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## From the President's desk

Cultural Night 2007 will be remembered as one of the great parties celebrated by the MSBCA.

Held on 23 June, the event was attended by 360 people at the Beddington Community Centre.

Our cooks dished out fabulous entrées like Beef Rendang, Ayam Merah, Nasi Lemak, Curry Noodles, Bee Hoon Goreng, Satay, Ba'cang, Brunei Rojak, Curry Puffs and local Malaysian desserts.

MSBCA performers showcased their talents by playing set pieces on the organ, singing and performing traditional dance routines.

We had great participation in the Club Med repertoire and the Western Line Dance. Thank you to all our vendors, performers and volunteers for a great show.

The MSBCA dancers were also involved at the Premier's Cross Gala held at the Telus Convention Center on June 17.

The Premier's Gala featured performances from various ethnic communities in Calgary to welcome our new premier Ed Stelmach.

Our PR dude Jesse Cheah brought along artifacts featuring MSBCA Culture and brochures for a booth dis-

play at the Cross Gala function. He was kept busy with questions about Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei.

Our MSBCA dancers performed the Sumazau dance and the Tarian Rentak traditional dances of Malaysia.

The public enjoyed the performances and several invitations were extended to the group to perform at other functions around Calgary.

The MSBCA dancers also performed at the opening of an Exhibition Hall at the Glenbow Museum on 3 July.

Moreover, in conjunction with Malaysia's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Merdeka Celebration, MSBCA Calgary was invited by the Malaysian High Commission to participate in organizing commemorative events in Calgary.

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Discussions are on going, so stay tuned for news regarding the food fair in the upcoming months.

Meanwhile, I hope you had a terrific time at the Calgary Stampede and a wonderful summer!

Daniel Sario

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## Editorial — Who's subsidizing whom?



*"Any government-led initiatives or programs must resolve these issues through a long-term approach of increasing home ownership and addressing the social pressures that drive the rental spiral."*



A strange thing seems to be happening within the rental market in Calgary. Due to the Provincial government's reluctance to implement rent controls (even for a temporary period until the market cools), two things have happened:

First, the rental market is still running amok, with exorbitant rents applying even more pressure on the disabled, disenfranchised, seniors on fixed incomes or struggling families with single income households.

Second, the "subsidy fund" that the government has established to "assist" tenants that have been assessed these exorbitant rents has been all but depleted.

In addition, through a lack of governance, fiscal protocols and a system of checks and balances, we now have a situation whereby unscrupulous individuals are helping themselves to the subsidy money through a series of fraudulent — albeit creative — scams.

Even with legitimate claims, the positive results of this program are extremely short-lived. In reality, the subsidy fund is nothing more than a slush fund of "coffee money" for these landlords. The tenants

aren't truly getting rent relief, as the subsidy amounts are fairly small; they are also no closer to home ownership. The subsidies will not last forever, and when that dries up, what happens next?

What was this whole exercise for? And at the end of the day, who is truly doing the subsidizing, and who is truly benefiting from the subsidies?

We now have a situation whereby we, the taxpayer, are subsidizing these landlords and lining the pockets of the scam artists. Caught in the middle are the hapless tenants, who are no better off than before, and who are still at risk of being evicted the moment they fail to meet their rental obligations.

How is Alberta supposed to meet its increasing labour demands if it cannot house its workforce?

Any government-led initiatives or programs must resolve these issues through a long-term approach of increasing home ownership and addressing the social pressures that drive the rental spiral. Rent controls may only serve as a part of that package.

In short, taxpayers should not be made to subsidize greedy landlords. GH

## The Premier's Cross Cultural Community Gala

Held on Father's day (June 17), the premier's cross-cultural community gala 2007 was an afternoon of multi cultural performances from the Calgary region.

The MSBCA dancers performed 'the sumazau', the traditional dance of Sabah and the Tarian Rentak.

MSBCA also set up a booth at the Telus Convention Center displaying various native cultural artifacts and travel brochures of Malaysia and region.

It was a grand performance by the MSBCA dancers. Attendees were very impressed with the costumes, the music and the choreography.

Jesse Cheah, who manned the display booth all afternoon, was kept busy answering questions about the club and travel to the region.



## Cultural Night 2007

The MSBCA Cultural Night, which was held on June 23, was a memorable evening of good food, socializing and entertainment.

There was true representation of local delicacies from the region with Beef Rendang, curry noodles, Nasi Lemak, Bacang, Bee Hoon goreng, Brunei rojak, ice kacang and cakes served for the occasion.

Adeline Chan's choir group added a musical dimension to the evening's entertainment, singing songs in Malay, Chinese and English.

Our young members Timothy & Tanya Chan, as well as Wen Li Looi and Jian Cheng Chuan all showcased their musical talents, impressing the audience with their mastery of the respective instruments.

The MSBCA dancers then performed traditional Malaysian dances to the enjoyment of the crowd.





## Announcements



### Singapore Night 2007

**Date:** 4 August 2007

**Place:** MSBCA Clubhouse

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.- Midnight

**Tickets:**

Members: Adult: \$10

Children \$5 (7-14yrs)

Non-Members: Adult : \$14

Children \$5 (7-14yrs)

**Dinner:** Singapore Laksa & dessert  
Ice Kacang available for \$2 per bowl

**Cook:** Adeline Chan

**Maximum number of people:** 90

**Deadline to register:** 30 July

**Tickets:**

Call Jennie Soo @ 280-0327



### Merdeka Night 2007

**Date:** 25 August 2007

**Place:** MSBCA Clubhouse

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.- Midnight

**Tickets:**

Members: Adult: \$10

Children \$5 (7-14yrs)

Non-Members: Adult: \$14

Children \$8 (7-14yrs)

**Dinner:** Menu to be announced

**Cooks:** Julia Sario & Lily Chiew

**Maximum number of people:** 90

**Deadline to register:** 20 August

**Tickets:**

Call Jill Heng @ 686-8448

Daniel Sario @ 274-0338

Kim Roe @ 289-6096



**MSBCA Calendar**

**Sundays: Martial Arts & Tai Chi**  
(see update on this page)

**July:**

22 - Sunday lunch - Morley Chien preparing Curry Laksa

**August:**

4 - Singapore's National Day celebration

16 to 19 - Camping @ Mt. Kidd in Kananaskis Country (please call Kim Roe @ 289-6096 or Jesse Cheah @ 274-3541 to book your spot)

25 - Malaysia's Merdeka Day celebration

25 - Golf Tournament

**September:**

08 - MSBCA picnic @ Bowness Park. Venue may be moved to the Club. Details to be announced.

**October:**

13 - MSBCA AGM Luncheon meeting at the Club. Free for all, starting at 1pm. Please come and support the club.

27 - Halloween party. Details to be announced.

**November 2007 - January 2008:**

Events to be announced

**February 2008:**

8 - Chinese New Year Dinner @ Regency Palace



**Reasons why you are Chinese (part 2)**

21. You love Las Vegas, slot machines, and Blackjack.
22. You unwrap Xmas gifts carefully, so that you can use the wrapper paper again.
23. You use vinyl table cloth on the kitchen table.
24. You use dishwasher as a dish rack.
25. You save grocery bags, tin foils and tin containers.
26. You have a piano in your living room.
27. You pick your teeth at the dinner table (but you cover your mouth)
28. You hate to waste food.
29. You have a Tupperware in the fridge with 3 bites of rice or one leftover chicken wing.
30. You have a collection of miniature shampoo bottles, taken from hotels.
31. Your dad thinks he can fix everything himself.
32. You beat eggs with chopsticks.
33. You like congee with "thousand-year-old egg".
34. You prefer your shrimps with heads and legs still attached.
35. You never call your parents to say Hi.
36. If you live on your own, when your parents call, they'll ask if you have eaten, even if it is midnight.
37. When you're sick, your parents will ask you to refrain from eating fried food, and diagnosed your sickness as "yit hei."
38. You starve yourself before going to all-u-can-eat establishments.

**Adults' Tai Chi & Kids' Kung-fu Classes**

Please note that the last Tai Chi class for adults and Kung-fu class for kids (before breaking for summer) will be held on 17 June. Classes will resume in the Fall on 16 September.

See you then!

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



**MSBCA Fall 2007 Badminton Schedule  
(excludes 28 Sept)**

- 14 Sep to 14 Dec (13 sessions)
- Every Friday night, 8 pm - 10 pm
- Venue: Talisman Centre

**Cost:**

- \$39/\$65 — single\*
- \$117/\$195 — family\*

**MSBCA 2007 Badminton Tournament**

- 28 Sep, \$10 per person
- Prize money for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place

**MSBCA Winter 2008 Badminton Schedule  
(excludes 8 Feb & 21 Mar)**

- 11 Jan to 27 June (23 sessions)
- Every Friday night, 8 pm - 10 pm
- Venue: Talisman Centre

**Cost:**

- \$69/\$115 — single\*
- \$207/\$345 — family\*

\*Note: The lower rates are for players who volunteer to organize for a Sunday fund raising lunch towards badminton. The higher rate still requires players to volunteer for at least 1 MSBCA event e.g. upcoming Casino on Mar 21 & 22.

**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: deluxeric@shaw.ca

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

**Sunday Martial Arts & Tai Chi Classes (Fall schedule)**

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: editor@msbcacalgary.ca

Note: the newsletter is now a monthly publication.

Submissions for the next issue are due by the 15th of each preceding month.

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