



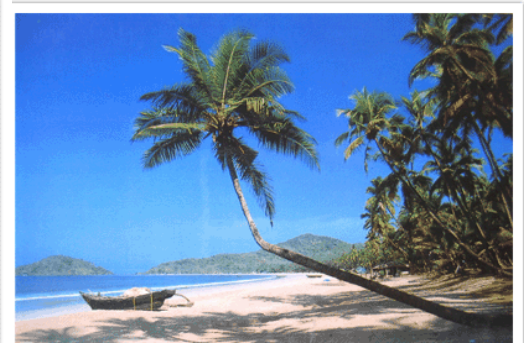
GOAN OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION

(Formerly the Canadian Goan Association – Inc. 1976)

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MISSION STATEMENT

To promote Goan Heritage and Foster a Caring Community
We Believe that Together, We Can Make a Difference



As we start a new year with the Goan Overseas Association we have added some wonderful new members to the committee. A great big THANK YOU goes out to our previous committee. We hope to be able to produce great results this year as were accomplished last year.

As we approach the summer, we have many exciting events and activities planned for the community. For any inquiries regarding events, membership, activities or any other topics regarding the committee please feel to contact any of the executive members for more information.

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Upcoming Events for 2011


Please remember to mark down all these events on your calendars. The success of these events depends on you, our community ☺

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Jul. 10, 2011:  **Fleetwood Park Summer Picnic** – Located 158th Street and 80th Avenue; 12:00pm onwards. If you would like to register a team, email Chris Correia at youth@goavancouver.com. Interested in catering/hosting a stall at the picnic contact Roger Martin at sports@goavancouver.com

*Please check your emails closer to the date for updates on weather and status of picnic; messages will be sent out in the event of a cancellation due to weather.

Jul. 17, 2011: **The Door is Open Homeless Lunch Program** – 373 E Cordova Street from 9am onwards. Volunteers and donations are needed so please contact Heather Martin at heather.martin@shaw.ca or at 604-543-9536.

Aug. 21, 2011: **Hawthorne Park Summer Picnic** – Located at 105th Avenue and 144th Street. Come join us for round 2 of 'FUN in the SUN'. We will be celebrating *World Goa Day* at this picnic, come share in the festivities. 

Oct. 22, 2011: **"A Nite in Goa"** – Dinner, Dance and Entertainment – If you are interested in performing at the event or advertising in our brochure please contact Cherelle Rego at social@goavancouver.com.

Dec. 4, 2011: **Saint Francis Xavier Feast** – Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Burnaby. More information for vendors and displays will be forwarded closer to the event.

Dec. 31, 2011: **New Year's Eve Gala** – Executive Plaza Hotel: 405 North Rd. Coquitlam, BC V3K 3V9. Details to follow closer to date. 



Announcements

Ian Shaun D'Lima, son of Elsa & Francis D'Lima
wed
Gayathree Thayver, daughter of Valli & Aran
Thayver on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at
Immaculate Conception Church in North Delta.



Talent in our own backyards

Some of our own young Goans have been too modest about their talents. Take a look at this group of young people in a music video that they created themselves, singing a cover of an all time classic "Lean on Me"

Check out their video online:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNTI9cRQeeA>

Let's show these young talents some support and commend them on this wonderful accomplishment. If you were lucky enough, you may have caught their performance at Carnival's Got Talent earlier this year in March.





For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's Romans 14:8

The Executive Committee of the G.O.A would like to express our sincere condolences to the families of Patrocina Carrasco, Doreen Ann Mendes, Joseph B. Correia, Chev Bruno Fernandes, Isabel D'Sa and Alice Waller. Please keep the memory of all recently departed people and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Community Announcements



As an important community services, GOA sends out birth announcements; marriage announcements; notice of a death(s); information about funeral service(s); or notices about other important events in peoples' lives either by mass emails or by bi-annual GOA Newsletters.

In sending out community announcements two things are important. First, accuracy and completeness, errors can slip and names can be misspelled sometimes, so please send announcements as clearly and concisely as possible and we will do our best to ensure the absence of mistakes. Secondly, to ensure that the privacy all parties involved are respected GOA will only send out information or post emails on the website that has been submitted by the family or a designated family friend.

If you have any announcements, either births, marriages, obituaries, funeral notices, or any other news you want to share with the community, please submit emails to any member of the Executive committee.



Interesting Articles

Cheering to the Top By Sharlene Lobo

Cheerleading was something that I never thought I would get involved with and it was definitely not something that I saw myself doing. Strangely, it has been the most exciting part of my life since I signed up and went for the try out 4 years ago. When I first started at Simon Fraser University in the Fall of 2007 I found myself looking for more than just an academic experience at university. I looked around at various activities and none seemed to strike my fancy. One day along came the idea of cheerleading, I can't quite remember what, when or how but I remember thinking to myself this isn't something I would typically do. But oddly enough, I felt the need to attend the information session and then go to tryouts a few days later.



Since that day cheerleading has opened many doors for me and provided me with



opportunities I never dreamed of experiencing. I have been able to participate in many local events in the Lower Mainland as well as been featured in TV shows such as Caprica and Hellcats. As an athlete at Simon Fraser University I have had the chance to represent my school proudly and represent our province of British Columbia at the national level every year. Thus far, SFU is the only cheerleading team outside of Ontario to place in the Top 3 since the inception of the National Competition. Having no prior cheerleading experience before joining the team, I've had tons of fun learning how to stunt, throw baskets, be in pyramids and do some fast paced tumbling.

In addition to earning my degree and adding to my education, cheerleading has been an important part of my university experience. It has taught me so much about teamwork, dedication and the importance of having a positive attitude and outlook on life. My passion for cheerleading has grown so much in the last 4 years and I can't wait to see what next season brings.



Compiled and Edited by Jaclyn D'Rozario



Our very Own Songbird *By Bea Fernandes*



A while back we sent out an email asking for votes for a beautiful young lady named Dahlia Fernandes. For those of you who sent in the online votes, you'll be happy to know that this talented emerging artist ended up winning the contest. The prize for being winner was a professionally produced music video which was released not too long ago.

If some of you think back to our New Year's Gala a few years ago, Dahlia actually sang on stage for our community. She was fabulous then and has since become even more experienced and soulful. You might also recognize her as the vibrant and charming daughter-in-law of Rey D'Cuhna and Charmaine. Check out her exciting video on youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/dahliafernandes>. We wish Dahlia all the success in her music career and hope that she has many more opportunities like this to share her gifts. ENJOY!

Q & A with 23 Year Old Andrea Santos, What Makes her Want to Succeed!

By Matthew Hoekstra – Richmond Review

Last month Andrea Santos washed dishes with ashes and slept on a wooden bed in a building with no heat or hot water. Santos was part of a delegation of youth selected from around the world, sponsored by the Indian government, to experience life in India. The experience gave her a new appreciation for the simple things in life. Born in Dubai, United Arab Emirates to Indian parents, she moved to Richmond at age eight. The Richmond resident is now majoring in international studies at Simon Fraser University.

Her passion for global affairs began in Grade 12 as a student in the Global Perspectives Program, which took her to Cambodia. The experience changed her life—broadening her perspective on world issues and igniting a passion for travelling.





What was your greatest lesson in India?

"My greatest lesson during my time in India was learning how to appreciate the little things I may take granted for in Canada."

If you were a world leader, what's one cause you would fight for?

"I would fight for fresh water in all developing countries because it is a basic necessity that all human beings need to survive. With the new technology that becoming available it should become more accessible to rural areas around the world. This would drastically help in decreasing the mortality rates and diseases in developing countries."

Who inspires you?

"My mom and dad inspire me. They both came from very humble beginnings in Mumbai, India and they have worked very hard to be able to bring my sister and I to Canada for a better future."

What advice do you have for others?

"Work as hard as you can, travel to experience the world and do what makes you get up in the morning."

What does the future hold for you?

"I would like to get a job with the federal government that will allow me to utilize my education and experience in international affairs. Once I gain work experience, I will apply my skills in working with children and changing policies to better their life. In the meantime I am exploring my creative attributes and am currently teaching art for children and pre-teens."



Presenting her gift from Vancouver to Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil – President of India.



Final Odds and Ends

Membership Information



Membership Rates	
Regular/Associate Member	\$15.00
Senior (65 years and older)	\$6.00
Student (18 years and older and enrolled in a full time post secondary institution)	\$6.00
Resident outside the GVRD	\$6.00

For those individuals that are interested in signing up for a membership with our G.O.A Vancouver listed above are our rates. Being a member of our association offers many benefits including lower ticket prices to our year round events including the New Year's Eve Gala, access to an entire community of friends, chances to get involved on a social level, opportunities to volunteer within the community and much much more.

We would love to have new members within our organization to join in the fun and festivities. Please print out a membership form at <http://www.goavancouver.com/docs/memberappform.pdf> and fill out the necessary details.

Please mail the completed form along with a cheque made out to:

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BC V6Y 4H4

Please Send Us Your Stories or Announcements

If anyone has an interesting story or article or want to share with the community any special achievements of themselves or others please send us your write-ups. We would love to share with everyone what people in our community are up to and what successes or interesting adventures they have been involved in.

Thank you for taking the time to read through our newsletter. We do hope you have enjoyed some of the stories and content. Please feel free to contact any executive member with questions regarding the committee, events or stories mentioned in this newsletter!

So if any of you would like to see your stories in our upcoming newsletters/brochures, posted on the website or distributed via emails please send them to:

Jaclyn D'Rozario - communication@goavancouver.com. We would love to hear from you ☺

