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**Goan Organizations in the Greater Toronto Area
 (GTA)**

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Section A: About the Goan Archives-

What is the Mission of Goan Archives?

The Goan Archives (GAC) mission is to assemble, preserve, organize, and store, publications and documents generated by Goan Community Groups in Canada over the last 40 years. The intent is to facilitate study and understanding of the Community by scholars and researchers in the future.

When & How was it started ?

On August 5, 2009, Cecil D’Cruz , Claude Gomes, Lazarus Pereira, Uvy Lopes, & John J. D’Souza, met to form a Steering Committee which initiated the organization. In the spring of 2010, Maurice Pinto and Muriel Lucas were invited to join the group.

What Has Been Achieved to Date?

1. On November 11, 2009 GAC conducted an Open House in the East GTA to inform the public and collect items for archiving..
2. The success of the Open House led to the conduct a similar session on January 2010 for the West GTA, at Square One Mississauga
3. Through the Open House collections and individual donations approximately 450 items were collected covering more than 40 Goan organizations.
4. In April 2010, GAC issued a Phase I Report documenting the items collected and outlining the next steps. This report can be viewed at <https://sites.google.com/site/goanarchivescanada/> and can be downloaded in full.
5. On August 9, 2011 GAC obtained registration as a non-profit corporation in Ontario.
6. In October 2010, GAC met with the Archivists of the Peel Heritage Complex in Brampton and were invited to place the Goan Archives Collection at their centre.

The Peel Heritage Complex 2011 Donation

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Section B About Goa & the Goan Community

Where is Goa ?



Goa is India's smallest state in terms of area and the fourth smallest in terms of population. Located on the west coast of India in the region known as the Konkan, it is bounded by the state of Maharashtra to the north, and by Karnataka to the east and south, while the Arabian Sea forms its western coast. Panaji (also referred to as Panjim) is the state's capital. Renowned for its beaches, temples and world heritage architecture, Goa is visited by hundreds of thousands of international and domestic tourists each year.

Goa encompasses an area of 3,702 km² (1,430 sq miles). It lies between the latitudes 14°53'54" N and 15°40'00" N and longitudes 73°40'33" E and 74°20'13" E. Most of Goa is a part of the coastal country known as the Konkan, which is an escarpment rising up to the Western Ghats range of mountains, which separate it from the Deccan Plateau. The highest point is the Sonsogor, with an altitude of 1,167 meters (3,827 feet). Goa has a coastline of 101 km (63 miles).



Goans in Canada

Source: <http://www.multiculturalcanada.ca/Encyclopedia/A-Z/g/2/2>

From the mid-nineteenth century on, Goan Christians began migrating in large numbers to territories throughout British India, in search of better job opportunities in cities such as Bombay and Karachi. Because they were Christian, and familiar with European culture, the Goans were acceptable to the British, who also recruited them to work in the British colonies of East Africa and Persian Gulf ports such as Aden, where their vocational training and clerical skills were in demand. Yet, even today, Goans still resent the term "Goanese," which the British used disparagingly to refer to Goan Christians in lower-class service occupations, such as cooks, tailors, butlers, waiters, and ayahs (nannies).

Although Goans started immigrating to Canada in the 1960s, it is estimated that over 90 percent of the community arrived during the 1970s, a large number from East Africa and Pakistan, and a smaller group directly from Goa. Still more recently, there has been an increasing number of Goan immigrants to Canada from Middle Eastern countries. Regardless of what country they may have left, the immigrants and their descendants born in Canada identify as Goans, not with the last country in which they resided (if other than Goa). With regard to Hindus from Goa, only a very few have emigrated; those who are in Canada prefer to identify with Hindu Maharashtrian Canadians from Goa's neighbouring state, Maharashtra. Hence, the discussion about Goans in this entry (and this collection) will focus on the Roman Catholic community.

Since Goans are not listed separately in Canadian census data, no clear immigration and settlement statistics are available. It is estimated that there are approximately 13,000 in Ontario and 10,000 in the rest of Canada. The estimated total population of 23,000 is calculated on the basis of the membership in the Toronto-based Goan Overseas Association (GOA), the Montreal-based Canorient Christian Association (CCA), and Goan associations and clubs in the cities of Hamilton, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, and Vancouver. END OF SECTION B

Section C - General Description of Contents

Goan Seniors Associations

Westend Seniors Club

The following is an excerpt from a message sent by the Mayor of Mississauga, Hazel McCallion, published in their 30th Anniversary Brochure (2007)

“Since 1997, the Westend Seniors Club has been an inspirational organization working successfully within the Goan community. With a membership of over 300, the Club has been hosting valuable receptions to integrate new Canadians in Mississauga. Offering an array of social events and activities, The Westend Seniors Club makes retirement a rewarding and enjoyable experience.”

In the same brochure, the following is an abstract from a short history of the Club written by Vincent D’Souza (age 98).

The Club was started in July 1977 at a meeting held in the basement of Christ the King Church, Etobicoke, convened by the late Seby DeSa.. The club was called the “Seniors Club” until the Eastend seniors started their club and called it the Eastend Seniors Club. It then became the Westend Seniors Club.

Meetings were held every Friday at which bingo, cards, dances and singsongs provided the entertainment and fellowship. In July 1983, the club moved to the Fairfield Centre, a converted school. Facilities can only accommodate 115 members. Hence major events such as Mother’s Day and Anniversary Dances are held in halls of local arenas.

St. Francis Xavier Seniors Seniors Club (Toronto) East**

The club first called the East End Seniors Associations was first created in 1976 by its parent body the Canorient Christian Association. It was then given the opportunity to fend for themselves which was gladly welcomed as government grants were available for the welfare of seniors. Its doors were opened to all seniors and membership was a mixed group from Asian and African countries and locals.

In 1990 the name was changed to St. Francis Xavier Seniors Club (Toronto) East and registered in Ontario as a non-profit group. The club holds regular throughout the year activities at the Oriole Community Centre and the Seneca Community Centre both in the East GTA. Limited space in these facilities led to a membership cap of 345.

The Toronto East Goan Seniors Association

The organization with the acronym TEGSA was founded in 2003 in Scarborough (in the East Greater Toronto area). It has 740 members and hold regular social events, as well trips and other activities. The Archives collection consists of flyers, notices, membership solicitations, and minutes of meetings when it was in formation. Also included are annual reports, event flyers, and album photos of events, the founding committee, and the Lancers Troupe which performed in various venues and events.

From its inception to date TEGSA has displayed all its events and activities on the website of www.goanvoice.ca These are archived by year and month.

The 55 Plus Goan Seniors Association –West GTA

The success of TEGSA, led to the formation of the 55PGA in September 2005. The organization was initiated in September 2005 and the first Executive Committee elected in January 2006. The collection consists of a binder of 48 items for the years 2005 – 2007. As with TEGSA, the organization made use of the world-wide-web and email to communicate with its members. In 2008 the organization opened its own website 55pga.com and provides a record of events and activities held since.

The collection for 2006 –2009 consists of annual reports for these years.

The 55PGA also ran a New Horizons Program. Activities of the program are archived in a binder consisting of items of interest.

** This information based articles/interviews by Ted Saldanha and Alu Carvalho.

Club members themselves donate funds annually for mass broadcast on TV every May on the NCBC channel.

Section D- Listing of items in this box

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A-4-BD-1	Item 200-200-13	200	200-13	Anon	55PGA Founding Papers Index sheet June 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Memo	2005	3
A-4-BD-1	Item 201-200-13	201	200-13	Anon	Meeting to form 55PGA Jun 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Memo	2005	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 202-200-13	202	200-13	Anon	Meeting Notice Sep 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Memo	2005	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 203-200-13	203	200-13	Anon	55PGA Form Sep 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Form	2005	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 204-200-13	204	200-13	Anon	55PGA Report of Meeting Sep 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2005	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 205-200-13	205	200-13	Anon	55PGA Exec Meeting Oct 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Minutes	2005	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 206-200-13	206	200-13	Anon	55PGA Membership Forms Oct 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Memo	2005	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 207-200-13	207	200-13	Anon	55PGA Minutes Oct 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Minutes	2005	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 208-200-13	208	200-13	Anon	55PGA Steering Commitgtee Meeting I Oct 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Minutes	2005	2
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A-4-BD-1	Item 210-200-13	210	200-13	Anon	55PGA Exec Comm MeetingOct 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Minutes	2005	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 211-200-13	211	200-13	Anon	55PGA Membership Form Nov 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Memo	2005	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 212-200-13	212	200-13	Anon	55PGA Flyer Dec 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Flyer	2005	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 213-200-13	213	200-13	Anon	55PGA Flyer Dec 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Flyer	2005	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 214-200-13	214	200-13	Anon	55PGA Xmas Dance Program Dec 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Program	2005	12
A-4-BD-1	Item 215-200-13	215	200-13	Anon	55PGA Balance Sheet Dec 2005	55PGA -Founding Exec	Sheet	2005	1

A-4-BD-1	Item 216-200-13	216	200-13	Anon	55PGA Enrolment Form Jan 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Memo	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 217-200-13	217	200-13	Anon	55PGA Exec Meeting I Jan 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Minutes	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 218-200-13	218	200-13	Anon	55PGA Exec Meeting II Jan 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Minutes	2006	10
A-4-BD-1	Item 219-200-13	219	200-13	Anon	55PGA Easter Brunch Flyer Apr 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Flyer	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 220-200-13	220	200-13	Anon	55PGA Exec Meeting Apr 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Minutes	2006	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 221-200-13	221	200-13	Anon	55PGA Constitution Apr 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Sheet	2006	6
A-4-BD-1	Item 222-200-13	222	200-13	Anon	55PGA Letters Patent #1696509 Apr 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Sheet	2006	4
A-4-BD-1	Item 223-200-13	223	200-13	Anon	55PGA Flyer Mary Kay May 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Flyer	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 224-200-13	224	200-13	Anon	55PGA Anniversary Ticket Jun 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Ticket	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 225-200-13	225	200-13	Anon	55PGA Membership Card Oct 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Sheet	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 226-200-13	226	200-13	Anon	55PGA Woodbine Outing Jun 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Flyer	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 227-200-13	227	200-13	Anon	55PGA M/Form 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Form	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 228-200-13	228	200-13	Anon	TEGSA Fish Curry Nite Flyer Sep 2006	TEGSA	Flyer	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 229-200-13	229	200-13	Anon	55PGA Mass Book Nov 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Mass Book	2006	8
A-4-BD-1	Item 230-200-13	230	200-13	Anon	55PGA Exec Meeting Nov 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Minutes	2006	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 231-200-13	231	200-13	Anon	55PGA Christmas Dance Dec 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Flyer	2006	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 232-200-13	232	200-13	Anon	55PGA Xmas Dance Seating Names Dec 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Sheet	2006	5
A-4-BD-1	Item 233-200-13	233	200-13	Anon	55PGA Finances 2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Sheet	2006	11
A-4-BD-1	Item 234-200-13	234	200-13	Anon	55PGA Gen Sec Report 2005/2006	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2006	7
A-4-BD-1	Item 235-200-13	235	200-13	Anon	55PGA 2007 Program Mar 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2007	5
A-4-BD-1	Item 236-200-13	236	200-13	Anon	55PGA Report of 2006 AGM Mar 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2007	2

A-4-BD-1	Item 237-200-13	237	200-13	Anon	55PGA 2007 Trip Program Jun 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2007	24
A-4-BD-1	Item 238-200-13	238	200-13	Anon	55PGA Letter to Findoll Mar 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Letter	2008	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 239-200-13	239	200-13	Anon	55PGA Application Form Feb 2008	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2008	7
A-4-BD-1	Item 240-200-13	240	200-13	Anon	55PGA Report for AGM Apr 2008	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2008	16
A-4-BD-1	Item 241-200-13	241	200-13	Anon	55PGA Financials AGM 2008	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2008	24
A-4-BD-1	Item 242-200-13	242	200-13	Anon	55PGA AGM Check List Apr 2008	55PGA -Founding Exec	Sheet	2008	3
A-4-BD-1	Item 243-200-13	243	200-13	Anon	55PGA Report of 2007 AGM Jul 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2007	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 244-200-13	244	200-13	Anon	55PGA M/Card 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Card	2007	2
A-4-BD-1	Item 245-200-13	245	200-13	Anon	55PGA Report of 2006 AGM Jul 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2006	7
A-4-BD-1	Item 246-200-13	246	200-13	Anon	55PGA Prayer	55PGA -Founding Exec	Sheet	2007	1
A-4-BD-1	Item 247-200-13	247	200-13	Anon	55PGA Exec Meeting Minutes Jul 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Minutes	14	7
A-4-BD-1	Item 248-200-13	248	200-13	Anon	55PGA Song Book May 2007	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2007	7
A-4-BD-1	Item 249-200-13	249	200-13	Anon	55PGA Hold	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2006	7
A-4-BD-1	Item 250-200-13	250	200-13	Anon	55PGA Hold	55PGA -Founding Exec	Report	2006	7

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A-4-E-1	Item 93-200-7	93	200-7	Anon	TEGSA Annual Report 2008	TEGSA	Report	2008	16
A-4-E-1	Item 94-200-7	94	200-7	Anon	TEGSA Annual Report 2006	TEGSA	Report	2006	16
A-4-E-1	Item 456-800-1	456	800-1	Anon	TEGSA Annual Report 2009	TEGSA	Report	2009	16
A-4-E-1	Item 95-200-7	95	200-7	Anon	TEGSA Annual Report 2007	TEGSA	Report	2007	16
A-4-E-1	Item 96-200-7	96	200-7	Anon	TEGSA Annual Report 2004	TEGSA	Report	2004	20
A-4-E-1	Item 97-200-7	97	200-7	Anon	TEGSA Annual Report 2005	TEGSA	Report	2005	40
A-4-E-1	Item 99-200-7	99	200-7	Anon	TEGSA Events 2006	TEGSA	Flyer	2006	2
A-4-E-1	Item 100-200-7	100	200-7	Anon	TEGSA Newsletter Sep-Dec 2005	TEGSA	Newsletter	2005	10
A-4-E-1	Item 101-200-7	101	200-7	Anon	TEGSA May 2005	TEGSA	Flyer	2005	2

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A-4-W-1	Item 19-200-1	19	200-1	L. Pereira	Nite of 1000 Stars - Oct 2008	Canorient Choral Society	Program	2008	28
A-4-W-1	Item 20-200-1	20	200-1	L. Pereira	Canorient Contact Mar 2009	Canorient Christian Association	Magazine	2009	24
A-4-W-1	Item 21-200-1	21	200-1	L. Pereira	Canorient Contact Jul 2009	Canorient Christian Association	Magazine	2009	24
A-4-W-1	Item 22-200-1	22	200-1	L. Pereira	Canorient Contact Oct 2004	Canorient Christian Association	Magazine	2004	48
A-4-W-1	Item 23-200-1	23	200-1	L. Pereira	Canorient Contact oct 2009	Canorient Christian Association	Magazine	2009	24

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A-4-W-2	Item 125-200-10	125	200-10	Anon	St. Francis Xavier Seniors Club - Newsletter Oct 2005	St. Francis Xavier Seniors Club (Toronto) East	Newsletter	2005	24
A-4-W-2	Item 25-200-1	25	200-1	L. Pereira	Souvenir of 10th anniv 1986	Canorient Christian Association	Brochure	1986	36
A-4-W-2	Item 429-700-1	429	700-1	anon	St. FX Seniors Club (Toronto) East - Newsletter 2005 Aug	SFX Seniors	Newsletter	2005	24

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A-4-W-3	Item 394-700-2	394 700-2		Armand Rodrigues	Souvenir 25th Anniversary	West End Seniors Club	soft cover letter size	2002	44
A-4-W-3	Item 395-700-2	395 700-2		Armand Rodrigues	West End Seniors 2008 Dec	West End Seniors Club	newsletter	2008	8
A-4-W-3	Item 254-200-14	254 200-14		Ed & Violet Fernandes	West End Seniors 30th Anniveesary Brochure sep 2008	West End Seniors	Brochure	2007	44
A-4-W-3	Item 253-200-14	253 200-14		Ed & Violet Fernandes	West End Seniors 30th Anniveesary Mass Book sep 2007	West End Seniors	Mass Book	2007	12

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A-4-W-4	Item 251-200-14	251 200-14		Ed & Violet Fernandes	Tanzanites 25th Anniversary Oct 2007	Goans Tanzanites	Brochure	2007	16

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