

## THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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### Message from the President....

Dear Members,

As I reported in the last issue of the Link, the month of April is the 20th Anniversary of our clubhouse. The date for the special celebration will be May 18th, 2024. More details will be published in the coming weeks. We hope you can be part of the celebration.

The Lunar New Year dinner turned out to be another success. We really appreciate your support. The directors and volunteers did their very best to ensure you enjoyed the evening and many members did from comments I received throughout the evening.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Steven Ng as the Interim Director/VP Malaysia to fill in the position left vacant by George Yee till the next AGM. George has taken a leave of absence due to work commitments and we would like to thank him for his tremen-

dous contribution to the club.

This year, the assessed value of the clubhouse is \$830,000.00. The property tax would be about \$5,300.00. The strata fees are \$3,700.00 approximately. Utilities cost \$1,200.00. I mentioned these items to keep members abreast of the costs in operating and owning the clubhouse. Membership dues, rentals and events play a vital part in our income for the clubhouse expenses. The directors are mindful about expenses and will take every opportunity to raise funds for the club. That is important.

Until then, on behalf of all the Directors and Assistants, I would like to extend our warmest regards to all of you.

Richard Liew  
President 2023-2024



April 18, 2004, Cutting of the Ribbon: L to R: Christopher Chung, John Ting, Eddy Chan, Guilbert Ho, MLA Linda Reid, Mayor Malcolm Brodie, MLA Patrick Wong, Ngui Wen Fang, Richard Liew and Yeo Sing Lim



2004 Directors: L-R Stanley Low, Hawk Soh, John Ting, Richard Liew, Peter Liew, Felix Ong, Vincent Tan, Christopher Chung and Wen Wong

## From Richard's desk...

Hello Members and Friends,



We are assembling a team to continue on with the newsletter. The team will be headed by Director Varghese Thomas (Singapore). He is also our Webmaster. It is fitting that with his experience in IT and social media, he is the best choice to lead the team.

The new website has been launched on March 27, 2024. Please check it out. The application form for new members or for renewal is easy to complete. E-transfer of funds can be made if mailing in is a task for some.

Till then, all the best.

**Richard Liew, Newsletter-in-Charge**  
**Olivia De Silva, Assistant Editor**



## The MSBCA Ballroom Dance Classes

Tutor: Bruce – 604-316-5807  
Assistant: Jenny – 778-836-9388

Bruce is teaching on Sunday,  
from 3 pm to 6 pm.

Address: MSBCA, Unit 238,  
2680 Shell Road, Richmond, BC

You must be a Member.

Time:

3-4 pm: Beginner Latin

4-5 pm: Beginner Standard

5-6 pm: Intermediate

If you are interested, please register by calling Bruce or Jenny.

Thank you.



Assistant Say See giving the floor a clean up job.



<https://www.facebook.com>

MSBCA Website:

<http://msbca.com>

## EVENTS TO WATCH.....

**Clubhouse 20th Anniversary—  
May 18, 2024. (For Members  
Only)**

**Annual Picnic—July 06, 2024**

**Clubhouse Activities: Monthly Potluck,  
Weekly Ballroom Classes and Zumba  
Classes.**

## March 07, 2024 Board Meeting

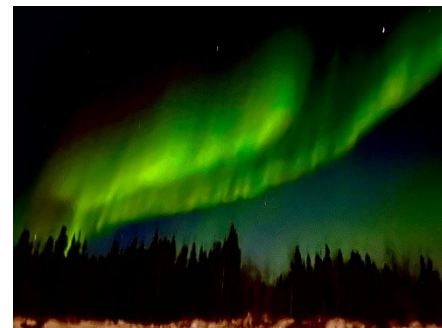
Treasurer presented her report with no issues outstanding. Two emails have been set-up to accept automatic payments for membership remittance and donations. Jumpstart account was opened to take advantage of short term high interest rate.

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

- Official Appointments: Steven Ng's appointment as Director/VP Malaysia confirmed by a unanimous vote. So is Varghese Thomas appointed as webmaster.
  - Memberships: Sophia reported 10 new members – 4 couples and 2 single members.
  - Rentals: Henry reported the income for month of February.
  - Clubhouse Maintenance: Stanley reported that the main floor in the clubhouse is quite rundown, needs to be removed and replaced with new flooring. Our Treasurer will work out a budget and calculate whether the funds are available to carry out this project, and a few other projects the clubhouse needs for refurbishment.
  - Ballroom: Ongoing with classes on Sundays and practices on Friday evenings.
  - Zumba: Henry reported 10 members participating.
  - Monthly Pot Luck: February Pot Luck, 40 people were in attendance. March 30th, 2024 is the next one.
  - Facebook: No issues as reported by SK Chin. Traffic has increased.
  - MSBCAHQ: No issues as reported by SK Chin.
  - MSBCA.COM: Varghese presented the design of the new site to be launched soon and the costs that come with it.
  - Chinese New Year Dinner and Dance. 470 people attended the event. President thanked everyone for their work. The result is encouraging as reported by Treasurer.
  - Clubhouse Anniversary Celebrations: To be held on 18 th May from 11.30 am to 3 pm. Registration required. Food to be sold – chicken rice with Indian rojak. Bake sales suggested with Quee Tin and Say See in charge. More details will be discussed in the next meeting.
- ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Finding a team for the Link to assist Richard will be discussed at the next meeting, as time did not permit further discussions.
- NEXT MEETING: April 4th 2024 at 7 pm at the Clubhouse.
- ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9.40 pm.



Spring Clean-up took place on March 20th, 2024 by the directors and assistants. Clearing out old documents and giving the floor another shine.



Northern Lights Aurora Borealis by Stanley Low while vacationing in Yellowknife. Photo was taken at 2.30 am with temperature hovering at –35 degrees C.



Board meeting in session on March 07, 2024. Not in the picture are Danny Thong and Steven Ng.



Emcee Wen Wong. Right photo is photographer SK Chin and director Miew Leng Teo.



Winner of the Raffle Grand Prize of \$1,000.00 is Mr. Chuen Lam Yu. Donor of the prize is Mr. Yeo Sing Lim, OBC, on his left. Consul General of Malaysia Mr. Mohd Afandi Abu Bakar is on his right.



### Snapshots from Lunar New Year—February 17, 2024

For more pictures, please visit our website



### Snapshots from Potluck Night —February 24, 2024

Over 40 people attended the potluck night. It was a lot of fun. New MSBCA apron was on display that night with Anna Thomas modeling it with a big smile on her face. Come and join us for some fun time and great dessert.



## The MSBCA Logo



as president.

After purchasing the property in 2004, we no longer had to wander around to consolidate and conduct our business of running an association since its inception in 1976. The home we now call 'the clubhouse' immediately required an identity of who we are. The logo became top priority for me



Robert Chia, a member of the club approached me to say that he would like to design the logo after hearing me talk about the logo. I accepted without hesitation. Within a week, he sent me the sample of the logo. He carefully described to me the meaning behind the logo. The top curved line signifies the North Shore mountains and the bottom curved line is the mighty Fraser River. The name of our association is in between the mountains and the river thus making this logo undoubtedly a meaningful one. He did not lose sight of the fact that

we are in Canada, thus half the Maple Leaf showing by the side. I immediately accepted his work of art without a second thought.

For his work, he was conferred with a Life Membership status. Today, we proudly display the logo in our newsletter and website. Sadly, he passed away in December 2022. He was from Singapore originally and was also a member of the Vancouver Singapore Club.

By Richard Liew, President.

*It is fitting that we remember Robert by marking this milestone, the 20th Anniversary of the logo.*

Thank you to all Directors and Assistants who helped out during the Lunar New Year Dinner and Dance. Thank you to Danny Thong for dressing up as Choy San". Thank you to the volunteers:

Swee T Chow, Kaleen Ng, Annie Mok, Carol Thong, Wen Wong, Lee Kim Goog and Aster Liew.

## Backtracking .....

Recently, I was handed some old newsletters dated from 1997 to 2000. They were on the verge of being thrown out while the office was receiving a make-over. I read through them and noted Vincent Chung was the editor then. His dad Christopher was the president at that time, the predecessor was

Miew Leng Teo.

Going through the list of prize donors in one of the 1997 newsletters, my name was amongst many of the donors who are members and life members today. It brought back some vivid memories. Many of the names are familiar and most have not shown up for our functions today since 2006.

I was not involved with the club then but Christopher organized many functions in the Victoria Hall located on 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave E, just off Victoria Drive. I attended a few of them. I got to know him well then and by invitation, I attended the 2002 AGM at the hall. He asked me to sit at the front table and announced to the few members present that I was a director there and then. From there on, I did not look back. I took up the position seriously.



Following then, I met Tim Wong, Stanley Low and Adrian Lo. Not long after, Stanley introduced Philip Loo, Vincent Tan and Felix Ong to the board. As the board grew to 10 directors, we were on a roll. Meetings took place in the board room of Royal Pacific Realty, Adrian's accounting office and many restaurants over two years. Lo and behold, we forged ahead to buy a clubhouse at the end of 2003 when my friend David Chung offered his next-door unit to us that came with a dance floor, offices, washroom and a storage room. Perfect for our club, a total of 1,500 sq. ft.

After completing the paperwork and financing, signed by me and Christopher Chung, the clubhouse opened on April 16, 2004. The rest is history.

The mortgage was paid off in 5 years and there was no other way we could have done that without all the kind donors and all the past directors who put in their fair share of work in fund-raising throughout the 5 years.

Christopher Chung wrote in the August 1997 newsletter "...even after the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of MSBCA, we still haven't found a clubhouse. DO WE NEED A CLUBHOUSE? he asked. Well, we do now. I ask those who abandoned that dream to come back and get active again and cherish what we have. Thank you.

By Richard Liew, President



Director Miew Ling Teo, Assistant Queen Tin Shieh and Director Fanny Chua paid a visit to Lucy Ee (in red sweater), Life Member. Awesome!

### NEW MEMBERS:

MSBCA welcomes the following new members:

Richard/Mary Chai  
Robert Lee/Mary Khov  
Caroline Ting/Duncan Mui  
Robert/Judith Chai  
Michelle Wong  
Frank Choo

*Note from Membership Director: Please 'renew' your membership if you have not done so. The Application Form is in the website.*