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## From the President



The General Election is fast approaching and with the Executive Committee not seeking re-election, this is my last opportunity to address you as President.

First and foremost, on behalf of the Executive Committee I would like to thank you, the members, for your continued support over the past two years.

I think it is appropriate at this time to review some highlights over the past two years.

- Changes to the Club-house:
  - The office was converted to a lounge that continues to be well used;
  - Shelves were installed on a wall in the main hall enabling plaques and other mementos to be displayed;
  - Partitions were erected at the entrance.

- The Social Committee provided ongoing events for our enjoyment. Some of the highlights being:

- Trip to Niagara that included a visit to a winery, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Casino and to see the Christmas Lights;
- Bingo Night;
- Tai Sai Night;
- Meenchi Night;
- New Year's Eve Celebration;
- Woodbine Races.

- At the request of APIM, each Casa held a cooking contest with local winners to meet in Macau for a cook-off during the forthcoming Encontro in December 2004. We had five teams participate and as one of the judges I can attest the dishes were excellent.

- Our club house is well utilized on a regular basis with Tai Chi, Line Dancing and Exercise Classes.

- The first Thursday social/card drive is one of our most popular events attracting a full house of approximately 50 people each month. It is a great venue for members to get together to enjoy a good chit-chat, a tasty meal and transfer of capital.

- Our new website was recently launched and from early indications it is a success. To date we have approximately 1,500 visits to the site.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and thank the following individuals for their hardwork and dedication in helping make our Casa a success.

-To the Social Committee - Barbara Baptista, Helena Barradas, Joyce Barros, Susanna Costa, Tony Guterres, Celsa Larcina, Cleo Ozorio, Marie Cecile Remedios and Anna Tavares. THANK YOU for the six years of hardwork.

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-To Lydia Ozorio for coordinating the Thursday functions.

-To David Tavares and Joe Anok for looking after the library

-To Monica Alves and Gloria Anok for publishing the newsletters.

-To Jerry Noronha and Tony Barradas for their work on the Website.

-Last, but certainly not least, to my fellow committee members – Tony Barradas, Jerry Noronha, Nena Noronha and Armando Santos, for their support and hardwork during our term.

When we first took office two years ago, I pledged that we would perform our duties to the best of our ability and as we come to the end of our term, I sincerely feel we have fulfilled this commitment.

Once again, thank you, the members for your support and we wish you all the best for the future.

## E ditorial

*Briefly speaking...*



This will be the final newsletter Monica and I will be working on as our tenure is up when the current Executives step down in September. Monica and I would like to thank you, the members, for your support over the last two years. Your contributions, be it articles or suggestions, helped make our work lighter, and provided variety for our readers.

As some of you are now aware, Monica and I, together with Marie-Cecile Remedios, Helena Barradas and Barbara Baptista, have submitted our Letter of Intent to run as a team to fill the Executive Committee vacancy.

Should we be successful in getting

elected, we hope we can count on your support.

Once again, thank you.

Gloria

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asa news



### Ajax man's winning photos have put him in pictures

Wednesday, July 21, 2004.

By Keith Gilligan - Staff Writer

#### AJAX – What started out as a tender moment between sisters has led to the bright lights of Hollywood.

Steve Remedios of Ajax has won a worldwide digital photography contest held by Hewlett-Packard and Project Greenlight, an independent film company owned by Ben Affleck and Matt Damon.

In addition to having his pictures used in an HP advertising campaign, Mr. Remedios won a chance to be an on-set photographer for a Project Greenlight film, as well as earning a walk-on role in the movie.

The contest was called You Take Five, and the aim was to take a series of five photos that tell a story.

Mr. Remedios took pictures of his youngest daughters, Nicole and Sarah, playing chess.

It all started when Nicole, who was five when the pictures were taken, “didn’t want to watch cartoons”, so he suggested she try chess.

“My seven-year-old said she would play. I went in and they were concentrating pretty hard. I got my camera and the pictures came out great,” he says. “It was one of those times you watch kids entertaining themselves.

“It’s a good story to go along with

good pictures.”

There were about 5,000 entries worldwide.

Mr. Remedios spent three days in Hollywood, meeting Affleck and Damon, and Chris Moore, the producer of the American Pie movies. He also received the whole red carpet treatment, including being interviewed by Entertainment Tonight.

Project Greenlight helps up and coming moviemakers and Mr. Remedios will be working on the film ‘Feast’.

“It’s about aliens killing people. It’s horror and comedy mixed in,” he explains.

Wes Craven, a veteran of horror movies, “was brought in to oversee these things”, he adds.

“It’s pretty big. I didn’t realize how big it was, to be honest.”

Nicole is now six and Sarah is eight. His oldest daughter Jenna is 10. “They’re excited to see me being part of a movie. They don’t know about the rest,” he says.

He’s on the set for ‘Feast’ and will have a walk-on role. “Hopefully, it will lead to other opportunities.”

For now, he’s a broker with Freedom Bond Brokerage. He also has a sideline photography business with his brother Jeff and a friend.

*Stephen is the son of our members Eric and Lourdes Remedios*



One in the series of five pictures taken by Stephen Remedios

**Dia de Macau**

By Tony Barradas

**The celebration to commemorate Dia de Macau this year was carried out on June 12, with a dinner and dance.** Ninety-five members participated in this year's annual event, which began with a Mass at the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, on Midland Avenue in Scarborough.

Following the Mass, everyone met in the Church Hall, to enjoy a dinner of caldo verde, salad, fish, veal and dessert, that was catered and served by New Casa Abril. Music for the evening was provided by a DJ, and many joined in on the dance floor throughout the evening.

The highlight of the evening was a performance by dancers and singers from the Portuguese group As Tircanas. This large group of about forty entertained everyone with traditional songs and dances for almost an hour. They even managed

to encourage members to spontaneously join in with them on one of their presentations.

Everyone enjoyed a full evening of dinner, dancing, entertainment, and above all, the warmth and friendship of our community. This celebration of our heritage has become a happy and successful tradition only made possible by the preparation and hard work of the nine members of the Social Committee, led by Barbara Baptista. Much is owed to this tireless group who has continuously provided



Members getting into the act

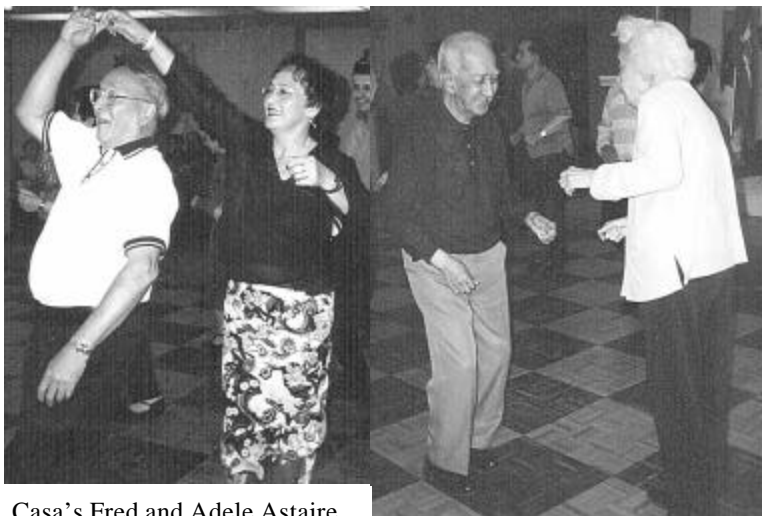
members with many successful events over the years.



"As Tircanas" the Portuguese dance group which provided the 'entertainment' for the evening.



Standing L to R: Mica Airosa, Angie Marques, Cissy Conceição  
Seated L to R: Maldred Airosa & Isabel (Anok) Pedruco



Casa's Fred and Adele Astaire a.k.a. José Anok and Isabel (Anok) Pedruco

Fred and Ginger a.k.a. "Walla" and Elizabeth Vieira-Ribeiro



Leonor Barlow kicking up her heels



L to R: Lisa Au, Ange, Alfred Malig and Louis Pomeroy



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### Annual General Meeting Final Notice to Members

Final Notice is hereby given to members that the Annual General Meeting called for the purpose of election of the Executives of Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto) shall be held on Sunday, September 19, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. at the Star Walk International Buffet, 648 Silver Star Blvd., Scarborough.

The following is a list of nominees who have submitted their names:

Monica Alves	President
Gloria Anok	1st Vice President
Marie-Cecile Remedios	2nd Vice President
Barbara Baptista	Treasurer
Helena Barradas	Secretary

Full members in good standing may vote in person at the meeting or by proxy. **For Full members who will not be attending but wish to vote, please ensure the appropriate side of the proxy form is completed.** This form may be mailed to the Secretary or handed to a member who will be attending the meeting. Ballots will be handed out at the registration door to eligible members.

Secretary

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## **“ONE CASA, ONE GOAL”**

### OUR PLATFORM

Our team, comprising the first all female Executive of Casa de Macau (Toronto) hopes that you, the membership will consider electing us as your next Executive. To quote the famous Swiss psychoanalyst Carl Jung: “We cannot change anything unless we accept it. Condemnation does not liberate, it oppresses.” It will be our hope that over the next two years members will accept the new ideas we will be proposing, which we feel will revitalize our Casa.

We welcome constructive suggestions from the membership of new and different ideas for events. A Survey will be circulated in the near future. As well, we will be approaching individual members to volunteer to take on organizing particular events. This is “our” Casa and many hands will make light work. The burden of organizing all the events has paid a heavy price on the few who have continuously been relied upon to put on the events in the past. We, your Executive, will be overseeing the events and providing guidance but it will be the responsibility of the volunteer member, or members, to do the prep work thus we will be counting on your assistance. It therefore stands to reason that if your help is not forthcoming then the activities offered may be reduced proportionately.

We are happy to inform you that should we be successful in our bid to be your next Executive, Isabel Gomes da Silva has been asked, and has graciously accepted, to take on the position of Clubhouse Manager. Isabel will also be calling upon you to lend a hand.

To quote a Proverb: “Experience is the mother of wisdom”. We believe our team will bring together our past experiences of having served on previous Executives and Social committees. We pledge to serve our community to the best of our ability.

In closing please remember that: “Footprints on the sands of time are not made by sitting down” so when we call upon you, we hope you will be willing to accept the challenge to put a set of your own footprints in the life of our Casa. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Casa so it will be your choice if you want our Casa to continue offering varied activities to...**PLEASE GET INVOLVED!**



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## REGISTRATION OF VOTE

A Full Member in good standing who is unable to be present at the Annual General Meeting of Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto) but wish to register his/her vote is requested to complete and sign the following form\*. This form must be returned to the Secretary by Tuesday, September 14, 2004.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ vote as follows:  
(Please print)

		Yes	No
President	Monica Alves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1st Vice President	Gloria Anok	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2nd Vice President	Marie-Cecile Remedios	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	Barbara Baptista	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	Helena Barradas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dated

\* Proxy forms that are not completed properly will be considered damaged and thus voided.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, being a Full Member of Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto) hereby  
(Please print)

give my proxy to \_\_\_\_\_ and authorize him/her to vote on my behalf at the  
(Please print)

Annual General Meeting of the said Association to be held on Sunday, September 19, 2004, or any adjournment thereof.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Signature

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