



Special Message

A word from our Past President, Sailendra Bhaskar 1973

My Dear Georgian Friends,

The year 2008 is history - it sure had its ups and it had its downs, some think it had more downs than ups and call it 'annus horribilis' and thank heavens the year 2008 is over while others have happier memories of the year that was.

I would like to thank all of you who wrote in with new year wishes for the Georgian community worldwide and hope we will see more of all of you AND the silent ones on the G-group more often in 2009. It's difficult to emphasize how important it is to keep communicating between us Georgians in order to keep the OG network healthy and humming. Sure, so many of us are busier now than we were in 2008 but as Thomachan says please do spare a few moments every week to say 'Hi' and post a few lines about how life has been treating you and yours. Hopefully 2009 should see the re-birth of the 'Georgian' that Thomas and some of his friends had so assiduously nurtured (in the cyclostyled format) in the 80's, back in an electronic format - the new Georgian newsletter should really be a condensation of all that's happening in the OG community in different parts of the world. We would welcome contributions from all of you for the e-Newsletter - in today's connected world that really should be easy for you to send out to us. Unlike the cyclostyled version of the Georgian the electronic form will not cost us any money to circulate so nobody needs to contribute in any monetary way!! All we would need from you folks would be a bit of your time!! I can almost hear some of you say 'Time is money you twit'!!!

The year 2008 saw lots of OGs meeting up in various parts of the world - in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, KL, Singapore, Chennai, Colombo, Ketti, Coimbatore, Coonoor, Bangalore, Mumbai, Delhi, Madurai, Kottayam, Bhubaneswar, Kolkata, Dubai, Muscat, London, Berlin, New Jersey, Atlanta and Chicago! Phew, that pretty much girdles the globe!!

This Easter the Aussie OGs will be getting together in Bunbury in Western Australia - there will be lots of folks heading that way from within Australia. Some of us from outside Australia are hoping to join them in Bunbury because we have seen that they are a fun bunch of folks (remember Tanunda in 2008?). So far we have 10 folks who are planning to head that way! Sudha and I plan to be there this Easter.

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What a year it has been for me!!! by Chandran- 1975

Thought I had better write before the New Year! What a year 2008 has been just unbelievable. If 2008 was a bottle of wine I would definitely call it vintage! Just to re-cap the year for me:

1. 6th Jan - surfing the net looking for a client on St George St and happen to notice the OGA site. Instead of carrying on with my report I "time travelled" to the last 35 years some of which was fortunately caught on film and rest from memories. A short text to you brought a laugh with a response like "how can we forget a beak" but also reminded me of the "top spins" that were dished out to juniors if not appreciated it did wake us up in the cold climate.
 2. 20th Jan (or so) - text received from Ivan Jacob (73) about trip to S'pore - got to have lunch with Ivan - it was great meeting Ivan - first OGA I had the pleasure of meeting after "a few years". Since that first encounter we had many more.
 3. Joining the OGA site and finally getting the nerve to contribute. Met the soon to be my "guide" to the girls cottages during the July reunion - Sharon (1969)!
 4. 22nd Apr - got a great bday present - met Ivan, Tusky, Doc and the ever photo shy Sheila(78). It was great meeting all. Especially Tusky for the first time at the airport. Not sure if my neighbours appreciated Tusky's visit once he had gone to sleep. Just kidding. Ivan, Tusky & I spent quite a few hours catching up with old times with Heineken keeping us company!
 5. July - The reunion - or should I say the pre-reunion at the club in Chennai - the yellow roses etc - it was a great start to a lovely week. Met so many on that first night - Sharon, Sudha, Sattar (71), Jen and the list would go on. And then the trek to the reunion and the close-out on Sunday - brought back a lot of good memories. Even got to speak to my ex-girlfriend at school! It was a total shock to my system as I wanted to do a lot more but did not have the time to do so. Given the chance I would have taken more time to speak to the juniors including the kids presently at school. And of course there was the trip down the banks with Sharon to look at some flowers of course. Not forgetting a tour of the dorms girls ie! Finally, meeting 2 from my class Ashokan (75) and Suryaprakash (76). And then the icing on the cake - a lift on the very Sunday to Calicut from people I had met for a couple of days. Sanil(81), Viji & Aparna. On the way dropping in to see all at Masinagudi. It was a great journey back to Calicut and I did not feel the trip at all as the company was great! My regret being having turned down a biriyani dinner (when I visited the Prez & family .. including parents) the next day. On my return to S'pore catching up with the Chennai crowd again and this time seeing PC, JC and daughter (who shared her chocolates with me)!
 6. Sep - Met Imran (2001) for lunch.
 7. Oct - Met Pat Kerr (73) & family in S'pore - Ivan joined us. It was great meeting the kids ... I mean Pat's.
 8. Oct - Traveled to the UK, met Count Monty (71) of London - a pint and some great south Indian food.
 9. Nov - Met Jayakumar (84) - on a quick visit to S'pore.
 10. Nov - not related to OGA but met my ex-colleagues in Auckland after 18 years.
- On a general note it wasn't just meeting the OGs but it was been a pleasure meeting their spouses and kids as well. Sudha, Doc, Mary, Viji to name a few. I have had a great year and must thank you and everyone else I have met this year at the re-union. Just disappointed that I could not make Mysore - looked like a great time was had by all.
- Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a new year - keep safe!

Regards & Best Wishes

Chandran (aka Rama, Ram, Beak, Polly Wolly, etc etc)

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*Of course, the big one the Annual Reunion in Ketti will see a lot of OGs from various parts of the world converge on the valley so just in case some of you are wondering when that is going to be - **the dates are 10th, 11th and 12th of July 2009**. Please mark it out in your calendars and start making travel arrangements!!*

Once again, heres wishing you all a very happy, healthy and happening 2009.

Warmest regards—Tusky- Sailendra Bhaskar1973

Who joined us recently?

Join us in welcoming these new members to the Old Georgian Family!

Sailendra Bhaskar (73) - Data from our website- Sep to Dec 2008.

Australia - Delphine Naidu nee Thompson , Ivan Hughes, Donald Holloway, Brian Jonas ,

CANADA - Brian R Smith, Sharon Fox,

New Zealand - Joan Pinto (nee Wood),

Thailand - Ravinder Collin Richards

United Arab Emirates - Ashley John,

United Kingdom - Charles Clay, Arjun Jeganathan, Andrew Boosey-, Russell , Edgar Martin, Dr. Toby Tom Koshy, Andrew Lunel, Dr Sriram Balachandran,

United States- Sanjay Shanker , Dr. Sunder Rama Rao, Niizar Ali MANJIYANI, Ankash (Cash) Badami,

INDIA- K. Udaya kumar , Richard Joliffe, P.N.Sunderajan , Vishnuram Mohan A , Uday Kumar Kuppa , Ahamed , Sohil R Prasad , Nandakumar G, Lt Anoop Das , Jacob George , Darpan J.Patel , Armaan Suhail , Karthikeyan , Farhaan Madar , Sangameshwaran , Madhav Danthala , Stephen Taylor , Akshay Khemka , Arvind Mony , Manoj, Elizabeth Khan Ayyagari, T.S Avinash Bopanna, Rakshith Ramesh , Mavis Greene (nee Clay), Mahabir Prasad Mishra, Rajesh Ganesh, K Rakesh Rao, Baiju.M.B., Everard Scott, Eric Symss, Karthikeyan G , Rajashegaran V, M Sushma , Thimmaiah P K , Ajay A Guttedar, Pattiarimal Zoheb, Vivan Sorab, Adhirai A, Aravind Anil Kumar, Manashwini B S, Naveen Richard, M Vishnu Vardhan, Manish M Prasad, Athul Mohan, V.Y.S Gotheandapani, Jeyakumar Jegatheesan, Ramesh, R. Jai Kumar, Aiyapa.Achapa, Krishnarjun Adhya, Rajasakar, Ashika Ponnappa, S Muthuraman, Saru Prabhakaran (nee Pearl), Sanjay Gulvady, Salahuddin S M S, Vaithilingam Vimal Kumar, & Michael Beatty.

Neville Who? By Henry Marriott -1950

Thanks to Tusky (73) and Thamil (76) I am in touch with Neville Matthews who was my classmate from Standard 1 to Standard 9 when we went our separate ways in 1950.we were both in Lewis. We have leapt the time gap of 58 years and are making up for lost time, he is now retired and lives in Canada after spending some time qualifying in engineering in the UK. He has done quite a bit of traveling and visited the school in 2003 while touring India.

Neville was a particular friend of mine and was a very good mathematician. We did our 'hunter gathering' together and knew many of the hills surrounding the school.

Bryan Mulley (53)and Pat Rodrigues (52) might remember Neville. He remembers James Anderson, "Little Jimmy", I wonder if Jimmy is the boy who worked with metal while we manufactured wooden artifacts? This is another manifestation of the miracle that is the OGA network wrought by Thomas Abraham (77) and Sailendra Bhaskar (73). Thank you gentlemen !

Mysore Mystique

How do you feel Sheila after joining the OGA and being in Mysore?

Sheila Abraham -1978

You want to know how I feel Thomas? I'm not a sentimental person but I think "warm fuzzy" would be a good word to describe how I feel right now (or does that mean something else Glenn?). I feel blessed Thomas that i know so many wonderful people--people I never knew existed before I joined the site. There've been times when I wanted out for some reason or the other but I know I'm inextricably bound to the OGA because I've made too many friends not only among OG's but also among the spouses.

And that's why I cant understand why folks like my friend Nimmi whose ties with the alma mater would be stronger deeper and far more binding that mine never show up! Nimmi your classmates Doc Mathew Ninan (78) and Vinoo Varkey (78) tried to call you but u didn't return their call... sorry Nimmi- just trying to put you on a guilt trip so that you will come back to the fold.

Warm fuzzy is what I feel when I see Thamil (76) and his band of merry men dancing in for registration full of bonhomie--they are a special bunch because they always take time off from their busy schedules and try to make it for every reunion and executive committee meeting ready to give a helping hand whenever required. Its the same feeling I get when I see Glenn Sargon (67) coming in with that infectious enthusiasm that is his trade mark! I cant tell you what a pleasure it was to have you with us... would it be too much to ask you to come again in July? We do feel touched when people take the trouble to come from so far away. Somehow that makes it so much more special. I hope you enjoyed your time with us as much as we enjoyed your company.

A special thanks to folks like Philip Koshi, Jagan Jacob and several others who called or sms'd during the reunion. I know most of the Aussie OGs were there with us in spirit. Couldn't help remembering folks like Ashok, Sharon , Monty, Chandran -the foodies and so many others when we were tucking into all that fabulous food. And Thomas of course is never far from our minds at any reunion!

Sattarji (71) you were terrific! That party rocked because of you- the master entertainer! Its so nice to see the way you relate to young and old alike.

A big thank you to the wonderful spouses who are invaluable assets to the OGA esp Jen, Mary, JC, Neetu, Nasreen and of course Viji our first Lady. Sudha you can't imagine how much we missed you. Cherie too because Debbie Ballal (78) and I were the only 2 OG girls around I think! Liz Khan ditched too--please do come next time.

Missed regulars like Pat, the two Aruns, Colin, Anil, Babu, Gulvady, Ivan, Paan, Doc Romesh and so many others. Mr Walsh we were hoping you would show up!

Wish people I've never met like Doc Balan, Pat R , Bryan, Uday, Raj and so on will turn up some day and surprise us all. Hope Henry and Peter will come again some day.

Sanil, Thamil, Tusky, Vijendra and Ajay - you guys are amazing!

So many stories to tell but I have so much work to do...so that's it from me folks.

Mysore Mystique Date: Dec 5-6, 2008.

Derozio Award by Brian McDonald

CITATION

Mr W.R.Gardner is a multifaceted personality striding like a colossus as tall as Jack's beanstalk that has earned him a name up in Ketti valley and over the years, kept raising its profile.

Maintaining his balance as a school Principal, his leadership the key element at full volume and his insightful thinking for the betterment of education indeed original, has made him an institution in himself.

Playing like a No.3 in the batting order where the slot is a pivotal position and has to be influential, bringing his own particular skills and leadership to the role, has conferred him with a touch of Midas and has written splendid pages in the school's history.

The annual Brochure, re-emphasizing his positioning as one among the best in the field of education generating excitement among readers must have heavy footfalls into his cabin complimenting his efforts.

Aptly ensuring that all students join the various organized games to the benefit to their character building apart from developing multi-dimensional skills essential to stay ahead, a soft-spoken cricketing philosopher with an observant, probing mind benefiting cricket-loving student's right from demonstrating batting grips and an original thinker of the game that earned him the sobriquet of "Master."

The backbone of the old Georgians Association since 1989 continuously giving his time, energy and resources to bestow upon the OGA the stability and re-silience it enjoys today.

The conferment of the Derozio Award in recognition of his enduring services selflessly rendered in the three-fold domain of study, sport and discipline, should leave many in solemn silence, appreciating the decision of the Evaluation Committee.

Are you registered at the OGA Website?

So many people have registered (700+) but there are so many people out there that need to be told about www.oldgeorgians.com.

You can do your part and share this info with anyone who has not registered at our website. Call them, email them... reach out and touch someone this week. Don't put it off. This week.. Please... If each of us can get one person to register, imagine the joy you can share? Ask Chandran who had no connection with Ketti from 1975 until this year after 33 years. Ask Tusky - from 1973 until 2004- connected after 31 years.... Going back to Ketti is like a pilgrimage to our roots.....

I got the bug. Ketti is in my veins. How about you?



Atlanta Gathering- Jan 19th by Thomas Abraham

We had a great time at the Little Malaysia on Jan 19th. I was in heaven with the yummy food and great company. Sydney Millicans (67) excused himself since Shirley had an asthma attack. I hope that she is feeling better. We got to meet Arjun Thusu today. The man is on the road a lot- will be in Toronto tomorrow. Was in Miami- last week. The makings of a great OG Ambassador in North America. Did not connect with Kim Thomas.

We connected with names from the batches. I need to keep a pen/pad to record the names- like Rohan Mathais, Vikram Mathais, - was in Priya Menons's (90) batch. Nikhil Dey, Kumari Piljen, my memory is going... so many names. Priya and Arjun- fill me in on the names discussed please. Arjun is going to hook me up with his facebook friends. I met Arjun on Orkut.

Little Malaysia does not have a liquor license so I brought a cooler with beer for the guys. Priya is pregnant and so no alcohol for her. Govind said that he will add me on his will for bringing the beer. Govind is going to a reggae concert on Friday and so Arjun might be joining him. Me- don't know yet. Thank you Govind, Priya and Arjun.

The food was great. This is for Arjun, Govind and Priya- mark your take out menus please. Next time, I will take some snaps of the food.

Thomas Abraham 77

Rohan, Vikram, Arjun, Kumari, Kim, Nikhil are not registered at our website.



**When two or three
Georgians gather and there
are a few drinks thrown in -
we have a REUNION!!
When was your last reunion?
Tell us about your experience
at the last reunion!!**

OLDEST OG TO BE REGISTERED AT

www.oldgeorgians.com

Name: Phyllis Josephine Phillips nee McLeod, Date of Birth: 8-Aug-1925

Year of Leaving School: 1941, School Nick Name: Topsy City:

Pune, Family Information

Marital Status: Married

Worked in the Women's Auxiliary Corps (Army) after which I married a Gunner in the Army and settled in Pune. I enjoyed my life in SGH and now have 8 grandchildren and two great grand children

You can send her an email from www.oldgeorgians.com or to anyone registered at the website.

Travel to Ketti for Free -

How? On the internet by reviewing the 732 photos stored in our Photo Gallery. So go check it out today and share this with OG's in your area.

PhotoGallery (11 albums)

Atlanta_Reunion_July_2005 (17 photos.), AustraliaReunion_Tanunda2008 (25 photos.), Ketti_in_the_News (2 photos.), Ketti_Reunion_July_2005 (49 photos.), Ketti_Reunion_July_2006 (76 photos), Memories (114 photos.), OGA_Exec_Committee_Meet_April_2005 (14 photos), OGA_Founders (10 photos), OurFamily (368 photos.), Ozzie_OGs_in_Milawa (13 photos.), SchoolPhotos (33 photos.)

You can get to see pictures taken by different Georgians at Reunion 2008 by clicking on the links below or if they are not hyperlinked just cut and paste the link into your browser's address field and hit the Enter key on your keyboard:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/bhaskar.sailendra/Reunion200802>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/bhaskar.sailendra/Reunion08RamsPhotos>

http://picasaweb.google.com/veganba/10thAnd11thJuly08?authkey=Fq4oDUv_47g

<http://picasaweb.google.com/sanjay.gulvady/ReUnion2008>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/lukmanjee/SchoolReUnion2008Ketti>

Enjoy the pictures and the good times Georgians had!

Warm regards, Tusky (Sailendra Bhaskar- 1973)

HAPPY CELEBRATIONS of OGs around the WORLD

Cuckoo Mathew (95) recently had baby Nia in Columbia, SC, USA

Richard Smith (87) and wife Anu will be parents in April

Pat Rodrigues (52) became a grandfather in January.

Shamnad Basheer (94) has joined the National University of Juridical Sciences in Kolkata, India as Professor of Intellectual Property Law

Priya (90) and Dr. Govind Menon expecting a baby in April.

Christine Menasse (72) will be married soon and will be embarking on a world tour.

Are you Registered at WWW.OLDGEORGIANS.COM?

41% of those registered live outside India now!! There are at least another 75 in the US that are not registered yet. So many people to reach out to. 700+ registered at www.oldgeorgians.com... ARE YOU REGISTERED? Is your address, mobile, landline and email accurate?

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Our Officers-2008-2010

Can you identify the people in this photo? Taken in 1947



Sitting Left to Right: Ms Hardy, Mr. George Dique, ???, Mr. Hammick, Rev. CF Ash, Mr. Zachariah, Miss Norah Cardis (Mrs Hammick), Mr. SVS Paul, Ms Bryan, Standing L to R Mrs. Ricketts, Mr. Chacko , Mona Dennis, Mr. Tharu, Mrs Jones , Mr. S. Vasudevan, ???, Miss Dover -Matron Lewis House, Mr. Ricketts, Mrs Tharu, Mrs Clay.

Last row -Standing Mr Elwin ,Sister Wynn, Vivian Lavocah



Opening the new OGA Stadium in school- Mr Gardner, Baba Pujara (64)

Below- The OGA Stadium is visible from the Ooty-Coonoor Rd



Is that not a beautiful sight?

Projects the OGA is working on now:

OGA Raffle- to fund the new indoor swimming with a Grand Raffle to be drawn at the next reunion.

OGA Directory goes to print Feb 15th - if you have not updated your registration at www.oldgeorgians.com - do it now.

The minutes of the OGA Meetings will be soon available on the website in Pdf format.

Copies of the newsletter will be available on the website in Pdf format.



OGA – Annual Gen Mtg



Plaque for the OGA Stadium

Achievements of the OGA

400 meter field below the girls cottages.

OGA Stadium outside the Dining Hall.

Establishing the Fete during the reunion.

Annual Quiz Competition- Past vs Present at the Reunion.

Fireworks extravaganza and Magic Show for the kids.

Upgrading the website - www.oldgeorgians.com - membership increased from 150 to over 700.

Expanded the Life Membership to over 175 Life Members.

Established the Yahoogroup to facilitate increased communication among Georgians around the world.

Who is registered at our Website from the UK?

Send them message from www.oldgeorgians.com

Stanley Smith (1962) Farnham Common, Amal Sasikumar (1993) Taunton, Dr. K. Elias Cheriyan (1964) Maidstone, Kent, Vijay (1999) Oxford, Jonathan Copeland (1957) London, Lucy Davis (2000) London, Abraham Chacko (1970) Birmingham, Terrence White (1976) Dartford, Kent, Dr. David Chacko (1980) Wakefield, Russell Richards (2000) London, David Dique (1970) Isle of Sheppey, Michael Sommer (1956) Winchester, Clinton Lewis (1983) Exeter, Shalini Lobo nee Parker (1977) London, Jay Prakash Ramasamy (1987) Coventry, Annamalai (2001) London, Jeffrey Lewis (1989) London, Feroze Ansari (2000) Manchester, Jyothish Balakrishnan (1992) London, Amanda Daniell (1998) Slough, Raji K Damodaran (1997) Oxford, Anoja Abeysekera nee DSilva (1980) Kent, Obaid (1999) Sheffield, Aruna (1982) Essex, Anne Yates (1951) Bedford, Maureen Sims (nee Hutchings) (1951) Birmingham, David Conway (1983) Essex, Duke Yul White (1977) Rochester, Kent, Russell (2000) Chadwell Heath, Ishara Rizwana Hameed (1997) Birmingham, Sameer Alji Mohamed (1990) Nottingham, Anne Ireland (1977) Surrey, Priyanka Amber Mehra (1990) London, Patrick Rodrigues (1952) London, Charles Clay (1962) Corby, Northants, Arjun Jeganathan (2002) Leeds, Edgar Martin (1991) Basingstoke, Dr. Toby Tom Koshy (1986) Dorset, Bryan Mulley (1953) Leicester, Linda Murray (nee Boosey) (1979) Egham, Debbie Bowyer (1978) High Wycombe, Jude Pamela Lewcock (1994) Surrey, Andrew Boosey (1979) Weybridge, Andrew Lunel (2003) London, Dr Sriram Balachandran (1970) Coventry,



Glenn's UK Reunion in December



Hallways at SGH



The Cross from behind our Chapel



The new Old Georgian Stadium



OGA is now officially registered



Glenn Sargon & Doc Jimmy



Smith House



Mr. Gardner in his new office



Old office building



Ketti Station



View from Valley View



Oakshott

Does this bring back good memories?

Are you registered at www.oldgeorgians.com? If you are not, you will not get notification of future meetings in you area. Sign up today. It is free.

Is your address, email, land line and mobile correct on your profile at www.oldgeorgians.com?

HISTORY of "The Georgian"- established in 1979, Retired in 1986 and restored today by Thomas Abraham

We have come a long way since 1979, when the first issue of The Georgian started in Malaysia to my classmates from the 77 batch. It grew to include all Georgians and survived until 1986 thanks to donations from OG's around the world. Who collected the donations? We had Philomena Ellis in Australia, Anna Yates in the UK, Dennis Huffton & B. Mohan in India, and Thomas Abraham & Jayachandran in Malaysia. The first couple of issues were typed and then cyclostyled. They were then mailed out by "snail" mail. Then we started photocopying them and sending them to B Mohan in India to be mailed to keep cost down. Mohan then mailed them to the Indian addresses from Chennai. The other countries were mailed out from Malaysia. In 1983, when I came to the US, the project followed me and the cost of postage went up significantly. We reached 100's of people around the world and we had about 50 people who donated to keep the project going.

Today in this new medium - the internet, we will be able to reach a lot more people. The yahoo groups and website under Tusky has made fantastic progress compared to what the Georgian reached in 1979-1986. There are hundreds of OG's that have not heard about the OGA, our annual reunions, the website or yahoo groups. The people that attend the periodic gatherings around the world know what a delightful experience it is. How can we share this feeling?

One of the ideas discussed with Tusky back in 2004 before the Yahoo group was created was to get people to experience the reunion without being there. The Picasa photos does that for the people who read their mail from the Yahoo groups. We have almost 600 registered at Yahoo groups but realistically maybe 100-150?? (a guess) that read the mails and about 40-50 who write in. We have over 700 registered at www.oldgeorgians.com. How do we reach these people?

What about the people who are out there who for whatever reasons (college, work, marriage, kids, etc) have not kept in touch and now are thirsting for info from Ketti?

Remember the Georgian - we need a quarterly piece like that can be emailed to all registered at the website, also archived on the website for people to catch up when they missed the online version of the news. It should be sent to all the email addresses of people registered at Yahoo groups. It should be printable to be mailed once a quarter to those without email (**and registered at the OGA website**). They will need to request a copy in writing.

The news must tug at the hearts of OG's around the world, share photos of school, news of school, meetings around the world, birthdays, anniversaries, good news, kids, marriages, successes, etc. It must make them proud of Ketti. They should miss Ketti after they read a piece/newsletter. This can be posted on Yahoo groups for the people who read the news there.

All we ask of people to do - give us 15 minutes, write once a week and share each one's life with the rest of us. It is not possible for all of us to meet in person - but we can meet on the internet-how? Introduce ourselves and our family by our writings, sharing photos, and connecting with other Georgians.

I challenge our members to reach out and influence at least one person to register at www.oldgeorgians.com. Share the word, share snaps if they are internet savvy. If not, print something and share with them.

We have a new email for our newsletter - oganewsletter@gmail.com. Feel like writing something that tugs at the hearts of OG's? Send it this email address please. Deadline for consideration for inclusion in the next issue of the Georgian will be Mar 31st, 2009.

The content of The Georgian may be edited by the Editorial Board to suit theme, size & layout. The Georgian welcomes nostalgia, news stories, happenings, and photos from OG's around the world.

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