

THE MALAYSIA SINGAPORE & BRUNEI CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

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Message from the President....

Dear Members,

Hope all of you are enjoying the start of summer and planning all kinds of vacations. Some of the directors are travelling as well. I always enjoy the summer here, nice for a few months.

We have been very fortunate to have Director Varghese Thomas, as our Webmaster, who launched the new and much improved website for The MSBCA. He has achieved his goal in making the website as easy as possible for everyone. On top of that, we are receiving new applications for membership and also renewals through the easy process on the website.

The Board has confirmed the appointment of Steven Ng as Director/VP Malaysia. Also receiving confirmation is the appointment of Olivia De Silva as

Assistant Secretary to Fanny Chua. The club will hit 50th Anniversary in 2026 and we do need new volunteers to continue the legacy of the club.

I am very pleased that the 20th Anniversary celebration of the clubhouse was a success. The volunteers provided their valuable assistance and contribution to the club. I thank them all on behalf of the directors. Thank you to Wen Wong for being the Emcee.

Please note that the AGM will take place on September 14, 2024 at the clubhouse. More details will be sent out to members later on.

Until then, on behalf of all the Directors and Assistants, have a great summer.

Richard Liew
President 2023-2024



May18, 2024: Performances by Colours of Dance Academy and The Rhythm of Borneo. Please visit our new website 'msbca.com' for the photo album..



Past Presidents in attendance: L-R is Stanley Low, Miew Leng Teo, Danny Thong, John Ting, Tim Wong, Joseph Ruben, Polly Voon and Richard Liew.

From Richard's desk...



Hello Members and Friends,

Varghese Thomas, your director/webmaster, has tons of ideas for the club. One of them is designing a whole new website, simple enough for everyone to navigate. With due diligence, he spent countless hours in the research for a suitable host, cost comparisons and evaluating options. Then, he presented to the board for approvals. Construction of the website took two months and then conducted trial runs prior to making the new site live. The new site is now producing results and paying off.

The other tool developed by him was the membership listing. Membership Director Sophia Chiam is very pleased with the development which simplifies her job in tracking membership, expiry dates, automation in sending out reminders to renew, etc.. You will be getting frequent notifications for renewals, etc. from the club.

At the last board meeting, approval was given to increase the membership fees effectively on August 1st, 2024. More information on Page 4.



Till then, all the best.

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

MSBCA Website:
<http://msbca.com>

<https://www.facebook.com>

June 1, 2024 Board Meeting

Note: An abbreviated minutes of the meeting follows:
Treasurer presented the financial statements for the month of April and May and concluded that the Association is in a comparatively good financial position compared to previous year. The next bill payment would be the Property Tax of the Clubhouse. Motion carried.
There were 4 new members and a Life Member as reported by Sophia Chiam. Board voted to streamline the membership fees. Effectively on August 1st, 2024 General Membership will be \$30.00 and \$300.00 for Life Membership. Motion carried.
Ballroom classes resume in July and as reported there is a decrease in rental income. Stanley and Steven have presented to the Strata a cost for replacing four sweating windows.
All other activities are on going such as zumba lessons and self-practice for registered ballroom participants.
About 65 people were in attendance for the May potluck.
For Facebook: We have reached 233 followers with posting reaching 454 as reported by SK Chin for the month of June.
MSBCAHQ: No issues as reported by SK Chin.
MSBCA.COM: Our new Web Master, Varghese, is trying out and implementing various innovative features to complement the functionalities of our Web Site.
Clubhouse Anniversary Celebrations: Directors reported some glitches in the food line up and how to improve in the next event.
S.U.C.C.E.S.S Walk with The Dragon happening on July 14, 2024. Stanley is in charge of gathering a team to participate and asked for donations.
NEXT MEETING: July 4th, 2024.
ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9.40 pm.

The MSBCA Ballroom Dance Classes

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

Bruce teaches 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.

EVENTS TO WATCH.....

-Annual Picnic—July 06, 2024

-47th Annual General Meeting—September 14, 2024

-MSB Night—September 21, 2024 (TBC)

-Christmas Party—December 7, 2024

-New Year's Eve—December 31, 2024

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



A total of 50 members and friends went a hastily arranged tour to see the tulips on April 13, 2024. MSBCA apologized to many members who got left out because of such a short notice. We will do better next year. Please visit our website for more photos and a detailed write up by Director/VP Singapore Fanny Chua.



A beautiful sunset in Mayne Island. Photo sent in by Fanny Chua



Above photos; Charming faces of June 29th potluck at the clubhouse.



Left photo: Helen Wong on the left with Miew Leng Teo taken at the previous May 29th potluck. Winners of something!!!!

NEW MEMBERS:

MSBCA welcomes the following new members:

Life Members

Ng, Adrian & Jade
Yong, Francis



General Members

Lim, Eddie & Linda
Yeo, Raymond & Ho, Helen
Koong, Florence & van der Tol Anthony
Nguyen, Vy & Erica
Janif, Amaluddin & Liu, Arianne

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

Clubhouse Rental Rates

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: 70 people seated, 90 standing.

Please contact Director Henry Mo for rental.

Malaysian Breakfast Culture Dining Experience in Multi Ethnic Society

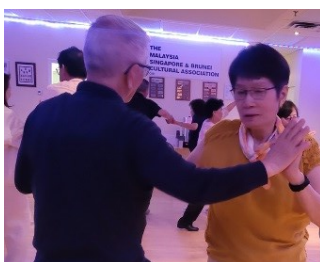
I attended the Malaysian Breakfast Culture Dining Experience in Multi-Ethnic Society (As nominated for inscription on UNESCO Representative List of the intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity) on June 20, 2024 at West Point Grey, Aberthau Mansion. It was hosted by the Malaysian Consul General. Consuls from Argentina, Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Indonesia and Philippines were in attendance. I was seated with Dr. Savanan Kandasamy, RF Design Specialist Telus Communications, Honorary Consul John Phantauphan, Laos PDR, Mdm Natcha Phantauphn, Laos PDR and Mrs. Joanne Chung, Marketing School of Business and Media, BCIT.

A demonstration by participants to fill up and fold a packet of Nasi Lemak from banana leaf, pulling Teh Tarik and Roti Canai demonstration only.

By: Steven Ah Lek NG, Director/VP Malaysia.



Top photo: Malaysia Consul General Mohd. Afandi Abu Bakar demonstrating the making of **Teh tarik** (lit. 'pulled tea'). Steven Ng, seated, right side.



Snapshots from Potluck Night —June 29, 2024

Another large turnout for the potluck. A couple from Langley drove the distance to join in the delicious food sampling, fun and laughter, singing and dancing through the evening. Steven Ng, Emcee at the far right photo



"Ushering in a new era of leadership for Singapore"

Singapore has entered a new era of leadership with the appointment of Tharman Shanmugaratnam as the country's latest President and Lawrence Wong as the new Prime Minister. This historic moment signals a shift towards greater diversity and inclusivity in Singapore's political landscape.



Tharman Shanmugaratnam assumes the presidency in Singapore. He is renowned for financial acumen and social advocacy. His diverse background as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister underscores his capability as leader. A champion of diversity,

Tharman vows to foster unity and collaboration for a more inclusive society, promising a transformative and progressive era for Singapore under his stewardship. Tharman was Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister for several years, and Education Minister earlier. He last served in government as Senior

****About MSBCA Membership Fees and Donations:****

We are excited to bring to you some updates regarding our membership fees and donations at MSBCA Vancouver. As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on the support and contributions from our members and generous donors to keep our vibrant community thriving and our essential activities running smoothly.

****Membership Benefits:****

At MSBCA Vancouver, we take pride in fostering a strong sense of community among Malaysian, Singaporean, and Bruneian families and friends. By becoming a member, you not only gain access to a network of like-minded individuals who share your passion for South-East Asian cuisine, values, languages, and cultures, but you also get the opportunity to participate in our various events and programs.

****Membership Fees and Donations:****

Membership fees and donations form the backbone of our organization's financial support. These contributions help cover our operating costs, clubhouse expenses, and event funding. Starting from the 1st of August 2024, we are introducing revised membership fee plans to streamline the process:

- Annual Fee: \$30 for both Individual and Family Plans (including children up to 18 years old)

- Lifetime Membership: \$300 for both Individual and Family Plans (including children up to 18 years old). Your generous donations enable us to organize events such as New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance function,

Minister. He also served as Chairman of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS), Singapore's central bank and financial regulator, from 2011 to 2023.

In a historic moment, Lawrence Wong is appointed as Singapore's new Prime Minister alongside President Tharman. Known for his pragmatic governance and focus on innovation and sustainability, Lawrence, an economist, succeeds Lee Hsien Loong. The duo envisions a future marked by unity and progress, ready to tackle diverse challenges from economic growth to environmental sustainability, promising a transformative and inclusive tenure for Singapore's leadership.



The dynamic duo of Tharman and Lawrence is set to usher in a new era of leadership in Singapore, characterized by vision, courage, and a deep commitment to serving the needs of the people. With their complementary skill sets and shared dedication to the country's prosperity, President Tharman and Prime Minister Lawrence are poised to lead Singapore towards a brighter and more inclusive future.

Article written by Varghese Thomas, originally from Singapore, a resident in Vancouver for 30 years with wife Anna, also from Singapore, has a grown-up daughter living in Toronto. Recently retired from a 30-year career in IT amongst other things.

Chinese New Year Dinner, summer BBQ, Christmas children's parties, and more. We truly appreciate any amount you can contribute to support our mission and activities.

****Monthly Potluck Dinners:****

As a member, you are invited to our monthly members-only Potluck dinners and festivities free of charge. Simply bring along a homemade or store-bought dish to share with the other members.

Guests accompanied by paid-up members are also welcome, with a fee of \$20 (plus a dish to share) upon entrance.

Your continued support and active participation make MSBCA Vancouver the thriving community it is today. Together, we can create lasting memories, celebrate traditions, and foster meaningful connections within our diverse group.

For more information on membership enrollment, fees, and upcoming events, individuals can visit the MSBCA Vancouver website www.msbcavancouver.com or contact association representatives for assistance. Join us in celebrating the rich traditions and vibrant heritage of South East Asia at MSBCA Vancouver today!

Warm regards,

Director/Webmaster Varghese Thomas

MSBCA Vancouver Membership Team

