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Ms. Polly Voon

Mr. Danny Thong

Message from the President....

Dear Members,

Hope you have enjoyed the summer. The AGM went very well and it signals the start of the fall season and another new fiscal year for the club.

We welcome Ms. Olivia De Silva, elected to the board as Secretary, taking over the position from Fanny Chua who has served us faithfully for many years. Also, Steven Ng who was appointed to the board has now been elected to continue his role as the VP Malaysia.

Varghese Thomas has accepted to be the VP Singapore and webmaster in his own right.

I am very pleased to see the change that we are making. The continuing success of our journey also lies with the core group of assistants like Danny Thong, Say See Tan, Quee Tin Shieh, Sk Chin and Fanny Chua. Also, we have a great

core of volunteers like Kim Kook Lee and spouses of all the directors. We would like to strengthen and expand our core group of volunteers. So, if you can join us, it would be great.

I am also very pleased that Danny Thong has accepted the Hon. Advisor post. He joins the other three Hon. Advisors, namely, Polly Voon, Sing Lim Yeo and Guilbert Ho. Danny's involvement with MSBCA started in 1976 and till today he is still active with the club.

The Board has passed a motion and approved an increase of the membership dues starting January 2025.

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

Richard Liew
President 2024-2025



47th Annual General Meeting,
held at the clubhouse on September 14, 2024. Photo L-R: Fanny Chua, Miew Leng Teo, Richard Liew, Varghese Thomas, Stanley Low. At the back: Simon Chow, Michael Mok and Henry Mo. There was no election held as the slate of nominees and returning directors was made up of 10 directors.



Past President John Ting took the opportunity to express his heartfelt appreciation to the directors and assistants for all the work they have done for the Association. His wife Liza also spoke at the meeting to share equally her appreciation for the great work done in leading the association to where it is today.

From Richard's desk...



Hello Members and Friends,
Potluck at the clubhouse has become a normal activity for the members. This year, there were no misses. Every month, attendance varies between 55 to 70 people. The popularity went up two-fold this year. There were many new members from Sandakan, Sabah, East Malaysia. Also, we had welcomed guests from Kuala Lumpur, Johore and Miri. Special guests Christine Lee, President of MABC came to the June potluck with husband Calvin. The potluck started as a gathering to sample home cooked meals amongst members. It took many years to build up the popularity. At times, hardly any members turned up and the directors would then do a sit-down dinner. It was hilarious to say the least!



Today, the potluck is going great. As I see it, one cannot be too complacent with the success we are getting. Other than the usual line dancing and ballroom, I started this game "Name That Price" and have hosted it twice. It was fun with contestants guessing the price of the products and the winners would walk away with the products. My friends, you need to keep turning the wheel to make things work. Keep supporting this crew!!!



Till then, all the best.

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

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Quarterly Review

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 as part of treasurer's report. Fluctuation of income particularly on the downside requires more attention to ensure it is controlled overall. MSBCAHQ, our main broadcast channel to members gets an update from SK Chin. Usually, undelivered emails are looked after with priority. FaceBook also gets an update from SK Chin. He reports the traffic volume as well. This FB was originally managed by Wen Wong, our past director. 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. The site is currently on top. Traffic has increased with people logging in from Malaysia. The meeting continues on with new business such as membership fees, Christmas party and New Year's Eve party. The meeting adjourns at 9.30 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>



Message from Member:

Great job on the website! I love that we can see the faces of all our wonderful board of directors, assistants and advisors to the board - Meryl Hamdillah

Message

Dear 2024-25 MSBCA Officers and Board -

I was unable to attend the Sept 14 AGM as I have been on a cruise since Sept 10 for a 16-day Vancouver-Hawaii return cruise. Will be home on Sept 26 and look forward to seeing you on Oct 16, if not before then.

Congratulations to the 2023-24 Board for a very successful year which saw many well-planned and organized activities and events. We saw increased attendance, participation and interest in MSBCA and also increased membership sign up. Thank you for your dedication and hard work in ensuring that the association continues to improve and grow. I know it takes many hours of hard work to make it all work.

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Officers and Board Members under the leadership of President Richard Liew. It is great to see the new additions to the Board - Varghese Thomas, Steven Ng and Olivia De Silva - they will bring new ideas and improve on the things that have and

continue to work well. As assistants to the Board, Quee Tin, Say See, and now with SKChin, George Yee and Fanny Chua, they will provide strong and reliable support to the Board.

Thank you to SK Chin, George Yee and Fanny Chua, who have chosen to step back, for their many years of dedication and service to MSBCA. Their service continues as assistants to the Board, sharing their experience, insights and wisdom with the Board. Thank you.

We welcome Danny Thong as Honorary Advisor. His long time experience, insights and wisdom will serve MSBCA well. This ensures that we not only continue the good works of MSBCA but also strive to improve ("Kaizen" or "continual improvement" as it is known in Japan!)

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

With Best wishes,
Polly Voon
Past President & Honorary Advisor

EVENTS TO WATCH.....

-MSB Night—October 26, 2024
-Christmas Party—December 7, 2024
-New Year's Eve—December 31, 2024
Clubhouse Activities: Monthly Potluck, Weekly Ballroom Classes and Zumba Classes.



ASEAN DAY—August 07, 2024

ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, embodies a region of rich cultural diversity and economic dynamism.

I attended the reception on behalf of the MSBCA. In the invitation from Mr. Hendra Halim, Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia in Vancouver, Chairperson of the ASEAN Consuls General in Vancouver, he emphasised that “*ASEAN Day is aimed to showcase ASEAN’s cultural heritage, highlighting traditional music and culinary delights, the vibrant tapestry of our nations’ traditions, innovations, and the enduring partnerships we cultivate here in British Columbia*”.

It was an excellent presentation with piano recital of songs from Southeast Asia countries and vocal performances as well.



Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia Mr. Hendra Halim welcomed all the guests in his opening speech.

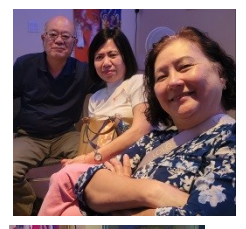
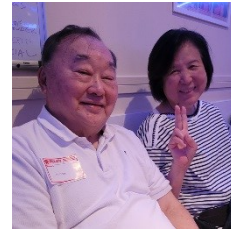


Malaysia Consul General Mohd. Afandi Abu Bakar (right) with President Richard Liew, MSBCA, Vancouver.

Picnic@Stanley - September 08, 2024

Selamat Hari Merdeka dan Hari Malaysia kepada semua rakyat Malaysia!
Happy Merdeka Day and Malaysia Day to all Malaysians!

An estimated crowd of over 100 attended the picnic in Prospect Point Playing Field, Stanley Park on a beautiful sunny day. The picnic was hosted by the Consulate General of Malaysia, in collaboration with other associations. Picnic lunch and dessert were served after the fun games were completed.



Malaysia Consul General Mohd. Afandi Abu Bakar in his welcome speech to all Malaysians and friends, and members of MSBCA, Vancouver.

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.



S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk With The Dragon, July 15, 2024: The MSBCA participates annually in Stanley Park.

Snapshots from Potluck Night —August 31, 2024

Food, game night ‘Name That Price’, singing and dancing complete the night of fun and entertainment!!



Left photo: Pic Tan, second from left, in good company. Right photo: David Lo in Macarena mood! What's going on!!



Above: Winner of the game show 'Name That Price' is Albert Ng, seated in the centre.



Right photo: Director Michael Mok with wife Anne. Not going anywhere for sure!!!



Left photo: Member Stephan Chia, from Brunei somehow ended up in Inanam, Sabah, opening a Kopi Tiam Shop. He is enjoying life now.



Man on the run is SK Chin!!!



Albert Ng and his wife Angie on his left joined the potluck for the first time. Say See and Helen Wong on her right.



Snapshots from Potluck Night —September 28, 2024
50 members turnout for the potluck. Konal Ghadhi, Life Member, brought his family to the potluck and was enjoying Jurusalema dance on the right photo. A Presidential wave from past president John Ting on the left photo. A thumb's up from Ken Wong, Life Member, above photo, with approval from wife Helen. Photo below: happy faces tell the story. Hmmm... food!

