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## Message from the Past President - Caroline D'Sa

2017-2018 was a very successful year for the G.O.A!

The year ended April 30 was filled with great events, including the visit of Goan legend, Lorna and the opportunity to lead a special Indian Catholics hour to venerate the relic of God's beloved patron saint, Francis Xavier.

Our biggest achievement, however, was the involvement of the entire community in one form or the other. The past year saw many members come forward to help us grow our caring community. We received numerous scholarships which were given to so many well-deserving and thankful students. We served over 150 lunches to some of Vancouver's homeless. We received numerous sponsorships, many of which are from our long-standing sponsors who support us financially year after year.

We reached out to our community for volunteers and so many came forward to assist at the Canada 150 picnic, the Seby

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**Not a GOAVancouver member yet???** All welcome to join or rejoin this fun and caring community association!

Checkout our website  
**GOAVancouver.com**  
for easy signup options

Show, the Lorna Show, the SFX Feast, the Veneration etc. The Legacy Project has taken beautiful shape and we are proud to leave our legacy in print for future generations to enjoy.

**Two big changes to announce for 2018/2019**

Doug Nazareth was appointed at the April 15th AGM to the Board of Trustees replacing Ross De Mello and joining Terry Francis and Philip D'Sa. The Trustees play an important role, most notably safeguarding the assets and long-term cash investments of the Association. The AGM also approved a new Executive who stepped forward to serve for 2018/2019. We have an awesome mix of strengths, some serving for the first time and some who have generously stepped forward to serve again. They all have unique attributes which they are excited to share with the Goan and allied communities and I am so excited for them. They have a common theme and mission to foster a caring community, grow it with more inclusion and to continue to bring in Goan culture and music to the community.

And we now have an in-house IT expert to help our community bridge the gap of connectivity through Social Media. Most importantly, we have a strong new leader, who is just completing his term as Grand Knight at St. Joseph the Worker and is very passionate about being Goan and serving the Community. His sense of humour will surely lighten up our lives.

Many thanks to all who stepped forward to help in 2017 and special thanks to my fellow Executive Members - Debbie D'Mello, Lynette Pereira and Jennifer D'Sa. I would also like to take this opportunity to give a special thanks to Maxine Fernandes, who volunteers her time & diligently audits our books and keep the accounts of the members safe. We could not have done all we did without

everyone's amazing support!

**Meet The 2018/2019 Executive**  
Please congratulate, welcome and support your new Board and Sub-Committees. See their 2018 tentative plan on page 4!

**John Braganza:** President



John immigrated to Canada in 2000 after working in Dubai for over 15 years. He works for Gategroup as their Health & Safety Manager. He is very involved in church activities and is currently the Grand Knight of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Richmond, BC. He dedicates considerable time to volunteer work and is also actively involved with the Refugee Committee of the Parish.

As your newly elected President of the GOA, he brings with him a professional disposition, cheerful personality and a strong desire to continue the work

and dedication of past presidents to promoting our GOAN identity, our history and our culture. John looks forward to embracing it all with a passion, commitment and grit determination.

John is an avid sportsman and is very much looking to exploring the vast athletic talents of our youth.

Albert Einstein reputedly said, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." John subscribes to the latter and takes great pride in being a GOAN and being part of the GOA community.

### **Sam Correa:** Vice President (TO BE CONFIRMED)

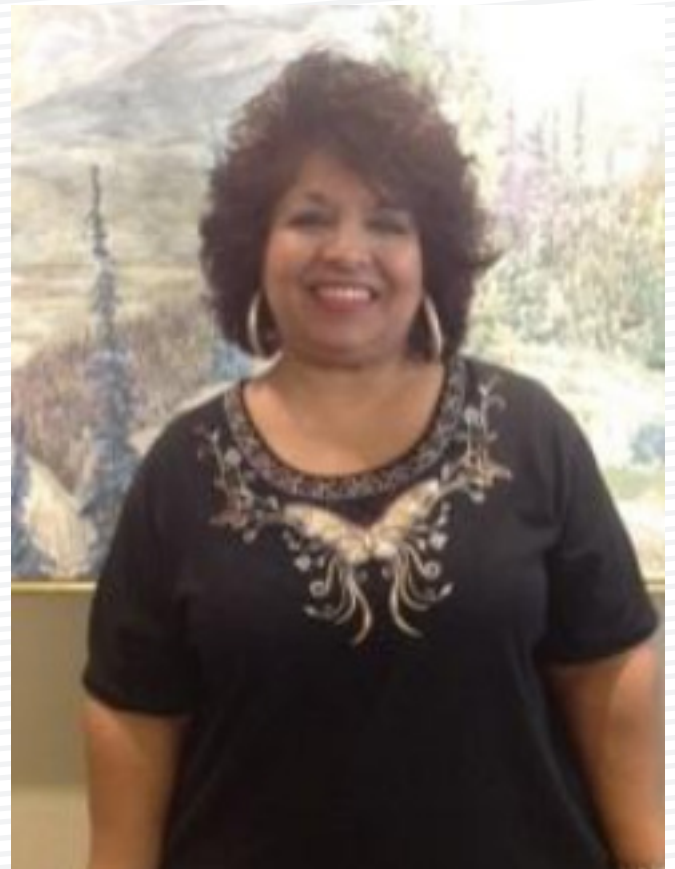
Sam Correa is a long-standing member of the Association and has served over many years in different roles including as President. He is meticulous, hardworking and knowledgeable and will be a great asset on the Executive Team.

### **Crystal-Ann LoboFernandes:** Treasurer



Crystal-Ann brings in her quiet but strong energy and is excited to put her whole heart and soul into this responsibility in order to cultivate a new and improved culture – one of greater inclusion and spirited pride. Crystal-Ann came to Canada in 2000 and over the years has been helping out whenever needed. As your newly-appointed Treasurer, she is committed to being dependable, honest and completely transparent with all dealings.

### **Beatrice Pereira:** Social Director



B (as her friends call her) has only two goals in mind – to keep everyone smiling and to ensure that our community continues to stay united and GROW! B has been in Vancouver, B.C. since 1973 and have been involved with the Goan

community for several years – too many to count. She enjoys various kinds of music and always like to shake things up on the dance floor. “With enthusiasm and excitement, I thank you for this opportunity and I hope it will work out to be beneficial for all.”

**Alexander Fernandes:**  
IT & Social Media Director



Born and brought up in Mumbai, and a native of beautiful Calangute, Goa, Alex is passionate about IT & Information Security and has had an extended career at several high-profile organizations across Canada. He is looking forward to bring some of his IT knowledge and experience to benefit the Goan community activities. Alex is also actively involved with the Knights of Columbus and loves to play soccer, badminton and chess.

## 2018/2019 Sub- Committees

To support the new Executive Board we have numerous sub-committees many of whom also generously helped in 2017/2018:

### Events Sub-Committee

Doris Amaral,  
Crystal Menezes and team Debbie

### SFX

Judith Braganza,  
Cipriano Gomes and team

### Communications

Joe Pinto, Joseph D’Silva and team

### Administrative Sub-Committee

Past Presidents

### Feeding the Homeless

Heather and Roger Martin and team

### Charity

Louis D’Mello and Maxine Fernandes

### Outreach with Priests

Judith Braganza and Kevin Fernandes

### Outreach with Seniors

Cleto dos Remedios  
Sally Mascarenhas and team

### Membership

Paolo Lobo, Villa Pinto  
and Caroline D’Sa

### Legacy Project

Villa Pinto & Caroline D’Sa

### Storage & Inventory

Lynette Pereira and Debbie D’Mello

### Scholarship

Christopher Correa, Clarisse Fernandes,  
Alyssa Fernandes, Freda Moraes and  
Jennifer Sales

### Sports Indoor --- Roger Marin

### Phoning & Seniors Events

We need Volunteers- please contact  
President@GOAVancouver.com

# 2017 Memories



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**GOA Vancouver  
 Upcoming Events**

**Don't Miss These Happenings! Mark the Dates now!**

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event name and description</b>	<b>Location</b>
June 24th, 2018	<b>K Sera Sera - acclaimed award winning film</b> Another outstanding Konkani Movie!!! -with English subtitles	TBA
July 9th, 2018	<b>Visiting Country Singer - Keith Pereira</b> - Check him out on youtube <a href="https://youtu.be/o4sPHYIPx2I">https://youtu.be/o4sPHYIPx2I</a>	TBA
August 12th, 2018	<b>Goenche Fest</b> World Goa Day Picnic with a Bandra Fest theme	TBA
Sept 15th, 2018	<b>GOA Vancouver Gala Dance</b> Featuring Tania and Andre - talented musical performers from Goa	TBA
Dec 2nd, 2018	<b>St Francis Xavier Feast</b> Mass and feast celebration and Children's Xmas party	TBA
Dec 31st, 2018	<b>New Year's Dance</b> Wrap up 2018 and bring in 2019 in rocking good style at this year end bash!	TBA

# More 2017 memories The Lorna show!

