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**FIRST CLASS**

TO:

# Khabbar Follies

In this section, Khabbar looks into the Konkani community and anything and everything that is Konkani from a Konkani point of view. The names will never be published but geographic location will be identified in general terms.

There is no doubt in my mind that *Khabbar* is a part & parcel of life of Konkanis in North America. In fact, *Khabbar* has developed a special relation with most of the Konkani families and here are some examples of those close encounters of a different kind.....

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Publishing the last year's newsletter, *Khabbar* (Vol. XXXV-4, Oct, Nov, Dec - 2012) was a humongous task. Since the whole *Khabbar* team was out of town for close to two months, publishing that issue of *Khabbar* was a challenge. The team rose up to the occasion and was able to publish *Khabbar* on

time (like every time). But, I must admit there were some goofs and I think nobody noticed them!?! I was so confident about that, I mentioned that in the last issue of *Khabbar* claiming nobody really reads *Khabbar*!.

Long behold, I get a call from this family from Houston, TX who went thru every page of that issue of *Khabbar* and pointed out each and every mistake! To his credit, he is right!!

Still, the question is do people really read *Khabbar*?  
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## EDITORIAL

Dear Konkani family,  
I hope all is well with you and your family.

This issue of *Khabbar* has been mailed to **ALL** families that have paid dues **at least once since 2011**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2010 will not be receiving this issue. The numbers on the mailing label clearly indicate the year/s the dues for *Khabbar* has been received since 2011 and if there is any error let me know.

Even in these tough economic times, the Advisory Committee of *Khabbar* has decided that the annual dues will remain the same at \$15.00 a year and for that you get:

- Four issues of the *Khabbar*,
- Annual Mailing List and
- Discounted advertisement rates.

This issue has **not** been mailed to families that have specifically indicated that they will access eKhabbar. The on-line version of *Khabbar*, eKhabbar, will be on the web a **quarter** after mailing the hard copies.

Please, note it is time to renew your subscription for 2013. The *Khabbar* Mailing List is a prized possession of our community and helps me to keep it up-to-date. Send names and addresses of Konkani families that are not in the list to P. O. Box 222, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-0222, or email [khabbar@hotmail.com](mailto:khabbar@hotmail.com) and rest be assured that I'll "*Khabbarize*" them!

The youth are planning **Konkani Youth Convention** in LA area during August 2-4, 2013. Please, help our youngsters who are trying hard to maintain our culture here in North America.

The newly re-organized **North American Konkani Association (NAKA)** is already busy in making progress. Please note that this is an interim Board who are making every effort to make a NAKA a viable organization in North America. *Khabbar* will publish all the developments and progress made by **NAKA** on an on-going basis.

*Khabbar* will also publish progress made by **Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF)** on a regular basis. The most respected Konkani couple in America, **Dr. Gopal & Pratibha Bhandarkar** have joined this Board. The team KCF needs all our support to help our folks anywhere in the world.

The unofficial *Khabbar* correspondents in your area who send in the *hoon Khabbars* on a regular basis are doing an outstanding job. **Remember, if it did not appear in Khabbar, then it did not happen in North America!** If your area is not represented wholly, let me know and I'll recruit more volunteers. You can send the news items via email ([khabbar@hotmail.com](mailto:khabbar@hotmail.com)).

On the Quiz front, *Khabbar* has still remained as a champ. What a pity, only five people were able to solve last quarter's quiz! Let us see how you will do with this quarter's quiz.

The progress of the ambitious project, **Konkani Kendra, the Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** is good. Thanks to **Basti Ganapathi Shenoy** who has devised a method wherein families wanting to help **Konkani Bhas Ani Sanskriti Pratistan** can do so with relative ease! Call him at (702)-341-6706 or email: [bastishenoy@gmail.com](mailto:bastishenoy@gmail.com) if interested to extend your help for this worthy cause. Indeed, the Kendra has become a center of attraction and I urge all North American Konkani to visit the Kendra to see what way they can benefit from this. Also, see in what way we can help our brethren who are doing an outstanding job in preserving our culture.

*Khabbar* will always publish appeals for charity free of charge but cannot collect money on behalf of any charity. Families are encouraged to send the money directly to the concerned charities or thru KCF if approved by KCF. *Khabbar* firmly believes in helping our people whether it is in India or here. Here's a link to all the appeals I gotten so far:

<http://www.ekhabbar.com/SpecialAppeals.htm>

I hope the struggle to rid terrorism from this world will materialize soon. Hope Peace & Tranquility will prevail.

*Devu Boren Karo.*

*Vasanthi*  
Honorary Editor

# Letters to the Editor .....

*Letters to the Editor will be considered for publication unless the writer requests otherwise. Letters may be edited for publication. Editor reserves the right not to publish anonymous letters. Initials only on request if the writer includes his or her name.*

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Dear Vasanth,  
Here is this year's analysis of the 2013 *Khabbar* Mailing List dated 12-16-2012:  
Of the 2,317 families in the list (it was 2,307 last year!); we have Konkans living in 44 states & DC (it was 46 last year!). We do not have any Konkans living in Alaska, Hawaii, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming!!

39 Mal(l)ya, Mallia, Mahale  
31 Nadkarni(y)  
23 Bhandarkar, Bhandari(y)  
18 Hegde  
17 Kudva  
14 Hatt(i)angadi(y)  
14 Kop(p)ikar  
13 Acharya.

Also, we have:  
236 Kamat(h)  
226 Shenoy, Shenai, Shanbh(o)ag(ue)  
221 Pai  
161 Nayak (Naik)  
111 Prabhu  
100 Rao (u)  
88 Bhat(t)  
48 Baliga  
47 Kini

The Kamat(h) families have maintained their lead. California still leads with 610 families (it was 677 last year!) and San Jose, CA has the highest number of Konkani families living 98! It was 114 last year!!  
Keep up the great work.

Ravindra Nayak,  
Flanders, NJ

## **KS-2012 Special Notice**

Dear Friends,

We are excited to inform you that the Konkani Sammelan DVDs are now available for purchase.

A set of 9 DVDs can be ordered from our website ([www.konkani2012.org](http://www.konkani2012.org)) at a very competitive price of \$40. The DVDs cover entirely all the events on the Main Stage as well as edited parts of Seminars, Friday's Reception, Luncheons, and Sunday's grand Farewell Party.

Thank you for supporting the Konkani Sammelan 2012. These DVDs will bring back fond memories of the Sammelan for everyone who attended. For those who could not attend the Sammelan, this is your chance to get a glimpse into what happened at the Sammelan and to relive the event vicariously by watching these high quality DVDs. In either case, the DVDs are a collector's item and we are sure you will like them. Please do not wait too long as we have limited number of DVDs and they may be sold out soon. Please visit our website [www.konkani2012.org](http://www.konkani2012.org) to pay and order your DVD copy today...

Devu Baren Karo,  
Thank you for your patience.

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# Hoon Khabbar

## **Congratulations:**

**RAKSHITH NAIK (Shannu)** of Houston, TX, and **SUNIL G. SHENOY** of Spring, TX participated in the 31st Annual BP MS 150, a two-day fundraising bike ride from Houston to Austin organized by the National MS Society, Lone Star Chapter in April 20 – 21, 2013. It's the largest non-profit event of its kind in North America with 13,000 registered cyclists, 3,000 volunteers and countless supporters and spectators. The BP MS 150 in its history, has raised more than \$170 million for MS research, programs and services for persons living with Multiple Sclerosis. This is the fifth time for Shannu and fourth time for Sunil to participate in this great event and these two Konkani riders raised more donation than their goal.

**SUREN KAMATH** of San Antonio, TX played tennis as a member of team representing Texas in 2012 USTA National Championships for Super Seniors league held in Phoenix, AZ in April 2013. After six doubles matches during the three day event in the Valley of Sun, Texas came in 6th and Florida took the First place.

**DIVAKAR SHENOY** of West Simsbury, CT was elected as a Board of Trustee for the Connecticut Valley Hindu Temple Society's Sri Satyanarayana Temple in Middletown, CT. This is a six year term from 2013 to 2019. Sri Shenoy also served the temple as President from 2010 to 2011 and was in Executive committee from 2005 to 2011.

The April 28, 2013 Sunday edition of *The Houston Chronicle* featured views of four experts about the upbeat economy of the city of Houston, TX in the article "Confidence, your name is Houston". One of the experts was **PANKAJ DHUME**, President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston.

**Dr. NARENDRA KINI**, President and CEO of Miami Children's Hospital, is a recipient of the prestigious 2013 CEO IT

Achievement Award, sponsored by Modern Healthcare Publication and Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. This award recognizes every year two outstanding healthcare CEOs who demonstrate leadership and a commitment to using IT to advance their organizations' goals. A panel of five judges cited Dr. Kini's "superlative patient engagement strategy and advocacy efforts at the state level as well as an innovative approach to utilizing smartphone applications to improve patient care and business processes". The winners will be honored on Sept. 18 in Washington during National Health IT Week.

Narendra's proud parents are Vathsala and Dayanand KINI of Bangalore and his in-laws are Vasanthi and Dr. Ramdas Madhav Pai of Manipal. Congratulations to Narendra and his wife Dr. Rekha KINI.

## **Konkani Graduates:**

**SHUBHA KAMATH**, d/o Subhas & Prabha Kamath of Las Vegas, NV graduated on May 12, 2013 with Doctor Of Pharmacy, from Purdue University, Indiana. She will start working as a Pharmacy Resident in St. John's Hospital, Springfield, IL beginning July.

**LILAVATHI (Lily) MARIE**, d/o Meetha Pai & Kyle Gould of Cleveland Heights, OH graduated from Cleveland Heights High School, on June 2, 2013. She played varsity tennis for all four years, performed in multiple stage productions including King and I, Beauty and the Beast, Sound of Music and Phantom of the Opera. Her vocal talents included singing with the Barber shoppers, an all-female small ensemble; Singers show choir and the high school acappella choir. The culmination of all her vocal efforts was a senior solo performance singing "This is the Moment" from Jekyll and Hyde. Lily's true accomplishments are in her academic achievements being a member of the National Honor Society and earning an Advanced Placement Scholar with distinction from The

College Board. Lily also volunteered with University Hospitals playing piano for patients as well as singing in retirement homes. She will be following in her brother's (Ian Gopal and Luke Lakshman) footsteps attending Case Western University in the Fall of 2013 majoring in English and chemical engineering. Lily is granddaughter of Shanthi Pai & late B. H. Gopalkrishna Pai.

**GAURAV**, s/o Pankaj & Asha Dhume of Sugar Land, TX graduated from Village High School with a Diploma from the International Baccalaureate program, a Cambridge based curriculum. He will be attending the May's School of Business at Texas A&M for an undergraduate degree this fall majoring in Business with Management Information Systems.

## **Newly Weds:**

Suresh & Usha Shenoy of Sugar Land, TX celebrated the marriage of their son, **Chi. Dr. SACHIN with Sow. Dr. GAYATHRI**, d/o Drs Manjunath & Rita Shenoy of Dubai, UAE on March 16, 2013 at the Hilton of the Americas in Houston, TX. The event was preceded by Sangeet held at the Techniplex Conference Center in Stafford, TX on Friday Mar 15, 2013.

Drs. Ashwin & Kasturi Bhatt of Houston, TX celebrated the wedding of their son **Chi. SANJAY with Sow. POOJA** on Saturday March 23, 2013 at Ashiana Restaurant Banquet Hall in Houston, TX.

Sudhakar & Nalini Rao of Canton, MI celebrated the marriage of their son, **Chi. SUNDEEP with Sow. NICOLE**, d/o John & Beverly Tippell on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Hindu Temple of Canton, MI followed by lunch. The couple were also wed on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 at two o'clock in the afternoon at St. Vincent de Paul Church (St. Damien Catholic Parish) in Pontiac, MI followed by reception at the Regency Manor & Banquet Hall in Southfield, MI.

### **New Arrival:**

**SIMRAN UMA**, a 7 lbs. 7 oz., 19.5" baby girl to Reena & Avinash Bhaskar of Bentonville, AR on Saturday, April 13, 2013, a sister to big sister, Sanam. 25th great grandchild to Smt. Sanjivi Bhat of Mangalore, India. The proud maternal grandparents are Ravi & Vidya Nayak of Flanders, NJ and the proud paternal grandparents are B. K. & Pranitha Bhaskar of Port St. Lucie, FL.

**ANYA OLIVE**, an 8 pounds 7 ounces and 20.5 inches tall baby girl to Nandita & Danny Marshall of Alexandria, VA at 5:59pm on Monday June 3, 2013 at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, NC A sister to big sister Ameya. The proud maternal grandparents are Mohan & Vishaya Pai of Somerdale, NJ and the proud paternal grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Barton Marshall of Raleigh, NC.

### **Relocation:**

The **NAYAK** family, Nagar & Jayashri, have moved from Lee's Summit, MO to 7807 11<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258. The new telephone is (425)-903-4110.

The **BANGALORES**, Shrikar & Nirmala have relocated from Las Vegas, NV to 10935 N. Port Washington Road, Apt. 115, Mequon Court, Mequon, WI 53092-5091. Their cell numbers are (414)- 530-3142 for Nirmala and (414)- 520-9504 for Shrikar and the email is: [s.nbangalore@yahoo.com](mailto:s.nbangalore@yahoo.com)

**Dr. SUDHA R KINI** has relocated from Bloomfield Hills, MI to 5211 Windcrest Ct, Katy, TX 77450. The new telephone is (248)-885-5756 and email: [sudharkini@yahoo.com](mailto:sudharkini@yahoo.com)

The **KINI's**, Deepak & Sheila have relocated from Westford, MA to Texas. Their new address is 7522 Raes Creek Drive, Spring, TX 77389. The new phone number is (281)-651-5824.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash**

Daughters Shanthi Kamath of San Jose, CA & Kanthi Yalamachili of Irving, TX together with their dad, Sudhakar Shenoy of Houston, TX celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party of their mother **Mrs. PRATHIMA SHENOY** on April 20, 2013 at the Madras Pavilion in Sugar Land, TX.

### **Obituary:**

**Sri SATYA RANJAN SHENAI (89)** passed away peacefully at his home in Inverness, IL on March 16th, 2013. Ranjan had a long and successful career with Air India and spent his retirement years between Illinois and Florida. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to his wife Lata Shenai, daughter Sandhya Kamath & family of Inverness, IL and son, Vasudev Shenai & family of Tampa, FL.

**Smt. SHANTA BHAT (83)** passed away peacefully at her home in Mumbai, India on March 22nd 2013 after a brief illness. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her husband Dattananda Bhat (formerly of Jamaica, NY) of Mumbai, India.

**Smt. SUSHILA (Radhabai) UBHAYAKAR**, passed away peacefully in New Brunswick, NJ, on June 5, 2013. *Khabbar* sends heartfelt condolences to her daughter, Jyoti Ullal & family of Simi Valley, CA, son, Vivek Ubhayakar & family of Mumbai, son, Uday Ubhayakar & family of Las Vegas, NV and daughter, Jyotsna Sashital & family of Monroe Township, NJ.

## **KONKANI HAPPENINGS**

### **Konkani Association of Northern California (KAOCA):**

This year, KAOCA has had several entertaining and unforgettable experiences that have brought our Bay area Konkani community together in different ways. In the beginning half of this year, we have had 5 programs. Here are our events and an account of what we did this year in 2013 so far:

#### **Karaoke Evening with Voluntary Food Drive**

Our first event this year was the Karaoke Evening with Voluntary Food Drive, held on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at the Centerville Community Center, where many community members came together to sing and enjoy music. We had several performances, old and new songs, English and Hindi, and amateur and expert: 25 songs were sung by 26 members and we were amazed by the singing talents in the KAOCA community. We added a twist by having food drive boxes for the Second Harvest Food Bank, getting a lot of food and cash to donate to the service. As an opening event, we really enjoyed our time and got to know some of our new community members.

#### **Youth Interaction Day:**

We started a new program this year—Youth Interaction Day. Our first meeting was on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and we got teenagers and some younger kids to prepare brunch. Pancakes, hash browns, scrambled eggs, lemonade, and fruits were prepared by the kids with little parental guidance. Though many parents were nervous about letting the kids handle the cooking, the end results were great. After this, the kids went outside to play a game of Ultimate Frisbee “street-style”. At the end, the children discussed their goals for the future and decided to meet again. The next youth interaction meeting is scheduled to happen in July.

#### **KAOCA Yugadi Event:**

We had our annual Yugadi Program, on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Woodside High School Performing Arts Center, Woodside, CA. The response was overwhelming with more than 425 members attending this event.

This year, our entertainment theme was “**Sammilan: Unity in Diversity**”. We started the entertainment program with a Classical Dance medley of Bharatnatyam and Kathak. Then, we had a series of dances scattered throughout representing different parts of India. The boys performed a Maharashtra fisherman dance and a Bhangra dance. On the other hand, the girls danced a Goan dance to the

song “Ya ya Mayaya”, a Bengali dance, and a Kannada Kolata dance. Our women also performed, with the Kerala Onam dance, and a Rajastani dance. There were also two movie song dances: “Masha Allah” and “Disco Diwaani”. We had several other exciting performances such as a teen band with Omkar Shanbag, Medha Acharya, Nikhil Prabhu, Anirudh Pai, Mihika Gokarn, and Nihal Prabhu, performing several top hit English songs. Several singers performed songs both old and new, while KAOCA dancers dancing to some of these tunes. Singing bhajans with piano and tabla background, KAOCA children enlivened our ears. KAOCA men had a “Nagarbajjan” session, with them coming from the audience onto the stage. The highlight of the night was at the end, when we had a Fancy Dress Exhibition by the little ones. At this time, to the song ‘Vande Mataram’, we had a flash mob where all the performers came from the audience onto the stage dancing. Overall, we had an amazing 90 performers this event, the most performers we’ve had yet!

As usual, we had our tannik at the start of the event, and had Konkani delicacies such as karathe nonche, kultha koddal, and ambe upkari at dinner. All these traditional Konkani items were cooked by our food committee members and volunteers. During the dinner, we introduced our new KAOCA members to all by letting them give an introductory speech to the community. To finish off the event, we had a massive DJ dancing session where we all got up and showed off our moves to celebrate our time together that night!

### **Community Volunteering at City Team Ministries:**

As part of KAOCA, we do Community Volunteer Service at various locations. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, Teens and adults alike went to the City Team Ministries’ Men’s Recovery Kitchen to prepare food to be served to the less fortunate. We chopped fruit, made tortillas, and diced other ingredients to help make meals for the 500 people and then served the dinner.

### **Sports Day, Karaoke and Food Extravaganza:**

After this, we had our Annual Sports Day, on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We had a dual event: table tennis and badminton at the California Badminton Academy, and other indoor sports at the Warm Springs Community Center. We had traditional games such as carrom, cards, and chess, and also modern games like Musical Chairs, and Wii Sports. The atmosphere was competitive, yet social, and all participants enjoyed the tournaments we set up. KAOCA chefs had a cooking competition by preparing 17 dishes for the dinner, and the winners, Chicken Sukka and Khichidi, were voted on by the community. We had Karaoke and Bingo at the end of the day, and throughout, the kids were playing in the park and the lawns, thoroughly enjoying their time together.

So far, KAOCA has had a memorable half year. We have welcomed many new families and brought together family and friends to have a lot of fun, fulfilling our theme of “**Family-Friendship-Fun**”. Looking forward to the next half of the year, we prepare for our annual Picnic, Diwali program, and more to come.

--Contributed by Ram and Aruna Acharya, President (KAOCA), Fremont, CA

### **Konkanis In Southern States (KISS) Picnic – 2013: Silver Jubilee Celebration**

Konkanis converged at the Fort Parker State Park in Mexia, TX to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Konkanis in Southern States (KISS) picnic from March 29 to 31, 2013. The weather was beautiful throughout the weekend and everyone enjoyed the festivities. This year event was led by the Houston area Konkanis.

There was a record turnout of attendees for the Friday evening events. In fact, the total number of Konkanis was almost three times that normally gathers for the Friday night event! A special tent was built to accommodate excess crowd. There were cricket, volleyball, and other games for adults. Everyone enjoyed the children's games and entertainment program. The entertainment on Saturday night was top class with skits, dances and singing by different groups from Dallas, Houston and Austin. The teen Matha Swaminies thrilled audience with their presentation. A necklace worth over \$1k donated by Suresh & Usha Shenoy of Kirti Jewelers was raffled for the benefit of the Konkani Youth Convention – 2013. The raffle brought in \$2,100. True to Konkanis tradition there was delicious food and snacks throughout the three days.

Overall, this was another memorable picnic, a 25<sup>th</sup> KISS picnic with the highest number ever attending a KISS picnic with lots of newcomers. Kudos to our organizers and the attendees

By: Special KISS Correspondent

### **Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) Picnic:**

The HAAS 2013 Spring Picnic on April 27, 2013 at Lost Creek Park, Sugar Land was a wonderful and enjoyable event. It was a bright, cool and very enjoyable weather in the morning. For the early comers, there was hot tea, juice, fresh bananas, oranges and muffins for snacking.

By about 10:30 am most of the kids had arrived and games were started off by **Aparna and Anand Nayak**. Kids were very excited and had a great time participating in the sports. Adults too did a great job. These games got everyone warmed up in the beautiful sunshine on a really cool and pleasant day.

The men and some ladies then decided to play a game of Cricket. Kids took up badminton and enjoyed the playing. Many of the ladies then formed a group and went for a long walk to the other side of the lovely park trail. Kids were free to play in the playground, or to get their faces and hands painted with cute motifs. This kept everyone busy till noon, when the eagerly awaited lunch arrived. Lunch was a typical ‘picnic menu’ consisting of Pizza (Cheese pizza and Vegetable pizza) for everybody, Vegetable Biryani, ice cream, variety of Fruits and delicious cookies prepared by **Maya Prabhu**.

The clouds were seen all over the sky. Windy weather and few showers brought an end to the wonderful day, when all began to disperse. All went home with happy memories of the fun filled day.

Thanks to the wonderful HAAS members who helped to make this event a grand success and a fun filled event. Thanks to **Gayathri and Narendra Rao** for keeping everyone well informed and entertained during the whole picnic, **Praba Mallya** for help in setting up face painting, Chaya and Madhav Ubhayakar for helping set up and plan the games, Amrita Shenoy our new youth member who helped /assisted in registration and welcome desk.

Keep it up, HAAS members and we hope to have more participation from now on!! Thanks also to all who helped to set up and clean, and transport food. With help of all members, the event was a great success.

### **Mother's day Celebrations:**

HAAS Houston Area Amchigale Samaj (HAAS) celebrated Mother's day on Sunday May 12, 2013 at the residence of Drs Ramakrishna & Maya Prabhu in Houston, TX. After the Bhajan from 10AM to 11AM, members shared their thoughts, prayers or happy moments with their mom from 11to12Noon. Lunch was sponsored by Shobha V Shenoy and Maya R Prabhu. In lieu of charges, members collected over \$600 money to Upaya, a charities to help the ultra-poor and needy women in India.

HAAS Management Committee

### **Amulpacci honors Indian senior graduating class:**

The matriarch of the Konkani community, **Smt. Radha Golikeri**, or **Amulpaacchi** as she is very fondly called by all Texans, organized a wonderful program through the Senior Club of India, Clear Lake, honoring the senior graduating class of 2013 at Moghul's Indian Restaurant in Clear Lake on June 1st, 2013.

The late Mr. Sanjeeva Rao Allam of Moghul's restaurant in Clear Lake was instrumental in starting this tradition of honoring the high-school graduates of Indian origin in 1998. In its 16th year now, his son Ram, has continued the tradition by subsidizing the luncheon. With financial support from the local Indo-American community this program has now become an annual event that all graduates eagerly look forward to. So far, 625 graduates have been felicitated of which 15 have been valedictorians. The India Culture Center of Clear Lake and the Indian Seniors Association of Clear Lake co-sponsor the event each year under Amulpaacchi's leadership.

The program started with 11-yr old Adarsh Suresh beautifully singing both the Indian and American National Anthems. Amulpaacchi then welcomed all the guests asking them to collectively acknowledge all the efforts of the graduates to get to this point in their lives and advised the graduates to applaud and always remember all the hard work and efforts put in by their parents, grandparents and teachers in nurturing them and bringing them up. "Live well, progress well, and earn a good name for yourself, your family and your Indian heritage". She quoted George Bernand Shaw - "What has in store for you depends on what you place in store for the future".

She then invited **Sonal Bhatt**, the President of the ICC-CL and **Pankaj Dhume**, President of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston to share their thoughts. Ms. Bhatt's advice was "Never say never" and "Work hard for success". Pankaj Dhume, as the key note speaker, advised the new graduates to keep 5 guiding principles in mind: to invest their time wisely, invest in their dreams and passion, choose and invest in their friends, invest in mental and physical health and most of all invest in having fun in life. "The end goal should be the pursuit of happiness and the money will follow", he said.

**Shakuntala Malhotra**, the author of the popular Mama's Punjabi recipes in Indo-American Newspaper, then handed out awards to all the graduates as Amulpaacchi called them to the stage.

The class of 2013 had 45 graduates present of which two Konkani graduates were felicitated- **Gaurav Dhume** and **Sheila Prabhu**. Moghul's outdid themselves with a sumptuous lunch buffet that all the guests enjoyed thoroughly

I had asked Dr. Devdutt Nagarkar of Sugar Land, TX, to send me an enlightened saying from Sathya Sai Center and here's that discourse:

**Q: What is the best way to draw large installments of Grace as returns?**

Bhagawan explains:

Unless you deposit an amount in the Bank, how will the Bank honour a cheque you issue? So too, ask yourself: 'Have I deposited enough devotion to the Lord, service to my fellow-beings and faith in my spiritual practices?' If you do, then you will most certainly draw the Grace of the Lord. Always remember and be sure that you will get as much Grace, in proportion to your perseverance to attain the Lord. The Supreme Divine has and will yield many benefits to you, that you cannot deny. I bless you that you may grow more and more in devotion to the Lord, in whatever Name and Form you choose and I wish you earn the Lord's Grace to a very large extent.

- Divine Discourse, Mar 13 1964.



# AMKA UGADI 2013

The Ugadi 2013 event of the American Midwest Konkani Association (AMKA) was held at the Hindu Temple of Aurora on April 6th 2013. The event was a major success with over 160 folks attending. The President, Sanjay Savkur, thanked folks for coming & also briefed the members of the plans for 2013.



The committee members were there early to do the set up & welcome folks who started arriving at 3:30pm for registering & Panchadika. While folks were enjoying some south Indian snacks they had a chance to browse the Fund-raiser tables where a Silent Auction was set up along with some Khaan flown in directly from Mangalore & delicacies made by some excellent cooks from our own



members.



The evening started at 4:30pm with an Aarti and prayers and followed by a Ganesh Stotra, a Devotional song and Hindustani Classical music.

The entertainment consisted of our youngest member participating in a group dance, a tabla recital, some Bollywood thumkes and the Karaoke reliving Yash-Raj songs. There was a comedy play and the finale with the Sari Salsa, where different styles of wearing a sari were modeled.

With such a long list of entertainment, it left just enough time for folks to have some lovely 'made to order' dinner & meet up with folks & of course the difficult part of cleaning & clearing out of the hall.

**Upcoming Event : Summer Picnic 2013**

On behalf of the 2013 AMKA Committee,  
Sanjay and Sucheta Savkur

## Amgele Tumgele Basement Group

Konkanis in and around Chicagoland area have started an amateur theater Group called “**Amgele Tumgele Basement Group**”.

ABTG's goal is to nurture and promote creative talent within the Konkani community.

It is meant for like-minded people interested in performing arts such as drama, singing, dancing, poetry and instrumental music. It also endeavors to generate a bank of ideas for performances at AMKA and other Konkani events.

We will meet once a month in any of our members' basement to exchange ideas, perform items and also have knowledge-sharing sessions about any area of the performing arts which the members are interested in. We will invite ideas from our members about what kind of items can be performed. It will not be limited to what a select few will decide. It will be an open session for all members.

Our first meeting, to crystallize our thoughts and give the subsequent sessions a structure, will be on Saturday, June 22nd, 2013 from 3 pm to 5 pm at Sanjay and Sucheta Savkur's residence. We have invited all Konkanis in the Chicagoland area to attend this and formative meeting, as their suggestions, inputs and future active participation will give this Group a proper structure and charter of objectives.

### KHABBAR FROM KULAR

By: - Vishwa Konkani Sardar **BASTI VAMAN SHENOY**

Dr. T. M. A. Pai Foundation, Manipal held a function to present the Distinguished Achievement Awards to the following Konkanis: **Dr. V. A. PAI PANANDIKER** of Margao, Goa renowned Administrator and **Smt. GITA R. PAI** of Mumbai, Social Activist. Dr. T. M. A. Pai Best Konkani Book Award went to **Smt. ANANDI KAMATH** of Mumbai for her book “Ayodhya” and of Mapusa, Goa for her book “Password”.

The function was held on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2013 from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. at Chaitya, Fortune Inn Valley View, Manipal.

Two great Konkani social, Educationists, philanthropists and Community leaders expired in March. One is **Mr. Shantharam V. Pikale (S.V.Pikale)** founder of All India Saraswat Cultural Organisation. He was Supreme Court Advocate and C.A. and was President Saraswath Vidya Mandir, Mahim, Mumbai for a long time. Another great Konkani personality is **Mr. G.V.Masurkar** who was associated with number of social, Educational, religious Institutions in Mumbai and Karnataka. Both the above great Konkani had helped to construct World Konkani Centre and were awarded with Dr. T.M.A. Pai Foundation Life time Achievement Award at Manipal. A condolence meeting was held at World Konkani Centre.

Elections were held for Karnataka State Assembly and Mangalore Corporation and other Town Municipalities in Karnataka. Congress party won Majority seats in the Assembly and also Corporations and Municipalities. And **Mr. Siddaramaiah** of the Congress Party formed the Congress led State Government. **Hon. R.V. Deshpande** is the only Konkani in the State Government.

Mangalore International Air Cargo Complex was inaugurated on 18.03.2013 by Mr. Ajith Singh, Minister for Aviation and Hon. Mr. Veerappa Moily, Minister for Petroleum and Gas, Government of India presided. By this facility, the export of Mangalore Jasmine, Mango fruits and other cargo got great facility.

A **Kudal Deshasth Adya Gowd Samaj** held two days' Workshop was at World Konkani Centre to identify problems of the Samaj in the present context and a road map was presented. **Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy**, President, World Konkani Centre inaugurated the workshop. **Shri Sanjaya Prabhu** was the co-ordinator. Delegates from Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and Karnataka attended. **Shri M.M.Pai** was also present.

Vishwa Konkani Sahitya Academy: Two Books, translation of Konkani Short Stories to Kannada were released at Kashi Mutt, Bangalore. **Dr. Pradhan Gurudutt**, Chairman, Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi released 'Adhunika Konkani Kathegalu' and famous Kannada Novelist **Mr. Vivek Shanbhag** released 'Ruthu Sankramana Mattu Ithara Kategalu' edited by **Dr. Geetha Shenoy. Dr. P. Dayananda Pai**, Chairman and **Basti Vaman Shenoy**, President, World Konkani Centre were present. Writers from Bangalore City attended.

'Manadakun' Editorials on Kodial Khabar in a book form by **Shri Venkatesh N. Baliga** was released by Kannada writer **Mrs. Padma Mohan Shenoy. Mr. Basti Vaman Shenoy** presided.

On 26th April 2013, 88th Birthday of **H.H. Sudhindra Thirtha Swamiji** and on 12.06.2013 and 70th Dhiksha Anniversary of **H.H. Swamyiji** was celebrated at Sri Veera Venkatesh Temple, Mangalore in a grand manner. A large number of disciples coming from all corners of the Nation assembled and paid their respects.

Great Bhajana Exponent **Mr. B. Radhakrishna Baliga** expired at Mangalore. He was 78.

**Mr. Madhusudan D. Kushe**, Managing Director, P.V.S. Beedies and founder of number of Educational and Social Institutions expired on 22.05.2013 at Mangalore. He was a great philanthropist and lover of art and music.

Two Konkani dramas 'Lagna Pische' (Ram Sevak Sangha, Mumbai) and 'Bhu Kailas' by Madhavendra Natak Mandali, Mumbai were staged at Mangalore sponsored by World Konkani Centre and Konkani Sanskrathik Sangha on 25th and 31st May, respectively.

**Vishwa Konkani Student Scholarship Fund Scholarships** for Konkani students were declared open for Konkani speaking Engineering and Medical students. This is the 4th year for the Konkani students with an outlay of Rs.3.00 Crores.

## Book Review

By: - **Vasanth Bhat**, Honorary Editor, *Khabbar*

Book Title: **Journey of a Konkani Family (Eka Konkani Kutumba Pravasu)** by **Mulki R. Bhat**

Publishers: Ajjalkani Books.

Pages: 634.

Price: \$ 34.95 + mailing charges (Free mailing if ordered by June, 30, 2013)

Rating: A must read for every Konkani in North America

Reading the book should bring to every Konkani in North America how life was in Dakshina Kannada in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Dr. Bhat's experience in North America is also quite unique but pretty much common to most of the early Konkani immigrants.

The book covers life stories of four generations. It is very interesting to note how life was in the olden days. The author composed his parents and grandparents recollections and was able to narrate their stories in a fluid manner. It is remarkable to note that humanity survives against all odds. You will be able to explore the life styles of the bygone eras of Konkani. No detail is insignificant or irrelevant. In few cases the author was quite frank about the mistreatment of women in Hindu society.

The author narrates how he ended up in the West. His experience of American life in 1950's is remarkable.

As a bonus, the author also highlights the travel done by him and his wife after his retirement. That itself should give readers an idea of "What to do" when we retire. It will also help us in planning our trip to visit these countries. All the details of his trip to various countries are well documented.

Adding to the story of his ancestors, the author includes Hindu philosophy. Also included is the story of how Konkani were fleeing Portuguese occupation of Goa. This also reflects the amount of research and study done to publish his findings. No wonder it took him over 12 years to publish this book.

The author also publishes a guide to Konkani and Sanskrit pronunciation.

A remarkable book- must read for any Konkani, anywhere.

## **Eulogy**

**By: - Janna and Padma, Langley BC, Canada, April,2013**

My Dear Duttamam:

Padma and I, are sad to learn of Shantha-mai passing away. On our visit with you, we were sad to see Shantha-mai frail and her health was in a delicate form, we feared and anticipated that she may be at the end of her "life Journey". Thus hearing the sad news was not a sudden shock yet her passing away and the very thought that she is no more provokes recurring sadness. We take refuge in recalling fond memories of her life with you and amongst us.

I have admired both of you as a model-couple from the very first meeting. During my Rome layovers, you took me to your home in Ostia and Shantha welcomed me as a younger brother. I have fond memories of us going out shopping in Ostia and Rome, wine & Pizza @ Pyramide, pick-nick in Civitavecchia and dinner parties @ UN IFAO friend's home. All this on top of home cooked meals and comfort! There is much more in my memory bank.

Wherever you were stationed, your home was "India House" to all the Konkani community as well to Air India staff. Shantha-mai is known and well-remembered for her gracious hospitality. In later years, Padma & I came to you in Jamaica NY, and the tradition of Open Welcome continued.

You have 60+ years of a very happy married life with your loving partner Shantha-mai. Together, you have traveled the globe by air and rail, sailed the seas on many memorable cruises. We fondly recall your pre cruise stay with us. You have made Shantha-mai "Happy Bride" all her life with you.

Shantha-mai was a well-educated, cultured and accomplished person and a beautiful woman to top it. She had varied interest in many fields. She blended well into western cultures while keeping Konkani traditions and values. She was an 'entrepreneur' and founder of Jewellery Business. She was generous in sharing this expertise with friends. She was a gourmet cook. She introduced me to 'soy beans' and its imitating coconut masala. She was into 'arts & crafts'. Padma and I, admired her versatility.

Sadly, each of us, as the saying goes, "born to die". None has the control on the length and longevity of each of our life -journey. Thus some make the very best and leave behind Good Memories. Shantha-mai has indeed succeeded to do that.

Dutta-mam, we share your loss & sorrow and comfort you to cherish the "Fond Memories". Time alone can reconcile you with the parting of your beloved Shantha. Meanwhile take care of yourself and stay healthy and keep your magnanimous personality.

We Love you and please accept our condolences.

## **In Conversation With Pankaj Dhume**

By: Kalyani Giri (As appeared in the Hum Magazine March 2013 issue)

I'm visiting with Pankaj and Asha Dhume at their home in Avalon, a community within the sprawling metropolis of Sugar Land. It's a place of grace and tranquility. A tall lone Buddha statue stands sentry between a curvy loveseat and a sumptuous sofa teeming with opulent puffy cushions. Veritably a treasure of a conversation piece is an exquisite coffee table that holds elegant court in the center of the room; it's a life-sized reclining figure of a beautiful Indian tribal woman articulated in fiberglass, her delicate bone structure so masterfully described that I almost expect her to set aside the glass-top and stand, ankle bells musically ajingle. A wall of gleaming windows framed by burnished bronze

curtains proffers a panoramic view of the patio and swimming pool, and beyond, a lake mottled by the shadows of an early gathering dusk.

I'm here to talk with Pankaj, the reigning President of the Indo American Chamber of Commerce Greater Houston (IACCGH) 2013 about the Chamber and his aspirations for the year ahead. Pankaj also holds the prolific designation as the Vice President of Global Corporate Services at BMC Software Inc, a company he's worked for since 1998. I had cautioned the Dhumes that I'd be bringing a photographer along and requested Asha to be present during the interview. Asha is resplendent in a gold-accented violet and magenta silk saree, while Pankaj's shirt finds dapper echo in violet. The couple wed in 1991; theirs' was a marriage arranged by their families and the nuptials took place fifteen days after their first meeting. Pankaj jokingly hastens to add that thereafter, it was a love match. Indubitably, they are soulmates in a relationship forged on bedrock of friendship and respect, and Pankaj admits that Asha's unswerving loyalty and support are pivotal to his success. They are proud parents to Mahima, a student at Rice University and a talented artist, and Gaurav, a senior at The Village High School.

Asha, the consummate hostess, ignores my protests and hastens to the kitchen to return with a laden tray that somewhat resembles an English/Indian high tea. It's a lovely and informal evening with the Dhumes. They've led interesting lives. Pankaj turns out to be a witty raconteur who regales us with anecdotes of both harrowing and hilarious circumstances, while Asha interjects softly now and then only to jog his memory about a name, date, or an incident. When the conversation veers towards the IACCGH, Pankaj is contemplative, confident and goal-oriented.

### **Background**

Pankaj Dhume was born in Mumbai, India. His parents were originally from Karwar, a Konkani-speaking enclave 100 miles south of Goa. He grew up speaking Marathi, Hindi, and English. He attended the Elphinstone College and secured a Bachelors Degree in Mathematics and statistics. An avid sportsman, he played amateur and professional badminton. His first job was as a management trainee at Mahindra & Mahindra. After two years, Pankaj left India for the USA, where he earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration at the Kentucky State University in Frankfort, Kentucky, and a second Masters Degree in Computer Science from the University of Massachusetts. He worked as a computer engineer in Boston for four years. After their marriage, Asha joined him, and their children were born in Massachusetts.

### **BMC and the IACCGH Connection**

The Dhumes moved their young family to Houston, Texas, in 1998 when BMC Software acquired the company Pankaj worked at in Massachusetts. He joined IACCGH in 1999. In 2001, Robert "Bob" Beauchamp (now CEO of BMC), hand-selected him to start BMC's first office in India. Pankaj chose Pune in Maharashtra. He signed for the mission for two years, but at the end of it, he was asked to stay on longer. By then, BMC had 300 local Indians working in the company.

"The big challenge initially was learning how to navigate in India, and I learnt invaluable lessons on how to succeed in that environment," says Pankaj of the differences between the USA and India. For several years, the family vacillated between India and Houston, spending much time in both places before moving back to this city permanently in 2010 when Mahima graduated from the 12th grade and received acceptance at Rice University.

### **On Steering IACCGH in 2013**

*How did you get involved in the IACCGH?*

I was invited to join the Board in 1999 by the founders Durga Agrawal and Ashoke Nath. Later, while I was in India I served as Director at Large to the Houston Chamber. I also joined the local Chamber in India and started dialogue with Jagdip Ahluwalia, one of the founding members of IACCGH, to facilitate education links between India and the US. The Chamber was started with the intent to encourage trade between the US and India. Now we have an added focus to promote business among people in this city, a sort of cross-pollination.

*What is your vision for your year in office and how do you hope to implement your goals?*

My vision is a thriving Chamber that serves the needs of the Indo-American business community in Houston. We create a platform where businesses can come together to become aware of each other, identify business opportunities and educate our members on local and international issues that affect their business. This year's focus is going to be on the Energy and Education sectors. On the Energy front, the Chamber will start the creation of an ecosystem that will be needed to serve the business opportunities for the US and India in the years to come. With shale gas reserves tapped in the US, it will become a net exporter of gas in this decade. India's gas needs continue to grow and it will need the US to supply this gas. India is not a part of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) yet. The Government of India is working to establish its relationship with the US government to get access to the future US gas reserves. We are collaborating with other local Indo-American organizations such as the Indo-American Political Action Committee (IAPAC) of Houston. Their focus is political and they are working with Congressmen and Senators to make this a success. I am sure that with these efforts, gas exports from US to India will occur. This will create tremendous opportunities for jobs and businesses to provide all kinds of services. India has a significant need for gas with regards to the burgeoning population, infrastructure, and the economy. The Chamber is working to identify and establish this ecosystem to make it work at different levels. Almost all the major Oil & Gas companies that are headquartered in Houston have a presence in India or a business relationship in India. We, the Chamber, would like to assist in creating better and more business opportunities on both sides.

*In your opinion, how effective has the Chamber been and how does it impact the role of the Indo American community in Houston?*

The Chamber has been very effective and plays a crucial role in the community. It was the first Chamber of its kind in the south and continues to be a strong and respected organization in the Indo-American community in the south region of the country. Its strength is in its membership. We have a breadth of members, from individuals who work as consultants, small proprietorship, to large global companies. We provide value across the board whether it is in assisting individual or small businesses in establishing themselves as a minority business, or navigating to the appropriate contact in the county or city government, to taking government and business delegations to India. We do it all. We also work with other Chambers to identify and bring their business opportunities to our community.

*How did BMC's CEO Robert Beauchamp get to be a part of the Chamber?*

Bob was invited in 2001 to join the Advisory Board of IACCGH by Durga Agrawal, and the then Consul General of India to Houston, Rinzing Wangdi. Bob has been an advisor to the chamber ever since.

*How about education, your other initiative?*

There is a shift that's taking place in India. India's agricultural sector is now highly productive and self-sufficient. Because of this, young people are moving out of the rural areas to the cities for better opportunities, but can't afford expensive academic training. They need vocational training, somewhere between six months to one year on a vocation. The Houston Community College (HCC) is a local institution that is a leader in such training and I believe the time is right for HCC to establish a presence in India. They already have a presence in Vietnam and Qatar.

*I believe the Chamber facilitated a collaborative endeavor between MD Anderson Cancer Institute and the Tata Cancer Institute?*

The joint initiative between MDACC and TCI was signed in 2003 as a joint research program between the two organizations. Doctors have been going back and forth from both institutes in a climate of exchanging ideas, sharing knowledge and researching new treatment.

*What other significant collaborations have IACCGH engendered?*

In 2007 an IACCGH delegation, which included Judge Ed Emmett, visited India and met with Anand Mahindra, Managing Director at Mahindra and Mahindra and convinced him to set up a company in Texas. Anand Mahindra was so convinced in that meeting, that M & M setup their US headquarters in Harris County the following year.

One year is too short to accomplish all you've set out to do. How do you ensure continuance?

The President Elect of IACCGH for 2014 Sanjay Ramabhadran and the Board of Directors share my vision. I am assured it will be carried forward at least to the end of 2014.

### Konkani Calendar

July 2013	August 2013	September 2013
7 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya (Dark moon)	6 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya (Dark moon)	4 <sup>th</sup> Amavasya (Dark moon)
15 <sup>th</sup> Kark-Sankranthi	11 <sup>th</sup> Naga Panchami	7 <sup>th</sup> Gowri Thrithiye
18 <sup>th</sup> Ashada Yekadashi	16 <sup>th</sup> Simh-Sankranthi	8 <sup>th</sup> Ganesh Chaturthi
22 <sup>nd</sup> Poornami	17 <sup>th</sup> Yekadashi	15 <sup>th</sup> Yekadashi
25 <sup>th</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi	20 <sup>th</sup> Poornima – Yajurpakarma	16 <sup>th</sup> Kanya Sankranthi
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi	18 <sup>th</sup> Anantha Chaturdashi
	<b>24<sup>th</sup> HAAS Janmashtami</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> Mahalaya
	27 <sup>th</sup> Shri Krishna Janmashtami	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sankashta Chaturthi

*Khabbar thanks Sri P. V. Kamath of Mumbai for furnishing the Panchang, My Astrologer-version 1.0 by Mr. Muralidhar Shenoy, Durham, NC and Vedamoorthy Raghuchandra Bhat of Brookfield, WI*

### My Sincere Thanks To .....

*Some readers go out of their way to help Khabbar. Monetary means is one of them. The Advisory Committee of Khabbar has decided on publishing the names of the families that has contributed \$50.00 or more to Khabbar. This quarter, the following have extended their help and thanks to you .....*

Names	Amount, \$
Pandurang & Jayanthi Nayak, Katy, TX	50.00
Venkatesh & Shubha Kamath, Fairport, NY	60.00
Shivdev & Jayalata Ubhayakar, Rancho Pales Verdes, CA	65.00
Sunil & Sandhya Shenoy, Spring, TX	51.00
Pushpalatha Shenoy, Houston, TX	101.00
Ashok & Suman Bhat, Tampa, FL	51.00
Ratnakar & Jayanthi Pai, Bloomfield Hills, MI	51.00
Arvind & Neela Kamath, Sugar Land, TX	50.00
Vittal & Maya Shenoy, Charlotte, NC	51.00
Shrikar & Nirmala Bangalore, Mequon, WI	51.00
Ravi & Vidya Joshi, Mission Viejo, CA	76.00

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Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
<b>Balance Carried over since Khabbar Vol. XXXVI No. 1</b>	<b>2,375.00</b>	
<b>Money Received:</b>		
Subscriptions (66) and donations	1,557.00	
Advertisements (1)	170.00	
Interest	3.00	
<b>Sub Total:</b>	<b>1,730.00</b>	
<b>Money Spent (Khabbar Vol. XXXVI No. 1):</b>		
Printing- Khabbar (350) - 20 pages		696.05
Mailing - First Class Mail-Khabbar (318 )		146.28
Mailing Canada Khabbar (10 )		11.10
Overseas (20)		60.00
Mail Fines, computer paper & labels, envelopes, service fees, etc.		386.57
<b>Sub Total:</b>		<b>1,300.00</b>
<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>2,805.00</b>	

*Money spent on this issue was not available during press time.*

## Kwiz

**The last quarter's quiz:** Try writing the numbers (0 to 10) using EXACTLY four 4's for each number, together with operation signs.

As an example,  $(4 \times 4) - (4 \times 4) = 0$

**The Answer:**

$$0 = (4 + 4 - 4 - 4)$$

$$1 = (4 + 4 - 4) / 4$$

$$2 = (4/4) + (4/4)$$

$$3 = (4 + 4 + 4) / 4$$

$$4 = 4 - \sqrt{4} + 4 - \sqrt{4}$$

$$5 = 4/4 + \sqrt{4} + \sqrt{4}$$

$$6 = 4 + \sqrt{4} + 4 - 4$$

$$7 = 4 \times \sqrt{4} - 4/4$$

$$8 = 4 + 4 + 4 - 4$$

$$9 = 4/4 + 4 + 4$$

$$10 = 4 + 4 + 4 - \sqrt{4} \text{ or } (44-4)/4$$

**The following gave the right answers:**

Govind Kamath, Austin, TX

Shivdev Ubhaykar, Rancho Pales Verdes, CA

Sreesh S. Shenoy, Spring, TX

Vindya Bhat, Atlanta, GA

Sridharan Raman, Atlanta, GA

## This Quarter's Kwiz

By "Vasanthmaam"

Continuing with the Konkani tradition of quizzing, here's the brainteaser for this quarter. If you can solve this correctly, send it to Khabbar address to have your name published in the next issue if your subscription is current.

Can you cut an equilateral triangle into 4 pieces that can then be reassembled to form a square?

## NAKA, the North American Konkani Association Update



Dear Fellow Konkanis,

Here's the quarterly update on NAKA for this quarter:

The Interim NAKA team meets regularly on a bi-weekly basis to discuss how to make NAKA a viable organization in North America. The interim team consists of **Sheila Shenoy Reddy, Sadanand Mankikar, Vasanth Bhat, Suresh Shenoy and Ranjit Shiralkar.**

NAKA is providing constant support and guidance for the Konkani Youth Convention committee. We urge everyone to learn more about the convention at <http://kyc2013la.wordpress.com/about/>. We ask those that know of youth who would benefit from the program to encourage them to register and participate in this event.

NAKA has given \$5k as seed money to KYC-2013. Also, during the recently held KISS picnic, NAKA was able to raise \$2,100 for the KYC-2013. Thanks to the gold necklace donated by Suresh & Usha Shenoy of Kirti Jewelers, the raffle was a great success.

The NAKA website will be launched soon. NAKA is also working on restructuring the NAKA by laws and constitution.

All the financial dealing of NAKA will be transparent are here's the statement for this quarter:

### NAKA - Statement Of Accounts

Date	Description	Credit, \$	Debit, \$
11/30/12	Balance from last report	<b>113,338.90</b>	
	Seed money to KYC-2013		5,000.00
	KYC-2013 Fund Raising Raffle	2,100.00	2,100.00
5/31/2013	<b>Final Balance:</b>	<b>108,338.90</b>	

Signed: **Suresh Shenoy**, Treasurer, NAKA

Dev Baren Karo.

Sheila Shenoy Reddy

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## Konkani Sabha Events for 2013

We take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and your involvement in the Konkani Sabha activities in NJ/NY area during the past year. Following are the highlights of the KONKANI SABHA activities for the year 2013.

### **Picnic: Rain or Shine**

Date: Saturday, June 15, 2013

Time: 10 AM to sunset

Location: Mercer Park East Picnic Area, 1347 Edinburg Dutch Neck Rd Princeton Junction, NJ 08550 Click for Directions

Phone: 609-448-1947

Cost: \$5 (18 years and older) and \$3 (ages 3 to 17) payable at the registration desk at the venue - To cover the cost of rent of the park, beverages, watermelon and supplies.

Activities: Children's activities, Cricket, Badminton, and Volleyball

Note: Please bring food items (entre only) enough for 2 families. Dessert will be provided by Konkani Sabha. For details including directions, visit our website at <http://www.konkanisabha.org/> So, come on, don't miss out on the fun!!

### **Diwali Talent Show:**

Date: Saturday, October 26th, 2013

Time: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Shri Venkateswara Temple Community Center, Bridgewater, NJ 1075 Route 202/206, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 Click for Directions

Phone: (908) 725-4477

(More information on Payment and Performance details for the Diwali event will be posted later)

Activities: Variety Entertainment, Socialization, Appetizer and Dinner

Performers: If you would be interested in performing this year, please contact one of the following people:

Name: Rajesh Nayak Email: [rajesh\\_nayak@yahoo.com](mailto:rajesh_nayak@yahoo.com) Cell: 201-931-5614

Name: Amit Kantak Email: [kvamit@yahoo.com](mailto:kvamit@yahoo.com) Cell: 732-986-8025

We once again thank you all for your support. We hope to have continued support and involvement from all of you in the coming years. We also ask each of you to spread the word to any Konkani you know. Also visit our website at <http://www.konkanisabha.org/> for details and updates.

Thanks and regards,

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## KONKANI YOUTH CONVENTION | 2013

### LOS | ANGELES

Hi Vasanthmam,

Here is a quick update for the 2013 Konkani Youth Convention.

Our registration numbers have begun to pick up as the date approaches which is a positive sign. We've booked all of the venues and everything is in place for us to have a very fun and exciting weekend. We've been reaching out to the parents of the Konkani youth so they can encourage their kids to register and attend because this is definitely a very helpful resource for everyone in terms of making new friendships, relationships, and helping enhance their professional network. We're really striving to give people a very in depth look at Konkani culture from the perspective of those who are 2nd or 3rd generation.

As I've stated before, this is not just supporting a one time event, this is ensuring that future youth conventions have the chance to gain the same success and momentum that past ones have, and that this tradition does not end.

Please feel free to make a tax-free donation to help ensure the success of this convention and futures ones on our Indieogo page at - <http://igg.me/at/kyc2013la1/x/1020653>

All we can ask from everyone is to encourage their kids to sign up and enjoy a wonderful weekend in Los Angeles.

Thank you,

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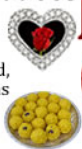
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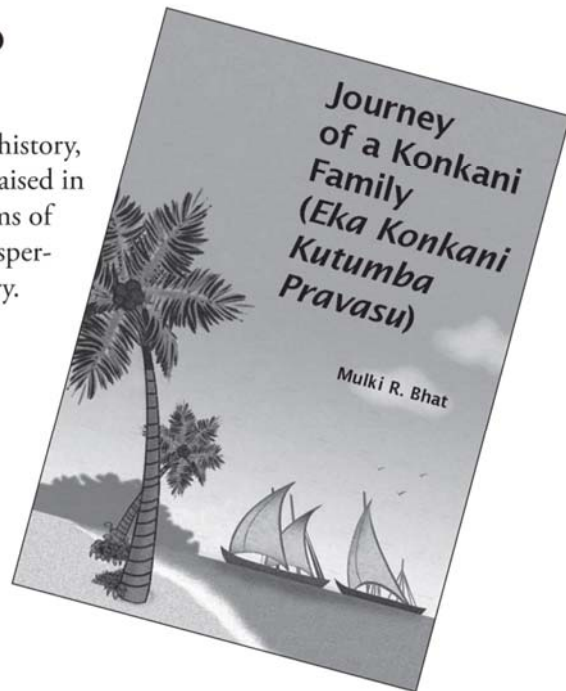
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