



## Goan Overseas Association, Vancouver

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# May 8, 2010 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

2009 was a learning curve for your newly elected executive, we would like to thank all those who supported us with their participation and their kind words of encouragement.

With this in mind, we would also like to extend our thanks and to all in our community who have served in previous executive committees.

The GOA Vancouver is proud to announce a couple of new executive members joining the team for 2010-2011:

PRESIDENT: Samson Correia ([president@goavancouver.com](mailto:president@goavancouver.com))

VICE-PRESIDENT: Anand Monteiro ([vicepresident@goavancouver.com](mailto:vicepresident@goavancouver.com))

TREASURER: Edward Soares ([treasurer@goavancouver.com](mailto:treasurer@goavancouver.com)) (NEW DIRECTOR)

GENERAL SECRETARY: Elsa D'Lima ([secretary@goavancouver.com](mailto:secretary@goavancouver.com))

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Doris Amaral ([socials@goavancouver.com](mailto:socials@goavancouver.com))

PUBLICITY AND COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR: Charmaine Rozario  
([communications@goavancouver.com](mailto:communications@goavancouver.com))

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Jaclyn D'Rozario ([director1@goavancouver.com](mailto:director1@goavancouver.com))(NEW DIRECTOR)

We would like to thank two members of our 2009 team who were unable to continue. Our thanks to Nadia Louzado and Christopher Correia for their efforts; we hope they will continue to involve themselves in future executive committees.

Our goal for 2010 is to continue to build on our successes and grow this association. Important dates to remember and mark in your calendars are:

*Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>: World GOA Day Picnic (venue to be announced)*

*July 29<sup>th</sup>: Proposed Sports Visit to Calgary. Soccer & Badminton & Good Times*

*Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>: "A Night in Goa" Dinner/Dance /Entertainment (Riverside Hall)*

*Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup>: Saint Frances Xavier Celebration (Our Lady of Mercy Church)*

*December 31<sup>st</sup>: New Years Eve Dance (Dinner/Dance Maximum 200 Persons only). Please make sure as soon to order your tickets as the announcement is made as we will not be in a position to accommodate any requests after the maximum cut-off. Because of drastic cost increases and the HST tax, we intend to have tickets for members at a cost only price.)*

*Please support us with your attendance at these events.*

The AGM held March 28<sup>th</sup> was well attended and a success. The proposed by-law changes involved a lot of discussion and a decision was made to turn the matter over to a sub-committee who have now completed their recommendations. We intend to convene an extraordinary general meeting to discuss and approve the proposed amendments this summer. Please make every effort to attend.

As you all know, the deadline for your 2010 Dues (April 30<sup>th</sup>) has passed. We are pleased to report that many members have paid their dues, and we strongly encourage those that have not done so, to please forward your dues immediately to the association. The association mailbox number is now very clearly shown on the front page of the GOA website.

This is an urgent plea to our membership for volunteers to join the executive. Our general secretary Elsa D'Lima has kindly agreed to carry on until we have found a replacement, but she is not able to stay on indefinitely. Please contact any one of the executive members if you are interested in serving on the committee. We are also looking for members to join our phoning committee. If you can spare a couple of hours, maybe 3-4 times in the year please contact us.

Although the Easter Bunny Hop was unable to raise the funds necessary to support our sports/youth/senior program, those who attended had a good time. Thanks to the efforts of Willie and Merle Lobo and the sub-committee. The Friday evening soccer and field hockey sessions at Minoru Park continue to be well attended, and a good time being had by all participants. We encourage all the youth and active members to join the sports group.

**We need to know, as soon as possible, how many are interested in going to Calgary for the sports visit involving soccer and badminton so that Calgary can book the venues and we can finalize details for the bus.**

We are receiving complaints from some members that they are not receiving GOA information. Please note, members are responsible for informing the association of a change in their email address. If you know of anyone who is not receiving information from the association, please get them to contact any member of the executive so that we can correct any discrepancies.

Best Regards ,

Your 2010 Executive Committee