



# The Link



## THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Celebration took place at the Floata Chinatown on December 31st, 2015. Party revellers took to the floor for the joyous ringing in of New Year 2016. The sound of balloons popping like fire crackers and New Year's toasts are something of an experience you would not want to miss this coming December!!! Photos by SK Chin

*Happy New Year 2016*

More photos to appear in the News Supplement

### EVENTS TO WATCH.....

- Chinese New Year Dinner—Feb. 13, 2016
- MSBCA Gala Night -May 07, 2016
- Annual Summer Picnic-July 09, 2016
- MSBCA 40th Anniversary-Sept. 2016
- Annual General Meeting—TBD
- Christmas Party-Dec 03, 2016
- New Year's Eve Dinner-Dec 31, 2016

BINGO Night—TBA

(Above dates are subject to change)  
Monthly Activities: Pot-Luck on every last Saturday of the month @ MSBCA Club House.



## New Year's Eve Party.....

By Fanny Chua, Past President



New Year's Eve is one of the largest global celebrations because it marks the last day of the year in the Gregorian calendar, December 31st, before the New Year. MSBCA celebrated this event at Floata Restaurant with 360 members and friends present, with dinner and dance. Firstly, there was the spinning of the wheel enjoyed by many. Angela and dancers presented us with 2 interesting and memorable performances. The highlight of the evening was the limbo dance competition. As the bar was lowered further down there were some hilarious moments when it became a struggle for some contorting to get under. In the end the younger generation, being more nimble and flexible, took all the prizes. It was great fun to watch.

The silent jewelry auction, sponsored by Ultimate 24K Gold Company, went well with customers bidding the items of their choice. There were prizes for members and raffles. Dancing music was provided by DJ, "The Blue Pop". Many were on the dance floor to take in the countdown at midnight. 129 balloons held by a net above were released ushering in the New Year. There were exchanged hugs and kisses and everyone wishing everyone, Happy New Year and singing "Auld Lang Syne". Every table had a bottle of sparkling wine to drink and toast to the New Year. Dancing continued for the rest of the evening.

We hope to see you all again at the end of this year and count on your continuing support of MSBCA.

### Feedback by readers of The Link:

"Wow! 300 sticks of satay by Aster, very impressive"  
Ms. Jennifer Anderson-Hedges, Bermuda.

"I enjoy reading the Newsletter. Looks like a well-run organization"  
Ms. Chan Pek Lan, United Kingdom.

"Always nice to know what the other side of the world is doing" Mr. Michael Chau, Sydney, Australia.

### From the Editor's desk...

Happy New Year to each and everyone of you.

MSBCA has big goals this year. Finding the fuel and energy for a lift-off is a task. It can be achieved if the membership base step forward to offer that fuel and energy. I am thinking of the journey to acquire a new and larger clubhouse, MSBCA Gala Dinner Night in May and the MSBCA 40th Anniversary in September. Three big projects to shoot for. I am appealing to members and friends to get involved if this Association is to survive another

5 years, never mind for another 40 years. Sitting on the sideline or on the fence are a non-starter. Current directors can only do so much for the Association. We can hear talks and complaints but counting on the directors to take stock leave a lot to be seen. So, let us roll up our sleeves and table all the avenues where we can get the fuel and energy. We have the rocket boosters to fill up to take that important lift-off to hit those targets. Call or send in your emails.

Till then. Best...

*Richard Liew, Editor/Past President*



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### Message from the President....

Dear Fellow Members,



I would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year. May 2016 bring you success, prosperity and good health.

As your newly elected MSBCA President, I am proud that 2015 was a successful year for our club because of the tremendous support of members. Our Christmas party at the clubhouse was a successful sold out event with members bringing their children or grandchildren. We were thrilled that those in attendance had an amazing time. Our New Year's Eve gala held at Floata Seafood Restaurant was yet another amazing event – one that drew 360 people. The crowd was very energetic and lively, having fun with the limbo rock and on the dance floor. We are pleased to have received positive comments from those in attendance at both events and look forward to continuing this trend. Our next big event is the Chinese New Year Dinner to be held at Continental Seafood Restaurant in Richmond on February 13, 2016. Entertainment at this year's event will include performances by Colours of Academy Dance, a Polynesian dance team and Angela Tan's dancing group.

Depending on the level of interest from members, we are planning a day trip to the Mount Vernon Skagit Tulip Festival in April and a one or two day trip to Vancouver Island in the summer. This Fall, we will be holding MSBCA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala so be on the lookout for more information.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all for your continuous support. I look forward to working with you on building a stronger and more vibrant MSBCA.

Sincerely, Ms. Margaret Chee, President

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**IMPORTANT:** There are members not receiving notices about events, etc. Either their email addresses are out of date or do not have a computer altogether. Therefore it would be the member's responsibilities 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.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

MSBCA welcome the following new members:

Family:

Eddy Mojuly  
 Gurmeet Singh

Life Members:

Everett/Winnie Tang

**Christmas Party –December 12, 2015**

Our annual Children's Christmas Party was held on Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with 27 children and 45 adults in attendance. Everyone came with fun in mind and that was exactly what they got.

Guess the number of Jellybeans and Smarties, Pass the Parcel, Cupcakes & Cookies Walk were played with much enthusiasm with the accompaniment of lively Christmas music. The children had loads of fun and laughter trying their skills at Limbo Rock after a demonstration from a few MSBCA Directors. There were lots of game prizes handed out for all the various games.

Church's Chicken meals and Pizzas were served with juice, cupcakes and jello. A special homemade treat of Christmas CakePops was given out while we were waiting for Santa to arrive. We were entertained by a little friend singing 'Santa Claus Is Coming To Town' before Santa's arrival.

Santa came with candy canes and presents!!! All the children were excited to see Santa and waited patiently for their turn with him. Not only did Santa bring presents but goody bags as well. All the children left the party happy, a few with the present they had wished Santa would bring them.

We would like to thank everyone who attended, the MSBCA Board of Directors, volunteers Doris Wong, Wai Ying Chin, Kaleen Low and Susie Su, desserts donated by Margaret Chee, Anita Foo, Fanny Chua and Susie Su, Cake Pops donated by Stephanie Soh and Goody Bags donated by Margaret Chee.



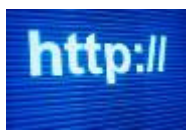
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**Functions & Activities.**

The following functions and activities are being finalized for publication:

Karaoke for members – Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday for a night of bingo, chess, board games, games of card, mah-jong, chatting to catch up with the good old days or singing.

Day trip tour in Spring – April TBA.

Mount Vernon Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, Whistler or Vancouver Island.

**Clubhouse Rental Rates (Effective July 01, 2015)**

Members —\$15 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.

Community —\$20 per hour, min.4hrs; \$180.00/day.

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

Business/Corporate—\$25.00 per hour, min. 2hrs; \$180.00/day.

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

Exemption for Regular Renters (*min. three times/week*): \$20.00 per hour.

Rates are subject to change without notice.

Audio/Visual Equipment not included.

Capacity: 50 people seating, 90 standing.

**Please contact any for the directors for rental.**

**MEMBERSHIP FEES**

Please make your cheque payable to:

**MSBCA**  
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 Richmond, B.C.  
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Please call: Julie Chaki  
 (604-437-0676)

for

Membership Form or visit our website to print the form.

Annual Membership Fee . ( From August 01st, current year to July 31st, the following year):

	General	Life
Single/Seniors (60 & over) -	\$25.00	\$250.00
Family (excluding children over 18 years) -	\$30.00	\$300.00

Corporate Rate: \$200.00



### Sharing A Story.....By S.K. Chin

I was checking into the MSBCAHQ Inbox in a hot summer night in July 2015. A message popped up on the screen saying there was an email from <http://msbca.com> that a couple who were on holidays in Toronto was enquiring for a friend "who was a nurse in Birmingham University Hospital around 1970." The email mentioned the name "Anita" who was one of our Board of Directors. The message went on to say that "Anita" matched the profile of the person they were looking for. They asked whether I could help them to forward their search to Anita.

Initially, I was hesitant to do as requested. My consideration was the legal implications of forwarding emails to members which might be bogus and infringed on privacy issues. For three days, I struggled with the indecision whether or not to forward the email to Anita. Then I felt that since Anita is a fellow director of the Board and of all people she would understand it was my job to check emails of the association and process them the best way possible. On the fourth day, I forwarded the email to Anita.

One week later, during the association's Pot Luck night, I met Anita at the Club House and asked her about the email. She happily confirmed that the email was indeed from her friend in London, England whom they have not talked for 35 years. She told me they had a "wonderful" reunion in September following.

By checking into the mail box of MSBCA, I received all kinds of messages including application for membership, dinner ticket sale and registration to attend various functions organized by the association. Every now and then, there are emails doing all kinds of public surveys and solicitation from vendors or businesses online.

The most rewarding part was receiving compliments and positive feedbacks thanking the Board for a job well done.



Lou Sang, Yee Sang, Yu Sheng...Eating "Lou Sang" during New Year is a Chinese Cultural activity for Chinese living in Singapore & Malaysia.

During the MSBCA Pot Luck on the last Saturday of November, the attending members and guests were given a special treat by Ann Heng who brought "Lou Sang" to the party.



### Snapshots of the Christmas Party By: SK Chin

