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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.....

Khabbar and the area (unofficial) official correspondents do a marvelous job in collecting Konkani news in North America on a regular basis. The Editorial team bends backwards to accommodate every news item., sometimes going out of the way. The case in point is:

This family from Texas sent in a really a *hoon khabbar* item but had missed the deadline. If not for the extra ordinary efforts by the Editorial committee, this particular news item

would have missed getting published in the latest issue of *Khabbar* of that quarter. I emailed this family saying I was able to accommodate this family's news item by holding the press!

Here comes the reply from the family, "Thanks for going the extra mile! Truly appreciate that. *Khabbar* is a classic worth preserving....you read it once and you are "hooked" for life!"

Well, now the pressure is on *Khabbar* to keep publishing *Khabbar* on a regular basis lest this family may have to go to a rehab facility!?!

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 *eKhabbar*, the electronic version of *Khabbar*, by logging on to *eKhabbar.com*. If you want hard copy, then only remit your subscription at \$15.00/yr. **Please, don't pay for future years!** Fill the form below and send your subscription with a check payable to *Khabbar* to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222. (Canadian Konkanis please pay cash or MO in US\$)

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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 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. **Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar** and his team are doing a fantastic job in making our community aware of KCF and hope you will help him to help our people.

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 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 Konkani 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.

Have a safe summer.

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.

Dear Sir,
Sub: Admission Offer Details of
Canara Engineering College – reg.

Canara Engineering College,
Benjanapadavu.
Cell: 9448150757

88 Bhat(t)
49 Baliga
46 Kini
39 Mal(l)ya, Mallia, Mahale
31 Nadkarni(y)
24 Bhandarkar, Bhandari(y)
18 Hegde
17 Kudva
15 Kop(p)ikar
14 Hatt(i)angadi(y)
13 Acharya.

With reference to above, Please note that CANARA ENGINEERING COLLEGE offers Engineering Seats at CET RATES! for the benefit of G.S.B.Students/students having Konkani as their Mother Tongue .

Dear Vasanth,
Here is this year's analysis of the 2014 *Khabbar* Mailing List dated 12-18-2013:

Of the 2,339 families in the list (it was 2,317 last year!); we have Konkani living in 44 states & DC (same as last year!). We do not have any Konkani living in Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming!!

The Kamat(h) families have maintained their lead. California still leads with 622 families (it was 610 last year!) and San Jose, CA has the highest number of Konkani families living 97! It was 98 last year!!

Kindly forward this information to your relatives ,friends & to the needy without fail, so that meritorious students in maximum number may get benefited.

For Details: 0824-2493210/
2278665/94481 50757

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

Ganesh Kamath M, M.A. B.Ed.
Administrative Officer

Also, we have:
240 Kamat(h)
230 Shenoy, Shenai, Shanbh(o)ag(ue)
225 Pai
162 Nayak (Naik)
110 Prabhu
101 Rao (u)

Keep up the great work.

Ravindra Nayak,
Flanders, NJ

Friends,

I am Vallab Nayak, Executive Director of the Earth Youth Environmental Society (EYES). After months of preparation, our group has finally launched the EYESFILMS program. The program is dedicated to educating the public about our environment and the issues that plague it by producing eye-opening documentaries for an international audience. Our first major documentary focuses on the truth about Climate Change and the future we face. The documentary, REALITY, will be launched in Spring 2015, the 10th anniversary of Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth. We have created a teaser for the film and we are hoping you can check it out! Please visit films.earthyes.org to watch the teaser.

1) The first option is to support us financially by donating directly to our program. We can use funds to get the specific equipment we need for the program such as lighting and specialized audio devices. Thanks to GoFundMe, the donation process is easy, convenient, and secure.

2) The second option is directly donating equipment from Amazon.com to the program. We have created an Amazon wishlist on our website with links to the items most critical to the program. You choose what and how much you want to donate. This method ensures your transactions are secure through Amazon.com and gets items delivered directly to us. Items can be shipped to 43 Meredith Rd. Edison, NJ 08817.

Your support for this program is necessary for this films to make the powerful impact it was designed to create. Please do what you can to make the EYESFILMS program's REALITY a reality. Thank you very much for your consideration. If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or suggestions, please contact the films team by email, films@earthyes.org, or feel free to contact me at vallab@earthyes.org. Thanks!

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Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

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.

"Where Earth Meets Water" first book published by **PIA PADUKONE** of New York City, NY was launched at Barnes & Noble Tribeca (97 Warren Street, off Greenwich Street) on Wednesday, May 14 at 6pm followed by a party. A reading and reception at Words Bookstore at 179 Maplewood Avenue, Maplewood NJ was also held on Saturday, May 10 at 5pm.

"Why Do We Live" a book by **B. PANDURANGA PAI** of West Bloomfield, MI was published by Startegic Book Publishing & Rights Co. in 2013 The book, dedicated to his wife, Sumati, gives simple answer to the complex question of life.

VALLAB, s/o Vinith & Divya Kayak of Edison, NJ My son, has started a club in High School, called EYES (Earth Youth Environmental Society), and their website is

<http://www.EarthYes.org>

Vallab, is in High School (10 Grade), and is very dedicated to helping the environment. Among other things, they have built a huge vegetable garden in their school, and 30+ student volunteers are involved year-round. They have been recognized by the Edison School Board, and by the local "Sentinel" newspaper.

They have also started "EYES Films", an ambitious video project to educate the people of Planet Earth about what we are doing to the only home we have.

It is proud to know that this young Konkani boy is so diligently looking to save the Earth.

Sharmila Rao Thakkar of Chicago, IL was selected as a National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum "Shero." They've been profiling a person a day for the month of May, which is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

DR. ANJALI KUMBLA KAMATH is completing residency training in Internal Medicine at UCLA-Olive View Medical Center in Sylmar, CA. In July 2014, she starts fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at the UCLA-Olive View, Cedars Sinai, and Kaiser Permanente combined program in Los Angeles, CA. Anjali is the wife of Dr. Ashvin Kamath, and she is the daughter-in-law of Drs. Ramadas & Udaya Kamath of Apple Valley, CA.

Dr. AJIT B. PAI of Richmond, VA accepted the role of Chief of PM&R Services at the Richmond VA Medical Center, after acting in the interim role since November 2013. As the Chief of PM&R, he oversees a large department of over 130 physicians, therapists and administrators in the nationally renowned facility.

Konkani Graduates:

Dr. VIKRAM SHENOY, s/o Dr. Rajarama & Aneetha Shenoy of Shelton, CT graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine with the Doctor of Medicine degree on May 12, 2014. He also received the Faculty Award for Overall Academic Excellence. He previously earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Connecticut.

Vikram will be pursuing a residency in internal medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia starting in June.

VIVEK, s/o Manjeshwar Ganesha & Lakshmi Kamath of Atlanta, GA, is graduating from University of Tennessee, Knoxville as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) on May 10, 2014.

Dr. Vivek Kamath will join USDA Veterinary Services, Gaithersburg, MD as Veterinary Medical Officer.

Dr. ASHVIN SHENOY, s/o Basti Ganapathi & Gayathri Shenoy of Las Vegas, NV will relocate to San Diego with his wife **Dr. CASIE SHENOY** in June upon completion of their residencies at U.C. Davis Medical Center (Sacramento, CA). Ashvin is a

Pediatrician and will start practicing with Children's Primary Care Medical Group in an outpatient clinic setting. Casie, having finished her residency in Internal Medicine, will go on to pursue fellowship training in Hematology & Oncology at Scripps Green Hospital (La Jolla, CA)

New Arrival:

VIJAY, a baby boy to Ashish & Jyothi Pradhan, of Fullerton, CA born on February 24, 2014. The proud paternal grandparents are Dr. (Mrs.) Alka & Mr. Vilas Pradhan of Ahmedabad and maternal grandparents are Mrs. Jaya & Mr. Sudhakar Pai of Manipal.

ALIA SHANTHI, a baby girl to Ajit & Amie Pai of Richmond, VA on April 18, 2014 at 9:33 am weighing 6 lbs 8 oz and measuring 19.3 inches. A sister to Ayla akka. The paternal grandparents are Balachandra & Vijaya Pai of Cherry Hill, NJ.

Engagement:

Chi. VIVEK s/o Manjeshwar Ganesha & Lakshmi Kamath of Marietta GA engaged to **Kum. GINA ROACH** of Morristown TN on May 25, 2014. Both graduated from The University of Tennessee Knoxville in May 2014 and relocating to Arlington VA. Vivek is joining USDA as a Veterinary Medical Officer, Maryland and Gina is joining KPMG as an Accountant in Washington DC.

Newly Weds:

Chi. GIRIDHAR, s/o Mulki Radhakrishna & Padma Bhat of Miller Place, NY, married **Sow. UMA**, d/o Ammundi Venkatesan and Devaki Subramanian on March 21, 2014 at the Drexelbrook Manor, Drexel Hill, PA; the wedding was followed by a reception in the evening.

Sridhar & Lalitha celebrated the marriage of their daughter **Sow. CHARANYA** with **Chi. NIKHIL**, s/o Suresh & Kusum Pai of Decatur, GA on Sunday June 8th 2014 at the Meenakshi Temple Kalyana Mandapam in Pearland, TX followed by reception at the Texas Grand

Ballroom in Omni Houston Hotel at Westside, Houston, TX.

Relocation:

The **GOLIKERIS**, Sudhir & Ranjana, together with Amulipacci have relocated from Clear Lake, TX to 20903 Tranquil Shores Drive, Richmond, TX 77407. The new telephone is (832)-945-2557 and email ID: sgolikeri@gmail.com.

The **NAYAK** family, Drs. Vasudev & Shailla, have relocated from Mays Landing, NJ to 10 Gingko Court, Somerset, NJ 08873. The new telephone is (848)-216-3069 and email ID: vdevnyak@aol.com

HATTANGADI family, Rajiv & Ashlesha, together with their kids Anika, Ruhika and Sanil have relocated from Austin, TX to 4760 NW Skycrest Parkway, Portland, OR 97229-2300. Their new phone is (503)-430-1316 and email ID: rajivhat@hotmail.com

The **BALIGA** family, Subramanya & Chitra have moved from Gaithersburg, MD to 38009 Temple Way, Fremont, CA. 94536. Their telephone numbers are (510)-793-8941 (Residence) and (408)-410-0121 (Cell) and email ID: subrabaliga@hotmail.com

The **BHATT** family, the newlyweds, Sanjay & Pooja have relocated within Seattle, WA to 721 Madison Ave N, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.

Dr. VIVEK GANESHA KAMATH has relocated to 2800 Clarendon Blvd #W514, Arlington, VA 22201. His phone is (423)-312-2497

Surprise 70th Birthday Party:

Families and friends of **AJITA KAMATH** of Northvale, NJ threw a surprise 70th birthday party at the residence of her daughter, Dr. Vanita Braver, in Warren, NJ on Saturday May 24, 2014.

Surprise 75th Birthday Bash:

BALACHANDRA PAI of Cherry Hill, NJ celebrated his 75th birthday with over 50 friends and relatives on Saturday May 31, 2014 at Flavors of India in Mt. Laurel, NJ. The surprise party was a great success due to careful coordination by his *baaila*, **Vijaya Pai**.

Surprise 80th Birthday Gala:

Jayant & Kanchan Kabad of Sugar Land, TX celebrated the 80th Birthday of her mother, **Smt. KUMUD NILEKANI** on Saturday May 31st 2014 at Houston Museum of Natural History in Sugar Land, TX. The well coordinated event was attended by

friends and families from all over the world.

90th Birthday Bash:

Sudhir & Ranjana Golikeri of Richmond, TX celebrated the 90th Birthday of his mother, **Smt. RADHA GOLIKERI (fondly referred as Amulpacchi)** on Saturday April 26th 2014 at T. E. Harman Center in Sugar Land, TX. Friends and families from all over the world attended this gracious occasion.

Obituary:

DEVIDAS SHANTARAM MANKIKAR (94) passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2014 evening (IST) in Nashik. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Meerabai Mankikar of Nasik, India and son, Sadanand Mankikar & family of Burlington, Ont.

PREMA BAI BHAT (99) passed away peacefully at home in Mangalore on May 14, 2014. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son, Dr. J. Ganesh Bhat & family of Malba, NY.

VIMALA NAYAK (67) of Pittsburgh, PA passed away in Karkala on June 9, 2014. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her husband, Dr. Narayan T. Nayak & family of Pittsburgh, PA.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

Konkani Association of Northern California (KAOCA)

KAOCA's theme for 2014 year is Creativity-Compassion-Community. Our aim is to nurture our members creative side, give back to the community by planning charitable activities, and make KAOCA larger and stronger.

We started the year off with a bang!!

Our **Yugadi** program was held on April 5th, 2014 at the Sunnyvale Hindu Temple. Almost 450 people attended the program. Our theme this year was Spring. We started off the evening with delicious *tannik* and socializing followed by a 2 hr entertainment program.

Groups of kids and kids at heart presented folk dances. We started off with our wonderfully talented teens doing *Ganesh Vandana*. Our cute little tiny tots danced to the Marathi song "*Naach Re Mora*", our younger girls group looked beautiful dancing to the Kashmiri song "*Bhumro bhumro*", our energetic younger boys *Balle Balle'd* their way into our hearts with a foot thumping Bhangra, our soon to be teen boys and girls looked super as they danced to *Nagada Sang dhol baje*. Our gorgeous KAOCA ladies and one handsome guy rocked the stage - they danced to the Kannada song "*Yello Jogappa Ninna Aramaane*"

Tulsi Prabhu gave a soulful rendition of "*Ishq Sufiyana*" giving us all goosebumps.

Our fabulous KAOCA "models" walked the ramp as part of our Fashion show - our theme for the Fashion show was Family and we had moms, dads, grandparents with kids and grandkids, sisters, cousins, couples showing off on stage in style.

They say "Laughter is the best medicine" and our Dr. Vivek Shanbhag proved this once again with his hilarious skit "*Shaqualo Shukraaru - A Konkani Kids Friday*". The audience couldn't stop laughing as they watched the talented group portraying a reversal of roles on stage - kids acting like adults and the adults becoming little kids. The entertainment show ended our grand finale and the National Anthems performed by kids.

This was followed by an authentic finger licking good Konkani dinner, home cooked by our Food Committee and volunteers. We then danced into the night to awesome DJ music.

Our Second event was held on May 24th, 2014 - **our Karaoke and Food Drive** - held at the Centerville Community Center in Fremont. Amateurs to pros, kids as little as 4yrs old to adults performed Hindi and English numbers. This was a free event held mainly as a Food Drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank - it was a very successful event with our members donating generously in cash and kind

Next up is our volunteering event for teens and adults at the City Team Ministries in San Jose on June 21st

-----Lata and Ramanand Kini (KAOCA 2014 President)

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Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) Picnic and Bazar – April 5, 2014

The HAAS 2014 Spring Picnic on April 5, 2014 at Sugar Land Memorial Park was a wonderful and enjoyable event. It was bright and very pleasant in the morning. For the early comers there was *Idli* prepared by **Pratima Shenoy and Sharada Pai**, *Chutney* by **Maya Prabhu** and *Upama* by **Didi Baliga**. There was hot tea, juice, fresh bananas, oranges and muffins for snacking. It was a day for all fun food and events.

By about 10:30 am most of the kids had arrived and games were started off by our enthusiastic HAAS volunteers **Charani Kamath, Ria Rao, and Pooja Nayak** and the led by **Aparna Shenoy**. Riddle challenge and Musical Arms were enjoyed by everyone young and old. Our "HAAS Bollywood Dance Guru" **Gayathri Rao**, taught us the dance moves for the famous and everyone's favorite Lungi Dance. These games and activities got everyone warmed up in the beautiful sunshine on a really cool and pleasant day.

Many of the ladies then formed a group and went for a long walk around the walking trail of the lovely park. Kids were free to play in the playground, or to get their faces and hands painted with cute motifs. There was palm reading set up by **Krishna Bhat** who was busy from the start to almost after lunch. Also, another most interesting feature of the picnic was the make-up tips station set up by **Kanchan Kabad**. Most of the ladies were fresh and pretty even by end of the picnic. Not to forget our very own nutritionist, the young and energetic **Namita Kamath** who gave good tips to eat nutritious food and stay healthy.

Lunch was a typical 'picnic menu' consisting of *Pav Bhaji* prepared by **Nita Kelkar and Asha Dhume**, *Dahi vada* by **Chaya Ubhayakar and Jyoti Nayalkar**, *Bhel* prepared with the help from all the famous chat specialists viz. **Prabha Malya, Gayathri Rao, Gauri Sirur, Kanchan Kabad, Usha Shiralkar, Sucheta Kini, Sujatha Desai**. As always, **Narendra Rao** was always around, this time for making the hot *pavs* for the *pav bhaji*. To top it all there was Ice cream and delicious muffins by **Arundhati Nagarkatti** and cookies by **Sheetal Shashital**. And how can we forget the kids favorite dish, Pasta by **Aparna Shenoy**.

For the afternoon snacks, *Chivda* was prepared by **Jyoti Nayalkar** and *Churmundo* by **Pratibha Pai**.

Overall it was a wonderful day to go back home with happy memories of the fun filled events, lots of fun food, bollywood dance and activities. Our thanks go out to all the volunteers and members for attending the event and making it a successful and enjoyable event and to all who helped to set up, clean up and transport food.

We'll see you all with more enthusiasm at the next HAAS event - The HAAS Janmashtami!

Thanks

HAAS Management Committee

www.ourhaas.com

First Konkani Picnic in Arizona.

On the sunny, pleasant afternoon of March 29, Konkani families gathered in the Ramada of the breezy Desert Breeze Park in Chandler in the East Valley, for their first outdoor Konkani Picnic in Arizona.

They brought delicious homemade specialties for the event. There was *Bombay Batata Wada; Wada Paav; Jelebi; Chatto Ambado; Phova upkari, Rulanv, Shevon*, etc. The eats were fresh and alluring and the revelers were keen and hungry. They devoured the goodies with relish, pott bhornu. The lip smacking, finger licking that was evident was proof of the culinary skills of the ladies and their gifted hands (haath goon).

Having satiated themselves, the picnickers were ready for the real thing - fun; games and frolic. They played Kho Kho; musical chairs; lemon in spoon race; catching the disk; etc. amateur artistes tried their singing skills, too. The children also enjoyed a joy ride in the mini train run by the park.

All had a swell time. Absorbed in fun and merriment, the revelers did not notice the onset of dusk; and the approaching night.

They were not inclined to call it a day; wanting more of the fun and frolic.

Finally, when it was time to go, the picnickers reluctantly dragged their feet homewards, but not before demanding more such events be held, sooner, than later.

Thus ended a memorable evening; and the **first Konkani picnic of Arizona**

Submitted by: Anjali and Shilpa Rao

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Ontario Konkani Association.

The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) held their annual Satyanarayana Pooja on Saturday May 31, 2014 at Bharata Mata Mandir in Castlemore, Ont. under able leadership of Dinkar Bhat maam..

World Quizzing Champion: Vikram Joshi



We now have 1,833 scores in and so we believe it's safe to confirm the winner of this year's World Quizzing Championships. Huge congratulations to the new World Quizzing Champion, star of the Indian quiz scene, Vikram Joshi!

Vikram scored a staggering 176 points (out of a possible 210) including a full house in the History category. In second place was the USA's Steve Perry with a fantastic score of 174 and in third place was previous World Quizzing Champion, England's Kevin Ashman with 170.

Thank you to everyone for taking part. We very much hope you enjoyed it and we look forward to next year's WQC, which will take place on Saturday 6 June.

Without further ado, we thought you'd all like to meet the new champion...

Meet The World Quizzing Champion

Vikram has been quizzing since he was at school 30-odd years ago. He took part in one of the early Bournvita Quiz Championships when it was still hosted by Ameen Sayani on the radio. During his engineering college days in Bombay, he quizzed in the Bombay college quizzing circles.

He then moved to the USA for grad school at the University of Virginia and then stayed on to work as an engineer in Boston for a few more years where his quizzing then was limited to watching Jeopardy and shouting answers at the television.

His interest in quizzing was revived when he moved back to Bombay and discovered the Bombay Quiz Club and their weekly quizzing sessions and a great group of people to bounce questions off, to host quizzes for and to partner with. Since then, he has been Landmark National Quiz champion (along with his teammates), won Mahaquizzer of India one year and won Mindsweep internationally. He also hosts several quizzes as part of the Mumbai Quiz Festival every year.

At the WQC, he started slowly with a rank in the mid 100's, but moved up to number 9 last year and number 1 this year.

His interests are history (his first true love), politics and religion and he absolutely loves Japanese and Italian food.

Note: Vikram is s/o Drs. Vishwanath & Aruna Joshi of Mumbai and nephew of Mrs Veena Kamath of Palo Alto, CA

Obituary: Mulki Vaman Kamath

By: - Mukund Kamath, San Ramon, CA

Born: 4th December, 1932

Expired: 23rd May, 2014

Vaman graduated in Electrical Engineering in 1955 from Banaras Hindu University with Distinction. He then went to work for Best and Beacon for 2 years in Bombay. He was selected by Hindustan Steel in 1957 and was deputed to U.S. Steel under the Ford Foundation Scholarship. Vaman underwent training at various steel plants and technical institutes for installation, operation and maintenance of an integrated steel plant. Upon completion of training, Vaman returned to India in 1959 and was assigned to Durgapur Steel. Vaman stayed at Durgapur for 5 years. During his tenure, Vaman saw the completion of steel plant installation and production of steel and steel products for marketing.

Vaman then joined M.N.Dastur in Calcutta as a consultant to Metallurgical Industry. He was closely associated with the initial planning and subsequent design of electrical systems at Bokaro Steel plant. He was also the lead Engineer in charge of the specifications and procurement of large capacity overhead cranes at steel melting shops and rolling mills.

Vaman got a visa to migrate to USA in 1969 and settled in New Jersey and worked at power plant consultants Burns & Roe. He had successful 4 years before he decided to move to California in 1973.

Vaman joined Bechtel Corporation who had a number of nuclear power plant projects. Vaman started with working on Colstrip Project located in Montana which was a fossil fuel based power plant. Afterwards he worked on nuclear power plants. Some of the projects he worked on were Skagit, Limerick, Diablo Canyon, among others. While at Bechtel, Vaman completed MBA program offered by Golden Gate University.

Vaman retired from Bechtel in 1992 and he then decided to follow a career in insurance business. He joined MetLife and worked on life insurance line of work until his retirement in 2002. Vaman liked insurance business due to the opportunities it offered to meet people from different walks of life.

Afterwards, Vaman led an active life. He would go on vacations by road, by ship or by air. He loved to try cuisines from different parts of the world. He exercised regularly at home and went for daily walks. He watched his diet carefully.

Vaman faced his first health problem in 2012 when his doctor diagnosed that he has issues with one of his lungs. He was treated in the hospital and returned home. He led a reasonably active life for the next 12 months. He was re-admitted to the hospital in September, 2013. He was treated and moved to a sub-acute care facility. He was fairly comfortable. Vaman was not in pain or physical distress. We all thought he would live for a few more months, if not years.

However, Vaman passed away peacefully in his sleep at 4:50 AM on the early morning of 23rd May, 2014.

Vaman is survived by 3 brothers, 2 sisters, 3 nieces, 3 nephews, 3 sisters-in-law and 1 brother-in-law.

Vaman was a pioneer of our family. He paved the way for our coming to USA. He helped and guided us in the new country where we are now settled. He was a great guy and we were fortunate to have him around.

MAY VAMAN'S SOUL REST IN PEACE

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Veteran Konkani Movement leader, Writer, Speaker, Chairman Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Academy of World Konkani Centre, Advocate **Uday L. Bhembre** was felicitated at Madgaon, Goa on 15.03.2014 by Vishwa Konkani **Sardar Basti Vaman Sheno**. President of Kerala Konkani Sahitya Akademi President **Shri Payyanur Ramesh Pai**, President Goa Konkani Akademi **Shri Pundalik N. Naik** were present.

Government of Karnataka, Kannada and Culture Department gave a Grant of Rs.50.00 lakhs to World Konkani Centre for the development of Konkani Language, Culture, Literature, folklore and also to give Scholarships to backward communities of Konkani speaking people.

Mr. K.V.Kamath, Chairman, ICICI Bank donated a beautiful fully air conditioned Meeting Hall to Nalanda High School at Mangalore on 22.03.2014.

Goa Konkani Akademi honoured **Mr. Paul Moras**, Mangalore, Veteran, Konkani writer, researcher and leader of Konkani Movement in Karnakataka for his Life time services, at Panaji, Goa with **Madhav Manjunath Shanbhag**, Founder of All India Konkani Parishad(1939) Award.

Karnataka State Level Konkani Poets Meet was held at Bantwal organized by Kavita Trust Mangalore chaired by **Mr. Melvyn Rodrigues**. About 40 Konkani Poets delivered their Konkani Poems.

Mr. Jagannath Sheno was felicitated on his 50th year at Mangalore, Bantwal and many places by G.S.B. Samaj leaders.

3 days' Konkani Translation Workshop was held at World Konkani Centre under the joint auspices of Goa University and World Konkani Centre. Director **Dr. Kiran Budkuley** conducted the Translation Workshop for 30 Goa University of English department students.

Mangalore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has decided to publish a detailed history of Mangalore. **Dr. B.A. Vivek Rai**, former Vice Chancellor of various universities in India and Germany is the Chief Editor. **Shri Basti Vaman Sheno** is a member in the Editorial Board. The history of Tulunadu, Governess under various dynasties and important personalities in Commerce, Literature and Culture will be portrayed in the book.

Survey of various Konkani dialects has been taken up by World Konkani Centre in association with Central Institute of India, Poona Region from 8.5.2014 to 12.5.2014 at World Konkani Centre.

3 days' KSHAMATA (KONKANI STUDENTS HIGHER ACHIEIEMENT MOTIVATION AND TRAINING ACADEMY): Training Camp was held for G.S.B. Graduates of Mulki Town at World Konkani Centre from 16th to 19th May 2014 under the auspices of G.S.B. Sabha, Mulki and Mulki Shambhavi Narasimha Kudva Trust. **Mr. M.Atul Kudva and Mr. M. Shivaram Kamath** initiated the programme.

A new Government under **Mr. Narendra Modi** was sworn in at New Delhi on 26.05.2014 . In the recently held National General Elections, Bharatiya Janata Party has won 284 Seats and got a comfortable Majority in Parliament.

Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarships to 220 scholars for Rs.9.00 lakhs were given to Konkani Speaking Kharvi Community Students at Ankola, Uttar Kannada District, Karnataka. **Dr. Mankal Vaidya, Shri Muralidhar Vittal Prabhu, Shri Basti Vaman Sheno, Dr. Kasturi Mohan Pai, Shri Venkatesh N. Baliga** from World Konkani Centre and **Shri K.B. Kharvi**, President, All India Kharvi Samaj were present.

World Konkani Centre, Mangalore and XCHR(Xavier Centre for Historical Research, Goa) signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)for digitizing the Archived Books and Documents pertaining to 16-18th Century in their collection particularly famous **Mhamai Kamat** family of Goa.

Fr. Savio Abreu, the Director of XCHR and **Shri Basti Vaman Sheno**, President, World Konkani Centre, signed the MOU at World Konkani Centre, Mangalore on 6th June 2014 in the presence of WKC Patron **Shri Ramadas Kamath U. and Fr. Denzil Lobo**, Rector, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, **Shri Pradeep G. Pai**, Trustee World Konkani Centre and Secretary, Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund and **Shri Venkatesh N. Baliga**, Secretary, World Konkani Centre, **Shri Gurudath Bantwalkar** were present.

On this occasion First Edition of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund Alumni VAA e-magazine AMCHI-ZINE was released by **Mr. Ramdas Kamath U. Miss. Lenita Menezes**, President of the VKSSF Alumni and her team were present.

Dr. T.M.A. Pai Foundation, Manipal felicitated Distinguished Achievement Awards to the Outstanding Konkani **1. Mr. Anant Nag**, Renowned Cine Actor, Bangalore, and **2. Dr. Jayant Kaikini**, Renowned Writer and Lyricist, Bangalore. Dr. T.M.A. Pai Best Konkani Book Award to **Mrs. Surya Ashok**, Kochi for her book 'Ananya Kenya'. The Award ceremony was held on 7th June 2014 Saturday at Chaitya, Fortune Inn Valley View, Manipal.

Most Influential Lenders in Los Angeles County in 2013: Sanat Amladi

As appeared in the Los Angeles Business Journal Supplement dated March 31 2014

Managing Director and Regional Underwriting Manager
Wells Fargo Capital Finance
Years practicing: 17
Years with current firm: 13

Education: The George Washington University

SANAT AMLADI has been instrumental in helping Wells Fargo become a leader in asset-based lending space. His historical knowledge and in-depth understanding of both business and lending issues have proven invaluable in devising sophisticated and innovative financing solutions. Amladi is highly valued leader within Wells Fargo organization.

Amladi currently works as a regional Underwriting Manager (Managing Director) on the Business Finance team, which provides innovative asset-based lending solutions to various businesses in need of diverse financing. As an industry expert, Amladi has agented and syndicated asset-based loans ranging in size from \$15mm to \$1.5B for companies in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, distribution, and service. In 2013 alone, he led 29 transactions representing over \$3.3B in loan volume.

Amladi's reputation extends beyond deal volume; he is frequently involved in high profile transactions where the asset based lending involving international components. Working closely with counsel, Amladi has done extensive work with Intercreditor Agreements, Agreement Among Lenders, and other loan documents to help successful close transactions and meet borrowers and lending partners' needs. Working at the forefront of ABL internationally, Amladi has closed transactions in Germany, the Netherlands, the U. K. and Canada among other jurisdictions.



Moksha

MOKSHA

I saw a note on Moksha in the Jan to March 2014 issue. I thought I can add a little bit of what I think about it.

Have we ever questioned why there are so many different version of the 'Meaning of Life?'

Why there are so many different religions and hundreds of sub sects in each religion?

Why there are so many concepts of 'God'?

Why there are so many 'Gurus' each interpreting 'Life' in a different way?

Why after each 100 Kilometers, dress habits, food habits, language, religious beliefs, concept of God all changes. Why? Why?

Because all these are 'Man Made', including religious beliefs and concepts of God.

Why? Basically we do not know 'Why Do We Live'. May be we just have an 'instinct to live' and like all other living beings, we 'eat, mate, sleep and one day die.' But being thinking humans, with emotions, we want to have more dignified reasons for living and hence created lofty concepts, like, Karma, Nirvana, Poonerjanma etc.

After several years of meditating, Buddha got enlightenment and said something like, we do not know whether there is God or not, but we know that we have a life to live. Live it in the best possible manner without harming any other living being.

If you are interested more on the subject, you may refer to the website of publisher of my book "Why Do We Live"

www.sbpra.com/bppai . After going through the website if you are interested in the book, please send me a mail on my personal email beepipai@yahoo.com . I will mail you a copy of my book at my cost. After reading it you may donate the book to your local library.

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Spirit of her Father

By Anasuya Kabad



When my *ammama* **Kumud S Nilekani** was a child, she never paid attention to her father as he created an unusual single line drawing. When her father, **S.K.Invally**, lovingly known as **Appamam**, passed away as an unknown artist in India in 1956, no one had been trained to do his type of single-line drawings. It's a unique style of drawing. Admirers say that from a distance, the pictures appear as if they are composed of thousands of lines, but actually the entire picture is drawn in one single line, consisting of a beginning and end point. *Ammama* has created complex pictures such as a "Texas Ranch," "Mother & Child," "Riverside" and "Fruit Bowl," in addition to portrayals of Buddha and many Hindu deities. "Each picture has its own beauty, and there is not one picture I like over the other"

Those who have seen *Ammama's* work say that their minds are fascinated by the intricacies in the drawings. "The drawings require deep concentration, patience and dedication," *Ammama* says. "So it is a true miracle that I am doing exactly what my father did 60 years ago. Now it feels as if my father has come into my hand to complete his half-finished work." Only three of his works has remained.

When admirers ask her how she could do it, she always would say that she is not an artist nor she did any art work till she was in her late 60. She would say she was a normal house wife, who was taking care of the family. Once during the construction of the Rotary Charitable Hospital in Sirsi, North Kanara, it was decided to dedicate the fourth floor of the hospital to the heart patients. When *ammama* heard the word "Heart" it instantly struck in her mind like a bright flash of light that she felt the intense urge to do something for that project with her own earned money. She has not done any kind of professional jobs outside her home and so she was puzzled as to what to do. Such thoughts lingered in her mind and disturbed her peace of mind. But God has instilled divine purpose in her life which changed her to do what she is doing now.

Her journey of this unique art all started by chance she says, when one morning in 2001, she saw a picture of a young girl's

face on the floor that I had drawn. She was fascinated to see the picture, because it looked like a single line drawing. She picked the picture up and created a single line drawing as though her father was guiding her to do it, and thus she began a new career.

Though her father was a great artist, he would give away the pictures he had created to anyone who admired it without expecting anything. In his honor, *Ammama* decided to take her work beyond her Sugar Land home and exhibit and sell her drawings at conventions, medical offices and homes for a good cause. Now she auctions her drawings in several charitable fund raising programs such as Indian American Cancer Network, Indo American Charity Foundation, Adivasi projects in Yellapur Taluka, schools in the nearby villages of Sirsi, and so on. "Phool nai, Phoola Pakli" she says meaning if not more, at least something.

All proceeds from the art sales were sent to the Rotary Charitable Eye Hospital in Sirsi, in the state of Karnataka, in India. She said that this place started as an eye hospital, and has now expanded to include comprehensive care. Her donations even helped purchase an ambulance that goes to remote rural areas to pick up patients for medical care "My work, inspired by my father, helps support a hospital in India, which offers free medical treatment for hundreds of low-income people in nearby villages," *Ammama* happily says.

It also supported the construction of the medical conference hall in the name of my great grandpa, "Shankar Krishnarao Invally Memorial Hall," It was inaugurated by the three holy *Mathadipatis*, **His Holiness Sri Sadhyojat Shankarashram Swamiji of Chitrapur; His Holiness Vidyadhiraj Swamiji of Partagali, and His Holiness Gangadhartirth Swamiji of Sonda Matt.** *Ammama* says, "It was a real spiritual feast to see the Lords -Brahma, Vishnu, and Maheshwar- in the form of three Swamis lighting the florally decorated lamp and blessing this hall. My dream came true."

Ammama believes that all the attention surrounding her drawings comes from God's grace and her father's legacy. According to her, she is mystified as to how she acquired her father's talent, but she does not want to spend too much time analyzing this mystery.

She says “When miracles happen, we have to just experience them through our hearts and not analyze them with our minds.”

Subject: Appeal for Contribution to Prof. N.R. Kamath Legacy Fund

We are seeking your generous support to set up a Chair Professorship at IIT Bombay in memory of Late Prof N.R. Kamath to commemorate his birth centenary which falls on 8th Sep 2014. The late Prof N.R Kamath was an outstanding teacher and Technologist who had a profound influence on his students at the University Department of Chemical Technology (UDCT) University of Mumbai, now named Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai, and later at Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, where he served as the Head of Department of the Chemical Engineering Department, and, Deputy Director of the Institute from its inception in 1958 to 1974.

Padma Vibhushan Dr. (Prof) M.M. Sharma, ex Director of ICT, Mumbai has agreed to be our mentor and guide for our endeavor. We also have confirmation from the IIT Bombay administration that it is in order for us to solicit donations to IIT Bombay for the above purposes. We also have organisational support from the IIT Bombay Alumni association to help us in our endeavours.

We hope that our initiative will be an important catalyst in the endeavour to enable IIT Bombay, to maintain a truly top world class University in the years to come.

We are targeting an initial corpus of \$ 1.0 million. This is to be collected by way of donation or grants or pledges for a maximum 3 years period

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Please remember to provide written instructions that you want to support the “N R Kamath Endowment Fund “when you donate funds.

We are planning to have a centenary celebration function on September 8, 2014 at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay when we propose to hand over the funds to the Director of the Institute.

With best regards,

Legacy project/IITB Class of 1962-75

For more information, your US contacts are:

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Annexure:

Name of proposed Chair; **Prof. N.R. Kamath Chair for Institutional excellence**

The NRK Chair professor will be selected once every year by a search & selection committee chaired by Director IITB, comprising eminent academicians in different branches of Engineering, Science and Technology, Dean of faculty affairs and a nominee of Legacy Project/Batch 1962-74. In addition there shall be one nominee from the IITB, A.A.

The corpus endowment will be large enough to typically enable a Research and Teaching appointment for a minimum of one academic semester of a world class academician either on sabbatical from another University or from the permanent faculty of IITB. The selection will be open to Indian nationals as well as Indians and other nationalities with a base outside India. In exceptional cases, one extension will be allowed.

The criteria will be decided by the selection committee with the following criteria:

- 1) International outlook (qualifications, students and co-authors of publications).
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- 3) Citations as measured by no. of citations, citation index and no. of papers with more than 10 citations in reputed international journals.

- 4) Industry income adjusted for Purchasing power parity.
- 5) Teaching effectiveness.

Nominations: It will also be open for Institute departments to forward nominations to the Selection committee. The Legacy project will also be setting up a networked process to identify and nominate potential candidates.

Corpus

We are targeting an initial corpus of Rupees 6 crore (equivalent of \$ 1.0 million approximately). This is to be collected by way of donation or grants or pledges for a maximum 3 years period. The expenses to be incurred for this chair professorship will be met out of the interest income derived from the corpus. The excess of income over expenditure will be added to the corpus to take care of inflation etc.

Please Contact one of the following for additional information:

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MEMOIRS OF A TEACHER-PATRIOT - PROF. N.R. KAMATH

A man with diverse interests, versatile in various fields, be it polymer technology or chemical engineering, Kannada literature or technical education, that was NRK, as he was known to his colleagues and a host of students.

Narayan Rangappa Kamath hailed from Moolky, a small town on the banks of the river Shambhavi near Mangalore in Karnataka State. Born on September 8, 1914, Mr. Kamath Completed his early education in Moolky and Mangalore. After passing the S.S.L.C. Examination in 1930 with high credits, he moved on to St. Xavier's College Bombay, where he completed the B.Sc. course in 1934 with the unique distinction of securing 100% marks in Chemistry a record unequalled in Bombay university since then.

Bombay University had just launched an ambitious and prestigious institution-Department of Chemical Technology-offering a two year B.Sc. (Tech.) degree course in Chemical Engineering and Textile Chemistry. Mr. Kamath joined the course in the year of its inception opting for chemical engineering. Two years later, he passed the examination with First class Distinction. He was awarded the coveted Nathubhai Mangaldas Scholarship by the University of Bombay for higher studies abroad. He proceeded to UK and joined the University College, London. Soon he successfully completed the postgraduate diploma course in chemical engineering before commencing the doctoral research work. And the Second World War struck. The laboratories where Mr. Kamath worked were promptly closed and his research work was discontinued. Later the laboratories became the target of German bombing and were destroyed. He had to bid good-bye to his research project and also to Ph.D. degree.

He got a job as an assistant in London Shellac Research Bureau in 1939 and later transferred to the Shellac Bureau in Edinburg. It was at this stage that Mr. Kamath met Ruzena from Czechoslovakia, being an anti Nazi patriot. He married her in 1942. The marriage was a turning point in his career.

After the war ended in 1945, Mr. Kamath got many attractive offers to settle down in UK. Being a patriot, he rejected all of them and the Kamaths returned to India in 1946.

Mr. Kamath joined the Department of Chemical Technology, university of Bombay in 1946. He ably organized the teaching and research activities in the Department for polymers and allied products.

The year 1958 happened to be another turning point in the life of Mr. Kamath. He was appointed Professor of Polymer technology in the Department of Chemical Technology, but he resigned from the post to take up the post of Professor and Head of Chemical Engineering Department at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. He held the post till the retirement in 1974. There too he organized the undergraduate and post graduate programmes and setting up of laboratories needed for the purpose. Later he rose to the position of deputy director in 1960.

The Chemical Engineering Department occupied a foremost position in the field of chemical engineering education in India, comparable to any of such department elsewhere in the world. Several students completed their Master and Doctorate degree under the guidance of Prof. Kamath, both at UDCT and IIT and held/hold eminent position in industry or educational institutions.

After retiring from active service from IIT, Bombay, Prof. Kamath continued to be consultant to a number of Industries. It was July 1983 that Prof. Kamath and his wife decided to visit Czechoslovakia on a short holiday and was scheduled to return to Bombay on July 13. He suddenly took ill and on 9th of that month decided to leave the world and he did so peacefully in

Prague, Czechoslovakia. The late Prof. Kamath, was an eminent an educationist, teacher, researcher, friend, guide and philosopher, patriot and above all, a caring human being.

NAPAWF's SHEROS of the Month

<http://everydaysheroes.tumblr.com/post/86091459845/sharmila-rao-thakkar-chicago-illinois>



Sharmila Rao Thakkar has been working and volunteering in the nonprofit sector for nearly 20 years. From her early days as a grade school hospital candy-striper to tutoring children as a teenager in New York where she grew up and now mentoring young professionals, she has a keen awareness and passion for nonprofit and philanthropy work. From community building to leadership development to connecting and sharing resources, she believes all must have access to a healthy life, in the most global meaning of health – complete physical, emotional and social well-being. Thus, her interests in resourcing families/communities to learn together and connect better with each other, enjoying those experiences big and small for all they can inspire, finding peaceful balance while going after our dreams and pursuing innovative ideas to build something positive for our future generations.

Influenced and impacted by her upbringing in an Indian immigrant family, the values instilled by her parents have continued to guide her professional and personal paths – compassion, respect, self-discovery, knowledge and continuous learning, hard work, hope and pursuit of happiness. Reflecting, Sharmila refers to a quote that resonates much: “Work for a cause, not for applause. Live life to express and not to impress. Don’t strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt.” The small differences and efforts we make in daily life may lead to big and meaningful changes down the line – which we may never see.

As executive vice president at a small family foundation in Chicago, Sharmila is responsible for providing expertise on operational, programmatic and administrative functions of the organization. She guides the board’s funding decisions, engages the next generations in their leadership development, and provides strategic direction on grant making and other grantee outreach and community partnership initiatives. Sharmila has worked in health care communications and public health education, including with the Ford Foundation’s sexual and reproductive health unit and International Women’s Health Coalition in New York. She co-founded the Women’s Health Initiative at Sakhi for South Asian Women, an anti-domestic violence agency in New York and was founding board member of the national South Asian Public Health Association (SAPHA), where she contributed to the first comprehensive report on South Asian health issues A Brown Paper: The Health of South Asians in the United States.

Sharmila serves on the board of Allowance for Good, a nonprofit organization that develops the rising generations of philanthropic leaders and is a director of the South Asian Philanthropy Project, which inspires South Asian Americans to become more involved in philanthropy and volunteering. As a longtime volunteer, supporter and board member of the Chicago Foundation for Women, Sharmila has served as a philanthropic mentor; led the Asian American Giving Council/Silk Fund and its 10-year celebratory event Asian American Women Breaking Barriers; and chaired the Programs/Grant making Committee, helping to develop and refine policies and procedures related to the foundation’s community-led grant making process. She enjoys leading her daughter’s Brownie Girl Scouts troop and sits on the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana’s Council of 100.

Her most fulfilling role may be as a parent. She is grateful for family, friends, colleagues and mentors who have challenged and helped her along the journey of work-life balance and integration to realize that slowing down is indeed the only real way to show up. “It’s no use living life in fast forward, because in life there is no rewind.”

Sharmila holds a Master of Public Administration from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs, a Master of Public Health from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health and a Bachelor of

Arts degree in International Relations from Brown University.

Sharmila supports NAPAWF because of its cross-cutting and deep work in securing human rights for women and girls, particularly in areas that she's passionate about – community-building, health care access, safety and security, reproductive rights and leadership development. Her experiences have shown her truly that resourced and supported women build strong families which empower healthy communities and lead to a better society. She's honored to be an AAPI Everyday SHERO!

Sharmila was nominated by fierce sisters from our NAPAWF*Chicago chapter.

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Arista, led by Indian-origin CEO, soars 32% on Nasdaq debut

As appeared on Jun 7, 2014, 01.47AM IST

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/international-business/Arista-led-by-Indian-origin-CEO-soars-32-on-Nasdaq-debut/articleshow/36167565.cms>

Arista Networks, a provider of cloud-networking applications used by companies such as EBay and Facebook and which is led by **Jayshree Ullal**, an executive of Indian origin, surged in its market debut on Nasdaq after raising \$226 million in an IPO.

The stock increased 32% to \$56.74 at 9:55 am in New York. Arista sold 5.25 million shares for \$43 each, above the marketed range of \$36-40 apiece.

Arista, based in Santa Clara, California, sells high-performance switches that carry data traffic. Ullal, Arista's CEO, has said competitor Cisco stands to lose as more customers outsource their networks to cloud-computing providers. The seven largest internet companies could be handling one-third of all internet traffic at some point, she said in an interview this year.

Ullal, a Tamilian Konkani who grew up mostly in Delhi and then went to the US, spent 15 years with Cisco before she joined Arista in 2008. Network World named her among the '50 Most Powerful People' in 2005, Newsweek nominated her as one of the 20 powerful 'Women to Watch in 2001', and Information Week awarded her the 2001 Innovator and Influencer Award. At VMWorld 2011, she was ranked one of the 'Top Ten Executives'. Bloomberg & TNN

The Briefest Rules

Submitted by: A Sai Devotee
Talk Softly..... Walk Humbly
Eat Sensibly.....Breathe Deeply
Act Fearlessly.....Work Patiently
Think Truthfully.....Believe Correctly
Behave Decently..... Learn Practically
Plan Orderly.....Earn Honestly
Spend Intelligently
Love All, Serve All, Help Ever, Hurt Never
Be Good, Do Good, See Good

- Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Konkani Calendar

July 2014	August 2014	September 2014
8 th Ashada Yekadashi	6 th Yekadashi	5 th Yekadashi
11 th Poornami	10 th Poornima-Yajurpakarma	7 th Anantha Chaturdashi
14 th Sankashta Chaturthi	13 th Sankashta Chaturthi	8 th Poornami
16 th Kark-Sankranthi	16 th Shri Krishna Janmashtami	9 th Mahalaya
26 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	16 th Simh-Sankranthi	11 th Sankashta Chaturthi
31 st Naga Panchami	16th OKA Annual Picnic	16 th Kanya-Sankranthi
	17th HAAS Janmashtami	23 rd Mahalaya Amavasye
	24 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	24 th Navarathri Beginning
	28 th Gowri Thrithiye	28 th Lalitha Panchami

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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Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

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

The Answer:

1. Where is Kamala from? **South Carolina**
2. Who is the shortest cousin? **Kshama**
3. Which cousin is from Colorado? **Kusuma**

The following gave the right answers:

Anil Rao, Friendswood, TX

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Sridharan Raman, Atlanta, GA
Ajit Pai, Richmond, VA

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.

If each letter stands for a different digit, what is the value of each letter for the following?

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{FORTY} \\ + \text{TEN} \\ + \text{TEN} \\ \hline \text{SIXTY} \end{array}$$

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:

President: **Sheila Shenoy Reddy,**

Vice President: **Sadanand Mankikar,**

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 and has set 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, \$
1/31/2014	Balance from last report	107,428.24	
	Interest	9.73	
5/31/2014	Final Balance:	107,437.97	

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 rest of the year 2014.

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 Konkani you know. Also visit our website at <http://www.konkanisabha.org/>

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We sincerely hope you will donate to the noble cause of helping college education of poor Konkani students & old age homes & orphanages for Konkans in India .

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Hope you will join large number of Konkans who have generously donated to this noble cause to help poor Konkans in India. You can direct your donation to the charity of your choice in India . If you check our website & notice that your favorite charity is not on our list of approved charities in India, please contact us & we will guide you to get that particular charity approved to be on our list. Please contact us for any further info. (Tel 631 472 1418 or e mail us at gabhandarkar@gmail.com).

Devu Baren koro.

Gopal Bhandarkar M.D.

President

Konkani Charitable fund Inc.

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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MATRIMONIAL DIRECTORY

Mr. Basti Ganapathi Shenoy of Las Vegas, NV is maintaining a list of Konkani youth that are eligible for matrimony. Interested boys and girls can send in their information to:

Mr. Basti Ganapathi Shenoy

8017 Celebreeze Crt., LAS VEGAS, NV 89145

Phone: (702)-341-6706; Email: bastishenoy@gmail.com

Please call weekends only 10:00 AM to 10:00PM (PST)

A P P E A L

The *soirika* magazine edition (<http://www.soirika.com>) has been named as SAMBHANDU and will be done by: Sambhandhu, C/o Bangalore Sri Kashi Math, # 14, Sri Kashi Math Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore 560 055

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As a service to Konkani community, Sri. B. Srinivas Kamath will offer free matrimonial assistance. Contact: B.S.Kamath, Block #5, 1st Floor, Deepak Building, Hari Shanker Joshi Road, Dahisar East, Mumbai-400068

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2012 Sammelan DVD set, which includes 9 DVD's, is on clearance sale. Send us \$20 ,which includes shipping and handling, and you can have this memorable event DVD set for your collection. If interested please send the check payable to NAKA and mail to:

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