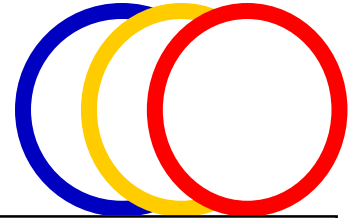




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New Year's Eve Party—December 31, 2016
Ringing in the New Year 2017 with Emcee and Director Wen Wong. A crowd of 350 people attended the event. More photos on page 4.

Chinese New Year Dinner and Dance
Place: Continental Seafood Restaurant
Date: February 04, 2017. 7 pm Dinner.
Please get your tickets NOW!!
\$50 per person, \$60 VIP.
Discounted price for children available!



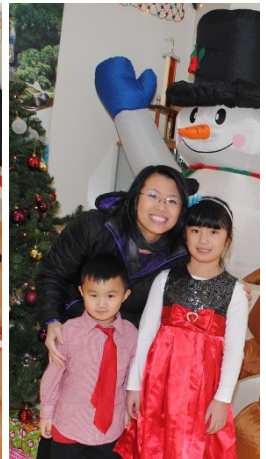
Annual Christmas Party—December 17, 2016
The party was delayed a week due to the snowfall. Nonetheless, Santa backtracked his trip to hand out presents to 9 kids. As always, they had a fun time including their parents and grandparents too. Thank you to William Chong for being the Santa, Winnie Low for entertaining the children and to all directors who helped out with the lunch for the adults. More photos inside.



EVENTS TO WATCH.....
Chinese New Year Dinner—Feb. 04, 2017
Brunei Social Night—Feb. 25, 2017
Annual Summer Picnic—July 08, 2017
Malaysia Social Night—August 26, 2017
Singapore Social Night—Sept 09, 2017
Annual General Meeting—Sept 30, 2017
Christmas Party—Dec 09, 2017
New Year's Eve Dinner—Dec 31, 2017

(Above dates are subject to change)

Refer to Page 3 for Monthly Clubhouse Activities.





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Message from the President...

Dear Fellow Members,



On behalf of the Directors, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year 2017. The Lunar Chinese New Year Day is January 28, 2017 and our annual celebration dinner is on February 04, 2017. I would like to see as many of you come to this event.

This year I would like to accomplish more for the club. I would like to touch on the subject of **clubhouse activities** and the future of a **new clubhouse**. The latter is more complex and will take time to accomplish.

For a start, I am looking for ways and means to populate the clubhouse full of activities. I want to reinvest into our membership for a change and this is subject to approval from the board. I feel we should do more for our members. In return, we should be able to enlarge our membership base. This is a big project. I am not looking for a glorified position but merely to enhance the club's image with your help.

Our director Fanny Chua is taking the lead to open up the clubhouse to all members for an evening of fun and to practice your dancing skill. We will offer free beverages and snacks. This is going to happen every Fridays. I am inviting my friends and all those who are loyal to the club to put in an effort in helping her and the board to accomplish this project.

Next, I also want to get you out of your comfort zone, your home, and come down to the clubhouse on a week-end. What is there to offer, you might ask. I will call some of you to solicit your thoughts as to what you like me to do. With enough support, I can convince the board to undertake those projects after talking to you. The Treasurer has reminded me constantly to be aware that the club has monthly expenses such as annual strata fee and property tax, the biggest item of all. However, looking after members is also a priority. So, I will call you or better still you can call me at 604-377-1201 to share your thoughts. This is your club. I am willing to listen, seriously speaking.

On the subject of a new clubhouse, we have been given a mandate at the last AGM to continue to pursue the subject. I will address this separately. Meantime, enjoy this edition of the Newsletter.

All the Best,

Sincerely,

Richard Liew, President (2016-2017)

From the Editor's desk...

Writing this section is tricky. I have to be a bit careful not to repeat what I say in the President's message to members.



I wonder if many members read the newsletter. Past President Guilbert Ho's first instruction to me when I became the President in 2003 was to get the newsletter going again, dead for many years. It has been almost 18 years now and with the current social media tools and apps available to all, the newsletter could be a thing of the past. Even newspapers like the Vancouver Sun has changed its format to stay alive. In any case, I will seek the Board's approval to stop publishing and printing the Link. In its place, we will send out monthly news report to keep members up to date. What do you say?

Till then. Best...

Richard Liew, Editor/Past President

Please inform us by email at
 msbcahq@gmail.com
 if you are moving or have moved or
 have changed your email address.
 Also, inform us if you like your email
 address removed from our list.

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.

Brunei Social Night

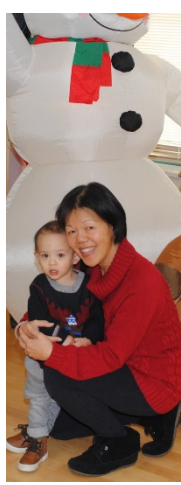
Place: MSBCA Clubhouse

Date: March 25th, 2017

Time: 7.00 pm - Midnight

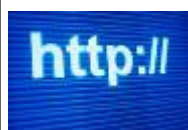
Dinner & Dance: \$20.00 per person.

Snapshots from Christmas Party



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Business Card Size: \$25 per month or \$250 per year. Link to your webpage included.

Our Webmaster is Mr. Christopher Liang

Functions & Activities.

The following functions and activities are on at the clubhouse:

Ballroom Lessons for members only—Beginners and Intermediate. Every Sunday 5pm starts. Please call Director Fanny Chua to register or for more information. \$5.00 per person.

Drop-in Social Night—Fridays, 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm, starting Jan. 13, 2017, Members only.

Zumba Lessons— Every Saturdays, 11.45am to 12.45pm, drop-in, \$5.00 per person. Starting January 14, 2017.

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Inside Pages (B/W)	\$100
1/2 Page (B/W)	\$ 50
Business card	\$ 25

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Clubhouse Rental Rates (Effective Oct. 01, 2016)

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 for 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;

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

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

Snapshots from the MSBCA New Year's Eve Party —December 31, 2016

MSBCA thank all those who braved the snow fall to attend the party. Not only that, all arrived safely on time. First time in a long while that the party night coincide with the snow fall. We, the board of directors were also happy that all made it home safely on that night. Without your presence and support, there would not have been such a successful party. Once again, thank you to all of you. Here are few of the snapshots selected for you out of 150 photos.President Richard Liew

