

Interim President's Message

Hi everyone,

My swan song it was not to be but it's always a pleasure to assist whenever there is a need. So here I am penning another message so my successor, an Accountant, can have sufficient time to cope with pressing demands to submit Tax Returns by end April.

Over the last month event-wise there were no significant developments but the forthcoming big event would be our Cultural Night. Other matters of interest to the membership are as follows:

1. Your committee met and debated the question of clubhouse rental, a decision on which is long overdue. Among the issues were the question of rental time-span, public liability, fire safety regulations, rental fees & deposits, security of clubhouse and assets, purpose of use, and accountability & recourse. Hopefully we will hear from our Secretary soon on the availability of clubhouse use.

2. Another matter of concern to the Committee is the fact that our condo-management fees have gone up significantly. Our

VP Brunei Cliff was tasked with looking into possible avenues of cost saving and through him we had advice from Christopher C who was good enough to accept our invitation for a Q & A session. Thank you Cliff, and Thank you Chris for pointing us the way.

3. The committee considered having a Seniors' Night some time in September. This is going to be the first time we are having this event and it is in the early planning stage.

Sightings down the road will be our Sunday lunch come April 22nd and further down will be our Cultural Night. The Committee would certainly be grateful for volunteers and for your participation at these events again for camaraderie and taste-bud nostalgia!

Regards to everyone and Happy Easter Holidays.

*Sincerely,
Kenneth*

"If we had no winter,
the spring would not be
so pleasant: if we did
not sometimes taste of
adversity, prosperity
would not be
so welcome."

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Friday Night Social Nights

**Every Friday* Night the
clubhouse will be open for
Social Night!**

7:00pm to 9:30pm

Come out and socialize, have some fun and enjoy some good company! Maybe we'll karaoke, maybe a movie? It's a night for our members!

Must Register With:

Jennie Soo 403-280-0327 **or**
Joyce Yit 403-473-8812

**Note: Registration is highly recommended in order to notify for any last-minute change or cancellation.*



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travel editorial

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Membership Renewal? Change Member Info?

Please contact Cynthia Tung at
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to keep your details current!

It's good to be back home to see my family and friends and just to be surrounded by familiar faces! Have some yummy home cooking by my mom! I'm not sure how long I will stay until I go back to Australia though! Perhaps in about two or three months? I am looking forward to going back and exploring new places and experiences. I feel like I am not quite done with the beautiful land of Oz.

I got back home to see that my family has added the iPad2 to our collection of gadgets. And let me tell you, I am hooked on that thing! It's so fun and easy to use with lots of cool games and apps! A lot of people are surprised when I tell them that I don't have an iPhone... yet, since I have a MacBook and all. I hope to get an iPhone soon and jump on the bandwagon ha ha! It's a funny thing when I see some of my groups of friends. If we are in a social setting, more times than not, I catch 4 out of 5 people checking their phones, texting or playing games, and that includes myself. It's funny how we socialize now with social media and social games. There's a really addicting game called Draw Something and Scramble with Friends. Just last week a

few of us were just staring at our phones and iPads playing against each other. I guess in some ways its like the modern day, digital board game? Anyways, it just seems like we are all more or less dependent on our phones these days.

If we need to Google Map a place, just look on our smart phone, arguing over how old Mick Jagger is, just look up on our phones! Knowledge is just at our fingertips now. So, thinking back to when we didn't have smart phones, we would have had to resort to paper maps, asking people for directions, and waiting to get home to look it up on the World Wide Web.

Well I guess we are in what they call the Age of Knowledge. Smart phones do make things findable within seconds, and with everything moving online, especially with social media mediums, there are also concerns about privacy and maybe even putting out too much information, even personal information, about yourself. This subject has been a popular topic in the news in previous years as well as recently and trying to make people more aware of these issues. So what do you think?



Playing a game of Lawn Bowling on a sunny afternoon in Australia, just before I left. Pretty fun game which takes quite some skills.

upcoming events

-----MSBCA CALENDAR----- of events proposed for 2010-2011

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!

April 2012

- 22nd - Sunday Lunch
- 13, 20, 27th - Social Night

May 2012

- 4, 11, 18, 25th - Social Night

June 2012

- 2nd - Cultural Night
- 30th - Mustard Seed Volunteer
- 8, 15, 22, 29th - Social Night



SUNDAY LUNCH

MSBCA Clubhouse

April 22, 2012
12 noon to 2pm

Serving:
Char Kuey Teow

Cooks:
Jesse Cheah



Price:
Member \$8.00
Non-member : \$8.50

Contact:
Adeline Chan
(403) 383-1689
or
Paula Lim
(403) 249-4054

Please register as we need to know how much to cook!

MSBCA Cultural Night June 2012

*Pasar Malam di
Pulau Pinang*

June 2 at 6.00pm

**Beddington Community
Centre**

375 Bermuda Drive NW
Calgary, AB. T3X 2J5

Cost of Tickets

Members:

- 5 & under – Complimentary
- 6-17 years - \$10.00
- Adults - \$15.00
- Seniors (65 & above) - \$5.00

Non-Members:

- 5 & under – Complimentary
- All Other Age Group - \$20.00

***Ticket sellers to be
announced.***

Volunteers Wanted for Mustard Seed

JUNE 30

Invitation to the MSBCA young adults and youth to participate serving in the Mustard Seed on June 30
Contact Adeline Chan for more info.

Cultural Night June 2

At Beddington
Community Centre

Dancers needed
Contact Jennie Soo.

Choir needed
Contact Adeline Chan

Food vendors
Contact Adeline Chan

CN 2012 Preview

Get ready for another exciting and all new evening of entertainment in songs, dances, food, cultures and the arts of Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei and around the SE Asia region in the coming Cultural Night 2012 produced by MSBCA.

The MSBCA Cultural Night 2012 “Pasar Malam di Pulau Pinang” is the theme for this year’s Cultural Night. It will be happening on June 2, 2012 at the Beddington Community Centre from 6pm-10pm. Planning is underway for a variety of colorful program. Performances will include dances of different ethnic culture, martial arts and folk songs ranging from our youth to the adult performers are being planned to entertain you.

The MSBCA Cultural Night 2012 also brings back your favourite hawker food prepared for the evening to satisfy your taste bud. One can expect a variety of deliciously spicy Malay, Chinese and Indian hawker-style food from Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. Such good and authentic SE Asian food is always a draw for the Calgarians to attend this special evening of food and entertainment.

Book your tickets early to reserve your seat as soon as they’re out because the venue allows only a limited number of guests.

Calling all volunteers who wish to participate or perform in the program from dancing to singing to cooking, please contact either Jennie Soo or Adeline Chan.



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Photo by Tracey Bong. Taken in Australia. A beautiful, huge moth that we found one day hiding underneath the bookcase that flew out from hiding and posed for a few photos.

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:
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Note: the newsletter is a monthly publication.

Club House Rental

Holding a meeting, presentation or social event?

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Clubhouse rental is undergoing policy changes and is not available for rental until further notice