



55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION – WEST GTA INC.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR

2010

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin the new season, I would like once again to wish all our members and their families Good Health in 2011.

Your 2010 / 2011 Executive Committee was overwhelmed with the support we received from our members. All our events were very well attended and most were sold out.

Moving forward, in 2011, our first main event will be on Friday, April 15th, one month earlier than in the past years. We did not take the usual winter break, and organized Whist Drives in January and February. Due to the popularity, there will be another on Sunday, March 27th. Check your e-mail for more details.

The Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 6th. Please contact our General Secretary if you plan on attending. If you are reading this message from me, you have obviously received a hard copy of our Annual Report.

The calendar of events for 2011 will be sent out shortly. Please make a note of the dates and come out to meet and socialize with your friends. In 2010 we had over 600 members. We hope all will renew for 2011. Please note that only members in good standing will be allowed to attend the AGM.

Our Social, Trips and Cultural Secretaries have included reports on their events for 2010. I do not need to elaborate, as most of you attended and had a great time. An audited financial statement is also included.

I would like to thank my entire Executive Committee for their dedication and willingness to work with the 55PLUS members of our community. An extra special thanks to all the spouses, who worked tirelessly to make the events a success. Most of all a sincere "THANK YOU" to all our members. Without you there would be no 55PGA.

Finally, there will be a minor change in the Executive. Arthur Braganza has departed to work with the West End Seniors. "Thank You" Arthur, for your advice, dedication and hard work. Replacing Arthur on the Executive is Norman Da Costa. He is no stranger to any of our members. Our entire committee welcomes him and look forward to some new ideas from him.

Sincerely,
Joe Lobo

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2010 / 2011:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>
PRESIDENT	Joe Lobo
VICE PRESIDENT	Christine Rodrigues
GENERAL SECRETARY	Brizzy D'Mello
TREASURER	Alick Alphonso
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Joan DoRosario
ASST. SOCIAL SECRETARY	Ida Gomes
CULTURAL SECRETARY	Tim deMello
TRIPS COORDINATOR	Lilian deMello
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR	Romeo D'Souza
MEMBER	Juliet Rebello
MEMBER	Arthur Braganza
MEMBER	Norman Da Costa

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of 55 Plus Goan Association – West G.T.A. Inc, Mississauga, Ontario

We have audited the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Changes in Financial Position of 55 Plus Goan Association –West G.T.A. Inc. (55PGA) as at December 31, 2010.

The Financial Statements are the responsibility of 55PGA's Executive Committee.

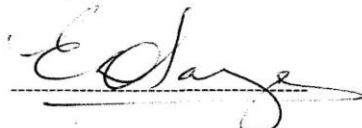
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

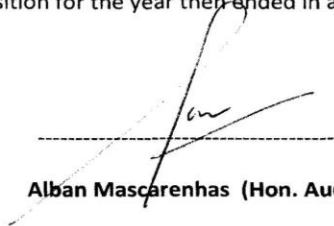
An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting principles used and reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Executive Committee, as well as the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of 55PGA as at December 31, 2010 and its financial performance and its changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



Eric De Souza (Hon. Auditor)



Alban Mascarenhas (Hon. Auditor)

Dated January ^{23rd} 2011 at the City of Mississauga in the Province of Ontario

55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION - WEST GTA Inc.
INCOME STATEMENT
For the period: January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

INCOME

NET INCOME FROM SOCIAL EVENTS (Schedule 1) **\$3,423.65**

OTHER INCOME:

DONATIONS RECEIVED \$2,870.00

BOOK CLUB \$1,526.00

WEBSITE ADVERTISING \$265.00

TOTAL OTHER INCOME **\$4,661.00**

TOTAL INCOME **\$8,084.65**

EXPENDITURES:

NET REFUND TO MEMBERS \$64.02

NET MEETINGS: CATERING & SUPPLIES EXPENSE \$1,422.48

SUB-TOTAL **\$1,486.50**

OTHER EXPENSES:

BANK / VISA FEES \$258.49

DONATIONS: GOAN CHARITABLE ORG. \$2,720.00

FACILITIES RENTAL (COMMITTEE MEETINGS) \$519.08

GOAN ARCHIVES PROJECT \$100.00

MASS/SYMPATHY CARDS \$39.09

INCORPORATION COST \$155.00

INSURANCE \$2,614.68

N.H.S.P PAYMENT \$2,065.82

OFFICE SUPPLIES: STATIONERY ETC. \$446.00

PRINT/COPY \$104.52

POSTAGE AND POST BOX RENTAL \$177.21


VISA ANNUAL FEE \$12.00

WEBSITE MAINTENANCE \$1,893.15

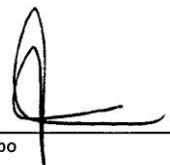
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES **\$11,105.04**

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$12,591.54**

EXCESS (OR DEFICIT) OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES **-\$4,506.89**



Alick Alphonso, FCI
Treasurer




Joseph Lobo
President

55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION - WEST GTA Inc.
BALANCE SHEET **As at December 31, 2010**

	2010	2009		2010	2009
ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
Cash	\$17,687.73	\$17,503.81	Uncashed Cheques: # 180; 183; 184	\$572.49	
			Accounts payable		\$1,647.65
			Prepaid Memberships for 2011	\$2,830.00	
			G.C.O.		\$200.00
			Prepaid Memberships for 2010		\$2,990.00
			TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$3,402.49</u>	<u>\$4,837.65</u>
			FUNDS		
Pre-paid Expense			Membership Fees for 2010	\$3,140.00	
City of Mississauga	\$89.03		Membership for 2010 received in 2009	\$2,990.00	
			Less: Fees returned as "Early Bird" prizes	-\$70.00	
			Net Membership Fees received for 2010	(m) <u>\$6,060.00</u>	
			Fund Balance - January 1, 2010	\$12,822.16	\$11,439.83
			Net Income- December 31, 2009		\$1,382.33
Other Assets:			Deficit: January 1 to December 31, 2010	-\$4,506.89	
Equipment	\$1.00	\$1.00	Fund Balance - Dec. 31, 2010	(i) <u>\$8,315.27</u>	
Incorporation Cost		\$155.00			
Total Other Assets	<u>\$1.00</u>	<u>\$156.00</u>	NET FUNDS (m+i)	<u>\$14,375.27</u>	<u>\$12,822.16</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$17,777.76</u>	<u>\$17,659.81</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET FUNDS	<u>\$17,777.76</u>	<u>\$17,659.81</u>


 Alick Alphonso, FCI
 Treasurer


 Joseph Lobo
 President

55 PLUS GOAN ASSOCIATION - WEST GTA INC.

Schedule 1

NET INCOME FROM 2010 SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	SOCIAL EVENT	TICKETS	GAIN/LOSS
1 Tuesday, May 18, 2010	THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, Mississauga	FISH CURRY NITE	227	\$896.74
2 Wednesday, June 16, 2010	THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, Mississauga	ODE TO SUMMER	131	\$251.67
3 Friday, July 16, 2010	SAPHIRE BANQUET HALL, Mississauga	DANCING WITH THE STARS	178	\$170.31
4 Tuesday, August 17, 2010	CAWTHRA SENIOR CENTRE, Mississauga	MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE	128	\$571.28
Trip Wednesday, September 01, 2010	FOUR SEASONS CENTRE, Toronto	SOUTH PACIFIC	64	\$235.86
5 Tuesday, September 21, 2010	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, Etobicoke	A TREK AROUND THE WORLD	183	\$458.16
Trip Friday, October 08, 2010	GO BY BUS , NEW YORK	NEY YORK TRIP	54	-\$22.00
6 Friday, October 22, 2010	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, Etobicoke	OKTOBERFEST	119	\$143.05
Cultural Sunday, November 21, 2010	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, Etobicoke	LADAINHA (Subsidized)	160	-\$657.66
7 Friday, December 03, 2010	CANDLES BANQUET HALL. Mississauga	CHRISTMAS	250	\$1,045.87
8 Friday, December 31, 2010	CANDLES BANQUET HALL. Mississauga	NEW YEAR	184	\$330.37
Friday, December 31, 2010	TOTAL	NET GAIN		<u>\$3,423.65</u>



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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

	31-Dec-05	31-Dec-06	31-Dec-07	31-Dec-08	31-Dec-09	31-Dec-10
Beginning Fund Balance	\$0.00	\$3,797.80	\$5,251.44	\$9,236.36	\$11,439.83	\$12,822.16
Membership Fees (m)	\$2,810.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,140.00	*	*	\$6,060.00
Excess (or Deficit) of Income over Expenses (i)	\$987.80	\$253.64	\$844.92	\$2,203.47	\$1,382.33	-\$4,506.89
Ending Fund Balance (m + i)	\$3,797.80	\$5,251.44	\$9,236.36	\$11,439.83	\$12,822.16	\$14,375.27

Note: Balance Sheet Dec. 31, 2008 & 2009 included Membership Fees in Income Statement*



SOCIAL EVENTS REPORTS

By Joan Do Rosario.

The 55PGA Social Committee is pleased to report that the 2010 Social Calendar turned out to be an exciting and energetic one!

We started with a sold out **MEET & GREET (Fish Curry/Rice) NIGHT** on May 18th. A delectable dinner was plated and served by a team of eager volunteers and the evening ended on a high note with the ever popular line-dancing and Bingo.

ODE TO SUMMER was held on June 16th and we again experienced an unqualified success. Ida Gomes, my hardworking Assistant Social Secretary, delivered caterers who served up a delicious BBQ dinner after which guests were entertained to a Sing-along led by veteran well-known musicians, Chris & Bosco.

On July 16th we introduced **DANCING WITH THE STARS**. Fashioned after the ever popular TV format, it turned out to be one of our signature events. Gala Travels Inc. provided us with a handsome trophy. It has been designated as 55PGA floating trophy. It was presented to our member Bernard Ribeiro, who was the winner of the dance competition. Music for this event was provided by DJ Steve who kindly agreed to donate his services for a small honorarium. I hope successive committees will hold Dancing with the Stars as an annual event.

August followed on this upward trend. We presented our **MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE** on the 17th calling up our very own 55PGA theatrical talent. On stage giving a very convincing performance were Arthur Braganza, Juliette Rebello, Elma DeSouza, Anthony DeSouza, Rudy Fernandes, Francis Fernandes, Rudi Rodrigues, and Christine Rodrigues. Our script was ably narrated by Alick Alphonso. Behind the scenes with sound and lighting was Romeo D'Souza assisted by Clement DoRosario.

On September 21st we took the membership on a **TREK AROUND THE WORLD**, featuring food, dress and dance from various parts of the world. We featured a troupe of Hawaiian dancers who performed local dances, getting audience participation. Also from our own ranks was a rendition of songs from Alick Alphonso who thrilled the crowd with his strong vocal ability.

October 22nd saw a robust reproduction of the ever-popular Oom-pah-pah German **OKTOBERFEST**. It was a festive celebration replete with a lively rendition of German folk songs and a lot of beer. Music was courtesy of DJ Steve.

Our members turned up in great numbers to our **CHRISTMAS DANCE** on December 3, 2010. Frederick, The One Man Band, always a popular choice with seniors, provided a fun-filled evening and a good beginning to the joyous Christmas season. Each lady received a beautiful long-stemmed red rose. A sumptuous sit-down dinner of excellent Roast Beef and Lemon Herb Chicken and a plate of a colorful *bibique* at each table was enjoyed by all.

55PGA's first **NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA** event was a resounding success! Thanks to the hard work and talent of Romeo D'Souza, Arthur Braganza, our resident engineer, and the ever obliging Alick Alphonso, we saw the Old Man leave 2010 to herald in the Angel of Hope for 2011. Our members packed the floor dancing until the early morning hours to the lively music of DJ Steve.

On behalf of Ida Gomes and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a special group of ladies who have willingly volunteered their time to help us make our events a success. Our gratitude goes to Rose DeSouza, Lira Mascarenhas, Maureen Fernandes, Julie DeSouza, Leslie DeSouza, Valerie Minas, Olga Ireland, Alba DaSilva, Maria Alphonso, Maria Ireland, Iona Noronha and Tina Walker. Assisting these kind ladies, our thanks also goes out to our very own Coffee/Tea expert, Ruben Rebello and Dominic DeSouza, who helps out in every way he can.

TRIPS

NEW YORK TRIP

By Lilian DeMello

Our trip to the "Big Apple" was enjoyable and memorable. The entire bus ride seemed short as everyone kept each other amused with fun games, songs, jokes etc.

The accommodation, sightseeing, and shopping was excellent. Thanksgiving weekend was spent touring New York and ended with a fantastic dinner in Little Italy.

Accolades to a skilful driver and tour guide. Even though the group was 55+, we had children that had a wonderful time too. Hopefully we can do other trips to Chicago, Boston and Quebec and an all-inclusive trip to a warm place.

CULTURE

LADAINHA

By Juliet Rebello

The Ladainha – this typically traditional Goan Thanksgiving prayer celebration was held at the Royal Canadian Legion on the afternoon of Sunday, November.21, 2010.

The celebration commenced with a procession into the hall carrying the statue of the Blessed Mother accompanied by the choir singing “Moje Maim Thaim”.

The recitation of the Rosary began with the decades being said in English and Konkani. The Litany sung in Latin followed the Rosary.

The cantor Frank Fernandes was accompanied by the violists Olencio Fernandes and “Cooty” Coutinho. The choir along with the members worshipped in song with the hymns Ruzari Sabini and St, Francis Xaviera.

The traditional boiled gram was served and this was followed by a catered Goan lunch.

The only missing factor to make this event truly “Goan” - the “Fenny” was absent!

A mini bazaar with items such pickles, sausages, Goan Christmas sweets, knitted and crochet articles was in high action after the prayers concluded. DJ Steve was on hand to provide the music for dancing.

SOUTH PACIFIC

By Tim deMello

A strong e-mail response to our “Expressions of Interest” survey to see this show was the impetus we required to proceed with plans for our date on September 01, 2010. Transportation was arranged to and from Square One for those who did not want to drive downtown. This was appreciated as the bus was full to capacity.

The show by Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan was directed by Bartlett Sher at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen St. W.

It was truly an enchanted evening.

A post show survey indicated that a good time was had by all.

For those who missed out on the group outing, South Pacific will continue until April 10, 2011, at the Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St.

