Note from the President:

Together with my colleagues in the Goan Overseas Association (GOA), I wish you a very happy and healthy New Year!

I am humbled, honored, and privileged to assume the role of President of the Association (2019-2020). I am deeply grateful to my predecessor, Anthony Gonsalves and the First Lady, Zita Gonsalves, for their leadership and outstanding contributions to the organization during the Presidency, and the outgoing members of the 2017-18 Executive Committee. I am inspired by their commitment to GOA and all of their achievements. Indeed, the growth of GOA has been propelled collectively by the individuals and all the past presidents and members of the committee.

I look forward to continuing this important work towards fulfilling the mission of GOA.

In this endeavor, I am joined by my colleagues on the Executive Committee:

Executive Committee:
President – Claudette Brito
Vice President – Jessica Brito
Secretary – Maria Dsouza
Treasurer – Roque Viegas
Web Master – Cedric D’Costa

With their continued support and that of the GOA members, I am confident that we will be steadfast in addressing the pressing challenges and in the next two years our accomplishments will be many — within the GOA community. I look forward to your continued support.

Claudette Brito
http://www.goa-dc.com
It is the Carnival Season and Spring will be sprung soon. You will notice that we are back in circulating our Newsletter with news, views, and opinions.

As goans, we have a unique lifestyle of being warm, large-hearted and happy-go-lucky. We love music, dance, and love the authentic goan food, not forgetting the traditional goan feni.

We look forward to an exciting and event filled year ahead of us, community get-togethers, sports, tiatrs, and talent contests.

In the meantime, we are calling all the goan and other youth to showcase your talents, nurture your culture, have fun and instill the spirit of caring and sharing.

We are in constant need of sponsorship and the on-going need for volunteers continues. Our past President has done an excellent job and would request your support in the following years.

We have an ongoing need of stories, articles, or achievements. If you would like to share them in the Newsletter, please email them to president@goa-dc.com.

Our current events and some proposed events are listed below for your reference.

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**Upcoming & Current Events**

1. May 4th – May Ball
2. June 30th – Picnic
3. December 1st – St. Francis Xavier’s Feast

**Proposed Events**

1. August TBD – Indoor Sports Day [Bowling]
2. December 15th – Children’s Christmas Party
3. December 31st – New Year’s Dance
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Carnival – March 2-5, 2019 (Mardi Gras)

Carnival the famous Goan festival celebrated with song, music and dance and comes before "Lent". The highlight of this event arrival of "KING MOMO" and the different floats parading in the capital city Panaji on "Fat Saturday", the eve of Carnival.

Our Young and Enthusiastic Talented Children

Jennifer Gonsalves of Silver Spring, Maryland.

Jennifer choreographed her performance accompanied by her Odissi guru Chitra Krishnamurti and her students from Nrityalaya, MD. They put together their admiration for Dr. G Venkataswamy, the founder of Aravind Eye Hospital in Madurai.

Jennifer is a graduate of Holy Cross High School and is currently studying at St. Mary's College, Emmittsburgh. She is the daughter of Agnelo and Maria Gonsalves, sister of Melissa & Abel.

May 4 - May Ball

June 30 - Picnic
Goan Cuisine

Use the following sites for Alle Belle made on Pancake Tuesday day before Ash Wednesday.

http://xantilicious.com/recipe/alle-belle-pancakes/
http://www.hildastouchofspice.com

OBITUARIES

The Goan Association deeply mourn the following deaths:

Clotilda Condillac
Chorao, Madel, Ilhas – Goa
Silver Spring, MD
Died: January 19, 2019

Catherine Pires
Died: January 17, 2019
Wife of Antonio Pires / Loving father of Jason, Silver Spring, and her children in London

Michael Francis
Died: February 2, 2019
Bangalore, India
Son of Late Irene Dias
Father Xavier Francis
Brother of Gabby, Thomas, and Dominic

Marjorie Jean Fernandes
York, Pennsylvania
Died: February 9, 2019
Wife of Antonio Fernandes
Konkani is a dialect that is widely spoken in Goa. Some of the daily basic words that are used and are translated in English for some of our younger folks who would like to learn.

**Words and phrases used for everyday conversation**

- **Hello/good morning:** Deu boro dis dium
- **Good evening:** Deu bori sanz dium
- **Good night:** Deu bori raat dium
- **What is your name?** Tuchem naum kitay?
- **My name is (name):** Mojem naum (name)
- **Where do you come from?** Tu khuim san et-ai?
- **I come from (place):** Mozo gaum Ponje or aum Ponjechim
- **How are you (male)?** Tum Ko-so-asa?
- **How are you (female)?** Ko-shem-asa?
- **Thank you:** Deu borem korum
- **Please:** Upkar koroonc
- **Sorry:** Maaf kor
- **What:** Kitem
- **Where:** Khuim
- **Why:** Kiteak
- **Can you help me?** Mhojem modot korshi?
- **Can you tell me?** Maka saangshi?
- **May I have?** Maka meutolem?
- **Do you know where he is?** Tu zaanoi toh khuim assa?
- **When will he be back?** Toh kednaam porot et-olo?
- **May I take a photograph?** Au euk foto kaadum?
- **Yes/no:** Voi/Na
- **Good:** Borem or Borim
- **I am tired:** Aum chodd tokla
- **I feel sick:** Mhojea jivak borem dissonam.
- **I am happy:** Aum chodd kooshi
- **I love Goa:** Maka Goemcho mog asa
- **I don't understand:** Hanv soz-mog-nam
- **Do you speak English?** Tum Inglez uloitai?
- **I speak a little Konkani:** Aoo thodee Konkani uloita
- **What is the time?** Kitlim voram zaleant?
- **I have to go:** Maka vos-oonk zai
**Chorao Island**

At a distance of 24.5 km from Panjim Kadamba Bus Stand, 50 km from Vasco Da Gama Railway Station and 19 km from Mapusa, Chorao Island is situated in North Goa.

Chorao Island is an island along the river Mandovi near Panaji. The Chorao Island was called Chudamani meaning stunning precious stone in Sanskrit. Legend says that the island emerged from the diamonds thrown away by Yashoda, Lord Krishna’s mother. The Islanders call it chodan or chodna. It was the Portuguese who called it Chorao. The Portuguese noblemen were the founders of the Chorao Island and created it as a pleasurable place to live. Thus, the place derived its name as Ilha Dos Fidalgos (Island of Noblemen).

Chorao Island is the largest island among other 17 islands of Goa. The earliest settlers with the island had been 10 households of the Goud Saraswat Brahmins. The Chorao Island is attractive primarily because of its amazing flora and fauna. In the western part of the island, on an area of 178 hectares, the largest Salim Ali bird sanctuary is located. It is full of dense mangrove swamps and the best way to navigate is by a canoe. The Sanctuary is home to a variety of birds, animals and quite a few muggers the Goan crocodiles.

The Chorao village on the island is a small collection of mud and thatch houses and some exquisite Portuguese villas. There is also a small village Church. The road through this picturesque village finally leads to the crossing on the other side of the island which takes you to the famous Saptakoteshwar Temple at Narve.

The St Bartholomew church was erected in 1569 and founded by the Jesuits on this Island. The magnificent landmark reflects the grandeur of Mannerist Neo-Roman architectural style.

One can reach the Chorao Island by taking a ferry from Ribandar which is around 6 km from Panaji. There is also a ferry linking Chorao to Pomburpa on the island’s west. One of the roads moves northwards to Mayem and Bicholim and the other road passes uphill by the majestic 16th century church of Sao Bartholomew.