

THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President....

Hello Members,

I hope your new year is off to a good start. We bid farewell to winter and welcome spring where we look forward to 'sakura', the cherry blossom.

I thank those who attended the Lunar New Year dinner and made it such a success that some have been talking about next year. I would like to thank the donors for the raffle prizes, particularly to Hon. Advisor Sing Lim Yeo, OBC for the grand prize of \$1000.00. Also, thank you to all the nine past presidents for attending the dinner. Their presence showed how vibrant this Association is. I truly appreciate it.

I appreciate the work that Sophia Chiam is doing as a Membership Director. I am very impressed by the way she connects so well

with members. She responds to their email particularly from new members. So, please write to her or any of the directors if you have questions about the Association and how we can improve to make you feel more welcome as a valuable member.

The first potluck of the year was well attended by over 50 members and guests. Thank you to all for attending the Brunei Night Potluck as it was known to spotlight our members from that country who immigrated to Canada many years ago. They have done well.

We look forward to meeting you again in our next potluck, the Spring Potluck in April.

All the very best,
Richard Liew
President 2022-2024



Chinese Lunar New Year 2023: At the front registration desk, left to right, are Sophia Chiam, Kaleen Low, Carol Thong, Chow Swee Tey and Aster Liew.

From Richard's desk...

Hello Members and Friends,
I would like to dedicate this editorial column to our current Director Stanley Low. He is my right hand man so to speak and has been for many years now. I seek his opinion and advice on crucial matters relating to the Association. A member since 1990, he became a Director in 2002, then later as President for two terms. He is very dedicated to the Association and continues to serve well as a director. Stanley came to Canada in 1988 with his family from Kuala Lumpur and started his own contracting business till 2017. So, most of the club's light maintenance is performed by him, assisted by some directors as part of the team, giving support to each other. This Association is thriving because of him and his leadership. We agree to disagree at times but we work towards common goals to improve the Association. We stood by each other during the upheaval years when some directors took a different path. After my absence for two years, I hopped back on to undo some of the knots. Stanley gave me all the support to be back on track with the club.



All the events depend on his leadership and expertise, be it small or large such as the New Year's Eve, CNY dinner parties and the annual Picnic. The outcome is never short of success. He leads a small group of members every year to participate in S.U.C.C.E.S.S Walk with The Dragon.

He never misses a meeting. While he was the President, meetings would start off with 'Hokkien' dialect mixed with English. But most of the time, the minority 'Hakka' speaking directors like myself would put a screeching halt to Hokkien dialect, all in a great sense of humour. I have known him for over 20 years now. His wife Kaleen helps out at every event too.

I am grateful and thankful to have a director like Stanley Low on board. We all should be. All current directors also deserve credit when credit is due. I will get to each of them in the next issues of the newsletter.

Till then, all the best.

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



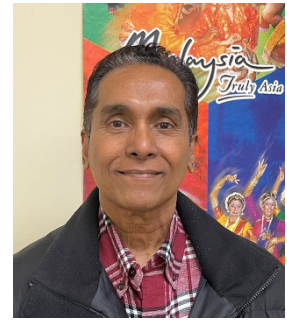
MSBCA Ballroom Dance Classes

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.



Welcome back! Past President Rubeen Joseph, who served one term as President from 1989 to 1990, came to the Potluck with his wife Cynthia as guests of new Life Members Varghese and Anna Thomas.



EVENTS TO WATCH.....
Annual Picnic—July 08, 2023
(Above dates are subject to change)
Clubhouse Activities: Monthly Potluck, Weekly Ballroom Classes and Zumba Classes.



SK Chin, Emcee of the evening.

For more photos of the dinner party at the clubhouse, please visit our Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com>

45th Board Meeting on March 04, 2023 at the clubhouse as recorded by President Richard Liew in the absence of Secretary Fanny Chua.

In brief: the minutes include Jan and Feb where the rental breakdown was reviewed. A steady income collected by Henry Mo comprised Desert Stream Church, Ballroom classes and CFA Children's Dance Academy. Sophia reported that there are

two new members and some renewals. Clubhouse Maintenance supplies such as hand towels (donated by Sophia Chiam) and accessories for potluck dinners were purchased and stocked in the pantry. As reported earlier, a new hot water tank was installed at a cost of \$1,300.00. Ballroom is ongoing with no issue so far. Zumba: an ongoing activity directed by Henry Mo. MSBCAHQ and MSBCA COM are being maintained and updated. The website do-

main's name 'msbca.com' has been reserved for another five years. Monthly potluck is in a steady mode. Themes for each potluck would be great and all directors agreed to hold small events with a potluck theme.

NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2023, Saturday, at the clubhouse at 11.00 am. Future meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month.

NEW MEMBERS:

MSBCA welcomes the following new members:

Life Members:

Varghese & Anna Thomas
Chan Vincent/Meryl Hamdillah

Members:

Naseer & Maroua Cherukkattil

Renewed Members:

Penny Wong
Heng, Ann/Sok Lin

Note from Membership Director: Please "renew" your membership if you have not done so. The Application Form is attached at the back page for you to use.

Snapshots of March 25, 2023 Potluck. Attended by 52 members and friends.



Top Photo: L-R Miew Eng, Julia Buma, Helen Ng and Say see Tan.



Top Photo: Aster Liew and Fanny Chua on the right



Top Photo: Sophia and Steve Chiam. Left Photo: Naseer and Varghese, right side.



Articles, Stories, etc.

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IMPORTANT: There are members not receiving notices about events, etc. Either their email addresses are out of date or they do not have a computer altogether. Therefore it would be the member's responsibility to notify us as to how we can best communicate with them. Take a minute to send us a note or call any of the directors. Thank you.

Clubhouse Rental Rates (Effective Oct. 01, 2022)

Members —\$25 per hour

Definition: Private use by members for family parties and gatherings; not to be rented for second party use. Renter must be present for that period of time.

Non-Members/Community/Business—\$30 per hour, min.2hrs;

Definition: Non-business type Social Group Meetings, Church Groups, Community Groups. *Members and non-members.*

Definition: Business being conducted such as for dancing lessons, seminars, marketing and sales. *Members and non-members.*

Rates are subject to change without notice.

Audio/Visual Equipment not available.

Capacity: 50 people seated, 90 standing.

Please contact any of the directors for rental.

MEMBERSHIP

Please make your cheque payable to:

**MSBCA
Unit 238-2680 Shell Road,
Richmond, B.C.
V6X 4C9.**

Please call Membership Director for Membership Form or visit our website to print the form.

Annual Membership Fee (effective from date of application for 12 months):

	General	Life
Single/Seniors (60 & over) -	\$25.00	\$250.00

Family (excluding children over 18 years) -	\$30.00	\$300.00
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Corporate Rate: \$200.00 Annually

Snapshots from the Chinese Lunar New Year Dinner and Dance on January 28, 2023



Photo Above: Emcee Shawn Yee, on the left, son of Director George Yee looking at the Raffle winners after their announcement.



Photo Above: Winner Ms. Phoebe Moi receiving the top prize from Hon, Advisor Yeo Sing Lim, OBC, giving the thumbs up.



Photo to the right: Winner Grace Liu receiving a box of vitamins from owner Frankie Cheung of MJ Pharmacy.



Another successful event hosted by The Malaysia Singapore Brunei Cultural Association. The dinner kicked off with the Lion Dance performed by Shao Lin Hung Gar Fu Association. Guests were entertained by Colours of Dance Academy made up of 15 performers with two segments of Chinese Cultural dances which were fitting for the occasion. For the first time as Master of Ceremonies, Shawn Yee took to the stage and performed well. As usual, Director Danny Thong

was the Fortune God handing out the traditional 'angpow' to all the guests. The raffle winner, top prize of a \$1000.00 which was donated by the Hon. Advisor Yeo Sing Lim, OBC, was Ms. Phoebe Moi. Thank you to all the donors and volunteers for helping to make the event such a success. Thank you to Past President Guilbert Ho for his kind donation of \$500.00 and also to Director Fanny Chua for \$200.00.