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Message from the President....

Dear Members,

We have three and a half months to the day of our Association's 50th Anniversary dinner at the Continental Restaurant in Richmond. It is on June 20, 2026. The organizing Committee consists of two past presidents, 7 current directors and two past directors. PP Danny Thong chairs the committee. More details will be available soon.

We are about 50% of the way to meeting the operating budget after the two major events we had. Hopefully by the end of the fiscal year, we can come close to our target.

At the last meeting, the board recommended an EGM for members to vote for an approval to sell the current premises for a more accessible place. A building committee will be required to study the proposals and to deliver a budget for discussion and approval.

Until then, on behalf of all the Directors and Assistants, I wish you the best. I look forward to meeting you soon at one of our events.

Richard Liew
President
2025-
2026



Snapshots from the Brunei Social Night Dinner—Emcee Steven Ng on the right and the parade of **baju kurong**, above photo. More photos inside or visit our Facebook.

From Richard's desk...



Hello Members and Friends,

As spring unfolds with its blossoms and brighter skies, I hope you're finding moments of calm and renewal. Spring came with losing an hour of sleep. So, we made it up and life goes on. For those who complained, the Premier Eby took heed and got rid of the time change for good. Your thoughts!

In 2018, I traded my gasoline car for a plug-in Hybrid in the name of 'save the planet' and 'global warming'. Electric car has been my dream since its inception. Fossil fuel combustion causes global warming resulting in climate change. The Middle East is getting richer without limit because we have relied on their oil-producing powerhouse. Today, the war in the Middle East is a wake-up call. We are so dependent on oil.

I have enjoyed driving my Volt for 7 years now. The distance I have covered everyday has used about 20% of the electric charge. I charge my car at night and the cost of electricity is about \$15.00 per month. I have spent \$100.00 on gas per year. I have my car serviced once a year for \$400.00 average. Throughout the years, my savings have been approximately \$25K.

Please feel free to share your thoughts, challenges, or even small joys with us.

I would like to hear from you soon.

By the way, our Assistant Editor Olivia will write in this column in our next issue!!



Till then, all the best.

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

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Quarterly Review of Board Meetings

Meetings are always scheduled on the first Thursday of the month. Light dinner cooked by Michael Mok precedes the meeting at 7.30 pm. Generally, Treasurer presents the monthly financial statements from Vancity. Accounts are Community Service, Jumpstart, Building Fund, Shares and Term Deposits. Henry Mo reports on rental income following the treasurer's report.

MSBCAHQ, our main broadcast channel to members, gets an update from Varghese Thomas. FaceBook also gets an update from Varghese Thomas. He reports the traffic volume as well and it has been getting a lot of visitors.

MSBCA.COM is our website managed by Varghese Thomas, who continually updates the site to make it current. Messages and comments are discussed prior to providing responses as required.

Recent meetings included planning of the Association's 50th Anniversary dinner set on 20th of June, Brunei Social Night, a fund-raiser night. There were discussions regarding activities and social nights in the clubhouse and day trips as well.

More details of the events will be published soon.

The meeting usually lasts 1 and a half hours and adjourns at around 8.30 pm to 9 pm.

The MSBCA Ballroom

Dance Classes

Instructor:
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.

MSBCA Website:

<http://msbca.com>

<https://www.facebook.com>

EVENTS TO WATCH.....

- **Brunei Night Dinner, March 28, 2026**
- **The MSBCA 50th Anniversary, June 20, 2026**
- **Annual Picnic, July 04, 2026**
- **Singapore Night, August 29, 2026**
- **49th AGM, September 12, 2026**
- **Malaysia Night, September 19, 2026**
- **Children's Christmas Party, December 5, 2026**
- **New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance, December 31st, 2026.**
- **Chinese New Year Dinner & Dance, February 2027**

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

NEW MEMBERS:

The MSBCA welcomes the following new and renewed members:

Members:

Alfred Kwong/Nancy Zeng
Regina Lee
Frankie Au

Frankie Tao
Grace Lui
Lana Lew

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



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MEDALLION CLUB
2023

Brunei Social Night

What do you get when you mix 70 enthusiastic guests, a well-served dinner, and a fun prize wheel? A fundraiser that feels more like a celebration than a charity drive. On March 28, 2026, our club hosted a fundraiser dinner, bringing together a lively crowd of members and friends for an evening dedicated to fun and fellowship.

The atmosphere was immediately elevated by the stunning attire of the guests. The room was a kaleidoscope of colour as many attendees arrived in traditional baju kurung and baju melayu, a timeless symbol of Malay cultural heritage.

The energy remained high as guests were treated to a meticulously served Hainanese chicken rice dinner. From the savory main course to a decadent dessert finish, the meal provided the perfect backdrop for catching up with old friends and



making new ones. The evening truly captured the "unifying power of food," where shared flavors bridged differences and fostered a strong sense of community.

It was fun with 'Spin the Wheel'. The guests cheered with every click of the wheel as participants vied for prizes, with the thrill of the win directly benefiting our cause. The energy shifted into high gear as the evening's entertainment began with the 'Twist' competitions and raffles.

Beyond the laughter and the culture, the true highlight was the collective generosity of the 70 attendees. Every ticket sold and every spin of the wheel contributed to our fundraising goals, ensuring that our club can continue its vital work in the community.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the volunteers who served the dinner, namely, Victor, Danny and Kelly, the sponsors (Michael, Steven, Queen Tin, Richard, Polly and Stanley) who donated our "Spin to Win" prizes as well as the raffles, and everyone who attended to make the night such a success. We're already looking forward to the next social night!



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.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE and RATES

Annual—Single/General/Seniors (60+ & over) \$30.00 CAD
Fees due annually

Annual—Family Plan (including children under 18 years) \$40.00 CAD
Fees due annually

Lifetime—Single/General/Seniors (60+ & above) \$300.00 CAD
One time fee

Lifetime—Family Plan (including children under 18 years) \$400.00 CAD
One time fee

- The Membership Rules and the Definition of Membership Types are published on the website.
- Membership Form is available on our website.
- Payment by e-transfer.
- Annual Membership Fee is effective from date of application for 12 months.
- *Payment can be made to:

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

* E-transfer of payment can be made to 'msbcabuild@gmail.com'

Advertisement Rates

The board has been requested to revive the rates for advertisements. Tentatively, the following information will be tabled at the next board meeting for review and approval.

1. Business card regular size \$50
 2. Business card double size \$75
 3. 1/ 2 pages \$125
 4. Full page \$150
- Above would be per year charges.

Members get 25% discount rates for advertisement.

Chinese New Year Celebration— February 21, 2026

The evening opened in grand fashion as guests rose for the National Anthem at 7:00pm, shortly after welcoming the Malaysian Consul General, Mr. Ahmad Shazril Suhaimi, and his Assistant, Mr. Padli Ahmad. Their presence set a dignified tone for what became an unforgettable celebration. One of the night's most meaningful moments followed: the eye-dottedting ceremony (dian jing --), a revered ritual symbolizing the "awakening" of the lion. This act breathes life, spirit, and protection into the lion before its first dance, inviting good fortune and blessings for all present. The lion dance troupe, led by Raymond Cheung, delivered a powerful and energetic performance that filled the hall with excitement.



After the lion dance, guests enjoyed heartfelt speeches from MSBCA President Mr. Richard Liew, Consul General Mr. Ahmad Shazril Suhaimi, and Association Advisor Mr. Yeo Sing Lim, each reflecting on community, culture, and the spirit of togetherness.



The traditional Lo Hei followed, with blessings beautifully read in Cantonese by Henry Mo, ushering in prosperity for the year ahead. Dinner was then served—an exceptional meal that delighted everyone at the tables.



Festivities continued as the Fortune God made his rounds, offering well-wishes and distributing ang pow. The Colour of Dance Academy captivated the audience with five elegant performances, showcasing grace, talent, and cultural pride. At 8:00pm, the excitement grew

with the door prize draw, followed by ang pow gifts for children under 12. The always-popular Cheongsam Parade brought colour and charm to the stage, just as eager dancers began gathering for the evening's music.



Dancing started ahead of schedule at 8:45pm, with the house band Silver Echo, joined by Lydia, delivering a lively lineup of line-dance favourites that kept the floor full.

Midway through the dancing, the room buzzed with anticipation for the raffle draw, featuring a grand prize of \$1,000 generously donated by Mr. Yeo Sing Lim. In a heartwarming twist, the winner was none other than



Mr. Yeo's wife, Patricia—who then graciously donated the prize back to MSBCA, earning cheers and applause from the crowd. Dancing resumed at 10:15pm and carried on joyfully until 11:30pm, when the evening came to a warm and memorable close.



(L-R) Kaleen Ng, Quee Tin Shieh, Swee Teh & Aster Liew at the registration table.



(L) Mr. SK Chin & Danny Thong as Choy Sun



Mr. Steven Ng, VP Malaysia and as Emcee for the event

Thank you to our prize sponsors and donors

CORPORATE

Continental Seafood Restaurant, Richmond, B.C.
Henlong Market, Surrey, B.C.

INDIVIDUALS

Yeo Sing Lim OBC (\$1,000.00 Raffle Prize), Fanny Chua, Lily Teo, Olivia de Silva, Stanley Low, Miew Leng Teo, Michael Mok, SK Chin, Steven Ng, Richard Liew, Kim Kook Lee (for the Lo hee) and Shieh Quee Tin.