

55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION –WEST GTA

ANNUAL REPORT - 2009

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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GENERAL SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR 2009

I am happy to report that this has been a very successful year for 55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION (55PGA) in respect to socials, trips and cultural activities which also included the formation of the New Horizon sub-committee to look after various projects for the benefit of all senior members.

On March 25th, 2009 we were successful in obtaining affiliation with the City of Mississauga which provided us with staff liaison as a resource and affiliated rental rates.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee for 2008-2010 included two changes in the executive portfolio. Maria Da Gama Rose replaced Gerry Almeida as Treasurer who resigned due to health reasons.

Also coming on board to assist the Social Secretary was a New Asst Social Secretary - Thelma D’Souza.

The members of the Executive Committee meet once a month to conduct official 55PGA meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

During fiscal 2009 we approved 56 new members. Our total membership to date is 538 as at the end of December 2009.

We record with regret the passing away of the following members in fiscal 2009:- Custodio Pereira, Bella Pereira, and Dr. Gil Flores. We extend our sincere condolences to their family members.

THE 2008-2010 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President- Rudy Fernandes:

A special thanks to our President Rudy Fernandes, whose dynamic personality kept the executive energized and through his hard work. He has risen to the challenge of ensuring the organization’s success. He was instrumental in obtaining a grant of CAD\$24,000 from the Government of Canada and in the forming of the New Horizon for Seniors Program (NHSP) Sub-Committee, which effectively managed various comprehensive programs such as Health & Wellness, Computer Literacy program, Book Club, etc.

Vice President - Juliet Rebello: Has worked tirelessly and has been the “backbone” of 55 PGA in going the extra mile to ensure that all the members’ aspirations and goals are met.

In addition to her role as Vice-President, she also accepted the position of Co-Chair of the New Horizon and worked along with her sub-committee to ensure that all projects that were headed by her various project leaders were successfully run to the satisfaction of the members and colleagues.

Treasurer – Maria Da GamaRose: Came on board at a crucial time and at a very short notice to take over the financial portfolio duties from the outgoing treasurer, Mr. Gerry Almeida, who resigned due to health reasons. We wish Gerry a speedy recovery and our prayers go with him.

Our thanks to the Treasurer Maria Da Gama Rose for stepping in and continuing the good job done by her predecessor in keeping meticulous accounts and for providing timely financial information to the auditors.

The Financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31st 2009 are included in the AGM package.

General Secretary – Alban Mascarenhas: For his skill and expertise as General Secretary, for maintaining the membership roster and timely processing of renewals and new membership applications. He was also responsible for the monthly executive meetings and recording the minutes.

In addition to the General Secretary responsibility, he was also the Assistant Treasurer of the New Horizon for Seniors Program (NHSP). Here he assisted the NHSP Treasurer in maintaining the accounts to ensure that funds allocated for various projects were being utilized in accordance with allocated budget.

Social Secretary- Renee Fernandes : Has done a tremendous job in charge of social events, making the club dynamic and enjoyable - thus ensuring that members are well entertained. She demonstrated leadership qualities, such as setting goals, planning, develop strategies, delegate and recognized people for their efforts.

Assistant Social Secretary- Thelma D’Souza: Joined the executive team in middle of fiscal 2009 and went about her task in assisting the Social Secretary in maintaining proper attendance records of members for the various events and was also responsible for the collection of payments and banking aspects.

Cultural Secretary & Welfare – Pliny Noronha: Has effectively managed Cultural & Welfare events - organizing Ladainhas and other Goan cultural events. One of the events requiring recognition was the Cirque Du Soleil which the members who attended enjoyed at a very low cost that the Cultural Secretary was able to obtain.

Trips Co-ordinator - Barbara Menezes: Our energetic and bubbly Barbara Menezes has done a fine job in charge of arranging trips to Woodbine Racecourse, the famous Agawa Canyon, 1000 Islands, Eastern Canada, etc.

Communications Coordinator:- Tim De Mello: In charge of communicating the club's activities, goals and aspirations to its members. Tim De Mello continues to send out regular updates on all our events. If you have moved, changed your email address or tel. number, please send an email to 55pgacommunication@gmail.com

Tim was also responsible for creating the 55 PGA WEBSITE which members can sign on to view the various events taking place.

In closing, the 55PGA Executive Committee would like to thank all our members for their attendance, friendship and their assistance in making our year in office a successful one.

We look forward to meeting you at the AGM, to be held on April 20, 2010 at 6:30 pm sharp and thank you for your continued support.

SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO:-

- Mississauga Parks & Recreation for continuing to make available to us the facilities at the Mississauga Senior's Centre**
- Our Auditors, Mr. Bruno Lopes and Mr. Benny Fernandes for auditing the 55PGA books.**
- A special word of thanks to all the helpers who readily made themselves available to ensure the smooth running of the various events.**

Finally, special thanks to the Executive Committee members and their spouses who have given so much of themselves to ensure that our 55PGA members' needs and aspirations were effectively realized.

Alban Mascarenhas
General Secretary
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