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I would like to thank all the members who came to our “Brainstorming Event”. Those who did not attend can read about the details in the newsletter. At our subsequent Board meeting held in April, we went through all the suggestions and distilled them down. We assure the members that we considered each suggestion carefully in order to see if the event was doable and how and when we felt was the best time to schedule the events. We have already slotted in some of your suggestions in the coming quarter and even into 2012. We hope your support and help will be forthcoming.


As I mentioned at the start of the gathering, we hope and expect things to be run these next two years both in a co-operative as well as a collaborative way. With this in mind, the Board will be approaching members to do their part. We might assign you the task of doing some research into comparative pricing of events or even working the event if and when it happens. I cannot stress it enough that we are all volunteers and there is just so much that five people can do. The more help we get, the more events will be put on.

I would like to let members know that our sister Casas in California: Casa Macau USA Inc.; Lusitano Club of California and UMA sent me an invitation to attend the Grand Opening of the Macau Cultural Center on May 7th, 2011. I sent my regrets; however we did send our good wishes and congratulations along with a gift on behalf of our Casa. The gift we sent was of three real maple leaves which had been electroplated and mounted on a plaque which we inscribed with a congratulatory message. If you would like to see more pictures and read about this event, please log onto the links provided under **News From Our Sister Casas** section of this newsletter.



On another matter, I was approached via an e-mail message by Filipa Queiroz. She is currently writing a book on the Casas Worldwide and other Macanese associations. Her book is being sponsored by IIM (Instituto Internacional de Macau). She mentioned that she had interviewed our past President Lourenço while he was attending the Encontro and as she had noticed from our website I was now the new President of Casa, she asked for my views on our Casa. I have responded to her request and will follow up once the book is published.

Members are asked to read the “Open Letter To Members” inserted with this newsletter. For those who receive their newsletter via e-mail, a hard copy of the “Open Letter to Members” will be mailed to you. As stated in the letter, we have our work cut out for us but with your corporation we trust the matter will be resolved in due course.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone an early Happy Canada Day, July 1st. We are truly blessed to be living in this wonderful adopted country of ours...*God keep our Land, Glorious and Free.* 

2nd YOUTH ENCONTRO – CASAS YOUTH CANDIDATES

In April I attempted to get some information on the proposed 2nd Youth Encontro. The Secretary of the CCM with whom I have communicated said they: *“are having some difficulties in regard to the budgets that is why the planning of the Youth Encontro has not met with fresher news yet. We are conscious of the concern most of the Casas have in relation to that event. What I can tell you at the moment is that we are doing everything within our reach to have the Youth Encontro organized in 2011 and I hope that good news can be released to you soon.”* Members and our youth in particular will be advised as soon as we do hear anything concrete from the Organizers.

In the meantime I am happy to report that by our deadline of May 2nd, we received three submissions for consideration to be Casa’s representatives. The Board has asked Mica Airosa, and Gloria Anok to join them on the judging panel to help with the selection of our representatives. The final decision of the panel will not only be based on the written submissions but the three candidates will be asked to come to an informal meeting with the panel to further press their respective cases. Once this process is complete and because at this time we do not know how many representatives will be sponsored by Macau, the panel will make their selection by ranking their: first; second and third choice. The candidates will be reminded that by being chosen as Casa’s representative(s) and to be given the chance to travel to Macau also brings with it certain expectations from the Board and the membership. As stated in our last newsletter: *“Upon their return, they will each have to write a report on what discussion and or decisions came out of the Encontro and what their experience was like”* and more importantly: *“Candidates will be required to contribute in a meaningful and concrete way in organizing and running an event or events to improve youth activities and to encourage youth membership and participation here at home.”*

If a 2nd Youth Encontro does actually happen this summer, members will be reading the reports from the youth representatives and their plans in our next newsletter issue.

SOCIAL CORNER

Brainstorming Event Report

A very successful and productive exchange of ideas occurred at the clubhouse March 19th. The Board would like to thank all the forty plus members who came to the event and who had a variety of interesting ideas and suggestions for activities and events they would like to see the Casa put on.

For the benefit of those who did not attend, some of the suggestions included trips both day and overnight to such places as: the Fatima Shrine in Lewiston New York; New York city trip; Agawa Canyon Fall Colours trip; trip to Bala for the Cranberry Festival and a rather ambitious longer trip to Portugal to name a few. There was suggestions to have more “theme dinners” like we had in the past. (Look at what we have planned for July) Another suggestion was to attend a Dinner Theatre or a production in Stratford and tie in a lunch or dinner as part of the event. Other suggestions included a “games” night and Bingo and Minchi evening (See our August event). We had very positive responses to the suggestion of arranging a retreat. There also was a suggestion that a “knitting/crochet circle” be started. Members who are adept at either or both and who would be willing to volunteer can teach those interested. By the way, this will not be offered exclusively to the ladies. We would love to have some men also join the “circle”! The impetus behind this was the idea that members will eventually produce “prayer shawls” which we will have blessed. These shawls will be given to members who might be experiencing some difficulties or who we feel might find comfort in receiving such a gift. It would be Casa’s way of reaching out to those in our community who might be feeling particularly vulnerable.

The Board also would like to inform members that the dates and venues for Dia de Macau; Mass for the Deceased and the Christmas Party have been secured. Particulars of the Dia can be found in the following pages of the newsletter so we encourage everyone to sign up early to attend. We are planning for the Mass of the Deceased to be held November 12th followed by a reception held at the Casa. We have already secured a Hall for our Christmas Party which will be December 3rd held at the Shangri La. This venue is located on Esna Park which is just north of Steeles and East of Woodbine. We have negotiated what we feel to be a very reasonable price for the selected menu. There will be a choice of chicken or beef along with all the trimmings. More details will follow in the September newsletter but please circle the dates on your calendars. We intend to hold a Gastronomica cooking class sometime in October. Once again details will be forthcoming however our intention is to get members actively involved in the preparation and cooking of the dishes and not just be “spectators”.

As members can see from this report, the Board has received a wide ranging variety of suggestions of activities. It is our hope that the current membership that sits at 230 members to date will find something that will appeal to their interest. We also encourage the members to pass the word around to your friends and family who may have drifted off from the Casa to consider rejoining, especially the youth. It would be a shame to miss out on a trip or an opportunity to enjoy the company of your community. (Pictures available on the website www.casademacau.ca).

OTTAWA TULIP FESTIVAL TRIP REPORT

This trip brought to mind the beginning of a popular song which goes something like this...:“The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain...” Well, our intrepid Casa travelers can attest to the fact that it also fell along the 401 corridor from Toronto to Ottawa and back on the May 14th and 15th weekend that we set out to experience the Tulip Festival in Ottawa. Despite the inclement weather, this did not dampen (sorry, could not resist the pun) the spirits and enthusiasm of the 33 members and 1 guest who made the best of it all.



The first stop in Ottawa was the Canadian War Museum. This is a spectacular building which has many architectural design features that invokes in the visitor not only an emotional but as well even a visceral and physical response from the moment you walk through its doors. The innovative architecture reminds us of nature’s ability to recover from devastation. The angled walls and sloping floors at the entrance are meant to give you the sense of the instability caused by war. Even the material used in the construction of the building have specific significances. The

arrangements of certain windows along the high triangular structure soaring above one of the Galleries even spells out in Morse Code dots and dashes, “Lest We Forget” and “N’oublions jamais”.

There were many things that moved me while going through the Museum but perhaps the most impressive was Memorial Hall. It is not a large area but has a reflecting pool at one end and at the other a single artifact - the headstone of the Unknown Soldier. Each Remembrance Day, November 11 at 11 am, the sun directly illuminates this headstone. The stark rectangular concrete slabs that make up the walls of this area represent the many tombstones of the fallen.

Quite appropriately our tour ended after we visited Regeneration Hall where its narrow window frames a view of the Peace Tower, an enduring symbol of Canadian democracy and our next stop.

Since 9/11, security measures on the Hill have been such that busses are no longer permitted to drop off passengers actually on “the Hill”. So once again some of the more intrepid got off the bus under what was now quite a heavy downpour and proceeded to walk up the Hill, passed the Memorial flame to Centre Block. Once having passed through the metal detectors, we were taken on a conducted tour. As this was a Saturday, we could actually step onto the floor of and enter the Chamber of the House of Commons. We then were taken to the magnificent and impressive wood lined Library and the red Senate Chamber. As we were the last tour of the day, it was nice to be able to almost have the entire Parliament to ourselves and walk the highly polished marble floors down corridors with high vaulted and intricately carved pillars and ceilings.

Fortunately our only youth representative at the Youth Encontro, Macau 2009 who has remained a member, Andrew Brander, joined us at the War Museum and through his “connections” managed to get permission from the RCMP Security Division in charge of the Hill to grant our bus driver permission to enter the grounds and pick us up right at the steps to Centre Block! Our bus driver Kim was most impressed as she said in the 5 years she’s been bringing tours to Parliament Hill, she has never been able to drive in. She said she will now have bragging rights and took photos to prove it. This was a perfect opportunity for us to take a group picture on the steps of Parliament despite the fact that a rather anxious RCMP officer who had been assigned to provide us with a personal police escort off the Hill was now waiting in his cruiser.

We then were off to dinner across the river to Hull/Gatineau, Quebec. We could indulge in a smorgasbord of choices at *Le Buffet des Continents*, and some I am sure indulged with great gusto, (am not naming names). There was a mouth watering list of choices such that if you preferred “meats”- there was roast beef, roast lamb, smoked meat, roast pork and roast turkey. If you fancied “legs” – there was frogs legs; crab legs and chicken. While the fish/seafood lovers had their choice of smoked, baked or broiled salmon; muscles and calamari. There were all the trimmings of course and then some. If you had room for dessert, there was once again plenty to choose from.

After dinner we all checked into our Hotel and those, having gotten their second wind and boosted with the energy from enjoying a hearty dinner then hopped back on our bus which dropped them off at the Casino.

The next morning after a satisfying breakfast of eggs, bacon, potatoes and fresh fruits (it’s amazing we were still hungry after all the ‘indulging’ the night before) we boarded our bus for the second leg of our visit. We had a tour guide board our bus and conduct a tour of Ottawa from the dry comfort of the bus...it was still raining. Once again, the opportunity was offered to those willing to get a bit wet, to “tiptoe through the tulips” by walking alongside the Rideau Canal through the park that had bed upon bed of tulips. Our timing was perfect as all the blooms were up and in full display. After a very informative and interesting tour of the points of interest in the Ottawa area given by Bob our guide the bus dropped us off at the By Ward Market where we had an hour and a half of free time to roam around and find a spot for lunch. As if by order, it stopped raining for this period so the experience was pleasant to be able to walk outside amid the flower and produce stalls without being encumbered by umbrellas.

At one o’clock we re-boarded the bus and started our return journey.

I hope those who participated in this journey came away a little richer for the experience than when they left Toronto

the day before. I know I did. The visit to the Canadian War Museum has renewed my appreciation for the supreme sacrifices made by Canadian young men and women so that I can live with the freedoms that I am enjoying today. Visiting Parliament has also renewed my appreciation of the democratic principles that govern our wonderful adopted country and seeing the beauty of the flowers all in bloom will continually cause me pause to marvel at the beauty and hope of new life coming from the earth that has been frozen and under feet of snow only a few short months ago. (Please visit our website at www.casademacau.ca to see many more pictures of the trip)

I received a lovely e-mail from Joyce and Mike which I would like to share and which represents the sentiments many of you expressed to my team and I personally:
A big THANK YOU for arranging the trip to Ottawa. Please also extend our thanks to your team for co-ordinating this trip. We enjoyed ourselves and I think I can say it for the rest of the group despite the weather...it was a big job and well done.



THE MUSIC MAN AND ACTOR

Carlos de Lemos (Naio) was President of our Casa from 1996-1998 and officiated at the opening ceremony of our Clubhouse in June, 1998. Dr. Carlos Monjardino, President of Fundação Orienté, and Dr. Mario Brandão were in attendance.

◀ Click on the following website and you will be able to listen to Carlos' very touching "Thank You" dedicated to his parents Victor and Alice de Lemos, since deceased. The song is sung in three languages, English, Portuguese or Chinese:
<http://rpd luz.tripod.com/projectomemoriamacaeense/carlos.lemos.html>

◀ Carlos is also our Casa's very talented actor, appearing in 2 Patuá comedy skits (Papiacam Maquista) in which he was one of the main characters. View the recorded skits on Casa's website www.casademacau.ca



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Our belated Parabens to Beatriz (Betty) Ribeiro Cruz who celebrated her 97th birthday on March 17th in Australia. Betty celebrated her special day surrounded by 17 of her immediate family members who travelled from north and south coast, and out west. She holds the title of being the oldest Casa member. When asked what was on top of her wish list, Betty replied "... to celebrate my 100th birthday..."

BEATRICE (BETTY) MARIA VIEIRA RIBEIRO CRUZ



Birthday cards flowed in from relatives and close friends including her many nieces and nephews from the Vieira Ribeiro, Cruz and da Luz families both here in Australia and globally in USA, Canada, UK and Europe.

My thanks to Yvonne Herrero for her contribution (which I have condensed - Gloria)

Brasil & Peru Trips – October, 2011

The Lusitano Club (USA) is organizing a trip to Brasil (Rio, Fortaleza, Iguassu) October 1-9 with optional tour to Peru (Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley, Machu Picchu) October 9-16. Departures: Toronto. A deposit of \$200 will be required at time of booking to guarantee the hotel space in both places. Balance payments can be made on a monthly basis until August 30, 2011 when full payment will be required.

Brasil tour: US\$2,409.00 8 nights tour including domestic airfares (subject to confirmation)

Peru tour: US\$1,105.00 7 nights land portion based on double occupancy (subject to confirmation)

Interested parties should contact Maria Roliz for full particulars ASAP, at m_roliz@yahoo.com



Our most recognized landmark the Ruins of St. Paulo, Macau



Isabel Manhao the voice behind the song



Let Isabel know what you think of the song, drop her a line c/o Maria Joao at maria.joao.da.cruz@aa.com

This beautiful song, **TEMOS RAIZES EM NOSSO MACAU**, was circulated via e-mails last year just before the 2010 7th Encontro in Macau.

What makes this song so special is that individuals from 4 different countries combined forces to make it happen, from

Portugal, Emilia Silva, the music composer and lyricist, Canada, Armando Santos did the arrangement and recordings of the backing of song Macau, Isabela Manhao singer, music studio technician and last but not least USA, Maria Joao da Cruz, responsible for the Macanese adaptation

Everyone, Emilia, Armando, Isabela and Maria Joao, worked on a pro bono basis although a small stipend was offered by the International Institute of Macau (IIM) to pay for the music arrangement. The idea for the song was Emilia Silva's and it took a period of 2.5 years to complete. The *country western flavor was Emilia's idea; she had part of her musical training in Nashville, Tennessee.* The objective was to have a theme song for the Encontro.

Needless to say, the e-mail kept circulating and probably reached most Macanese around the world. In case you missed it, click on the following site:

http://casademacau.ca/media/temos_raizes.mp3

We hope that the Cd with the song will be published and distributed by the IIM (International Institute of Macau) of Dr. Jorge Rangel in the very near future.

A new song, entitled Procissao Senhor dos Passos is to be released in 2012.

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My personal thanks to Nuno and Maria Joao da Cruz for contributing information for this article - Gloria

Temos Raizes Em Nosso Macau		
Fomos explorar o mundo E o mundo nos separou Guardamos sempre bem fundo No coracao O lugar que nos criou #1	Levamos a lingua de Patua E a bandeira da nossa terra Espalhados por multidoes Vivendo e trabalhado em varias nacoes Mas somos todos da mesma raiz #2 & #4	Temos primos no Brasil Na Franca e Canada Temos tios na Australia Na Alemanha e na Inglaterra Irmaos na America do Norte Sobrinhos em Portugal Temos raizes bem muito fortes Temos raizes em nosso Macau # 3, 5, & 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIA DE MACAU – June 25th

Members are requested to please fill in the registration form included with this newsletter ASAP and return it and their cheque by **June 15th**. Members who wish can attend the 6 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church. After Mass, you are invited to congregate in the Hall for a wonderfully catered meal. We have arranged for the same caterers who cooked for us at our last Dia de Macau to cook for us again. I know you will not be disappointed with the Portuguese menu we have chosen. You will also be entertained by the Coral and our own very talented Armando. There will be prizes awarded as well. We guarantee good food; good fun and a great time will be had by all.

INDIAN/MALAY EVENING – July 23rd

In keeping with the idea of offering “theme evenings” we hope you will sign up and join us on **Saturday, July 23rd** for our Indian/Malay evening. We have asked several members to make their favourite curry and to bring and share it with those attending. A lot of the spices that are used in our Macanese cooking were brought by the adventurers who sailed east and who had stopped off in Goa and Malacca and spots along the Indian Sub-Continent. Spices such as Cumin, Coriander, Turmeric and Chilli figure prominently in any curry. Coconut milk and rice are main ingredients found in Goan delicacies. In fact, I read somewhere that *Bebinca*, is Goa’s favourite dessert. It is all these influences that our forefathers used to create our wonderfully savoury and sweet Macanese dishes. One just has to read the ingredients listed for Diabo or Baji to appreciate all the influences brought to our shores by the explorers. Did you know there is an Indian dessert call Laddu? It is made of flour and other ingredients, formed into balls and dipped in sugar syrup. Apparently there is a variety of ways to prepare Laddu which results in a spectrum of tastes. Although the Macanese Ladu (*note we’ve dropped a “d” in the spelling*) is not formed into balls but rather shaped into a brick nor dipped in sugar syrup one can just imagine those early cooks substituting Jagra (brown cane sugar slabs) for the sugar and adding this and that to the pot and coming up with our own Ladu! Sign up early and don’t be disappointed. Come wearing a Sari or Sarong, baubles or bangles, join in and be a part of the “flavour” of the evening.

BINGO & MINCHI EVENT

Acting on another suggestion brought up at our Brainstorming event, an afternoon of Bingo fun followed by dinner comprising of a variety of home cooked minchis is planned for **Saturday, August 27th**. Members are asked to sign up either to bring a minchi, vegetable or dessert dish. Bernardine will be looking after the food and with your help will plan a balanced menu. There will be ten games of Bingo played and the total cost of the ten sheets of cards will be \$20. The Bingo cards will be sold at the door and we will start playing at 3 pm.

A DAY AT THE RACES

Casa’s annual event at the races is planned for **Sunday, September 11th**. We are very grateful that Celsa Larcina has kindly offered yet again to look after this event. For the uninitiated who don’t understand horse racing, don’t worry. Woodbine has customer service personnel who will come to your table and explain how to read the racing forms and how to place bets. If truth be told, when all else fails, I pick the horses with the cutest names. You will not be required to wear a “fascinator”, although if you so wish, by all means, make a fashion statement! Woodbine also has Slot Machines so if that is your preference you can spend your time there. The Woodbine representative has promised to try and reserve window seats at the Favourites Restaurant for us. The Buffet will be opened from noon until the 5th Race and post time is 1 pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

TAI CHI

The “Beginner’s Class” started in April and there are six enthusiastic members who have signed up and who are being put through the postures.

YOGA

After a brief hiatus, Yoga classes will resume Monday, June 6th at 6:30 pm. Farida advises that the cost is \$30 for 5 lessons. If you are interested, bring along a mat or towel and join the group.

LINE DANCE

Due to work schedule changes, Naomi has made the decision to stop offering her Line Dance classes. We will miss her. On behalf of all the members who have participated and taken classes over the past 15 years we thank her for all her patience and effort and wish her well.

THURSDAY CARD DRIVE

As no one has stepped forward to volunteer to take on the responsibility of making sure the clubhouse is clean and secure after the event, there will be no more Card Drives. I would like to take this opportunity to remind members

who might have forgotten or to explain to new members the background behind the establishment of the Card Drive as part of our Regular Events. Sometimes when things appear as just part of the fabric of the club it is easy to forget how they ever got established. The Card Drive has never been a Casa sponsored event, meaning it never received a subsidy unlike the monthly Thursday Socials. It was a “privilege” granted to members who wanted to play mah-jong and card games more than the once a month opportunity they already enjoyed if they attended the subsidized monthly Thursday Socials. As it turned out it was the usual three to four tables of members that regularly attended and as such, the Executives past and up to today have waived the necessity of someone having to officially “rent” the hall each and every month. Even though it was NOT a Casa sponsored event, Executives past and present have allowed those attendees the use all of Casas’ supplies such as the rice, coffee, tea etc. It is NOT the intent of this Board to deny the members use of the clubhouse; on the contrary, we are of the exact opposite opinion. We should be grateful that we are so fortunate as to have a place to meet and have a good time, that it should be utilized as much as possible. However, as I have reiterated often times, this is “OUR” Casa and as such we ALL need to accept and take on responsibilities to help.

WEBSITES

Casa’s website

I hope those of you who have internet access have been visiting our site www.casademacau.ca.

Our webmaster, Raymond has been doing an outstanding job of keeping it current and as up to date as possible. If it has been a while since you visited our site, I would like to tell you that we have added a new feature to it. Raymond has made available the various You Tube links to an assortment of the Corals’ performances as well as the two plays performed by our very own Papiaçam Maquista. If you go to our site, click on the Events Gallery page and you will see the links. Armando will be uploading other performances in the future for our viewing pleasure.

The Macanese Families Website – A Call for Assistance

Members will recall that mention has been made in our past newsletters of the tremendous work that Henry “Quito” d’Assumpção has done in amassing, collating and entering thousands of names of Macanese families on this one Macanese Families Website. This repository of Macanese history and culture is a marvellous undertaking and according to Henry, it is still ever evolving. I encourage all who have internet access to visit this site, better yet, make it a “Favourite” and go back in from time to time <http://www.macaneseamilies.com/Joomla/index.php>. It is fascinating. I have written Henry granting him permission to include any birth, marriage or death announcements that might appear in our Casa’s newsletter to be included in his data base and have also invited him to visit our website to “hear” our Coral and Papiaçam Maquista group perform in patuá.

In the Lusitano Bulletin, Vol 21, Issue No.1, Henry has provided an update as to what has been added to his site and has requested assistance from anyone interested in contributing data or helping to maintain and develop the website. Part of his article is reproduced below for your information:

“PROJECT

It is pleasing to report that there is wonderful international collaboration, with people in Manila Philippines, Austin TX and San Francisco CA USA, and Sydney and Adelaide Australia working on a number of projects:

Photos: Permission has been received to include hundreds of photos from António Jorge da Silva’s books (*Diaspora Macaense to California* and *The Portuguese Community in Hong Kong* Vols I and II). These will be a wonderful addition to the website but a fair bit of work is involved: although in these books people in photos have been named, identifying them in the database is not straightforward as there are often many people with the same name, and sometimes only nicknames are given. The photos will be processed so that clicking on a face will take you to that person’s personal page.

Similar work is needed in identifying faces in many old photos.

Patuá: The old *patuá* (patois) of Macau is under grave threat of extinction, with so few old Macanese who can speak the tongue. Miguel de Senna Fernandes and Alan Baxter in Macau are making a valiant effort to preserve it and have published a splendid book *Maquista Chapado* (with an English edition). We have a project to record sounds of words

and phrases of the *patuá*, and to include those sounds on the website.

Virtual Library: There is a project to assemble references to books, articles, etc., relevant to Macau and Macanese in a “virtual library”, which should interest both the casual browser and serious researchers. A few old books are reproduced in full.

Cooking: Many people are interested in cooking. The chapter on Cuisine has grown significantly and contains nearly 300 recipes. Some are very old and only of historical interest (who today wants to cook sheep head soup?) but most of the traditional dishes (*minchi, diabo, cozido, tacho, feijoada, capela, porco bafaça, porco vinho d’alho, chouriço sutate, amargoso lorcha, bagi, beb-inga de leite, ladu*, etc.) are preserved here for posterity.

Articles: Permission has been received for information published in the UMA and Lusitano Bulletins – articles, announcements of births, marriages and deaths, etc. – to be included in the website, and thus to be readily available to a wider readership. We shall seek similar permission from the other Casas de Macau.

Old documents: Much information is being made available on the internet. There are, for example, lists of people who have served as jurors in Hong Kong; from these we can find the occupations and home addresses of many Macanese.

MORE TO DO

What more is there to do? A great deal. With the community dispersed all over the world, much of our culture is in danger of being lost forever. Every Macanese can make an effort to:

- spend time with older Macanese relatives and friends, and write down their memories and experiences;
- keep a record of relatives – names, dates, education, occupations, achievements
- carefully preserve old documents and photo albums, noting the names of people in photos

As far as the website is concerned, there is a huge backlog of work, and we need more volunteers to help in a variety of ways, such as:

- searching for information on births, marriages and deaths
- identifying faces in photos
- identifying people mentioned in articles and old documents
- updating data and correcting errors

If you have an interest in contributing data, in helping to preserve Macanese culture and history, or in helping to maintain and develop the website, please contact me on dassumpcao@macaneseamilies.com

LIBRARIAN

To date, no one has stepped forward to volunteer for this position so until such time as we get a volunteer, the Library is closed. We have received some books and videos from the collection of our dear late member Humberto Viana. If a member would like to borrow a book or video, please contact any Executive and make the necessary arrangements.

BOOK ORDER

The book order for **THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY IN HONK KONG, Volume 2** - by Author: António M. Jorge da Silva has been placed and is en route. Members who put their names down will be notified when the books arrive at the Casa.

Not satisfied to rest on any laurels, António is back at work putting together yet another book of the Portuguese Community in Shanghai. He informs me that although the text is almost complete he would love to get any anecdotal information, especially group photographs of families who lived in Shanghai. He requests that you identify as many in the photographs as you can. Nicknames must be accompanied with first names and if possible middle names also. He also asks that the original photographs be sent to him or scanned copies of the original photograph and he promises to return them as quickly as possible. Anyone who would like to contribute to António’s project can email

him at tony@dsiarch.com. For those who do not have internet access not to worry, let Monica know and she will give you António's mailing address.

CLUBHOUSE

It was rather a cathartic experience to assess our old "office space" and to get rid of magazines, fliers and posters that have seen their day and have just accumulated in one corner or another. The committee has listed below a number of items which we are giving members the first right of refusal to take if they wish. If you choose to take an item, please know that it is with the understanding that you accept whatever condition it is in. We cannot guarantee that it is working 100%. We will be setting aside **Saturday, July 16th from 10 am to 2 pm** for anyone interested in picking up an item or two or three to drop by the clubhouse. This will be on a first come first serve basis. We will not be "reserving" any items for anyone. Should a situation arise whereby two or more people are interested in the same item and arrive at the club at the same time, we will put the names in a hat and draw out the name of the person who will get the item. Once the day is over, we will dispose of whatever might remain from the list below as we see fit. We will then be able to carry out a DIY (Do It Yourself) Makeover on the office space.

Casa Inventory of Disposition. There might be some miscellaneous smaller items, odds and ends available other than items listed below:

Electronics or Appliances:

- 2 Yamaha Speakers
- 1 Yamaha PA
- 1 Pioneer Laser disc player
- 1 JVC 13" TV
- 1 Smith Corona memory Typewriter
- 1 Nortel telephone
- 1 36 Cup "Westbend" tea/coffee urn

Furnishings:

- 2 gray screens/panels 48" W x 70" H
- 1 low gray coffee table 48" W x 24" D x H
- 1 telephone table with lamp attached

Odds and Ends:

- 5 Oak "Collage" picture frames 16" x 20"

NEWS FROM OUR SISTER CASAS

Pictures and write up on the Opening of the Macau Cultural Center in California can be found at:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/soaresavila/sets/72157626545951203/>

<http://www.jtm.com.mo/view.asp?dT=374603012>

http://issuu.com/npgproductions/docs/ptwebpage051511?mode=a_p&wmode=0 (scroll to Page 19)

Our sister Casa, the Macao Club (Toronto) kindly sent me an invitation to their Annual General Meeting Spring Banquet set for May 13th. Unfortunately, that being the day before our Ottawa Trip I had matters to attend to and had to decline.

JUST IN - RIP

Casa has been informed by the President of Casa de Macau Australia of the passing of Leonard Vincent Osmund, May 29, 2011. The family has asked to share this sad news with the community at large. Leo is the brother of the late Mildred Osmund Noronha.

On behalf of the community in Toronto, Casa sends our condolences to the family.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF MACANESE

Andrew Brander ►

In his own words:

“Though I have had many important roles in campaigns in the past, never before have I been tasked with managing a campaign for a Federal Cabinet Minister. Campaigns are an interesting beast, and like any team sport, you are often only as good as the team you surround yourself with. Lucky for me I had a remarkable team which led to the successful result. After all, on May 2, 2011, history was made. In the riding I managed, we ran a phenomenal campaign, garnering the third largest number of electoral votes in a single riding in all of Canada. And after seven years, three parliaments and four elections, Canadians finally chose to elect a strong, stable, majority Conservative government, a goal that many media pundits said was never in the cards for the Harper Conservatives.

With the election just over, much remains unseen in terms of what the coming years will bring. During the campaign, our government made a pledge - that we would hit the ground running on day one, and we are delivering on that. In fact on June 2,



just a month after Election Day, the Conservative Government will return to Ottawa to continue their efforts on behalf of Canadians.

On May 18, 2011, I was fortunate enough to go to Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor General, to witness my boss presented back into Cabinet along with 38 other deserving Ministers. I guess the biggest advantage to all of this is that Canadians now get exactly what we campaigned for; a strong, stable, majority Conservative government. This means stability for Members of Parliament and an ability for them to implement some better, longer term plans without the threats that a minority government would present.

Parliament Hill provides amazing opportunities and responsibilities for

◀ The Hon. Lisa Raitt P.C., M.P.

people who are willing to work hard, and I am sure those opportunities will warrant consideration if they present themselves

I believe my faith and my family has gotten me to where I am today. Had you asked me years ago if I imagined I would be where I am with the responsibilities I have, I would have never guessed. So, much in the same light, I am happy to reserve myself to that for now. I will of course continue working as hard as I can and proving my abilities and their trust is well placed. I do look forward to even greater responsibilities in the future.”

I have to say, it was a complete and absolute pleasure to serve as a bit of a “host” when the Casa came to Ottawa this past month. It was an honor to be able to join the group for a couple of days and assist with some of the facilitation of the activities. I appreciated the opportunity to show everyone the place that I work, share the halls that I walk daily and visit the chamber of the House of Commons where I spend hours of my work week.”

Thank you, once again Andrew for agreeing to share your experience with us.
Gloria

Dear All

I'm in a rush to get this Newsletter out as a mail strike is possible within the next few days.

Please note that, in the event there is a strike, call Marie-Cecile Remedios at 416-383-0327 in regard to Dia de Macau registration form/cheque; she is your contact for that event.

Wishing you all a safe Summer and Happy Fathers Day.

Gloria