



GOAN OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION, VANCOUVER
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Dear Members,

2008 was an exciting year for the GOA Vancouver and we thank you all for your whole hearted support and participation in making it such a success.

The GOA Vancouver is proud to announce your newly elected Executive Committee for 2009-2010:

PRESIDENT: **Samson Correia** (president@goavancouver.com)

VICE-PRESIDENT: **Anand Monteiro** (vicepresident@goavancouver.com)

TREASURER: **Nadia Louzado** (treasurer@goavancouver.com)

GENERAL SECRETARY: **Elsa D'Lima** (secretary@goavancouver.com)

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: **Doris Amaral** (socials@goavancouver.com)

PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: **Charmaine Rozario** (communications@goavancouver.com)

SPORTS & YOUTH DIRECTOR: **Christopher Correia** (youth@goavancouver.com)

CULTURAL DIRECTOR: vacant

Your new Executive Committee looks forward to your continued enthusiastic support in keeping GOA a vibrant and inclusive organization.

One of our goals for this year is to encourage our youth to not only partake in all our activities, but to also join the executive committee. While we are pleased to have two youth members who have joined our committee, we would like to invite two more to shadow our committee members. Our goal is to groom them to serve as full committee members in the coming years. They are our future! If you are interested in this unique opportunity, please contact Nadia Louzado at 604.805.9741 for more details.

We would like to request you to ensure your dues for 2009 are paid up to date. As you are aware, the annual membership fee is payable on January 1 of each year for the coming year and we would like to thank those of you who have already paid your dues, for your diligence and commitment.

Our Vice-President has taken on the mandate to grow our membership as his top priority and we would like to request your assistance and support by encouraging your family and friends to sign-up as members. In an effort to encourage new members and reward our existing members, the new Executive Committee proposes to set ticket rates for the social events at a premium of up to **40% more for non-members**.

Now for some exciting news pls mark these **not-to-miss** dates in your calendar:

- ◆ **Sun, Jul 12** : Picnic at Hawthorne Rotary Park, 104 Ave. off 144 St., Surrey – starting at 11am with games for all and your favorite food stands - open to all.
- ◆ **Sun, Aug 23** : World Goa Day Picnic
- ◆ **Sat, Oct 24** : Nite In Goa
- ◆ **Sun, Dec 6** : St. Francis Xavier Feast and /Kids' X'Mas Tree
- ◆ **New Year's Eve** Gala Dinner Dance

Look for more details on Nite-In-Goa and New Year's Eve - tickets will be on sale in late summer with early bird discounts and reduced rates for members.

Our website is a work in progress, so please visit often to keep updated with GOA news and views.

In conclusion, the GOA Vancouver Executive Committee looks forward to making 2009 a banner year for our members.

Yours truly,

Sam Correia
President
GOA Vancouver