GOA VANCOUVER NEWSLETTER – Highlights and Upcoming Events

JULY 2014

Dear Members,

Your 2014/2015 executive is pleased with the response to our first event of this year, the Talent Show, which was a success. Thanks to all 26 participants.

A big thank you to all our members who are up to date with their membership fees, and for your continued support at all the club events. Please contact the Executive Committee to update your contact information (change in name, email, mailing address, etc.). Please make cheques payable to "Goan Overseas Association – Vancouver". Adult Member is only \$15/year, and Senior (65+), Student (18-25) or Resident (outside GVRD) is \$6/year.

To our new sponsors in 2013 and to you who have supported us for so many years, on behalf of our membership, our sincere thanks. We hope you will continue with your support for 2014.

We are trying, with the help of new sub-committees, to do more for our members. If you would like to help, please contact the sub-committee chair persons. (p. 2)

Should we continue with the homeless lunch program? Please e-mail your thoughts to your president, Celine Fernandes (president@goavancouver.com) or contact any committee person to make your wishes known.

We sincerely apologize for the state of our WEBSITE. Hopefully our newly-elected chairperson (Caroline Dsa) will have a solution to present to the Executive Committee, at which time we will update you. We are very grateful to Mr. Sean Toscano for the tremendous work he has done for this GOA in spite of time constraints with regards to his business and moving to Calgary. THANK YOU SEAN!!!

To all our members who have donated to the various GOA causes over the years—scholarships, homeless-lunches, prize gifts, etc, etc. YOU ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE and we appreciate your support.

The 2014 AGM in May was attended by 34 persons. This executive committee was appointed by the club trustees in May 2013 and with 2 new additions at the 2014 A.G.M., will conduct the business of this association for the next 2 years.

Help us **REVITALIZE** OUR G.O.A., with your continued PARTICIPATION!

Please join us at our next event, the GOA Annual Picnic at Ladner Memorial Park on July 20th 2014. There will be games, sports, food, and lots of FUN!!!

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Your 2014/2015 Executive Committee



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2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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Goan Overseas Association Vancouver – Operation Records and History June 2014

Sam Correia has completed compiling a record with most of the important information pertaining to GOA operations, for the years 2000 - 2013. These are now stored on a portable hard drive, which will go from executive to executive making it much easier for them to see how things have been done.

Missing from this account are both AGM minutes and year-end financials for 2000, AGM minutes for 2001, year-end financials for 2007 and both AGM minutes and financials for 2012. If anyone has these documents, please contact Sam at (604) 526-6401. Also, if anybody has any year-end documents prior to 2000 and would like them stored on the hard drive, please contact Sam.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

G.O.A. Vancouver Scholarship – 2 awards of \$250.00; Carnival Cultural Club Scholarship – 1 award of \$250.00; and RealtorGlen Scholarship – 1 award of \$300.00 (Please see ad)

> APPLICATIONS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER-15-2014 Please see criteria on website.

AWARDS:

<u>Community Service Award</u> - presented annually to a member who is recognized as an outstanding volunteer in the Association.

Forward your 2014 nomination & why you think they deserve this important award.

Díd you know?

In December 2013 Brendon Pereira, grandson of long-standing members, Polly and Ethel Pereira was asked to join the 2013 Junior World Cup Team and go to Delhi, India? His team didn't win, but proudly Brendon continues to follow in his father and grandfather's footsteps. The GOA donated \$500.00 toward his trip. Way to go Brendon!!

March 2014, a new President of UBC, Dr. Arvind Gupta was appointed. Did you know that he is late members Phillip and Marlene Pereira's son-in-law? (Married to their daughter, Dr. Michelle Pereira.) We'd like to congratulate Dr. Gupta on his appointment and wish him much success!!!

There are many seniors in different areas of the GVRD that need rides to all our planned events. If you are able to help, please contact any executive (see previous page for contact information). It would be nice if you could also inform them of the location you wish to pick up FROM (Burnaby, New West, Delta) and accordingly you will be contacted prior to an upcoming event. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR KINDNESS!

If you hear of something that you believe would be of interest to the community to know, please feel free to let anyone on the executive committee know.

Calendar of Events:

July 20th, 2014 GOA Annual Picnic

October 25th, 2014 Night in Goa

December 7th, 2014 St. Francis Xavier Feast

December 31st, 2014 New Year's Eve Ball

Please Come Join Us at these events!

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