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FIRST CLASS

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.....

Dues to Khabbar is optional. Even then, it is probably the most prestigious issue for some of the Konkanis to be prompt with their dues payment. This family from Houston, TX who hasn't paid dues for quite a few years, learnt about their tardiness, and mailed a check right away to cover all the previous arrears with a note saying, "Please update our rating from CCC to AAA!"

The last issue of Khabbar(Vol XXXV No. 3) was mailed to one and all in the Khabbar mailing list with the intention of spreading the news about of the success of Konkani Sammelan 2012. Also, the other intention was to let all the people in the Khabbar list know that their name is in the list and should they want, they can have it removed. Encouraging news was, not a single family opted out but the sad fact was 10% (over 250) addresses were invalid! Anyway, one family's Khabbar came back with a note from the landlord " Mr. xxxx doesn't live here anymore. Let Jesus, the savior, be there for all of us" Quite a missionary note!!

SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

It is time to renew your subscription for 2013. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for Khabbar has been received since 2010. 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, TX77566-0222. (Canadian Konkanis please pay cash or MO in US\$)

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Name	Boy/Girl	d.o.b.	Hobby/Interest

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 2010**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2009 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 2010 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.

Please, note it is time to renew your subscription for 2013. The 2013 *Khabbar* Mailing List will be mailed **only** to families that have paid their subscriptions for 2012. The *Khabbar* Mailing List is a prized possession of our community and helps 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!

The after effects of KS-2012 is great. Already the youth are planning **Konkani**

Youth Convention in LA area in 2013. Please, help our youngsters who are trying hard to maintain our culture here in North America.

The newly re-organized **North American Konkani Association (NAKA)** is already busy in making **NAKA** a viable organization in North America. *Khabbar* will publish all the developments and progress made by **NAKA** on an on-going basis.

Khabbar will also publish progress made by **Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF)** on a regular basis. The team KCF needs all our support to help our folks anywhere in the world.

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. What a pity, only ten people were able to solve 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: bastishenoy@gmail.com 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 Konkanis 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. Also, **World Konkani Centre** will hold the **II World Konkani Convention** in January 2014

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 or thru KCF if approved by KCF. *Khabbar* firmly believes in helping our people whether it is in India or here. Here's a link to all the appeals I gotten so far: <http://www.ekhabbar.com/SpecialAppeals.htm>

On the sad note, I have to mention the untimely death of my good friend, **Mr. Sudhakar Mallya** of Wanaque, NJ. He will be missed by one and all. He was a supporter for Konkani causes and a great patron of *Khabbar*.

I hope the struggle to rid terrorism from this world will materialize soon. Hope Peace & Tranquility will prevail.

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.

Dear Editor,

My name is Savitri Babulkar. I am from Bombay. The organizers kindly allowed me to showcase my book, CHILDHOOD DAZE, at the Konkani Sammelan 2012 early last month. Unfortunately, I did not put the books up for sale till the last minute - when the dancing/wining/dining was in progress. Nevertheless, I recall you buying a copy, for which I am very grateful.

I wondered if you would agree to publishing a review of the book in your magazine. If you do agree, I could mail you Shalan Savur's review (which appeared in the May, 2011 issue.) for publication in your magazine. I have left behind 100+ unsold copies with my daughter VINITA JOARDAR who lives in

Rockville, Maryland, and can be reached at vjoardar@yahoo.com

Kindly let me know what you think.
Thanking you,
With kind regards,

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Editor's Reply:

I have published the review. I hope the readership will grab this opportunity to buy this book.

Vasanth,

You can publish this article about my *Vanhi* which was written by her daughter in law and appeared in iDIVA, the link is below. She was also honored by GSB seva mandal in

Andheri, Mumbai last week. This is true about selfless work throughout the life about my *Vanhi* (*Vahini, Bhabhi*), who had breast cancer and they were removed at early age, even doctors gave-up the hopes and carried out the life with courage, raised not only her (with my late elder brother) but also my younger two brothers and sister. Her daughter in law, Deepa Prabhu, has well written this about her life story in iDIVA.

This is the true meaning of "Karma Yoga" as one does not have to extract more meaning from the Bhagvat Gita's Shloka.

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KS-2012 Special Notice

Dear Sammelan Attendees,

Please excuse us for delay in displaying pictures of the Sammelan on the website & also sale of DVDs. The delay was caused by continuing technical difficulties in selecting the pictures, editing, developing the format for display on our website & editing & copying the DVDs. All of which is being resolved. The delay was also contributed by some of the major players involved in this project taking a much needed vacation after the Sammelan (Some even going to India). Holidays like Labor day, Diwali & Thanksgiving also contributed to the delay. Additional reason for delay is, the same team is involved in both projects!

We should be ready with pictures first & DVDs later. I request you to go to our website: www.konkanisammelan2012.org periodically, starting Dec 20. Also we are going to send all Konkani on our database, an e mail alert when either Pictures or DVDS are ready. Thank you for your patience.

Gopal Bhandarkar M.D.

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KAO Calendar celebrating 25th anniversary

Konkani Association of Ontario (KAO), Canada is extremely proud to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2013. To commemorate this event we in the Executive Committee have decided to bring out the first KAO Calendar 2013. This calendar will show case our four Maths, our Swamiji's and our Math Ishta Devs.

The KAO Executive Committee urges you to not only take a copy for yourself but also for your loved ones back home and here.

In addition to reach out to your relations/friends in US and encourage them to buy our first KAO Calendar. Actually you can ask them if they want to give this away to the local Konkani families living in the area.

Please find attached a few glimpses (draft) of what is featured in this. The months in the calendar will have a mention of all Hindu Festivals and more. This unique KAO Calendar is yours for a contribution of only \$7 per calendar (that includes S & H)

You can go on to our web site and pay online under the box that states US Customers at

<http://www.ontario-konkanis.com/events.shtml>

We sincerely believe that with your help we can spread the word about this unique calendar and our 25th Anniversary

Sincerely

Geetha - Niranjan Kamath on behalf of EC Committee 2012-13

President, KAO

kamath_niranjan@hotmail.com

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Konkani Graduates:

ATHMA, d/o Venkatesh & Vasanti Pai of Stamford, CT, received her Ph. D. degree in Human Genetics from University of Chicago in September, 2012. She will start a Post-Doctoral Research position at MIT in Cambridge, MA in October.

SANJAY, s/o Vasudev & Aparna Saraf of Lake Charles, LA graduated from Stanford University in June 2012 and joined Northwestern University for his medical education.

ANITA, d/o Vasudev & Aparna Saraf of Lake Charles, LA graduated from High School and joined University of Texas at Austin this Fall.

Newly Weds:

Maitreya & Nina Padukone of New York, NY celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. PIA with Chi. ROHIT**, s/o Joysil & Bindu Mitter on Saturday September 22, 2012 at 4:30 PM at Desmond Tutu Center in Chelsea, NYC.

Chi VENKATESH SHENOY of Cedar Park, TX, s/o Pushpa & late Divakar Shenoy of Houston, TX married to **Sow. DIVYA**, d/o Mr.&Mrs. Pramoud Rao of Mumbai, India at Villa Antonia in Jonestown, TX on Sunday October 7th 2012 at 4:30 PM.

Dr. Devdutt & Vasudha Nagarkar of Sugar Land, TX celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. POOJA with Chi. GAUTAM**, s/o Ranjan & Vijayalakshmi Patankar on Saturday October 27, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Grand Ballroom of Hilton Houston Post Oak, Houston, TX

Chi. RAKSHITH of Sugarland, TX, s/o Ganesh & Jayashree Naik of Puttur, India married to **Sow. SHRUTHI**, d/o Manjunath & Shaila Rao of Mandagadde, India on Friday November 2, 2012 at 12:00 PM at Shri Anantha Padmanabha Temple in Hebri, Udupi followed by reception at TV Raman Pai Convention Centre, Kodialbail, Mangalore on Sunday November 4, 2012.

Anil & Mridula Rao of Friendswood, TX celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Sow. ANURADHA with Chi. ANKIT**, s/o Bhagwan Kishore & Meera Mathur on Friday November 23, 2012 at Houston Marriott West chase in Houston, TX at 11:30 AM. The reception followed the event in the evening at the same venue.

New Arrival:

ARAV, a baby boy Vijay & Amritha Nayak of McLean, VA on June 20th 2012. Proud grandparents are Ramesh & Roopa Nayak of Indiana, PA and Kamalakanth & Poornima Shenoy of Mangalore.

AMAR, a baby boy to Amit & Shveta Mujumdar of San Francisco, CA on August 1, 2012. The proud maternal grandparents are late Surekha Keny and Vasant Keny of La Palma, CA.

LILY MIRA, a baby girl to Nihaal Rao & Deepa Shah of Phoenix, AZ, on August 11, 2012 in Phoenix, AZ. The proud paternal grandparents are Mohan & Suman Rao (formerly of Northridge, CA) of Litchfield Park, AZ, and the maternal grandparents are Kirti & Bharati Shah of El Centro, CA.

ANYA, a baby girl to Vivek & Anjali Rao of Redwood City, CA on September 9th 2012. A sister to Deven. The paternal grandparents are Ananda & Syamala Rao of Pleasant Hill, CA and the maternal grandparents are Ramesh & Pratibha Kamath of San Carlos, CA.

ALISHA, a baby girl to Chaitan & Sangeetha Nayak of Toronto, ON on September 10th 2012. A sister to darling Ashwin. Proud grandparents are Ratnakar & Sudha Bhandarkar of Mississauga, ON and Suchita Nayak of Montreal, Quebec.

DAANA, a 7.7 pound and 20.5 inch baby girl to Vindya & Sridharan Raman on November 16, 2012 at 10:01 AM in Atlanta, GA. The proud maternal grandparents are Vasanth & Poornima Bhat of Lake Jackson, TX and the proud paternal grandparents

are Parimala & P. S. Raman of Atlanta, GA.

SIDDHANT, a 8.3 lb. 21" tall baby boy to Durgesh & Swati Bhat of Pearland, TX on November 20, 2012. The proud paternal grandparents are Mohanchandra & Malathi Bhat of Bangalore and the proud maternal grandparents are Aniruddh & Sujata Shukla of Bangalore, India.

ZADE, a 6 lb. 4 oz. 20" tall baby boy born to Vinodh & Kalpana Bhat of New York, NY on Tuesday November 27th 2012 at 10:55 AM in New York, NY. A brother to big sister Shoriya. The paternal grandparents are Vasanth & Poornima Bhat of Lake Jackson, TX and the maternal grandparents are Gopal & Pratibha Bhandarkar of Bayport, NY.

Engagement:

Chi. KUNAL, s/o Bharat & Kalpana Kundaje of Buena Park, CA, got engaged to **Kum. DIVYA**, d/o Ramesh & Geeta Kamath of Mumbai. The engagement was on Sept. 2nd 2012 in Boston. The wedding will be in Mumbai in Feb 2013.

50th Wedding Anniversary:

Dr. Mohan & Mohini Kamath's 50th Wedding Anniversary was celebrated on a grand scale on Sept. 8th, 2012 in Garden Grove, CA. It was well organized by their children, Mithra, Murali and their family members. Mohanmaam's brother, Pandu Kamath of Los Altos, CA, gave an emotional welcome speech. There were short speeches by other family members, a musical story tale of the two by Mohan & Vasanthi Shenoy of Del Mar, CA. There were songs and dances by other family members, and a short Bharatnatyam dance. There was a delicious Indian buffet dinner. There were a lot of friends, relatives, and former colleagues who came to celebrate the couple's 50th anniversary. Everyone had a fabulous evening.

Relocation:

The **NAYAK** family, Ramesh & Roopa, will relocate from Indiana, PA

to 10098 Aspen Rose Court, Las Vegas NV. 89183 effective Dec 17, 2012. The new telephone is (724)-467-2029 and email: nayaksrus@yahoo.com.

Obituary:

GOURISHANKAR

CHIKRAMANE, husband of Nirmala, father of Sucheta Hattiangadi of Vista, CA, passed away peacefully on June 30th, 2012 in Mumbai. He is survived by his wife, daughter Sucheta, son-in-law, Bipin and grandson, Rishi, and his siblings and their families. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to the family.

Smt. SUMITRA NAYAK (84) passed away peacefully in Hyderabad, India on Sunday September 23, 2012. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son Ravindra Nayak & family of Flanders, NJ and daughter Rajani Prabhu & family from Hyderabad, India.

Professor MADHAV P. HEBLE

(87) of Toronto, Ont. passed away on Friday October 5th, 2012, after a brief illness and hospitalization. Professor Heble was awarded the distinction of Professor Emeritus after many years of service as a mathematician at the University of Toronto. He was a talented musician and vocalist with a long-time passion for classical Indian music. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Sushila & family of Toronto, Ont. To celebrate his life, the Department of Mathematics, University of Toronto, along with the Heble family, held an event with music, dance and tributes and reception on Sunday December 9, 2012 at Innis Town Hall, Innis College, University of Toronto in Toronto, ON.

Dr. KRISHNA I. KAMATH (92)

passed away in Ridgeland, MS on October 7, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Dr. Savitri Shenoy Kamath of Clinton, MS as well as brothers Padmanabh Kamath, Ranganath Kamath & sister Sharada Pai who are resident in Kerala, India, as well as numerous nephews and nieces. He obtained his Ph. D. in Petroleum Engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1958. After working in petroleum

engineering research in academia, industry research institutes and with the US Federal Government, he retired and moved to Clinton, MS with his wife to be near their nephew Deepak Rao and his family.

Noted entrepreneur **B. GANAPATHI PAI (77)**, chairman and managing director of Bharath Bidi Works Pvt Ltd, passed away on Wednesday October 10 night due to illness.

Bharath Bidi Works Pvt Ltd is the manufacturer of the famous 30 Brand Bides. Under his leadership the company emerged as one of the pioneering leaders in bidi business. He is credited to have brought gigantic growth to the company.

In 1954, Ganapathi Pai joined the bidi business started by his father Manjunath Pai. Soon after him his brothers Damodar and Madhava Pai also joined the business to strengthen the hands of their father in business. However, after the death of his brothers and father, Ganapathi single-handedly managed the business and wrote its success story. In 2000, Ganapathi Pai suffered a stroke and was in the ventilator for 3 days, but he recovered and was back to business.

He was married to Geetha, and the couple has two sons Ananth and Anand, and two daughters Roopa V Nayak and Rekha D Kini. His sons Ananth and Anand joined him in business.

Ganapathi Pai epitomized the spirit 'dare to dream and learn to excel'. Bharath Bidi Works Pvt Ltd is a living testimony to his indomitable will, single-minded dedication and an unrelenting commitment to his goals.

Khabbar sends heartfelt condolences to the family.

As appeared in Daijiworld Media Network - Mangalore (PS) Oct. 11

SANTARAMA PAI (72) passed away on Tuesday October 23rd at 10:00 am. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolence to his daughter Ayshwarya Bhat & family of Katy, TX.

BALKUNJE NARAYAN SHENOI

(93) passed away peacefully in Puttur, on October, 2012. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Smt. Narayan Shenoi of Puttur, daughter, Dr. Radha Kudva of Williamson, WV & family, sons

Ramesh Shenoi & family of Orangeburg, NY and Umesh Shenoi & family of Trumbull, CT.

Smt. RAMANI BHATT (82)

peacefully died on Friday October 26th in Baroda (Vadodara), Gujarat. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son, Ashok Bhatt & family of Richmond Hill, Ont. and Aruna Pai & family of Tilbury, Ont., Rita Kamath & family of Bombay, and Prakash Bhatt of Baroda.

Dr. PARVATHI BASRUR (83)

passed away on November 10, 2012, just a week short of receiving her special award for prominent Canadians under the auspices of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This award would have crowned her illustrious career already honoured with the Order of Canada in 2004. Since the Sixties, she had been an acclaimed professor of genetics at the University of Guelph. Her expertise in the field of veterinary medicine was highly sought-after not only in Canada but in the emerging geopolitical powerhouses such as Brazil and India. Pari, in fact, never recovered from the shock of the untimely demise of her own daughter, Dr. Sheela Basrur, in 2008. True to the highly demanding career trajectory set by her accomplished parents, young Sheela distinguished herself by rising to prominence as the articulate voice of Ontario in its crusade against the dreaded 2003 SARS epidemic in her capacity as Deputy Minister of Health of Ontario. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolence to Pari's husband, Dr. Vasanth Basrur, oncologist in Kitchener-Waterloo Grand River Hospital and her daughter Jyothi, grandchildren Simone, Natasha and Nina, brother Ram and sister-in-law Kam.

SUDHAKAR MALLYA (66)

of Wanaque, NJ passed suddenly on Friday October 12th 2012 in NJ. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Nandini Mallya of Wanaque, NJ, daughter Aarti Mallya Jacobsen & family of Montclair, NJ and son Sharad Mallya & family of New Providence, NJ.

KARKALA GOVINDARAYA PAI (77) of Mumbai passed away suddenly

in Mumbai on Tuesday November 13, 2012. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Sudha & son

Dr. Ashok Pai with family of Mumbai and brother Dayananda Pai & family

of Westchester, PA and daughter Asha Dhume & family of Sugar Land, TX.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

The Konkani Association of Northern California (KAOCA)

Pt. Sri Upendra Bhat Concert:

Pt. Upendra Bhat, senior most shishya of Late Pt. Bhimsen Joshi visited the Bay Area with a performance on Oct 6th, 2012. He regaled the audience of KAOCA music aficionados with a select choice of classical, semi-classical, bhajan, abhang, and also hindi movie songs based upon classical ragas. He shared a few award winning Konkani songs as well which brought cheers from the audience. He shared several vignettes of his guru, the most interesting of which was that 'Panditji (Joshi) always believed in making classical music accessible to the common man'. Pt. Bhat's performance truly reflected that philosophy. His demonstration of usage of Raga Bhimpalās from a classical setting to natya sangeet to ghazals to top bollywood hits brought an appreciative chuckle from the audience. His performance was very well attended and appreciated by all KAOCA attendees.

KAOCA Diwali Grand Gala:

KAOCA celebrated Diwali on December 1, 2012. After a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend, KAOCA members in full strength (over 350 people) attended KAOCA Diwali Grand event at the Woodside High School Performing Arts Center, Woodside, CA. A majestic performance hall with a beautiful stage, KAOCA members enjoyed a welcome tannik. The program started promptly at 5:00 pm. The day began with Ganesh Vandana and Pushpanjali dance, a group Bharatanatyam dance. This was followed by 'Konkanpuri' group dance by KAOCA ladies who admirably performed this dance which is modeled on an Oriya folk dance. A group of 16 young boys followed that with an energetic 'Dhinka Chika + Gangnam = Dhingnam' dance, a truly dhingana on the stage. Following Dhingnam, there was an amazing 'diya dance' medley performed by 20 girls and was choreographed by KAOCA's own Acharya's (Aruna and Medha). The dimly lit stage and hall provided a wonderful contrast against the twinkling diyas that these girls held in their hands. It created a beautiful atmosphere with amazing music and dance.

This was followed by a half hour of 'Bhule Bisre Geet' of golden oldies songs. The performance of these oldies songs brought cheers from the audience. All the songs were ably performed and equally enjoyed by one and all. President's Speech by **Milind Gokarn** was next followed by a raffle with a grand prize of an iPad Mini got all the audience involved in the action. The President for 2013, **Acharya's (Ram and Aruna)** was announced next and they promptly introduced their new 2013 KAOCA Committee. This was followed by a very hilarious Konkani play 'Sammelan Mahayuddh'. This witty, wonderful play was written and directed by our own KAOCA member, **Pradip Rao**.

As KAOCA members trudged over for dinner, it was raining very heavily. Luckily, KAOCA volunteers helped members get to dinner safely. The food committee had a scrumptious spread for dinner with traditional Konkani items, which was enjoyed by one and all. A prize distribution ceremony for KAOCA Sports and Picnic events followed by most amazing DJ Dancing the night away ensued. The beats of the latest bollywood hits brought out the best in the KAOCA ladies, men and children. The evening certainly belonged to the KAOCA ladies as they boogied the night away past 11:00 pm. All in all, KAOCA 2012 Diwali event, the final KAOCA event for the year, was a night to remember for all KAOCA members. Wonderful co-operation of participants, volunteers and members made it a grand success.

Contributed by Milind Gokarn, President (KAOCA), San Jose, CA

KONKANI SABHA CELEBRATES DIWALI IN A GRAND STYLE

Diwali 2012 was celebrated in a grand style at the Konkani Sabha Diwali event at Bridgewater temple community hall in New Jersey on Saturday, November 10 from 3 PM to 9 PM. The strong attendance level (approximately 300 people) shown by Konkani from the Tri-State and surrounding areas was a testament to the Konkani resilience and spirit, and hid any signs that the hurricane Sandy even hit the region just two weeks prior to that...

Attendees started arriving in big numbers on time and much earlier than in the prior years, perhaps due to the enthusiasm and excitement created by the successful hosting and conclusion of the Konkani Sammelan 2012. There were about 50 people standing in line for appetizers at 3.30 PM, which the volunteers said they have never seen before. The Konkani standard time (KST) definitely has got updated since the Sammelan in this area!

The mouthwatering appetizers of 'upma' and 'idli' were followed by Puja and Dandiya before the MCs for the event, comprising of 2 adults and 2 teenagers, kicked off the stage program around 4.30 PM. The varied and diverse array of entertainment and cultural items including music, singing, dance, drama, speeches, and MCs' filler jokes and tidbits kept the attendees glued to their seats till the very end. Children, youth and 'the youth at heart' all participated in group as well as solo performances to showcase their (hidden) talents in front of an appreciative audience.

In the middle of the program, **Mr. Ganesh Kudva** delivered Konkani Sabha President's speech thanking everyone for attending, participating and volunteering, and introduced the current and new committees of Konkani Sabha. The new committee is listed below.

Konkani Sarmelan 2012 President, **Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar** (also known fondly as 'Gopalmam' amongst volunteers) gave a speech thanking all the volunteers for working hard to make the Sarmelan very successful and amazing experience for everyone. **Mr. Ravi Shenoy**, Vice President of Konkani Sarmelan 2012 also spoke on the occasion and thanked the volunteers. **Mrs. Pratibha Bhandarkar** was felicitated for her very important behind the scenes work in making Sarmelan successful. She said that her main role was to keep the Sarmelan President happy, well rested and well fed during his hectic Sarmelan work for the 14 months. All the other key volunteers for the Sarmelan were recognized at a separate Volunteer Appreciation ceremony organized on October 7 by the President and Executive Committee of Konkani Sarmelan 2012.

The attendees observed a moment of silence to pay respects to our departed friend and active community member, **Late Shri Arun Manelkar**, who passed away in June this year. A short video documentary commemorating Arun's life and his past participation in Diwali events was shown on screen on the stage.

The Diwali program ended with pizza for kids and south Indian food for adults. Besides enjoying the Diwali entertainment programs and food, attendees were mesmerized by the beautiful, elegant and generous decorations done by **Elegant Affairs**, who have been sponsoring Konkani Sabha Diwali event decorations for the past so many years. There were also lot of 'panchadika' amongst the attendees throughout the evening, with topics from Sarmelan to Sandy discussed and analyzed thoroughly along with other 'khabbar'.

The committee and key volunteers of Konkani Sabha want to thank all our friends and volunteers who helped in Preparatory Meetings, Inventory Purchases, Evite Communications, Registration, Event Scheduling, MC, Backstage, AV, Photography, Auditorium, Dining Management and other areas to make the Diwali 2012 event a grand success.

Together, let's keep the Konkani spirit well and growing, and make these events still better and with broader participation, in the years to come...

Dev Baren Karo,

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Konkani Association of Southern California(KASC)

Diwali celebrates the victory of light and hope over darkness, symbolized by the victory of King Ram and his return from 14 years of exile. KASC's annual Deepavali event was celebrated at Laguna Woods Clubhouse on November 10, 2012 between 3:30 -9:00 pm.

After the social hour, members began the program with Aarthi and prayed to God Ganesh and Goddess Lakshmi. Popular Bhajans were sung by KASC ladies, children and men.

The cultural program commenced with a Ganesha Vandana – a semi classical dance performed by **Nivedita**. This was followed by a musical dance 'My Name is Madhavi', a song from Karadi Rhymes by the KASC toddler group. The song depicts the diversity and culture of India. Children were dressed up in costumes depicting various states of India. The performance by the toddlers was adorable and enjoyed by all. KASC parents and especially the mothers did a fabulous job of dressing up their kids in Indian regional costumes.

This was followed by a piano recital by **Uma Upasani**. Subsequently **Nivedita** also performed a Bollywood number "Desi Girl" from the movie "Dostana". KASC older kids group enacted a small Diwali skit. The festive atmosphere that Diwali brings into every household was the highlight of the skit. One of the lead characters of the skit went around and asked each kid what they were doing for Diwali. And the answers included making rangoli, eating *laddus* and *chakli*, building a lantern and getting oil massages along with hot water baths which is what typically people do during Diwali. It reminded the audience of all the festivities that Diwali brings. At the end of the skit, **Uma Upasani** sang a song "Happy Diwali" and the kids danced for the song. They did a great job and all the kids acted very well. After this program, **Suraj Pai** mesmerized the audience with his amazing piano performance.

Followed by this, **Bharat Kundaje and Shubha Kudva** sang a few devotional songs. Subsequently a group Garba/dandiya dance was performed by KASC women. The dance numbers included popular garba songs from Bollywood movie "Dil Hi Dil Mein". The dance was very well coordinated and synchronized by the KASC women and was well received.

After this program **Ravi Joshi** sang some of Rajesh Khanna's hit songs such as "Mere Sapno ki Rani". It was a tribute to Rajesh Khanna as the Bollywood actor had passed away early this year in June. Ravi Joshi did a great job of taking the audience back to some of Rajesh Khanna's hit movie days.

The evening cultural program also included a Diwali Jeopardy hosted by the KASC President **Rajesh Prabhu**. This trivia event was very interactive. Like the TV jeopardy, Bollywood jeopardy was quite competitive and it did test our knowledge on different Bollywood subjects.

The last program for the evening included a flash mob bhangra performed by KASC women. Unlike the other events that were performed on the stage, the flash mob was performed by a group of women right in the middle of the hall. A bunch of lead dancers began the flash mob and subsequently another group of ladies and girls joined them to double the fun. This was a unique entertainment program and the audience was stunned to see a flash mob at a Konkani event!

The event was followed by a nice south Indian dinner which included *avial*, beans *poriyal*, *sambar*, rice, *papad*, *gulab jamun*, *gajar halwa*. The highlight of the meal was the fabulous homemade *srikhand*. Thanks to all the KASC members for a fabulous turnout. Special thanks to **Veni and Padma Rao** for providing the beautiful clubhouse to host the Diwali event.

Submitted by: KASC Committee

Konkani Social Club (KSC)

The Konkani Social Club (KSC) of South Texas celebrated their annual Diwali function on Saturday November 10th 2012 at the First Colony Community Center in Sugar Land, TX 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. There were quite a few fulfilled entertainment events like Karaoke, Bhajans and Dance. After the sumptuous dinner specially catered by Udipi Café and sweets by Govind Bolloor, the attendees danced to popular music until the wee hours. The whole event was sponsored by **Suresh & Usha Shenoy** of Sugar Land, TX.

By: KSC Staff Reporter

Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS)

The 2012 HAAS Diwali Dhamaka event was held on 17th Nov at Mehfil Hall in Houston, TX. The event was ably emceed by **Nishant Kelkar and Sheila Prabhu** (kids' program) and **Anisha Kelkar and Shreesh Shenoy** (adults' program). After the social hour, the program started with **Mrs. Meera Lotlikar** lighting the Diya and the invocation prayer. Special highlight of this evening was the two plays that were so ably directed by **Mrs. Gauri Sirur**. The kids' play was written and narrated by **Mrs. Chaya Ubhayakar**. The adults' play, based on a story from the Panchatantra, was written and directed by **Mrs. Gauri Sirur**, with professional performances turned in by **Nandu Balsaver** and **Prateek Karkal**.

The new incoming HAAS Management Committee was also introduced at the function:

President: **Mrs. Maya Prabhu**,

Vice-president: **Mrs. Asha Dhume**,

Secretary: **Mrs. Sucheta Kini**,

Treasurer: **Mrs. Jyoti Nayalkar** (continuing),

Event Coordinator: **Mrs. Aparna Shenoy**, and

Youth Coordinators: **Gaurav Dhume and Shreesh Shenoy**.

The evening ended with mouthwatering dinner and people danced the night away to Bollywood music, and the "dhadakte" pulsating rhythms of bhangra that **Gurudath Kamath** so ably dished out as the official event DJ.

Vidya Kagal holds a one-person art show and releases her book

Report By: - C. Dinkar Rao, Austin, TX

Vidya Kagal of Denton, Texas, held a show of her art pieces in the hallways of the Grand Theater, Medical Center of Louisville, TX, for two weeks from November 10 through 24. Approximately 80 pieces of her artwork, prepared over the last about thirteen years, and consisting of different techniques and styles, both traditional and modern, were included. The canvasses varied in size and included a wide variety of subjects covering natural sea and landscapes, both Indian and Western, children, human groups, animals, stills, and portraits. Her particular strengths were in batik, water color composites, and encaustic (an ancient but resurrected technique of artwork coated with wax).

In the middle of the art exhibition, on Nov. 17, Vidya held a short ceremony at the Grand Theater, to also release a book of her Marathi poems. Many of her poems had been published before in various magazines in India. The book, produced in glossy coffee-table style, however, had some unique added features. It included English translations by **Anjani Upponi** of Dallas of a selected number of poems, and was very generously interspersed with photographs of a large part of her art exhibits. Thus, someone buying the book could also take back memories of the art exhibit.

Vidya dedicated her book to her grandchildren, who were all lined up on stage at the ceremony and each formally given a copy of the book. To honor Vidya on the occasion, her daughter **Alpana**, who conducts an Indian dance school in Dallas, presented several classical Bharata Natyam and modern fusion dance pieces.

Vidya's book is titled "SWAIRVIHAR - Unbridled Thoughts ." The book is priced at \$25, and the entire collection from the sale of the books will be given as donation to the Srivali School, in Shirali, North Canara, Karnataka, India. (The school provides free grade school education to children of the poor.) The books were all sold out; a new stock will be available in February 2013, and may be ordered from Vidya Kagal, 125, Pennsylvania Drive, Denton, TX 76205. Her e-mail address: dentonvidya@hotmail.com.

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

A meeting of Konkani held at Singapore. **Mr. C.D. Rajendra Prabhu**, Senior General Manager, Thakral Group of Companies presided. **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** addressed the audience and elaborated the present status of Konkani Movement developments taken place after establishment of World Konkani Centre. He also gave details of the proposed II World Konkani Convention in January 2014.

H.H. Srimad Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji of Sri Kashi Mutt Samsthan, **H.H. Srimad Vidyadhiraja Thirtha Vader Swamiji** of Sri Samsthan Parthagali Jeevotham Mutt, **H.H. Srimad Sadyojatha Shankarashrama Swamiji** of Sri Chitrapur Shirali Mutt, **H.H. Srimad Shivananda Saraswati Swamiji** of Sri Saunsthan Gaudapadacharya Kavle Math, **Srimad Samyameendra Thirtha Shishya Swamiji** of Sri Kashi Mutt Samsthan completed Chaturmasya Vrita of the year in 28th October 2012.

2nd and 3rd Batches of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund Scholarships were given to the Konkani Students at a function held at World Konkani Centre attended by **Mrs. Vidya Nayak and Mr. Ravi Nayak** from North America.

4TH Batch Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarships were given to 217 Konkani Kharvi Students and 163 Kudumbi Students on 7.10.2012 at Kundapur and Mandarathi (Karnataka State) **Mr. R.V. Deshpande, Shri Ramadas Kamath U**(Chairman), **Shri Pradeep G. Pai**(Secretary), **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy and Shri Venkatesh N. Baliga**, Secretary, World Konkani Centre were present.

150th year of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated throughout the World. Konkani translated book on Life and Teachings of Swami Vivekananda was released at Mangalore Ramakrishna Mutt by **Mr. S.S. Kamat**, Senior Chartered Accountant. **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** was present.

Shri Gowri Parab and Sri Ganesh Festivals were celebrated in India with pomp and gaiety in 3rd week of September 2012.

Seminar on `Konkani Novels - 100 years` was organized by Central Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi and Konkani Weekly `Rakno` on 6.10.2012 at Bishop's House, Mangalore.

Mr. R.V. Deshpande, Chairman (emeritus), World Konkani Centre and former Minister has been nominated to the Board of Trustees of Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam, Tirupathi from October 2012.

Shri B. Ganapathi Pai, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharath Beedies (P.) Ltd. and President, G.S.B. Seva Sangha, Mangalore died on 11.10.2012. Thousands of his admirers condoled his death.

Vth Batch of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarships were distributed at Kochi by **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy(WKC) and Shri Pradeep G. Pai**(Secretary, Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund).

Dassera and Deepavali Festivals were celebrated in the month of October 2012 in India.

A 3 days' Konkani – Kannada Translation Workshop was held at World Konkani Centre in collaboration with Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Prathistan(Anuvad Akademi) from 26th to 28th October 2012. 25 Konkani participants attended. Noted Kannada Konkani writers **Shri Na D'Souza, Shri S.M. Krishna Rao, Shri Vivek Shanbhag, Dr. Geetha Shenoy**, attended as Resource persons.

Konkani Translation of Kannada Novel Tembare written by **Shri M. Veerappa Moily**, Hon. Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, was released by Shri Moily at World Konkani Centre on 11.11.2012. Mr. Ramesh Lad, Goa has translated the Novel to Konkani.

Foundation Stone to the `Kharvi Samaj Bhavn` was laid by **Mr. T.V. Mohandas Pai** on 18.11.2012 at Kundapur. **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy**, President, World Konkani Centre announced Rs.25.00 lakhs to the Samaj Bhavan as donation. 100% literacy among Konkani Kharvi and Kudumbi children by 2020 was announced by **Shri Ramdas Kamath U** (Chairman, Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund).

World Konkani Centre has resolved to hold the II World Konkani Convention in the 2nd week of January 2014 (Salient Features of the Convention are given elsewhere in this issue).

`Rethinking Religion in India IV` was held at S.D.M. Law College, Mangalore in November 2012. The theme was instituted by **Prof. Balagangadhar** at Belgium. Scholars from Europe, U.S.A. and India attended.

HISTORY OF SARASWAT MIGRATIONS

To the editor of *Khabbar*,

Below is an article sent to me by a non Konkani friend, I had sent it to many of my friends everyone liked it, it has generated lot of interest in many Konkanis in India and also here in US. I do not know the author or anything about the article, except it looked very interesting, looks authentic, looks like lot of research has gone in, I thought if you can publish lot of other Konkanis can read about our history. I am sending it to you exactly like I received it. I only wish I knew the author was . Thank you.

Shalini Bhat

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Editor's Reply:

Thanks. This unedited version will be published in parts and this is the **LAST** part of the series

History of Saraswat Migrations (7 of 7)

Sakthan Thampuran & Persecution

In 1791, shortly after ascending throne the new Raja of Cochin, known in Cochin history as *Sakthan Thampuran*, demanded a contribution of jaggery from the Konkannies and made an injunction not to allow gathering of crops on Devaswom Kanam fields. On refusal, the Raja arrested a number of Konkani merchants and ordered them to pay customs to the king thereby violating the agreement which the Dutch had made in the year 1772. Letters were exchanged between the Raja of Cochin and the Dutch Governor, and the Dutch have determined to station a military detachment at Cherie to protect them, and insisted on recall of Raja's guard stationed there. The relation of Konkanis with the Raja continued non-cordial. The also demanded 30,000 *variants* from Cochin Tirumala Devaswom and that on refusal the trustees of the Devaswom were imprisoned. In order to get them released the Konkannies closed down all business establishments in Viper and Mattancherry as a protest against his high handedness.

On 12th October 1791 the leading merchants of the Konkani community were massacred including Devaresa Kini, Krishen, Goga Kamath, Manuku Shenoi and Nagendra. Again, the Raja caused three overseers of Temple Tirumala Devasom to be put to death because they won't surrender to him any part of the treasure belonging to it, and also plundered the shops and carried away the merchant's property. The Duth on seeing the Raja's atrocities sent an army and attacked the King's Palace at Mattancherry, but were repulsed. The Raja plundered the temple of Tirumala belonging to the community and looted the wealth estimated at over Rs. 1,60,000 from the temple alone.



The exodus and the Tirumala deity:

The persecuted Konkannies then fled in country boats to Thuravoor and Alleppey in Travancore state in 1792 A.D and presented their grievances to the Raja of Travancore thru Dewan Kesavadas who assured them that he would bring about their return to and stay at Cochin as before and in the interim allowed them to stay at Alleppey. They have also carried the Tirumala devar idol from Cochin with them. At Alleppey, they installed the Tirumala Devar, in the *Agrasala* of the Venkatchalapathy Temple and worshiped. In 1853, as desired by the Travancore Maharaja, a separate temple was constructed at Ananthanarayana Puram (near the previous temple) and the deity was installed there.

The king was exceedingly angry to hear about the massacre. Both Devaresa and Nagendra , the son of Ranga Pai , were his agents and between them took care of a great deal of his money. He intervened and urged the Dutch to take vengeance and to pay him a proper compensation. But the English (Mr. Powney, the English company's agent) in Travancore intervened, and the King of Travancore had to withdraw from the dispute.

The Tirumala deity was considered a good fortune for the area where it is located. Sakthan Thampuran made vain attempts to bring back Tirumala Deity from Alleppey to Cochin. He also made attempts to get back the Tirumala Deity through the Dutch Government functioning at Cochin. After the death of Sakthan Thampuran, Raja Kerala Varma who succeeded him took keen interest in the deity and wished to get it back to Cochin. He even addressed a letter to Col. Munro (1816 A.D) wherein he stated that "*as the rheumatic and hermeim disease which We have been suffering from, has grown more serious now and since no visible cure has been affected not withstanding that several physicians have treated the disease and, on consulting astrologers, it turns out that We have incurred the severest displeasure of the Cochin Tirumala Deity and that the disease will be cured if the Tirumala Deity is returned to Cochin, consecration effected and the poojas commenced....*". The Raja therefore requested Col. Munro to use his good offices for restoration of the image in question to Cochin; But the request was turned down by the then resident as a result of urgent representation of Travancore officers that the **presence of the image was considered to be intimately connected with the prosperity of the Port of Alleppey**. With the settlement of Cochin Konkannies at Alleppey, the place began to develop into a

center of commerce. The konkanis built 'Pandikasala' and started doing extensive business. It was during the prime ministership of the Diwan Kesavadas who recommended the case of Konkannies to the Raja of Travancore for their stay at Alleppey, that the new port of Alleppey came into being with better harbour facilities.

The desperate Konkannies who returned to Cochin planned the recovery of the deity by hook or crook. Ultimately the idol was clandestinely brought back to Cochin on the midnight of 7th Feb 1853 (just 10 months after it was installed in the new temple). It was taken out of the Alleppey Ananthanarayanapuram Temple at night in a basket covered by Naivedyam and carried to Cochin by country boat via Aroor, beyond which was the Cochin State. The people of Alleppey came to know about this only in the next morning by the time the idol was beyond the Travancore State boundary and could not do anything.

Since it was found that the Raja of Cochin had his hand in the Robbery, the Maharaja of Travancore put in a lengthy complaint with the governor of Fort, St. George through the resident, Trivandrum for the restitution of the idol in question, and the whole matter was referred to the Hon. Court of Madras, and a long drawn out suit ensued between the two states, Cochin and Travancore. The Konkannies of Cochin got through all ordeals and finally the Idol was duly reinstated in the Cochin Temple itself.

The 20th century and Rise of middle class

In the early 20th century, the rich temple Devaswoms started schools near the temples at places like Cochin, Thuravoor, Alleppey etc. During and after the first world war, many GSBs doing petty business utilised the business opportunities and made quick bucks. They realised the benefits of literacy and educated their children. Basically good in Mathematics and Commerce many of these children managed to get jobs as teachers, clerks and accountants. The founding of Canara Bank (in 1910) and the Syndicate Bank (in 1925) by GSBs of Mangalore and Udupi, gave employment to most of the educated GSB youths of Kerala until the nationalisation of banks. This resulted in a steady improvement in the economic conditions and social status of the poor class. Majority of them became middle class by the sixties. From the concentrated pockets, they migrated to other towns and villages and became dispersed.

The introduction of Kerala Land Reforms Act in 1963 relating to the fixation of ceiling on land holdings, the vesting of lands in excess of the ceiling in Government, abolition of tenancy system and assignment of proprietary right on land to the cultivating tenants changed the fate of the temples and many GSBs. The landlords lost much of their land and the vast lands attached to the temples were taken over by the government. With deteriorating income most of the temples (except a few) now struggle for existence.

THE END

Konkani Calendar

January 2013	February 2013	March 2013
1 st Angaraka Chaturthi	9 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	9 th Maha Shivaratri
11 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	12 th Kumbha Sankranthi	11 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)
13 th Makara Sankranthi	16 th Ratha Saptami	13 th Meena Sankranthi
22 nd Yekadashi	21 st Yekadashi	22 nd Yekadashi
26 th Poornami	25 th Poornami	26 th Holi Poornami
30 th Sankashta Chaturthi	28 th Sankashta Chaturthi	29 th Sankashta Chaturthi

Khabbar thanks Sri P. V. Kamath of Mumbai for furnishing the Panchang, My Astrologer-version 1.0 by Mr. Muralidhar Shenoy, Durham, NC and Vedamoorthy Raghuchandra Bhat of Brookfield, WI

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, \$
Laxmidas & Bharati Sawkar, Overland, KS	100.00
Ramesh & Roopa Nayak, Indiana, PA	60.00
Nandan & Sudha Pai, Basking Ridge, NJ	201.00
Vindya Bhat & Sridharan Raman, Atlanta, GA	90.00
Ramadas & Sumithra Prabhu, Hampton, VA	51.00
Ravi & Asha Baliga, Danville, CA	50.00
Govind & Pratibha Bolor, Houston, TX	85.00
Savitri Kamath, Clinton, MS (in honor of her late husband Dr. Krishna Kamath)	100.00

Statement of Accounts

Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
Balance Carried over since <i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XXXV No. 3	5,430.00	
Money Received:		
Subscriptions (26) and donations	1,037.00	
Advertisements (2)	40.00	
Interest	3.00	
Sub Total:	1,080.00	
Money Spent (<i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XXXV No. 3):		
Printing- <i>Khabbar</i> (2,530) - 20 pages		2,803.41
Mailing - First Class Mail- <i>Khabbar</i> (2,277)		1,480.05
Mailing Canada <i>Khabbar</i> (229)		267.93
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper & labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		688.61
Sub Total:		5,300.00
Final Balance:	1,210.00	

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

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz: This absent minded Konkani bank teller switched the dollars and cents when he cashed my check giving me dollars instead of cents and cents instead of dollars. After spending five cents, I discovered that I am left with exactly twice as much as my original check! What was the amount of the check?

The Answer: The original check was for the amount of \$ 31.63 & the cashier gave \$ 63.31.

The following gave the right answers:

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX

Bharat Shiralkar, CA

Sahana Rao, Centreville, VA

Sridharan Raman, Atlanta, GA

Sachin Kamath, Plainview, NY

Girish Kulkarni, Orange, OH

Shivdev Ubhaykar, Rancho Pales Verdes, CA

Vindya Bhat, Atlanta, GA

Ganesh Kudva, Edison, NJ

Swathi Kamath, Las Vegas, NV

This Quarter's Kwiz

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 if your subscription is current.

A rectangular room (12' wide x 30' long x 12' high) has a spider at the middle of the 12' w wall one foot from the ceiling and a fly at the middle of the opposite wall one foot above the floor. What is the shortest distance the spider must crawl in order to catch the fly?

NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Update

What a year it has been! The Northeast area Konkani community held a successful Konkani Sannelan with a record breaking attendance. Throughout North America, various Konkani organizations held picnics, celebrations and even concerts bolstering our community and paying tribute to our heritage. And despite natural disasters that plagued various parts of North America, our community rose to the occasion and extended their hands to those in need.

June 29th of this year, an election was held where five Konkanis were elected to the North American Konkani Association (NAKA) Board - **Ravi Baliga** as President; **Sadanand Mankikar** as Vice President; **Suresh Shenoy** as Treasurer; **Sheila Shenoy Reddy** as Secretary; and **Ranjit Shiralkar** as an Executive Board Member. Since the election, NAKA has met monthly to reorganize and restructure the board in order to be more efficient and effective.

Upon the culmination of the New Jersey Konkani Sannelan, NAKA sent out a survey to gather information about Sannelan expectations. The demographics of the survey included 75% of respondents being 35 years or older; a majority of the female population were between the ages of 35 and 64; and the majority of the male population were over the age of 65. Here are some of the comments by attendees of the survey:

- Preferred Konkani food to be served at the Sannelan
- Enjoyed Konkani skits and dramas
- Looked to North American talent and dignitaries as opposed to going abroad
- Requested more socialization time

NAKA would like to thank all those that participated in the survey. The information received has been immensely helpful in laying the groundwork for organizing the next Sammelan.

The later half of the year, Konkani artistes were welcomed to various cities to perform concerts. **Mahalakshmi Shenoy** toured the US after her beautiful performance at the Konkani Sammelan. In San Francisco, NAKA co-sponsored with KAOCA **Pandit Upendra Bhat's** concert. This was done not only to bolster the arts amongst our community but also to assist in providing a non-profit status to the event which in turn saved KAOCA money. We do encourage other Konkani organizations that do not have a non-profit status to contact NAKA to see if we can assist in providing this status. In Houston, **Suresh Shenoy** supported Pt. Bhat's program too.

A group of energetic and determined youth in Los Angeles have taken on the task of organizing and hosting the 2013 Konkani Youth Convention (KYC). This group is working closely with NAKA to ensure a successful event for Konkani youth. We highly encourage Konkani youth to attend this event because youth conventions create dialogue amongst our youth that strengthen our community but they also build bonds amongst youth and celebrate our heritage. We also encourage those that are able to donate to do so for this worthy cause - please remember, no donation is too small and all are welcome! For more information please check out 2013 KYC at kyc2013la.wordpress.com

NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
5/31/12	Balance from last report	93,313.04	
6/28/12	Funding for KS-2012		50,000.00
6/29/12	Interest	9.89	
7/31/12	Interest	4.80	
7/31/12	Bank Fees		20.00
8/31/12	Interest	4.65	
8/31/12	Bank Fees		20.00
3Q 2012	Repayment from KS-2012	70,000.00	
11/30/12	Interest for the quarter	46.52	
	Final Balance:	113,338.90	

Signed: **Suresh Shenoy**, Treasurer, NAKA

**Pending item: Seed money for the 2013 Konkani Youth Convention in LA of \$5,000.00

In conclusion, we would like to thank the North American Konkani community for all its support throughout this year. We appreciate everyone's support throughout NAKA's transition of board members and are humbled by the response we have received from the community. Thank you!

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Play on Words

Compiled By: Ravi Nayak, Flanders, NJ

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
 Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!
 A cartoonist was found dead in his home. Details are sketchy.
 I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
 Haunted French pancakes give me the crêpes.
 England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
 I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
 They told me I had type-A blood, but it was a Type-O.
 Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
 I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
 I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
 This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
 When chemists die, they barium.
 I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
 I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
 PMS jokes aren't funny. Period...
 I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
 Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
 When you get a bladder infection; urine trouble.
 Broken pencils are pointless.
 What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
 I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
 I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Book Review: *Childhood Daze* by Savitri Babulkar

By: *Shalan Savur*

Publishers: Shroff Publishers & Distributors Pvt. Ltd.

Pages: 212.

Price: \$ 10.00 +mailing charges

Rating: A must read

Life with Ammanoo

Reading *Childhood Daze*-a sprightly-crafted title that makes your eyes widen with comprehension-is like watching a movie. In the opening para, you virtually see author Savitri Babulkar's silhouette at her writing table, drawing you in with a thoughtful, "Having grown up in the area, I can't help feeling there's something special about coastal towns in South Kanara." Then, she skillfully weaves a glorious array of vivid word-pictures-'the sunset painting dazzling streaks of red and gold across the sky ... sleepy palm trees ... silver sands blushing with the flaming pink of twilight ...'

As night slides into dawn, she describes with Kiplingesque elegance, "The world rubs its eyes and sits up to stretch, ready to face the day ..." And poof! you're transported to another time as Savitri dissolves into Ammanoo, the irrepressible, ever-observing, ever-asking-a-hundred-questions five-year-old. And the magic begins.

You don't merely read, you explore Manjeshwar through Ammanoo's guileless remarks, her fresh delight mirroring the beauty she sees around her. No detail is insignificant or irrelevant. Watch Great-grandpa sporting "glasses as thick as the soda-water bottles in Koraga's shop." Similarly, every family member occupies a special spot, exhibits a unique characteristic from our little story-teller's enchanted perspective.

Like Gopalbappa: "who was a Railway Engineer. I'd have loved him even more had he been an Engine Driver or a guard. But then, you can't have everything." Ah yes, snuggling between the local flavor – e.g. bullocks Ram and Laxman driving the jiggery juicer under the smiling southern sun-are Ammanoo's ingenious takes that constantly surprise and entertain.

No review would be complete without a special mention of the author's grand mom, Avva, whose comforting presence permeates every page as if she were, to this day, eternally blessing her Ammanoo's every word. You feel Avva's deathless, deep love for the child, hear her beautiful homilies rich with luminous wisdom and living values, even 'That Tone' which structures out a firm, gentle discipline. She is a wonderful pillar of a persona who could walk straight from *Childhood Daze* into Louisa M. Alcott's *Little Women*. "I want Avva to be proud of me," asserts Ammanoo. "She says one has to learn to be 'accommodating' in a large joint family, which means, I suppose, to tolerate even those whom you envy." Only to conclude with sweet, grave profundity a few pages later, "When your heart is overflowing with love, there's not much room for envy, after all." Its artless, precious, universal gems that lift this book to classic heights.

Author Savitri uses her adjectives judiciously-a maestro delicately strumming one string on an instrument and making it sing. Her control and command over the language is stirringly authentic, with not a word wasted. Even emotions are understated and dignified as if sentimentality or self-pity would sully the pure, lucid outpouring from a mind exuberant with wonder. In this context, please don't miss reading the chapter "In Search of Mom". Let your eyes and heart also dwell on the accompanying illustration *Discovering Mother*...poignantly penciled by artist Arvind B. Benegal. (I recommend sight-seeing this book separately for Arvind's amazing masterpieces that sensitively capture Ammanoo's spirit so completely and touchingly.) Then, later read *The Half Sketch*, a revelation about Ammanoo's genesis, where you understand why, sometimes, tears never dry.

The book abounds with innocent little slices of Ammanoo's life in not-so-small town. A miracle from a golden past pours pliantly into the present from lips of a pujari...there's the thrill of a stone-throwing ghost... then, a delicious blend of belief with fact when two divine deities visit Lalithakka... And later, when at ten, Ammanoo is bitten by the Bombay bug, she hovers at the fringes of growing up with her heartfelt "Why couldn't we be One Big Happy Family at Toggu Ghara?" It's a child's cry in a not-so-ideal world—Why can't parents live forever? Why does life have to be full of partings? Why.. why...why? Ah, but I'm sure that six-and-a-half decades later, as Savitri penned her wistful 'whys', she could hear Avva's voice echoing from another realm with loving concern, "Ammanoo-oo-oo have you finished writing your book? Wash your face and hands and eat some panchakdai, ma!" The answer to 'Why' is love... and more love of the Avva-kind. Me-thinks that is what Ammanoo discovered in this, her own loving journey of remembering and writing...

This book is available with the author's daughter, Vinita Joardar, who can be reached at vjoardar@yahoo.com

A Known Stranger?

By: Prof. K. R. Prabhu, Cultural Anthropologist

The heading looks strange? The whole world is strange every moment if we really look at it. Since we are buried with worried state of mind, we have practically become blind and everything looks very strange. Things are happening in their own way obeying the laws of nature. Nothing we can do artificially stable. Our thinking mesmerizes us; hence we are guided by beliefs.

Adhyatma way of looking at things gives definite answers to the whole problem. It leads to correct answers to our problems both are of temporary as well as of permanent nature. For all these questions, one can find answer in Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam.

Dr. H. J. Achar of Karur has made deep studies on these great script (namas) and found solutions to face the problems arising of different in nature without fear.

‘VISHRAMO VISHWA DAKSHINAHA’....Sri Vishnu Sahasranamam

Is a mantra for all problems in general. One has to repeat reciting the above nama in normal course would see that all apparent, disguised problems chaining our peace of mind and prospects gets unchained. There were several difficult events in life that I could overcome with the help of the above namas.

It was in 1980, I wanted to visit Sri Lanka along with my wife and my son of 3 years old. I went to Trivandrum to take up Air Lanka plane to reach Colombo to attend an Eye Camp organised by the Lions Club of Bangalore.

We reached the airport, luggage was delivered, rupees are converted into Dollars, custom's clearance was over, and the boarding tickets were in hand and waiting for the announcement. My son ran towards the glass fence to see the plane and was eager to board into it. It was the first time that we were to board into a plane. Luggage reached the plane. Suddenly there was an announcement came like a bolt from the blue. "Mr. K. R. Prabhu is required to report to the receptionist." I happily reached the receptionist and proud to say that, "I am Prabhu." She made a sad face and told me, "Mr. Prabhu, you are not able to fly today. You don't have immigration clearance. You have to go to Passport office at Madras and obtain the same." It was a big shock to me. That was the last flight for the day and all services were on the way of closing in the airport. I called my wife and son to the receptionist and told about the problem. My wife was upset to tears because my son started crying that we should take plane and to go and that we should go to Sri Lanka. I was much disappointed and slapped him badly with a shout at the peak of my voice "Shut-up" A small number of co-passengers came to me asking, "What happened? Do you want money?" My cargo was asked to be brought back from the plane and I did not know what to do at that moment of time. It was a shame for me to go back to Mangalore as a defeated soldier. My students would have laughed at my failure. It was a blunder did by my travel agent. Even bank counter was closed to get the Dollars back into Rupees.

A big voice came from a corner, "HELLO PRABHU! HELLO PRABHU! HOW IS THAT YOU ARE HERE?" I turned and wished him and said, "Somehow I am not able to place you (recognise you)." He said, "We were going to Canara High School and you were 3 years senior to me. I come from the same area and your father was having a hard-ware shop and your sister's name is Sharada etc." Every word that stranger was telling was matching 100% But I could not remember his face and that we were going to the school every day almost together etc. I could not recollect and could not recognise either. I expressed my difficulty and almost come into tears. My son was crying at his peak of his voice.

The stranger said, "Don't worry. The custom's officer in the airport is my boss and he has the powers to sanction it. Give me your passport and wait for 10 minutes." He also told the announcer to wait for some more time. Both of them agreed to help me. Within 10 minutes, he got my passport signed and stamped to fly. The announcement for passengers to board on the craft was given. Due to some formality we were sent into the air craft as the last passengers and after we entered, the ladder was removed.

When we came back after 8 days to Trivandrum airport, I went in search of that person Mr. Ramachandra of Mangalore who helped. He was the Staff of Customs Dept. I searched for him everywhere. I bought a gift for him to hand over with gratitude. The staff in Customs Dept told me that nobody from Mangalore was their staff and not by that name either. I have seen him in the uniform with the badge, cap, etc. Where is Ramachandra? Then who was this Ramachandra?

In this incident I was convinced that the unknown person comes with unseen hand of co-operation at the unbelievable circumstances. VISHRAMO VISHWA DAKSHINAHA makes difficult things to become smooth. Foes into Friends. It can stop a plane until you are boarding. That day the flight took of 35 minutes late. More because of my problem.

After reaching Mangalore, I wanted to visit his house in the location he had mentioned. That house and that named his father were not there. How all these things have happened?

The answer is in Sri Vishnu Sahasranama. Dr. Achar used to say that during the surgery, he was just hold the knife and reciting the NAMAS. His knife was correctly going to the right place without harming other areas. Patients were recovering rapidly with whatever services & drugs available (during his services in 1930-65). The problems faced were strange after opening the body for which the solutions are instantaneous and definite. The unseen hands work more efficiently and miraculously on the strength of VISHRAMO VISHWA DAKSHINAHA.

Breast Cancer Hero: Sheela Prabhu

By: Smt Deepa Prabhu

When I first met Sheela Prabhu about 15 years ago, (she was 55 then), she struck me as the most energetic, social and enthusiastic person I had ever come across. Smiling continuously and offering hope to any problem, she was the indeed the epitome of optimism, resolve and good cheer. Later that evening, I came to know the story of Sheela Prabhu and what made her what she was.

A mother of 3, Sheela was detected with breast cancer at the young age of 37 years. A freak accident at home led to acute pain in her right breast and then a battery of medical tests followed. To make matters worse, her cancer was in the third stage and doctors offered very little hope of survival. At that time, her youngest son was merely three years old. She approached Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai was immediately asked to get operated upon.

At that time, Sheela and her husband were facing extremely tough times monetarily. Apart from their children, she and her husband were also supporting three of her husband's siblings who were studying at that time. Her own sister who was a polio patient was also staying with them, albeit she was employed. Sheela was a home-maker and had to support the family income by selling eatables and other decorative articles. It was a tough life. When Tata Memorial gave her an idea of the estimated expense towards her surgery and subsequent rehabilitation, she was in for a shock. There was no way they could afford the treatment in those conditions. However there was no option.

So in her state of ill-health she ran from pillar to post meeting with a lot of officials to present her case. Ultimately she got a sanction for treatment at reduced expenses. It was a big deal for her. It meant that kids at home would not have to compromise on food and essentials. An eight- hour mastectomy and 40 radiations later, for which she often had to go to the hospital alone, Sheela started gathering her life together all over again. The fight for survival was still on. Educating six kids was expensive. There was no time for respite. She had to start work almost immediately.

Considering the stage at which her cancer was detected, the doctors had given her a just few more years to live. At first she was highly dejected, considering she had so many people to look after. But then she resolved to make the most of the years she had. She worked very hard trying to supplement the family's income. She joined The Indian Cancer Society in Sewri, Mumbai where she was in charge of making breast prosthesis. She also offered counseling to numerous patients and gave them constant encouragement and support by citing her own example. "Never give up in your fight for survival; it's your right to live. So fight back," she would say. And she helped several women – rich and poor – to see hope, fight back and live with dignity. Together she and her husband managed to get his siblings and their own children educated and settled in their jobs and lives.

Today, at 70 she is still a fighter. The cancer treatment has left her with a weak immune system and she falls prey to various ailments from time to time. But she fights back always with hope in her heart and a smile on her face. She has been felicitated by a number of organizations for her work and her fighting spirit, but I have never seen her make big a deal of it. She has always enjoyed helping others in the most selfless manner.

Her survival is nothing short of a miracle. 14 years ago she had told me one day "Deepa, when I was diagnosed with cancer, my older son was 14. The doctor who treated me told me that I would live just enough to see him pass his 10th Grade," I was moved. I said "You saw your older son pass his 10th grade and eventually settle into a successful professional life and a blissful marriage; you will live to see your grandson pass his 10th Grade." This year when her grandson cleared his 10th Grade examinations with 88% marks, Sheela was the proudest grandmother ever!

Sheela Prabhu- A survivor; a fighter; a humanitarian; my mother-in-law- You make me proud!

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KONKANI YOUTH CONVENTION |2013

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Here's a quick update on how things have been going with our convention planning. We've reserved a block of rooms at a very nice hotel in West Hollywood, which is central to all of Los Angeles and in a great and safe part of the city. We've also got a great list of activities planned at a lot of fun venues all over LA and plan on keeping everyone active, while also giving them the option to do what they want and when they want.

We've also started our fundraising campaign. We definitely would love to have more donors help out with this process as the key to making this convention - as well as future ones - a success is through the contributions of Konkani. Our donation website is <http://www.indiegogo.com/kycla2013>. All donations are tax deductible and can be made online with a credit card. We also have a contest currently underway, where whoever can help bring in the most donations will win an iPad.

That's all for now, but in the coming months we'll have a lot more updates and a tentative itinerary for everyone to look at. Soon after that we'll begin registration.

Many thanks
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2nd World Konkani Sammelan

1. The 2nd World Konkani Convention (Vishwa Konkani Sammelan) will be held at Mangalore in January 2014.
2. Launching of 2nd World Konkani Convention will be held in New Delhi on 23.12.2012. **Mr. Manohar Parrikar**, Hon. Chief Minister of Goa, **Shri Rajdeep Sardesai** (CNN IBN), **Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai**, **Madam Grace Pinto**, Veteran journalist **Shri T.V.R. Shenoy**. **Shri R.V. Deshpande**, **Shri Suresh P. Prabhu**, Former Union Minister, **Dr. P.Dayananda Pai**, **Shri Ronald Colaco**, **Shri Nandan Nilekani**, **Shri Ramadas Kamath U** will also participate.
3. (a) 7 Days' National Book Exhibition will commence 3 days' prior to Sammelan inauguration day. National Book Trust, Delhi, Kendra Sahitya Akademi, Publishers Federation of India and Kannada Pustak Pradhikar will initiate. There will be inter language Seminars by National Book Trust also.
4. (b) Vishwa Konkani Apoot Ahar Bhandisal will commence two days earlier, with branded traditional Konkani savories.
5. Run upto 2nd Vishwa Konkani Sammelan, Dhavndi: Vishwa Konkani Dhavandi(Vishwa Konkani Marathon) will commence from Ratnagiri, Malwan leading to Goa, Uttara Kannada, Udupi and to Mangalore 3 months earlier.
6. (a) More than 1.00 lakh Konkani students and Konkani youths will participate in the programme.
(b) The Vishwa Konkani Dhavandi participants will be given Banyans and Caps.
7. International Konkani Youth Conference on 3rd days of Sammelan will be held. **Shri Ramadas Kamath U** is Chairman of Committee
 - a. Top Konkani speaking corporate heads, Professionals will address the youth.
 - b. Honour to International Konkani youth achievers. A separate Souvenir will also be published in connection with the international Konkani Youth Convention.
8. Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Ratn, Vishwa Konkani Kala Ratn awards will also be given.
9. 75 Regional Committees will be organized from New Delhi to Kochi where Konkani people are in large numbers.
10. Run up to Vishwa Konkani Sammelan, 3 Mini Conferences will be held (in association with NAKA) (i) North America, (ii) U.A.E. and Singapore (for Far East Countries), **Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai**, **Shri Ramadas Kamath U**, **Dr. P. Dayananda Pai** will participate.
11. (1) A Reception Committee with eminent Konkani personalities and (2) A CORE committee to organize various works at Mangalore will be formed.



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The word is out

An effort was made at the last Konkani Sammelan to tell our Konkani friends about the Konkani Charitable Fund. The response was beyond our expectations. Those who attended answered with generous contributions. They are also spreading the message of the Konkani Charitable Fund. So the word is out.

Since then our friends have continued their support. Many continue to make financial contributions directed to charities of their choice, Many have identified organizations that lend a helping hand to Konkanis in need. Many have suggested projects that support humanitarian needs. Hard working students seeking help to meet the expenses of education, parents seeking help for needed medical care, elderly looking for a comfortable retirement, and many such projects have become the flagship activities of KCF.

At the end of every year many of you may be looking to make charitable donations. Channel you donations through KCF. It is simple, and also affords any tax advantages that are offered by such donations. Let us take pride and pleasure by doing charitable work. Some think it is our duty to help our fellow human beings; some say it is our responsibility to take care of those who are less fortunate; and some feel that it is an opportunity to do some good deed, Whatever be your reason, let us get the word out that Konkani Charitable Fund is doing good in our society.

We want to reiterate the pledge of KCF – 100% of your donation will go to the charity of your choice. We wish you all a great holiday season and a very prosperous New year.

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