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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is six months until the term of your Executive comes to an end. In light of this, the Committee in the next weeks and months will be taking stock and tying up any loose ends before we step down so that the transition and hand over to the incoming committee will be smooth.

Members might recall in our last newsletter it was reported that our sister Casa Lusitano California was planning a trip to Toronto around early September. Unfortunately I received news from President Maria Roliz informing me that their trip has been cancelled. After researching the cost of the trip what with the Canadian dollar being as strong as it has been these past few months, they decided to put the trip on ice. In response I expressed on your behalf our disappointment at the news but hoped that we could extend our Torontonians hospitality at another time in the future.

I was delighted to be able to welcome a number of visitors who dropped by our Casa in May. It so happened to be on the day of one of our practices of the Songbirds so they had a preview of the songs that we were rehearsing for the Dia. From California: Raquel Remedios (President of UMA) and Jorge Remedios; Sheila Collaco; from Connecticut - Joe and Jocelyn Basto; from Australia - Tony Basto; and from Montreal - Peter Alves. On another occasion, Flavia Greubel also from California dropped by.



Jorge, Tony, Joe, Jocelyn, Sheila and Raquel



Monica, Raquel, Marie-Cecile

## JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> OPEN HOUSE – 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF INAUGURATION OF THE CASA

Members are invited to drop by the Casa on Friday, June 27 between 5 pm and 8 pm to share in light refreshments and reminiscences covering the 10 years since the inauguration of the clubhouse, June 27<sup>th</sup> 1998. As the years go by there is a tendency to take things for granted however the Executive did not want to let this milestone pass without some kind of recognition and celebration. We all should be very grateful to Fundação Oriente for their generosity in purchasing the three units for our use. Limited as it is in terms of numbers of members that we can accommodate at any one time, nevertheless the fact that we have a place where we can socialize on a regular basis, exercise and or share in a meal is indeed a privilege.

An invitation was sent to both Dr. Monjardino and Dr. Brandao informing them of our celebration. We have since received a reply from both gentlemen sending their regrets but also their congratulations to our Casa for: “the excellent work carried out during these past 10 years.”

As a result of all the committees and volunteers past and present who have taken the responsibility for looking after our place and making sure that it is maintained and up kept to a high standard, we can proudly show off our Casa to visiting friends and family.

If you would like to attend the “Open House”, please fill in the RSVP form found at the back of the newsletter and return it to the Casa by June 23, attention any Executive member, or e-mail your reply to me at [1monman@rogers.com](mailto:1monman@rogers.com)

### AN APPEAL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS AND INFORMATION FOR 2 FUTURE BOOKS ON THE MACAENSE COMMUNITY

*(Reproduced, in part, from the Lusitano Bulletin Vol.18 Issue No.1)*

I am writing to the Macaense community once again asking for photographs of family groups, socials, sports and any special events that I can use for 2 future books I am now working on.

#### 1. The Portuguese Community in Hong Kong – Volume 2

The first edition of the Portuguese community in Hong Kong was well received recently though I am very aware that it is incomplete and wanting of a second volume for the many families, social and sporting events that were not in the first. Many of you have heard me talking about the preservation of our history over the many years you have known me – finally, I have been able to at least put together the first part of that dream I have had for so long.

Please send me your photographs and information I have missed in the first volume. I promise to return all originals as soon as I have scanned them. A copy of a copy is not good enough to enlarge and use in the publication so please either send me the originals or scans at a minimum of 300 dpi.

Errata and unidentified names in the first volume are important to me as I am almost certain there will be a second edition printed someday soon. This is different from Volume 2 which I refer to above.

António M. Pacheco Jorge da Silva

#### 2. The Portuguese-Macaense Community in California and the USA

*[As this section deals with the USA and does not include Canada; we have omitted the text and information as it is quite lengthy. Members who would like to send their photos to António (Tonéco) for inclusion in his Vol. 2 book or who would like to communicate directly can e-mail him at [tony@dsiarch.com](mailto:tony@dsiarch.com). For those who might not have internet access his address is 63 Tourmaline Avenue, Livermore, California 94550. Editor ]*

*Monica*

#### **PORTUGUESE CLASSES AT CASA**

Arrangements have been made to reinstate Portuguese classes weekly at the Casa, on a trial basis with the first class commencing on Saturday, July 12, from 11.00 – 12.30. These classes are at no cost to members and will cover *very basic* conversation/pronunciation.

Some members will recall that a few years back Portuguese classes were held at the Casa, but it was for those who had some prior knowledge of the language. This time around, it will cover very basic ground; photocopies of lessons will be handed out.

Please refer to form at the back of newsletter. Thank you.

## GASTRONOMIA NEWS

Arrangements have been made for Cintia do Serro, our Gastronomia representative at Encontro 2007 to hold a second cooking demonstration of Macanese cooking on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 3 pm.

Though **all** members are invited to submit their names, *priority for attendance will be given to those members who did not have a chance to attend the first event held earlier this year; and in the event you do not get on the list (limit 50), your payment will be returned. However, if you make the list of attendees, and do not show up, the fee will be non-refundable.*

Please refer to form at the back of newsletter. Thank you.

## ASPIRING MARATHON RUNNER

Meet Eric (Barradas) Ashley, a member of Casa who has just turned 23. This September he will be in his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at York University.

Eric is an aspiring marathon runner and, although he has no formal training, has taken part in the following races:

Walt Disney World \* Ottawa \* Niagara Falls \* Philadelphia \* San Francisco \* Virginia Beach \* Chicago \* Miami \* Washington D.C. \* Dayton (Ohio) \* Mississauga \* and his hometown, Toronto.

Eric's most recent race in Buffalo on May 25<sup>th</sup> was his 21<sup>st</sup> marathon, finishing in a time of 3 hrs 32 mins. placing in the top 20%. His personal best time was in Niagara Falls in 2007, finishing in 3 hours 30 minutes. In 2006, he placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in his age group in Niagara Falls.

His ultimate goal is qualifying for the Boston Marathon in the future. We wish you all the best, Eric.



## THE SONGBIRDS

Casa has quite a “flock” of twenty plus Songbirds who attended their first meeting April 5. Monica handed out a couple of songs sheets that Armando has given the group permission to sing and practice. All were agreeable and enthusiastic to target the Dia de Macau celebrations, which will be their first performance.

Although part of the “repertoire” will be the songs adapted by Armando into Patuá, for variety, we will also be choosing other ‘popular’ songs to sing. (See more photos posted on the website)



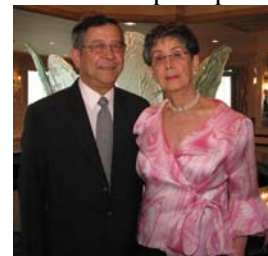
José \* Chappy \* Archer \* Lourenço  
Armando “supervising” in background



... more of the flock

## CONGRATULATIONS

Marie-Cecile and Deniz (Chappy) Remedios celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 with a reception at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall attended by many friends and relatives. They were married at St. Theresa's Church, Kowloon, by Fr. Orlando. Two of Marie's bridesmaids, Lourdes Remedios and Marie Camille Gonsalves were present at this reception and so were Marie's brothers, Tony from Sydney, Australia, and Jojo and his wife Jocelyn, from Connecticut, U.S.A. Others who came from far and wide were Sheila Collaco (San Francisco), Jorge and Raquel Remedios (Hillsborough, Calif.), Flavia Greubel (Rossmoor, Calif.) Michol Levitt and her daughter Michelle (Boynton Beach, Fla.), Robert and Catherine Guterres, George and Cecile Guterres, and Linda Ozorio, all from Vancouver, and Peter Alves from Montreal. A toast was proposed by Archer Larcina, Marie-Cecile's brother Jojo also made an impromptu speech.



## CAN YOU HELP

Pamela d'Eça, who resides in Pembroke, Ontario, is desirous of obtaining information on her great grandmother, Benefidia Silva Rosa.

Benefidia had a child with Antonio de Eça Vaz Bernardes, named Bartolomeo Antonio, who was baptized at the Hong Kong Cathedral in 1851.

Pamela is the daughter of Claud d'Eça; who worked for the Government for many years and his last job was with the Bengal Chamber of Commerce. Her mother's name was Dorothy (Marchant). They lived in Calcutta, India. Her mother died there and her father is buried in Toronto. Her brothers, Julian and Neville now live in Toronto.

Please contact Pamela directly at [decaclan@nrtco.net](mailto:decaclan@nrtco.net) or, if you prefer, call me and I will relay your information. Thank you.

## FATHER LANCELOTE RODRIGUES

Portuguese version by Luis Machado in FOCUS ON MACAO (*Reproduced by kind permission of Mr. Machado*) (English translation by João Almeida)



The Macao International Institute (Instituto Internacional de Macau) will finally publish the history and achievements of the missionaries who have lived and worked in Macao. This announcement was made last week (*April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Clube Militar*) at an intimate dinner in honour of Father Lancelote Miguel Rodrigues. The publishers gifted Father Lancelote with the golden privilege of having his life narrated in the first chapter of the book titled "Missionaries for the 21st Century".

Who is this Father Lancelote, also known as "Father Lance" by those who do not have a Portuguese background? Who is this unique person who had adopted Macao, or rather was adopted by Macao, since the tender age of 12? With some hesitation at first, Father Lancelote's parents in Malacca allowed their son to leave home, following several invitations by local Portuguese priests, who were at the time under the Bishop of Macao's jurisdiction. Therefore, from the hub of his large family and of the "Portuguese Settlement" in Malacca, Malaysia, the boyish Lancelote landed in 1935 at the "St. Joseph Seminary" (Seminario de Sao Jose) in Macao, leaving behind his large family --- his Portuguese father, Malaysian mother, and 12 siblings. The young Lancelote was

ordained in 1949, together with the Rev. Arquimínio da Costa (who later became the Bishop of Macao).

Father Lancelote told his friend Dra. Leonor Seabra, the author of the book in question, that he came to Macao seeking adventure. This book is highly recommended, since it portrays Father Lancelote's life and struggles. And what was the nature of his adventures? His whole life is an authentic narrative of human adventures! His achievements were so amazing that it is impossible to have them itemized here. They are certainly already known by his friends and specially by those who have ended up as beneficiaries of his hard work. They are the refugees for whom Father Lancelote had dedicated a major part of his working life. Notwithstanding his 85 years of age, Father Lancelote still labours with the same youthful zeal and good-natured spirit. On the other hand, he is fond of the little pleasures of life, such as a tasty "dish", an invigorating "scotch", as well as a good glass of Portuguese wine. At the same time, we must not forget that Father Lancelote is a born "entertainer". To the delight of those present at the dinner last Thursday, he brought along a guitar and gave a lively rendition of his singing abilities. His performance elicited an emotional response from the audience, and the ice melted!

Because of the chaotic years of Japan's occupation of China, and of the wars in these parts of the world since the 1930's, the Macanese community of Shanghai sought refuge in Macao and Hongkong. This community always found comfort and assistance from Father Lancelote. He has always interceded on their behalf. He gave everyone a new lifeline and a hopeful future. He provided them with a loving and peaceful reception in countries such as the U.S.A., Brazil, Australia, Canada and Europe. Today they comprise the Macanese diaspora community. And they are the first to recognize the value of Father Lancelote's labour in making available to them a comfortable and prosperous livelihood. These achievements were only possible on account of Father Lancelote's tireless efforts. His "youthful spirit" and giant and noble heart prepared the initial steps for a new life for the refugees. They are the first ones to proclaim OBRIGADO.

The same will say the Vietnamese boat people, the Cambodjans and more recently, the people from Timor and all those who were "touched" by him. Thank you very much Sir Lancelot. Many thanks, father and friend. "

*Our Casa was notified of the party held April 3<sup>rd</sup> in honour of Fr. Lancelote and a congratulatory message was sent to the IIM, which was read during the festivity.*

**SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE  
(MACAU) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

2008 is the bi-centennial year of the Canossian Foundation and Sacred Heart Canossian College (Macau). The Alumni Association in Toronto is planning a pilgrimage to Fatima, Santiago de Compostela and Lourdes. This is also the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Bernadette. There are special indulgences to be gained in 2008.

The tour will be in Fatima on October 12, the day Our Lady appeared to the three children. The dates are October 5<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, and the cost \$2,948.00. You are invited to join in this pilgrimage. For itinerary and information call Luiz Rebelo, at 416-840-3448. Many of you may remember that Luiz was Casa's agent for a couple of trips to Portugal.

(Millie Castro, is President of Sacred Heart Canossian College (Macau) Alumni Association, in Toronto.)

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**UPDATE FOR YOUTH AGES 16-35,  
PORTUGUESE LESSONS, CHAT FORUM, AND  
YOUTH ENCONTRO SUMMER 2009**

*Written by Joanne and Jonathan Barradas*

**Update for Youth:** Our monthly youth events have begun. As you'll recall from our last newsletter, we invited all youth, including non-member children within the ages of 18-35 of our current members to attend a youth reception on April 5th. It was good to have a function just for the youth, and the parents and Executives who were in attendance respected our privacy by having their own social gathering in the kitchen (thanks Mom for not emerging from there until the end!).

On May 4th, we had our next youth event at a Japanese all-you-can eat buffet restaurant where we indulged in delicious foods selected from a menu of over 150 items to choose from. We discussed the next Encontro, which we have learned will be for the benefit of the youth only and is scheduled for July or August 2009 (see below on how to find out more info).

June 14th was the Dia de Macau celebration, which was not limited to just youth. It was a time for gathering members of our Casa together, and those of you who attended would have noticed a dinner table where some of us were sitting together. This was a good chance for many youths who came with their parents to meet others for the first time.

**Email Notification:** To be kept up-to-date of our future youth events or any news updates that we send via email in between each quarterly newsletter, please email Joanne Barradas with your name, age, and email address at [joanne.barradas@rogers.com](mailto:joanne.barradas@rogers.com).

**Youth Encontro Summer 2009:**

If you or your children/ grandchildren between the ages of 16-35 (yes, we have expanded the age bracket) have missed our recent youth events, don't worry, we have another Youth Reception scheduled for Saturday, August 16th 1-3pm at the Casa. Again, we will allow one parent to accompany the youth, if you would prefer to not attend on your own. We will give you an update of what is being planned so far for a Youth Encontro in Macau to take place in July or August next year. Please RSVP by August 10th to Joanne at [joanne.barradas@rogers.com](mailto:joanne.barradas@rogers.com) so that we can arrange for food and extra seating, if necessary.

**Portuguese Lessons:**

Beginning Saturday, July 12 from 11am-12:30pm, we have an external teacher who will be teaching beginner-level Portuguese lessons at the Casa. This is open to all members, but it is important for youth to attend as it may help them if they are interested in attending the Youth Encontro next summer. You will not regret it! Please refer to form at the end of newsletter for enrolment. Classes will take place every Saturday, 11-12:30 for the months of July and August. Should there be a continued interest, we may extend the classes into the autumn months.

**Youth Chat Forum:**

We are also thinking about launching a Casa Youth Chat Forum on our website. This will allow for better communication amongst us and give you a good chance to suggest upcoming events and learn of updated news. Youth, please email Jonathan for more details at [jonathanb@dscgroup.ca](mailto:jonathanb@dscgroup.ca).

We hope to see or chat with you soon!

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**CORNELIUS "CONNIE" COELHO** As some members will undoubtedly remember Connie, I am including the following which is circulating on the e-mail circuit. I had the pleasure of meeting up with him when he visited Toronto a few years ago.

"During his younger years, Master Connie was an expert of Choy Li Fut and was unbeatable in his art in Hongkong. He defeated many respectable sparring partners at the time, such as Bruce Lee. This prompted him to participate in various local and foreign full-contact martial arts tournaments, often with him or his students emerging as champions.

After continuous successes in various tournaments, Master Connie sustained a number of competition and training related injuries. It was during this time that he heard about the health and martial arts benefits of the internal martial art called LiuHeBaFa. As a result, Master Connie sought out Master Lo for instruction in this unique martial arts style.

Master Connie spent years of dedicated training under Master Lo. During daytime he worked in a well-known Hongkong bank and during nighttime he trained hard in LiuHeBaFa. Often at 3AM he would call up Master Peter and spar with him at the nearby cemetery. He would often participate as fighter or manager in different international competitions throughout Asia. Later on, Master Lo felt that Master Connie was ready to learn his secret internal martial art of Wan Yuen. So, Master Lo patiently passed on the secrets of this art to Master Connie. Master Connie eventually became Master Lo's best Wan Yuen student.

After completing his training in Wan Yuen, Master Connie migrated to Australia. There Master Connie set up a formal LiuHeBaFa organization and taught both LiuHeBaFa and Wan Yuen. In the years that followed, Master Connie developed a comprehensive training program for full-contact fighting that integrated practices of LiuHeBaFa and Wan Yuen. All his students eventually became champions in local and international full contact martial arts tournaments and now head their own respective LiuHeBaFa groups.

In September 2005, Master Lo passed on the successorship of Wan Yuen to Master Connie. So now, Grandmaster Cornelius Coelho becomes the next keeper of Wan Yuen.”



**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to the young couple who celebrated their 61<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Anna and Marcus Barradas were joined in marriage by Fr. Spada at the Catholic Cathedral in Hong Kong all those years ago. Bestmen were Ionel Barradas and Gustavo da Rocha, bridesmaids Aida (nee Agabeg) Vine and Therese (nee Barradas) da Rocha.

Annie, as she is known to most of her friends, told me that on their 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary they attended Mass, then spent the day at Niagara Falls, returning to Toronto in the evening for a celebratory dinner with their family: son Tony and daughter Rita and their spouses, her 9 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandsons (another due shortly). Parabens.

**DO YOU REMEMBER??** Old news rehashed SCMP - *The Best Address in Town*

When The Peninsula Hotel opened its doors to the public on December 11, 1928, Colonial Secretary W.T. Southom spoke proudly to VIP guests at the Inaugural party in the top-floor oval Banquet Hall. The building was magnificent, he declared, with lavish facilities; no detail had proven too small and no expenditure too

great. Guests danced beneath a domed ceiling to the strains of a full military band.

The decision to build the hotel was made in 1921 and construction of the \$3 million, nine-storey edifice began in 1923. It included a shopping arcade, theatre and rooftop-garden, while the famous entrance incorporated a wide carriage-way around the fountain. The Hotel's 250 rooms came with telephones, box-spring mattresses and adjoining bathrooms. The Peninsular stood as a landmark in the history of a great city of the future, said the colonial secretary.



The Peninsula's new 37 storey extension (the tall tower) opened in December 1994.

**DAI SAI EVENING** (recap by Monica)

Some forty members gathered at the clubhouse March 29 ready to play the odds at the Dai Sai table which our Social Committee had set up. Those wishing to participate, contributed to the “pot”/bank and bought more chips with which to play. In a relaxed atmosphere, members either placed their bets or chose to abstain if they had a run of bad luck while others sat and socialized. Come dinner time, there was a lovely spread of different kinds of noodles that was enjoyed by all. After dinner and dessert the betting continued until dusk. Casa participated in observing the one hour switching off of the lights from 8 pm – 9 pm as part of Earth Hour. At each table there were pillar candles which were lit for the one hour observance. From the windows of the Casa it was encouraging to see how some neighborhoods did seem to also be observing Earth Hour. Let's hope that this will not just be a gimmick but rather will foster awareness for conservation. (See more photos posted on the website.)



Place your bets everyone



Michael Barros, banker

**MINCHI AND SING-A-LONG (recap by Monica)**

Ah ...Minchi, the ultimate Macanese “comfort food”! According to the Food and Culture Encyclopaedia: “Comfort food is an increasingly prominent concept in the twenty-first century. Indeed, as a consequence of the term’s increased use in the English language (likely a response to increasingly stressful living conditions), the editors of the *Oxford English Dictionary* added “comfort food “ to its list of 1997 entries, defining it as “food that comforts or affords solace; hence any food that is associated with childhood or with home cooking.” That same year *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary* added “comfort food” to the tenth edition, defining it as “food prepared in a traditional style having a usually nostalgic or sentimental appeal.” Throughout history and across cultures, food arguably has always been associated with the provision of comfort. From our West Coast to East, each of our Provinces has its own typical comfort food. For instance: British Columbia has smoked salmon and Nanaimo bars; Ontario – Beaver Tail; Quebec has Poutine and Smoked Meat and Newfoundland – Fish ‘n Brewis (which I understand is boiled salt cod and bread). Across the regions of the United States for instance fried chicken falls into the category of a comfort food in the South, with Chilli, mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese pretty much nearly everywhere else. In the United Kingdom, there are your stews and “bangers and mash” while in Japan there is Miso soup and in India, Roti.

Fifty plus members gathered at the Casa April 19 to enjoy a plethora of varieties of Minchi, our own Macanese comfort food prepared from 13 household recipes. Just to name a few there was: minchi with cubed fried potatoes; minchi with orelha de rato (*vun yee*); minchi with letria (*fun see*); minchi with ham choi; minchi with torresmo; minchi with peas; minchi with amargoso; “dark” soy minchi; “light” soy minchi etc.etc. Accompanying those dishes was a variety of vegetable dishes as well which all together took up the full length of two eight foot long tables! It ended up that there was barely enough room on one’s plate if you attempted to try a bit of each dish ... trust me, I speak from experience! After dinner the karaoke machine was turned on and everyone enjoyed a good sing-a-

long. Thanks Carlos, Eddie and David for lending us your DVDs so that we had a great selection of songs to sing along to. Having worked off a few calories with all that singing (wishful thinking on my part), everyone dug wholeheartedly into the desserts.

True to form and having the express effect that true comfort food elicits, we all left in high spirits having shared a good time with good friends. (*See more photos posted on the website*)



Minchi !!!



Zito Jan

**DIA DE MACAU (recap by Gloria)**

Normally, Casa’s annual Dia de Macau is celebrated as close to the date (June 24) as possible. Due to unavailability of Hall and Church, we had no alternative but to hold it on June 14<sup>th</sup>. We also lucked out with Portuguese caterers. Rest assured that the Social Committee left no stone unturned. However, we made up for it with Macanese desserts such as: Batatada; Baji; Bebinca de Leite; Bolo Laranje; Coqueira; Gummy; Natas to name a few and plenty of lovely fresh fruits.

We started off with Fr. Micheal saying Mass, which is a tradition of our Casa, as well, a special collection was made and this was forwarded to the Carmelite Sisters from Macau to their address in Uxbridge, Ontario.

Our new member, Maria Lourdes Grino led the members at Mass with hymns, and sang Ave Maria during communion. Other participants at the Mass were: Monica Alves (First Reading) Cleo Ozorio (Second Reading/Intentions) and Tony Gutterres (Collection).

Armando Santos entertained members and guests during the evening with a wonderful selection of tunes from his two CDs as well as popular hit tunes.

A new addition to the festivity was Casa’s own “Songbirds” ... who first performed in Macau at the last Encontro after only a few rehearsals. Encouraged by their reception, the “Songbirds” have since increased their flock. Armando guides the “Songbirds” at rehearsals (refer to page 3) when he is available, otherwise Monica keeps them in tune ;-). The “Songbirds” sang two songs in Patuá that Armando had adapted: “*Chistosa com Chistoso*” (sung to the tune of “*You are my Sunshine*”) and very appropriately a song entitled “*Dia de Festa*” (sung to the tune of “*The Saints*”).

are Marching in”) The “Songbirds” were greatly encouraged by the enthusiastic response of the attendees.

Tickets for a 50-30-20 draw was also conducted during the evening. Ticket sales were very ably handled by Christina and Gianluca Angeloni. The winners were:

First prize – Michael Barros; Second prize – Farida Samad and Third prize – ‘Zito’ Rodrigues.

All good things must come to an end and so too did this evening. Yet another very successful event in the Social calendar of our Casa.



Fr. Michael and Maria Lourdes conferring before Mass



Members waiting for Mass to start



Armando  
and the  
Casa Songbirds

L to R: Gianluca and Christina Angeloni, Farida Samad, Michael Barros and ‘Zito’ Rodrigues





## Happy Canada Day - July 1st

*In closing,*

*I would like to thank all contributors to this newsletter ... have a safe summer everyone.*

*I would also appreciate it if all members would carefully read the following article on "Elections 2009" and give it very serious thought. Thank you.*

*Gloria, editor*

### **ELECTIONS-2009**

With Elections fast approaching, there are procedures that I would like to address in regard to running for office of the Executive.

It seems, from questions being asked, that some members are under the impression that they cannot run as individuals, but only as a body (block). Nowhere in our Constitution is it mentioned that those seeking to run for office need to run as a "block".

All FULL members in good standing may submit their name(s) for the following positions to the Secretary at least 20 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting called for the purpose of electing a new Executive:

- \* President
- \* (2) Vice-Presidents (1<sup>st</sup> VP and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP)
- \* Secretary
- \* Treasurer

The individual polling the most votes for each position will be installed as President, and so on down the line.

As it stands at present, the Executive appointed

- (1) a member to take over the responsibility of Club Manager;
- (2) a member to act as Social Director, who in turn assembled her committee to deal with social events, and
- (3) a member to take charge of the Library.

All the above individuals report directly to the Executive. The Executive may also appoint Directors to oversee specific duties as they see fit.

For detailed information relating to Elections, please refer to your copy of the Constitution, which was amended on September 17, 2005.

We are asking members to please consider stepping up to fill the position(s) of the outgoing Executive who have served for two consecutive terms for a total of four years; as well, during our first term, we did not have a Social Committee and handled it ourselves. We feel it is time for new blood, new ideas.

We would like to stress that Casa events cannot operate without a full Executive, therefore all activities will have to be curtailed immediately after the Elections if a new board is not formed. Only the payment of bills, banking and the day-to-day necessities to manage the Casa will continue. However, no social activities will take place.

The date of the AGM will be announced in the next Newsletter (September). Our Constitution dictates :

(Article 4, Section 2 (b) .... The Election of the Executives shall take place at the Annual General Meeting which shall be held no earlier than one (1) month following the close of the fiscal year (*December 31<sup>st</sup>*) but no later than two (2) months past the end of the fiscal year. The term of each Executive shall be for a period of two (2) years and shall commence at the conclusion of the said meeting. ... )

Due to responsible commitments on the part of all Boards of Executive, the Casa has managed to maintain and stay within the guidelines of our Constitution in connection with Annual Expenditure (Article 9).

While keeping within these guidelines, we have managed to give members a very healthy calendar of events, and you can judge for yourselves how extremely generous the Casa has been with subsidies. Taking into account the membership fee of \$24 per annum per adult, which children under age 17 are not required to pay; and for seniors 80 and over, the option of payment is by choice.

Past Executives:

**1988-1990**

Alberto F. Rodrigues  
Guilherme Joao da Silva  
José Antonio Mello  
Sebastião Maria José

**1990-1992**

Sebastião Maria José  
Humberto Maria Viana  
Patrick Castro  
Alice da Costa Xavier  
Isabel Gomes da Silva

**1992-1994**

Leonardo Angelo Barros  
Armando Eugenio de Sousa Santos  
Isabel Gomes da Silva  
Maria-Elena Prata Noronha  
David Tavares  
(Directors: Gloria Soares Anok  
Millie Castro & Antonio Guterres)

**1994-1996**

Armando Eugenio de Sousa Santos  
Gloria Soares Anok  
Maria-Elena Prata Noronha  
Fernanda M.F. da Rocha Lee  
David Tavares

**1996-1998**

Carlos de Lemos  
Manuel da Costa  
(Eddie Cruz)  
Lucila Carion Olaes  
(Elizabeth Tavares)  
Manuel de Souza

**1998-2000**

Lourenço Maria Conceição  
João de Almeida  
Deniz Remedios  
Monica Alves  
Gloria Soares Anok

**2000-2002**

Lourenço Maria Conceição  
Deniz Remedios  
Gloria Soares Anok  
Monica Alves  
Isabel Gomes da Silva

**2002-2004**

Michael Barros  
Armando Eugenio de Sousa Santos  
Tony Barradas  
Maria-Elena Prata Noronha  
Jerry Noronha

**2004-2007**

Monica Alves  
Gloria Soares Anok  
Marie-Cecile Remedios  
Helena Barradas  
Barbara J. Baptista

**2007-2009**

Monica Alves  
Gloria Soares Anok  
Marie-Cecile Remedios  
Helena Barradas  
Barbara J. Baptista

## REGULAR EVENTS AT THE CASA

1 <sup>ST</sup> Thursday of Each Month	Thursday Social	2 – 9:30 p.m.	<b>Contact Person:</b> Marie Louise (Rocha) Chang Cacilda Ribeiro Regina Holden	905-889-3298 905-737-0530 416-200-9623
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Each Month	Card Drive	1 - 9:30 p.m.	Marie-Cecile Remedios or Cecilia Conceição	416-383-0327 905-427-0850
Monday and Wednesday	Tai Chi	10 – 11 a.m.	Monica Alves	905-887-9408
Monday	Yoga	7 – 8 p.m.	Margaret Noronha	416-291-6015
Tuesday	Line Dance	7:30 - 9 p.m.	Helena Barradas	905-201-7155

### QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2008

<b>CASA'S 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY</b>	Friday, June 27	5.00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>CASA - PORTUGUESE LESSONS</b>	Saturday, July 12	11:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm
<b>CASINO RAMA &amp; DINNER CRUISE</b>	Saturday, July 26	9.30 a.m.
<b>YOUTH RECEPTION</b>	Saturday, August 16th	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
<b>WOODBINE RACES</b>	Sunday, September 14	Noon
<b>GASTRONOMIA</b>	Saturday, September 20	11:00 a.m. - 3.00 pm
<b>BOWLING &amp; CHINESE DINNER</b>	Sunday, October 19	details in September Newsletter
<b>MASS FOR DECEASED &amp; CHA GORDO</b>	Saturday, November 8	“ “ “
<b>CHRISTMAS PARTY</b>	Saturday, December 13	“ “ “

**Social Committee** Marie Louise (Rocha) Chang, who heads our Social Committee, has advised that they will not be continuing when their term ends in December. This will mean that there will be no afternoon social in January. On behalf of all our members, the Executive wish to thank Marie Louise and her committee for all the hard work and commitment during our term.



Front: Marie Louise, Regina, Celsa, Cleo, Joyce & Virginia      Back: Cacilda, Tony & Marie-Camille

### FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee would like to thank those members who supported us and attended the Dai-Sai Evening and the Minchi and Sing-a-long events.

Due to insufficient numbers we had to cancel two events during this past quarter, namely the Health and Wellness Talk and the Trip to Niagara Fallsview Casino/Dinner at Betty's Restaurant.

Looking ahead, your Committee has arranged the following events for the next quarter.

July 2008 - By popular request we have once again arranged with Year Round Travel for a deluxe coach to take us to Casino Rama. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. from Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, where we have arranged for you to park your car. We will arrive at Casino Rama at 11:00 a.m. and leave at 4:00 p.m.; we will receive a free buffet lunch. The coach will pick us up and take us to the pier in Barrie where we will board the Serendipity Princess and enjoy a dinner cruise with

live entertainment on Kempenfelt Bay. We will arrive back at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church at approximately 8.30 p.m.

This event will be partially subsidized by Casa. Cost to members will be \$28.00, including a \$2.00 tip for the driver. Cost for non-members will be \$40.00. Please refer to form below.

August 2008 - Due to a large number of the members of the Social Committee and Casa members who will be away on vacation in August, we have not planned any events for this month.

September 2008 - Our annual trip to Woodbine will be on Sunday, September 14. We have reserved a special section for our members at the Post Parade Restaurant. Cost of the buffet lunch is **\$37.75**. This will be a partially subsidized event and cost to members will be **\$27.75**. Non-members will pay the full price of **\$37.75**. The Lunch Buffet is served from 12.10 p.m. to the 5<sup>th</sup> race. Post time is 1:10 p.m. For those who do not wish to take part in the races, there are slot machines on the main floor and members and guests may visit this area and return to the dining room any time up to approximately 5:00 p.m.