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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.....

There is no doubt in my mind that the North American Konkanis love *Khabbar*. Hence, it is natural to receive compliments to *Khabbar* all the time. But this particular compliment along with the annual dues that came from this family in CA is interesting.

It read: "All the best to the Editorial Board and the Advisory Board of *Khabbar*- the most respected international Konkani Newsletter"

It is true that there are quite a few people behind *Khabbar*. The Advisory Board and Editorial Board strives hard to make sure *Khabbar* reaches North American Konkani community on-time every time. Also, these Boards make sure that a certain standard is maintained for *Khabbar*. And normally the Honorary Editor of *Khabbar* (that is me) gets the credit. But, this family's recognition of this team behind *Khabbar* is commendable. But, the international standard! That's may be stretching too much...!?!

SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

It is time to renew your subscription for 2014. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2012. Please, note that you have the FREE access to the e*Khabbar*, the electronic version of *Khabbar*, by logging on to e*Khabbar*.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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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 2012**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2011 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 2012 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 2014. 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 interim **North American Konkani Association (NAKA)** is already busy in

making **NAKA** a viable organization in North America. This Board has two main goals and they are:

1. Host a Konkani Sammelan in 2016 and
2. Hold a general election for NAKA.

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. I am sure that KCF will certainly flourish under the able leadership of the most respected Konkani in North America, **Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar**.

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!** No wonder, Puthri (not real name) came forward with her story of climbing Mt Kilimanjaro (published in this issue)!

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 nine 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 volunteered his services to help **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan**. Please, 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.

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 special appeals I gotten so far: <http://www.ekhabbar.com/special%20appeals/special%20appeals.htm>

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

Happy *Yugadi* to you all.

Devu Boren Karo.

Vasanthi
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.

KS-2012 Special Notice

Dear Friends,

We are excited to inform you that the Konkani Sannelan DVDs are now available for purchase.

A set of 9 DVDs can be ordered from our website (www.konkani2012.org) at a very competitive price of \$20. The DVDs cover entirely all the events on the Main Stage as well as edited parts of Seminars, Friday's Reception, Luncheons, and Sunday's grand Farewell Party.

Thank you for supporting the Konkani Sannelan 2012. These DVDs will bring back fond memories of the Sannelan for everyone who attended. For those who could not attend the Sannelan, this is your chance to get a glimpse into what happened at the Sannelan and to relive the event vicariously by watching these high quality DVDs. In either case, the DVDs are a collector's item and we are sure you will like them. Please do not wait too long as we have limited number of DVDs and they may be sold out soon. Please visit our website www.konkani2012.org to pay and order your DVD copy today...

Devu Baren Karo,

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Dear Vasanth,

Here is a simple website on my book The Untold Story of the Bhagavad Gita. Please feel free to forward it to your friends and relatives if you think it is worth it.

<http://www.untoldstorybhagavadgita.com/>

All progress in this world depends on people who think outside the box, who question everything, who resort to reasoning, who shun blind faith, who do what they do fearlessly, disregarding criticism, rejection and personal attacks.

Regards,

Prabhakar Kamath
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Aspiring Entrepreneurs, Inspiring Outcomes

Upaya Social Ventures builds businesses that create dignified jobs for the poorest of the poor in India. Upaya is a non-profit organization that believes in providing a "hand up" and not a "hand-out" in order to alleviate extreme poverty. To date, the organization has supported the development of five businesses that have created over 1,100 jobs. Please visit www.upayasv.org to learn more, or please feel free to contact Executive Director and Co-Founder Sachi Shenoy at sshenoy@upayasv.org

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

Prof. Kadambi Ramdas Prabhu, P.D.INDE.E. PGCM (IIM-C), FIIIE, FIAM, MISTD, MIMA, a writer and a Konkani Anthropologist recently received National Chairman's Award 2013, at the 55th Convention at Nagpur, of the Indian Institution of Industrial Engineering. This is in recognition of his contribution to the Profession. Presently Prof. K.R.Prabhu is the Dean of SMI Business School in Bangalore.

Dr. AJIT B PAI of Richmond, VA accepted the role of Director of the Traumatic Brain Injury/Polytrauma Clinical Fellowship at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center. He continues to serve as the Medical Director for the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center and has taken on the responsibility of Interim Chief of PM&R Services at the hospital. Additionally, Ajit was recently featured in the book "Hope Emerges" by Joseph Macenka (found on Amazon and Barnes & Noble). The book profiles patients, families and staff at the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center in the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center. It is a must read for anyone interested in the recovery of injured military men and women.

Dr. AMIE Y MIKLAVCIC PAI of Richmond, VA was named Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Memorial Regional Medical Center through her practice at Virginia Women's Center in Mechanicsville, VA. Additionally, she was officially welcomed as a full partner in the large practice of 32 physicians which spreads across the Richmond area. Both Amie and Ajit continue to enjoy

time outside of work with their precious daughter, Ayla, who makes them smile constantly.

HAAS with Dr. Vasudev and Mrs. Shobha Shenoy of Houston, TX held a fund raising function for **UPAYA Social Ventures** on Saturday, February 8 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM at Comfort Suites, 4820 Techniplex Drive, Stafford, TX 77477. Co-founder **Sachita Shenoy** (d/o Vasudev & Shobha Shenoy) explained how her team was able to empower the poor in rural India with jobs, education and training.

Brahmapodesham:

Praveen & Shanthi Kamath of San Jose, CA celebrated the sacred thread ceremony of their son, **Chi. NEIL**, (grandson of Bola Annappa & Amrithkala Kamath of Mumbai and Balkunje Sudhakara & Prathima Shenoy of Houston, TX) at 11:05 AM *Muhurtham* on Sunday February 16th 2014 at the Meenakshi Temple in Pearland, TX.

New Arrival:

ROSHNI, a baby girl to Amit & Suchita Nadgar of Rancho Santa Margarita, CA on Sept. 26, 2013. The proud maternal grandparents are Wg. Cdr. Suresh Rao (Retd) & Saguna Rao of Pune and the Paternal grandparents are Uday & Dr. Suniti Nadgar of Pune also.

OJAS AKASH BIJOOR, a baby boy to Neeta Bijoor & George Rogge of Irvine, CA on Oct. 11, 2013. The proud maternal grandparents are Nandini & Shivaram Bijoor of Seattle, WA.

Relocation:

SMRITI SHENOY and GEORGE together with their sons, Mihir & Nikhil, relocated from Moorpark, CA to 285 Barrington Dr., Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

The **PAI** family, Ganesh & Sharada relocated to 330 Waters Edge Court, Lexington, SC 29072. Their new telephone is (803)-808-9519 and email ID: gmpai@aol.com

The **ADURS**, Ashok & Ameeta, have relocated from Westlake, OH to 373 Vail Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Their new telephone is (973)-588-5142 and email ID: mashokg50@yahoo.com

The **KAMATH** family, Arvind & Renuka have relocated within Mississauga to 5111 Creditview Road, Mississauga, Ont. L5V 1R8 (Canada).

The **SHENOY** family, Sathish & Gita have relocated from Dubai to 2106-35 Kingsbridge Garden Cir., Mississauga, Ont. L5R 3Z5 (Canada). The new telephone is (289)-724-1522 and email: sathishshenoy@outlook.com

Obituary:

ULLAL RAMAA NAYAK (89) of Mangalore, passed away in Mangalore on Saturday Dec 21st, 2013 @ Yennappayya Hospital due to complications of the lungs. She enjoyed a very healthy life until the last one week before her death. She is survived by 3 sons & 4 daughters. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter Gayathri Shenoy and family of Las Vegas, NV.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

Konkani Association of Northern California (KAOCA):

KAOCA's annual Diwali Event was held on November 9th, 2013 from 3-30 to 11-00 pm at the beautiful and spacious McAfee Theater of Saratoga High School, in Saratoga. The event was a success, with an overwhelming number of over 425 attendees. The Diwali mood was ingrained from the beginning, with the beautiful decorations of the theater lobby. "Tannik" was first, with delicious traditional snacks, including *batate ambado*, *povu*, *rulav*, and *rava laddu*, which were prepared by the food committee and volunteers.

Soon after the *tannik* concluded, the entertainment began. It started with melodious divine bhajans sung by **Naren Bhat, Laxmish Bhat, and Prabha Shanbag**, and their singing was appreciated by all. Next, there was a series of dances about Krishna, starting from his childhood and progressing into his older days. This "Krishna Roopak" (as it was called) began with the introductory dance "Swagatam Krishna", a Bharatanatyam dance performance that depicted the people welcoming Krishna into Mathura. Next, the

youngest children, five and under, danced to a song by Sonu Nigam called “*Hey Krishna*”. It was a very cute dance and the kids danced it very well. After this, **Vidya Sheno**i and her children **Adit and Rhea** danced “*Krishna Leela Abhinaya*”, a dance about Krishna and his feats, in an Odissi style, to the applause of all. Then, **Medha Acharya** danced a solo Bharatanatyam dance called “*Gummana Kareyadire*” which portrayed Krishna’s mischief and Yashoda’s threats of punishment. After this, several ladies danced to “*Aili Rangapanchami*”, a song on Holi in which Krishna puts color on the gopikas. All these dances were a huge success.

Next, the rest of the dances commenced. First, we had the “*Radha on the Dance Floor*” by the middle age group of girls, and then the younger boys danced to “*One Two Three Four Get on the Dance Floor*” from *Chennai Express*. Both dances were nicely danced and enjoyable. Next, the teenage band performed again to a medley of “*Boulevard of Broken Dreams*” and “*Pani Da Rang*”, and then there was a raffle for great prizes like a Samsung Tablet, WD PersonalCloud, and Kindle e-Reader. Next, the 2013 committee danced to the great hit song “*Lungi Dance*” choreographed by **Lata Kini**. After the president’s speech and the introduction of the 2014 committee headed by **Lata and Ramanand Kini, Divya Rao** performed a solo fusion dance called “*Dheem Tadare Tani*”. Then, the younger girls, danced to “*Chammak Challo*.” Next, we had a few duet singing performances and another solo dance by **Nikhil Prabhu**, with red balloons as props, on the song “*Churake Dil Mera*.” These songs and dances were really good and applauded very well. Next, the older boys danced to the song “*Badtameez Dil*” and the older girls danced to “*Sadda Dil Vi Tu (Ganapathi Bappa Moriya)*”.

Then we had the highlight of the night, the comedic and lively skit “*Konkan Express*” written and directed by **Vivek Shanbhag**, starring **Ram Acharya, Ramesh Kamath, Muralidhar Kamath, Prasad Pai, Vivek Shanbhag, Omkar Shanbhag, and Nagaraj Prabhu**. This skit, loosely based on “*Chennai Express*” was about the differences in language and attitude of different types of Konkani people from Mangalore, Bombay, Goa, and Honnavar. The funniest part was that the female roles were also acted out by men, to the amusement of all. This well-acted funny skit was a huge success and the auditorium burst into laughter throughout the skit. The grand finale and national anthems were the final acts of the great entertainment program, which featured over 120 performers and greatly fulfilled our theme of “*Family-Fun-Friendship*”, about involving more people and having more entertainment.

Finally, the part we were all looking forward to arrive: the Konkani Dinner. The dinner featured great items such as *Kadgi Chakko, Mensukai, Kosombari, Pulav, Mutter Paneer, Devastana Saaru, Doodpak, Ubbati*, etc. It took great effort to prepare and was consumed with gusto. After this, we had the DJ dancing in which enthusiastic members of the KAOCA community met on the dance floor to dance and socialize. The dinner and dancing lasted late into the night and everyone had a time by the culmination of the event. To top it all, the food committee and volunteers had cooked delicious Konkani Diwali Sweets that were carried home as goodie bags by every family.

On the charity front, KAOCA members made generous donations to collect over \$17,000 for Sanathan Dharma Kendra of Sunnyvale.

--Contributed by Ram and Aruna Acharya, President (KAOCA), Fremont, CA

Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) Shivaratri Bhajan 2014

Konkani Association of Southern California’s (KASC) annual Shivratri Bhajan was held on Saturday, February 22nd at the residence of **Rajesh & Deepa Prabhu** of Walnut, CA. The program included Social gathering, Bhajan/Aarti, Pot luck dinner and clean up.

Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) Satyanarayan Pooja –Mar. 02, 2014

The HAAS 2014 Satyanarayana Puja was held on Sunday, March 2, 2014 from 10 am to 2:00 pm. It was a well-attended and successful event with a total of about 108 people which included 93 adults and 15 kids.

First of all, our special thanks to **Krishna Bhat and Ranjisha Bhat**, for giving us an opportunity to perform the HAAS’s first event of the year in their temple. There was lot of praise and appreciation by all who participated.

This year the Puja was lead/performed by our own HAAS members: **Sadananda Pai, Ramkrishna Prabhu, Krishna Bhat, Surendra Bhat and Varadaraja Rao and Maya Prabhu**. Beautiful Bhajans were rendered by **Shanti Bhatt and Vishruth Rao** seeking the Lord’s grace and blessings. Satyanarayana Katha was nicely read by the children: **Samir Nileshwar, Rohan Bhat, Mahamaya Kini, Serene Pai and Avani Mallya**. Graduating students - **Samir Nileshwar, Vishruth Rao, Charani Kamath** performed the pooja and sought blessings from the Lord and the elders. **Narendra Rao, Gayathri Rao, Pranav Rao and Sayali Rao** also joined in performing the Puja.

No event is complete without full involvement and participation by all the community members. It was nice to see the whole community come together and worship Lord Satyanarayana. This is definitely a good start for the New Year. We take this opportunity to thank you all for your active participation in the event and making it a great success. Our thanks go out to:

- The young and energetic volunteers **Suraj, Sudhir, Siddarth, Pranav and Pooja** for coming forward to volunteer and lend a helping hand during the event.
- **Shanti Pai** who brought colorful garlands to decorate the deities.
- **Shobha Shenoy** and family for *Sapath* Prasad

No event is complete without sumptuous food. Our thanks to :

- **Padmini Bijo**or for the homemade Lemon Pickle
- **Jyoti Nayalkar** for the homemade yogurt
- Annam for the delicious Konkani food which was very well enjoyed and relished by all.
- All volunteers who served the delicious food

And finally our thanks to all volunteers involved in setting up, cleaning after and managing the sound system.

For all those who missed this memorable event: you were very much in our thoughts and prayers and we look forward to your company during our future events.

Sincerely

HAAS Management Committee

www.ourhaas.com

MOKSHA

By: - Mridula Rao (mridularao@gmail.com)

People always talk about "Moksha" How many times have we heard elders say "*Deva maka moksha dee aani jaanma naaka*"! I have been contemplating on this statement for many years what is Moksha?...people say it is something granted by God or Guru. When I met my Guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar I thought Wow! now I can ask Guruji for Moksha or liberation. As I heard his talks I realized it is achieved by our own self efforts. Guruji recommends we read Yoga Vasishtha.

I read Yog Vasishtha every year. This is my 6th year reading this beautiful treatise on Self Realization as translated by Swami Venkatesananda. It's also known as Maha Ramayana. A dialogue between Rama and Sage Vasishtha. Here is what it says about Moksha:

Moksha or liberation is the total abandonment of all *vasana* or mental condition, without the least reserve. Mental conditioning is of two types-the pure and the impure. The impure is the cause of birth; the pure liberates one from birth. The impure is of the nature of nescience and ego-sense; these are the seeds, as it were for the tree of re-birth. On the other hand, when these seeds are abandoned, the mental conditioning that merely sustains the body is of pure nature. Such mental conditioning exists even in those who have been liberated while living: it does not lead to re-birth as it is sustained only by past momentum and not by present motivation.

I would recommend this book to everyone who has ever thought about MOKSHA! The Supreme Yoga by Swami Venkatesanand for beginners. Only ONE page a day...this has been published in such a way covering 365 days of the year.

2013 Power Couple: Pankaj & Asha Dhume

As appeared in the Houston South Asian Lifestyle Society News of Lights Camera Action

2013 It's A Wrap – Top 5 Fabulous Moments
Society with Ruchi

As we wrapped up another year Lights Camera Action shares some memorable highlights and fashionable moments of 2013. Houston's society scene has been bustling with Lights Camera action's 1st International Mothers' Day Soiree, Fashion Houston, some veteran and a few up and coming fashionistas, power couples, amazing charity work and much more.

Our TOP 5 Fabulous Memories for 2013 were:

1.Lights Camera Action/Houston Society Magazine hosted the 1st International Mothers' Day Soiree honoring the Elite, Fashionable, Philanthropic Mothers of Houston. Ten fabulous mothers from various ethnic backgrounds walked the runway leaving Houstonians asking for more.

2.Another successful Fashion Houston event at the Wortham Center with many local and international designers.

3.Celebrity Power: 'Desperate Housewives' fame, Eva Longoria, was spotted at the University of Houston Hilton where she was the keynote speaker for the University of Houston Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) Annual Scholarship Banquet.

4.Power Couple: South Asian Power Couple **Asha and Pankaj Dhume** are no ordinary couple next door. This duo has managed to display their hard work and dedication for Indo American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston, Pratham Charity Organization that work for the education of children in India, chaired gala events, performed family duties, are proud parents and have managed to be Houston's adorable couple.

5.Lights Camera Action's Emerging Fashionista Dr. Sippi Singh: Sippi was 2013 Luminary Ambassador for Annual Asian American Family Services (AAFS) who also won the Luminary Campaign Victory raising a whopping amount of \$21,000. Tall and confident, Sippi loves to experiment with fashion and does not hesitate to take chances. Her generous heart and fun personality makes her a true fashionista.



Why I participated in the BP MS-150 race in 2013

By Sunil Shenoy, Spring, TX

Dear Family and Friends:

I wanted to let you all know that I completed my 4rd BP MS150 ride from Houston to Austin (180 miles) yesterday. The weather was picture perfect with cool temperatures in the morning warming up gradually with tail winds – on both days! It was probably the best weather that the 17,000+ riders could hope for! I really made good time this year too getting into La Grange around 2PM on Saturday and then to the finish line in Austin just before Noon. The tail winds definitely helped..

Now, I can let all of my supporters in to a secret...I actually had an accident about 10 days before my bike ride...I slipped and fell on my back on a routine errand visit (It was raining and I was running from my car into the store)...My lower back had a severe contusion and my neck hurt for the first 5 to 6 days after my fall... I decided to chill out and not do any physical activity in anticipation that I will recover and by the grace of god, will be able to participate in the ride...however, my back pain persisted and I had to make a last minute decision on whether to ride or not...However the incidents in the last week (in Boston and West, Texas) made me even more resolute to participate/contribute for a community cause. My thinking was pretty simple...I can get over my physical pain with rest, a few days and a few OTC medicines...but how about the folks affected by MS? They do not even know what is going to strike them and when due to the debilitating nature of the disease...I took a chance and went on a "trial ride" on Friday for about 20 miles...My neck pain had almost disappeared by then and I did not feel my back hurt when pedaling...(it did hurt when I got off my bike though) - this coupled with ALL the support and best wishes that I got from my contributors, supporters, well-wishers and family made it easy for me to decide to ride for the 4th time for this worthy cause – which I also consider as my major contribution to the community at large that we live in.

Before my trial ride on Friday, I did go and get my bike fitted with an adjustable stem so that I did not have to lean as much while riding...On day 1 of the ride everything went smoothly for the first 50 miles or so...when we starting hitting the rolling hills before La Grange, I starting pedaling harder and I believe this put pressure on the handle bar and before I knew, my handle bar collapsed...again by grace of god, I was able to maintain my balance, unclip without crashing into anyone else and managed to stop my bike with my feet on to the grass on the side of the road...(I was going at almost 18-20 mph, least to say, it was indeed a terrifying experience). For some reason, this year I had packed a portable toolset, so I managed to fix the stem on my bike and reached the next rest stop to ensure the bike was safe to continue riding to our overnight halt at La Grange. The team I rode with (Technip) had first class service and treatment for the riders and they took good care of us...I cannot tell you how much I appreciated the massage that we riders got as a perk of being on the team! My back pain was amazingly at a low level...

The ride on the second day (Sunday) was all hills from La Grange to Austin...I was ever watchful about my bike handle...however after riding for some 30 + miles I got a flat on my back tire going downhill at almost 35mph! ...talk about another scary situation! Again, I managed to safely navigate the downhill and come to a stop on the side. I changed the tube (I had carried a spare) on the tire with the help of a Ride Marshall and was on my way again...now to the climax...2 miles to go for the finish line and guess what – another flat on the same tire...I was not ready to give up after all that I had gone through..believe it or not I rode a flat to the finish line! (I was riding by putting my weight on the front tire!) The feeling of crossing the finish line this time was very very special to me...just because I had many reasons (most of them valid) not to ride or quit at some point...but somehow mustered the courage to get it done...It has to be due the grace of god and the best wishes of supporters like you folks and my family!!

Now the important stuff, as you all know, this event is mainly a fundraiser aimed to ending the debilitating disease of Multiple Sclerosis..and every rider participant is expected to raise funds...I am very thankful and grateful to all of you for helping me out by contributing...I sincerely appreciate it. You folks have always been there for me to support this worthwhile cause to the community.... Thank you very much again..

Editor's Note:

Sunil will be participating in this year's event also. Good Luck, Sunil.

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Oldest Konkani Weekly 'Raknno' celebrated Platinum Jubilee on 15.12.2013. The occasion was blessed by Lord Bishop of Mangalore **Most Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza. Adv. Uday L. Bhembre** was the Chief Guest, **Shri J.R.Lobo, MLA, Mangalore, Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy (World Konkani Centre), Mrs. Shakuntala R. Kini (All India Radio)** were Guests of Honour. **Fr. Francis Rodrigues**, Editor welcomed the gathering. Four Konkani Books, 1. 'Vally Padrab', written by **Fr. Prashant Madtha**, 2. 'Meet Mirsang', written by **Fr. Francis Rodrigues**, 3. 'Gaadya Merer', written by **Mr. Vally Bola & 4. 'Raknno 75'** Souvenir were released.

'GSB Manthan' Daylong Seminar on Issues related to Education and Social Aspects for GSB organizations involved in social service to share their experience with other organizations was held on 29th December 2013 at World Konkani Centre, Shaktinagar,

Mangalore, hosted by **Sri Mizar Sadananda Pai** in loving memory of Mizar Govinda Pai and Manorama Pai and **Dr. P. Dayananda Pai & P. Satish Pai Trust**, Bangalore, Co-hosted by World Konkani Centre.

Famous Konkani Historian and Researcher **Dr. Manjeshwar Mukund Prabhu** passed away on 5th January 2014. He was a Numismatist, Gemologist and was very fond of Collection of Stamps and Coins. He was bestowed with Doctorate Degree by Mangalore University in 2009.

World Konkani Centre has appointed 14 Konkani Teachers to teach Konkani in 14 Schools in South Kanara, Udupi and Uttara Kannada Districts. **Dr. Kasturi Mohan Pai** is the Chairman of 'Konkani Shikshan Samithi'. Dr. Pai was the Chief Guest at the "Ist Konkani Shikshan Parishad Seminars" on 'Konkani Shikshan' organized by Goa Konkani Akademi from 10th to 12th January 2014 at Panaji, Goa. 700 Konkani Teachers from Goa and 14 Konkani Teachers from Karnataka attended the Seminars. **Shri Pundalik N. Nayak**, President, Goa Konkani Akademi introduced the Konkani Teachers from Karnataka to the participants.

National Level Book Fair was organized by National Book Trust, New Delhi and World Konkani Centre at Nehru Maidan, Mangalore from 04.01.2014 to 12.01.2014. Smt. Kamala Devi Chattopadhyaya 110 year Celebrations were held from 9th, 10th and 11th January 2014 during NBT Book Fair by World Konkani Centre, in association with Karnataka Women Writers Forum and Karavali Women Writers Forum and Konkani Women Writers Forum. About 150 Women writers participated coming from all parts of Karnataka. 'Empowerment of Konkani Women' Seminar was held on 11th January 2014. **Smt. Padma Shenoy**, Veteran Writer was felicitated.

3 days' Kamala Devi Vishwa Konkani Natakotsav was also held at Mangalore Town Hall. Drama Troupes from Mangalore, Kundapura and Mumbai participated.

On 12.1.2014 Kavita Trust organized 'Kavita Fest' at Town Hall, Mangalore in association with World Konkani Centre. **Shri Vivek Shanbhag and Shri Rahmat Tarikere**, well known Kannada writers were the Chief Guests. President of the Trust **Mr. Melvyn Rodrigues** welcomed the Guests. College Students and young Konkani Poets from Goa, Kerala and Karnataka participated in a big way. Prizes were given to Winners of All India Konkani Poetry Competition.

'Konkani Samskritika Sangha' celebrated 'Phool -Kumkum & Makara Sankramana' at Ganapathi High School on 14th January 2014. **Smt. Latha Kini and Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy** were Chief Guests. 'Shinnan Palayili Chelli' Konkani Drama directed by **Shri Dinesh Bhat** was staged.

'Symposium on changing Trends in Konkani Literature' was held on 19.1.2014 at World Konkani Centre by Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi writers from Maharashtra, Goa, Kerala and Karnataka attended.

'KSHAMATA' (Konkani Students Higher Achievement Motivation and Training Academy) training programme were held from December 22nd 2013 to January 26th 2014 for Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Scholars at World Konkani Centre.

Kudal Deshasth Adya Brahmin Sammelan was held at Manipal on 26.01.2014. Leaders of the Community participated coming from many parts of the country. **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy** was the Chief Guest, **Mr. Sanjaya Prabhu, Mr. Dinesh Prabhu** were present.

Udupi District Gowda Saraswatha Brahmin Social Awareness Samavesha was held at Nejar Grounds, Kallianpur, Udupi on 26th January 2014 Sunday. Nearly 15000 GSBs gathered in the Samavesha.

Platinum Jubilee year of All India Konkani Parishad was organised on 28.2.2014 at Belgaum City, Karnataka under the auspices of All India Konkani Parishad and Konkani Sahitya Parishad, Belgaum. **Shri R.V. Deshpande**, Hon. Minister for Higher Education & Tourism, Government of Karnataka inaugurated the Celebrations. **Shri K. Gokuldas Prabhu** renowned Konkani Writer and winner of Sahitya Akademi New Delhi Awards for Poetry and short stories took charge as President for two years. Seminars on Konkani Shikshan, Multi-lingual Session, Kavi Sammelans were held. **Dr. Meena Rajiv Chandavarkar**, Vice Chancellor, Women's University, Gulbarga was Chief Guest for Valedictory function. **Smt. Vimala V. Pai** Vishwa Konkani Best Konkani Book, **Smt. Vimala V. Pai** Vishwa Konkani Best Konkani Poetry Book and Vishwa Konkani Life Time Achievement Awards were presented to **Mrs. Sheela Kolambkar** for her 'Sheela Lekh', **Shri Madhav Borcar** for his 'Symphony' and to Goa Freedom Fighter Shri Nagesh Karmali by **Dr. Na D'Souza**, famous Kannada Konkani writer. **Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai, Smt. Vimala V. Pai, Shri Ramdas Kamath, Shri Pradeep G. Pai, Shri Venkatesh N. Baliga** were present.

A warm 'Send Off' was arranged at World Konkani Centre to outgoing Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund Scholars. **Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai, Shri Ramadas Kamath U and Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy** addressed.

Alumni of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund were formed. **Miss. Lenita Jennifer Menezes** was elected as President of the Alumni.

Mangalore Car Festival was celebrated with pomp and gaiety from 02.02.2014 to 07.02.2014. **H.H. Samyameendra Swamiji**, Shishya Swamiji of Shree Samsthan Kashi Mutt was present.

Bantwal Sri Venkatramana Swamy Car Festival was celebrated from 3rd to 8th March 2014.

Smt. Octavia Albuquerque, a Veteran Konkani Social leader was felicitated on her 90th Birthday at Mangalore by Lord Bishop of Mangalore Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza.

'*Haad Masachi Deval*' published by Navishri Creations and written by **Sanjiv Verenkar** was released at Panaji, Goa on 8th March 2014 by **Hon. Shri Rajendra Arlekar**, Speaker Goa Legislative Assembly, Hon. Chief Minister Goa **Shri Manohar Parrikar** and **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy** were present.

Memorial for Konkani Physicians

Dear samajbandhu,

GSB community has come forward to set up a memorial for GSB Ayurvedic physicians of 17th century whose contribution in compiling a treatise of medicinal plant is unparalleled in the history of Konkani community.

On top that they had given their testimonium in Konkani in the original publication printed in Amsterdam, which shows their love to their mother tongue. That also costed them to get their due recognition because the world could not understand the language written in Devanagari script.

Recently our Trust is going ahead in bringing the awareness and now the whole community in Kerala has come forward to bring a memorial for the trio.

We appeal to each one of you to be a part of this project.

A report published in The New Indian express on 26-02-2014 is attached herewith.

Thanks to Sri Balakrishna Mallaya for providing his illustration of the trio.

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Anugraha Charitable Trust

Memorial for Konkani Physicians

Appu Bhat, Ranga Bhat and Vinayak Pandit have played a major role in the compilation of *Hortus Indicus Malabaricus*

Express News Service

Kochi: Konkani trio - Appu Bhat, Ranga Bhat and Vinayak Pandit - who played a major role in the compilation of 17th century epic medicinal treatise on medicinal plants of Malabar, *Hortus Indicus Malabaricus*, will be remembered by setting up a memorial in the Konkani heritage zone of Cherlai. A decision in this regard was taken at the core committee constituted by different Konkani organisations who met here recently under the aegis of Anugraha Charitable Trust.

The three Ayurvedic physicians had enumerated their role in the compilation of the 12 volume book compiled in

1678, an initiative carried under Henric Vaan Rheede, the then Dutch Governor, in their mother tongue, Konkani. The compilation was first published in Latin at Amsterdam on copper plates and is also credited for the first block printed material in Konkani (Devanagari script) and also in Malayalam.

To bring to fore their role,

a national seminar was held jointly by Anugraha Charitable Trust, Goa Konkani Academy, World Konkani Centre, Mangalore and Department of Archives and Archeology, Goa Government at Panaji. The seminar urged the governments of Goa and Kerala to recognise their contribution.

"It is a long standing aspiration of Konkani commu-

nity to bring recognition to the trio," said R Bhaskar Sheno, president, Anugraha Charitable Trust. The meeting was attended by R Venkateswara Pai, bharanadhikari, Kochi Thirumala Devaswom, J Radhakrishna Naick, president, Ananthanarayanapuram Temple, Alappuzha, G Jayakumar Prabhu, president, Azheekal Sree Vahara Devaswom, Cherai, V Damodara Prabhu, president, Samyukta GSB Mahasabha Kochi, R Gopinatha Naick, secretary, Dr Padiar Memorial Homeopathic Medical College Chottanikkara, N M Pai, convener, Anugraha Education Board, Shivakumar Kamath, secretary, Gowdasaraswath Youth Association, Kochi.



North American Konkani CLIMBING MOUNT KILIMANJARO

By: - Jane Tillman

Editor's note: This article is based on journalist Jane Tillman's piece published in the local newspaper. Puthri (pseudonym) wants everyone to know that age is not a hurdle to keep us from achieving our dreams. **She knows that if she can do it anyone can. She wants you to believe that with determination, adequate preparation and Grace anything is possible.** She believes if she can do it anyone can. With determination, adequate preparation and Grace anything is possible. She welcomes any inquiry regarding climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. You can contact her either at tel: 504-392-2045 or bjkr747@gmail.com

When Lalina Puthri saw David Breashears' IMAX movie about the climbing of Mount Kilimanjaro in 2002, she thought it was wild and downright dangerous. "These people need their heads examined. Just watching the film was hard enough," she had told her friend. Soon thereafter she read Michael Crichton's semi-autobiographical book, which described his climb of Mount Kilimanjaro, and she was inspired to learn more about the highest freestanding mountain in the world.

"I was always fascinated by that mountain in Africa," Puthri said, but "Jane, if you'd told me in April 2011 that you wanted to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, I would have called you nuts and referred you to my daughter, who is a clinical psychologist."

And yet a month later Puthri decided to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro and in February 2012, at sixty-three years of age, she spent seven days climbing 19,341 feet to see the snows of Kilimanjaro.

Puthri said she isn't sure why she embarked on the adventure. As an answer she narrates this incident. "In May 2011 we were at the wedding of a friend's daughter with classmates from college. As is customary at these reunions, after talking about our physical ailments and the grandchildren, the topic ended up about our travels. Where we have been, where we want to go next, what's on our radars and so on. Bali, New Zealand, Antarctica, Madagascar were where people wanted to go.

"When it was our turn, my husband said he wanted to travel to Ethiopia. And I heard, 'I want to climb Mount Kilimanjaro'" Puthri recalls saying. She figured it was far less dangerous than Ethiopia.

Two weeks later, Puthri was diagnosed with a medial meniscus tear in her left knee and surgery was recommended.

She declined surgery, and began physical therapy for the knee and followed that with a training program under the direction of John Dares, a personal trainer at the rehab facility.

Neither her orthopedic surgeon nor her brother, who heads the department of Orthopedics at her alma mater in India were supportive of her attempting to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. Both felt that it is difficult to regain full function of the knee joint let alone be able to climb a mountain.

But Johnny Johnson, the physical therapist she was referred to, gave her hope. "Let us see how the knee responds and then decide" is what he said. And that became Puthri's mantra of taking things one day at a time. Each day that the knee behaved was considered a good day. Gradually she felt no pain, and under the guidance of her trainer she began the fitness program in August 2011.

Puthri is a petite, smart, vibrant woman who knows what she wants, and she planned well to reach her goal.

She started with a thirty min. program of cardio and endurance training and in October 2011 reached a level of an hour on the treadmill at fifteen degree incline or on an elliptical, with a fifteen lb. backpack on her shoulders to simulate the weight she will have to carry on her climb. In addition she did strength training of various muscle groups for an hour each day. On the days she wasn't working out at the gym, she walked from an hour to a maximum of six hours, (with breaks) with the fifteen pound backpack strapped to her back, because on the climb she would have to carry her own supply of drinking water and other essentials in her day pack and walk/climb for 4- 10 hrs. each day.

As there are no hills or mountains in our town, to simulate the incline on the mountain she walked up and down the steps or the gravel path to the levee 20 times, every fifteen minutes, on her long walks.

After much research online, and speaking with other successful climbers, she chose Thomson Treks among the hundreds of travel companies that guide trekkers on Mt. Kilimanjaro. It has been operating in Tanzania for 30 years, boasted excellent success rates, and was endorsed by David Brashears, who hired the company for his climb. Thomson Treks offered three routes to match the physical abilities of various clients. Puthri chose the mid-level difficulty, that took seven days to reach the summit, offered a more leisurely early morning climb on the day of the summit, and one and half days to walk down the mountain.

She had come to the decision after reading a passage in Henry Stedman's definitive book on trekking Kilimanjaro that haunted her. He wrote, "It seems like an age before Stella point (660 ft. below Uhuru peak) finally comes into view; when it does, it still seems an inordinate distance away. In my opinion, this is the hardest part of the climb, when the cold insinuates itself between the layers of your clothes, penetrating your skin, chilling your bones and numbing the marrow until finally, inevitably, it seems to freeze your very soul. The situation seems desperate at this hour and you can do nothing; nothing except keep going. It's one thing to fail to reach the summit because of altitude sickness; quite another to fail from attitude sickness."

"This route appealed to me because we didn't have to begin the most difficult climb at midnight in the darkness and bitter cold temperature and avoid the mad rush to get to the top before sunrise" she said.

Puthri sent an e-mail to all her family and friends on the eve of her travel to Tanzania requesting prayers from the believers and good wishes from the atheists. She said the support was overwhelming and believes that it made a big difference in the outcome.

Puthri set out with eleven other Americans, four women and seven men. Six were from New York / New Jersey area, three from South Carolina, one each from Massachusetts and California. "We were all strangers when we started but became friends for life after nine days together on the mountain" according to her. They were all younger, more athletic and almost all had marathon and triathlon experiences. Puthri said she does not have an 'athletic-bone' in her body and had walked a ten-K race for a charity at a younger age.

Thomson Treks provided 56 people in the form of guides, assistant guides, cooks, waiters, and porters to assure the safety and well-being of the twelve climbers. "They would dismantle a dining tent, two restroom tents, tents for each climber and the staff after we left

a camp in the morning and set it all up again in the next camp before we arrived there.” she said. To preserve the mountain’s purity, no trash was left behind.

“It was a spiritual experience for me,” Puthri said. “It was peaceful and solitary, just me and my music, with Godlove, one of the assistant guides and Prosper, who was assigned to be with the last climber carrying the emergency equipment, watching over me. I learned some Swahili and we sang songs on the way.”

Puthri said that part of the climb involved a 60-minute ascent that was almost as straight up as a ladder, by using rocks to gain footing for the next step up.

Her only means of communication with her husband was with text messages when she could get a satellite connection. This was possible only in certain camps, and near a specific landmark, “on the other side of that bush or behind the rock to your left, five feet away.” was how the successful ones would guide the next one attempting to connect with his/her loved ones.

She said just as difficult as the climbing was the cold temperatures. “I was cold the whole nine days.

“When the temperature drops in the fifties around here we bring out the heavy jackets and gloves, or stay indoor,” she said. “On the mountain it was freezing once we got past the Forest Zone.”

Puthri said, “The one thought that was never far away from my consciousness during the six months that I was training or while on the mountain was that ‘this could all end today, now.’ I do want to get to the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, and I am putting in the work needed to make it happen; but the end result is not in my hands. So many events (my bones and muscles and lungs and brain need to stay healthy) need to happen, and others (bad weather, accident) to not happen” she said.

Puthri feels that she was blessed during the months-long process. “A lot of things could have gone wrong,” she said. “I could have picked the wrong physical therapist, the wrong trainer, the wrong trekking company and so on. Everything fell in place. One of the most important was being Godlove, the assistant guide.

“Day after day, Godlove watched over my every step, preventing a fall here, a twist in the ankle there by pointing out where to put my foot, what rock to avoid, when to give up the trekking poles and rely on my hands and knees to haul myself up a steep rocky wall. He would point a discreet place to void, guard my privacy, hand me a snack bar at regular intervals and goad me to drink more water to prevent dehydration and worse - altitude sickness” she reminisced.

Almost everyone is affected by altitude sickness on the mountain and is the most common reason to not make it to the summit. Some medications prevent the severity. Puthri said that her symptoms of altitude sickness were lack of appetite, and exhaustion.

The mass appeal of Mt. Kilimanjaro is that it is not a technical climb, anyone who can walk can climb the mountain. It is the highest free standing mountain in the world, and has been made popular by Ernest Hemingway’s “Snows of Kilimanjaro” and a movie of the same title starring Gregory Peck. Kilimanjaro is what a mountain should be, majestic, with a wide base of sixty km by forty km, rising up almost six km into the sky with snows and glaciers at its peak. The trekkers cover the natural terrain normally seen from the equator to the Arctic Circle in just a few days; from rain forest, to heather, to moorland, to arctic desert, and glaciers in seven days.

More than 40,000 trekkers climb Mount Kilimanjaro every year, which the Masai call “the House of God”. One in four are from the US. The Kilimanjaro National Park records show that only 41% of trekkers actually reach the Uhuru (Freedom in Swahili) summit. The youngest person to reach the summit was seven and the oldest was eighty-seven years. Lalina was sixty-three when she was on the mountain and was the oldest. The next oldest in her group was sixty and was unable to reach the summit; he was just a few hours short of reaching Uhuru peak.

The first attempt to scale the mountain was done in the year 1861. Twenty-eight years later, in 1889 Hans Meyer and Ludwig Purtscheller successfully scaled Mt. Kilimanjaro with knowledge gained after many failed attempts. They built successive camps to store food and other supplies that were essential for the success of the expedition.

Puthri knew that she had done everything possible to get her body in the best physical shape it has ever been, but she did not know whether she would have the mental toughness to haul herself up the last segment before reaching the Uhuru peak. She got to find out that she was lucky to not have suffered from altitude sickness and that she did indeed have the mental stamina.

“When Godlove, the guide who was invaluable in my reaching the summit, asked me ‘you made it Lalina! How does it feel to be standing on the roof of Africa?’

“All I could muster was ‘yes’.

“I was spending all my energy on breathing and putting one foot in front of the other, in the thin air, shivering in the bitter cold in spite of being covered from head to toes in layers of silk and wool and Gortex. The recognition that I had made it to the summit was slow to come by.” Puthri recalled.

One of the most touching and special events when she reached the top was reading a letter written by her five-year-old granddaughter. With the help of her father, she had slipped the letter surreptitiously into her backpack before Puthri left for Tanzania. The outside of the envelope read, “Don’t open until you are on the mountain.” The letter told Puthri how much she was loved and missed.

“I felt so grateful to my husband, my two daughters and my entire family because without their help and encouragement I would not have had the courage to undertake this once in a lifetime adventure.” Puthri said.

Puthri's team of guides were delighted that she made it to the summit. Wilfred, the head guide invited her to return in ten years. She has agreed to do it again with her granddaughters if they would want to climb Mount Kilimanjaro.

A Book: "Hope Emerges" by Joseph Macenka

Hi Vasanth Uncle,

I had just received your "unofficial" request for articles for the *Khabbar* and thought this would be appropriate. I wasn't sure if you had seen this yet but knew it could not go unnoticed. I didn't realize what heartwarming good work one of our "kids" was doing. I knew you would want to see/read it too. When I clicked on the link I was able to read about some of the work Ajit has been doing at the VA hospital in Richmond, Va. It made me want to cry seeing what Ajit has been working to accomplish, especially since I have children this age. Here's the link to that book:

http://www.amazon.com/Hope-Emerges-Joseph-Macenka/dp/1493635530/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1393078178&sr=1-1&keywords=hope+emerges

Our love to all,

Metha Pai Gould

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Konkani Calendar

April 2014	May 2014	June 2014
5th KAOCA Yugadi	1 st Akshaya Thritiye	7th KPL Cricket Tournament (KAO)
8 th Shri Rama Navami	10 th Yekadashi	9 th Yekadashi
10 th Yekadashi	12 th Shri Narasimha jayanthi	12 th Poornami
12th KAO Ugadi	14 th Vaishakh Poornami	14 th Mithun-Sankranthi
13 th Mesh-Sankranthi	14 th Veisbh-Sankranthi	15 th Sankashta Chaturthi
14 th Shri Hanuman Jayanthi	17 th Sankashta Chaturthi	15th Konkani Sabha Picnic
14 th Saura Ugadi	28 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	26 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)
18 th Sankashta Chaturthi	31st KAO Satyanarayana Pooja	
18th -20th KISS Picnic		
19th AMKA Yugadi		
28 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)		

Khabbar thanks 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

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Mailing Canada <i>Khabbar</i> (10)		11.00
Mailing First Class Mail- Mailing List (225+33)		221.88
Mailing – Mailing List Canada (7)		10.85
Overseas (20)		60.00
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Money spent on this issue was not available during press time.

Kwiz

The last quarter's kwiz: What 5-digit number has the following features?

If we put the numeral 1 at the beginning, we get a number three times smaller than if we put the numeral 1 at the end of that number!

The Answer: 42857. Basically the equation to solve is $3(100000 + x) = 10x+1$

The following gave the right answers:

Naren Bhat, Orange, CT

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Akshay Kamath, North Brunswick, NJ

Vindya Bhat, Atlanta, GA

Sridharan Raman, Atlanta, GA

This Kwarter'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.*

These four Konkani cousins traveled to Konkani Sammelan from different states: Maine, South Carolina, Colorado and Alaska. When they arrived, their North American Konkani grandmother marked the height of each one on her kitchen wall: 4'-10", 4"-11", 5'-0" and 5'-2". Use these clues to answer the questions below:

1. Kusuma is taller than Kshama but one inch shorter than Keshav.
2. Kamala is not from Alaska
3. The cousin from Maine is not a girl
4. The cousin from Colorado is neither tallest nor the shortest

1. Where is Kamala from?
2. Who is the shortest cousin?
3. Which cousin is from Colorado?

Breaking News:.....

Jay Jayakumar – The City Council Member

Jay Jayakumar is now an elected official serving a two year term as council member for The City of Rollingwood, Texas. He started his official duties on November 20, 2013. We applaud him and wish him well for doing his civic duty by serving the community where he has lived for the last 30 years.

Submitted by Shanthi Jayakumar, prasidh@yahoo.com

NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Update



Dear Fellow Konkanis,
Here's the quarterly update on NAKA for this quarter:

The Interim NAKA team meets regularly on a bi-weekly basis to discuss how to make NAKA a viable organization in North America. The team now consists of **Sheila Shenoy Reddy, Sadanand Mankikar, Vasanth Bhat, Suresh Shenoy and Ranjit Shiralkar.**

We are proud to announce that NAKA has launched the much anticipated NAKA website (www.myNAKA.org). Please visit the website and send your constructive comments about the website or any other activity about NAKA. Again, thanks for all your support!

Path forward:

The interim NAKA Board is striving hard to make NAKA a viable organization in North America with the following two main goals:

1. Hold the Konkani Sammelan in 2016
2. Hold an election for NAKA so that NAKA truly represents the North American Konkani community.

All the financial dealing of NAKA will be transparent and here's the statement for this quarter:

NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
11/30/2013	Balance from last report	108,338.90	
	Audit-Reporting error in <i>Khabbar</i>		645.06
	Website development (Tarun Designs)		288.00
1/31/2014	Interest	22.40	
1/31/2014	Final Balance:	107,428.24	

Signed: **Damodar Baliga/Suresh Shenoy**, Treasurer, NAKA

Dev Baren Karo,

Sheila Shenoy Reddy

President, North American Konkani Association northamericakonkaniassociation@gmail.com

Konkani Sabha Events for 2014

Following are the highlights of the KONKANI SABHA activities for the year 2014.

Picnic: Rain or Shine: Date: Sunday, June 15, 2014 ; Time: 10 AM to sunset

Location: Mercer Park East Picnic Area, 1347 Edinburg Dutch Neck Rd Princeton Junction, NJ 08550

Cost: \$5 (18 years and older) and \$3 (ages 3 to 17) payable at the registration desk at the venue - To cover the cost of rent of the park, beverages, watermelon and supplies.

Activities: Children's activities, Cricket, Badminton, and Volleyball

Note: Please bring food items (entre only) enough for 2 families. Dessert will be provided by Konkani Sabha. For details including directions, visit our website at <http://www.konkanisabha.org/> So, come on, don't miss out on the fun!!

Diwali Talent Show: Date: Saturday, October 25th, 2014; Time: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Shri Venkateswara Temple Community Center, Bridgewater, NJ 1075 Route 202/206, Bridgewater, NJ 08807

(More information on Payment and Performance details for the Diwali event will be posted later)

Activities: Variety Entertainment, Socialization, Appetizer and Dinner

Performers: If you would be interested in performing this year, please contact one of the following people:

Name: Rajesh Nayak Email: rajesh_nayak@yahoo.com Cell: 201-931-5614

Name: Amit Kantak Email: kvamit@yahoo.com Cell: 732-986-8025

We once again thank you all for your support. We hope to have continued support and involvement from all of you in the coming years. We also ask each of you to spread the word to any Konkanis you know. Also visit our website at <http://www.konkanisabha.org/>

Thanks and regards,

Konkani Sabha Committee Members – 2013

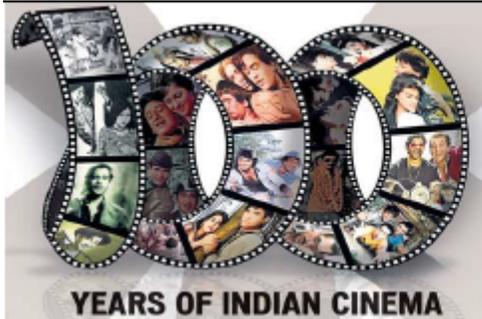
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Konkanis In Southern States (KISS) Picnic – April 18 – 20, 2014

It's time for a weekend of fun and excitement with your family and friends at the KISS (Konkanis in Southern States) 2014 picnic! This is an annual picnic that we have held since 1988 with Konkani families from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana. Let us continue this rich tradition and we look forward to having you join us in April.

The picnic will be held at Fort Parker State Park from 5 P.M. on Friday, April 18th to Noon on Sunday, April 20th. The park (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/fortpark/>) is located 7 miles south of Mexia and 6 miles north of Groesbeck on State Highway 14. The entrance is on Park Road 28. There will be pizza on Friday evening. Meals on Saturday will include breakfast, lunch and dinner, and on Sunday there will be "BRUNCH."

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Please mention KISS Picnic or Mr. Santosh Pai for special rates.

Area Coordinators:

Austin: Anu Bajekal (512-791-7258) and Sadu Bajekal (512-791-7238)

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Registration:

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Questions: Please call any member of the Dallas Team

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Konkani Charitable Fund, Inc.

43 Spray Court, Bayport, NY 11705

(631) 472-1418

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Web Address: www.Konkanicf.org

March 8, 2014

Now in existence for over five years, Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF) continues to strive to expand its programs and offerings to the Konkanis with limited access to the means and resources in India. It is our mission to fund and assist orphanages, old age homes in India, provide educational scholarships, organize health camps and food drives for needy and deserving Konkani brethren. To fulfill this endeavor we need continued support and backing by generous patrons like you. We hope that you will be able to contribute in one or more of the many charitable causes and experience first-hand the pride and pleasure derived from supporting these noble causes.

During the year 2012, Konkani Charitable Fund made big strides in donations and received \$200,000. During 2013, donations to KCF amounted to \$151,000. The most notable aspect of KCF is that we have been able to achieve this success with zero administrative cost. The directors have made a commitment to send 100% of the donations to the designated charitable causes, and administrative cost is off-set by the funds donated by the directors for that specific purpose. We look forward to receiving substantial donations in 2014 with your help.

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Contact Konkani Charitable Fund at CONTACT@KONKANICF.ORG to become a part of Konkani Charitable Fund and a beacon of hope.

P.S. Please send in your checks to KONKANI CHARITABLE FUND. 43 Spray Court Bayport, NY 11705. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call (631) 472-1418.

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Appeal: Shree Venkataramana Temple, Karkala

Dear Samaj Bandhava,

Shree Venkataramana Temple, Karkala, popularly known as "Padutirupathi" is one of the ancient Temples belonging to the Gowda Saraswath Brahmin Community. This Temple has a remarkable history of six centuries and is revered by its devotees belonging to the GSB community all over India and abroad.

Those who worship Lord Shree Venkataramana of Karkala are truly blessed by Him.

The blessedness and the glory of Lord Shree Srinivasa and Lord Shree Venkataramana of Karkala are beyond expression.

The resilient belief says that prayers offered with devotion standing inside the Garuda Mantap are always fulfilled by The Lord.

Every devotee has his own reminiscence of His grace that has protected him/her at the time of need. To the devotees of Lord Shree Venkataramana, He is their Master and the Saviour. A profound expression as "AMGELO DEVU" springs out from the bottom of the heart of every devotee of Lord Shree Venkataramana because of one's staunch faith in Him.

The daily Pooja Viniyogas, Panchaparvas and the Mahotsavas in the Temple are performed with great devotion and grandeur. "Selfless Service" is a significant feature of this temple and here this has been practiced by all. In the last one hundred years so many ever memorable historic programmes have taken place here beyond one's imagination. They speak volumes about the eminence and glory of the Lord and the "Kshetra".

The Temple has always encouraged academic, social, cultural and religious activities for the benefit of the people of Karkala and outside. In a visionary act, 100 years ago, the Board of Trustees of the Temple started women's education in Karkala in the name of the Lord. In pursuit of its academic and social causes, the Temple has supported Sri Bhuvanendra College, Karkala, Shree Venkataramana Goshala Trust (R), Vatsalya Seva Trust(R) (Old age Home) and Super Specialty Hospital by giving them acres of valuable land belonging to the Temple on lease.

In the long history of the Temple, it was renovated only twice way back in 1537 AD and 1776 AD. So, now it has been the long felt urge of the devotees to go for the renovation of this Holy Temple. This is our good fortune that the renovation of the Temple is going to take place during our life time. So to achieve this divine task successfully, it is the foremost duty of all the devotees to pray to Lord Shree Venkataramana with all sincerity and unity to get this divine work done through them by Him in a splendid manner.

The Renovation of the sanctum sanctorum and the inner quadrangle structure of the Temple will take place as per the divine guidance and the blessings of His Holiness Srimad Sudheendra Thirtha Swamiji of Shree Samsthan Kashi Math, Varanasi. With this aim in view, the Board of Trustees of the Temple has formed a Jeernoddhara Samithi. So, for the success of this sacred project, we, reverentially pray for the divine blessings of His Holiness Shrimad Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji and His Patta Shishya His Holiness Shrimad Sarnyamindra Thirtha Swamiji of Shree Samsthan Kashi Math, Varanasi, His Holiness Shrimad Vidhyadhiraja Thirtha Shripada Vader Swamiji of Shree Samsthan Gokarna Parthagali Jeevotham Math and His Holiness Shrimad Shivananda Saraswathi Swamy Guru Maharaj of Shree Samsthan Gowda Padacharya Kaivalya Math, Goa.

The present Aaya and Vastu of the Temple will be maintained and the new structure will be built in resemblance with the existing structure in a unique and majestic form. With this objective in view, the blue print of the new structure of the Temple has been drawn up by an experienced Vastu Expert and an Engineer.

The Devotees are eagerly looking forward to be a part of this great event which occurs once in several centuries. So on this historic occasion, let everyone of us serve the Lord by dedicating ourselves with Tanu, Mana, Dhana to this memorable task of the Jeernoddhara of the Temple.

We, therefore, appeal to you to come forward with your generous contributions to this noble cause. We also request you to seek and earn the blessings of His Holiness Swamijis and Lord Shree Venkataramana by your wholehearted participation in this magnificent and sacred project.

Yours in the Service of the Lord,

K. Jayaram Prabhu

President

Jeernoddhara Samithi,

Shree Venkataramana Temple, Karkala

ESTIMATE

The total estimated cost of the renovation of the temple is Rs. 21 crore. The cost of the first phase of renovation is Rs. 14 crore and that of the second phase is Rs. 7 crore.

The devotees may send their donations in the name of the Jeernoddhara Samithi, Shree Venkataramana Temple, Karkala through Bank Cheques/DDs as per the details given below

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Our temple has witnessed many developmental activities in the past. The latest project is "Sri Venkataramana Yatri Niwas" for which foundation stone was laid by H. H. Shrimath Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji of Kashi Math Samsthan. The idea to construct Yatri Niwas to enable our outstation devotees to visit our temple frequently. The rooms (some with AC) will have all modern facilities, similar to those at many of our Kuladeva Temples in Goa.

The Project:

6 rooms, dormitories, quarters for temple staff, spacious kitchen, toilets

Reconstruction of Sabha Bhavan with one additional floor

Facelift and ground work in front of temple and around water tank

Road work from temple to main road including beautification on either side of the road

The temple administration has formed a building committee and has drawn a master plan estimated around Rs. 2 crores, to be implemented in phases.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Many sons of the soil have migrated to length and breadth of the country and world. With the blessings of Almighty and Swamiji, they have become stars in their profession and have contributed immensely for the development of the temple. Now is another opportunity for all devotees to appreciate the blessings of our beloved Sri Venkataramana.

1. Reconstruction of Sabha Bhavan-Title Sponsorship (Rs. 40 L)
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9. Special brick sponsorships: Sandalwood @ Rs. 1L, Gold @ Rs. 50k, Silver @ Rs. 25k and bronze @ Rs. 10k

OUR PRAYERS

We pray to Sri Venkataramana and our Swamijis to continue to shower their choicest blessings on you and your family with Health, Peace, Divinity and Prosperity. We are sure each one of you will partake in the bliss of timely completion of the project.

We shall emerge successful in our endeavors with blessings of Sri Venkataramana and Parama Poojya H. H. Shrimath Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji (Mathadhipathi of Shree Kashi Math Samsthan) and his Patta Shishya H. H. Shrimath Samyamindra Thirtha Swamiji, as experienced in our past projects.

Devotionally yours,

K. A. P. R. Kini
Managing Trustee
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