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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 quizzes are really tough and very few people can actually solve them!?! But, some of the readers love solving them on a regular basis. And, (I think) they take pride in seeing their name published in *Khabbar* as a winner! Some even take extra measures to make sure the answer they gave is

correct to the finest detail and don't want to take any chance of NOT seeing their name as a winner!!

The case in point is this Konkani from CA who always solves the puzzle. The last quarter's puzzle was also solved by this person as soon as the quiz was published. The answer given was all in lower case alphabets! A week later, I got another email from this person giving the answer in all Capital letters!! I think, this person wanted to make sure that there will be no minor technicalities that may make the answer given be wrong!!!

SUBSCRIPTION FORM:

Dear Konkani family,

It is time to renew your subscription for 2015. 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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EDITORIAL

Dear Konkani family,
**YES! There will be a Konkani
Sammelan in 2016!!**

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.

The latest *Khabbar* Mailing List will be mailed to all the subscribers who have paid their dues for 2014. The *Khabbar* Mailing List is a prized possession of our community. Please help me to keep it up-to-date. **Send names and addresses of Konkani families that are not in the list to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222, or email khabbar@hotmail.com and rest be assured that I'll "Khabbarize" them!**

The interim **North American Konkani Association (NAKA)** has accomplished a major victory. NAKA worked with **Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG)** to host the Konkani Sammelan in 2016 in Atlanta. Congratulations to the President, **Sheila**, and the Treasurer, **Suresh**, who took their personal time off at their own expense to go to Atlanta and work with **KAOG** to make this happen. The Team NAKA is also busy in making **NAKA** a viable organization in North America by holding an election for NAKA during KS-2016..

Khabbar will publish all the developments and progress made by **NAKA** on an ongoing 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, it is the same story! *Khabbar* has still remained a champ!! What a pity, only 11 people were able to solve last quarter's quiz! Let us see how

you will do with this quarter's practical 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 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.

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

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

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year to you all.

Devu Boren Karo.

Vasanth
Honorary Editor

Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Vasanth,

This ebook "Pilgrimage to Temples In Dakshina Kannada" by Tamarapu Sampath is very good and has brief summary of most popular temples in South Kanara. I am sure many Konkani can take *Yatra* tour if it is published in *Khabbar*! Well written.

Vastevu

vprabhu@prodigy.net

Editor's Reply:

Thanks Vastevu. This is really a great book and I took liberty in publishing one of the great Konkani temples (in Mulki). In fact, this is the only Konkani temple that was listed in that book! The link to the book is:

<http://mandhataglobal.com/wp-content/custom/articles/Dakshina-Kannada-Pilgrimage.pdf>.

Hope the readership will like this ebook.

Konkani Sannmelan 2016 in Atlanta GA

As some of you have heard through the grapevine, it is now official that the next Konkani Sannmelan will be held in Atlanta in June/July 2016. The NAKA Board has approved the Sannmelan Project Charter which will be the basis for implementing the Project of holding the Sannmelan in Atlanta. Please stay tuned for more updates in the subsequent issues and also online at <http://konkanisannmelan.com/> which will be updated soon with the Sannmelan information (dates, venue etc.).

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:

ASHA DHUME of Sugar Land, TX was interviewed on Wednesday October 22, 2014 by Megan Bowie of Fox News. This event was organized by Lights Camera Action on Fox News! This was done as a profile on women in Houston for their 'Asian Connection' segment. Asha, President of Club 24 Plus, discussed the organization's plans to build a better social bridge between the Indian and the mainstream American communities here in Houston. To listen to the whole interview, please, use the link below:

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/clip/10746243/10-26-14-asha-dhume-on-asian-connection>

The grand Bhoomi Pooja of the Konkani temple, Shri Satyanarayan temple, was held on Sunday Nov 2nd 2014 at 24807 Botkins Road, Hockley TX 77447. The temple is a brain child of **Krishna & Ranjisha Bhat** of Houston, TX. For more information, visit <http://www.sstgh.org>

NEENA HEMMADY was recently promoted into the position of Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management for Exelon Corporation. Exelon is a Chicago-based energy company with \$24.9 billion in annual revenue and involved in all aspects of the energy industry from electricity generation, transmission and distribution, and retail sales. In this role, Neena will be responsible for overseeing and managing all of Exelon's non-trading related risks to ensure safe and smooth operations. Neena's background is in environmental engineering and she has been with the company for 17 years. She is the daughter of Nayan and late Jayant Hemmady of Woodridge, IL.

Konkani Graduates:

ASHWIN, s/o Ashok & Ameeta Adur of Parsippany, NJ, graduated with a D.O. degree from Ohio University's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, OH. He has started his 4-year residency in

Emergency Medicine at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI.

NIKKI NILESHWAR won the Albert Campbell Collegiate Institute's 2013/14 Award from TDSB (Toronto District School Board). She has been recognized for promoting "Girls Physical and Health Education".

New Arrival:

VIVAAN, a baby boy born on Oct 7, 2014 to Pratyaksh & Vidya Pai of Gaithersburg, MD. The proud paternal grandparents are Muralidhar & Chandrika Pai of Germantown, MD. Vivaan is the first Great Grandson of Smt. Rama K. Pai and Late Bhadrakiri Keshavadas Pai. On Oct 18th the naming & cradle ceremony of Vivaan was celebrated and Great Grand Parents Smt. Meenakshi Rao & Sri. Ramadas V. Rao of Gaithersburg, MD had privilege of 'Pontramukha' in a very traditional way. Upon arrival of Smt. Rama K. Pai to USA during end of December the 'Pontramukha' function will be held for her as well.

Relocation:

KULYADI PAI family, Govind & Vidya together with their daughter, Kavya have relocated from Warrentville, IL to 4540 Foley Lane, Saint Charles, IL 60175. Their new home number is 630-549-7554 and email is vidyagpai90@yahoo.com

50th Wedding Anniversary:

Sujata (nee Vasanti Bellare) and Suresh Benegal of Langhorne, PA, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary (50 years) in a very talented and grand manner on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at Rasoi III at Manmoth Junction, NJ amongst more than 200 friends and relatives. Sujata and Suresh were re-married by "Bhatji" Jaiwant Bantwal. Their talented son, Sanjay and family entertained everybody with lot of variety entertainment program.

Obituary:

Sri BOLA ANNAPPA KAMATH (86) of Mumbai, India passed away on October 6, 2014. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Amrithakala Kamath of Mumbai, and sons Sudhakar Kamath & family of Sugar Land, TX, Govindraj Kamath & family of Superior, CO and Praveen Kamath & family of San Jose, CA.

Smt. VIJAYALAKSHMI PAI (79) of Suntikoppa, Coorg, Karnataka, India passed away peacefully on Monday October 20th 2014 in Mysore. She is survived by her 6 kids, 12 grand kids and 8 great grand kids. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter Poornima Bhat & family of Lake Jackson, TX.

MEERABAI DEVIDAS

MANKIKAR (86) passed away on Tuesday, November 11 at 5:30 AM (local time). During the last few months she was lovingly and efficiently taken care by the staff of Balaji Health Care in Vasind. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son, Sadanand Mankikar & family of Burlington, Ont.

Smt. PRABHA V. BALIGA (76) passed away on 13 November 2014 at 2.35 am in Bangalore, India. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son, Chaitanya Baliga & family of Maple, Ont.

SUMEETA CHANDAVARKAR

(43) passed away on 14 November 2014 in Ottawa. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her parents Shyamsunder & Sujata Chandavarkar (KAO Founder Members, and 1992-93 Presidents).. Sumeeta was a Director with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Canada. She leaves behind her parents, husband David, brother Sumant and his family.

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KONKANI HAPPENINGS

Ontario Konkani Association:

The Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) celebrated their annual Diwali on Saturday, 25th October 2014 from 6.00 pm onwards at the Chinguacousy Secondary School in Brampton, ON, Canada.

Konkani Association of Southern California (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.

Konkani Association of Southern California (KASC) DIWALI CELEBRATION 2014:

By: Pooja Someshwar, Irvine, CA

Deepavali/Diwali is a time when Indians all over the world rejoice and celebrate. The meanings, symbols, rituals and stories associated with the festival are as diverse as the varied linguistic, culinary, regional sub-cultures which are an intrinsic part of Indian culture as a whole. While Diwali celebrates Lord Rama's long-awaited return to Ayodhya after His fourteen years of exile, it also celebrates Lord Krishna's victory over the demon Narakasura. Some parts of India associate the festival with the story of the demon-king Bali, conquered by Lord Vishnu in His Vaman Avatar. Diwali is also unique in the sense that it falls on the darkest night of the year on Kartik Amavasya, and we make it the brightest night of the year by lighting innumerable "Diyas" and also offering prayers to the Goddess Mahalakshmi who is the Deity of wealth and prosperity.

KASC's annual Diwali program was celebrated this year at Cypress Community Park in Irvine, on November 8, 2014 between 4:00 to 9:00 pm. After the social hour, members began the program with Aarthi and prayed to Lord Ganesh and Goddess Lakshmi. The cultural program line-up was jam-packed with assorted items. First up was the Costume Parade for kids. All the tiny tots looked adorable in their fancy-dress get-ups and were rewarded for their efforts with Halloween candy and goody bags.

Individual performers were up next. The **Someshwar sisters (daughters of Pooja & Atul Someshwar, Irvine)** beautifully rendered religious shlokas. **Aradhya**-age 7, chanted the 'Shiva Manasa Pooja' composed by Sri Adi Sankaracharya. **Ananya**-age 10, chanted the 'Purushottam Yoga'- Chapter 15 of the Bhagvad Geeta. Next up was **Nivedita** (daughter of **Maya & Rethnakar Pai, San Diego**) who depicted the episode of 'Putana Mardana' by Lord Krishna through her graceful dance postures and amazingly expressive facial expressions. We have a budding future classical dance exponent in our midst! **Brenna Rao** (granddaughter of **Venkatesh and Padma Rao**) was adorable in her rendition of Chocolate and Haanuka lights. **Raj Pai** (son of **Prasan & Sabitha Pai, Mission Viejo**) demonstrated his skill with the recorder as he played a few notes from the 'Star wars' theme song and then the bhajan "Om Jai Jagdish Hare".

We had more musical talent on display as **Ravi Joshi** sang some classic Bollywood songs followed by **Sridhar Rao** and then **Bharat Kundaje** who sang the beautiful classical Marathi song 'Teertha Vitthala'. **Arya & Antara** (daughters of **Anupama & Prashant Kalle, Foothill Ranch**) enthusiastically danced to a medley of some very peppy, recent Bollywood numbers. The mother-daughter duo of **Maya and Nivedita Pai**, made for a charming sight as they danced to the foot tapping number 'Navraai Maajhi Ladaachi' from the movie English-Vinglish.

The very talented cast of **Deepa Prabhu, Nandini and Sridhar Rao, Karthik and Priya Gadiyar Gayatri and Srinivas Pai** had the audience in splits with their hilarious skit titled "NRI: Non-Respected Indian", that was a comic commentary on the disconnect that we NRI's sometimes feel with folks back home when we pay them a visit!

Rajesh Prabhu conducted a "Konkani Family Feud" with a twist, where the ladies team "Komal Kanyaas" were pitted against the men from the "Pradhaan Purush" team. It was a fierce battle of the sexes to guess the most popular answers ranging from most popular Konkani dish, to most famous Konkani personalities to most desired qualities in a prospective groom!!! Needless to say, the Komal Kanyaas won hands down! **Devika Shenoy** was our comper for the evening and as usual she did a wonderful job ensuring that all the entertainment programs went off smoothly without a hitch.

Anupama Kalle had set up a professional photo booth where she captured all the beautiful families, dressed in their festive best.

A Mithai contest was another highlight of the evening. The sweet spread of delicacies was a treat to the eyes and the taste buds. The winner of the contest was **Sharmila Shanbhag**.

If the snacks (yummy Samosas and mouth-watering Gobhi Manchurian) served at the start of the event were any indication, dinner had to be simply delicious! And we were not disappointed. The delectable spread included Pulav, Dal Makhani, Naan, Malai Koftaas, Paalak Paneer, Gulab Jamuns to be topped off with tangy masala buttermilk.

A Big Thanks to all the committee Members for their efforts to ensure that we all had a memorable get-together. All in all, it was a wonderful evening spent with family and friends, made even more special with fun, food and festivities.

Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) Diwali Function:

Diwali night started with Konkani arriving in stylish, colorful, festive attire. The social hour was a good time to catch up with the latest "Panchadika" while nibbling on delicious chaat, Samosas, gobi manchurian and Chili Chicken and visualizing a slide show of past two years HAAS community activities displayed on the big screen.

Charani Kamath and Ria Rao emceed, starting off by introducing Ganesh Vandana by **Gayathri Rao. Siddarth Shenoy** then wowed the crowds with his rendition of James Bond theme music. Jokes by **Amulpachi** had everyone laughing and in good spirits. Various Bollywood dances, kathak dance, classical and bollywood songs followed, keeping up the tempo. Drama by **Gowri Sirur** "Bombay Talkies Masti" was much appreciated by one and all. Beautiful Kathak dance performance given by **Sneha Shenoy**. Hilarious Drama "Diwali Ka Khanche Natak Korche?" by Gauri Sirur, Nita Kelkar, Deepa Karkal and Namitha Nayak and "Bombay Talkies Masti" songs sung by our favorite singers **Dr Sujatha Desai, Madhuri Bedre, and Ashok Pai** was much appreciated by one and all!

Outgoing President, Maya Prabhu thanked all for their help and Incoming President **Sunil Shenoy** presented slide show of his vision for the organization. HAAS recognized **Charani Kamath** for the super job she did as youth coordinator and the community service done both to the Konkani community and the community at large. She received certificate of merit and HAAS Community Service Medal. The entertainment program concluded with a spectacular dance performance by **Pushpa Shenoy** and Fred Astaire dancers. Following a scrumptious dinner by Madras Pavilion, the dance floor was open for everyone to dance to heart's content.

We thank each and every attendee for making the occasion memorable. Special thanks to **Pankaj Dhume, Anand Nayak, Guruduth Kamath, Ashok and Pratibha Pai** for sound system setup, **Sanat Nileshwar and Narendra Rao** for stage screen setup, **Charani Kamath and Ria Rao** for emceeding and **Aarti Kamath** for facilitating the entertainment program. Kudos to all entertainment participants for their great performances. We really appreciate all who stayed back and helped clean up after the event!

Thanks to **Mrs Jyoti Nayalkar, Mrs Shobha Shenoy & Dr Vasudev Shenoy** for Diwali sweets and the **Nagarkars and Mrs Nita Kelkar** for the beautiful packaging.

HAAS Management Committee
www.ourhaas.com

American Midwest Konkani Association (AMKA):

The 2014 Diwali Event was held on Nov 1st at the Hinsdale Community Center, which is well located for almost every Chicago Metro area suburb.

The event started at 5:30pm with registration and snacks. This year there were many first times. The snacks were packed in a box and handed over to members who then were seated in the auditorium, which was laid out in a banquet style seating.

Since the event was immediately following Halloween we had all the kids dressed up in their costumes & parade into the auditorium and asked to line up on stage, where they were given candy.

Once all the lovely children were returned to their Parents the program started with the Laxmi Puja. We had our own singers sing the Aarti, Om Jai Jagdish. Which was then followed by 2 devotional songs and plenty of Bollywood songs. The two highlights were the playing of the Indian National Anthem on the violin and a Trivia game show.

The President of AMKA spoke about all the events that were planned for 2014 & wrapped up the speech by asking folks to continue the theme of AMKA in the coming years.

The grand finale was followed by prize distribution, which included a consolation prize which was a gift voucher from the caterer and then food was served.

This year the Diwali event was meticulously planned by each committee and executed extremely well keeping in mind that each committee had to work as a team.

With this event AMKA wraps up the 2014 events and looks forward to many such successful events in the future.

http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvZv1zjPVvAnP0IKTuv_zqcR-yEiXpflf

Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG) Celebrates Diwali

By Mrs. Chitra Ragde

The Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG) celebrated a "Dhoom Dhamaka Diwali" on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at Tadka Restaurant in Alpharetta, GA. The eagerly awaited celebration was attended by 48 families and guests. After months of preparation by the committee and the members, everyone looked forward to an exciting and a fun filled evening.

KAOG Youth Committee, which is actively involved in every KAOG event, held their 7th year of 'Gift of Giving' charity event with annual Toys for Tots donation drives. An area was set near the entrance of the banquet hall to collect the donated toys. A collection box was also placed at the registration desk for collecting donation to the Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF).

The evening began with aarti and prasad offering to goddess Lakshmi and lord Ganesha. Later, delectable choices of appetizers were served, along with soft drinks. Warm ragda patties, crispy baby corn and crunchy drums of heaven (chicken) were a welcome treat for all. During socializing and snacks, there were family photo opportunity moments for anyone interested. Once everyone was settled with the appetizers, Master of Ceremonies announced the commencement of the entertainment program for the evening. The program opened with the recitation of Deep Namaskar by a group of kids, followed by a bhajan. Dhoom Dhamaka evening began with a dance to an Arabic song, 'Didi' performed by 5 to 8 year old charming belles. The catchy music and well-choreographed dance set the mood and the tone for an extravaganza that was to follow for the evening. The audience was kept enthralled all evening with dance - to - the-beat Bollywood dance medleys, by kids, teen, youth and adults alike, along with a gracefully choreographed dance to the song, "Manwa Laage", to a short original skit, 'Dance Karthali MIL, Padha Sangthali DIL', and a rib tickling drama 'Soirikeche Gondolu', an original screenplay in Kannada by Smt. Usha Prasad, was adapted in Konkani and both the skit and the play were directed by, **Banur Nagesh Rao**. KAOG youth enamored everyone with their melodious vocal talents by singing Hindi karaoke songs and with a solo performance on violin, *Vivaldi Concerto in A minor*. DTNS Dance Company and The Dancing Divas, a group of pre-teens and teens respectively, had choreographed their own dance medleys, and kept the audience spellbound with their intricate and in-sync dance steps. Last year's encore performance of 'Lungi dance', had enticed a large number of men to participate this year. They had formed two groups, and danced to a medley of popular Hindi songs, 'Tu Ne Mari Entriyan' and 'Badtameez dil'. The grand finale of the entertainment program was by Sparkling 8!! A group of talented ladies with a passion for dance, completely mesmerized the audience with their fast beat dance steps to Bollywood medleys of 'Jhume ki Raat', 'Lovely' and 'Saturday Saturday'. The performances of the evening were greatly appreciated by the energized and captivated audience, who cheered, clapped and shouted "Once more!" to the performers. KAOG also had a fund raising program for KCF (Konkani Charitable Fund – konkanicf.org) to help out poor Konkanis in India.

After the entertainment program, a sumptuous spread of buffet dinner was served with Dal Tadka Makhani, Gobi Manchurian, Chicken Handi Lazeez, Rice, Garlic and Butter Naan, Boondi Raita and an assortment of chutneys. Dessert, Mango Kulfi and Malai Kulfi was sponsored by Ganesh and Lakshmi Kamath, on the celebration of their son, Vivek's graduation from college. While dinner was ongoing, **Raj Kini, President - elect for Konkani Sammelan 2016**, formally announced that Atlanta will host the Konkani Sammelan in July 2016 and introduced the Committee Chairs. Each one of them gave a brief overview of their responsibilities and encouraged members to contact them and to sign up for anything that interests them. They were informed to look forward to more details about the Sammelan in January 2015.

As the festive evening gradually wrapped up with the jubilant kids enjoying the "Dhoom!" of the firecrackers, it was truly remarkable and heartening to see how the KAOG community with just a small number of families, once again, had come together to work as a cohesive, enthusiastic team to make this Diwali celebration a memorable and a fun event. Most of the participants were committee members who had participated in multiple performances. In addition to that, some had coordinated and choreographed kid's dances as well. While in some cases, the whole family had participated in various performances, and had maintained a fine balance while they meticulously juggled their own and their child's practice sessions for many weekends. Commitment and volunteering has been the cornerstone of the community. This year's KAOG 'Dhoom Dhamaka Diwali' celebration was going to be etched in everyone's memory for a long time to come.

KAOG wishes all of you A Happy, Healthy and A Prosperous New Year.
Devu Baren Karo

Konkani Walkathon to support Upaya

Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) held a walkathon for the benefit of Upaya on November 1, 2014 and raised over \$2,100. Upaya is a non-profit organization that believes in providing a "hand up" and not a "hand-out" in order to alleviate extreme poverty. Upaya's Executive Director & Co-Founder is Sachita Shenoy of Seattle, WA.

Vandana & Ranjit Nayak host an exhibition of Jyotsna Rao's pottery

Vandana and Ranjit Nayak hosted an exhibit and sale of pottery made by **Jyotsna Rao**. The event was held in their Austin home on November 1, 2014.

Jyotsna, also of Austin, has been passionately making pottery and ceramic articles for about ten years, after retiring from the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The items exhibited were mostly hand-made containers, with a few made on the wheel. They were of a variety of shapes, often unconventional. All were of practical utility, not merely decorative. The colors were also unconventional and often experimental, showing her artistic creativity. A photographic sampling of the exhibits is given under "gallery" at www.jdrao.weebly.com

About 40 invitees attended the charitable event. **Jyotsna** will give the entire proceeds from the sale to charities in India.

During the event, lovely violin, guitar and vocal music was provided by Vandana's daughter **Eesha** and Vachana's (Vandana's sister) daughters **Siyona and Nishka**, aged 13, 9 and 4 years, respectively. They were then joined by other similar age musicians from the neighborhood, who showed their talents. Refreshments were available, making it a memorable afternoon overall.

The event was the brainchild of **Vandana**, who did all the background work besides hosting, including photographing, preparing the website and sending invitations. **Vachana** made the artistic arrangement of the exhibits, **Sunia Shetty** coordinated the sales, and **Meera Mullerpattan** (Jyotsna's visiting sister-in-law from Mumbai) worked on classification of the articles.

Saraswat Foundation Update

The New Executive Committee of the Saraswat Foundation was sworn in during the executive committee meeting held on November 9, 2014. The new Executive Committee Members are:

President: **Sanjay Vinekar**

Vice President: **Nandan Mavinkure**

Secretary: **Sandeep Dhareshwar**

Treasurer: **Chaitanya Bijoor**

Members: **Suresh Benegal, Arun Bantval, Gayathri Bantval, Ashvin Hosangadi**

The Saraswat Foundation is helping poor deserving Bhanaps in India. Visit <http://saraswatfoundation.org/> for further details.

American Rose Society (ARS) Convention Winners- Satish & Vijaya Prabhu



Nicholson Perpetual Challenge Bowl (above) won by Satish & Vijaya Prabhu (below) receiving one of nine national awards from Lois Fowkes, ARS Prizes & Awards Committee



Satish & Vijaya Prabhu of Columbia, SC won nine awards at the American Rose Society (ARS) 2014 Spring Convention in San Diego, CA in June, 2014. The Prabhu couple won the following at the ARS National Convention:

1. Nicholson Perpetual Challenge Bowl
2. New Zealand Kiwi Award
3. Joseph J. Kern Trophy
4. Dorothy C. Stemler Memorial Award
5. Herb Swim Memorial Trophy
6. Ann Reilly Memorial Trophy
7. Jan Shivers National Miniature Trophy
8. Dee Bennett Memorial Trophy and
9. J. Benjamin Williams Miniflora Rose Challenge Trophy

With the above awards, the PRABHUs brought their total national challenge class trophies to 68, the highest ever by an exhibiting team. The nine trophies at one convention is also a new record. Additionally, they were awarded the Garden Web Rose Forum Best in Show for their entry of "Crested Moss", also the Dowager Queen.

Yet at another successful convention in Tyler TX held in November 2014, the Prabhus won two more national trophies pushing the count to seventy!

Obituary: Dr. M. Mohandas Kini



Kini, Mohandas M.

A prominent Boston eye surgeon, died September 24th in the loving arms of his wife at home in San Francisco. Dr. Kini, who suffered from renal failure for five years, was 78. A funeral mass was held Friday, October 3rd at 10:30AM in St. Peter's Church 100 Concord Avenue Cambridge. Dr. Kini grew up in southern India and went on to become a renowned eye surgeon at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, as well as a clinical professor of ophthalmology at Harvard and Boston University. In the late 1970s, he pioneered new eye surgeries, treating world leaders and local Boston residents alike. In the mid-1980s, at a time when some doctors were wary of treating AIDS patients, Dr. Kini helped identify and treat a retina detachment common to AIDS patients. A colleague described him as a person "to be admired for his gracious manner, absolute integrity, compassionate care, technical mastery, conservative judgment and availability to his patients." In 1957, when he was 21 years old, he left India on a steamship and travelled to Canada to further his education. He was a rare clinician and researcher: in addition to his MD from Yale, he earned a PhD in biochemistry from McGill and did pioneering work identifying enzymes responsible for the metabolism of alcohol in the liver. He went on to become President of the Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. Despite his success in the U.S., Dr. Kini never forgot his roots. He helped to fund the creation of Sankara Nethralaya, the most advanced eye hospital in southern India. He also periodically flew back to perform marathon cataract surgeries in open-air tents, completing as many as 150 operations in 3 days in order to, in his words, "break the bond between poverty and blindness." In 1963, while at Yale, Dr. Kini met Joanne Fontana at a lecture in New Haven. He came from a devoutly Hindu family; she came from a devoutly Catholic one. It was an untraditional romance that lasted for 49 years. They were married in 1965, had five children and travelled the world. Dr. Kini is survived by Joanne; children Larissa, Mark, Tara, Maya, and Sarah Kini; sons-in-law Joshua Davis and Shamus Roller; sisters Padmini Kini, Indumathy Kamath, and Poornima Nayak; and six grandchildren. If you would like to make a memorial gift, please consider a donation to Sankara Nethralaya OM Trust

<http://www.omtrust.org/index.html>.

Online guestbook www.browndhickey.com Brown & Hickey Funeral Home 617-484-2534 617-547-1500

Published in The Boston Globe on Sept. 30, 2014 –

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=mohandas-m-kini&pid=172624217&fhid=14237#sthash.epk6rtR1.dpuf>

KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Government of Karnataka released Rs.75.00 lakhs as Grant to Vishwa Konkani Kendra (World Konkani Centre) for the year 2014-2015 for Research in Konkani, promotion of Konkani language, literature, art and culture, age old folklore, drama and related activities. The major thrust will be digitalization of Konkani Classic literature, documentation of folk dance, songs, Odemalyo Kanyo, etc. Scholarships and training to students from economically and socially backward Konkani Communities like Kudumbi, Kharvi, Mesta, Siddhi, etc. and childrens' Theatre.

Shri Sripad Naik, Hon. Minister for Cultural Affairs, Government of India, visited World Konkani Centre on 01.10.2014 and released the Report on 'A Socio Economic Survey of Kudubis of Karnataka' published by World Konkani Centre.

Dr. P. Dayananda Pai, Bangalore has announced "Free Dialysis Centre" in Mangalore for the benefit of GSBs, (initially from Mangalore and Bantwal Talukas of Dakshina Kannada District, Karnataka State). **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy, Dr. K. Mohan Pai and Bolanthur Prabhakar Prabhu**, Bantwal are the co-ordinators.

The Navarathri Dasara Celebrations were held in Karnataka and other places in India from 25th September to 3rd October 2014 with Sharada Pooja and Chandika Havanas in all the places.

Mr. Melvyn Rodrigues, Mangalore, Founder, Konkani Kavitha Trust and Chief Editor, Daiji World donated 700 Konkani books to World Konkani Centre Library as gift.

Mangalore Urban Development Agency (MUDA) will bring out a most valuable 'Mangaluru Darshan Granth'. **Dr. B.A. Vivek Rai**, Former Vice Chancellor as Chief Editor, **Dr. Vaman Nandavara and Shri Muddu Moodubelle** (Associate Editors). The Mangaluru

Darshan Granth will document all past historical events, important personalities, places, etc. and publish the same in two big Volumes. **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy** is Hon. Member from G.S.B. Community in the Committee.

Sri Veera Venkatesha Charitable Trust distributed Scholarships to G.S.B. Students of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi District worth Rs.15.00 lakhs at SVS Temple, Mangalore.

World Konkani Centre organized 'Sant Bhadragegi Achutdasji Samsaran'. The 2 days' programme was held at Mangalore on 18th and 19th October 2014 to coincide with first death anniversary of one of the greatest Harikatha exponent of India **Late Sri Bhadragegi Achutdasji**, brother of another World famous **Sant Bhadragegi Keshavadasji. Padma Vibhushan Rajarshi Dr. Dharmasthala Veerendra Heggade** inaugurated the two days' events. **Dr. P. Dayananda Pai**, Chairman, World Konkani Centre presided. Eminent scholars, Harikatha artistes from all parts of Karnataka State participated in the various Seminars. Two Harikathas by two G.S.B. Konkani artistes and one Harikatha by late Sant's Shishya **Sri Laxman Velankar** Bangalore. Books and C.D.s of late Santji were displayed in the 'Special Book Stall. Sri Bhadragegi Sarvothamdasji, Bangalore, **Dr. Rocky V. Miranda**, Mysore and **Shri Pradeep Kumar Kalkura**, Mangalore were honoured during the Valedictory by **Prof. B.A. Vivek Rai**, former Vice Chancellor (Berlin University) was the Chief Guest.

'Vishwaroopa Darshans' were held at Shri Venkatramana Temples at various places during Kartika Masa (November 2014) in Coastal Karnataka.

'Smt. Vimala V. Pai Vishwa Konkani Literary Awards' and 'Basti Vaman Shenoy Vishwa Konkani Service Awards' ceremony was held on 6th November 2014(birthday of Basti Vaman Shenoy) at T.V. Raman Pai Convention Hall, Mangalore in a Gala Function. **Mr. Edwin J.F.D'Souza**(for his Best Konkani Novel 'Kaale Bhangar'), **Mr. Sanjeev Verenkar**, Goa(for his Best Konkani Poetry Book 'Aswasth Soorya') and **Fr. Mark Waldar** (for his services to Konkani Language, literature and Konkani Movement) were honoured and felicitated by **Dr. Narahalli Balasubrahmanya**, Bangalore, an eminent Kannada writer. **Shri Mandarke Madhav Pai**, Shimoga(Research and Lexicographer in Hale Kannada) and **Dr. Meena R. Chandawarkar** (Vice Chancellor, Karnataka Women's University, Bijapur) were honoured with Basti Vaman Shenoy Vishwa Konkani Jeevan Siddhi Puraskar. Each award consists of Rs.1.00 lakhs, a Shawl, Shriphal and Memento. These 5 awards are promoted by **Mr. T.V.Mohandas Pai. Smt. T. Vasanthi Ramdas Pai**, Manipal was present.

"Vimarshika" – A two- day workshop on 'Review cum Critical Writing' was inaugurated on 5th November 2014. **Dr. Kiran Budkuley**, Chief Faculty and coordinator for the two- day workshop highlighted the nature and objectives of the workshop. **Shri. Ramesh Payyanuru Pai**, Konkani representative on Central Sahitya Akademi and the President of Kerala Sahitya Akademi emphasized the relevance of writing book reviews. This was followed by the Keynote Address by **Shri. S.R. Vijay Shankar**, eminent critic and writer of Kannada literature. He provided enriching insights into review writing and highlighted that a critic should not only be critically insightful but also a creative thinker and that, he should be sensitive to the nuances of language and he also needs to be an avid reader. The Valedictory session of this unique two-day Workshop on review and critical writing was held in the afternoon. On this occasion, the participants shared their experiences and commended the worth of this two-day activity. A detailed report of the workshop was also presented. **Shri Ramesh Payyanur Pai** who was the guest of honour lauded the efforts of the World Konkani Centre for undertaking to organize this much-needed literary endeavour. **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy** congratulated the participants for bringing a touch of dedication and diligence to this workshop. The programme ended with a vote of thanks.

World Konkani Centre, Mangaluru in association with Karnataka State Konkani Linguistic Minorities Educational Institutions Association organized a Round Table discussion on 'Constitutional Rights of Konkani Linguistic Minorities' on Thursday November 6 at T.V. Raman Pai Convention Hall. The Conference was presided over by **Shri T.V. Mohandas Pai**, Chairman of Manipal Global Education Services. **Shri Ramadas Kamath U**, Chairman, Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund, **Dr. Kasturi Mohan Pai, Shri Muralidhar V. Prabhu, Kumta, Smt. Vimala V. Pai, Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy** were present on the dais.

Kartika Ekadashi and Tulasi Parab and Kartika Punnava were celebrated in all the Temples of Saraswats throughout India.

The 11th 'Alva's Nudisiri' : 3 days' Kannada Literary Festival was held at Dr. Mohan Alva's Educational Institutions in Moodabidri on 14th, 15th and 16th November 2014. This year 'Konkani Nudisiri' programme was also held in association with Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy. **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** presided. Lord Bishop of Mangalore **Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza** blessed the occasion. **Mr. Roy Castelino** was present. **Mr. Venkatesh Baliga** compered the function. Vishwa Konkani Kendra organized Konkani Food Festival during 3 days' 'Nudisiri'.

Sastyabdhi Poorthi Ceremony of **Mr. Raghunandan Kamath**, Founder, Natural Ice Cream was celebrated at his Lands Flavour Estate Adyar near Mangalore. Thousands of his admirers gathered.

Mrs. Kasturi Mohini Devdas Pai, (mother of famous Cardiologist of Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore Dr. Kasturi Mohan Pai) died on her 85th year. Dr. Mohan Pai arranged Bhajans and distribution of Donation Cheques to various Konkani Social, Cultural and Educational Institutions at Shraddhanjali Programme on 20th November 2014 held t Nalanda Auditorium, Mangalore.

Vishwa Konkani Kendra distributed Rs.13.00 lacs as Scholarships to 412 socially educationally and backward Konkani Kharvi Community students in association with Akhila Bharatha Konkani Kharvi Mahajana Sangha on 23.11.2014 under the Presidentship of **Shri Basti Vaman Shenoy. Shri Pradeep G. Pai**, Secretary, Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund, **Shri Vilas Nayak**, Udipi(Hanuman Motors), **Shri K.B.Kharvi**, President, Akhila Bharatha Konkani Kharvi Mahajana Sangha were present.

A book on the life and achievements of **late V.S.Kudva**, pioneer of CPC and allied Companies in Mangalore was released on 27.11.2014. **Mr. Vinay Hegde**, Chancellor, K.S. Hegde University released the book.

Raksha Bandhan



Raksha Bandhan, meaning "Knot of Protection" is one of the most important festivals celebrated by Hindus throughout the world. The festival stands for the beautiful relationship shared between brothers and sisters.

A lifelong promise of protection is made on this special occasion. It exhibits the beautiful relationship of love, care and affection between siblings. This festival is set to be celebrated on August 10, 2014.

Mythology : Raksha Bandhan, also called Rakhi Purnima or just Rakhi, has deep rooted historical significance. There are various stories linked with the past mythology of the Hindu religion. People believe and follow different stories from the past. The most famous and relied upon story of them all is that of Rani Karnavati of Chittor and the Mughal Emperor Humayun.

Rani Karnawati was the widowed queen of Chittor, which had been attacked by Bahadur Shah, Sultan of Gujarat. The queen realized that defending her empire from the invasion was not possible for her and in lieu of protection and help, she sent a Rakhi to the Mughal Emperor, Humayun. On receiving the rakhi, the Emperor was overwhelmed and became emotional.

He, along with his troops, immediately set out to protect Chittor from the invasion. Alas, he could not reach on time. The Sultan of Gujarat had, by then, reached the queen's fortress. All the women, in the fortress including Rani Karnawati had performed Jauhar (mass suicide) by then. Humayun, on reaching the fortress, fought with Bahadur Shah and evicted him from the land.

The empire was handed over to Rani Karnawati's son, Vikramjeet Singh. Since then, the act of a sister tying a rakhi on the wrist of her brother indicates lifelong protection from him.

Significance : Raksha Bandhan is a beautiful Hindu festival where sisters dress up beautifully in order to celebrate this special occasion with their brothers. Sisters also pray for a prosperous future and a long life for their brothers.

Rakhi holds great emotional and religious significance. The festival keeps the deep rooted culture of the country alive, strengthens the relationship of siblings and ensures togetherness.

Celebrations : The festival of Raksha Bandhan, brings the entire family together. The day starts with everyone dressing up beautifully in traditional attires. Sweets, chocolates and other regional specialties are brought.

The sister ties a rakhi on her brother's wrist and performs aarti, praying for his well-being and then sweetens his mouth with a delicacy. Brothers in return give gifts to their sisters to express their love.

Introduction to Dakshina Kannada / South Canara

Thanks to Dr. Vasudev Prabhu of Mission Viejo, CA, this article is from the E-Book: (for free circulation) "Pilgrimage to Temples In Dakshina Kannada" By Tamarapu Sampath

Dakshina Kannada, also called South Canara, is a coastal district of the Karnataka state. It is bordered by the districts of Udupi to the north, Chikkamagaluru to the northeast, Hassan District to the east, Kodagu to the southeast, and Kasaragod in Kerala to the south. The Arabian Sea bounds it on the west.

Mangalore is the capital and chief city of the district. There is also the good presence of mountainous region in the state, with tea and coffee plantations.



Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts are often called Tulu Nadu, as Tulu is the majority language in the region. However, Tulu language and the people have been closely associated with Kannada language as Tulu itself has been written in Kannada script. Dakshina Kannada has a totally different culture and tradition compared to the rest of the state.



The worship of spirits – Bhuta Kola – is an integral part of this region. Kambala, the traditional buffalo race is held during the harvest season.

Dakshin Kannada's pristine beauty and rich heritage cannot be adequately expounded by mere words. The district's sacred shrines and epigraphic monuments are renowned and commented on by noted historians. One of the major art form of this region is Yakshagana, and is famous for its puppetry. A sort of a tiger dance – called Hulivesha – is done in Dussera in honour of Goddess Sharada. Mangalore is known as a pilgrim center and boasts of many sacred temples Mangalore can be the starting point of the pilgrimage and many important centers – Mangala Devi temple, Kadri Manjunatha temple, Kudroli Gokarnatheswar temple, Kateel Durgaparameshwari temple, Udupi SriKrishna temple, Sree Kshetra Dharmasthala, Kukke Sri Subrahmanya temple, Kodiadka, Sowthadka temple, can be covered to reach back Mangalore.

Sri Ugra Narasimha of S. V. Temple, Mulki

This Temple is a rare confluence of deities. In the beginning there was a small shrine of Lord Vittal built by Soira Vittal Bhat, an astrologer under the patronage of the local Jain King the Savant of Mulki. On Account of some political disturbances people from Karkal brought their deity Lord Venkatraman over here for safe keeping.

Later when they wanted to take back, the Lord appeared in the dream of a devotee and expressed his desire to stay back in Mulki and assured that the people in Karkal would get another Idol from a saintly sanyasi. Thus this temple became Shri Venkatraman Temple and even today this is known in that name.

Shri Vijayeendra Tirth Swamiji who gave deeksha to the first Swamiji of Shri Kashi Math Samsthan, miraculously came in possession of Lord Narsimha depicting very violent passion called 'Ugra'. He wanted to keep the Idol for himself for daily worship but in a dream the Lord appeared and ordained, "Take me to Volalanka (Mulki) and install there. I shall remain calm and fulfill the desires of all the devotees who take shelter under me". Accordingly from Kerala, with a few devotees Shri Swamiji, set out for Mulki by foot. After a few days they reached Padupanambur the capital of the Jain Kings, As the Sun set and dusk fell. Shri Swamiji sent his men to the palace to get light for onward journey. But surprisingly the king refused as the Swamiji did not belong to his faith. Shri Swamiji with a smile said, "When the very Lord who gives light to all the three worlds is with us why should we worry. Let's continue the journey." When they had hardly crossed the outskirts of Padupanambur, the roof of the palace suddenly caught fire and the flames touched the sky. The King and his men could not extinguish the fire at all. In the glare of that light Shri Swamiji completed the journey.

Lord Narsimha was formally installed in Volalanka on Datta Jayanti Day of Margashira Poornima, considered to be the most auspicious month according to Bhagwad Gita.

It is believed that when the King tried to rebuild the Palace, the trees felled for timber turned into charcoal. Astrologers declared that the king had incurred the wrath of Lord Narasimha and suggested the King to visit the temple to seek forgiveness. He did it and only thereafter things became favourable.



Konkani Calendar

January 2015	February 2015	March 2015
4 th Poornami	3 rd Poornami	5 th Holi- Poornami
8 th Sankashta Chaturthi	7 th Sankashta Chaturthi	8 th Sankashta Chaturthi
14 th Makra Sankranthi	12 th Kumbha Sankranthi	14 th Meena Sankranthi
19 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	16 th Maha Shivaratri	19 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)
26 th Ratha Saphami	18 th Amavasya (Dark Moon)	20 th Ugadi (New Year Day)
30 th Yekadashi	28 th Yekadashi	28 th Shri Rama Navami
		30 th Yekadashi

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, \$
Sudhir & Ranjana Golikeri, Richmond, TX	101.00
Anonymous from NJ	50.00
Arkal Mohan & Vasanthi Shenoy, Delmar, CA	51.00
Laxmidas & Bharati Sawkar, Overland Park, KS	50.00
Gopal & Pratibha Bhandarkar, Bayport, NY	260.00

Statement of Accounts

Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
Balance Carried over since <i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XXXVII No. 3	3,760.00	
Money Received:		
Subscriptions (27) and donations	872.00	
Interest	3.00	
Sub Total:	875.00	
Money Spent (<i>Khabbar</i> Vol. XXXVII No. 3):		
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:	3,435.00	

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

Kwiz

The last quarter's quiz:

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 ? **Answer : PASSION (Number Indicates letter position in the password)**

The following gave the right answers:

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX

Praveen Kamath, Centreville, VA

Krishna Kudva, Alta Loma, CA

Prakash Kamath, San Jose, CA

Naren Bhat, Orange, CT

Vidya Joshi, Mission Viejo, CA

Ajit Pai, Richmond, VA

Amie Pai, Richmond, VA

Dinesh Prabhu, Mangalore, India

Deepak Rao, Centreville, VA

Sundaresh Kamath, Missouri City, TX

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.



This is a real life quiz! Last year I had the privilege of meeting this gentleman. Recently, he was awarded the highest award in his field! Hoping you know who the honorary editor of *Khabbar* is, can you tell who the other person is and what was his accomplishment in 2014?

NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Update



Dear Fellow Konkanis,

Here's the quarterly update on NAKA for this quarter:

First, the good news. There will be a Konkani Sannelan in 2016! It will be in Atlanta, GA. The Konkani Association of Georgia (KAOG) will be the hosts.

The Interim NAKA team meets regularly 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!

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 (KS-2016) with KAOG as hosts.
2. Hold an election for NAKA during KS-2016 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, \$
8/31/2014	Balance from last report	124,808.74	
11/30/2014	Interest for the quarter	22.84	
11/30/2014	Final Balance:	124,831.58	

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

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Sheila Shenoy Reddy
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Editor's Note:

Congrats to Sheila. She had worked very hard to make the Konkani Sannelan – 2016 a reality! The Team KAOG consists of great people. The blue print that NAKA and KAOG developed can be used for future sannelans. Please, extend your cooperation to make KS-2016 a success. Also, help make NAKA a viable organization in North America

APPEAL

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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Aspiring Entrepreneurs, Inspiring Outcomes

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



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Dear Konkani Brothers & Sisters

You can help Konkani charitable fund by shopping online at smile.amazon.com. For every \$ 100 you spend, Amazon will donate 50 cents to KCF. Price you pay is not affected "You need to register with smile.amazon.com only once & then go to smile.amazon.com for all your future shopping

Konkani Charitable Fund is an officially registered non-profit charitable organization under IRS code 501(C)(3). You can now support your favourite charities in India that provide humanitarian service to Konkani through KCF. These charities may include educating the needy college students, helping with alleviation of poverty, helping with better healthcare, taking care of the elderly & helping children with mental & physical disabilities & any such activities that are deemed humanitarian

We only support charities in India which are approved by Government of India..

Our Charter:

We are an organization whose goal is to conduct activities for the benefit of needy Konkani-speaking people in India & world wide

Our Mission:

We want to engage in activities which are going to be positive for our community.

We are not limited to, but do

- Funding and assisting of orphanages and old age homes in India
- Raising and dispersing funds for educational scholarships
- Helping children with physical & mental disabilities.
- Holding cultural and social events
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