

# **1. NEWSLETTER**



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## **IMPORTANT:**

- **Please return the attached form as soon as possible, to assist us in planning. (facilities, etc.)**
  - **If you are planning to attend, please return the Registration Form by May 15, 2004.**
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### **Goan Organization in America**

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*February 15, 2004*

*Dear Fellow Goans,*

*We are pleased to inform you that preparations for the 7<sup>th</sup> biennial GOA convention in Toronto are proceeding nicely. We are happy to invite you all to attend the convention with your family, to meet old friends, to make new ones, and to promote our Goan culture and heritage. The Convention will be held on July 3-5, 2004.*

*As you know, Toronto is a beautiful city, and is within easy driving distance from New York, Boston, Chicago and Pittsburgh. Those arriving by air, can choose Toronto International Airport, Hamilton Airport or Buffalo International Airport. As we get closer to the date, we will provide you with detailed information on how to get here, and requirements for crossing the border.*

*The Convention venue is the Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel and Conference Centre, conveniently located between Toronto and Niagara Falls. The Hotel has excellent facilities including the Atrium Holidome, swimming pool, fitness centre, tennis courts, etc. We have secured a room rate of \$99.00 CAD per night (approximately \$74.00 U.S.) for standard double room for up-to 4 adults per room. In addition, the General Sales Tax on the rooms will be refunded to visitors from the U.S.A.*

*We are looking forward to having you in Toronto, and we are certain that together we will make this convention a grand success. **We would appreciate it very much if you could fill out the attached forms and return them to us as soon as possible.***

***PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE !!!***

*With best wishes and regards*

*Sincerely,*

*Guirish Sardesai  
(on behalf of the Organizing Committee)*



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(Please return this form as soon as possible, to assist us in the planning of the facilities, etc.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you planning to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial GOA Convention in Toronto?

(Please check one of the following.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

YES

NO

If 'YES', please provide us with your email address and the following information:

AGE GROUP	NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING
Adult (13 Yrs. and over)	
Youth (5 Yrs. – 12 Yrs.)	
Child (Below 5 Yrs.)	

Please mail this form to:

Goan Organization in America  
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Burlington Ontario, Canada L7L 3Z5

If you are not planning to attend, please update your address and telephone number, as you would like it to appear in the Directory, and mail it to the above address before March 15th, 2004. (Alternatively, you may email the information to: [sardesai@sympatico.ca](mailto:sardesai@sympatico.ca) )

### *The Organizing Committee:*

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**Goan Organization in America**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention – July 3–5, 2004**  
**Toronto, Canada**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Registration Fee</i>
Adult (13 Yrs. and over)	<b>\$139 (U.S.Dollars) before May 15, 2004</b> \$150 (U.S.Dollars) after May 15, 2004
Youth (5 Yrs. – 12 Yrs.)	\$69 (U.S.Dollars)
Child (Below 5 yrs.)	Free

**Registration Data**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Adult, Youth or Child</i>	<i>Amount (U.S.Dollars)</i>
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
<b>Total Amount</b>		

*Please make the cheque payable to **Goan Organization in America** in U.S. dollars  
and mail it along with this form to 312 Bryant Crescent, Burlington, Ontario, Canada L7L 3Z5  
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**Hotel reservation is to be made directly by you, by calling Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel and Conference Centre (Tel: 905-639-4443) before June 1, 2004, to secure the reduced rate. We recommend that you reserve your room(s) at the hotel as soon as possible. Please be sure to mention that you are with Goan Organization to receive the reduced rate. (Their Web Site for Virtual Tour is: <http://www.holiday-inn.com/burlingtoncan> )**

## **2. EMAIL**



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May 5, 2004

Hullo,

Hope you are keeping well.

This is just a quick note to let you know that you have been registered for the Convention, but we have not yet received your registration fees. This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to take advantage of the reduced fee for registration is May 15, 2004.

1) Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to submit any material for the Convention Magazine. The article should be of interest to Goans, and preferably on your observations/experiences. Please keep the length of the article to one or two pages, to give everyone a chance.

2) Would you also please give me a call if you wish to participate in the entertainment program (singing, dancing, etc., etc.), so that we can finalize the program.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes and regards

Sincerely,

Guirish Sardesai

(on behalf of the Organizing Committee)

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**From:** Guirish Sardesai [mailto:sardesai@sympatico.ca]

**Sent:** Friday, 07 May, 2004 12:30 AM

**To:** Guirish and Asha Sardesai

**Cc:** J R SALKER; subash prabhu; Rekha Prabhu; Nitish Keny; Gauri Keny; Jayant & Shubha Shirodker; Ashok & Nirmala Dalvi; Mahesh Sardesai; Babu Vernekar

**Subject:** GOA Convention-2004

Hullo,

The success of our biennial GOA conventions, has been largely due to the generous donations from the members of our Goan community in North America, who have done well in their professions and businesses.

The Organizers of the past conventions have maintained the registration fees at a modest level, and successfully negotiated the hotel rates to the lowest level possible. This was necessary to enable the younger generation of Goans, who have just started life in North America, to participate in these biennial family reunions.

Registration fees generally cover the basic cost of meals and facilities. The donations enable the organizers to supplement this with high quality entertainment.

We would therefore like to request your donations and include your good wishes in the form of an ad in the Convention Magazine. We propose the same rates for these ads as in the last convention.

<u>Advertisement Category</u>	<u>Donation</u>
Front cover(inside) Back Cover (inside and outside)	\$2000.00
Colour Full Page	\$1000.00
Regular Full Page	\$250.00
Regular Half Page	\$200.00
Regular Quarter Page	\$100.00

We will appreciate receiving your support. Those of you who contributed in the past, we request that you maintain your support at least to the amount of donation you made in the past.

We look forward to receiving your favourable and speedy response.

Sincerely,

Guirish and Asha Sardesai

### **3. PHOTOS**



























