



The EGA 2011 Executive Committee

We took a one-year break and we spent the time examining our objectives and our direction and we imagined and dreamt anew! And finally, to give shape and reality to all those fresh ideas, the General Assembly of the Edmonton Goan Association placed everything in the hands of

President: Sophia Lobo

Vice-President: Meena Fernandes

General Secretary: Simone Moniz

Treasurer: Chris Fernandes

Co-Social Secretary: Maggie Fernandes

Co-Social Secretary: Flora Fernandes

Sports Secretary: Michael Fernandes

Youth Coordinator: Sasha D'Souza

Publicity Secretary: Eugene Saldanha

Webmaster: Terence D'Lima

Board Member: Bazilia da Silva

Board Member: Charmaine Thomas



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Smartphone!



The promise of things to come...

Lights, Camera, Action...

And we're back! Back to a year with a new committee in the EGA, back to looking forward to upcoming events and back to...well, doing what we do best: eating, drinking and being merry!

Hopefully you've all enjoyed your year of rest from the EGA, but I'm sure you are also anticipating the functions to come this 2011. I can't wait for our first function, which promises to be the perfect celebration of our Canadian winters; skating, cross-country skiing, tobogganing and snowshoeing. This is an opportunity to try something you maybe haven't tried before, or perhaps dust off your equipment and renew your love of winter sports! After some good exercise come in for a hot cup of cocoa and the perfect winter lunch.

We're keeping it simple this year, four major functions – each uniquely different from the other! Check the calendar for details. We will also have some minor functions that range from free gym time on Sunday for badminton to various other sports! Yes that's right – it's all part of the plan folks – brace yourselves and stay tuned to the EGA website, Facebook, Twitter and your email to be sure you know when we have these events scheduled, as it may only be a couple of weeks' notice.

What better way to get our culture and association out into the public than to do some local charity work and fundraising as a community. We've already scheduled one (Habitat for Humanity) and are looking to book a few more charitable events for the year. Please come out to have fun and enjoy each other's company while also serving our local community!

Put on your toque and snow pants and let's get active together! See you all Sunday March 27th, 2011 at 12:30pm – Canadian Standard Time.

Sophia Lobo, President

It is great to be back in the committee again as we celebrate the 36th Anniversary of the EGA. I am looking forward to working with the new and enthusiastic committee and hope that we can organize some exciting functions to bring back the community spirit.

Meena Fernandes, Vice-President

Hello everyone! Well after 26 years of being an EGA member, I am finally being part of the EGA Committee!!! I am honoured to be your General Secretary, and this year the Committee will be bringing it back to a simpler time – making it more all about your family and the community at large. After a year of hiatus, we are looking forward to this year's exciting events. I look forward to seeing you all at our first one with membership forms in hand! I will be taking note of any changes on your forms, including home addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses. We have a great bunch of people on this committee, and with your help and cooperation we can make this year a memorable one. Cheers, see you soon!!!

Thanks,

Simone, General Secretary



Hi everyone, and welcome to an exciting, activity-filled year with the EGA. We have a new committee that's providing new and exciting events for this year and I am thrilled to be a part of it all! This is my first year on the EGA committee and I am hoping to gain a better understanding of the club and our culture and to get closely involved with the events we have planned this year.

Regards,

Chris Fernandes, Treasurer

I am glad to be back to serve on this Committee of the Edmonton Goan Association. I am particularly excited with the enthusiasm which our youth have shown, given that a few of them have actually volunteered to serve on the Committee this year – what better way of promoting our culture than having our youth take active roles!!

We have an exciting program lined up for this year for you all to enjoy. If any of you have ideas or suggestions or would like us to try something different, please feel free to contact any of us – we would love to hear from you. As well, we would be very appreciative if any of you would be willing to help us with the planning and organizing of some of the activities/events. Again, contact any one of us if would like to provide your assistance.

This is our Edmonton Goan Association, so come one, come all, let's get together to have some fun – we're long overdue to do just that!!

Maggie Fernandes, Co-Social Secretary

Hi EGA members,

This is my first time serving as a committee member for the Edmonton Goan Association. I am excited to be co-sharing the Social Secretary position on the committee. I am looking forward to seeing you and your families come join us for an eventful year filled with fun and togetherness.

Flora Fernandes, Co-Social Secretary

Hi everyone! This is my first time on the EGA Committee. We have some exciting sporting events planned for everyone this year. I look forward to working with this committee and with your help and support, we hope to have a blast this year.

Michael Fernandes, Sports Secretary

I am really excited to be on the EGA committee this year! I think we have a great team, and I know this year is going to be amazing! As the youth coordinator, I hope to get the youth more involved with the community and I hope to make this year full of fun and new memories.

Sasha D'Souza, Youth Coordinator



My main objective this year is to try and get as close as possible to the heights of excellence reached by past Publicity Secretaries of the “Khobor”. Imitating their youthful and adventurous exuberance and technological know-how will be a challenge, but with the enthusiastic involvement in the EGA from you, the members, ahead of me, and an energetic and innovative committee behind me, I look forward to meeting the challenges of the position!

Eugene Saldanha, Publicity Secretary

Members and Non-members,

It’s me... again! I got so excited when we elected a committee that I decided to re-design the website with a new and fresh look to complement the young, vibrant group of people we have planning events for us this year. The site will continually be updated as new information becomes available, so be sure to check back often!

Terence D’Lima, Webmaster

The two reasons for joining the committee this year were the enthusiasm of the individuals in the committee, and the idea of fewer planned events. I look forward to meeting long time and new members of the EGA. And here’s a description of me: I love hiking, skiing and gardening; and my dream home is a tiny cottage with a huge yard and NO kitchen!!!!

Bazilia Da Silva, Board Member

Hi, everybody,

I am really excited to be a board member and get a firsthand knowledge of working in the committee. I look forward to seeing all the members again actively participating in all the events being planned.

Charmaine Thomas, Board Member

And now let’s raise our champagne glasses and toast.....

All our members who celebrated milestones during 2010, (which we were unable to previously publish) and early 2011.

And Good Luck.....

**To all those University students writing exams at the end of April, and High School Students writing exams in June,
All the Best!**



The Big Plan.....NOW!....

IMPORTANT!!!

URGENT!!!

PRIORITY!!!

Children! Teens! Young Adults! Adults! Seniors!

This one's for you!

Sunday, March 27, 12:30p.m.

“WINTERFEST”

Burying our winter woes in the snow.....

Uncovering a feast of winter fun, frolic and laughter!







Details for our first function:

When: Sunday March 27th, 2011 @ 12:30pm – Please be on time!

Where: Capilano Community League (10810-54 Street)

Who: You and your family – all ages!

What: Winter Activities!

-  Tobogganing (bring yours, if you have one!)
-  Skating (bring skates!)
-  Cross Country Skiing (You can rent skis, info below)
-  Snowshoeing (Equipment Provided and lead by the City of Edmonton – only 20 spots – Call/email us to reserve a spot)
-  Snowman/Snow fort building
-  Indoor Bingo and card games for those who want to stay in!

Cost: \$20 per household or \$5 per person (whichever option is cheaper for you) and a current membership, which can be paid at the door!

Lunch will be served at 1pm sharp, activities will begin at 2pm!

Try any sport – whether you are a beginner, or experienced – all are welcome!

RSVP your attendance and which sport you will participate in by March 19th:

Flora: 780-459-4041 / fjf@shaw.ca
Sophie: 780-429-3063 / mslobo@gmail.com
EGA account: egacommittee@gmail.com

Suggestions for Renting Skis or Skates:

Totem Outfitters: 7430-99 Street, 780.432.1223

Mountain Equipment Coop: 12328 – 102nd Ave, 780.488.6614



.....AND AS THE YEAR UNFOLDS!

Dates are still tentative!

JULY 23-----Sports Day and BBQ

OCTOBER 15 or 29-----TBD-----GOA FEST

DECEMBER 3-----St. Francis Xavier Feast

DECEMBER 31-----New Year's Dance

The Committee is also planning, among other volunteer activities, a major activity involving "Habitat for Humanity" sometime in June. Once details of the project are firmed up we will publish them in the next issue of the "Khorbor".

We're also in the process of fine-tuning and simplifying our Association by-laws. We will keep you informed as we progress.

Note: Details of each event will be made available through the "Khorbor" nearer to the event date.

The holding of the New Year's Dance will depend on members' responses to the questionnaire: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C33FC57> , respond by April 30th.

It's Membership time!!

This is just a friendly reminder to renew your EGA membership for 2011-2012. There are 3 ways to do it:

1. Submit the form and money (cash or cheque) to any committee member
2. Mail the form and cheque in to the EGA mailing address **OR**
3. Submit the form and pay your fees at the 1st Function (March 27)

We have attached a form for your convenience, and you can print more off our website:

<http://www.edmontongoanassociation.com/docs/egaMembershipForm2011.pdf>

***Please note: Honorary (60+) and Single members (18+) must fill out individual forms, regardless of being in the same household as other members (for record purposes).

Couples and Families with children under 18 can go on the same form.***

On that note, please make sure we have your current email address, we don't want you to miss future Khorbors, as we intend on using email for all communication in the future.



From you.....

Feel free to email any suggestions, questions or comments that you have for past and future events.

Also, your suggestions on how to improve the current “Khorbor” format, any information that you would like to see included, and any jokes, puzzles for children and adults, short stories and articles (not more than a paragraph or two) would be gladly welcomed.

You wish to sell it, buy it, advertise it, or sponsor it – try the “Khorbor”!

Most importantly, if you wish to announce any births, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries or deaths, please let us know so we can include it in the next issue of the “Khorbor”. We look forward to hearing from you!

To us.....

Our e-mail address is: egacommittee@gmail.com!

Our website address is: www.edmontongoanassociation.com

Our Facebook group is: Edmonton Goan Association

Our mailing address is: Edmonton Goan Association

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Or talk to any Committee member or phone Eugene at 780 456 3682

Have a laugh or two!

GOAN MLAs

A driver is stuck in a traffic jam on the Panjim-Mapuca highway. Nothing has moved for half an hour, when suddenly a man knocks on the window. The driver rolls down his window and asks, “What's going on?” The man tells him that Russians down the road have kidnapped some Goan MLAs. “They're asking for a 10 million ransom or they're going to douse them with petrol and set them on fire. Several people are going from car to car, taking up a collection.” The driver asks, “How much is everyone giving, on average?” The man replies, “Most people are giving about a litre.”

IT PAYS TO LEARN KONKANI...

A Goan farmer walking through his field notices a fellow drinking water straight from the pond with one hand. The Goan shouts, 'Arre baba, tem udaak pienaka. Tantun gorvan ani dukor hagtat!', which means, 'Don't drink the water; the cows and the pigs crap in it!' The man shouts back, 'I don't understand your gibberish. Speak English, you idiot!' The Goan shouts back in English, 'Use both hands, you'll get more!'

