

Interim President's Message

Hi everyone,

With the departure of our President it falls upon the three VPs to pick up the mantle from where he left off, in periods of three months each. We did try to ask Vincent to please reconsider his resignation, as with his experience from the past year, it would be easier for MSBCA to move forward for the ensuing year. Unfortunately, for his own reasons he is unable to continue as President. We fully understand his situation and albeit, reluctantly, we accept his decision. It now leaves me the duty of extending, on behalf of the Board, our thanks to Vincent for his valuable services to MSBCA... Thank you Vincent for leading the team during your full term as President, and for the fairness and friendship you have extended to every single member of your team!

With Chinese New Year just round the corner, it's time again for each of us to gather with our families for the tradi-

tional New Year's Eve dinner. For some of us perhaps, we may not have the full complement of family in Calgary as some close kin may be elsewhere in Canada or even in Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei. Nevertheless it is the spirit of togetherness as a family that binds us. In the same vein I personally would like to perceive membership in MSBCA as a way to foster togetherness as members of the same "kampong" where we meet and gather in a spirit of friendship, understanding, and camaraderie, and to consider MSBCA as a "second home" in our new home.

On behalf of the Board, let me wish every one in MSBCA "A Healthy, Happy, Prosperous, and Successful Chinese New Year" in the Year of the Dragon.

*Sincerely
Kenneth Ang
VP Malaysia*



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Friday Night Social Nights

STARTS SPRING 2012

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

6:30pm to 9:30pm

Each family is to bring 1 main dish for potluck.

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!

For More Info Contact:

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**NOTE: No Social Night for
the winter season.**

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Membership Renewal? Change Member Info?

Please contact Cynthia Tung at
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to keep your details current!

My first Christmas away from home... I missed my family and friends dearly but I got see and talk to them on Skype so it made it that much better. I had a pretty great Christmas in Australia. It was a hot one, which was so different! It didn't really feel like Christmas... though it did feel festive! I spent the day with Shane's family and with his nephews and niece running around excited to open presents. It was a busy day but we got to wind down at the beach in the late afternoon and the water was warm. It was a great way to relax after all the hustle and bustle of the day.



Christmas light cruise.

Not long after the holiday festivities, I took a trip to Melbourne and spent New Year's Eve there and to visit my friends again. It was an awesome get away! We got to drive down the Great Ocean Road and see some amazing sights. Lucky us we got caught in the heat wave New Years Day and the day after with a scorching 40 degrees!! It was so hot and muggy that we had to seek relief in the local grocery store during our road trip.

So far, my Australian summer has been really fun! I only have a few months

left because my working-holiday visa is coming to an end in March. So, I will be heading back to Calgary and then I have to decide what to do next! I can't believe how fast it has gone by and there is still so much that I want to see and do here... I have some planning and thinking to do in the next bit!



St. Kilda Beach, Melbourne, VIC



Razorback on the Great Ocean Road, VIC



The famous 12 Apostles on the Road.



At Lorne Hotel, Lorne, VIC. Beautiful view.

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!

January 2012

- No Friday Social Nights
- 28th - Social Evening to Celebrate Year of the Dragon

February 2012

- 3rd - Chinese New Year Banquet
- 25th - Brunei National Day – Night Celebration



SUNDAY LUNCH

MSBCA Clubhouse
Our popular Sunday Lunches will be back Spring 2012!

Stay tuned with the newsletter and website.

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon!

January 28, 2012



7:00pm to 10:00pm

Join us for a Social Evening at the Clubhouse.

Contact Jennie Soo or Joyce Yit

Volunteers Wanted for Mustard Seed

Invitation to the MSBCA young adults and youth to participate serving in the Mustard Seed

Contact Adeline Chan for more info.

sports

MSBCA Winter Badminton Session

Badminton for the winter/spring session has been cancelled due to poor response from the membership. MSBCA needs the support from all interested members to justify the cause of sponsoring the sport event. Thank you for your understanding.

Brunei Night National Day Dinner Celebration

February 25, 2012

7:00-10:00pm.

MSBCA Clubhouse

Nasi Lemak \$10(Member) \$15(Non-Member)

To register, contact: Cliff Son or the Committee

Countdown to the 2012 Chinese New Year

The dragon is awakening again on the 23 January 2012 as the Chinese celebrate the New Year of the Dragon. There will be lots of festivities in Calgary Chinatown during this season. MSBCA will be hosting a grand Chinese New Year Banquet at the Regency Palace Restaurant to usher in the New Year with family and friends.

Preparation is underway to offer a tasty spread of delicious Chinese cuisine and an evening of entertainment and prizes for the attendees.

Tickets are already on sale and going quickly. Reserve your table for a good time of reunion with family and friends. Ticket sales closes on the 25 January 2012, so do not delay and book early.



MSBCA members practicing choir singing for the coming Chinese New Year Banquet. Those interested please come join us every Sunday 2.30pm – 4.00pm. Refreshment will be served.



Breach of Clubhouse Security

On December 20, 2011, the clubhouse security was breached with the main door pried opened through forced entry into the clubhouse. At this point in time, we believe there were no other damages to the clubhouse. Since the incident, we have installed metal plating to reinforce the front and rear doors.



STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION

In our summary of minutes dated November 2, 2011 the Board wishes to clarify our statement that there is no association whatsoever between the past dance coordinator and the implementation of the clubhouse security. Security was implemented to prevent any breach of clubhouse usage in general, including clubhouse rental and clubhouse security for preventive measure against unauthorized entry

Announcement



Congratulations to Michelle and Eric Ng on the birth of their newborn son, Julian Ng on January 3 2012 at the Foothill Hospital.

upcoming events

Chinese New Year Banquet

Friday, February 3, 2012

Regency Palace Restaurant (328 Centre Street South)

6:00pm to 11:00pm

ADULT MENU

Cold Plate Assortment
Deep fried Shrimp balls
Greens with Scallops
Fish Maw & Crab Meat soup
Crab in Ginger & Onion sauce
Crispy Chicken with garlic
Mushroom & Vegetables
Steam Fish in Soya sauce
Fried Glutinous Rice
Fresh Fruits
2 kinds of Dessert

TEENAGER MENU

Crispy Chicken with garlic
Special Chow Mein
Deep fried Spring Rolls
Yeung Chow fried Rice
Sweet & Sour Pork with Pineapple
Ginger Beef
Salt & Pepper Squid
Broccoli with fried Beef
Fresh Fruits
2 kinds of Dessert

KIDS MENU

Crispy Chicken with garlic
Special Chow Mein
Deep fried Spring Rolls
Yeung Chow fried Rice
Sweet & Sour Pork with Pineapple

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Category	Member	Non-Member	Member	Non-Member
Under 5 years old	Complimentary	\$5	\$5	\$8
Kids 5-10 years old	\$8	\$15	\$12	\$20
Teenagers 11-17 years old	\$15	\$20	\$20	\$25
Adults	\$35	\$45	\$40	\$50
Seniors (65+)	Complimentary	\$45	\$5	\$50

For Tickets, Contact:

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PROGRAM:

Spectacular Lion Dance

Hong Bao for the Children

Scholastic Award for Grade 6, 9 & 12

Chinese Dance

Chinese Choir

Door Prizes

Karaoke & More....

1. No ticket sales at the door. Ticket sales cut-off on January 31, 2012.
2. MSBCA membership and CNY tickets must be fully paid and collected by January 31, 2012.
3. Ticket sales & collection at the clubhouse - #301, 114-3rd Avenue SW Tel: 403-289-7711 Sundays, January 15, 22, & 29, 2012 from 1.30pm – 2.30pm
4. Complimentary tickets for Seniors subsidized by MSBCA on the following conditions:
 - a. Individual must be 65 years or older on February 3, 2012. (Proof of age required)
 - b. Seniors must have paid their membership for 2011 by December 31, 2011 and renewed their membership for 2012 by January 31, 2012.
 - c. Every Senior's ticket issued must be accompanied with a deposit of \$10.00, fully refundable when in attendance of the CNY event and forfeited if not in attendance.

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Photo of the month



Photo by Tracey Bong. Amazing sunset on the Great Ocean Road, VIC.

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?

**#301, 114 - 3 Ave SW
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Clubhouse rental is undergoing policy changes and is not available for rental until further notice