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Merry Christmas



Happy New Year

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Dear friends and fellow members,

On October 24th 2009, our Casa had a dinner to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Special Administrative Region of Macau (SARM). Among the distinguished guests were Dr. Júlio Vilela, Consul General of Portugal in Toronto, Mme Zhu Taoying, Consul General of People's Republic of China in Toronto and Mr. Jian Diamchang, Chief of the Consul Section of People's Republic of China in Toronto. A transcription of my speech in Portuguese and English is printed below. Regrettably, the Chinese translation cannot appear in this Newsletter as our computer does not have the keyboard with Chinese characters. A DVD recording that evening's event will be sent to the Macanese Communities in Macau and to our sister Casas around the world.

On November 7th, 2009 an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held to elect two members of the Executive Committee for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. By acclamation, Mr. Eddie Cruz and Mrs. Rita Ashley were elected to be the Treasurer and the Secretary, respectively. On behalf of Mr. Deniz Remedios, 1st Vice President and Mr. Jerry Noronha, 2nd Vice President, I welcome Eddie and Rita to the Executive Committee and thank them both for having accepted to support the Casa.

Both these events, the SARM and the EGM are narrated separately in this Newsletter by our 1st Vice President, Mr. Deniz Remedios.

As 2009 is drawing to a close, on behalf of the Executive Committee, I take this opportunity to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Jantar do 10º Aniversário do Estabelecimento da Região Administrativa Especial de Macau 24 de Outubro de 2009

Boa Noite Caros Amigos e Membros da Casa de Macau,

É com enorme satisfação que temos entre nós, três ilustres representantes do corpo diplomático da República Popular da China e de Portugal, respectivamente, Madame Zhu Taoying, Consul Geral da República Popular da China em Toronto, Senhor Jiang Diamchang, Chefe da Secção Consular da República Popular da China em Toronto e Dr. Júlio Vilela, Consul Geral de Portugal em Toronto. Também enviámos convite para o Embaixador de Portugal no Canadá, Dr. Pedro Moitinho de Almeida que por razões de ordem profissional não foi possível estar aqui connosco. Foi pena porque há membros desta Casa presentes hoje no jantar que o conhecem de Macau onde ele foi Consul Geral de Portugal, durante muitos anos, e que gostariam de o cumprimentar novamente. Fica para uma outra ocasião, se Deus quiser.

Também é com imenso prazer que registamos a presença de Sr. Joe Chen, presidente do Macao Club em Toronto e da sua esposa, Alice Chen. Macau irá celebrar no dia 20 de Dezembro próximo, o 10º aniversário do estabelecimento da Região Administrativa Especial de Macau, mais conhecida por RAEM. Durante este período de dez anos, a política de “Um País e Dois Sistemas” introduzida por Deng Xiaoping, foi aplicada em Macau e com a compreensão e a boa vontade de todos, o resultado obtido foi de um total sucesso.

Foi preciso ter uma noção clara e precisa do principio de “ Um Pais e Dois Sistemas “ co-existindo e prosperando de mãos dadas com um só estado soberano. A Região Administrativa Especial de Macau assim estabelecida, continua a praticar o sistema capitalista herdado, os sistemas económicos existentes e mantendo inalterados os direitos do cidadão à propriedade privada, tudo protegido pela legislação em vigor.

Macau é hoje uma cidade moderna e próspera e isto deve em grande parte à visão e à firmeza das decisões do Dr. Edmundo Ho que é o primeiro Chefe Executivo de Macau. Ele terminará as suas funções em Dezembro próximo e o seu sucessor, Dr. Fernando Chiu Sai On, pessoa muito conhecida em Macau irá, certamente, continuar a trabalhar para Macau e para a sua população.

Com uma liderança garantida e com o apoio e participação de todos, Macau estará no caminho certo para viver em paz e em progresso.

Celebration Dinner For The 10TH Anniversary Of The Establishment of the Special Administrative Region of Macau October 24th , 2009

Good evening friends and fellow members of the Casa de Macau,

We have the pleasure to welcome three distinguished representatives of the diplomatic corps from the People’s Republic of China and from Portugal, Mme. Zhu Taoying, Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in Toronto, Mr. Jiang Diamchang, Chief of the Consul Section of the People’s Republic of China in Toronto and Dr. Júlio Vilela, Consul General of Portugal in Toronto. We also invited the Ambassador of Portugal in Canada, Dr. Pedro Moitinho de Almeida who, due to professional duties, cannot join us tonight. It is a pity because there are members of the Casa present at this dinner who met Dr. Almeida in Macau where he was the Consul General of Portugal for many years and would have liked to see him again. God willing, it will be at the next opportunity.

Also, we wish to welcome Mr. Joe Chen, President of Macao Club (Toronto) Inc. and his wife Alice who have joined us tonight.

On December 20th, 2009 Macau is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its establishment as a Special Administrative Region, also known as SAR. During this ten year period, the policy of “ One Country Two Systems “ initiated by Deng Xiao Ping was implemented in Macau and with everyone’s understanding and goodwill, it has resulted in a tremendous success.

It was necessary to have a clear and precise notion of the principle of “One Country Two Systems “co-existing and prospering hand in hand with only one sovereign state. Macau, as an established Special Administrative Region, continues to practice the capitalist system inheriting existing economic systems, maintaining unaltered its citizens’ rights to own private property, protected by the rule of law.

Today, Macau is a modern and prosperous city due mainly to the vision and unwavering commitment of Dr. Edmund Ho, the first Chief Executive of Macau. His tenure is terminating at the end of the year and his successor, Dr. Fernando Chui Sai On, a well known personality in Macau, will certainly continue to work for Macau and its citizens.

With strong leadership in place and the support and engagement of everyone, Macau will remain the successful society that it has become, for many years to follow.

Submitted By Lourenço Conceição



Mme Zhu Taoying greeting Members



Executives and some members of Social Committee



Elfrida Alves Maldred Airoso Nidia Abbas

10º ANIVERSÁRIO DO ESTABELECIMENTO DA REGIÃO ADMINISTRATIVA ESPECIAL DE MACAU

Submitted By Deniz Remedios

On 19th December, 2009, Macau will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the establishment of Macau SAR.

Here in Toronto our Casa marked the forthcoming event with a banquet dinner on 24th October at the Crown Prince Restaurant which had recently been refurbished into an elegant and splendid restaurant. We were very lucky to have been able to book this restaurant after the original choice of holding it at Ruby Restaurant which had been shut down by our City Health Department.

We had an excellent turn out of 180 members to take part in the sumptuous feast. We are pleased that Mme Zhu Taoying, the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto, Mr. Jiang Dian Chang (the Consul in charge of the Visa Section of the Chinese Consulate General in Toronto) and Dr. Julio Vilela, the Consul General of Portugal in Toronto, were able to grace the occasion with their presence.

In his speech our President, Lourenço Conceição, welcomed our distinguished guests and presented a Canadian artifact as a memento to each of the aforementioned Consuls General. Our President's speech was in Portuguese which was interpreted in Cantonese by our member Robert Chan and Deniz Remedios delivered the English version. The main theme of our President's speech emphasized that the economy of Macau has prospered under the leadership of its first Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Edmund Ho, and that it will continue to flourish under Mr. Fernando Chui Sai On who will take over the reins on 19th December, 2009.

Accompanied by Cecilia Conceição, Marie-Cecile Remedios and Margaret Noronha, Mme Zhu made it a point to go to each and every of the 18 tables to meet with and shook hands with our members. How very gracious of her! Unfortunately she had to leave shortly after Lourenço's speech as she had to officiate at another event in Toronto.

Our thanks go to the Social Committee for organizing the occasion and a special thanks to Bernie Vieira for the many hours of her organizational skills to put the finishing touches to make the event run smoothly and to her sister Antonia Law and her husband Steve in helping to hang the banner on the wall behind the head table for preparing the table seating list in its final form.

Last but not least we thank Nena Noronha for the splendid work she did as the emcee and to Peter Alves who came all the way from Montreal for his services as our photographer. Photos that were taken will be available to members from the website.

The whole event from beginning to end was video-graphed and will be forwarded to Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses (CCM) in Macau. We will have a copy for our library which members may borrow.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The Extraordinary General Meeting called for the election of the Treasurer and Sectary of the Executive Committee was held at our Casa premises on 7th November, 2009. The meeting was well attended by 68 Full Members.

As there was only one slate of candidates to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Aurea Meyer (Secretary) and José Anok (Treasurer), there was no need for a vote to be taken. Rita Ashley was elected as Secretary and Eddie Cruz was elect as Treasurer. At the conclusion of the meeting, refreshments were served.



Eddie Cruz Jerry Noronha Lourenco Conceicao Deniz Remedios Rita Ashley

2010 Membership Fees
Submitted by Jerry Noronha

Your membership expires on December 31, 2009 and your 2010 membership fees are due on January 1, 2010.

There will be an increase to the fees to offset decreasing revenue and escalating operating costs for 2010.

For full members the new fee will be \$36 per year.

For members that do not reside in Ontario and are classified as associate members, the new fee will be \$36 per year.

For student associate members the new fee will be \$18 per year.

For all other associate members, the new fee will be \$45 per year.

For seniors over 80, there will be no charge, but they are still required to submit their renewal form.

For under aged children or grand children of full members, there will be no charge. Their names have to be included in the renewal form of their parents or grandparents.

The 2010 renewal application forms have already been distributed to all members.

If you have not received yours, please contact Jerry Noronha who will be pleased to provide you with a replacement.

Any person who wishes to join the Casa as an associate member, there will be an initiation fee of \$50 in addition to the \$45 annual fee.

NOTICE:

As Casa's Executives have decided to go "green" I have e-mailed members to pick up their copy of this, and future Newsletters at our website: www.casademacau.ca Members without e-mail, and those members who have advised me that they prefer a hard copy, will receive their copies by regular mail.

Some members forwarded photos of our events, for which many thanks. Please continue sending me your photos - these may be used for Casa's Newsletter and/or Website. More pictures will be inserted in website for the RAEM dinner and Christmas Party.

January & February 1st Thursday Socials: With winter upon us, the weather starts being unpredictable and Celsa, who is in charge of this event, suggests the following: check with her (416-447-6595) or Cacilda Ribeiro (905-737-0530) respectively on the morning of the event to find out if it will be held or/cancelled due to weather/road conditions. Thank you.

Gloria

JEREMY CRUZ, BEARER OF THE 2010 OLYMPIC FLAME

Submitted by Gloria Soares Anok

On December 18th, 2009 at 3:37 p.m. Jeremy (son of Elaine & Eddie Cruz, and grandson of Margie Cruz) will be carrying the Flame of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games for 300 meters. It will take place in the town of Bolton, north-west of Toronto. Earlier this year, over a million people applied through The Royal Bank and Coca-Cola for the opportunity to take part in the cross-Canada torch relay of the Olympic Flame. After a random draw, Jeremy, along with

about 12,000 others won the privilege and honour to become a torchbearer for the Olympic Games to be held in Vancouver, Canada in February 2010.

This past September Jeremy completed the Toronto Half-Marathon and on his first attempt; finishing two seconds behind Toronto's Mayor, David Miller. However, the Mayor had a head-start of 10 minutes, which means that Jeremy actually ran the 13-mile course 10 minutes faster than the Mayor, who although in his 50s is still very fit. Completing the half-marathon was quite an achievement for Jeremy as, when he was 10, he was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis (JRA). When a JRA patient reaches 16 or 17, his or her condition either changes over to the adult form of arthritis or it goes away but with a chance of developing arthritis later on in life. Happily, he has been in remission since about 4 years ago.

Jeremy, now 20, is studying at the Mississauga campus of the University of Toronto where he lives in residence. He is in the 3rd year of his Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting Specialist) program.

Anyone interested in watching the live coverage of the Torch Relay may do so by clicking on:

<http://www.ctvolympics.ca/torch/follow-torch/index.html> Good luck on the 18th Jeremy !!



Jeremy Cruz



Luis (Lou) Viana

LUIS (LOU) VIANA WAS AWARDED THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF CONSULTANT PHARMACISTS 2009 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN SENIOR CARE PHARMACY – ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2009

Submitted by Gloria Anok

Luis (Lou) Viana is the son of Humberto Viana and the late Alzira (Fernandes). Lou immigrated to Toronto from Hong Kong with his parents and sister Laura when he was five years old. He lives with his family, wife Lyn (nee Graham) and their two children, Eric (age 15) and Lauren (age 13) in London, Ontario.

I first heard of Lou's award at Casa's RAEM dinner when I chatted with his sister Laura (Doi) and thought it would make interesting reading. I contacted Lou and asked if he would allow me to write an article on his achievements in Casa's newsletter. Lou said he would be honored as he is very proud of his Macau roots; he claims that much of his success is due to the sacrifices of his parents who came to Canada so that he and his sister could have the opportunities his parents never had. (Laura is a Registered Nurse at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and has been with them since 1984.

On November 19th in Anaheim, California Lou received the Canadian Society of Consultant Pharmacists (CSCP) 2009 Award of Excellence in Senior Care Pharmacy. This national award is presented annually by CSCP to a senior care pharmacy practitioner, selected from a list of nominees from across the country who demonstrates leadership and achievement in the advancement of pharmaceutical care to the senior population. It recognizes someone who utilizes their expertise in geriatric pharmacotherapy on a regular basis to improve the quality of life for Canadian seniors.

I asked Lou why was this award presented in California and not here in Canada. He explained that there is an international conference for consultant pharmacists each year in the USA. The Canadian Society of Consultant Pharmacists (CSCP) is a chapter of the larger organization – the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP). As a chapter of ASCP, the Canadian members who make up CSCP go to this annual conference as it is their only chance to meet as a group (due to geographical and financial constraints). They're just not big enough and are so spread out. Our umbrella organization (ASCP) has the numbers and money to organize an international conference and that's where we get together once a year.

Lou is a graduate of the University of Toronto (1987) where he obtained his pharmacy degree. He is a Certified Geriatric Pharmacist who specializes in medication therapy for the elderly. To pursue his career in academia, he obtained a Master of Education degree from the University of Western Ontario (2005).

He received the Teaching Associate Award of Excellence in 2000 from the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto for teaching excellence in their Structured Practical Experience Program - which involves clinical placement of pharmacy students in practice settings.

Lou is an Adjunct clinical assistant professor at the School of Pharmacy at the University of Waterloo where he is delivering a specialized curriculum in geriatric pharmacy to undergraduate pharmacy students; as well, he is a clinical consultant pharmacist working with Medical Pharmacies Group Inc. providing long term care pharmacy services to nursing homes and retirement homes in southwestern Ontario.

In addition, he teaches a number of topics for the Ontario Pharmacists Association for their Certified Geriatric Pharmacist examination preparation course and is actively involved in speaking and promoting senior care health issues in the community (examples include dementia, osteoporosis, diabetes and safe medication use).

Most recently, he wrote a review article on Parkinson's disease, which was published in the November 2009 issue of the pharmacy journal *Pharmacy Practice*.

Well done Lou, thank you for agreeing to this e-mail interview, I wish you continued success in the years to come.

MACAU SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION: A SUCCESS STORY

Submitted by Monica Alves

September 28th, 2009 marked the opening of an exhibition at the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library at the University of Toronto. The Casa's Board of Executive, Social Committee, our three youth representatives and the Directors including myself received personal invitations from The International Institute of Macau (IIM) to attend the inauguration ceremony. Lourenço Conceição, (President of Casa de Macau no Canada Toronto) and his wife Cecilia, Andrew Alves Brander (one of Casa's Youth Representatives who attended the 1^o Encontro da Comunidade Juvenil Macaenses in July) and myself attended. Dr. Jorge Rangel, Director of IIM, was in Portugal and unable to attend; however, Dr. Rufino Ramos a member of the Board of IIM attended in his place. The rest of the gathering consisted of dignitaries, guest speakers, academics from the University and people who had heard about the exhibition totalling approximately sixty plus people.

For those who might not know, IIM was created by dozens of founding partners, Portuguese, Chinese and Macanese. It is a non-governmental organization (NGO) established in December 1999. According to its mission statement the Institute is: "...oriented towards serving two aspects: the deepening of factors governing Macau's identity and factors of difference capable of supporting the principle one country two systems. Without differences, a second system for Macau would make no sense and Macau would rapidly become just another small city in the most populous nation of the world. To achieve such an ambitious goal, the IIM has adopted the strategy of international promotion of Macau cultural and social identity, aiming to provide a meaningful contribution to the Territory's development." To this end, the exhibition was put together serving to mark both the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the International Institute of Macau as well as the 10th anniversary of the establishment of R.A.E.M. (Região Administrativa Especial de *Macau*)

The program for the inauguration was divided into four parts and was MC'd by Jack Leong, Director of the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library. Firstly a warm welcome was given by Carole Moore, Chief Librarian of the University of Toronto Libraries. The opening remarks was given by Justin Poy on behalf of his mother, Senator Vivienne Poy, who sent her regrets as she was currently in China as part of the Canadian delegation participating in the 60th Anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the People's Republic of China. Following Mr. Poy, remarks were given by José Cordeiro, President of Amigu di Macau Club (Toronto). It was with the help and assistance of Amigu di Macau Club and the Library that enabled IIM to launch the exhibit here in Toronto, its first stop in North America. Congratulations were given by the Deputy Consul-General of China, Madam Meifang Zhang and the Consul-General of Portugal in Toronto, Dr. Júlio Vilela. The final remarks were given by Dr. Rufino Ramos who elaborated upon the

success of Macau as being recognized as an important bridge between the Portuguese speaking countries in the world and China.

Part two of the program was a musical interlude. Guests were treated to a performance by a few members of the Amigu di Macau Chinese instrumentalists. After the performance, there was the presentation of gifts by Dr. Ramos to the speakers and dignitaries of framed pictures and a collection of stamps commemorating the 10th Anniversary of IIM. A brief coffee break followed at which time people mixed and mingled.

The third part of the program consisted of talks on the subject of Macau given by two distinguished invited speakers: Comendador Gustavo da Roza, OC, who resides in Vancouver and Professor Bernard Luk. How do you compress 400 years of the history of Macau in 40 minutes or less? Comendador da Roza, successfully accomplished this with the help of some forty images. He touched on the history of the Portuguese people in Macau, their religion, government, education, music, cuisine and how the influence of the Chinese helped enrich the many aspects of the lives of the people living in Macau. The second speaker, Professor Luk from York University touched on three aspects of Chinese culture as they related to Macau's history: Classical Chinese poetry; Cantonese Opera and Macanese cuisine. Professor Luk described how through reading the classical poetic writings of the famous Chinese poet Wu Li, one could get an idea of what Macau was like back in the 1600s. Wu Li was a student at the Colegio de São Paulo, which was the first University in Asia. He is a rare example of a highly educated Chinese person who lived and even studied Latin at the Colegio. Professor Luk then described how Cantonese Opera combined drama, poetry, music and dance and how it was an important link between the common and educated people. In the 19th and early 20th century, Cantonese Opera was based in Canton, Macau and Hong Kong. In 2008, there was an application made to the UN to safeguard Cantonese Opera as an Intangible Cultural Heritage. Lastly, Professor Luk touched on Macanese cuisine showing how it is a shared cultural heritage fusing Portuguese and Chinese traditional ingredients and techniques. He ended his talk tying things up neatly by pointing out Canada's input in the big picture of the Portuguese/Chinese/Macanese cuisine, after all, it was off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland that the Portuguese came to fish for cod, *bacalhao*, an ingredient so prominent in the Portuguese diet.

Very appropriately ending on the topic of food, there followed the fourth and concluding part of the proceedings which was a delicious lunch consisting of a selection of Dim Sum dishes, noodles and rice, pasteis de bacalhao, recois, natas and an assortment of pastries. After lunch, all were invited to walk around and look at the large panels set up in the library which featured colourful photographs showcasing Macau – buildings past and present; festivals and sports events capturing the vibrancy and success that is Macau today. The Exhibit will be in Toronto and open to the public until October 16th.



L to R: Dr. Rufino Ramos; Andrew Brander; Prof. Bernard Luk; Monica Alves (immediate past President Casa de Macau no Canada Toronto) ; Comendador Gustavo da Roza; Gloria da Roza and Arthur Britto (past President of Casa de Macau California invited to the inauguration)

DOCTORATE AWARD FOR GUSTAVO DA ROZA

I would like to share some good news and wish to congratulate Comendador Gustavo da Roza who on November 14th at the Commencement Services at the Sé Cathedral in Macau received a Doctorate Honoris Causa from the Catholic University of Portugal and the Inter-University Institute of Macau. *Parabens* Gustavo

THIS YEAR, OUR CASA'S LAL DAYARAM CELEBRATES 50 GOLDEN YEARS IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. HERE IS AN ACCOUNT OF HOW IT ALL STARTED AND SOME OF THE INTERESTING HIGHLIGHTS OF HIS CAREER

Submitted by Gloria Anok

It all started on a wet and windy day in 1959 in Hong Kong with a chance meeting between Lal and Frances da Silva, the daughter of Ren da Silva of Diamond Music. While waiting to board a "Star" Ferry to take them across the harbour before the suspension of services due to an impending typhoon, Frances asked Lal if he would be interested in working with her in the music business, that she would show him the ropes. Lal immediately said "yes" and has never regretted his decision. Lal gives full credit to Frances for her kindness, encouragement and guidance; most of all for giving him *the* break of his life.

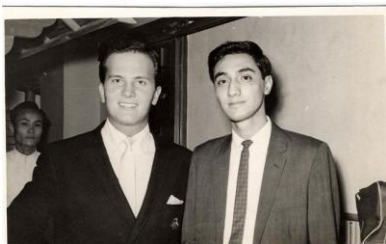
In the early 60s, Diamond Music brought many world-renowned artists such as Sammy Davis Jr., Louis Armstrong, Eartha Kitt, Chubby Checker, Pat Boone, Patti Page and Arthur Rubinstein, to Hong Kong for performances. In meeting the artists and their managers, Lal developed an interest in artist management.

To counter the "British Invasion" in the 60s, Lal took the initiative in promoting local talent resulting in the tremendous success of groups and singers such as Teddy Robin and the Playboys, Sam Hui and the Lotus, Joe Jr. and the Macanese-oriented Mystics with their lead singer, Michael Remedios (now residing in Vancouver). When the Playboys reached #1 on the local hit parade charts with their first single called "Lies", the tone was set for the birth of the local pop scene. Lal is currently writing his autobiography aptly entitled "Not all Lies!!"

Although Lal does not read or write Chinese, he has managed, or worked with, over 100 Chinese artists, including Teresa Teng, Sara Chen, A-Mei, Kenny B, and Faye Wong.

In 2005, Rogers produced a documentary on Lal, filmed both in Hong Kong and Toronto and shown on OMNI TV. In 2008, Fairchild Radio in Toronto aired 26 an-hour-and-a-half programs with Lal describing the Hong Kong music scene during the past 5 decades. Recently, Fairchild TV televised nationwide a 2-episode interview conducted with Lal in Vancouver covering his extensive career in the music industry.

Lal hopes to be the first to promote a locally-based Canadian-Chinese artist in Asia. At the moment, he is ready to launch the career of his latest prodigy, a young singer named Quinn. Lal says to watch out for this dynamic young man!



Pat Boone & Lal



Quinn

CASA'S NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE

By Chris Barradas

The Casa's website has been revised to be presented in the format of a message forum. An internet message forum can be thought of as similar to a traditional bulletin board, where the Casa's members can post information and messages to one another, except in this case the posts would now be on the Casa's website.

With the message forum, the Casa administration can now update its own content, information, pictures and newsletters to the site and any of our Casa members can now register and post up messages, information or questions to be displayed on the website. One could have questions posted, or answers posted to those questions or discussions on topics of interest to the Casa. For example, if any members had any questions or comments that they wished to ask of the executive, they could post these on the Casa's Forum and the executive could post responses. Members could also have a group

discussion of posts on a subject. Also, members could discuss previous or upcoming Casa events, as well as post a list of attendees to said events.

In the near future, you will be able to register for any social events on line at the website. We will provide you with more information when the system has been implemented.

Everyone can view our Casa's forums, but to post your own questions or topics, you need to register.

To register for our forums:

- 1) Go to the Casa's website at: www.casademacau.ca and click "Enter"
- 2) Click on "Register User" at the top of the page.
- 3) Click on "I accept the Board Rules"
- 4) Fill out the registration form:

You will need the following:

- a) Choose your username (ie. "john")
 - b) Choose a password (remember this please)
 - c) You must have an email address
 - d) Choose a display name (this is the name that will show when you post a message (ie. "Johnny"))
 - e) Fill out your City and Country
- 5) Click "Submit"

Once you register, you will receive an email confirming your registration and you can begin to post messages on the Casa's website by logging into the forums.

To Login to the forums:

- 1) Click the "Log In" link at the top right of the forums page.
- 2) Enter the username and password that you selected

You can then select any of the Forums listed to browse them and the posts within them.

To post your own message/topic:

- 1) Click "New Topic" at the top.
- 2) Enter your post/message in the text box, and when done, click "Submit" at the bottom left.

To reply to a message/topic:

- 1) Select the desired topic and click into it.
- 2) Click "New Reply" at the top.
- 3) Enter your reply/message in the text box, and when done, click "Submit" at the bottom left.

If you have any further questions or comments regarding the Casa's website and message forum, please direct them to Chris Barradas : c@barradas.com

CASA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had great weather for our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 5th. The venue was the Blue Danube Banquet Hall. There was a good mix of adults, youth and little people totaling a shade under 150 attendees. Jerry Noronha, our 2nd Vice President, was the M.C. for the evening.

There were generous prizes drawn throughout the evening; the grand prizes were a 3-piece luggage set, a video camcorder and a slow-cook oven. Tots and seniors each received a present. There was also a 20/30/50 lucky draw. Dinner, which consisted of salad, chicken schnitzel (so large that it covered half our plates) served with tasty potatoes and vegetables, and delicious warm, crusty bread. For dessert we had a choice of apple strudel, hazelnut cake, or ice-cream, coffee or tea. After our dessert Casa's "Coral di Nossa Terra", all dressed for the occasion, performed and sang Jingle Bells, Santa

Claus Is Coming To Town, I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus, Silver Bells and Rudolph The Red-Nose Reindeer, closing with an encore of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". As in the past, the songs were a mixture of English and Patua. (great work on Armando's part for the Patua lyrics). Monica, in her fancy head gear, conducted the Coral group with gusto!! Most people joined in the singing and it really set a festive mood.

Around 10:45 p.m. it was time for the Sweet Table. There were mountains of dessert and they were set out on long tables. Though the banquet hall provided the usual sweets, the thrust was towards the home-made goodies (photo below), all made by volunteers. Meanwhile, the dancing continued, the line-dancers "performed" as they do at almost every party.



Homemade Macanese desserts



Oliveira Family (& Pedro Rozario)



Catarina, Andrew, Elliot & Emily



REGULAR EVENTS AT CASA

Please always refer to the Contact Person for information				
Following Christmas break, Tai Chi & Yoga resumes on January 11th; Line Dance on January 12th				
	EVENT	FROM	TO	CONTACT PERSON
Mon & Wed	Tai Chi	10 am	11 am	Monica (905) 887-9408
Monday	Yoga	6:30 pm	7:30 pm	Margaret (416) 291-6015
Tuesday	Line Dance	7:30 pm	9:00 pm	Helena (905) 201-7155
Thursday	1 ST Thu Monthly Social	2 pm	9:00 pm	Celsa (416) 447-6595
Thursday	3 rd Thu Monthly Card Drive	1 pm	9:00 pm	Marie Cecile (416) 383-0327 or Cecilia (905) 427-0850

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH 2010

By Jerry Noronha

- One cheque per event - all cheques to be submitted with completed forms to be made payable to "Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto)" 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 and for children under 3, there will be no charge.

- For fully subsidized dinners every registration form must be accompanied by a cheque made out to the Casa de Macau for the full cost of the dinner. The cheque will be returned to you after you sign- in at restaurant on the night of the dinner. If you cancel after the cut-off date and/or do not turn up there will be no refund.
- Where applicable, please indicate with whom you would like to share a table and we will try our best to accommodate

BINGO NIGHT on Saturday January 23rd, 2010 **Cut-Off Date:** January 16th 2010
 Fully Subsidized
 Location: Casa Open to members and their guests Games will start at 4.00 PM

Purchase Bingo cards at the entrance - \$20 for a set of 10 games. Dinner will follow at the completion of the games.
 To register, please contact Celsa Larcina at celarcher@rogers.com or by phone at 416-447-6595

TRIP TO NIAGARA FALLS – FALLSVIEW CASINO on Saturday February 6, 2010 **Cut-Off Date:** January 23rd^h 2010
 Partly Subsidized Open to all members and their guests

Enjoy a 5-hour stay at the Niagara Fallsview Casino and receive a \$10 voucher from the Casino followed by dinner at Betty’s Restaurant Cost for members \$28 Cost for non members \$35
 The fee includes the gratuity for the driver, the servers at the restaurant and some “munchies” for the ride

To register complete the registration form, make a cheque with the appropriate amount made payable to Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto) and mail to Pedro Rozario at 1438–25 Bamburgh Circle, Scarborough, Ontario, M1W 3W2

Registration Form

Name of Submitting Member _____ Cheque Enclosed : \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT

Names of Members Attending: _____

Names of Non-Members Attending: _____

The coach will leave Our Lady of the Rosary Church’s parking lot promptly at 10.00 AM and return at approximately 9.00 PM

For those living in Oakville and Mississauga, a pick-up can be arranged.

MID TERM AGM and Cha Gordo on Saturday March 6, 2010 **Cut-Off Date:** February 20, 2010
 Fully Subsidized Time: 2.00 PM
 Location: Casa

Open to All Members

After the presentation of the financial statement Cha Gordo will be served.

To register, please contact Linda Sanguinetti at rl.sanguinetti@yahoo.ca or at 905-472-0281

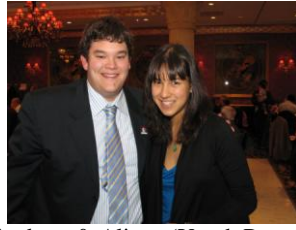
In closing, please accept my best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

*Thank you for your support for this past year and I look forward to your contributions in 2010.
 Gloria*

RAEM DINNER



Debbie & Ron da Rosa



Andrew & Alison (Youth Reps.)



Robert Little Mme Zhu Taoying



Jan Leo Doreen Mario

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Lucille Debbie Anne



Tony Luis Dave



Tony Cintia Gloria Jose



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