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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2009 (President’s Speech)

Dear friends and fellow members of Casa de Macau:

On behalf of the members of the newly-elected Committee, I wish to thank you all for coming here tonight. My name is Lourenço Conceição and I am the President. Seated to my right is Jerry Noronha, our Second Vice President and to my left is José Anok, our Treasurer. Regrettably, Deniz Remedios our First Vice President is not here tonight due to a previous commitment in Australia and Aurea Collaço Meyer, our Secretary, is in California due to family reasons.

While we all know that I am not as tall as newly-elected President Obama, I do share something in common with him: I am, along with my committee, just as dedicated to completing the work that we have to do.

As we all know, the Casa is a special place, not only just because of our wonderful clubhouse, but more importantly because of you, the members of the Casa; both the volunteers who work so hard to keep us coming together again and again, and the people who come out regularly to enjoy each others’ company.

And so, I give you this commitment: with your support, over the coming year, we will work with all our efforts to have the Casa de Macau in Toronto as our Casa in Macau -- a home away from home.

The Executive Committee takes the opportunity to thank the following members who graciously accepted to help the Casa to function:

Gloria Anok	- as Editor of our Newsletter
Isabel Gomes da Silva	- as the Club Manager
Armando Santos	- as our “Musical Maestro”
Monica Alves	- as musical director of “ The Songbirds ”
David Tavares	- as our Librarian
Elizabeth Tavares	- as Director of the Social Committee

Boa noite, Em nome dos membros da Comissão Executiva acabada de ser eleita, agradeço a todos a vossa presença aqui esta noite.

Com o vosso apoio, procuraremos enveredar os nossos esforços trabalhando para fazer a Casa de Macau em Toronto como se fosse a nossa Casa em Macau.

Graças à generosa aceitação dos membros a seguir indicados. a Casa de Macau estará em condições de funcionar :

Gloria Anok - Editor do nosso Newsletter
Isabel Gomes da Silva - Club Manager
Armando Santos - “ Compositor e Maestro ”
Monica Alves – Directora Musical do Grupo “ The Songbirds ”
David Tavares - Bibliotecário
Elizabeth Tavares - Directora do Social Committee

Peço a todos que me acompanhem num voto de agradecimento à Comissão Executiva cessante e aos membros da Social Committee pela sua dedicação e trabalho desenvolvido em prol da Casa de Macau nos últimos quatro anos.

I ask you all to join me in thanking the outgoing Committee and all the members of the Social Committee for their dedication and work in support of the Casa over the last four years.

In conclusion, thank you again for your support. Just like the exciting new leadership in the United States, I say that with everyone’s help: “Yes, we can!”

Thank you, good evening and enjoy your dinner.

Incoming Committee



Jerry Noronha * Lourenço Conceição * José Anok
Absent: Aurea Meyer & Dennis Remedios

Outgoing Committee



Gloria Anok * Monica Alves * Barbara Baptista
Helena Barradas Absent: Marie Remedios

MEMBERS



Incoming & Outgoing Committees & Spouses



2009 Youth Encontro

This event is organized by CCM (Macanese Communities Council) and, as in the past, the event will be coordinated by Guiomar Pedruco. CCM has confirmed that the event will take place from July 19 to 25 and the qualifying age will be between 18 and 40. Airfare, hotel and lunch/dinner will be paid by the CCM for 3 youth representatives per Casa. The deadline for submission of applications is April 10. Contact person is Aurea Meyer. The program:

Sat	18/07	19h00	Welcome reception
Sun	19/07	15h00	Tour of heritage sites
		18h30	Opening Ceremony Dinner
Mon	20/07	13h00	Chinese lunch
		15h00	Seminar - Macau Govt Tourist Office
		16h00	Tour MICE facilities
		19h30	Dinner
Tue	21/07	13h00	Lunch
		15h00	Macanese Gastronomy
		19h00	Macanese Dinner
Wed	22/07		8h00 Departure for 2-day Canton tour
Thu	23/07		
Fri	24/07	10h00	Patuá Conference
		13h00	Chinese Lunch
		15h00	Bowling
		19h00	BBQ Dinner
Sat	25/07	15h00	Macau Youth Orchestra
		19h00	Farewell Dinner

HOUSEKEEPING

Please take careful note of the following:

All booking for use of the Clubhouse should be referred to Isabel Gomes da Silva, our Clubhouse Manager. She will inform you if the date/time you requested is available or not. Should you decide to cancel your request, please let her know as there might be another request on the waiting list. Cancellations also apply to the “regular events” that are held at our Clubhouse.

Also, **please** unplug all the electrical appliances before you leave and **please** do not walk away from what you may be heating up in the microwave/other. A couple of weeks ago someone reheated a cup of coffee in a corrugated cup, walked off and forgot about it; this resulted in the coffee seeping out of the cup and pooling in the microwave and was not discovered until days later; resulting in a *very messy cleanup job*.

A CLARIFICATION

Dear Members,

I would like to clear up a misconception that has come to my attention concerning the 2008 Casa de Macau Cultural & Recreational Centre in Ontario’s Financial Statement presented at and approved by a majority show of hands of full members in attendance at the Annual General Meeting held February 15, 2009. The misconception is that the outgoing Executive overspent by some \$28.19 the permitted annual expenditure as stipulated in our Constitution, Article 9. In actuality, the past Executive did not go over the permitted annual expenditure but on the contrary the total expenses are some 20% UNDER that which is allowable stated in Article 9 of our Constitution. By way of explanation in order to exactly arrive at what the expenses were for 2008, there are a couple of mathematical calculations that need to be done: Look for the figures in the “Cumulative Operating Statement - Previous Year Comparison – January through December 2008” sheet.

Calculate the difference between the “Subsidized Social Events Expense” figure (which is the gross amount Casa spent on Social events held in 2008) and the “Social Events Income” figure (which is the monies collected from attendees for all Social events held in 2008). The result will be the net or actual amount spent on holding all Social events held in 2008.

Now take the “Total Expense” figure as it appears on the statement provided to you, subtract the amount for “Property Maintenance Expense” and “Property Tax Expense” (as Fundação Oriente takes care of those expenses) AND subtract the figure arrived at in the calculation for the “net” or “actual amount spent” for all Social events held in 2008. The resulting figure is the actual Total Expense figure for 2008.

If members are wondering why comparatively speaking for the period January – December 2007 we were UNDER the allowable annual expenditure by some 40% whereas for the same period in 2008 we were UNDER by 20%, we would like to remind members that in 2008 we had BOTH the New Years Gala and the Christmas Party, two major Casa functions in the one year whereas in the past, we would have had only one. Furthermore, between our Social Committee and the Executive there were twelve other functions over and above the New Years Gala and Christmas Party offered to members in 2008.

Our apologies for any confusion and/or concern that some of you might have had when you looked over the Financials but for tax accounting purposes, the way the figures are presented is the way they must be shown i.e. all income and all expenses are shown for the period January – December 2008.

Any member who did not attend the Annual General Meeting and who would like to receive a copy of the Financials, please contact José Anok who will send you a copy.

Barbara Baptista, former Treasurer

OUR YOUTH MEMBER, STEPHANIE LAW *“Cuttin’ It For Cancer”*

Many of you will remember Stephanie Law as the young lady who usually circulates the tables with one of her cousins at Dia de Macau and Christmas functions, successfully persuading members to purchase tickets for cash draws/other.

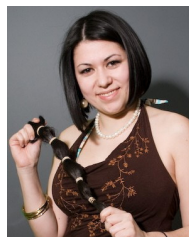
When I heard of her involvement with *“Cuttin’ It For Cancer”* and how it all came about, I contacted her and asked if she would like me to do a write-up for our newsletter as we do, from time to time, include articles of our young members. She agreed, and below is a condensed version of what she forwarded, as well as some direct quotes from Stephanie:

“I had wanted to do something, like cutting my hair for wigs, for a long time now especially since I have cancer survivors on both sides of my family. I only felt exceptionally passionate about it ever since my Avo (Leo Vieira) passed away due to prostate cancer – I wanted to honour my memories of him by doing something of great significance.”

Stephanie attends York University, and last summer she voiced her idea for a project to a classmate. Much to her delight, she discovered that they were on the same wave length. In order to raise money and awareness to their community about a disease that they know have touched many lives in one way or another, they decided to grow and then cut their hair to make wigs. Their research showed that it takes a minimum of 12 ponytails to make a wig, and they also learned that the Canadian Cancer Society supports small community initiatives to raise money and awareness. Stephanie and her friend brought their idea to fruition this past September, and created *“Cuttin’ It For Cancer”*. They also wanted to prove that her generation doesn’t just think of fancy parties, fashion, and the opposite sex; but are also compassionate about people whose lives are afflicted by the toll that battling cancer can take on the body and on the spirit.

“We started our quest and among the people who wanted to participate were Christina Angeloni, my cousin. She donated 8 inches of her hair which her father (a lymphoma survivor) helped her cut. I donated over 10-11 inches, which my paternal grandmother Shirley Law (a breast cancer survivor) cut for me. We ended up collecting 16 ponytails (8 of which were cut on the stage the night of a gala), and also over \$6,000.”

Stephanie wishes to thank Casa members for their donations. Her final pledge forms are back and she has upped her contribution to the Canadian Cancer Society to \$7,000. However, she advises that donations can still be made to this worthy cause, either to her directly, or by contacting *“Cuttin’ It For Cancer”* at cutting.it.for.cancer@gmail.com, As well, check out their website at www.cuttinitfor.cancer.com.



Stephanie



Christina

In Closing,

Very recently, in fact it was at the AGM in February, that someone said to me “ ... do you realize that you have been handed a life sentence re the Casa, and with no parole it seems ...” we had a good laugh and I didn’t think much of it at that time.

But on reflection, that person is absolutely correct. You see, for close to two decades now, I have been involved with Casa affairs in one capacity or another. When I ask myself “why?”, the answer is not difficult; it is because I care and believe that our Casa is a very worthwhile cause/mission, and many more must think along the same lines as for all these years volunteers always gave of their time. When my Mother was alive, I used to hear her talking to her lifelong friends over the

phone and then saying what a pity it was that they were unable to get together on a regular basis to reminisce. They were scattered all over the city, and the majority did not drive and depended on family members to drive them; which was not feasible as most were working.

So when the Casa was formed back in 1989 I got involved. Membership fees back then was \$60 per person (as compared to \$24 nowadays). With a membership list and contacts readily available, we held a huge dinner at one of the Portuguese restaurants downtown for the visiting members of UMA. It was a memorable dinner as friends who had not seen each other for years were in contact again, e-mail was not yet in the picture.

Then in 1998, through the generosity of Fundação Oriente, we had our Clubhouse and to this day hold regular weekly and monthly events. Though space is limited, we manage to have a place to call our own and we make the most of it and so many friendships have been forged. Our membership *is quite international these days*.

So please, give some of your time to your Casa. Volunteer, there is always something you can do, spread out the work and don't leave it to the same few who come forward because the need is always there for volunteers.

Should you have any ideas or contributions for the newsletter, please feel free to contact me. At the moment, I am mailing one newsletter per household, should you require additional copies, please advise, thank you.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Blessed Easter and a Happy Mothers' Day.

Gloria

REGULAR EVENTS AT CASA

Please direct your questions to the Contact Person

Program Name	When	Time	Contact Person	Phone Number
Thursday Social	1st Thursday of each month	2 - 9:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Tavares	416-282-7738
			or Celsa Larcina	416-447-6595
Card Drive	3rd Thursday of each month	1 - 9:00 p.m.	Marie Cecile Remedios	416-383-0327
			or Cecilia Conceição	905-427-0850
Tai Chi	Mondays and Wednesdays	10 - 11:00 a.m.	Monica Alves	905-887-9408
Yoga	Mondays	6 - 7:00 p.m.	Margaret Noronha	416-291-6015
Line Dance	Tuesdays	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Helena Barradas	905-201-7155

Calendar Of Events for April, May and June 2009

- One cheque per event – all cheques to be submitted with completed forms and to be made payable to Casa de Macau no Canada and mailed to the Casa, unless instructed otherwise.
- No refunds after cut-off dates.
- No post dated cheques.

- Anyone 13 or older will pay the full adult's fee. There will be no charge for children under 3.
- Where applicable, please indicate with whom you would like to share a table and we will try our best to accommodate.

<p>Saturday, April 25th 3-8 p.m.</p> <p>BINGO AND MINCHI EVENT</p> <p>Fully subsidized</p> <p>→ To register: please call ← Celsa at 416-447-6595 or Nancy at 905-839-5546</p>	<p>Cut - Off Date: April 18th</p> <p>Place: Casa</p> <p>Adults only</p> <p>Purchase bingo cards at the entrance. \$20 for a set of 10 games</p>
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<p>Saturday, May 16th 10 a.m.-8 p.m.</p> <p>TRIP TO FALLSVIEW CASINO, NIAGARA FALLS AND DINNER AT BETTY'S RESTAURANT</p> <p>Partially subsidized</p> <p>→ To register, send registration form and cheque to José (Zito) Rodrigues and Virginia Sanchez at 35 Muirlands Drive, Scarborough, ON M1V 2B3 ←</p> <p>Bus will leave depart promptly at 10 AM from the parking lot of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 2950 Midland Ave (south of Finch) and will return at approximately 8 PM</p>	<p>Cut-off Date: May 2nd</p> <p>Cost per member: \$25.00 \$30 for non-members</p> <p>Adults and their guests only</p> <p>A \$10 voucher from the Casino will be given to each person. \$25 fee include s “munchies” on the bus and dinner at Betty’s Restaurant.</p>
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REGISTRATION for Fallsview Casino and dinner at Betty’s restaurant

Submitting Member:	Cheque enclosed: \$
Number of Members attending:	Number of Non-Members attending:
Members’ Names:	Non-Members’ Names:

<p>Saturday, May 30th</p> <p>WEEKEND SOCIAL- PATUA NIGHT</p> <p>→ To register, please call Mica @ 905-827-4367 or email her at weekendsocial@gmail.com ←</p>	<p>Cut-Off Date: May 18th</p> <p>Place: Casa 4 – 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Fully Subsidized</p> <p>Registration is open to all members, however priority will be given to members who do not regularly attend the monthly Thursday Social</p>
<p>Sunday, June 28th</p> <p>DIA DE MACAU</p> <p>Partially subsidized</p> <p>Open to all members</p> <p>Cost per Member \$24, Children \$12 Cost per Non-Member \$32, Children \$16</p>	<p>Cut-Off date: June 14th</p> <p>Place: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 2950 Midland Ave (south of Finch)</p> <p>Mass: 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Dinner: 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall</p> <p>Cash Bar</p>

Dinner Menu (catered): Salad, Rolls, Roast Chicken, Cod Fillet Balls, Fillet of Fish, Cod Fish Abras & Tomato Rice Coffee & Tea	Desserts will be gratefully accepted, please contact Lilia Vieira at 905 201 1529 if you can help
REGISTRATION for Dia de Macau	
Please return for and cheque to Lilia/Bernie Vieira, 20 Sanctuary Way, Markham, ON L6E 0B6	
Submitting Member:	Cheque enclosed: \$
Number of Members attending:	Number of Non-Members attending:
Members' Names:	Non-Members' Names:

LIBRARY: David Tavares advises that members wishing to borrow from our large collection of books/magazines may do so at the First Thursday Social, or give him a call to arrange a mutual time to meet.

Some interesting news circulating the web:

we musn't forget who's guarding the White House Now *(thanks James)*

[Obamas' Pick for First Dog Solidly Scientific](#) via [Wired Top Stories](#) by Michael Wall on 2/25/09

The Portuguese Water Dog, one of which will soon inhabit the White House, is a particularly interesting breed to geneticists. The breed nearly went extinct in the early 20th century, and the 8,000 alive today descend from only around 30 dogs, leaving scientists to wonder how such a limited gene pool gave rise to the variety of shapes and sizes found within the breed.

well filmed documentary on Cod fishing and its history *(thanks Luis)*

<http://www.patricioclan.org/video/vids/flvplayer.swf?file=cod-fishing-1966-m-smmanuela.flv&autostart=true&fs=true>

things to come in the near future? Growing our own body parts - see for yourself !! *(thanks Vince)*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxhi4Q8EDTU>

a Portuguese community struggles to maintain its culture *(thanks David)*

http://www.macaodailytimesnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=23578&Itemid=32

Portugal ... wind and solar power *(thanks Elsa)*

<http://www.cbc.ca/mr13/8752/news/features/durham-portugal081020.wmv>

MEET YOUR NEW SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Please join us in welcoming the following members who have stepped up to volunteer their time and energy to plan events for the enjoyment of their fellow members. Heading this term's Social Committee is Elizabeth Tavares.

Social Committee	Phone	Email
Bernie Vieira	(905) 201-1529	vieiralilia@sympatico.ca
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Celsa Larcina	(416) 447-6595	celarcher@rogers.com
Elizabeth Tavares	(416) 282-7738	davidjmj@sympatico.ca
Lilia Vieira	(905) 201-1529	vieiralilia@sympatico.ca
Linda Sanguinetti	(905) 472-0281	≠
Marie Cecile Remedios	(416) 383-0327	1mcchapr@rogers.com
Nancy Barradas	(905) 839-5546	brunan1@sympatico.ca.
Pedro Rozario	(416) 494-8562	≠
Virgina Sanchez	(416) 567-4877	sapeca1188@hotmail.com
Zito Rodrigues	(416) 567-4877	sapeca1188@hotmail.com

AND YOUR

2009/2010 EXECUTIVE AND PROGRAM DIRECTORS

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Treasurer	<i>José Anok</i>	(416) 284-9095	joseanok@hotmail.com
Secretary	<i>Aurea Meyer</i>	(416) 660-5440	aureameyer@rogers.com
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Newsletter	<i>Glória Anok</i>	(416) 284-9095	theanoks@sympatico.ca
Songbirds	<i>Monica Alves</i>	(905) 887-9408	1monman@rogers.com
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Youth Group	<i>Jonathan Barradas</i>	(905) 201-7155	jonathanb@dscgroup.ca