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From the President's desk

I am grateful to a new group of people who have stepped up and volunteered their time to be part of MSBCA's traditional dance group.

Thank you Stanley, Bin, Ivan, Jade and Adrine. To our dedicated band of members who are always there to help out: Priscilla, Peter, Melissa, Kim, Jill and Khoo - I appreciate your support and hope you will have fun in this year's dance activities.

Taufik from Tourism Malaysia will conduct a 4-day traditional dance workshop in May. As you may know, Taufik had choreographed two of our dances, the "Joget" and Tarian Melayu" that we performed last year at the Global Fest and Mosaic of Flavors.

This year our choreographer is Priscilla Wong, who despite her busy work schedule and dance routines is back to coach us. So far, the "Joget dance looks promising and we should be able to feature our first public performance in the tarian Joget soon.

At the Clubhouse, the Sarawak Laksa Sunday Lunch and the Hae Mee (Prawn Noodle) Night — both held in March — were a tremendous success.

Through the efforts of Peter and Elizabeth Tan preparing the delicious Sarawak Laksa and Josephine and Yee Ming cooking up a storm during the Prawn Noodle Night, we were able to raise over \$1000.00 towards the chil-

dren's scholarship fund.

A big "thank-you" also goes out to Anna and Ah Nga Bong who generously contributed \$1000 to the scholarship fund.

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There is still much to do as MSBCA is involved in a number of activities in the coming months. The immediate events include our participation in ImagineAsian 2007, featuring the Asian Heritage Month.

In particular, on 19 May, the MSBCA is participating in "Feed the Homeless" at the Drop-in Center. Following that is the Asian Night Market on 2 June, where MSBCA is involved as stage performers and also as a vendor, together with the rest of the Asian communities. MSBCA will be showcasing the very best of our "Kampong" desserts.

To those devoted Christian members of MSBCA, I would like to wish you and your family Happy Easter. May this holy month of fasting, penance, prayer and reflection bring with it peace and satisfaction through the whole year.

Daniel Sario

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"Guns belong on the battlefield — and even that is debatable — not in cities, in easy reach of troubled teenagers, disgruntled ex-employees or sociopaths."



It seemed like just a while ago when I made reference to Kimveer Gill and the shooting incident in Montreal; now yet another tragedy has occurred, in the US, at yet another educational institution.

Over 30 people were killed this time, making it the most prolific and horrific incident of its kind in the US to date. What is it about colleges that triggers such acts of madness? Could it have been prevented? We may never know the answers to these questions, but one thing is certain: once again, guns were involved.

I have American friends, and I must say that they support gun control as I do — they may rank among the minority as I'm told many Americans believe that it is their inalienable right to own and bear arms. Arms? Sure. Guns? What the heck for? If nobody had access to guns, why in the world would you need one to "protect" yourself?

The powerful gun lobby in the US uses an age-old mantra to make its case: "Guns don't kill people; people kill people," they chant. Eh? Ye-ah, but guns make it really EASY to kill a LOT of people at once. Is it worth the risk?

I mean, think about it: if the killer at Virginia Tech had a knife, or a baseball bat, or even a bow, do you think he would have (or could have) killed 33 people before being neutral-

ized? Well, ok, says the Gun lobby, "but it's our right to own and bear arms, you can't take that away from us."

Personally, I think that right can and should be taken away. Civil rights are meant to PROTECT individual freedoms, and guarantee personal safety, not make you someone's moving target. No one should "have the right" to kill you, and have that right enshrined in a constitution or charter. Guns are designed to kill—anyone who has ever fired a weapon before knows this for a fact. And unlike what you see in the movies, a person can easily die from a small calibre bullet like a .22 revolver or a 9 mm handgun; you don't need a Dirty Harry .44 Magnum or a .50 Desert Eagle to do the job.

With the high-powered hunting rifles (remember the sniper incident in the US?) and automatic weapons readily available these days, killing lots of people at once is too easily accomplished. Of course, the question is why would ANYONE need the right to own such weapons? It's a "right" I can do without.

Guns belong on the battlefield—and even that argument is debatable—not in cities, in easy reach of troubled teenagers, disgruntled ex-employees or sociopaths. Their primary function is not to create, build, help someone up a bus, diagnose an illness, or power a vehicle; guns are designed to kill. Period. GH

Prawn Noodle Night — Richard Tay

By the time 6:30 p.m. rolled around, there were already quite a few people in the clubhouse eager to start off the evening. It boded well for the Hae Mee (prawn noodle) Night.

There was a steady stream of people passing through the door and the convivial atmosphere set the mood for the night.

The clubhouse also showcased 3 beautiful custom-made batik banners that depicted scenes from Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

The generous bowls of hae mee were consumed with gusto amid friendly chatter and laughter.

The crowd waited with much anticipation as Jumanah, belly dancer extraordinaire, came out in a sequined gown to perform her number. Some sporting

members and non-members alike were encouraged to show off their belly dancing skills too. Good to know that we may have some budding belly dancers in the club.

The entertainment for the night also included a pre recording of the badminton match in which the Malaysian doubles team won the All England Men's Doubles Championship 2007.

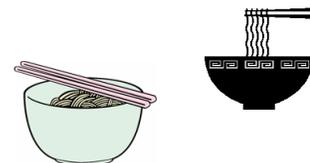


The ice shaver had a good workout that

night too, with many members ordering ice kacang and chendol.

The committee wishes to express its appreciation and thanks to Josephine Wong and Maureen Chew (who prepared the hae mee), Melissa Cheah and Jenny Khoo (who prepared the ice kacang and chendol), Yat Ni (who prepared the extremely attractive desserts) and other helpers for their hard work and effort.

It is thanks to members like them who put in their time willingly and cheerfully that the club can hold these functions and have others enjoy their culinary skills.



Sunday lunches: Sarawak Laksa — George Heng

So you've yet to attend an MSBCA lunch? What's it like, you ask? Well, throw in a couple of enthusiastic cooks (in this case, Peter and Elizabeth Tan), a bunch of volunteer helpers, committee members (of course), and a hungry mob and you kind of get the picture...!



Sarawak Laksa was the order of the day, and to those who didn't get to sample this great dish prepared with authentic Barrett's Laksa paste (on sale at the club), all I can say is, "better luck next time!"

MSBCA food events are typically well-attended affairs and the food is, well, cuisine that you simply can't find anywhere else in Calgary.

A quick glance at any of the patrons wolfing down a bowl of spicy Laksa (and it was a large bowl) would certainly attest to that!



Special thanks go to Peter and Elizabeth, who shared their painstakingly prepared aromatic recipe with us, the kitchen helpers and coordinators, our

very own MSBCA "green martian", easter bunny and PR dude Jesse Cheah (for getting those great bowls!) and of course, the hungry mob who attended the event.



So consider this a friendly warning — the next time the club has a Sunday lunch (or any food event for that matter), better mark that date down in your day planner and reserve your seat early! You don't want to end up disappointed...

A convenient way of life, an Inconvenient Truth — Jesse Cheah

Paying attention to politics — particularly US politics — isn't exactly on my top 10 list, let alone when an ex-US vice-president takes centre stage.

But after watching "An Inconvenient Truth", I began to admire this man because he realized that he could use his status to effectively address an issue that you & I would have more difficulty in doing: to tell the world about what has been happening to our Big Blue Marble.

In fact our planet is becoming less blue these days and more red — I think you know what I mean. You may also ask yourself: "What can I as an individual do to make a difference?"

Well I say you can — just like the Malay proverb "Sikit-sikit jadi bukit" or roughly translated to mean "every little grain of sand will help make a mountain". Yet who

am I to preach to you on how to live your life? All I ask is that you watch the documentary & be aware of what is happening around you now.

MSBCA has a copy of the DVD and we will also be screening the documentary at the clubhouse. Watch it either by yourself, with friends or better still with your family because our children will face a greater consequence if we don't make an effort to change now!

The problem is real because statistics & scientists have been proven to be right when predicting the causes behind climate change. I'm sure some or all of you have already started making changes to your lifestyle to help reduce carbon emissions.

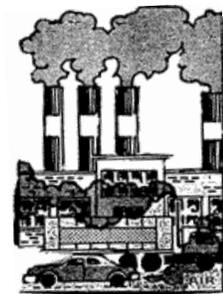
I have to try harder myself to change my lifestyle and sacrifice some conven-

iences to help our little planet breathe easier. I'm hoping we as a community will do our small part.

Yours truly,

MSBCA 'Green' Martian

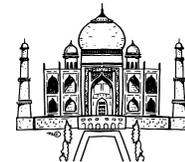
P.s. MSBCA will be showing the documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" on May 5th Sat @ the Clubhouse starting @ 8pm. Show duration is 1 hr. 40 min.



Asian Heritage Month—May/June



MSBCA will be participating in the following events during Asian Heritage Month:



19 May: Dinner for the Homeless. Please call Kim Roe @ 289-6096 (cell: 861-6096) or Jesse Cheah @ 274-3541 (cell: 880-8885) if you can volunteer to cook for this event.

2 June: Asian Night Market at the Olympic Plaza (2 pm to midnight). MSBCA will be presenting two cultural dances. The entertainment includes cultural performances from 2 pm - 6 pm followed by comedy shows, a musical show, a beer garden and more. Vendors selling food & cultural artifacts will be there throughout the event. Please come and support this event. See you there!

Note: we will send out the highlights of the Asian Heritage Month as soon as the program is made available.

Announcements

MSBCA Photo Contest 2007

Rules & Regulations:

1. This contest is open to MSBCA Youth 12 - 17 years, (amateurs only).
2. Entry Form (including agreement to allow photo to be published in MSBCA Mosaic along with your name) must be filled out along with signed release if other people are in the picture.
3. Colour photos only will be considered and the photo must be original work of entrant.
4. Format can be Digital .jpg (best quality) or a 4 x 6" Photograph. Email digital photos to secretary@msbcacalgary.ca or mail photos to the clubhouse address. **INCLUDE FORMS.**
5. MSBCA will accept a maximum 3 photos per entrant.
6. No changes other than tone or colour corrections, red-eye and cropping for content are allowed.
7. The categories for the photo can be Wildlife, Flowers and/or Landscape.



Prizes:

First prize \$75, Second Prize \$50 and Third Prize \$25.
 Deadline for entries to be submitted is May 31, 2007
 Please note that a minimum of 6 people must enter, or the contest will be cancelled.

Photo Contest Entry Form			
<u>(include 1 copy with each photo submitted)</u>			
Name: _____			
Address: _____			
City: _____		Prov: _____	Postal Code: _____
Phone: () _____		Email: _____	
Age Group: _____		Photo Category: _____	
I understand my photo(s) become the sole property of MSBCA Calgary.			
Signature: _____		Date: _____	
Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____			

Release Form			
(if photo includes people other than yourself) <u>(include 1 copy with each photo submitted)</u>			
Name: _____			
Address: _____			
City: _____		Prov: _____	Postal Code: _____
Phone: () _____			
I hereby irrevocably consent to and authorize the use and reproduction of any and all photographs you have taken of me, negatives, positives, proofs originals or copies, for whatever purpose, without further compensation to me, and I understand these photos will be submitted to MSBCA Calgary for their unrestricted use.			
Signature: _____		Date: _____	
Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____			

MSBCA Calendar

(Volunteers for events are most welcome!)

Sundays: Martial Arts & Tai Chi
(see page 8- subject to rentals and events)

May:

- 05 - Movie night: "An Inconvenient Truth"
- 19 - Feed the Homeless (Asian Heritage Month)

June:

- 02 - Asian Night Market (Asian Heritage Month)
- 23 - Cultural Night

July:

Sunday lunches - to be announced

August:

- 4 - Singapore's National Day celebration
- 16 to 19 - Camping @ Mt. Kidd (Kananaskis)
- 25 - Malaysia's Merdeka Day celebration

September:

08 - MSBCA picnic Bowness Park: Site #1

October:

MSBCA AGM (details TBA)



Reminder: Please advise me if you have an email address where you'd want to receive updated news about MSBCA events & upcoming activities. Note that sometimes events & activities do come up on short notice and therefore may not show up in our monthly newsletter.

Yours truly,

Jesse.cheah@msbcacalgary.ca
MSBCA PR dude

Some reasons why you should drive to Vancouver during the Easter weekend:

- See the contrast of ice & water flowing on the lake by Field, BC.
- See the Rogers Pass picnic area covered by 12 feet of snow.
- See mountain goats on the slope of the mountains near Golden.
- See people wearing shorts in Kamloops & Merrit.
- See numerous waterfalls along the highway.
- See the snow-capped mountains in the backdrop of Vancouver city.
- Eating gelato without actually freezing.
- See the dolphin & beluga whale show outside the Vancouver aquarium.
- See the cherry blossoms in Stanley Park & all around the city (comes in white & pink).
- Eat cheap & good sushi & sashimi (not related to Easter but had to throw it in).

Yours truly,

MSBCA Easter bunny



Volunteers needed for Cultural Night!

We need volunteers to help prepare the following:

- 1.Nasi lemak
- 2.Curry puffs
- 3.Rendang beef
- 4.Roti canai
- 5.Kuih-kuih

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MSBCA 2007 Badminton Schedule

- 5 Jan to 29 June (25 sessions)
- Every Friday evening, 8 pm - 10 pm
- Venue: Talisman Centre Gym 4

Fees (members only):

- \$63 — single
- \$126 — double
- \$175 — family

MSBCA 2007 Badminton Tournament

- 6 July, 7 pm - 10 pm
- Venue: Talisman Centre Gym 4

2007 Membership renewal

You may renew your membership by mailing your cheque to the MSBCA, attention: Ken Preston.

MSBCA
Attn: Ken Preston
#301, 114-3rd Ave SW
Calgary, AB T2P 0E7

Clubhouse Rental

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 May 2006):

Rental Hours: 9am to midnight

Members (including sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$120

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$150

Non-members (excluding sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$160

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$200

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.

For more details, contact:

Eric Ng @ 280.4165
 email: delux.e.eric@shaw.ca

Marketplace—goods, services & other announcements

Sunday Martial Arts & Tai Chi Classes

Kids' martial arts classes
(11.45 am—12.45 pm)
and adults' Tai Chi classes
(12.45 pm-1.45 pm)
every Sunday.

Instructor: Tan Chin Hock
Venue: MSBCA clubhouse

All members are welcome!

Change of address?

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

Please contact Ken Preston @ 279.1828 to keep your details current!



Got something to say?

Send your questions, comments or articles to:
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Note: the newsletter is now a monthly publication.

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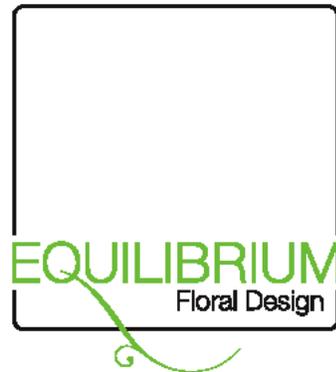
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