

Hoon Khabbar

Congratulations:

McGraw-Hill Specialty Board Review on cardiology was published by **Dr. RAGAVENDRA R. BALIGA** of New Albany, OH. Dr. Baliga is Editor-in-Chief, Heart Failure Clinics of North America, Associate Editor, American College of Cardiology Cardiosource Review Journal, Vice-Chief & Assistant Director, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, Professor of Internal Medicine, The Ohio State University and attending Cardiologist Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, Columbus, OH.

Pratham USA recently announced the appointment of **Ms. ASHA DHUME** of Sugar Land, TX as President of the Pratham Houston chapter for the years 2018 & 2019, effective January 1, 2018.

Konkani Students:

ARCHANA, d/o Vasanth & Maya Bhat of Sugar Land, TX became certified as a CPA by the Texas State Board of Public Accountancy in Sept 2017. She graduated with an integrated Masters in Professional Accounting from University of Texas, Austin in May 2016. She is currently working as a Financial Analyst at Phillips 66 in Houston, TX.

CHARANI, d/o Gurudath & Aarti Kamath of Katy, TX, graduated with B.S.A. degree in Biology with High Honors from University of Texas at Austin.

New Arrival:

SHAY BASTI, a baby boy born on December 19th, 2017 in San Diego CA to Ashvin & Casie Schedel Shenoy of San Diego, CA. The proud paternal grandparents are Basti Ganapathi & Gayathri Shenoy of Las Vegas NV & the proud maternal grandparents are Chuck & Diana Schedel of Great Falls MT.

GIYA ANIKA, a baby girl to Ankit & Anu Mathur of Liberty Township, OH on January 8, 2018. A sister to big sister, Esha. Proud maternal grandparents are Anil & Mridula Rao, Friendswood, TX and proud paternal grandparents are Bhagwan & Meera Mathur, Liberty Township, OH.

MEERA KARAN, a baby girl born on January 17, 2018 to Karan & Kadabari Kumar of Quincy, MA. The proud paternal grandparents are Sheila Kumar & late Kumar Iyer of Mumbai. Special congrats to the proud great grandparents Vasudev & Sudha Kamath of Mumbai.

Relocation:

The **NAYAKS**, Satish & Suman, have relocated from Wexford, PA to 27332 Edenfield Dr., Wesley Chapel, FL 33544. The new telephone is (813)-388-2742.

Obituary:

RAVINDRA GOPAL PRABHU (63) (Palimar family), died March 14 2017 at Mahim, Mumbai, because of complications due to liver failure. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Sujata, his daughter Priya (Toronto, CAN), son Pratik (Melbourne, Australia) and fraternal cousin, Dr. Vasudev Prabhu & family of Mission Viejo, CA.

MADHUSUDAN DAYANAND PRABHU (Palimar family) of Borivali, Mumbai, died December 8, 2017 peacefully in Borivali, Mumbai due to Melanoma. He was 64. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Pooja, his daughter, Nishika of Maryland, son, Ameya (studying MS in NC State University) and brother Dr. Vasudev Prabhu & family of Mission Viejo, CA

Mr. SHANTARAM A. KAMATH (81) passed away in Pune on January 11th 2018 after a brief illness.

He was an Ex-Executive Director of Union Bank of India and Ex-Managing Director of Bank of Maharashtra. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife, Mrs. Vinodini S. Kamath, of Pune and sons, Mr. Sudhir Kamath & family of Salt Lake City, Utah and Dr. Sameer Kamath & family of Durham, North Carolina and nephew Dr. Narasinha Kamath & family of Flushing, NY.

SANJIVI BHAT (94) of Mangalore passed away on January 11, 2018 in Mangalore. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her son, Vasanth Bhat & family of Lake Jackson, TX and daughter, Vidya Nayak & family of Flanders, NJ.

SURENDRA SHENOY (75) of Kinnigoli, D. K., Karnataka passed peacefully on January 26, 2018 in Kinnigoli. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his brother, Ravi Shenoy and family of Montville, NJ and brother Ramnath Shenoy and family of Marlboro, NJ.

Smt. KOCHIKAR RADHA G. PAI (79) of Mangalore passed away peacefully on Monday 5th of March 2018 in Mangalore. She is survived by 6 children, grandchildren and great children. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter, Nanda Pai Baliga & family of East Brunswick, NJ, brother-in-law Nityanand Pai & family of Rochester, MN, Sister-in-law, Shanthi Pai & family of Oviedo, FL.

KONKANI HAPPENINGS

HAAS (Houston Area Amchigale Samaj):

Hello everyone,

Thank you to all who attended the HAAS Sri Satyanarayana Puja on Saturday, February 3rd at the First Colony Conference Center.

Upon arrival, everyone was greeted by the stunning décor of the majestic elephants and the *diyas* by Lord Satyanarayana's side and the lights in the background appropriately conveying the divinity of the auspicious occasion.

A delicious breakfast of *Upma*, *Chewda*, Tea, and Coffee was served before starting the Puja.

Dr. Ramakrishna Prabhu graciously conducted the puja at the event this year and as always did a wonderful job explaining the meaning behind each mantra and providing a deeper understanding of the importance and history of this auspicious puja.

As is now a tradition, our high school seniors participated in performing the puja and seeking the blessings of Lord Satyanarayana. At the end of the puja, each of the seniors, **Samhitha Bhat, Divya Sashital, Rohit Kamath, and Nikhil Baliga** introduced themselves. It was amazing to hear about their numerous accomplishments at this very young age and we are very proud to have them represent our community as they head out to college this summer and begin the next phase of their life. **Asha and Sudhir Kamath** also participated in the puja.

Puja and Aarti were followed by lunch consisting of Rice, *Rasam*, Beans and Black-eyed Peas *Upkari*, Cabbage *Batata Upkari*, *Kurma*, *Chapatti*, and *Mysore Paak*. Both, breakfast and lunch, were catered by Udupi Mutt.

HAAS events are successful only through the help of our volunteers who assist in many ways and we would be remiss if we did not thank them for all their help and support.

Firstly, a big thank you to **Pramod Rao** for his countless hours and support with the beautiful décor without which the event would not have been complete.

Also thank you to **Vasumathi Mayi** for the delicious *Chewda*, **Seema Bhat** for making the *Sapath Prasadam*, and **Jyoti Nayak** for the awesome *Phanna Taak*. As always **Ravi and Shanthi Pai** were prepared to help with all aspects of the event, right from assisting with set up, helping with food pickup and utensil drop off, serving lunch, as well as post event cleanup.

And as always, thank you to **Dr. Ramakrishna Prabhu and Dr. Maya Prabhu** for conducting the puja ceremony.

Please be on the lookout for our email in the next few days with information about our upcoming event on April 28th.

Lastly, we request that everyone RSVP in a timely fashion and make prompt payments for an event. This will enable us to plan accordingly, especially food and beverages.

Thanks

HAAS Management Committee

www.ourhaas.com

KASC (Konkani Association of Southern California) Diwali - 2017:

This year KASC's Diwali celebration was indeed a special one, as we were also celebrating glorious 25 years (Silver Jubilee). The event was held at senior center in Irvine, on Saturday 4th November 2017. The spirits of festival were very high with lot of members attending it. We saw a few old faces and also many new families, especially from San Diego.

As usual we began with social hour where families got a chance to catch up over tea/coffee and snacks. This year committee thought of having a Konkani cuisine, instead of Restaurant food. And so for snacks we had *Phova chatni*, *Vada-chutney* and *Jalebis*. We then proceeded with our tradition of Aarti to Lord Ganesh by all the attendees. We started our cultural event with a bhajan by **Maya Kamath-Namandi**. Then we had individual and group dances by kids of KASC followed by ladies group

dance on combination of Indian and western cultures. We also had instrument performances by **Om Shanbag** on Piano and **Archini Nayak** on saxophone. A Diwali speech was narrated by **Veda Baliga**.

This year we organized a Konkani Vidwan competition to encourage kids of KASC about Konkani language. We were very happy to receive entries from 13 kids. It was amazing to see how well these kids performed. At the end it was a battle between **Shreya Pai, Archini Nayak and Daksh Prabhu**. **Archini Nayak** emerged as the winner of Konkani Vidwan and got to take home the specially designed Trophy, along with \$100 gift card. **Daksh Prabhu** got a gift hamper for runner up prize.

This year we had *Mithai*, *Diya* decoration and Drawing competitions. The following were announced as the winners, Mithai competition: **Mohini Kamath** was the winner, she made *Mithai Undo*. **Shrinivas Pai** was runner up, he made *Kashi halwa*. Drawing competition: **Om Shanbhag** was the winner, **Varsha Baliga** got the 2nd place and **Aadhya Shenoy** got the 3rd place. **Aadhya Shenoy** also won the Diya decoration competition. Prizes for Kids Drawing and Diya decoration competitions were sponsored by **Jyoti Pradhan** of Celebrate in a Snap. Committee also announced few Raffles and few lucky members won themselves some movie tickets, gourmet nuts, dip set etc.

The grand finale was a Konkani drama “Matsyagandha Express Returns”. This hilarious skit was inspired after the hit performance of “Matsyagandha Express” by the same team at Konkani Sammelan 2016 in Atlanta. The concept and the Director of drama is **Vishwanth Bhat**. As the drama came to an end we all proceeded towards dinner. It was delicious spread of *Avre ghashi, Batata song, Val val, Moong daal Koshimbiri, Rice, Daalito, Pappad, vodi and Masala Taak*. This Konkani food was like icing on cake. All the families had a gala time and it was time to call it a day. We appreciate the help of all the members who stayed back and helped clean up.

The event was a success and for that we cannot thank enough the committee members who took time from their busy schedules and made it possible. We would also like to thank the food committee (**Nandini Rao, Shruti Shenoy, Gayatri Pai, Sangeeta Prabhu, Deepa Pai and Jayu Bhat**) for delicious spread. Also thanks to our President **Rajesh and Deepa Prabhu** for letting us use their Kitchen for preparing the food. Thanks to **Vani Baliga** for making the *Masala Taak*. A special thanks to **Vishwanath Bhat** for organizing Konkani Vidwan and giving KASC kids a platform for learning the language.

We will be looking forward to see you all at our next event which is Shivratri Bhajan. It is not possible to mention all the participants, so please check our website for photos and videos of the event at <http://kasc.org/>. Once again thanks to all the members for your love and support to the KASC community. Dev Barein Karon!

Jayu Bhat
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

KASC (Konkani Association of Southern California) Shivratri - 2018:

KASC celebrated its annual event “Shivratri” on February 24th, 2018 Saturday in Torrance from 4:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Thanks to KASC ex-president **Mr. and Mrs. Srinivas and Gayatri Pai** as the location was their residence club house.

The committee members arrived early and setup the Shiva idol and flowers and simple decoration. A snack table was also set accordingly. As attendees started coming they socialized with other KASC members. There were almost 40 adults, youths, and kids. The Shivratri bhajan started at 5:30 PM. KASC President, **Rajesh Prabhu and Deepa Pai**, welcomed all the members assembled in the hall. We all prayed together for well-being of all the KASC members and for good rains for California. And Lord Shiva must have listened to our prayers. It rained good for next few days in California. More is needed but it was prayers answered. For next two hours various attendees took turns and sang Lord Shiva hymns and bhajans. I was heartened to hear the young generation leading the way. Kids from 5 years to 14 years all sang the Shiva bhajans. This Included, **Veda Baliga, Atul Prabhu, Daksh Prabhu, Archini Nayak and Chinmayi Nayak**. Then it was the turn of adults. **Mr. Shyam Amladi** sang his Lord Shiva composition. **Mr. Sridhar Rao, Mrs. Nandini Rao, Mrs. Deepa Prabhu, Mrs. Shashikala Nayak, Ms. Pallavi** all took turns to sing beautiful bhajans. The final aarti was conducted by all members assembled. The night culminated with pot-luck dinner prepared by each family and cleanup of the hall.

Submitted by: Rajesh Prabhu

Ontario Konkani Association (OKA):

Ontario Konkani Association (OKA) held “The Paint It Red” event on Saturday February 24th, 2018 at Sagan Banquet Hall in Mississauga, Ont. to bring the families together and celebrate the love and affection for each other. Lots of Bollywood numbers were played so that the group can together enjoy and have fun! Sort of like a new year as well as Family fun day! Members sat, chatted and enjoyed the great music while others enjoyed the music on the dance floor! Naturally, there was fantastic food menu that will appealed to everyone’s taste buds.

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By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar BASTI VAMAN SHENOY

Late Ullal Srinivas Mallya Maker of Modern Mangaluru 52nd death anniversary was held at World Konkani Centre on 19th Dec 2017. **Dr. Vinay Hegde** Chancellor Nitte University was the Chief Guest. **Mrs. Kavita Sanil** Mayor of Mangaluru distributed prizes to the winners of Essay competitions held for 120 college students of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi Districts.

The 32nd All India Konkani Parishad Adhivation was held at Mumbai Shivaji Park Bhavan on 6th and 7th Jan 2018. **Konkani Bhasha Mandal**, Maharashtra organized the Adhivation. **Mr. Payyanuru Ramesh Pai** presided over the two days deliberations. **Mrs. Grace Pinto**, Mumbai, Founder Rayn International Educational Institutions was the Chief Guest. **Mr. K. Gokuladas Prabhu** President All India Konkani Parishad Goa, **Mr. Albert D' Souza**, Managing Director, Printania Offset, Mumbai. Hon'ble Chairman Reception Committee, **Sri John D' Silva** President Konkani Bhasha Mandal, **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** Founder and President World Konkani Centre, **Dr. C.N. Shenoy**, Mumbai were present. There were discussion on several matters related to the Konkani Language and people, Kavitha Gosti, Konkani Dramas etc. etc. Konkani organizations from Kerala, Karnataka, Goa and Mumbai Malvan and Ratnagiri were represented by delegates in good numbers.

Konkani Drama "*Ghar Gharchi Kani*" The story written by **Mr. Gokuldas Prabhu**, (eminent writer and novelist). **Mrs. Shakuntala R. Kini** (Rtd. Akashvani Mangalore (AIR)) Asst. Director) had written the script for the Drama. **Mrs. Kudkunje Kasturi Pai** directed the Konkani Drama and World Konkani Centre organized the shows at T.V.Raman Pai Convention Hall on 27th Jan 2018 A large gathering enjoyed the drama, World Konkani Centre has plans to organize shows in 10 places in Karnataka State in the near future.

Sri Venkatramana Swamy College Bantwal Golden Jubilee Celebrations commenced from 12th Jan 2018. **Prof. Bhyrappa** Vice Chancellor of Mangalore University inaugurated the week long Golden Jubilee celebrations. Celebrated Kannada Novelist **B. Gopalakrishna Pai** (writer Swapna Saraswat) was the Chief Guest.

Konkani Kavita Fest: The annual Konkani Poetry Festival organized by Kavita Trust was held on 14 Jan 2018 at Jeppu Mangaluru. Prizes to the winners of Konkani Poetry competitions held at colleges and High Schools at Goa, Mumbai, Coastal Karnataka and Kerala.

Renowned Kannada writer **K. T. Gatti** was the chief Guest and **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** Founder President World Konkani Centre honoured and felicitated well-known Senior Konkani Poet **Mr. Valley Quadres** on the occasion. The Founder of Kavita Trust **Mr. Melvyn Rodrigues** welcomed the Guests.

Documentation of "THE KONKANI PEOPLE OF KARNATAKA; A STUDY OF THEIR ORIGIN, MIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PATTERNS" a joint venture of Konkani Chair Mangaluru University and World Konkani Centre has selected two eminent research fellows. **Dr. Geetha Shenoy**, Bengaluru and **Mr. Jaison Jeevan Sequiera** for study and documenting the Migrations of Konkani people from the Banks of Saraswathi to Punjab, Gujarat, Rajasthan to Goa, Coastal Karnataka to Kochin in Kerala. The four years study project is estimated at Rs. 25.00 lakhs and the project in initiated by World Konkani Centre.

Konkani Triveni Kala Sangam, Mumbai: KTKS is known for staging Konkani dramas since fifty years in Maharashtra, Bengaluru, Mangaluru and Karnataka States. On 27th Jan 2018 KTKS arranged a public function at Swamy Narayan Mandir Hall at Dadar Mumbai to felicitate **H. H. Sri Vidhyadhiraja Wader Swamiji** of Sri Gokarna Parthagali Jeevotham Mutt on Golden Jubilees of Sanyas Diksha. The Shishya Swamiji **H. H. Shrimad Vidyadeesha Theerth Swamiji** was also present on this auspicious occasion. About 25 Saraswath achievers and leaders of Industry, Banking, Business, Education and Social organizations **Dr. Anil Kakodkar**, (Padma Vibhushan, Renowned Scientist), **Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi** (Managing Partner, Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works, Mysore) **Mr. Harish Bhat** (Chairman of Tata Coffee Ltd), **Mr. Ullas Kamath** (Joint Managing Director & CFO of Jyothi Laboratories Ltd, Bengaluru), **Mr. P. Prakash Pai**(CMD of Puzzolana Group, Hyderabad), **Mr. Nagesh D. Sonde** (Doyen of Konkani Language), **Mr. Raghunanada S. Kamath** (Founder of Kamaths Ourtimes Ice Creams Pvt. Ltd, Mumabi), **Mr. Hanumanth Pai** (Managing Director, Srikrishna Milks Pvt. Ltd), **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** (Founder President, Konkani Language & Cultural Foundation, World Konkani Centre, Mangaluru), **Dr. Ajit Narayan Gunjekar** (President All India Sarswath Cultural Organisation (AISCO)), **Mrs. Suman Kalyanpur** (top playback singer), **Mr. D.M. Sukthankar** (IAS (Retd)), **Mr. Kundapur Srinivas Prabhu**, **Mr. Pradeep G. Pai** (Founder and Managing Director of Hangyo Ice creams Pvt. Ltd, Mangaluru) and **Ullas D. Kamath** (President Konkani Triveni Kala Sangam, Mumbai), **Dr. C. N.**

Shenoy (Vice President, KTKS) **Mr. Mukund Y. Kamat** (Gen. Secretary KTKS), were present.

Kodial Teru, Car Festival of Sri Venkatramana Temple Mangaluru, was held from 20th to 25th Jan with pomp and gaiety. **H.H. Sri Samyamindra Thirtha Swamiji** of Sri Kashi Mutt Samsthan was present and blessed the Samaj.

Vishwa Konkani Sangeet Natak Academy: World Konkani Centre has promoted Konkani Drama activities in Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka and Kerala States. And at the first meeting held at World Konkani centre on 3-2-2018 it was decided to arrange Konkani Drama Training camps for students and youths, seminars and workshops for drama script, writers, artistes, Directors etc. to promote Konkani Drama programmes in all these to states and at International levels. A committee was formed with eminent stage Directors, drama writers, artistes etc. Renowned Drama Director **Dr. C. N. Shenoy** of Mumbai was nominated as Chairman of Vishwa Konkani Sangeet Natak Akademi and following members were nominated as the Regional Coordinators. **Dr. Panduranga Phaldesai** and **Mr. Vijayakant Namshikar** from Goa, **Mr. Krishnananda M Pai, Mr. L. Krishna Bhat** and **Mr. S. Ashok** from Kerala, Konkani Teaching in Schools Coordinator **Dr. Kasturi Mohan Pai, Mr. Ullal Raghavendra Kini** from Mangaluru were included in the proposed Vishwa Konkani Akademy as members.

Karnataka Konkani Sahitya Academy : The Sahitya Akademy has organized yearlong 25 Konkani literary and cultural programmes as part of Silver Jubilee year of getting recognition to Konkani Language in the VIII th schedule of constitution of India by which Konkani Language got National language status like Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Kannada, Tamil etc. etc. (23 languages). The 25th programme was held at Dandeli (Uttara Kannada Dist, Karnataka state) Hon'ble Minister of Karnataka State Government **Mr. R.V. Deshpande, Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** honoured three eminent Konkani artistes during the occasion.

Hangyo Ice Creams Pvt. Ltd. Mangaluru: A colourful programme to celebrate crossing of Rs. 100 crores business and to release new items was arranged at Hotel Ocean Pearl. **Mr. Pradeep G. Pai** Managing Director, **Mrs. Deepa P. Pai**, Director **Dinesh Pai** and introduced the new Items.

Bantwal Teru: The Car festival of Sri Tirumala Venkatramana Swamy Temple was celebrated from 18th Feb to 23rd Feb 2018. Thousands of people from all

parts of Dakshina Kannada Districts enjoyed the Mrigabete and Ratharohana of the Temple.

PRERNA (A Vision TVM Initiative): President of World Konkani Centre **Basti Vaman Shenoy** along with chairman of Manipal Global Education **Mr. T V Mohandas Pai, Mr. Pradeep G. Pai, Mr. Sundeep Shenoy** inaugurated a day long mega event 'Prerna – A confluence of ideas and motivation' on 24-02-2018 at TV Raman Pai Convention Hall. The event was organised by VAA, the alumni of association formed by the recipients of Vishwa Konkani scholarships instituted by the World Konkani Centre, and is one of the initiatives envisaged leader Vision TVM. Mumbai Jyothy Laboratory MD **Mr. Ullas Kamath**, Omnesys Technologies Pvt Ltd MD **Mr. Shrikanth Pandith**, Chartered accountant and Entrepreneur **Mr. Nandagopal Shenoy**, Bharath Forge Limited Group CFO **Mr. Kishore Saletore**, Zerodha Co-founder **Mr. Nikhil Kamath**, Avenue Super marts MD and CEO **Mr. Neville Noronha** and Life skills trainer and motivational speaker **Dr. Chandrika Kamath** were present.

NKGSB BANK CENTENARY SKILL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE INAUGURATED AT WORLD KONKANI CENTRE Shri Kishore Kulkarni, Chairman of NKGSB Bank inaugurated NKGSB Bank Centenary Skill Development Centre at World Konkani Centre, on Saturday, 24th February 2018 at 12.00 noon and donated Rs. 11.00 lakhs as part of Centenary year of the Bank. Guest of honour **Mr. Rajan Bhat**, Director, NKGSB Bank, **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy**, President and Founder of World Konkani Centre, **Sri P. G. Kamath** Dy. Managing Director, **Sri B. R. Bhat**, Treasurer World Konkani Centre, **Sri Pradeep G. Pai**, Secretary Vishwa Konkani Students Scholarship Fund, **Sri Giridhar Kamath**, Co ordinator KSHAMATA, **Sri M. N. Pai, Sri B. Prabhakar Prabhu** Secretary were present on the occasion. The Skill Development Centre sponsored by NKGSB Bank under its Centenary Celebration is in support of initiatives by World Konkani Centre in the past several years. World Konkani Centre under its KSHAMATA academy has been imparting skill development programmes of various levels to thousands of students from professional and conventional disciplines. It has imparted more than 20,000 man-days of trainings in the past 7 years.

Hindi Cinema actress **Sree Devi (CHANDNI)** died on 24th Feb 2018 at Dubai. She was a famous Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam cine actor, she died at Hotel room in Dubai. Lakhs of her admirers had gathered for funeral in Mumbai held on 28th Feb 2018.