Then you are ready for the Konkani Cruise 2010! Bring your family and friends to enjoy four nights of a fun-filled cruise to Ensenada, Mexico, including a stop at Catalina Island.

Your cruise will include all the food you want (even 24-hour free room service), excellent on-board entertainment, gym and spa facilities, and a casino! We will also try to arrange authentic Indian food for lunch and dinner. A kids club and night clubs are added attractions! Or, just relax and enjoy quality time with your Konkani family and friends. Depending on the response, we may also be able to negotiate some space and time for our own group entertainment!

After prolonged negotiations with several cruise lines, we have decided to go with a four day cruise, Monday, July 5th through Friday, July 9th on the Carnival Paradise. The ship sails from Long Beach, California, on Monday at 5 p.m. and returns on Friday at 8 a.m.

You must book your own plane tickets accordingly. Details of the cruise can be found at <http://www.Carnival.com> or on our website at: <http://www.eteamz.com/KonkaniCruise2010>

Our dedicated travel agent is Joni Notagiaco. Her telephone number is 800-600-4548 or 310-338-2155. Her email address is jnotagiaco@cruiseone.com. Joni will respond to all your questions. We have reserved a block of cabins for our group. The earlier you book, starting January 15th, the better cabin you will get! You must put a deposit of \$50 per person to reserve a cabin (deposit requirements may vary depending on the type of cabin you reserve and the number of people in the cabin). The reservation period will end on February 28th. Please contact Joni directly by phone or email for details.

Prices we have been quoted are as follows:

Interior Cabin: 1st and 2nd Person, \$441.70 each;

3rd and 4th Person in the same cabin, \$331.70 each.

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Balcony cabins and suites available upon request.

Book early to get your choice of location and avoid any price increases.

Prices include port charges and taxes/fees. Mandatory gratuities (\$40 per person) are extra.

Remember: Summer is prime time for sailing and the ship books up fast!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Best regards, The Southern California Konkani Cruise Committee.

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NAKA, the North American Konkani Association

The NAKA Board now consists of:

Vasanth Bhat, Damodar Baliga and Nina Padukone (Founding members), Ramesh Kamath & Bharat Shiralkar, Vasant Acharya & Sandhya Kamath, Suren Kamath, Sudhir Golikeri & Suresh Shenoy, Ramadas Kamath, Ashok Bhatt & Sadanand Mankikar, Ravi Baliga. Seema Kamath, Ranjit Shiralkar & Sheila Shenoy Reddy (Youth).

If any North American Konkani have any constructive suggestions, please, contact any of the NAKA Board Members or send them to NAKA, 2465 Bergen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Phone: (718)-251-4795 and Email: naka1@indiatimes.com

This quarter, after the successful Konkani Youth Convention – 2009, the NAKA Board has been busy in finding ways to accommodate the newly formed youth organization (NAKYA) into the community fold. Also, the much awaited Charity organization KCF was formed to help our community at large.

NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
8/31/2009	Balance from last report	118,594.88	
11/30/2009	Interest	38.71	
	Final Balance:	118,633.59	

Signed: Damodar Baliga
Treasurer, NAKA

Update: Konkani Charitable Trust (KCF)

Namaskaru! I am happy to report that Konkani Charitable Fund Inc is now officially in business. We executed the By Laws on the 29th. As you know we have IRS tax exempt approval and we expect CA State Tax exemption also within the next two months. I opened the bank account today. Our opening balance is \$21,343.

Devu Baren Koro

Ramesh Kamath

On behalf of the Konkani Charitable Fund

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Good news from North American Konkani Association.

Konkani Charitable Fund Inc is now an officially registered non-profit charitable organization under IRS code 501(C)(3).

What does that mean for all of us?

We can now support our favorite charities in India that provide humanitarian service to Konkanis. These charities may include educating the needy boys and girls, helping with alleviation of poverty, helping with better healthcare, taking care of the elderly or any such activities that are deemed humanitarian. In order to stay within IRS guidelines, these charities must be reviewed and approved by the board.

How can we help?

You can support in many ways. You can make financial contribution through Konkani Charitable Fund, Inc to one of the approved charities. You can make a general contribution. You can recommend organizations that provide service to betterment of Konkani people. Remember that all your financial contributions through Konkani Charitable Fund qualify for tax considerations. (We suggest that for actual tax consequences consult your own financial advisor).

How do we find out about approved charitable institutions?

At this infant stage we are building a list of approved charitable organizations. This list will grow with your support. For the time being please contact one of the board members preferably by email with any questions or suggestions. That will help us to accomplish the mission of this charitable fund.

How do we make contribution?

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Our sabha is celebrating its **GOLDEN JUBILEE DURING 2009-2010**. During the Golden Jubilee Year we are concentrating on strengthening our Educational and Medical service base, so that we can serve our community better.

At present, we contribute towards Educational needs of the needy. We have been performing this activity for the past many years. And for the last 3 years we have disbursed the following amount towards free scholarships and books:-

Year	Amount
2006-2007	Rs.160,000
2007-2008	Rs.164,000
2008-2009	Rs.157,000

We would like to create a corpus of over Rs.20 Million so that we are able to adopt needy children and support them till they graduate and become an asset to their families. **Attached is our power point presentation on proposed "ADOPT A CHILD SCHEME"**

Another aspect is to provide medical aid to the needy. We are proposing to provide subsidized X-ray and Pathological services to families who cannot afford it. We look forward for the donation of digital X-ray machine & Pathological lab equipment from philanthropic and willing personals from USA & CANADA.

We, therefore call upon you to consider our appeal and donate generously to above causes.

I, Rajkumar am presently in Windsor, Canada with my daughter Mrs. Snehalata Kamath residing at 1402 Reaume Rd, Windsor Ontario N9J 1C2 (Phone - 519 734 1560). I will be here till first week of October 2009. You may send your contribution to the above address, by a/c payee cheque "GSBKCG Canara Bank A/C.no.0208101031218".

Sincerely,
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Recently, the response from Konkani families in North America for an appeal was overwhelming. The appeal was from the Gokarn Mutt Swamiji to get water samples from North America. It was accomplished even before I could publish it in Khabbar!

Hence, this idea came to me- If you are **REALLY** interested in helping, then join the "**Khabbar Kares**" email list. Any appeal I get, I will forward it to you. There is absolutely **NO** pressure. If you want to help, go ahead and if you don't, no feelings are hurt.

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