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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

An Annual General Meeting was held on April 24th at the Clubhouse to present the Statement of Financial Position and Cumulative Operating Statement of the Casa for the year 2009. Although it was noted and acknowledged that the Statement of Financial Position did not balance, a motion from the floor was put forward to accept it as is with the understanding that it would be reconciled at a later date. The motion was seconded and passed.

Casa is required by law to file an annual Tax Return to Revenue Canada by the 30th June 2010 but before being able to do so, the accounts must be balanced. Therefore a General Meeting was called for 26th June 2010, to revoke the Financial and Cumulated Operating Statements passed on 24th April 2010 and to approve the Amended Financial and Cumulated Operating Statements.

At the General Meeting held on 26th June 2010 chaired by Leo Barros, the Financial and Cumulated Operating Statements passed on 24th April 2010 were revoked. And the Amended Financial and Cumulated Operating Statements were unanimously approved at the same General Meeting held on 26th June 2010.

Eddie Cruz, Treasurer tendered his resignation for personal reasons. Rita Ashley, Secretary has also resigned for personal reasons. We thank Eddie and Rita for their contribution as members of the Executive Committee.



The President of APIM (Associação Promotora da Instrução de Macaenses) and CCM (Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses) Dr. José Manuel Rodrigues apologized for not being able to be present at our celebration of Dia de Macau due to professional commitments. In his place, our good friend, Henrique Manhão, Vice President of CCM and President of Casa Macau California, came from S. Francisco to celebrate with us.

◀ During his visit to Toronto, Henrique Manhão at our Clubhouse flanked by Lourenco and Deniz

I am happy to report that we received a subsidy from Fundação Oriente to help defray the costs relating to the publication of our Newsletter.

As Canada Day, July 1st falls on the First Thursday, the Afternoon Social for July will be held on Thursday, July 8th. An announcement was made at the June Thursday Social to this effect.

The heating and air conditioning have been repaired and is now working well.

Raymond Pang is the Casa's webmaster replacing Chris Barradas.

At the invitation of the Consulate General of Portugal, on June 10th I attended a lavish reception held at Novotel to celebrate Portugal Day and also this year marks the centenary of the implementation of the Republic of Portugal. At the entrance, I was greeted by Dr. Júlio Vilela, Consul General of Portugal in Toronto, with whom I have taken a photograph . ►



The Organizing Committee for the Encontro has sent us information regarding the hotels which are available for the participants and those interested in obtaining a copy of the hotel rates, please contact the Executive. The members will be advised as more information regarding the Encontro becomes available from Macau.

IIM (Instituto Internacional de Macau) sent us, on loan, a documentary named “Patuá di Macau – Undi ta vai ?” which will be screened to the members at the Casa on Saturday, August 7th. The documentary has a duration of one hour and it relates to the history of the patuá dialect and also registers short interviews with Macau residents. There “might” be a surprise performance either before or after the showing of the documentary. (Please refer to the calendar of events and registration form for further details).

WELCOME SPEECH DIA DE MACAU JUNE 26TH 2010

Good evening: Welcome dear friends and fellow members of Casa Macau. Thank you all for coming here tonight to help us celebrate Dia de Macau.

A delegation from APIM (Associação Promotora da Instrução dos Macaenses) headed by its President, Dr. José Manuel Rodrigues, apologizes for not being able to be here with us tonight due to last minute professional commitments. To represent Dr. Rodrigues, we are honoured to have our good friend, Henrique Manhão, Vice President of CCM (Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses) and President of Casa de Macau California who came from S. Francisco to celebrate with us. Welcome Henrique ! This Casa is also your Casa.

Special welcome also to guests present here tonight: Peter and Pari Cheung, guests of Casa de Macau in Toronto, Gabriela and João Rosario, guests of Gloria and Jose Anok, Manuel Daniel a guest of Telma Brito, and Kathryn and Vicente Hernandez and Vicente III guests of Lydia Rodrigues.

Thank you all, again, for coming this evening. I am reminded, on a day such as this, of a comment that I heard recently:

“What you give ought to be in direct relationship to what you’ve received. If you have been blessed with a great deal, then you have a lot of giving to do.”

We have truly been blessed with a great deal, not only here at our Casa in Toronto, but also in the many Casas around the world, all of whom join with us to celebrate this special day. I know that this is true – that we are all blessed with a great deal – because as the comment above indicates, we have so many people who give so much back to the Casa each year.

It is my distinct pleasure to recognize and thank some of them this evening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter Cheung who helped us balance the Casa’s accounts. Thanks go out to Barbara Baptista also for looking after the Casa’s books. And also a thank you to Monica Alves for the help leading up to the General Meeting held earlier today and her continued support in the Casa’s matters.

With respect to the wonderful evening we have shared tonight, I would like to thank all the members of the Social Committee who worked tirelessly to put together this evening’s event. Thank you to Lilia and Bernie Vieira and Nancy and Danielle Barradas for making the lovely centrepieces displayed on the tables. Thank you to the volunteers who helped setting up the Hall : Monica Alves, Mike Rose, Dave Brander and Zito Rodrigues. Thank you to Mica Airosa, Antonia Law, Monica Alves and Marie Cecile Remedios for looking after the Registration Table. And thank you to the ladies who made the lovely desserts which will be served at the Sweet Table later on tonight.

And, thank you Andrew Brander for emceeing tonight. Andrew is one of Casa's Youth Representatives who represented the Casa at the Youth Encontro in Macau last July. Great job, and the involvement of your generation assures us all of the future of our Casa.

Last but not least, thank you to Armando Santos for setting up the sound equipment and for this evening's entertainment and also providing the music adaptation with lyrics in patua for the Coral Di Nos Sã Terra who will be performing after dinner conducted by the dedicated maestro, Monica Alves. Thank you to Mica Airoso for videotaping tonight's celebration, and a copy of the CD will be sent to APIM in Macau.

On behalf of Casa de Macau in Toronto, I have the pleasure to present to Henrique Manhão a memento of his visit to Toronto.

This evening and for the first time in the history of the Casa de Macau in Toronto, as far as this Executive is aware, a few members are being recognized publicly for their Outstanding Volunteer Contributions to the Casa. Therefore, it provides us with a special opportunity to honour these members who were, for many years in the past, part of the Executive Committee of the Casa de Macau in Toronto and are still involved in the Casa's affairs in other capacities. I have the pleasure to ask Henrique to present the awards to (in alphabetical order):

Monica Alves * GloriaAnok * Barbara Baptista * Isabel Gomes da Silva

Now, I am going to call upon a very dedicated group of members who are over 80 years old and continue to work for the Casa, to please come up and receive their awards:

Lilia Vieira * Pedro Rozario * Celsa Larcina

I will leave you all with a reminder of my comments at the beginning of my remarks, we are indeed blessed with a tremendous amount, and we all have so much to give. And now, because I know that I am the only thing standing between you and your dinner I wish you a good night, and I hope you enjoy the delicious Portuguese dinner that has been prepared.

Lourenco Conceição,
President

Armando de Sousa Santos
Submitted by Lourenço Conceição

This message is dedicated to a good friend, a fellow Macanese and a member of this Casa, Armando de Sousa Santos, our "ambassador" of the Macanese culture.

Like his mother, Armando was born in Macau, while his father came from Lisbon, Portugal. Armando studied at Colegio de Santa Rosa de Lima, followed by Escola Infantil, then Escola Primária Oficial and finally, Liceu Nacional Infante D. Henrique.

At a very young age, Armando demonstrated his gift for music which he fine tuned as he grew up, and now, besides singing, he plays the piano, guitar, base and drum. Armando formed his first band when he was fifteen years old. When he turned eighteen he began his musical career full time, and continued later, on a part time basis, while he was employed at Banco de Oriente, until his immigration to Canada in 1988. Here in Toronto, Armando continues to work in the banking field and he has never forgotten his passion for music.

Armando is a very humble and simple person and I have never seen in him any signs of "showing off", although he had good reasons for doing so. I remember seeing him as a youngster when he went, many times, to visit his Mother at the Economic Department of the Macau Government where I also worked.

We are very fortunate to have Armando as member of this Casa, and with his total dedication and initiative, the group "Coral Di Nos Sa Terra" was formed. This "Coral" group, under the direction of Maestro Monica Alves, has performed in various events of our Casa de Macau and also at the last Encontro of the Macanese Communities in 2007. In addition, Armando created "Papiaçám Maquista", where a group of very talented "actors" have delighted the audience with humoristic plays at a couple of Casa's events.

Armando has written a long list of songs in Portuguese, English and Patuá which contributes to the preservation of the

“patuá“ dialect. And to take us to a trip down memory lane, he launched two CDs entitled “Lembranças de Macau“ and “Memórias de Macau” which depicts a way of life of our dear old Macau.

Thank you, Armando, for the memories and warm feelings your musical gifts bring to us all. In conclusion, I quote the lyrics in patuá of a song that Armando dedicated to his beloved Mother. (see the Portuguese version)

Esta minha mensagem é dedicada ao bom amigo, conterrâneo e membro desta Casa, Armando de Sousa Santos, nosso “embaixador” da cultura macaense.

Nascido em Macau, filho de pai “Alfacinha” (Lisboa) e de mãe macaense, frequentou em primeiro lugar, o Colégio de Santa Rosa de Lima e dali para a Escola Infantil para depois ir para a Escola Primária Oficial e, finalmente, para o Liceu Nacional Infante D. Henrique.

Desde menino e moço já mostrava gosto e inclinação pela música e à medida que foi crescendo, foi-se aperfeiçoando e, hoje, além do canto, toca piano, guitarra, contra-baixo e bateria.

Formou o seu primeiro conjunto musical aos quinze anos de idade. Quando completou dezoito anos, enveredou para a vida de músico profissional a tempo inteiro. Mais tarde, passou a tempo parcial porque, entretanto, empregara-se no Banco de Oriente onde ficou até 1988, ano que emigrou para o Canadá. Aqui, em Toronto, Armando continua com a sua carreira bancária não esquecendo, contudo, a sua paixão pela música.

Armando é uma pessoa extremamente humilde e simples e nunca vi nele qualquer indicação de “show-off” embora tivesse razões para tal. Lembro-me dele como um jovem rapaz que aparecia com alguma frequência nos Serviços de Economia de Macau onde a Mãe dele, Joana Sousa, trabalhava juntamente comigo.

É com imensa sorte e satisfação que temos o Armando nesta Casa onde ele dá a sua total colaboração e formou o grupo “Coral Di Nós Sa Terra“. Este grupo coral sob a batuta da dedicada directora musical, Monica Alves, tem actuado em várias festas da nossa Casa de Macau e também no Encontro das Comunidades Macaenses de 2007 em Macau. Criou ainda “Papiaçám Maquista“, um pequeno grupo de “actores“ que já deu prova do seu grande talento em duas actuações realizadas.

Da sua autoria, existe uma longa lista de canções em Português, Inglês e “Patuá“, como contributo para a preservação do nosso dialecto “patuá“ e recordando os tempos passados, lançou dois CDs – “Lembranças de Macau“ e “Memórias de Macau”.

Obrigado, Armando pelas recordações, que através da música, enchem os nossos corações de memórias vivas do nosso Macau antigo. Para finalizar, vou em seguida transcrever os versos duma canção em patuá na qual Armando recorda a sua querida Mãe:

Iou Sã Mãe

*Quelora iou sã pequenino, iou só sabi dormir
Abri ôlo guelã forte, casa inteiro podi uvi
Iou tudora querê leite, querê colo ramatã
Quim lôgo acordã de su sono, pa fazê iou cala*

*Quelora iou crescê unchinho, pegã comida onsông comê
Jã virã cara busuntado, raganhado na casa corrê
Quelora iou chuchu buburiça que jã encontrã na chãõ
Quem lôgo corrê azinha, pa tirã de iousã mã.*

*Sã iou sã mãe, sã iou sã mãe, tê iou na su coração
Sã iou sã mãe, sã iou sã mãe, que tudora dã su mão
Sã iou sã mãe, sã iou sã mãe, iou sã nadl esquecê
Sã iou sã mãe, sã iou sã mãe, querê iou até morrê*

*Quelora iou começã escola, precisã gente dã vesti
Iou uide medo vãi onsông, iou chorã quim fazê iou ri*



Armando

*Pequeno almoço tem na mesa, quim lôgo vêm dã comê
Quim levã iou na su colo, assi iounancassã tremê*

*Quelora iou uide crescido, corrê vãi namorã
Quim sã lôgo dã conselho, pa cuidado iou tomã
Quim de noite subi ânsia, vãi janela esperã
Quim lô empido, pa olã iou voltã*

*Quelora iou pronto casã quim sã primeiro raganhã
Quim no dia de casamento, sã primeiro pa chorã
Chega dia tem su neto, quim feliz que lagrimã
Virã mãe, mulher com avó, ama seca ramatã*

*Iou sã mãe, sã iou sã mãe, mãe sã iou sã coração
Iou sã mãe, tã vêla vêla, tã precisã de iou sã mão
Iou sã mãe, iou sã mãe, iou sã nadl esquecê
Iou sã mãe, iou também, querê vós até morrê
Iou sã mãe, iou também, querê vós até more*

Bem haja, Armando

Lourenço

THE NEXT GENERATION OF MACANESE

In our previous newsletter I ran three articles on our youngsters and as the feedback was very positive, I decided to continue as I feel our Youth should be recognized.

Let me begin with our young Macanese on Parliament Hill, I ran an article on him in our previous Newsletter.

Andrew (Alves) Brander is 24 years of age, and born in Toronto. His chosen career is politics and his present position is the Executive Assistant to a Minister of the Crown. He oversees the operations of her Parliament Hill and Constituency Offices.

Well, Andrew is moving ahead quite rapidly judging from the 'official photo' on the right taken at a garden party held at the Prime Minister's residence at 24 Sussex. This photo was taken earlier this month, June 9th to be exact.

Way to go, Andrew! I plan to keep tabs on this young man as he advances up the ladder.

Official Photo ►

Andrew and The Right Hon. Stephen Harper PC MP, Prime Minister of Canada



YOUNG MACANESE SHOWS HER TALENT WHEN SHE WAS INVITED TO DANCE AT THE ELLEN DEGENERES SHOW RECENTLY

Ysabelle Capitule is only 11 years old but she is shaking up the "hip hop" industry south of the border. Ysabelle lives in Concord, California; she is the great-granddaughter of César dos Santos Capitule, native of Seixal, Portugal and the goalkeeper of the team of honor of Hockey Club of Macao for twenty-five years, the granddaughter of José and Vilma (nee Marques) Capitule and daughter of Antonio Manuel and Marian Capitule.

Ysabelle is so talented that she caught the attention of Ellen Degeneres, talk show host and one of the judges of the new season Show "American Idol". She was invited to appeared on this show a few months ago.



Ysabelle Capitule

You can view her performance on the following link : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HM5Fg4Ciz5w>

Ysabelle has appeared in many shows and was recently awarded the "Monster of Hip Hop Scholarship" by the well known dancer/choreographer Luther Brown

Henrique Manhão, President of Casa de Macau USA, told Jurnal Tribuna, a Macau newspaper, that Ysabelle will be participating in Macau during the Encontro das Comunidades Macaenses in Macau later this year. We look forward to seeing Ysabelle perform.

LISA HALL - HONORS SCHOLAR NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (NYU)

Lisa Hall graduated from the prestigious New York University film school earlier this year in the highest bracket of scholastic preferment recognized by the University. In addition to the Founders Day certificate, each Honors Scholar receives a distinctive gold tassel adorned with the NYU Honors Scholar emblem in cloisonné. This tassel is worn in place of the standard black tassel at all Commencement Ceremonies requiring academic attire. Our congratulations Lisa and all the best for the future in your career.

Lisa with her grandparents
Celsa and Archer Larcina ►



Lisa with her parents: Celly & John Hall



GOING ALL THE WAY WITH RAY

On May 8th 2010, a gala dinner show, attended by some 500 benevolent donors, was held in Hong Kong to raise funds for cancer patients. The theme of the show was the 60th Anniversary in broadcasting of Hong Kong's veteran DJ Ray Cordeiro, affectionately known as "Uncle Ray". Numerous singers, such as Michael Remedios, Joe Jr., Sam Hui, Christine Samson, Teddy Robin, etc. appeared and brought nostalgia to the audience with songs down through the decades.

Ray started with Rediffusion in Hong Kong, switching over to Radio Hong Kong (now Radio Television HK)

where he headed the Light Music Department. In 1970, "*All The Way With Ray*", a weekday 4-hour program, was launched and is now heard all over the world today thanks to the internet.

During his 60-year career, Ray accomplished many feats. Not only has he interviewed virtually every top artists in the music industry, ranging from Sinatra to the Beatles, he had been cited by the Guinness World Records as the World's Most Durable Radio DJ and has received the Life Time Achievement Award. Both HK's former and current governments have bestowed awards on him – Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) and the Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS).

You may watch the show by clicking on

http://programme.rthk.org.hk/rthk/tv/programme.php?name=tv/uncle_ray&d=2010-06-26&p=4864&e=&m=episode

To listen to All the Way with Ray live online: http://www.rthk.org.hk/index_eng.htm

To find out more about "Uncle Ray": http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_Cordeiro

Congratulations and all the very best to you, Ray, and keep on going.....All the Way!



◀ Michael Remedios & Uncle Ray
(Michael performed in Toronto on June 25th to a full house)

WEBSITE:	Photos of Dia de Macau Celebrations which took place this past weekend, June 26 th , will be posted on our Website as soon as available.
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MACANESE FAMILIES WEBSITE

Henry "Quito" d'Assumpção

A few years ago I wrote an article for various Casas de Macau Bulletins about a project I had undertaken, to document the records of Macanese families. The objectives were:

- to engender a sense of pride in Macanese heritage,
- to foster interest in family roots among the newer generations of Macanese,
- to help preserve our culture and history,
- to have the work continue indefinitely into the future.

In 1996, Dr. Jorge Fojaz, a professional genealogist (family tree expert), published 3 large volumes containing the names of over 42,000 people with family roots in Macau in Portuguese. I undertook to translate all his data on births marriages and deaths to English, and into electronic format. This was intended to make it more widely accessible, and to make searches much easier.

Since then, thanks to nearly 200 contributors all over the world, there have been many improvements. The project database has been built up to 47,000 names and contains over 700 photos.

All the information is now up on a "Macanese Families" website. Many people can identify thousands of their relatives and trace their ancestry back several artiness.

Each individual has a personal page that displays his or her parents, spouse(s), children and, where available, photos and details on education, occupation, etc. There are charts showing all the descendants of "heads of families". For a few people there are also charts displaying all their ancestors and listing all their relations.

Many Macanese are only known by their (often weird) nicknames; to facilitate searches I have added an index of 1,800 nicknames, with links to each individual's personal page.

There are many other features apart from genealogy. Several people have contributed articles on history and culture. There is a chapter on our cuisine with some 200 recipes. There are other chapters on the patois, places in Macau, maps and old pictures and paintings.

A chapter is devoted to the 180-odd Macanese who have received national honours for their achievements. Links are provided to other websites, ranging from relevant YouTube to the websites of particular families. There is even a chapter on music.

What else could be done?

- There is the beginning of a “Library” – a repository of books, articles, etc, for both the serious and casual researcher. Much more needs to be added.
- Photos – both old and current – add so much interest to the website, and quality photos are always welcome.
- Although there is a substantial collection of old Macanese recipes, most are incomplete or untested. I hope that in time experienced cooks will check and refine these.
- More articles and biographical notes are needed – it is so important to capture memories before they all evaporate.
- There could be a periodical Newsletter to people who would like to receive one, pointing significant changes to the website.

Over 400 people have registered to gain access to the website and have made 14,000 visits (“hits”). They have sent many encouraging and enthusiastic comments. It is heartening that many visitors are from younger generations.

In a few instances families have been reunited through this website: people have found brothers, sisters and cousins that had been lost or that they did not even know existed; long-standing family rifts have been healed.

For fairly obvious reasons, access to the website is restricted to Macanese (and their spouses). If you are interested, there is a straightforward registration process:

1. click on www.macaneseamilies.com to bring up the login page
2. if this is the first time you are visiting, you have to register:
 - a. click on “Create an Account” to get to the registration page;
 - b. enter your name and choose a password (but be aware that the system distinguishes between uppercase and lowercase letters);
 - c. click “Register”;
 - d. you have to wait a little while for the system to send you an email asking you to confirm your registration.
3. When you have done that you just login with your UserName and Password to gain access. There is a HELP chapter to help you find your way around.

I like to think that good progress has been made towards the first three of the objectives listed above: many visitors to the site have said how proud then are of their background, and how the site has helped stimulate interest in their ancestry. The genealogy records, photos and articles are helping to preserve our culture and history for posterity.

The coverage is, however, incomplete. Most visitors and contributors are from English-speaking countries; very few are from Macau, Portugal or Brazil.

The objective I worry about is the last: how to have this work continue indefinitely into the future. I am getting old and do not know how much longer I can continue. Money is not an issue: the cost of maintaining a website is modest and I have borne it gladly. But the workload is demanding and there is a challenge in mastering the software language and computer programs.

Is there a Macanese – or a group of individuals – with the skills and time to whom to pass this responsibility?

So this short article has two purposes:

- To encourage people – especially younger Macanese – to visit the website and contribute to it, and
- To ask individuals and organisations to think about how to keep it going after I am no longer able to.

Every Macanese can help in one way or other. If you have an interest in contributing data or in collaborating on Macanese genealogy, culture and history, please contact me. My email address is: [Henry “Quito” d’Assumpção dassumpcao@ozemail.com.au](mailto:Henry%20Quito%20d%27Assumpcao@ozemail.com.au)

José Saramago, Nobel Prize-Winning Portuguese Writer, dies at 87 (by Fernanda Eberstadt (June 18, 2010 NY Times)
José Saramago, the Portuguese writer who won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1998 with novels that combine surrealist experimentation with a kind of sardonic peasant pragmatism, died on Friday at his home in Lanzarote in the Canary Islands. He was 87. Follow this link to read more:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/19/books/19saramago.html?pagewanted=1&hp>

RECAPS by Monica Alves

Eye Seminar

As some members are aware, Naomi Baltazar is Casa's "Twinkle Toes" Line Dance teacher by night but by day, she is the Ophthalmology Resource Nurse at Scarborough Grace Hospital. She approached our Social Committee and offered to arrange a seminar for Casa members. Naomi, along with an eye surgeon she works closely with at the Grace, Ophthalmologist Dr. Catherine Eplett, offered to make a power point presentation on eye health, care and problems we all will face in our later years. Unfortunately by the time the final arrangements were made for the seminar, the deadline had passed for our newsletter so this notice could not be disseminated through our normal channels of communication with the members. The Social Committee and others did their best to alert members of the upcoming seminar through word of mouth and announcements made at Casa functions leading up to the May 15th event. There were over 20 members who attended the afternoon seminar.

After a brief introduction by Naomi, Dr. Eplett spoke about eye health and described in general some vision challenges we could face as we age. After her talk, she was open to questions from the members which she patiently answered with much clarity. Next Naomi went through step by step outlining the procedures that anyone having cataract surgery would likely encounter under her care. Another member of the "team" that also came to talk to us was a representative from Alcon, a company that manufactures lens implants. The representative enlightened all of us on the various lens options available to anyone undergoing cataract surgery.

Naomi and Dr. Eplett also informed the members that for two weeks next February, they both would be volunteering their services in the poor areas of the Philippines as part of the Doctors Without Borders Organization. They have asked if members might have old glasses that they are no longer using and which are lying in a draw at home, if they could donate them to their cause. To that end, there will be a box in the Casa "Office" where members will be able to drop off their old glasses. By the end of the year, your unused old glasses will be given to Naomi and Doctors Without Borders will ship them to the Philippines.

It was a very informative seminar and Casa would like to thank Naomi, Dr. Eplett and the Alcon representative for coming. At the conclusion of the seminar, Lilia presented the three speakers with a small gift each as a token of our appreciation.

Minchi Night

I think a record was broken on Saturday, May 22 for the number of different styles of Minchi served at any one Social event put on by our Casa. Eighteen variations upon the theme prepared by our members filled the length of two six foot tables, along with vegetables to accompany the savoury dishes. The minchi dishes came: spicy to mild; light to dark to saffron; with potatoes or without; and with other additions like peas, *funsee* (vermicelli), *vun yee* (orelha de rato), eggplant and chouriço to name a few. Even the basic ingredient differed meaning some were made from mince pork, a mix of mince beef and pork and some from mince chicken. To paraphrase a catch phrase used in a popular Food Network Show, Iron Chef America... *Creativity reigns supreme in Kitchen Macaensa!*

Forty-eight members feasted on the delicious comfort food. Just a spoonful of each to test made your plate look embarrassingly overflowing....but hey; comfort food is good for the soul, correct?

Having been more than satisfied by the dinner, the desserts were served. As this was Lilia Vieira's actual birthday, she had brought a birthday cake to share with everyone. Furthermore, as Celsa and Archer had just celebrated their birthdays a week earlier, they too shared in the cake. All the members who had their birthdays in May were called up and acknowledged by everyone and sung Happy Birthday to.

Thank you to the Social Committee for organizing this successful night. Thanks also to all the Macanese Iron Chefs who made and brought all the food. In true typical Macanese fashion with gatherings where food is involved, one is assured that no one will go away hungry and this was once again proven to be the case.

In closing,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Executive, and Members, for the plaque presented at Dia de Macau celebration thanking me for outstanding volunteer contributions to Casa; I have added this to my other Volunteer acknowledgments. Obrigada.

I hope everyone had a great Canada Day and wishing you all a safe summer. I would like to share with you Wilfrid Laurier's ideas on Immigrants and being a Canadian in 1907:



"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes a Canadian and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet a Canadian, and nothing but a Canadian ... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is a Canadian, but something else also, isn't a Canadian at all. We have room for but one flag, the Canadian flag ... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language, and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the Canadian people."

Gloria

