



## From the President's desk

Dear Members;

Before we even realized it, 2005 is gone. I hope 2006 will be a better year for everyone. As for MSBCA-Calgary, I am confident we will have another successful year, thanks to the dedication and hard work from our committee members and volunteers.

In 2005, MSBCA-Calgary was involved in two major fund raising events - the Calgary Reaches Out fundraising event in January 2005 for the Tsunami disaster, and the Calgary Reaches Out fundraising event in November for the South Asian earthquake and Hurricane Katrina in the Southern US. I'm enclosing some excerpts below from MLA Wayne Cao regarding the distribution of the funds raised during the CRO fundraising event# 2 in November 2005:

*"HAPPY NEW YEAR..*

*As a member of the Calgary Reaches Out team, I have communicated to you before about our Calgary Reaches Out community fund raising event on Nov. 12, 2005, supporting hurricane and earthquake victims.*

*You have either participated directly, actually gave a hand, supported indirectly or shown interest in the event.*

*As the event went very well, I want to thank you, and update you as follows:*

*1) The CRO Committee has presented a cheque of \$25,000.00 to the Calgary Red Cross on December 29, 2005.*

*2) In addition, we also handed over to the Red Cross the cheques that were addressed to them, totaling \$1870.00*

*3) The CRO Committee has instructed the Red Cross to allocate 80% to earthquake victims in South Asia and 20% to hurricane victims in South USA.*

*4) The Red Cross will issue to the individuals their charity tax receipts in the next couple of months, in time for 2005 tax declaration.*

*a) Those who wrote their cheques paid directly to the Red Cross will get the RC charity receipts for the whole amount.*

*b) Those who donated auction items will get the RC charity receipts for the \$ amount the items were sold at.*

*c) Those who bought tickets attending the event will get the RC charity receipts for an estimated \$50.00/ticket (=the ticket amount of \$75.00 minus the dinner/event cost of \$25.00; this low cost is thanks to the Calgary Stampede discount and the Community Initiative Program grant to the PCA)."*

It is gratifying that through our involvement in these fundraising events and various other activities organized by the Chinatown communities, MSBCA-Calgary today is better known to a lot more people. The lessons learned from this participation will help us operate our association in a more effective and efficient manner.

On a separate note, my special thanks to Talisman Energy and Tony Quek, for a \$200 donation to the "Investing in our Communities" program.

A final reminder — as mentioned in the December issue of the newsletter, the 2006 Chinese New Year Dinner is set for Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Treasures of China Restaurant in Chinatown (see page 4).

As this is one of the most popular yearly events of MSBCA-Calgary, please purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

See you all at the Chinese New Year Dinner!

Khin Chew



## Announcement

With immediate effect, the newsletter will be known as "MSBCA Mosaic".

It will also be published bi-monthly from now on.

Subsequent issues will be available in March, May, July and September.

All submissions will be due on the 15th of each even-numbered month.

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## Editorial



**Humour is a subjective thing, but surely there are some common-sense guidelines for what constitutes "funny" and what constitutes poor taste (or downright stupidity).**



If Christmas was the highlight of December, surely the federal election is the highlight of January. Thus far, apart from the regular media coverage and one opinion poll after another, the hustings have been fairly uneventful except for a few public gaffes made by the ruling party.

I'm sure everyone is familiar with the "beer & popcorn" remark made by the Prime Minister's Director of Communications. Although I was incredulous that a communications professional could have publicly made such an ill-conceived comment, I was even more astounded by what followed.

A member of the Liberal party executive made an entry in his blog (web log) that compared NDP party member Olivia Chow to a dog. Apparently, Mike Klander's blog had a photo of Ms Chow next to a photo of a chow-chow dog with the caption: "Separated at birth".

Yes, you read this correctly - and yes, this occurred in Canada.

The blog also called NDP leader Jack Layton an "a\_\_ hole" apparently for no reason other than it made Klander "feel good". Subsequently, Mr. Klander resigned his position from the party, while the Liberal spin doctors scrambled to perform damage control. The incident was "regrettable", and that Klander

was merely trying to create a "humourous site" for himself and fellow Liberals.

Humour is a subjective thing, but surely there are some common-sense guidelines for what constitutes "funny" and what constitutes poor taste (or downright stupidity). If anything, Mr. Klander came out of this holding the short end of the stick.

Bottom-line: NEVER use "Ad Hominem" ("against the man") attacks on someone you dislike; all it does is create a poor impression of yourself.

While a blog may be considered personal, it still lies within the (all-too) public domain of the Internet, as Mr. Klander painfully realized.

By all means -- attack the thinking; attack the policies; attack the party platform; but never attack the person — it implies a lack of intelligence, limited imagination and a boorish mentality.

To her credit, Ms Chow (who's married to Jack Layton) graciously sidestepped the issue and stated that she'd be willing to debate public policy with anyone, anytime, anywhere.

On my own part, I'd rather be compared to a dog any day than be the small-minded individual who made the comparison in the first place...

## Ushering in the new year, MSBCA style – George Heng

Surveying the clubhouse on New Year's eve was pretty much like surveying a calm sea before the "storm". Everything was picture-perfect; the ambience, the décor, all painstakingly crafted.



A couple of truly diabolical games included having wives identify their husbands' feet as they stood behind a curtain, as well as apply lipstick blindfolded — once again to their hapless husbands.



The evening's festivities began with dinner — the theme was potluck, so everyone had a wonderful variety of dishes to sample. Follow-



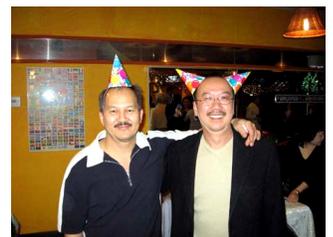
All the participants were great sports and everyone simply cracked up with laughter. After the games, the partying began in earnest. Our DJ for the night got everyone going with several medleys of classic rock, pop and disco rhythms.

As the clock approached midnight, all eyes were on the projector screen as everyone joined in the countdown... As we ushered in

ing dinner and dessert, we held a couple of rounds of Tombola, before starting some party games to get everyone into a more festive mood.



the new year, hugs and well-wishes were abundant, accompanied by lots of bubbly. Dancing then resumed into the wee hours of the morning... A big "Thank you" to everyone who helped make the event a great success! Don't forget to check out the website for more party pix!



**"As we ushered in the new year, hugs and well-wishes were abundant, accompanied by lots of bubbly."**

## Chinese New Year Celebration Special Announcement

### MSBCA Chinese New Year Celebration 2006

**Saturday, 4 February**

**Treasures of China Restaurant  
130 - 3 Avenue SE**

**Doors open at 6:00pm — Please be punctual  
(Note: Everyone to be seated by 7.00pm)**

**Lion Dance performance begins at 7:30pm  
Followed by dinner, raffles, door prizes,  
karaoke & dancing...**

<b>Ticket Cost</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Non-members</b>
<b>Adult</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Teen (13 to 17 yrs)</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Kids (5 to 12 yrs)</b>	<b>\$ 8.00</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Kids (&lt;4 yrs)</b>	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>

#### **Registration**

**(by 28 January 2006)**

**Please call before 10:00pm or email any of the  
following:**

- 1. Kai Loo at 246-1338,  
vp\_malaysia@msbcacalgary.ca**
- 2. Jennie Soo at 280-0327,  
treasurer@msbcacalgary.ca**
- 3. Melissa Cheah at 274-3541**

**Tables are filling quickly! Please book your  
tickets early to avoid disappointment!**

### **Acknowledgements**

**MSBCA would like to thank the following sponsors:**

**(for contributions above \$150)**

- Sunridge Nissan Ltd - Lion Dance Performance
- Calgary Instant Printing - Printing our dinner tickets
- Eric Ng - \$200 for Children's Ang Pow
- Khin Chew & Siew - \$200 for Mandarin oranges

*We are still looking for sponsors for the following: Live DJ, Door Prizes, Prizes for Silent Auction, Champagne for each Adult Dinner table.*

*If you would like to make a monetary contribution or donate prizes, please contact:*

*Jennie Soo @ 280-0327 treasurer@msbcacalgary.ca or  
Joyce Wong @ 220-1518 bencheryl@shaw.ca*

### **Menu**

#### **Adult**

- Deluxe BBQ Combination Platter
- Peking Roast Duck with crepes
- Pork Chops Peking Style
- Dried Scallops, Fish Maw and Shredded Duck Soup
- Salt & Pepper Shrimp
- Deep Fried Crispy Whole Chicken
- Braised Vegetables with Chinese Mushroom
- Fresh Steamed Tilapia
- Treasures of China Special Fried Rice
- Sautéed E-Fu Noodle
- Dessert – Red Bean Soup & Fresh Fruit

#### **Teen**

- Peking Roast Duck with crepes
- Pork Chops Peking Style
- Dried Scallops, Fish Maw and Shredded Duck Soup
- Deep Fried Crispy Chicken
- Stir Fried Minced Meat with Vegetables
- Deep Fried Fish Fillet with Creamy Dressing
- Fried Rice Noodle
- Fried Rice
- Dessert – Fresh Fruit

#### **Kids**

- Cream Corn with Chicken Soup
- Deep Fried Crispy Chicken
- Sweet & Sour Pork
- Stir Fried Vegetable
- Fried Rice Noodle
- Fried Rice
- Dessert - Fresh Fruit

Announcements

**Clubhouse Rental (updated, please read)**

Holding a meeting, presentation or social event?

The MSBCA clubhouse features 1000 sq ft of space, a licensed commercial kitchen, state of the art audio and video equipment, plus a seating capacity of 80 people.

**Rental Rates & Terms (with effect 1 Dec. 2005):**

Rental Hours: 9am to midnight

*Members (including sound system):*

6 hours \$60

Full day \$110

*Non-members (excluding sound system):*

6 hours \$80

Full day \$130

An additional \$100 is chargeable for the use of the sound system

**Damage Deposit:** Mandatory for ALL (refundable if there is no damage or loss to property):

- Building rental \$100
- Sound system \$400

**With immediate effect, there will be a cleaning surcharge of \$50.00 if the clubhouse is not properly cleaned after each rental. If applicable, this will be deducted from the damage deposit.**

**Look out for the revised rental rates (effective 1 May 2006) to be announced in the March issue of the newsletter.**

For more details, contact:

Geraldine Sng @ 242-2621 or email vp\_singapore@msbcacalgary.ca

**Part-time attendant, MSBCA**

The MSBCA is looking for a part-time attendant to perform various duties:

- Open and close the clubhouse on Saturdays between 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Do light cleaning of the clubhouse and ensure that it is kept neat & tidy

This is a paid position and will commence ASAP.

For more info, contact Jesse Cheah at 274.3541 or email secretary@msbcacalgary.ca

*Editor's note: If you would like to post jobs in the newsletter, please contact any of the MSBCA committee members or email: editor@msbcacalgary.ca*

**MSBCA 2006 Badminton Schedule**

- 6 Jan to 23 Jun (25 sessions)
- Every Friday evening from
- 8pm-10pm @ Talisman Centre Gym 4

**Fees:**

- \$5 drop-in
- \$70/\$50 for Single
- \$140/\$100 for Doubles
- \$188/\$138 for Family

*NB: Lower rate applies to Bingo volunteers*



**Tombola Nite**

**21 January 2006: 8.00 pm, MSBCA Clubhouse Karaoke & Makan too!**

**Supper (served at 10 pm): Char Kway Teow by Jesse Cheah (\$5.00 per plate)**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**MSBCA Calendar**

(Volunteers for events are most welcome!)

Sundays: Martial Arts & Tai Chi (if no rentals)

January:

- 13 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 14 - MSBCA Event (Bylaw discussion) — Potluck
- 15 - rental by Frank Zhou (6 hours)
- 20 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 21 - MSBCA Event (Tombola/Karaoke)
- 22 - rental by Frank Zhou (6 hours)
- 27 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 28 - MSBCA Event (CNY get-together)
- 29 - rental by Frank Zhou (6 hours)

February:

- 3 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 10 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 17 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 18 - MSBCA Event - Movie Night (title TBN)
- 24 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)

March:

- 3 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 5 - MSBCA Event - Sunday Lunch (details TBN)
- 10 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 17 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 18 - MSBCA Event - Tombola/Dancing
- 24 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 31 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)

April:

- 7 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 8 - MSBCA Event - Movie Night
- 15 - rental by Frank Zhou (Full day)
- 16 - rental by Frank Zhou (Full day)
- 21 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 22 - MSBCA Event - Karaoke
- 28 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)

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(Volunteers for events are most welcome!)

Sundays: Martial Arts & Tai Chi (if no rentals)

May:

- 5 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 6 - MSBCA Event - Food & clubhouse prep
- 7 - Cultural Nights - Pasar Malam (Night Market)
- 12 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 19 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 26 - rental by Folkdance Group (6 hours)
- 27 - MSBCA Event - Food & clubhouse prep
- 28 - Cultural Nights - Pasar Malam (Night Market)

June:

- 10 - MSBCA Event - TBN
- 24 - MSBCA Event - TBN

July:

- 1 - MSBCA Event - TBN
- 22 - MSBCA Event - Bowling (tentative)

August:

- 5 - MSBCA Event - Singapore National Day
- 26 - MSBCA Event - Malaysia National Day

September:

- 30 - MSBCA Event - AGM

Notes:

*For those marked TBN (To Be Notified), stay tuned for more details in upcoming newsletters!*

*Clubhouse rentals take precedence over "TBN" events. If you'd like to rent the clubhouse on those dates, please approach any of the committee members.*

## Bingo Update & Fundraising

### Bingo Points updated to Dec 14, 2005

Bird, Diana	70	Lau, Kong	10
Bong, Ah Nga	50	Lee, Brenda	20
Bong, Jimmy	20	Lee, Ken	30
Bong, Tracy	20	Lee, May & Jean-Michel	85
Chai, Peter	60	Lewis, Jenny	30
Chan, Jik&Yen	35	Li, Raymond	20
Chan, Kim Yee	30	Liew, Peter & Megan	14
Chan, Nelson	20	Lim, Eng	0
Chan, Rosana	30	Lim, Jane	70
Cheah, Jesse & Melissa	77	Lo, Michael	10
Chee, Leong	14	Loo, Kai	20
Chee, Ah	20	Looi, Kok Sim	60
Cheung, Paul & Anna	1	Ng, Eric	40
Chew, Khin & Siew	180	Ng, Jack	20
Chiang, Ian	11	Ng, Keith	10
Chiang, Ron	9	Poh, Kwong Wee & Jackie	0
Chiew, Andrew & Lily	30	Poon, Chester	0
Chiew, Calvin	40	Quek, Chong Hin	10
Chiew, Clara	10	Quek, Tony & Shyut Moi	96
Chiew, Keng-Wei	5	Roe, Kim	40
Chin, Ching Fatt	20	Rumjahn, Conrad,Rebecca,Arthur,Lara	120
Chin, George & Karen	85	Sario, Daniel, Julia & Pam	65
Chin, Khin & Cindy	80	Son, Cliff & Jessie	43
Chong, Alex Lye	2	Soo, John & Jennie	136
Choo, Yeu Chuan & Janette	0	Tan, Edmund	33
Chu, Kam	65	Tan, Jack	6
Chung, Chris	10	Tan, Peter	0
Gigi	40	Tan, Irene	20
Hau, Andy	20	Tan, Tuan Sing	8
Heng, Peter	25	Tang, C.K.	50
Kang, Ferlin	10	Teng, Hau Chong & Juliet	80
Khoo, Mok Yong	24	Teo, Ah Eng	10
Koong, Nora	15	Win, Becky	150
Krishnasamy, Terrance & Sonia	50	Wong, Joyce	35
Lau, Fred	30	Wong, Priscilla	105

### GOOD JOB!

On 24 Oct, 11 volunteers from MSBCA helped raise \$500 for the Red Cross for relief efforts towards the Pakistan Earthquake & Hurricane Katrina. These volunteers also donated their bingo points towards the above cause.

On behalf of everyone at MSBCA, thank you all for your time and effort.

MSBCA will continue to raise money through bingo to raise funds for specific causes.

Yours truly,

Jesse Cheah  
MSBCA Casino/Bingo Director

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Ever wondered how the monies from the various casino and bingo events are allocated and used?

There are strict guidelines as to how funds generated from these activities can be utilized.

These guidelines are overseen by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC), and will be available on our website for interested parties to download and read.

<http://www.msbcacalgary.ca>

**Marketplace—goods, services & other announcements**



“Thank You” to

**Malaysia Airlines**

For sponsoring tickets during these events:

**Cultural Night 2005**

**Chinese New Year 2005**

**Change of address?**

If your contact info is not up to date, you may be missing out!

Please contact Khin Chew to keep your details current!



**Got something to say?**

Send your questions, comments or articles to: editor@msbcacalgary.ca

Please note that the newsletter is now a bi-monthly publication and all submissions are due by the 15th of each even-numbered month.

We'd like to hear from you!

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**A new name, a fresh outlook!**

After several years of being “nameless”, the committee decided it was time for our publication to reflect the rapidly changing demographic and perspective of the MSBCA.

After some brainstorming & discussion, the name “msbca mosaic” was selected. We felt that it was simple but appropriate and aptly symbolizes the multicultural nature of the association.

The name further alludes to our strengths and vibrant community when we come together — a single piece of mosaic may not amount to much, but collectively, a wall of mosaic is dynamic, unique and a pleasure to the eye.

We hope that you enjoy the new name as much as we do!

Don't forget to check out the full-colour version of the newsletter on our website!

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