



THE GOAN COMMUNITY, MOMBASA

NEWSLETTER

NO. 1/10 -11th May 2010

1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held on 11th April 2010 at the Mombasa Institute. The attendance was disappointing as only 22 members attended.

2. OFFICE BEARERS

The following are the office bearers for the period 2010/2011:-

Chairman	- Agnelo D'Souza
Hon. Secretary	- Fatima Lobo
Hon. Treasurer	- Oliver Mascarenhas
Vice-Chairman	- Tony D'Silva
Asst. Secretary & Education Convenor	- Theo D'Souza
Asst. Treasurer	- Ranford Braganza
Social Convenor	- Jacinta D'Souza
Social Assistant	- Mariella Barreto
Welfare Convenor	- Agnelo Fernandes
Welfare Assistant	- Peter Sequeira
Youth Convenor	- Killian Nicholls
Member	- Ivan Fernandes

3. MEMBERSHIP

Goans residing in the Coast Province for more than a year and over the the age of 18 years may on application register as a member. There are 190 members on the roll at present. 4 new members were registered one resigned and 5 members passed away.

4. DEATH

We regret to inform members that Tony Braganza passed away on 1st May 2010. We offer our condolences to his wife and three children. He was the brother of the late Domnick and Peter.

5. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

We would like to thank Mr. Andrew Abreu and Mr. Teddy Gomes for kindly accepting to assist us in members funeral arrangements.

6. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

We invite members who are gainfully employed to contribute Kshs.500/- each. Last year the contributions was disappointing as only Kshs.11,500/- was raised.

7. ACTIVITIES

- a) As May is the month of the Rosary we encourage members to take the statue of Our Lady to their homes for devotion for 2 to 3 days. Please contact our Social Secretary Mrs. Jacinta D'Souza or her asst. Mariella Barreto if you are interested.
- b) We are organizing a Mass followed by a get together lunch for our members on Sunday 20th June 2010 at the Mombasa Institute commencing at 11.30 a.m. The charges are Kshs.250/- for adults and Kshs.150/- for children over 12 years of age. Please contact any of our Committee Members for the tickets. Closing date is 18th June 2010.

8. EAST AFRICAN GOAN CONVENTION

As our turn to organize the Convention is long overdue, the Council has decided to make enquiries with our sister institutions on a convenient date. We will keep you informed of further developments and appeal for your support.

9. SACRED HEART SCHOOL

In view of recent developments we would like to update and also obtain views from members who are interested in matters regarding the school property. Please contact any of our Trustees and a meeting will thereafter be arranged.

10. EACH ONE FEED ONE

We are reintroducing the Each One Feed One Programme. Members can assist the needy within the community by donating food or cash etc. and may drop off these items at the offices of Kengoa General Ltd or give to any council member preferably in the last week of every month. The council will arrange for the distribution. Looking forward towards your generous support.

11. EMAIL ADDRESS

We kindly request members to provide us with your email address if you are not receiving the Newsletters/Newsflash/Notices online. This would save us time and manpower. We shall only distribute the Newsletters etc. to members not on email.

12. FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

This feast will be celebrated at the shrine of St. Anthony at the Holy Ghost Cathedral on 13th June 2010 commencing at 5.30 p.m. Blessed buns will thereafter be distributed.

13. SACRED HEART KINDERGARTEN

We still manage the K.G though at a deficit for very many years. We request members with new ideas to turn around the school to kindly contact Theo Dsouza.

14. GOA NEWS IN BRIEF

- a) The popular magazine "Goa Today" has elected Prof. Suresh Amonkar to be the "Man of the Year". He has also been awarded the "Padma Shree" by the Indian Government. We offer our congratulations to Prof. Amonkar who taught in the Goan School, Mombasa in the 1950s.
- b) The well known "Mankurad" mangoes are being sold in Goa for Rs. 700 a dozen.

It is very encouraging to see that the Goan Community Council includes some youthful leadership willing to learn and take up the challenge of building a stronger and caring Community. We look forward to members positive support always and best wishes.