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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 2009**. In other words, families who **have not** paid since 2008 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 2009 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 2011 if you have not already. 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!

With the resounding success of the Konkani Youth Convention held in

Houston from August 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, now we can focus our attention to the next big event of 2012.

**Yes, we will have Konkani Sammelan in 2012 (KS-2012).** Thanks to Dr. Gopal Bhandarkar and his enthusiastic team of volunteers, the progress made for KS-2012 is very encouraging.

I have dedicated quite a few pages in this issue covering the various aspects of KS-2012. The Konkanis from the Northeast are ready to host this great event. Various committees are looking for your help in contributing articles, money, ideas, plans, etc and please, extend your support

*Khabbar* will publish all the developments and progress made by **NAKA** on an on-going basis. Send your constructive suggestions to any of the Directors of the NAKA Board. Also, *Khabbar* will publish progress made by Konkani Charitable Fund (KCF) on a regular basis.

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. We have only 10 correct responses to the 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 Konkanis 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.

Happy *Diwali* to you all.

*Devu Boren Karo.*

*Vasanth*  
Honorary Editor

