

*Boas Festas do Natal e Feliz Ano Novo
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that the 1st Thursday Social in the new year will be held on Thursday, January **13th**, 2011 (instead of January 6th).

Call Chuck Gonsalves at 905-849-0548 if you will be attending so as to give him an idea of the numbers for catering purposes. We are taking this course of action as many of the regular attendees will still be in Macau/elsewhere after the Encontro. Thank you.



Photo credit: James W. Anok

*To All our Members, Sister Organizations around the
World,
And the Macanese Community at large,
We Wish You All a Blessed and safe Christmas
And All the Best for the Coming Year*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the last message I am addressing you as President of Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto), as the Executive Committee will not seek office for a second mandate and is stepping down at the next Annual General Meeting on February 12th, 2011 when election will be held. Members are encouraged to give serious thought to fill the vacancies that will become available at that time.

In my speech after I was elected President of this Casa, I told you all "that though I am not as tall as the then newly elected President Obama, I do share something in common with him. I am along with my Committee, are just as dedicated to completing the work we have to do". And we did it.

We thank the membership for their participation in our social activities throughout the last two years. As a result of your interest we have posted a strong record of social events.

Our appreciation is extended to the Social Committee for all the hard work they have put into organizing the events during these last two years. The individual members of our Social Committee deserve to be singularly mentioned and thanked for their dedication and they are: Lilia Vieira, Bernie Vieira, Celsa Larcina, Virginia Sanchez, Linda Sanguinetti, Nancy Barradas, Zito Rodrigues and Pedro Rozario. They initially worked under Elizabeth Tavares, Director of the Social Committee, who resigned due to health reasons. .

Thank you to Armando Santos for adapting so skillfully the lyrics of the songs in patuá for the vocal group "Coral Di Nôs Sã Terra" conducted by the dedicated maestro Monica Alves. To Armando "um muito obrigado" for "giving birth" to the group "Papiaçam Maquista". He has written excellent plays which were so well performed by "actors" Virginia Sanchez, Telma Brito, Zito Rodrigues, Carlos Lemos and Deniz Remedios. Armando's talents and the invaluable collaboration of Mica Airosa, have enabled Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto) to keep alive the sweet language of our heritage. Thank you to Cintia Serro, our representative at the Confraria da Gastronomia Macaense for the cooking demonstrations of the delicious "comizainas" and João Almeida for teaching Portuguese to a group of members of this Casa.

A thank you to Gloria Anok, the Editor of our Newsletter, David Tavares, our Librarian and Isabel Gomes da Silva, the Clubhouse Manager and her assistant, Tony Guterres. Last but not least, our heartfelt thanks to two very special members of this Casa. They are: Barbara Baptista who graciously accepted being the bookkeeper to the Casa after the resignation of the treasurer and Monica Alves for her continued support in the Casa's matter.

As 2010 is drawing to a close, the Executive Committee wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Esta é a última mensagem que eu vos dirijo como Presidente da Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto) porquanto a actual Comissão Executiva não irá candidatar-se para um segundo mandato na reunião que será realizada no próximo dia 12 de Fevereiro de 2011. Peço aos dignísimos sócios desta Casa que ponderem com muita seriedade sobre o preenchimento das vagas na Comissão Executiva que irão surgir nessa ocasião.

No meu discurso, quando tomei posse, há cerca de dois anos, do cargo de Presidente da Casa, eu disse que " embora não pudesse de forma alguma comparar-me ao então recentemente eleito Presidente Obama, perfilhava a opinião dele, de que eu e a Comissão Executiva estaremos prontos para enfrentar os trabalhos que irão surgir pela nossa frente". E nós cumprimos.

Os nossos agradecimentos ao "Social Committee" pelo bom e extenuante trabalho desenvolvido na organização das festas e outros eventos durante este periodo de dois anos. Irei, em seguida, mencionar os nomes dos membros do "Social Committee". Eles são: Lilia Vieira, Bernie Vieira, Celsa Larcina, Virginia Sanchez, Linda Sanguinetti, Nancy Barradas, Zito Rodriguez e Pedro Rozario. Elizabeth Tavares foi, inicialmente, a Directora do "Social Committee", mas, por motivo de doença, viu-se obrigada a pedir a sua demissão.

Um muito obrigado para Armando Santos pelo arranjo musical e pela adaptação para patuá das letras das canções para o grupo coral "Coral Di Nôs Sã Terra". Este grupo é dirigido com muita dedicação pela maestrina Monica Alves. Ainda para o Armando, mais um "muito obrigado" por ter "dado à luz" ao grupo teatral "Papiaçam Maquista" com a participação dos excelentes actores: Virginia Sanchez, Telma Brito, Zito Rodrigues, Carlos Lemos e Deniz Remedios. Armando, com os seus talentos e a valiosa colaboração de Mica Airosa, tem contribuído para que esta Casa possa manter vivo o doce dialecto de patuá. Os agradecimentos à nossa representante na Confraria da Gastronomia Macaense, Cintia Serro pela sua disponibilidade em nos ter proporcionado a oportunidade de saborear várias deliciosas comizainas e a João Almeida pelas aulas de português dadas a alguns membros desta Casa.

Agradecimentos para Gloria Anok, Editora do Boletim Informativo da Casa, para o Bibliotecário, David Tavares e para Isabel Gomes da Silva, Directora da nossa Sede e seu Assistente, Tony Guterres. Por ultimo, o nosso profundo agradecimento a Barbara Baptista que muito generosamente aceitou desempenhar o cargo de guarda-livros da Casa, após a demissão do tesoureiro, e a Monica Alves por todo o apoio que sempre deu e continua a dar na resolução de vários trabalhos da Casa.

Aproveitamos a oportunidade para desejar a todos os membros desta Casa um BOM NATAL e um ANO NOVO repleto de saúde e felicidades.

Deniz Edmundo D'Almada Remedios - a.k.a. "Chappy"

Submitted by Lourenço Conceição

"Try not to become a man of success by rather try to become a man of value."
-Albert Einstein

This message is dedicated to a great friend who is the First Vice President of the Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto).

After describing his "curriculum vitae", I will attempt to capture and pay tribute to the impact he has had on me during the three terms we worked together at the Board of Executive of the Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto).

Chappy, son of Francisco Xavier D'Almada Remedios and Hermilla Berthalina Osmund, belongs to a prestigious family of the Portuguese Community in Hong Kong.

His early education was with Aunty Albertina, who taught him reading, arithmetic and writing. When he was older, he went straight into Class VII at La Salle College until the Second World War broke out. During this time, the Japanese took over La Salle College so Chappy went to St. Mary's Convent for one year before going to Macau. There, he attended the St. Luis Gonzaga School until the end of the World War.

At this point, Chappy returned to Hong Kong where he attended Wah Yan College until La Salle College opened up again. At his old school, he was finally able to complete his matriculation. After working with Shell Co. for a year, he decided to become a Solicitor and conducted his Articleship under his Uncle J.M. D'Almada Remedios, also known as "Doody".

After 4 years, he finished his Articleship in London, England and became a Solicitor. He then returned to Hong Kong and went back to work with his Uncle from 1953 to 1959. Chappy got into the Hong Kong Judiciary until 1964 when he decided to go private by joining forces with another solicitor, Edward Yanna. Together, they formed a law firm known as "Remedios & Yanna". They worked together until 1968 when Chappy, along with his wife Marie Cecile Basto whom he married in 1958, decided to immigrate to Canada.

In Toronto, Chappy was required to complete one year at Osgoode Hall in order to qualify to be a Solicitor. He then joined Canada Permanent Trust until 1984 when he went back to Hong Kong to become a Magistrate with the Hong Kong Government. He retired in 1996 and returned to Toronto to enjoy the fruits of his labour and actively pursue his numerous passions including golfing, 10 pin bowling, watching baseball and hockey games and also trying out all the "comizainas" (eateries) around the city.

However, It must also be noted, that aside from the impressive and very successful career outlined above, Chappy has been a most trusted advisor to me for many years. Not only do I respect his many years of experience, but have learned to trust his patience and thoughtful advice. Now, and until the end of our term, Chappy and I have worked with all our effort to fulfill the commitment made on the election day in February 2009. I have to say that our survival was only possible due to the generous and unconditional help from Monica Alves and Barbara Baptista and the hardworking members of the Social Committee.

Although Chappy was born in Hong Kong, he is an authentic "Filo di Macau". During the terms he served as a member of the Board of Executive of Casa de Macau no Canada (Toronto), he has always tried to defend and keep alive the traditions, the customs, the dialect and the "gastronomia" of Macau. He is truly a Macanese in the strict meaning of the word. We here in Canada are truly fortunate that the many turns of fate in Chappy's life eventually brought him to Toronto.

To finalize, I want to thank Chappy for giving me the opportunity to share his friendship and also thank him for being a good "Amigo" of the Casa de Macau no Canadá (Toronto).

► Casa has a stock of string nylon small knapsacks (\$6.00), as well, golf shirts (9.00) in light grey or black colours (SML) with the Casa's logo embroidered on both. Please contact the Executive if you are interested. ◀



GENERAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

December 15, 2010

Members are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting of the Casa shall be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011 commencing 5:30 p.m. at The Pearl of Asia Chinese Cuisine Restaurant located at 4438 Sheppard Ave. East Toronto, ON M1S 1V2 (North east corner of Brimley and Sheppard).

NOTE – at this meeting, election of the next Board of Executives 2011-2013 shall take place.

In accordance with Article 4, Section 1(b) of our Constitution:

“Nominations for the election of the Board of the Executives (hereinafter “the Executives”) shall be accepted from any Full member in good standing twenty (20) days prior to the general meeting called specifically for the purpose of election. A Full member in good standing shall mean a member whose personal conduct is acceptable and in the case of a member who is required to pay a membership fee for the current year has so paid the fee;”

Furthermore, it is provided by Article 4, Section 2(a) and (b) that:

“2(a) Full members in good standing are entitled to voting rights and may do so by attending in person at the meeting or by proxy mailed to the Secretary (*as there is no Secretary, proxy can be mailed to the attention of Deniz Remedios, 1st Vice President*) or given to another member for registration at the meeting;

2(b) Election of the Executives shall be made by secret ballot. Office of an Executive shall be granted to the candidate polling the greatest number of votes. 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 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.”

Any Full member in good standing who desires to be elected to the Board of Executives shall be required to send his/her name as candidate for a specified position to the Executive twenty (20) business days prior to the General Meeting. Candidates may do so by mail sent to the address of the Casa at 4168 Finch Avenue East, P.H. #39, Scarborough, Ontario M1S 5H6, or by email to chappyrem@bell.net which must be received by your Executive no later than January 17th. Any such member, if he/she wishes, may also at that time send in his or her platform.

You will be receiving in a subsequent mailing, a Final Notice to Members, which will include the list of candidates’ names received by your Executives and their respective platforms if submitted, so that members will be able to make an informed choice at the time of election. Included also in the mailing will be proxy forms and a **RSVP** form that you will be requested to return indicating your attendance at the dinner that will follow the meeting.

Article 4, Section 2(e) provides: “..... in the event of only one slate of candidates is presented to the membership twenty (20) days prior to the Annual General meeting called specifically for the purpose of election, the slate shall be declared winners by acclamation by the chairperson at the said meeting. The term of the Executives so declared by acclamation shall be for a period of two (2) years and shall commence at the conclusion of the said meeting.”

In the event by January 17th no persons are ready, willing and able to act as members of the next Executive, members will be notified by letter of a General Meeting, at which time steps will be taken to dissolve Casa.

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Encontro Das Comunidades Macanses

Deniz Remedios

My wife and I departed from Toronto on 24th November, arrived in HK on the 25th and left for Macau on the 27th. My report on the Encontro is as follows.

Here is a list of the members of the various Casas attending the Encontro.

Casa de Macau in Toronto - 60
Casa de Macau Inc. (Australia) - 133
Casa de Macau do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - 26
Macao Club (Toronto) Inc. - 85
Casa de Macau Club (Vancouver) - 69
Macau Cultural Association of Western Canada - 40
Club Lusitano de HK - 41
Casa de Macau en Portugal - 92
Casa de Macau (USA) Inc - 137
Lusitano Club of Calif, USA - 160
UMA Inc - 73

A reception for the people arriving for the Encontro was held at the Escola Portuguesa de Macau. There were lots of people attending this reception and there was no shortage of food catered by Riqueshore. Our Armando (Santos) performed at this function as did the Oliveira brothers who are also our members.

Day 2 - 28 Nov

There was a launching of books concerning Comunidade Macaense held at Teatro D.Pedro V (Club Macau). Toneco da Silva's book the second edition of the Portuguese of HK was launched at this meeting and Jim Silva offered a second edition of his book (Things I Remember). Miguel de Senna Fernandes compiled a book of various writings by his late father, Henrique de Senna Fernandes, on Cinema which was his father's passion. A gentleman by the name of Monteiro presented a book concerning his father, J.J. Monteiro, entitled "Half Century in Macau". Another Macanese gentleman, whose name I cannot recall, wrote a book concerning a life history of his father whose emphasis was on his connection with the theatre.

At this reception Cecilia Yvanovich Burrows presented to the Smirnoff Museum a portrait of her painted by the late Smirnoff during the years when the Filomacs of HK took refuge in Macau. Cecilia was given a certificate by the Organising Committee. UMA of California was given recognition for being the oldest Casa de Macau for its 50th year in existence. At the same time similar recognition was given to the Santa Casa de Misericordia for its work done for the Macanese of Macau.

The Chief Executive of RAEM presided at a function at the Venetian Resort Hotel followed by a Chinese banquet dinner with the usual roast suckling pig as the first course. The Organizing Committee made it a point of stressing the dress code as "dark attire".

Day 3 - 29th

The proceedings of the day were held at the offices of APIM. Many of the dignitaries in Macau attended this meeting including the last Portuguese Governor of Macau, General Vasco Rocha Vieira. The discussions centered around the question of how to preserve our culture, language and the need for young people to be involved in the future of the Macanese, both in Macau and in the various countries where Casas are in existence. Lunch was provided for those attending the meeting and our Casa was represented by Lourenco and me. For those of our members not attending this meeting they were taken on a guided walking tour to places of interest in Macau. At 4 p.m. on that day all those attending the Encontro assembled at the steps of ruins of St Paul for a photograph to be taken. Lourenco has a copy of this photo which I understand will be displayed in our Casa. Dinner for that evening was given by the Secretary of the Social and Cultural Committee of RAEM at the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Grand Hyatt.

Day 4 - 30th

A conference on the subject of "patois" was held in the auditorium of the Polytechnical Institute of Macau. The presenters at this meeting were Henrique d'Assumpcao, who is the author of the website, Macanese family, Alan Baxter of the University of Macau who talked about various ways and means to keep our culture and language going. The next presenter was Miguel de Senna Fernandes followed by Deolinda Adao. 'Quito' Assumpcao received a standing ovation that lasted several minutes and he has invited those who have not yet gone into his website to do so by clicking on www.macaneseamilies.com. This is a site

that all Macanese should visit because it is easy to bring up your family connections. A reception was held at the residence of the Consul General of RAEM for the Presidents of the various Casas. The Encontro attendees were not invited.

Day 5 - 1st Dec

A ceremony was held at the Monument of Macanese Communities and each Casa placed a floral wreath at the monument. A *Te Deum* Mass was held at the Se Cathedral at 11 a.m., and late that afternoon the bishop of Macau blessed the Garden of Dr. Jose de Costa Nunes, this was followed by a *cha gordo*.

Day 6 - 2nd

There was a conference of Cultura Gastronomica at the Grand Hall of the Institute of Tourism. Our own Cintia Serro provided a paper on Macanese cooking. There were other presenters at this conference including Annabel Jackson who published a book on A Taste of Macau which comprised numerous recipes she had garnered over the years. There were two other presenters at this conference, one being Maria de Graca Pacheco Jorge Barreiros, the other being Jose Manuel Alves of Algarve. Those attending this conference were treated to a lunch at the Institute of Tourism. In the evening there was a gathering of dignitaries on the stage of the Grand Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt to rectify various protocols and other legal documents. Our own Armando performed with his usual flair at some time during evening.

Day 7 - 3rd

This was a day devoted to the Youths and in the evening there was a banquet at the grand hall of The Macau Tower. Among the various bands and singers performing on this occasion included our Oliveira brothers.

Day 8 - 4th Free Day.

Day 9 - 5th

The final day was held at the Fisherman's Wharf with performances by various local artists and the diaspora.

P.S. Members will be informed in due course about payment of the subsidy. I wish to remind them that when they come they should bring with them their boarding passes to and from Macau.

(Photos taken at the Encontro will be posted on our website when received – please check)

Maria Pompeia Mackintosh (nee Alves) better known to most of us simply as “Pompey”, celebrated her 99th birthday on October 1, 2010.

Pompey emigrated to Canada with her late husband Charles, her mother Aurea and other siblings in 1969 and immediately the family purchased a home in Willowdale. Pompey and her sister Patricia are now the only survivors of that extended family.

Our Casa honoured Pompey at our Social on October 7 with a birthday cake, a bouquet of flowers and good wishes of those who were present.

Most of our members are not aware that during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong in the 40's she was arrested by the gendarmes (secret police) on allegation of being a spy for the British government.



Celebrating her 99th Birthday (Toronto)



Pat, Pompey & niece, Michol Beltrão Levitt (visiting from Florida)



[Deniz Remedios]

She spent some time in custody enduring severe hardship and deprivation and when the suspicion was unfounded she was released. Her late husband, Charles, was also arrested, tortured, charged and sentenced to a term of imprisonment. Charles, like many of our Filomacs in Hong Kong at that time, were found guilty by the Japanese of spying for the British government and were imprisoned in Stanley prison and were released from jail when Hong Kong was liberated in August 1945.

Pompey is still as sharp as a tack and plays the card game of *May I* at our first Thursday Socials.

The Executive Committee of our Casa and our members wish you, Pompey, our heartiest congratulations and pray that you will be blessed with continued health and happiness.....Parabens.

Celebrating her 100th Birthday with her family in Scotland
Marie (Maryann, Mary) Adelaide Midgley, born in H.K. on 25th October 1910



↑ Marie (Maryann)
Son Raymond, grandson Rocky, daughter Margaret Hirst, Frances Kirk (nee da Silva) Maureen (Raymond's wife)
Philip (Margaret's husband), Arthur (grandson with his daughter Ripley) and Kate (Arthur's partner)

Marie's parents were Mario da Silva and Luisa da Silva (Noronha) and she had eight brothers and sisters. Her sister Mylthie Gonsalves lives in Vancouver, and her brother Joey Remedios lives in Hawaii.

She worked at the Chase Bank when the Japanese arrived in Hong Kong in 1941 and stayed for nearly four years. She then worked at China Trading and eventually for the longest time at the Import Department of Jardine Matheson.

She has lived in the UK with her son Raymond (wife Maureen) since the early 80's. Her daughter Margaret and husband Philip also live in the UK and have two sons, Arthur (partner Kate) and Rocky. Arthur has one daughter, Marie's great granddaughter Ripley.

An Open House was held on her birthday and much excitement ensued when official representatives of the Queen delivered a congratulatory telegram. Marie says that the most difficult thing about reaching 100 was living through age 99!!
(My thanks to Jan and Leo Barros who passed on this information from an e-mail received from Raymond)



Charles "Chuck" Gonsalves

How many of you have noticed this beautiful wood carving which hangs on the wall of our Casa in the main room?

Chuck designed the plaque by enlarging the crest from our pin, then carving individual pieces to layer on a wooden base to create a relief.



The engraving on the top right corner reads "Crafted and donated by C.R. Gonsalves".

The base is made from pine, and the relief pieces are made from cedar. The different shades you see are natural with the exception of our Casa's name at the bottom which was stained. On completion, the entire plaque was finished with clear polyurethane lacquer. The smaller and more delicate pieces were the most difficult.

It took Chuck approximately seven working days to complete this plaque, spending 2 to 3 hours a day. One of his hobbies is woodworking.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF MACANESE

Regular Feature



Meet Jennifer (20) and Jason (22) Yakimishyn, grand-children of Joey and Andrea Rodrigues.

Brother and sister have always been deeply involved in sports.

They started out in competitive gymnastics and power tumbling at ages 6 and 4 respectively. →



↑ Jennifer in action
↓ ... with her Medal



Both the kids have been extremely active throughout their lives. Jason is now 22 and Jennifer is 20. →



Jennifer with her grand-parents, Joey & Andrea Rodrigues



The Yakimishyn Family

They started out in competitive gymnastics and power tumbling at ages 6 and 4 respectively. After 6 years of gymnastics and putting in 14 hours per week in the gym, along with their other activities, they decided to follow their passion; which was in the ice arenas.



↑ Jayson bungee jumping off the Macau Tower
Great save!! ↓



Jason had been a goalie on the Caledon Hawks rep team for 10 years.

JASON played hockey for his high school team, which won the silver medal in the all Ontario championships. In Jason's senior year of high school he was awarded "Athlete of the Year" (playing on the school's hockey, volleyball and ball hockey team) as well as the Rotary Club Award for "Scholastic and Athletic Excellence". Jason has been in the extended French program since grade five and graduated from Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School in Caledon East with honors and a dual diploma in English/French. Jason graduated from The University of Western Ontario with distinction (all courses with no mark lower than 70% in the four years of university and an overall average of over 80%), with an Honors BA in Kinesiology on June 10, 2010. Throughout university Jason coached young goalies at schools both in London and Toronto. In the fourth year of his studies at university, Jason was selected by his professors to be the student athletic trainer for the University of Western Ontario Varsity football team. The team finished 2nd in their division. Jason graduated at the top of his Athletic Injuries class. Jason is now attending Life University in Marietta, Georgia, enrolled in the Doctor of Chiropractic program. He is playing on the University Hockey Team and will travel to Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida to represent the university, playing goalie. Jason's highlight this summer from the family vacation to Asia.

JENNIFER has been figure skating from the age of 7 1/2, she balanced this sport in the winter with soccer in the summer; she was a member of the Bolton Skating Club until she left for university, where she skated 4-5 days a week. In 2008, Jennifer was the second skater in the clubs 40 year history to achieve all four levels of gold in the Skate. She has been active all her life; Swimming at three months old, gymnastics since the age of two and skating. She was also in the extended French program and graduated from Robert F. Hall with honors and a dual English/French diploma. Jennifer started a figure skating team at Robert F. Hall and won gold medals for her solo in both competitions that the school entered. The rookie team placed 3rd overall in their first year of competition with 28 teams competing. In Jennifer's senior year of high school she was awarded Figure Skating MVP and the Royal Lepage Scholarship for "Hard Work and Dedication". Jennifer has also been awarded the "Athletic Achievement Award" from the town of Caledon. She has just started her third year of university at the University of Western Ontario (UWO) in London and is enrolled in an Honors BSc in Kinesiology. Jennifer has skated for the university figure skating team since her first year. In her first year on the team, Jennifer was chosen from 30 skaters to represent the university at the first competition of the year at The Queen's University Invitational in Kingston. In her first competition Jennifer won the gold medal for the open free skate category. (To see Jennifer skate, go to youtube.com and search Jennifer Yakimishyn.) Jen has also represent UWO on the synchronized skating team and won bronze at the 2009 Ontario University Championships and silver at the 2010 Ontario University Championships. Jennifer is also a certified coach with Skate Canada and for the past two years has coached young skaters at the Mount Bridges Skating Club. Jennifer's goal is to attend Life University to do post graduate work to be a chiropractor. Jennifer's highlight from the family trip to Asia this summer was walking the Great Wall of China.

Jason and Jennifer, our heartiest congratulations to you both, may you continue in your successful sporting and scholastic endeavors in the future. My thanks to your Mother Josie, for her input.

CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Diana & Carlos "Sonny" Gomes

The Gomes' moved to Calgary in the summer of June 1998 to join their daughter Mia and her family; previous to their move they lived in Oakville (Toronto). Diana and Sonny tied the knot on November 13, 1960 at Igreja de Santo Antonio in Macau.

They celebrated their anniversary with a cruise out from Ft. Lauderdale stopping at Aruba, then along the Panama Canal, through the locks and exited on the Pacific side heading towards Costa Rica, 3 ports in Mexico and finally docking in San Diego.



Before leaving for the cruise, daughter Mia threw a party for them and the highlight must surely have been the surprise when they opened the front door to find their close friends from Toronto, Ed da Rosa and Anne McLaughlin standing there. Ed and Anne were instrumental in planning their 25th Anniversary party when they were living in Toronto.

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Sonny headed Casa's Social Committee back in 1991. He and his crew: wife Deanne, Mica Airoso, Susanna da Costa and Gloria Anok were known as "Sonny's Angels". We organized great events for the Casa, most of the food was home made, had our own band consisting of Armando Santos, Carlos de Lemos, Manuel da Costa, Luiz Carvalho, and Alfredo Badaraco.

CONFRARIA DA GASTRONOMIA MACAENSE – PORTUGAL 2010



This will give you an idea of the numbers that attend annually



Casa's representative, Cintia do Serro and her Aunt, Albertina Borges. Cintia credits her success to her Aunt's Macanese recipes.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SISTER ORGANIZATION, UMA INC.

UMA Inc. is the proud recipient of IIM's (International Institute of Macau) 2010 Identity Award, in recognition for its work in preserving Macau's cultural values and the role played in establishing the Macanese identity in the diaspora. UMA was founded in 1959 by a group of early Macanese immigrants to California; they have grown over the years and boast approximately 800 members. Muito parabems from our Casa to the Board and Members.

Recaps by Monica Alves

Muskoka Cruise and Bracebridge Fall Colours“ Autumn is the time when Ontario's countryside discards those subtle summer hues and dons a blaze of colour right off a Group of Seven canvas. All it takes is sufficient rainfall, cool nights and sunny days to transform the province's hardwood forests into spectacular orange, purple, scarlet and gold.” I read this in an article that appeared in the Toronto Star just three days after 49 Casa members and friends ventured on a bus trip to Lake Muskoka and the Bracebridge area on October 16th. We were not disappointed by the vistas that we saw even though some of the foliage had fallen; there was still a vibrant canvass of colour for us to feast our eyes on. Once our group boarded the Lady Muskoka cruise ship we almost filled the entire enclosed upper deck. With the large windows on either side, everyone could enjoy the scenery as we travelled down the Muskoka River and entered Lake Muskoka. Dotted with its many islands and cottages, which might more accurately be described as stately palatial summer homes, some dating back before the turn of the 20th century, our Captain took us along a route that included “Millionaire's Row” where he pointed out the spectacular homes which had boat houses as large as the homes themselves. We could not have asked for better weather with the sun shining and clear blue skies, which just amplified the sights. After we were served and ate our lunch, those brave enough to go to the open upper deck could breath in the crisp country air and take in the 360° panoramic view of the Lake and the scenic surroundings. The cruise lasted 2 ¾ hours after which we boarded our coach and were taken to Bracebridge. We were given some free time to view one of the main waterfalls in Bracebridge as well as to walk the main street. Before you knew it, it was time to board the coach back to

Scarborough bringing to an end a wonderful outing shared by all. **Pictures have been posted in the Gallery on our website for those who might like to view them.**

Mass for the Deceased

One of the Casa's main stay events in our Social Calendar is having a special Mass for the deceased. This year was no exception as close to 50 members attended a Mass on Saturday, November 13th to remember those in our Macanese Community who have since passed and also to remember and give thanks to the Canadian veterans who have made the supreme sacrifice so that we can live in this wonderful adopted country of ours and be able to enjoy the freedoms and privileges that we do. Making the Mass a true communal celebration we had members participate in the Mass with: 'Zito' assisting the celebrant at the altar; Marie Camille reading the First Reading and Responsorial Psalm and Bernie reading the intentions. This year, we lost one of our more senior members, Mercedes Sousa. One of her daughters, Virginia, placed a rose at the altar in her remembrance. Angelina, Isabel and Nidia also brought up roses in remembrance of all deceased members of our Casa, deceased family members and deceased Casa members worldwide respectively. Clara brought up roses for all who have perished in wars. A collection was taken and the monies raised, \$250 has been sent to the Sheppard's Trust. Thanks to Mike and Chappy for passing the collection baskets. After the service members were invited to go to the Church hall for some light refreshments and to socialize. **Pictures have been posted in the Gallery on our website for those who might like to view them.**

Doctors without Borders - eye glasses donation

Members will recall that this last May, there was an eye seminar held at our Casa. Out of that seminar Casa started a drive to collect any no longer used glasses from our members. One of our member's, Naomi Baltazar is a member of the Doctors Without Borders Organization and will be travelling to the Philippines with other volunteers, to the island of Negros and to the city of Bacolod in January to assist the eye doctors as they tend to the needs of the poor. A big thanks to those of you who participated in the drive. You will be making a great difference in improving the quality of the lives of the poor in the Philippines who now will be able to see clearly with the help of your generous donations of the many pairs of glasses we collected over the past months. Naomi has also asked to convey on behalf of the mission: "heartfelt thanks from the people who will be enjoying the gift of sight with the use of the many eyeglasses that the Casa has donated."

Please note the following "start dates" for the New Year; as well, the Contact person should you have any questions:

Mon. & Wed.	Tai Chi	resumes Jan. 17	10 - 11 a.m.	Monica	905-887-9408
Monday	Yoga	no break	6.30 - 7.30 p.m.	Margaret	416-291-6015
Tuesday	Line Dance	resumes Feb.	7.30 - 9.00 p.m.	Helena	905-201-7155
1 st Thursday	Social	January 13	1.00 - 9.00 p.m.	Cecilia	905-427-0850
				backup/Marie	416-383-0327
3 rd Thursday	Card Drive	January 20	1.00 - 9.00 p.m.		

Monica will contact members of the Coral group as to when practice will resume



Gloria Anok
Editor



Dear All

*Another year has come and gone
Another winter season has arrived
Another chance to thank you all for your help and co-operation in 2010
Another chance to wish all a very
Merry Christmas and best wishes for
A healthy, happy and prosperous New Year*

Gloria

