

President's Message



VINCENT CHIEW

I got up this morning with a bad hare day, ... for trying to be a funny bunny! Moving back to business, on Sunday, February 13, MSBCA organized another successful Chinese New Year dinner to celebrate the Year of Rabbit. I was delighted to see over 300 people in attendance, including some honourable guests and many friends. I would like to thank Cynthia, and all the volunteers and performers for a job well done.

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This month the board will be reviewing our current financial and planning more events for our members. The planning for MSBCA Cultural Night is well under way. MSBCA is fortunate to have and would like to thank Adeline for stepping forward again to lead this very high profile event. If you would like to volunteer for Cultural Night, please email secretary@msbca.ca.

Finally, a few parting words. Carrots are great for your eyes. Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?

Vincent



"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you stop to look fear in the face. ... You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

— Eleanor Roosevelt

**DO YOU
LIKE TO
SING OR
DANCE?**

See page 4 on how to get involved!

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So the time has come!!! I will be in the wonderful, warm land of Oz (Australia) in less than a couple of weeks! Everyday I get more and more excited. I can't believe I was counting down the months not too long ago. Time really flies and now I am counting down the days!

The next time you hear from me, I'll be writing to you all from Australia. You can count on my travel updates and photos for sure. While I am gone, it would be great if any of you would like to send me photos, and/or articles to keep me updated on what's going on in Calgary. Just send me anything that you would like to share with the rest of the members and those who read the newsletter.

Here are a few of the things that I really want to see or experience while I am there and plus all the tourist stuff:

- Hold a koala
- Go skydiving
- Get good at surfing
- Go sailing in Whitsunday Islands
- Sydney Bridge Climb
- Phillip Island Penguin Parade

I've talked to a lot of my friends and others about the feeling that 2011 is the year of change. Most of the people that I

talked to have said they felt that 2011 is going to be a really great year for them.

Things are changing, people are moving forward, achieving their goals and dreams more so now than before, and just a lot of action in people's lives. The economy seems to be picking up as well. I just really have a good feeling about this year. Thanks Mr. Rabbit!



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YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2010-2011



Left to Right: Philip Chan, Cliff Son, Cynthia Tung, Yeuchuan Choo, Vincent Chiew, Hoy Peng Koh, Adeline Chan, Cecilia Chong (Absent: Kenneth Ang, Jade Tarbet, Tony Quek, Tracey Bong).

Membership Renewal? Change Member Info?

Please contact Jade Tarbet at
membership@msbca.ca
to keep your details current!

treasurer's corner

Thanks to Cynthia and her team of volunteers for organizing another successful event. The Chinese New Year Banquet remains the largest single event that MSBCA has “religiously” hosted. On the forefront, it looks like everything falls into place. However, behind the scene, there is a lot of effort and organization to make it happen.

The Chinese New Year Banquet is also a time where MSBCA pays tribute to its senior member. MSBCA subsidized a portion of the complimentary senior’s tickets. This year, MSBCA decided not hold a Raffles or 50/50 draw against the strict compliance with AGLC rules and regulations. Traditionally, those draws would net MSBCA about \$1,000. That said our net loss for this event is about \$1,000 more than it would have been. MSBCA endeavor to limit losses in our events, balancing affordability and optimizing membership participation.

We look forward to your continued support in our next major event – Cultural Night 2011 at the Chinese Cultural Center on June 4.

MSBCA 2011 CHINESE NEW YEAR INCOME & EXPENSES STATEMENT

REVENUE		EXPENSES	
Ticket sale	\$8,719	Banquet Cost	\$10,410
Association donations	\$258	Wine & DJ Services	\$1,110
Lion Dance sponsorship	\$288	Lion dance	\$288
Angpow sponsorship	\$100	Children Angpow/Senior Subsidy	\$206
Others	\$40	Travel vouchers	\$500
Travel voucher sponsorship	\$500	Miscellaneous	\$224
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,905	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$12,738
NET INCOME (LOSS)	-\$2,833		



MSBCA Board toasting to the New Year! See page 7 for more Chinese New Year photos and the recap.

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!

March 2011

- 6th - Sunday Lunch
- 18th - Casino Volunteer
- 19th - Casino Volunteer



SUNDAY LUNCH

MSBCA Clubhouse

**March 6, 2011
12 noon to 2pm**

Serving:

Prawn Noodle

Cooks:

Juliet Teng



Price:

Member \$8.00

Non-member : \$8.50

Contact:

**Adeline Chan
(403) 383 1689**

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

LOOKING FOR A DJ FOR CULTURAL NIGHT

MSBCA is receiving tender from a party who are interested to be DJ for the evening of June 4 for our Cultural Night celebration.

All tenders please forward to Adeline Chan
(403)-383-1689 or email
chantel888@gmail.com

TAI CHI FOR HEALTH AND SELF-DEFENCE

Anyone interested in learning Tai Chi for health and self-defence, please email Vincent Chiew: president@msbca.ca.

Classes will be offered at the Clubhouse on Saturdays for \$20 per month if enough people are interested.

Sunday Lunches for 2011

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| Mar 6 | Prawn Noodle
Cook: Juliet Teng |
| Apr 3 | Penang Char Kway Teow
Cook: Joo Teh |
| May 1 | Yong Tau Foo Noodle
Cook: Jessie Son |
| Jun 12 | Singapore Laksa
Adeline Chan |

MSBCA Dance Group Update

COME AND JOIN US FOR FUN AND SHARING OF OUR CULTURES

MSBCA has been providing the Calgary community with cultural dancing for more than 8 years. We've performed for many cultural events attended by Federal leaders, Provincial leaders and the public. Normally we perform 12 to 14 times a year for the club and other cultural associations.

So come and join us for some cultural experience, socializing, fun and exercise, even if you do not wish to perform. Whether you're young or young at heart, male or female, you are all welcome. MSBCA Dance Group practices about 2 hours a week throughout the year. We usually practice more frequently nearer to a scheduled performance.

**MSBCA Dance Group schedule:
Fridays from 7pm-9pm**

Please contact Jade Taret at jbtaret@shaw.ca for more information.

MSBCA NEEDS YOU!



The MSBCA Dance Group has evolved over the past six year and now we have a number of dancers and both regular and one-time events that we perform at. As with all things that grow, the complexity of bookings and organizing the Dance Group means we have to change too.

Going forward, Jesse Cheah, has kindly agreed to take on the role of external point of communication for the Dance Group. He will communicate with external parties and the

MSBCA Executive Committee to ensure that the dancers, MSBCA and the external parties are all in touch with each other.

Jade Taret will continue in her role as Dance Group Coordinator which calls for the arranging of dancers for practice and performance, ensuring the costumes are in order and working within the budget

provided by MSBCA. She will be in direct contact with Jesse and together, they will share the time and responsibilities to allow the MSBCA Dance Group to represent MSBCA by sharing our cultural dances and heritages at internal and external events as well as ensuring our dancers have fun and enjoy the dancing.

Another way that we ensure MSBCA values are being communicated to all parties is through Jade's role as a MSBCA Committee member, Dance Group Coordinator and as a dancer.

As always, we are interested in any other members, or external persons, joining us for the dances. If you are interested in continuing to present our cultures to the Calgary citizens and visitors by dancing, please contact Jade Taret or Jesse Cheah, depending upon your needs.

**“Joy is not
in things; it
is in us.”**

— Richard Wagner

MSBCA Chinese New Year Banquet 2011



Story by Yeuchuan Choo &
Hoy Peng Koh
Photos by Vincent Chiew

The MSBCA Chinese New Year Banquet is yet another well attended event... the crowd was pleasantly surprised by those cute little lion dancers. As we all know, with a blink of an eye, these cute little dancers will transform into teenagers and adults sooner than we will anticipate. We would like to thank Keng Wei and Bebe Chiew for generously supporting the Lion Dance to fire up the Chinese New Year spirit.



We have a list of notable community leaders as well as government representatives that joined us to celebrate

this joyous occasion. We would like to extend our thanks to MLA and Deputy Speaker Wayne Cao and his wife Kim, MLA Teresa Woo-Paw, Consular Li from the Chinese Consulate in Calgary, Mr. C. K. Tang and Seang from the Chao Chow Community Benevolent Association, Mr. Lyn Chow from the United Calgary Chinese Association, as well as representatives from the Tshung Tsin Benevolent Association and the Calgary Chinese Community Service Association.

We would like to express our gratitude to the many members that donated cash or equivalent to this event, amongst those, John and Daisy Kielhorn, Danny and Joyce Wong, Ah Nga and Anna Bong, Peter and Kim Yong, Ben and Paula Lim, Kok Sim and Peggy Looi as well as a host of members that contributed to the door prizes, particularly to Michael Lo for helping to solicit those fine door prizes.

Thanks to Cynthia for organizing and leading a team of volunteers in delivering an excellent and enjoyable program. Our very own dancers performed a Chinese dance led by Adrine. It is always refreshing to see our young members participating in the event with the young MSBCA

dancers led by Judy, up and coming singers, twin sisters Yuwen, Weiwen and older brother Jiancheng rendering their numbers.

Recognizing the achievements of our young members goes a long way. MSBCA distributed 16 scholarships to members' children marking milestone events in their academic life in Grade 6, 9 and 12. Congratulations go to the top marks in those categories; Christina C for Grade 6, Weiwen C for Grade 9 and Stephanie V for Grade 12. It is important that MSBCA encourages its young members to be involved in the club as they represent our next generation of leaders.

Also present to entertain the crowd was guest talents Christina Bu on the Qu Zheng, Chow Lee playing the Chinese flute and the drummers from the Midnight Taiko Drummer led by Ben. Of course, we have our traditional Angpow



distribution by Grandma Chiang and Grandma Choo.

Until then, we would like to thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you again in the next Chinese New Year banquet.

See the Chinese article in Oriental Weekly

highlights

MSBCA Chinese New Year Banquet 2011 Photo Highlights



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Photo submitted by Cecilia Chong. Turkeys in the snow (Windermere, BC)

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.