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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 always makes extra efforts to cover as much news about Konkanis in North America as possible. In fact, “**If it did not appear in *Khabbar*, then it did not happen in North America**” is the slogan *Khabbar* uses to get the news.

I have to say that pressure tactic worked at least in this case where in a Konkani family from TX had a worthwhile news

and was not really sure whether to share the good news or not! Well, I reminded the family the *Khabbar* slogan and I believe, that made the family to share that news. In comes the news to *Khabbar* with the following note:

“Dear *Khabbar* magazine,
If *Khabbar* does not publish news, it has never happened in America! Here’s the news I want to share is

Well, that shows, the *Khabbar* Slogan has an impact on the community or does it really !?!

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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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 ten people were able to solve last quarter's quiz! Let us see how you will do with this quarter's quiz.

The progress of the ambitious project, **Konkani Kendra**, the **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** is good. Thanks to **Basti Ganapathi Shenoy** who has 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 in 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.

With quite few Konkani authors publishing their books, I have added link on the ekhabbar website for you to access information about these books. Please go the following link and patronize our authors:

<http://www.ekhabbar.com/Konkani%20Books.htm>

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 great and safe Fall. Happy *Diwali* to you all.

Devu Boren Karo.

Vasanth
Honorary Editor

Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Hon'ble Editor,
I am Dr. P. Anantha Krishna Bhat,
Professor, Canara College, Mangalore.

I am also the convenor of an Orphanage, Balasamrakshana Kendra, run by Mangala Seva Samithi Trust (R). We are running two charitable institutions:

1. Mangala Seva Samithi Trust (R) of which late P M Shenoy was the founder president and Sri L Sridhar Bhat (a GSB Elderly person) is the present President. And

2. Govanithashraya Trust.

I would appreciate if you kindly publish the attached appeal.

With regards

Dr. P Anantha Krishna Bhat
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Hello All,

My cousin, Malpe Madhava Shenoy's (based in New Jersey, USA now) brother-in-law Mr. Padmanabha B. Acharya from Mumbai has been appointed as Governor of Nagaland state.

Please, read the news links below. It is a great news for Udupi/Mangaloreans and also for the GSB community, first one to become a Governor of an Indian state from the community.

FYI - To my knowledge, Mr. Acharya's parents are basically from Udupi area, Mr. Acharya has been a well-known personality in RSS and

BJP for many decades, and has contributed a lot to help grow ABVP (Akhila Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad) to what it is today, He was also the BJP's general secretary for NE region states in the past.

Here are couple links:

<http://www.coastaldigest.com/index.php/news/66459-udupis-padmanabha-balakrishna-acharya-is-now-nagaland-governor>
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Five-states-get-new-governors/articleshow/38370607.cms>

Dear Vasanth Bhavaji:

Please publish in *Khabbar* for the information of US & Canada Konkani community.

With Best Regards,

Kiran Kumar
bhandary_1947@yahoo.com

Vasanth mam,

I would like to share my story of bone marrow donation to raise awareness about the process of Bone marrow donation.

Recently I heard lot of stories of people who were match backing out as they are scared about the procedure. By sharing my story, I want to let people know how easy it's to donate bone marrow. Hope you will publish this story and help save lives, Especially in Konkani community.

I'm also attaching my family photograph just in case you need it.

Hope you will kindly consider publishing this article.

Regards

Gayathri Rao
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gayathrinr@hotmail.com

Dear Vasanth,

I got my first eNewsletter from WKC (June 2014).

I want to bring to the attention of Konkani in North America about this eNewsletter published by Konkani Centre (WKC) in Mangalore. "World Konkani Centre Monthly Bulletin" is a monthly publication and is one of the many very good ideas that came out of WKC. I wish all Konkani will register their email addresses & make it possible to get it. All one has to do is request this eNewsletter by emailing worldkonkani@gmail.com.

That project of collecting data about Kharvi community is a commendable job amidst many other great things that WKC is doing such as Scholarship program for Engineering & Medical students.

Great job.

Basti Ganapathi Shenoy
bastishenoy@gmail.com

Book for sale

Journey Of A Konkani Family, a book published by Ajjalkani Books, explores the roots of the Konkani community: its legends and history, customs and traditions and the story of its exile and dispersion from 16th century Goa. For details please access:

<http://www.eKhabbar.com/two-pageAdAprilJuneKhabbarJune27,14.pdf>

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

RAVISH KAMATH, s/o Diwakar & Poonam Kamath has been selected to represent U-17 Canada Cricket team.

DEEPAK UBHAYAKAR of Upland, CA was honored on July 19th, 2014 with the special award of Toastmaster of the Year. This prestigious award was presented in recognition of exceptional leadership and devoted service to the Toastmaster International (TI) District 12. The District 12 region includes Riverside and San Bernardino counties in Southern California. Deepak is also TI District 12's Past Area Governor of the Year, Division Governor of the Year and recipient of the Penny Cole Achievement Award for Making a Difference in TI, Institute of Transportation Engineers and the community. Toastmaster International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, visit www.toastmasters.org.

Neil Padukone (New York City, NY) recently finished a Masters in Public Administration at Harvard University, and has written a book called "Beyond South Asia: India's Strategic Evolution and the Reintegration of the Subcontinent," on the geopolitics of South Asia. Released this month by Bloomsbury Publications, the book has been feted as an "accessible," "amazing tour de force...an education for those who need to bone up on India...and for the specialist." <http://www.bloomsbury.com/us/beyond-south-asia-9781628922554/>

Konkani Graduates:

MEGAN, d/o Premchand & Sujatha Pai, of Ceres, CA has joined MBA program at Georgetown University in DC

SHEFALI, d/o Nikil & Sujata Dutt of Irvine, CA graduated from University High School in Irvine and will attend University of California, Berkeley this fall.

VIJAY, s/o Vinod & Radhika Hattiangadi of Tustin, CA, graduated from University of California, Irvine. He was conferred a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in Computer Science.

ROHAN, s/o Vinod & Radhika Hattiangadi of Tustin, CA, graduated from the Medical College of Virginia with an MD degree. He is starting his residency in Obstetrics/Gynecology at Kaiser Permanente in Los Angeles, CA.

AJAY, s/o Vivek & Jyoti of Simi Valley, CA, graduated from the Stony Brook University School of Medicine (SUNY) in Long Island, NY. He was inducted into the *Alpha Omega Alpha* Honor Society for his performance in Medical School. He is starting his residency in Internal Medicine at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center in Manhattan, NY.

AJAY, s/o Manohar & Ajita Shenoy of Suffield, CT. got his doctorate in Macro Economics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor on April 30, 2014. He has joined the University of California at Santa Cruz as Assistant Professor.

LUKE LAKSHMAN, s/o Meeta & Kyle Gould of Cleveland Heights, OH graduated with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Case Western Reserve University on Sunday May 18, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Veale Convocation Center in Cleveland, OH.

New Arrival:

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

RAYA, a baby girl to Amita Shenoy & Ravi Tharani on Mar. 21st, 2014, a sister to Roshen. The proud paternal grandparents are Anil & Maya Shenoy

of Encino, CA. She shares her birthday with her grandfather, Anil Shenoy!

AVINASH PUNDALIK, a baby boy to Ajeet & Sarah Pai of Austin, TX on Thursday March 27th 2014. A brother to big sister Amitha. Proud paternal grandparents Pundalik & Padmini Pai of Las Vegas, NV.

ARJUN & AANYA, twins- a baby boy and a baby girl to Malavika Gangolly & Ashwin Ramakrishnan of Yorba Linda, CA on Apr. 24th, 2014, a brother and a sister to Ariya. The proud maternal grandparents are Jagdish & Jothi Gangolly of Claremont, CA and the paternal grandparents are Sita & S.V. Ramakrishnan of Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

LIYANA JAYA, a baby girl born to Sidhya Jayakumar & Maneesh Amancharla of Austin, TX on June 3, 2014. Younger sister to Sunaya. The proud maternal grandparents are Jay & Shanthi Jayakumar of Austin, TX and the proud paternal grandparents are Amaresh & Jyoti Amancharla of Houston, TX.

SAHANA, a baby girl to Vinod & Subhiksha Shenoy of Houston, TX on June 19th 2014. A sister to big brother Divakar. The paternal grandparents are Pushpalatha Shenoy & late Divakar Shenoy of Houston, TX. The maternal grandparents, Shivram & Gita Pai of Coimbatore, India

OWEN JENSEN, baby boy to Drs. Manju & Liz Pai of Cleveland, OH. The proud paternal grandparents are Premchand & Sujatha Pai, of Ceres, CA.

ANIKA BANSIL, a baby girl to Sanjay & Pooja Bhatt of Bainbridge, WA on August 13th at 2.20 AM in Seattle, WA. The proud paternal grandparents are Ashwin & Kasturi Bhatt of Houston, TX.

Bramhmopadesham:

Kasturi Sumanth & Anita Pai of Willoughby Hills, OH celebrated the

sacred thread ceremony of their son, **Chi. VYAS** (grandson of Smt. Kasturi Radha Pai, w/o late Kasturi Pandurang Pai and Sri K. Ranga & Smt Malathi Pai) on Monday June 30th 2014 at 11:04 AM (*Simha Lagnam*) at Sri T. V. Raman Pai Convention Centre in Mangalore, India.

Manoj & Vidya Shenoy of Boston, MA celebrated the sacred thread ceremony of their son, **Chi. AMIT** (grandson of Manohar & Ajita Shenoy of Suffield, CT) in Mangalore at Sanghaniketan on 4th of July 2014. Around 500 relatives and friends attended the function and blessed the "Vatu".

Sources close to these families claim that the *vatus* are busy doing their daily *Sandyavandanams!*

Newly Weds:

Sow. ANJALI, d/o Vasanthi & late Vishwanath Hegde of Irvine CA, got married to **Chi. ROBERT PARKER**, of Boston, MA. on May 9th, 2014 in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

Chi. Dr. AJAY, s/o Vivek & Jyoti Ullal of Simi Valley, CA, got married to **Sow. MEERA**, d/o Satish & Poonita Parbhakar of Cupertino, CA on June 7th 2014 in Saratoga. The reception was held in San Mateo, CA.

Nitya & Sulatha Prabhu of Queens, NY celebrated the wedding of their son **Chi. CHETAN** with **Sow. DAVINA**, d/o Mr. & Mrs. Vaswani of Scottsville, VA on Sept 6th 2014 at Mount IDA Farm, Scottsville VA.

Relocation:

The **MALLYA** family, Laxman & Nirmala, have relocated from Glenelg, MD to 8834 Warm Granite Drive,

Columbia, MD 20145. The phone number remains the same at (410)-489-4882 and the email ID: mallyafamily@yahoo.com

Dr. SUDHA R. KINI has relocated to 8539 Sweet Melissa Drive, KATY, TX 77494. The new telephone is (248)-885-5756 and the email ID: sudharkini@yahoo.com

The **PAI** family, Ratnakar & Jayanthi relocated from Bloomfield Hills, MI to 34770 Valley Forge Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

The **HEGDE** family, Santosh & Reshma together with their daughter Sankalpa relocated within East Elmhurst to 30-16, 86th Street, East Elmhurst, Queens NY 11369. Telephone is 347-531-0018.

The **SHENOY** family, Rajarama & Aneetha have relocated from Huntington, CT to 3207 Avalon Way, Stratford, CT 06614. Their new telephones (203)-675-4729 (Rajarama) and (203)-887-9533 (Aneetha) and the email ID: rajarama.shenoy@gmail.com

PRITI BALIGA RAINER along with her husband Robert and daughter Alesia has relocated from NYC to 20736 E. Mill Lane, Diamond Bar, CA 91789. The new telephone is (909)-468-3714.

The **PRABHU** family, Damodar & Kanaka have relocated from Pittsburgh, PA to 554 Lakewood Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146-1850. Their new telephone (412)-372-2367.

The **BHAT-RAMAN** family, Vindya Bhat & Sridharan Raman together with their daughter Daana have relocated from Atlanta to 2-14 50th

Avenue #609W, Long Island City, NY 11101. The email ID: vindya.bhat@gmail.com

The **SAMSI** family, Rohan & Deepa with kids Ninarika and Nived have moved from Redondo Beach, CA to 1690 Butano Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035. Their new telephone is (408) 791-6174.

Sandeep Shenoy has moved from Los Angeles, CA to 1035 Aster Ave., Apt. 2157, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. His new telephone is (213) 300-5613.

The **SHENOY** family, Pundalika & Prajna together with their daughters, Prakrati and Pranati have relocated from Jersey City, NJ to 3810 Law Street, Apt. 554, HOUSTON, TX 77005. The email is pundalika.shenoy@gmail.com and the new telephone is (713)-344-1182.

Obituary:

VISHWANATH HEGDE of Irvine, CA passed away peacefully on June 13, 2014. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Vasanthi & family of Irvine, CA.

VASANTH NAYAK (73) passed away on July 2nd 2014 in Manjeshwar, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his brother Rajendra Nayak and sisters Premi Bhakta, Meera Pai & Tara Prabhu of Queens, NY.

PUSHPALATHA N. PRABHU (73) passed away in Puttur, (SK) India on July 15th, 2014. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter Dr. Annapoorna Kini & family of Scarsdale, NY

Congratulations to Second Lieutenant Nirmal Sthalekar

Nirmal Sthalekar, younger son of Nikhil & Bharati, after graduating in IT Management from Ryerson University, Toronto, diligently pursued and fulfilled his childhood dream in the Fall of 2013 to be selected in the Canadian Armed Forces as an Officer Cadet.

He joined the Canadian Forces Leadership & Recruitment School (CFLRS), St. Jean Sur Richelieu, Quebec, for Basic Military Officer Qualification (BMOQ). After a grueling 15 week course, he completed this training and graduated to become a Commissioned Officer at the graduation parade ceremony held in CFLRS on March 17, 2014, and was awarded the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Nirmal then transferred to the Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in Oromocto, New Brunswick, where all newly commissioned officers go for advanced training to become fully qualified Army Officers in the Canadian Armed Forces, and to become "trade qualified".

Nirmal has chosen to be an officer of the Combat Arms in the Royal Canadian Artillery. Here he will complete his next phase of advanced training, known as Common Army Phase (CAP) or BMOQ Land. It is comprised of advanced weapons handling, field craft,

advanced tactics, navigation and reconnaissance. It is designed to be much harder and challenging, both mentally and physically, than any previous phases of his training thus far. Two additional advanced courses thereafter will enable him to be fully qualified in his "trade" as an officer of the Combat Arms in the Royal Canadian Artillery, Canadian Armed Forces.

Udupi's Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya is now Nagaland Governor

Udupi, Jul 15: Senior Sangh Parivar leader **Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya**, who was appointed Governor of Nagaland on Monday, hails from coastal district of Udupi.

Mr. Acharya, who belongs to Gowda Saraswat Brahmin community, happens to be the second person from twin districts to become a governor after Margaret Alva. He is said to be the first governor from GSB community.

A member of working group on north east region of BJP and co-convener of overseas friends of BJP, Mr. Acharya was appointed governor of Nagaland after President Pranab Mukherjee accepted resignation of Tripura governor Vakkom Purushothaman, who was also officiating as Nagaland governor.

According to a Rashtrapati Bhavan communiqué, Mr. Acharya will also discharge the functions of the Governor of Tripura, in addition to his own duties, until regular arrangements for the office of the Governor of Tripura.

The President of India has also accepted the resignation of Vakkom Purushothaman, as Governor of Tripura. He was earlier appointed as governor of Nagaland.

Currently, Meghalaya Governor Dr. Krishna Kant Paul is looking after the office of the Governor of Nagaland following the resignation of Dr. Ashwani Kumar.

The appointment of PB Acharya followed Modi government's move to put BJP veterans as governors in at least five states at the present.

Modi government named five BJP veterans as governors of Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Gujarat.

Ram Naik has been appointed as the Governor of Uttar Pradesh; Balramji Dass Tandon as Governor of Chhattisgarh; Keshari Nath Tripathi as Governor of West Bengal and Om Prakash Kohli as Governor of Gujarat.

Kohli is a former Delhi BJP chief, Naik is a former petroleum minister, Tandon once headed the Punjab BJP and was a cabinet minister in the state, and Tripathi is a former Uttar Pradesh assembly speaker.

An official communiqué said the appointments of Naik, Tandon, Tripathi and Kohli "will take effect from the dates (they) assume charge of their offices."

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

American Midwest Konkani Association (AMKA):

American Midwest Konkani Association (AMKA) celebrated the Ugadi 2014 at the Community House in Hinsdale on April 19th.

Due to the venue change the event started at 5pm with registration and payment of the 2014 membership fee.

After registration members enjoyed a snack and assembled in the auditorium for the program. The 2 MCs, who were more like stand-up comedians, introduced the performers. They "dressed" for the occasion with costume changes and entertained the audience with some excellent "chat".

The program started with a few bhajans followed by several ages of children performing a fashion parade in different trendy dresses. This year the highlight was a group of children performing a Konkani play written and directed by Jyoti Rao, our entertainment Committee Member. Of course the finale was a Konkani play written and directed by our very own Jatin Kulkarni.

This year the President's speech consisted of a 2 minute silence for the loss of one our own, Narahari Vithob Chittal, Venkat Mam. We also celebrated the engagement of Sucheta & Sanjay Savkur's son, Kushal to Ariel. Savkur's sponsored a dessert to mark this special occasion.

We were also able to unveil the new AMKA logo banner at the Event. We ended the event by serving dinner and prasad. Overall, the Event was a great success with more than usual turnout and excellent participation.

AMKA thanks folks for being part of the Ugadi 2014 Event and looks forward to excellent participation at the next Event planned at FMSC.

Videos : <http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvZv1zjPVvAlnKYsHMupJoCWxS3MnRbhY>

Ontario Konkani Association:

Konkani Premier League : Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) sponsored the 1st KPL at Oakville Cricket Grounds and all the participants and their families had great fun. Weather God's cooperated and blessed the event with great weather. 4 teams battled for

the glory and the trophy was won by Westend Strikers led by Kash Nayak. Thanks to Srin Kesavan for organizing the event and the captains of the 4 teams. Thanks to the official scorer – Niranjan Kamath without whom the matches could have gone either way.

Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG) 2014 Picnic:

Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG) held the annual Picnic on Saturday August 23rd 2014 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM at Fowler Park in Cumming, GA.

Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) Yugadi 2014:

Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) held its annual Yugadi event on April 26, 2014 at the Heritage Park Community Center, Irvine.

The event was well attended by around 100 KASC members with their family and friends. Committee members and their families all worked in teams to clean the hall, decorate the hall, arrange chairs, tables, pooja place, and the performance stage, set the snacks and tea tables and welcome members and guests. All the attendees indulged in socializing for few minutes.

The Yugadi event started with Shree Ganesha and Lord Shiva bhajans. All the members joined in the pooja and took turns to perform aarti to Lord Ganapathi, Devi Laxmi, and Devi Saraswati. After obtaining the blessings from the almighty, and all members took their seats as it was time to enjoy the yugadi cultural program. The host of the event was Devika Kamath, Monrovia who entertained the guests throughout the program hour with trivia which included Konkani “Gyadi” (saying), Konkani “padya” songs, and Konkani rhymes. The attendees also joined in this fun-filled event by reciting gyadi and padya thus refreshing our childhood memories. The very young Someshwar sisters from Irvine also blessed this event by narrating the Shree Ganesh Atharvashirsha and Shiva Manas Pooja. This was followed by the graceful semi classical dance by Nivedita from San Diego. Aadhya Shenoy from Irvine performed an enchanting dance to the melodious Shankar Mahadevan’s song Ganeshaya Dheemahi. Shreya Pai from Torrance showed her magical talent to the crowd. Turning the gear Suraj Pai from Mission Viejo and Ananya Someshwar from Irvine played the piano and entertained the crowd with Hindi and English tunes. Karthik and Priya Gadiyar from Los Angeles hosted “Do You Know Your Spouse Really?”, a couple game, to see how better the couple know each other after many years of blissful marriage life. Girijanand and Jyothi Bhat from Loma Linda were declared winners of this game. Rajesh Prabhu from Walnut entertained the crowd with humorous jokes and Konkani riddles.

We thank Roshan Pai from Mission Viejo for organizing a fund raiser for the Konkani Charitable Fund, Inc. All the proceeds went to charities that provide humanitarian service to Konkanis in need here in USA, India and worldwide. The attendees donated generously and a raffle ticket was distributed to the donors. Sujata Dutt from Irvine and Smita Bhat from Irvine won the Disneyland tickets donated by Avinash Joshi from Mission Viejo. Please visit <http://www.konkani.org/> for more information and involvement. The cultural program concluded with a Housie game hosted by Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu from Walnut. The wonderful evening came to joyous end with dinner that included sumptuous Konkani food like val-val, chana ghashi, mixed upkari, madgane, dalitoy, rasam, butter milk, and pickles.

All the members engaged in healthy “panchadika” while kids ran around the hall playing their own games with joy. We thank all committee and association members for wrapping the event in orderly and in a clean manner.

By: Rajesh Prabhu, Walnut, CA

KASC SUMMER PICNIC 2014:

The theme of the picnic was "FIFA" because of the recent International Football (Soccer) competition in Brazil. Members were encouraged to wear uniforms of their favorite national teams, and bring gear to play soccer and other outdoor games. The venue was the picturesque and idyllic Arroyo Seco Park of South Pasadena, and times were 2 pm. till 6 pm, on Sunday, July 27, 2014. There were a fair number of members attending the event, and food was catered. Besides soccer, there were other games and events, especially for little kids. Members observed “A moment of silence” in honor and memory of Late Shri Vishwanath Hegde, who passed away a short time before the picnic. In spite of the summer heat that was predicted, we were blessed with milder weather, and the cool breeze and shade of old growth trees helped to make the environment very comfortable. We thank the committee members who organized the picnic, and other members for making it a success, by attending. Sridhar and Nandini Rao of Walnut brought lots of home grown curry leaves (*karabeva pallo*) for all to take home.

Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) Picnic:

Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) held their Annual picnic on August 16, 2014 at Richard’s Memorial Park, Mississauga, Ont.

Konkani Social Club (KSC) Raksha Bandan:

Konkani Social Club (KSC) held their annual *Raksha Bhandan* celebration at the residence of Anil & Mridula Rao’s residence in Friendswood, TX on Saturday August 2nd 2014. The fun filled event consisted of sisters tying Rakhi to their Konkani brethren and the men in return vowed to protect their Konkani sisters. With the specially catered food and special *Paan*, the function went into wee hours.

Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) Krisna Janmastami:

HAAS (Houston Area Amchigale Samaj) celebrated the annual function, the Sri Krishna Janmastami on Sunday August 17, 2014 from 3:30 PM - 08:00 PM at the Sugar Land Community Hall in Sugar Land, TX.

KONKANI SABHA PICNIC KICK STARTS SUMMER 2014 IN THE NORTH EAST:

Continuing the tradition of revelry and community spirit, the event was memorialized by sumptuous food, games for youngsters and adults, hun-hun panchadik along with bingo and raffle sessions. Tantalizing the taste buds with savory delights and gourmet dishes, each attendee family brought along a taste from their home, making the buffet table one big melting pot of Konkani delicacies. One of the highlights of this year's picnic was the "Father's day celebration", an opportunity to thank all the leading men in our lives who fulfill their duties as dad's. Mrs. Shubha Kamath generously baked a wholesome cake accompanied by delectable and delicious cupcakes. Amid much fanfare, the gathered crowd, especially the dads were appeased!

The Konkani Sabha committee, led by its President, **Vivek Shenoy**, ensured that the events were well organized, enjoyable and memorable to all who attended. The energetic and loyal crowd played, laughed, enjoyed each other's company and as usual, parted ways looking forward to the next community event!

Dev Baren Karo,

Konkani Sabha Committee
(www.konkanisabha.org)

Bhanap Annual Picnic:

The Saraswat Foundation held their annual Bhanap picnic at Reichler Park in South Brunswick, NJ on Saturday August 2, 2014. The all-day event included breakfast, lunch and dinner and lots of recreational activities.

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Seven (7) KSHAMATA (Konkani Students Higher Achievement Motivation and Training Academy) Camps were held for the 400 odd beneficiaries of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund at World Konkani Centre from 2nd June 2014 to 28th July 2014.

Training Camp for the Konkani Speaking Kharvi Students and youth for Socio Economic Survey of the Community held at World Konkani Centre on 6th and 7th of June 2014 under the able guidance of **Dr. Y. Ravindranath Rao**, noted Scholar.

A Workshop for Konkani Speaking Kudal Deshastha Adya Gowd Brahmin youths was held at World Konkani Centre on 20th June 2014.

Doordarshan Kendra (TV) Bangalore telecasted Konkani Drama 'VAGH DEVACHI KATHA' by Kudubi children on 28th June 2014. The young artistes were trained and sponsored by World Konkani Centre.

Mangalpady Namdeva Shenoy a great community leader died on 11.6.2014. Late Shenoy had re-dedicated the Sri Vitobha Temple, Car Street by re-commencing annual Bhajana Saptaha.

Daijiworld, the popular English Weekly held the Annual 'Swabhiman Awards' for disabled people of D.K. District on 18.6.2014 at Town Hall, Mangalore. **Justice N. Santhosh Hegde** was the Chief Guest. Editor **Mr. Hemacharya** is organizing the distribution of Awards since about 10 years.

Valedictory of **Basti Vaman Shenoy** 80th year Sambhram programme was held at Shri Yashawant Vyayama Shala, Bantwal. **Hon. Minister Government of Karnataka Shri B. Ramanath Rai** was the Chief Guest, **Shri Arya Laxminarayan Alva**, famous Kannada writer, **Mr. Allen Pereira**, former Chairman, Bank of Maharashtra, **Mr. Pradeep G. Pai**, Secretary, Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund, World Konkani Centre, **Manur Laxman Kamath**, Managing Trustee, S.V.S. Temple, Bantwal. A sum of Rs.1.00 lakh was donated to S.V.S. High School, Alma Mater of **Basti Vaman Shenoy** and Rs.30,000/= to Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund was donated by the Committee.

Platinum Jubilee of All India Konkani Parishad was celebrated at Panaji, Goa, Sanskriti Bhavan. **Dr. Hundi Mohan Kamath and Mrs. Kamath** Donors from U.S.A. visited World Konkani Centre on 11.7.2014. They appreciated the great

work going on for the development of Konkani Language, literature, art & Culture and also Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund projects.

A Round Table Conference on Konkani Classic Literature – A Vishwa Konkani Initiative was held at World Konkani Centre on 27.7.2014. Eminent Konkani writers, Scholars from Goa, Karnataka, Kerala were present. Old Classic literature will be made available on Vishwa Konkani Website in the near future. **H.E. Padmanabha Balakrishna Acharya**, newly appointed Governor of Nagaland visited Mangalore and Udupi, his native places and felicitated at public functions. He and his wife both are Konkanis. H.E. Acharya is the first G.S.B. person to be appointed as Governor of a State in India.

Konkani-Prakrit Bhasha Goshti was held at World Konkani Centre on 2.8.2014. Jain Swamiji **H.H. Sri Bharath Bhushan Charu Kirti Pandithacharyawarya** inaugurated the Seminars. **Dr. Y. Umanath Shenoy, Dr. Priyadarshini Tadakodkar and Dr. N. Suresh Kumar**, spoke on Konkani and Prakrit languages.

Shri Eknath C. Thakur, Chairman, Saraswath Bank died on 7th July 2014 at Mumbai. He was a labour leader, member of Rajya Sabha(Upper House). He had donated Rs.20.00 lakhs to World Konkani Centre in 2009 when he visited Mangalore.

Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi awarded Best Childrens Konkani Book Award 2014 to **Mrs. Surya Ashok**, Kochi a noted Konkani writer for her Bala Sahitya book ``*Bhurgyalyo Kanniyo*’(short stories).

Alumni Association of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund beneficiaries organized Vidyouth programme at World Konkani Centre on 19th August 2014. Number of programmes (cultural and social) was held under the able leadership of Miss. **Lenita Menezes**, President. **Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai**, Chief Patron of Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund addressed the youth in the evening.

Vishwa Konkani Manyathay Diwas (the day, Konkani language recognized as National Language under 8th Schedule of Constitution of India,i.e., on 20.8.1992). World Konkani Centre organized a mammoth Konkani youths function on 20.8.2014 and held Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund Scholarship Distribution Ceremony.

Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy also celebrated the Konkani Manyathay Divas on 20.8.2014 at Town Hall, Mangalore in a colourful way. Good number of folk artist groups participated. In the evening a function was held with **Mr. J.R.Lobo**, M.L.A. and **Mr. Ivan D’Souza** were the Chief Guests. **Mr. Roy Castelino**, President, Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy presided.

Dr. U.R. Ananth Murthy, great Kannada English writer died of old age on 22.8.2014 at Bangalore. He was the recipient of Jnana Peetha Award (Highest literary Award of India) and also national International Awards for his books. He was the former Chairman, Kendra Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi, former Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala. Government of Karnataka observed State mourning and Government offices, Schools and Colleges, Banks remained closed. **Mr. Vivek Shanbhag** a young writer is the son-in-law of Late Dr. U.R. Ananth Murthy.

Shri Gowri Festival and Sri Ganesh Chaturti Festivals were celebrated throughout India on 28th and 29th August 2014, respectively.

In Search for an Ancestral Language by Wendell Rodricks

Contributed by Vinith Nayak, Edison, NJ

(This is about the Konkani language, my mother tongue and quite interesting to read. Some of the information in here may be based on the author's assumptions, not actual facts. In recent years, many people of our Konkani society have tried to find out about our past dating back to the days when Jesus Christ walked on our earth. So far it has been a slow process with too many unanswered questions. Those years under the British and the Portuguese have not helped.)

Wendell Rodricks, who is otherwise known for his minimalist designs, has been as active with his pen in recent times, having authored two books: his racy biography, *The Green Room*, and *Moda Goa: History and Style*, a definitive history of his native Goan costume. In this piece, excerpted from *Travelling In, Travelling Out: A Book Of Unexpected Journeys* (Harper Collins), the erudite designer turns his attention to a rather unusual subject: the roots of his own language, Konkani, and the ancient glory of the otherwise ignored coastal region of present day Maharashtra where it emanated from.

The mango groves stretch for miles along the coast. In the hot, humid month of May, Maharashtra sizzles on the Deccanly plateau. But here, near the sea, in Ratnagiri, a cool breeze blows the luscious perfume of the world's best mango, the Alphonso, through the palms and well-tended orchards.

Then suddenly, wafting on the wind, I hear it. The lilting melodious sound of my ancestral language. Yes, it is Konkani indeed. There are few local words that I do not understand.

I speak to the man in my native tongue. He is a Konkani Brahmin, he tells me. And his dialect of Konkani is called Chintapawani. We bond in an ancient brotherhood of the Konkani coast. It happens to me everywhere on this coastal strip.

Further South, the people of Malvan speak Malvani, Goans speak Gomatani, Tipu Sultan's influence has resulted in Konkani with Urdu words in places as far flung as Mysore, Coorg, Srirangapatna and even in Calicut, I was astonished to hear Konkani in a jewellery shop. There were some Malayalam and Tulu words thrown in. The owner recognised me and spoke in Konkani at length. How his "family left Goa twice...in the 13th century fleeing the forces of Alauddin Khilji and later escaping the horrors of the Portuguese Inquisition in 1560. There have been Konkani people here always. Before the Malabar coast, this was the Konkani coast".

Surely, he was misinformed? I had never heard of this. "But let me take you home for lunch and share more about our common lineage". Over lunch that comprised steamed red rice, a fish curry and local pickle, I realised that it was not just language but food that was also common. So I set about discovering the Konkani coast... with my tongue. Through language and food.

Dr. Krishnanand Kamat, has a website that recounts the history of the Konkani. "The seven kingdoms of the Konkani, as per Hindu mythology, mentioned in the Hindu history of Kashmir, included the entire west coast of India". The Pandavas of the Mahabharata, Lord Krishna, the Goddess Durga and later the Mauryas, the Marathas, the Muslims from the plateau and the Portuguese arrived on the coast.

Due to the pious nature of the people this strip of land by the sea has many temples with people faithful to 'their' temple Gods. Annual pilgrimages all over the Konkani are common and the events surrounding them colourful and festive. The capital of the Konkani is supposedly Chandrapur. Is this the present village of Chandor in Goa?

The Konkani coast may have vanished today, but the Konkani language lives on. You can hear it in Karwar, Ankola and Kumta-Honavar. Away from the Mangalore coast, in the valley of Siddapur, I attended a wedding where villagers from far and wide spoke fluent Konkani. The Nawayatis of Bhatkal speak melodiously with Persian words. This did not surprise me. In Goa, the famous Chapora fort area was occupied by Persians. The ancient name was Shahpura, the town of the Shah of Persia.

I settle down to a breakfast in Karnataka with a Konkani family. Steaming 'undi' rice balls flavoured with ginger, curry leaf, chilli and coconut appear. They have a delicious sweetness as well. Is it local molasses? This addition of a sweet ingredient in savoury or spicy dishes is popular from Gujarat to Kerala. There are other commonalities. The simple broths made with lentils, the humble dishes using local bananas, rice and vegetables.

Here, in what was once Canara, a region of the Konkani, sour Ambat and fiery Prawn Gassi find common ground with the hot and sour Ambotik shark curry and the spicy Portuguese influenced pork vindaloo of Goa. Rice is a staple. It is powdered, ground to a paste, steamed, fried or cooked as is.

The neer dosas, the idlis, the sannas, all rice preparations, grace most Konkani tables in their various avatars. Fruits like bananas, jackfruits, cashew nut, mango and sour kokum flavour dishes in numerous ways. Mangoes are eaten raw in water pickles, ripe as dessert and sun dried when raw as a souring ingredient. With a limited range of spices such as turmeric, asafoetida, cumin, mustard, fenugreek, chilli and pepper a wondrous array of Konkani cuisine has evolved over the years.

Local ingredients are abundant due to the landscape that permit agriculture during the torrential rains that lash the coast in the monsoon and the fertile earth that makes it easy to grow crops. On my trail of the tongue for language and food, I discovered a rare natural phenomenon. Along the entire Konkani coast, near the ocean and on islands in the Arabian Sea, there are natural spring wells with fresh water.

While in Arambol, Goa, a fresh water lake almost touches the ocean, the Fort Aguada derives its name from this natural wonder. The hill was called 'mae de agua' (mother of waters). There were, and still are, so many springs on Aguada hill that mariners would anchor at the base of the hill, while barrels of fresh water rolled down into the ships embarking on long journeys across the globe. In Sindhudurg, Maharashtra, the stunning fort covers an entire island. Thirteen families live on the 23 acre island surrounded by a raging ocean. But within are three fresh water springs.

It is the presence of these springs all along the Konkan that makes for easy cultivation of vegetables such as pumpkins, drumstick, ladies finger, tendlis, cucumber, tomatoes, eggplants and ridged gourds which have different names in different coastal areas.

There is in Goa, an unusual astringent spice call teflam or teofam that flavours the curries of oily fish like sardines and mackerel. Non-Goans ask about teflam. They must have this spice that grows wild on the hills. But they possibly have another name for it.

And this is something remarkable about Konkani as a language. Because of the various influences, words appear in the language across the coast that seem alien to Konkani neighbouring areas. Goan Konkani is peppered with Portuguese. For the most part, the items of daily life that the Portuguese introduced to Goans, stayed in the original language. Spoon and table became localised to culer and mez (from colher and mesa). Similarly, traders who touched the coast introduced Arabic and Persian words such as dukan (shop), karz (debt), fakt (only), dushman (enemy) and barik (thin).

The most remarkable transformation of the Konkani language is that Konkani people introduced local words to be understood by non-Konkani speaking people and for commerce. Hence, a Konkani person from far away Alappuzha or Kasargod in Kerala can understand what a Konkani person in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra, is saying but will not understand business terms.

Konkani is often denounced as dialect of Marathi. Nothing can be further from the truth. Konkani, because of the sea trade, has more connections with Gujarati. There are many common words not found in Marathi. But the lo, li, le case terminations in Konkani find resonance with the no, ni, ne of Gujarati. In both languages, the present indicative have no gender.

There is a strange connection away from the coast, to the east of India that connects the Konkani language... Bengali. There are theories that suggest that Konkani is a language with Bengali as the mother language. Just as Hindi is from Sanskrit. This connection has found credence due to the migrations of the Gaude Saraswat Brahmins.

In Goa, on a journey to see the magnificent Betal statue in Loliem, I met a teacher, Raul Bose, who played a part in the famous Opinion poll in 1967 when Goans were fighting against being joined with Maharashtra. Mr. Bose told me that there were migrations from Bengal since ancient times. European travellers to Goa in the 17th century mention "beautiful Bengali" women in their travelogues.

On the highway from Goa to Mangalore, about 23 kilometres before the city approaches, we stop regularly at a restaurant called Pallavi. The local fish, dusted in spices and drizzled with rice floor is deep fried in coconut oil. It is crunchy, spicy and delicious. The prawn gassi curry is to die for and the lacy rice, neer dosas light as air.

They also make a Konkani dish: Vadde. It is a small deep fried fritter that can be made with potato, grated vegetables or seafood. Here it is made with local clams. When I speak to the owner and ask to pay my bill, he chatters away in Konkani but presents the bill in Kannada script. Another fact about Konkani sinks in. As it is a prakrit (spoken) language without a script of its own, the melody of Konkani is written in Devnagari, Roman, Kannada, Malayalam, Persian and Arabic script. How many living languages in Asia can claim to be written in six completely different scripts?

It would take the tiny state of Goa and its Konkani-proud people to make Konkani one of the official languages in India in 1986. A language that once trailed the length of the Konkan coast has found its space in many places dotting the Western coastline of the country.

But in Goa it has found its official home!

Here is the original Article, with pictures, along with a blurb about the author, Wendell Rodricks:
<http://www.mansworldindia.com/travel/in-search-for-an-ancestral-language/>

Bone Marrow Donors

For patients with life threatening cancers like Leukemia, Lymphoma, Sickle Cell and several other diseases, the only possible cure is a Marrow Transplant. Some patients are able to get the Transplant from a sibling, but most have to rely on an Unrelated Donor. Nowadays Bone marrow/stem cell donation became very easier with many doctors opting for PBSC (Peripheral stem cell) method of extraction. This process is similar to what is used when donating blood platelets. Recently Gayathri Rao donated her stem cell/Bone marrow to an 11 year old boy suffering from Leukemia. Here is her testimonial.

Gayathri Rao

When I got a call from the “Be the match” coordinator that I’m a potential match, I was happy and very confused. Happy that I can actually save someone’s life, confused as I have heard that there are dangers associated with the bone marrow donation and need weeks to recuperate from the procedure.

But knowing that I can’t say No to such a noble thing, I gave consent for further testing for compatibility. I was so shocked and pleased when the Bone marrow coordinator called me back after couple of months with the news that I’m the perfect donor for this particular patient. She explained that I will be donating my bone marrow for a 11 year old boy in India. When I heard that, the mother in me woke up. Being a mother to 2 kids ages 15 and 9, I know I’ll go to any extent to save my kids life and this was no different. I can save a child’s life.

The reaction from home was disbelief and the big question of how we are going to go through this with a busy work schedule and responsibilities. But once you make up your mind,

everything is possible. With a very supporting family behind me at home and an understanding boss who



appreciate what I'm doing, I knew we will get through it without any complications.

The patient's doctor chose PBSC (Peripheral Blood Stem Cell) process for the cell extraction. PBSC donation is a non-surgical procedure. For 5 days leading up to donation, you will be given injections of filgrastim. Filgrastim is a medication that increases the number of blood-forming cells in your bloodstream. On the day of donation, blood is removed through a needle on one arm and passed through a machine that separates out the blood-forming cells. The remaining blood is returned to you through the other arm.

Apart from having the fear of needles, everything went smooth with the injections. I had some body aches and head ache, but it went away when I took pain medication like Advil. The PBSC process was not painful, just uncomfortable. You have to stay hooked on to the machine for 5 hours continuously while the blood keep circulating through the machine and the cells get separated. My very supporting husband stayed with me the entire time without even stepping out once.

The whole process of donating bone marrow made me realize that how such a small inconvenience on your part can be a lifesaver for someone and how misinformed most of us are about the process. My very well meaning friends messaged me asking me to reconsider bone marrow donation as they thought I'm putting myself in danger. But at the end I'm glad that I listened to my heart and went along with the procedure.

I think all healthy people should register in "Be the match" directory and be ready to get that magic call that you are matched up with a donor and can be a potential life saver. It's such an easy and humble thing to do.

If I ever have to do it again, I won't think twice!!! Well, If It's so easy to save a life, why don't we all do it?? I encourage all my friends and family to get registered at <http://bethematch.org/> and be ready to save a life!!! And when that magic happens and you are matched up with a patient, please don't think twice before committing to be a life saver and bone marrow donor☺ after all everything else in life can wait!!!But you may be the only hope for a cancer patient and their families, who cannot wait longer!!!

I have always appreciated my life and never took it for granted. But being through this experience definitely made me a more content and happy person.

As some wise person has said

“A meaningful life is not being rich, being popular, being highly educated or being perfect. It's about being real, being humble, being able to share ourselves and touch life of others. It is only then that we could have a full, happy and contented life”.

Please visit <http://bethematch.org/> for more information and to sign up.

If you are in India, Please register with **Datri** at <http://datriworld.org/>.

For other countries, you may find a registry near you from

http://marrowdrives.org/bone_marrow_donor_programs.html#international_marrow

Home and Heaven

Submitted by: A Sai Devotee

A home where the members of the family are leading their lives in keeping with noble ideals, where they together sing the glory of the Lord's name and spend their time in performing good deeds, where the values of truth, peace and love reign supreme, where regular study of holy books are undertaken, where the senses are under control, and where there is equal love and respect for all creation prompted by the knowledge of the basic unity of all creation – such home is verily Heaven on earth.

- Sri Sathya Sai Baba

GSB Scholarship League Alumni Meet on Sunday January 4th 2015

The GSB.Scholarship League has completed 100 years of dedicated service to mankind by providing educational scholarship to lacs of needy students till date.

Most of the beneficiaries of the League who have completed their higher education, have excelled in their careers. The Trustees and the Managing Committee of the League have noted this with great happiness and pride and decided to hold an ALUMNI MEET to bring as many of our past scholars on a common platform to interact with each other as well as with the Trustees and Managing Committee members of the League. We are hopeful that this interactive session will be helpful in getting meaningful feedbacks/ inputs from the past scholars, which in turn will help the League to improve service to our community

The first ALUMNI MEET is proposed to be held on Sunday the 4th of January 2015 in Mumbai. The League extends invitation to the Past Scholars to participate in this Alumni Meet and thus build a strong network spread in India and across the globe. Update on this program shall be published on the League's website www.gsbscholarshipleague.org and on Facebook page 'GSB Scholarship League, Mumbai'. Please get in touch with the League by e mail. Our id is info@gsbscholarshipleague.org

League intends to maintain a directory of our past scholars. Please let us know by e mail your contact information, namely, present address, e mail id and Mobile / tel. number. Also, please provide us your professional and personal achievements

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Konkani Calendar

October 2014	November 2014	December 2014
1 st Durgashtami	1 st KAOCA Diwali	2 nd Vaikuntha Yekadashi
2 nd Ayudha Pooja	1 st AMKA Diwali	3 rd Mukkoti Dwadashi
3 rd Vijaya Dashami	2 nd Karthika Yekadashi	5 th Poornami
4 th Yekadashi	3 rd Uthana Dwadashi	9 th Angaraka Chaturthi
7 th Poornami	5 th Vaikuntha Chaturdashi	15 th Dhanu Sankranthi
11 th Sankashta Chaturthi	6 th Karthika Poornami	21 st Amavasya (Dark Moon)
17 th Tula-Sankranthi	9 th Sankashta Chaturthi	31 st Yekadashi
22 nd Naraka Chaturdashi	15 th Vrishk Sankranthi	
23 rd Deepawali	21 st Amavasya (Dark Moon)	
25 th Konkani Sabha Diwali	27 th Skanda Shashti	
25 th OKA Diwali		

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

Names	Amount, \$
Ravi & Asha Baliga, Danville, CA	51.00
Praveen & Prema Prabhu, Greensboro, NC	60.00
Mukund & Lalitha Kamath, San Ramon, CA	50.00
Mohandas & Vijaya Pai, San Ramon, CA	50.00
Narasimha & Shantha Kamath, Edison, NJ	65.00
Ratnakar & Jayanthi Pai, Farmington Hills, MI	51.00
Sunil & Sandhya Shenoy, Spring, TX	51.00
Arvind & Neela Kamath, Sugar Land, TX	50.00

Statement of Accounts

Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
Balance Carried over since <i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XXXVII No. 2	4,100.00	
Money Received:		
Subscriptions (33) and donations	858.00	
Interest	2.00	
Sub Total:	860.00	
Money Spent (<i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XXXVII No. 2):		
Printing- <i>Khabbar</i> (315) - 20 pages		446.40
Mailing - First Class Mail- <i>Khabbar</i> (287)		200.90
Mailing Canada <i>Khabbar</i> (9)		10.35
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper & labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		482.35
Sub Total:		1,200.00
Final Balance:	3,760.00	

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

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

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

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{F O R T Y} \\
 + \text{ T E N} \\
 + \text{ T E N} \\
 \hline
 \text{S I X T Y}
 \end{array}$$

Answer: F=2; O=9; R=7; T=8; Y=6; E=5 and N=0

The following gave the right answers:

Anil Rao, Friendswood, TX

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX

Krishna Kudva, Alta Loma, CA

Srirammohan Beltangady, Old Lyme, CT

Meghana Pandit, Sudbury, MA

Aditya Kamath, Centreville, VA

Shivdev Ubhaykar, Rancho Pales Verdes, CA

Subhaschandra Kamath, Las Vegas, NV

Vindya Bhat, Long Island City, NY

Sridharan Raman, Long Island City, NY

This Quarter's Kwiz

By "Vasanthmaam"

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

A Konkani man locked his personal computer with a password and wrote some phrases in the hint box. One day his curious wife tries to login in his absence using the hints which contained following:

4 grapes, 1 apple, 7 bananas, 7 mangoes, 2 pineapples, 1orange, 8 pomegranates.

What is the password?

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,**

Secretary: **Vasanth Bhat,**

Treasurer: **Suresh Shenoy**

Executive Board Member: **Ranjit Shiralkar.**

The much anticipated NAKA website (www.myNAKA.org) is up and running. Please visit the website and send your constructive comments about the website or any other activity about NAKA. Again, thanks for all your support!

Also, the successful Konkani Sannelan 2012 closed their books with a surplus of \$17,361.49! Congrats to Team KS-2012 for an outstanding job.

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 Sannelan in 2016. The progress made in this front is substantial and NAKA is hopeful of a KS-2016! Details to follow soon.
2. Hold an election for NAKA so that NAKA truly represents the North American Konkani community. Details about this will also be published soon.

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, \$
5/31/2014	Balance from last report	107,437.97	
7/31/2014	KS-2012 Surplus	17,361.49	
8/31/2014	Interest for the quarter	9.28	
8/31/2014	Final Balance:	124,808.74	

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

Dev Baren Karo.

Sheila Shenoy Reddy

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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

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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/>

Konkani Sabha Committee Members – 2013

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Appeals

Appeal to feed the children at Mangala Seva Samithi Trust

The above trust manages an orphanage situated in a rural place on the way to Mangalore University Campus at Konaje, 12 km from the center of Mangalore. This orphanage started in 1980 now houses 82 orphans. The children at the orphanage are provided free food, shelter, education in nearby schools, medical facilities etc. Monthly expenses required to take care of these children is approximately \$2,000. Our trust has been registered and has income tax exemption. There are several schemes to sponsor a child: (1) interest earned from a \$ 4,000 donation will support a child forever, (2) a donation of \$ 150 will support a child for a year, (3) a donation of \$ 50 will supply one meal to all the children at the orphanage.

Please Visit our website for further information: www.mangalaseva.org OR www.mangaloreworld.com (hall of fame)
The donations can be made by cheque drawn in the name of Mangala Seva Samithi Trust, Mangalore and mailed to Mangala Seva Samithi Trust, "Dwaraka", Kodialguthu East, 2nd Cross, Kodialbail, Mangalore-575003, India

Dr. P. Ananthakrishna Bhat, Convenor of the Trust.

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 wish list 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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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



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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 to 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, KCF made big strides in donations and received \$200,000. During 2013, donations to KCF amounted to \$151,000.

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I would like to share with you two stories which will inspire you to donate to KCF:

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2. Shalini & Ramdas Pai of Holly springs ,N.C. during their visit to India they were very impressed with work done by Chetana in Mangalore area for children with special needs. They were so moved that on returning to USA they called all their relatives & gathered donation of approximately \$ 2,000. Surprisingly they convinced an American friend to donate \$ 200 who promised to give more. Hope these two stories inspire you to donate to KCF

Contact KCF at CONTACT@KONKANICF.ORG to become a part of KCF and a beacon of hope

Devu Baren Koro

KCF Board of Directors.

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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