

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



TONY QUEK
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各位朋友，谢了！

To all of you, thanks!

I have encountered tremendous support from members for the last two years of serving MSBCA. I wish to thank you all for the confidence and trust that

you've given to the board members and I, to provide services and to make the club a fun place to be. There were also the occasional ups and downs, personal conflicts and differences in opinions. However, in the last 2 years, many issues would not have been resolved without the understanding, commitment and hard work of all the committee members. Hats off to the term's dedicated committee members.

We made it!

Aside from creating fun for our members, the clubhouse is a common place to meet with many old friends at one time whenever we hold a function. Once again, I strongly encourage all of you to spend as much time together as you can. Share your favorite dishes in a potluck or ideas in a session which will benefit to all.

There are many challenges still ahead of MSBCA. Two major issues are the decrease of casino proceeds we raise

every 16 to 18 months. This fund is the main fuel for the maintenance of clubhouse. The dwindling of MSBCA members effects the turn out for many events, which help generate income for the clubhouse.

MSBCA's survival depends on your continued support.

In a matter of weeks, there will be a newly selected committee in charge of running the MSBCA. I have full confidence that the new team will bring you more ideas and enthusiasm. Change is good and I will still be there to help whenever I'm needed.

It is indeed a good experience for me to serve MSBCA and thanks to a few committee members who came in to be my pillars that I can lean on. Friendship doesn't build on casual chat but common sense, trust and understanding. I've gained a few along the way and also had an in-depth look over some. Life is always a learning curve for me.

MSBCA belongs to all the members. We are volunteers to serve the best interest of MSBCA. We try our best to create fun for its members and we manage to bridge a strong tie with other communities in the City of Calgary.

To all of you, Good Health and Be Happy!

Tony Quek

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MSBCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Due to overwhelming feedback for the previous set date during a long weekend, the AGM is now postponed to :

**October 17, 2010,
Sunday**

**MSBCA Clubhouse
#301, 114 -3rd Ave. SW
Calgary, Alberta**

**Time : 11:30 am - 12.30 pm -
light lunch and chinese tea**

AGM proper starts at 1.00pm

Time to renew your membership as well.

All eligible members in good standing (18+) please come and support and share your views.

Positions available:
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VP Singapore / VP Brunei
/ Secretary/Treasurer /
Committee members

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I've been searching for some ruby red slippers to visit the Land of Oz for a while now - Oz as in Australia that is - and I think I've found them!

I'm not sure if I've mentioned my dream travel destination before in my previous editorials, but I have in the works a plan to head down to Australia early 2011! Ever since my last year of summer of travels, Australia had been brought up from one of my close girl friends and we were almost going to go then! However plans didn't work out for Aussie at that time but we did get to go to L.A. and New York instead!

So, I've always been keen to visit the wonderful land of 'Oz' but I think one thing that I was hesitant about was not having any family/relatives there or people that I know. But earlier this year I met some great friends from Australia that came to Canada for a Working Holiday. We met through a mutual friend and now that I know people in Australia, I have more of a reason to visit! Although I'm pretty sure I would have went anyways if I didn't know very many people down there just for a new experience.

I'm pretty excited! I am in the process of filling out an application for a Work-

ing Holiday Visa. Now it's just the waiting game, working hard to save up some money and searching for good flight prices.

This will be a pretty big adjustment to the ordinary for me. I am a little nervous and excited at the same time. I feel that it is time for me to shake things up in my life. I have just been cruising through life, fortunately, all this time and now I just need to put myself out there and challenge myself and put myself in a different environment.

I figure if I'm not going to do it now, I may not get a chance to do this later on in life with future commitments and responsibilities. Going to Australia was also one of my goals I set last summer for myself: "To visit Australia before I turn 26" and "To move to another city temporarily before I'm 26." So I will have achieved two of my goals if my plans work out!

If I'm still doing the newsletter for next term I will definitely have lots of stories to share with you all in my editorials from abroad!

Wish me luck in getting my Working Holiday Visa!

Membership Renewal? Change Member Info?

Please contact Pei Lee Chin at
membership@msbca.ca
to keep your details current!

-----MSBCA CALENDAR-----
of events proposed for 2009-2010

Please note that some dates are still to be announced and that the events/ functions are not limited to this list. If you have any event ideas, bring them forward!

October 2010

- 17th - Annual General Meeting
- 23rd - "Try Mama's Cooking" Fundraiser



SUNDAY LUNCH

MSBCA Clubhouse

Please check back after the AGM for upcoming lunches.



Calling All Volunteers for Casino!

Casino Funds Are a Huge Part That Fuels Our Club!

It's clost to that time again!

March 18/19(Friday/Saturday), 2011.

All interested volunteers should phone

Jesse Cheah at (403) 880 8885 for positions.

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"TRY MAMA'S COOKING"

(Fundraising for the MSBCA Dance Group)

The MSBCA Dance group has been in existence for at least 20 years. Prior to the purchase of the clubhouse, the group met in their homes and all expenses spent on costumes, food, travel, and tickets for the various functions came out of their own pockets.

The group has grown in numbers and will continue to generate interest within MSBCA. A few years after the purchase of the clubhouse, MSBCA started to pay for the costs of the costumes and the Dance Group is grateful for this decision made by the Committee. We have promoted awareness for MSBCA and will continue to do so.

Recently, the Dance Group made the decision to hold fund raising events to cover the cost of expenses incurred during regular practice sessions and other functions. These expenses include the cost of parking, food, purchase of tickets for functions, cost of materials for alterations of costumes and travel etc.

Our first fund raising attempt was during the Cultural Night in May where we sold food at the Pasar Malam. It was small but worthwhile. Our next event will occur on October 23rd in

the clubhouse. We have rented the clubhouse for this event. Please see the details on page 5. It will be an evening of good food and fun including a couple of dances performed by us. We hope to see you there.

Thank you

The MSBCA Dance Group.



"TRY MAMA'S COOKING"
 (Fund Raising Dinner for MSBCA Dance Group)
Saturday, Oct 23 2010
6:30 PM
MSBCA Clubhouse
 #301, 114 – 3rd Ave SW
 Calgary, AB T2P 0E7

Main Course: Malaysian Nasi Lemak (spicy)
 Coconut rice
 Squid + Prawn Sambal
 Fried Chicken
 Egg
 Cucumber
 Anchovies with peanut (Ikan Belis)
 Mix vegetables

Followed by Malaysian Dessert
 Coffee and Tea

Ticket: \$ 20/person
 Maximum Capacity 90 people

Please Contact to RSPV:
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Seniors' Celebration Day

Story by Jade Tarbet

Last Sunday, September 26, the Avatamsaka Monastery celebrated their "Appreciating and Honoring Elders Day". The event involved many volunteers, who put in a lot of hard work to make this day special. The volunteers were unstoppable! The volunteer work included in the preparation of the 2 dining rooms, decorating them, cooking delicious vegetarian food, serving the food it to the elderly, performed cultural dances and organized the parking. The day went smoothly due to the hard work put out by the volunteers.

The MSBCA dance group took part in this event. The dance group performed the Kung Fu Dance this year in 2 different dining rooms.

The sounds of the powerful gold fan wowed the elderly as they stopped eating their meal in order to watch the dance. They were all fascinated by the dance that combines the graceful movement of the Kung Fu warriors and the fan.

It has been 4 years since the dance group started participating for this great cause. The group always looks forward to performing in front of this wonderful audience.

The warm smiles, clapping, twinkling eyes, and the numerous "thank you" from the audience and other volunteers made it an honor for the dance group to be a part of this event.



highlights

MSBC NIGHT



Story by Vena Palmer

Saturday, September 25, marked our three nation Association night. It was a sellout quickly after being announced, reflecting the enthusiasm of our Association for these events.

Adeline rushed home from Singapore to start preparing her renowned *Chicken Bryani*. Many others helped in the kitchen, both in the days leading up the dinner and on the day itself. I would like to thank Jenny, Cynthia, Kate, Ee Pin, Daisy, Jenny, and Joo Teh for making the night possible. For dessert we had *Seri Mukah* and *Tapioca Kueh* with Melissa and Tony's *Ice Kachang*.

Jade, with Cynthia and Kate, dressed the tables in neat, simple, stylish decoration.



Patrick organized diversions after dinner, including a very well-received Brunei/Malaysia/Singapore trivial pursuit, which I think could be further developed for future events. Jenny hosted bingo and there were many prizes given away. It was enjoyable to have young children



there with us, zooming around the club house. The teenagers and youngsters who honour us with their company – we need them to keep us from getting too stuffy.

So thank you to those who worked so hard to pull it all together, and thank you to everyone who came to celebrate our common cultures. See you again next time.



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Photo by Tracey Bong. Taken while out for a walk with my dog, Mushu on a beautiful fall day. What great timing that a butterfly lands in my photo!

PLACE YOUR AD HERE

Do you have a story to tell us? An interest to share? Questions or Concerns?

We are always looking for stories to feature in our MSBCA newsletter!

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

Note: the newsletter is a monthly publication.

Club House Rental

Holding a meeting, presentation or social event?

For more inquiries, contact
One of the Committee Members

**#301, 114 - 3 Ave SW
Calgary AB T2P 0E7**

Rental Rates & Terms (with effect 1 May 2006):

Rental Hours: 9 am to midnight

Members (including sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$132

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$165

Non-members (excluding sound system):

Mon-Fri: \$180

Sat-Sun, Holidays: \$220

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 \$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.