

## Newsletter

### MACAU CULTURAL ASSOCIATION (CASA DE MACAU) OF WESTERN CANADA

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#### EDITORIAL

##### Elections

It is now a mere four weeks to our Annual General Meeting & Elections scheduled to be held on February 15, 1998 and we believe that there are a couple of candidates running for each of the five Council positions. This is exciting news indeed because we will be facing a meaningful election with some friendly (?) rivalries and not an election with just five candidates being elected by acclamation. However we want dedicated individuals to be elected who are willing to make a firm commitment and be prepared to devote a lot of their time to work for the Association. Please remember also that failure to get elected leaves behind no stigma whatsoever and must not lead to recriminations of any kind. We want members to seriously consider voting for candidates they believe are the best to lead the Association in the coming year and, for that matter, in the coming millennium. It is important that, after the successful candidates are announced, everyone else must close ranks and throw their wholehearted support behind those who have been democratically elected for the good of our Association.

#### DECEMBER 1997 MEETING

At our monthly meeting held on December 16, 1997 sixty-four members and four guests were in attendance. Topics discussed at this meeting included the Tuna Macaense visit and concert, association premises, the award of our Association Scholarship Grant to Ms. Alberta Pedro and Cintia dos Santos, and notice was also given that our Chinese New Year Banquet will be held on Friday, February 6, 1998. The meeting concluded with the President, Mr. Rene Ozorio on behalf of all Council members, wishing all our members and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 1998. The special Christmas tea which followed was provided by quite a number of members and there was also a party for children and

grandchildren of members with the added appearance of Santa Claus with gifts for the young ones.

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members are hereby reminded that the annual membership dues in respect of 1998 are now payable. The present fee structure remains the same as follows:-

- Ö Member (19 years +) \$20.00
- Ö Spouse 5.00
- Ö Child (13-18 years) 5.00

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Tony da Costa has requested that, if possible, all payments for dues and also for newsletter postal charges (see next news item) be paid by cheque payable to the Macau Cultural Association.

Envelopes will be provided at our monthly meetings to facilitate these payments. Members are requested to indicate on those envelopes their name and, if applicable, the name of their spouse, and payments for the newsletter postal charges (\$5.00). Members are also encouraged to send their cheque payments in respect of membership dues (and newsletter postal charges) by post to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Tony da Costa at 857 Runneymede Avenue, Coquitlam, B.C. V3J 2V3.

The receipts for the payment of 1998 dues, paid up to and including February 15, 1998, will not be issued just yet. Instead they will be attached to the Voting Form which will be made available to voting members on Election Day. Only those who have paid up their 1998 dues by Election Day on February 15, 1998 will be permitted to vote.

#### MAILING OF NEWSLETTERS

Copies of our monthly newsletters are distributed by post, free of charge, to all members residing outside the Lower Mainland. This includes Chilliwack, Vernon, the Seattle area in Washington State, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and even Quebec and other cities abroad.

Members residing within the Lower Mainland are hereby advised that if they wish to have copies of our newsletters sent to them by post, there will be a small charge of \$5.00 per calendar year or part thereof and payment of which is due on January 1, 1998. This sum of \$5.00 can be paid along with the payment for your annual dues. This \$5.00 is not a charge for the newsletter itself but is intended to defray the cost of the postage incurred. If you want to make absolutely sure that you get to read our newsletter whether you attend our monthly meeting or not, a member should consider opting for this mailing service.

We believe that our Association still holds the distinction of being the only "Casa de Macau" world wide that produces a monthly newsletter and that is now available even from our Web Page.

ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS  
DINNER DANCE

A very successful Christmas Dinner Dance was held on Friday, December 19, 1997 at the Confederation Community Centre in Burnaby. Close to one hundred and twenty members and friends enjoyed an excellent dinner catered by the Alto Douro Portuguese Restaurant of Vancouver and danced to music provided by "The Top Notes". There were many door prizes as well as a 50-50 draw and, lead by Carlos Cordeiro, Christmas carols were sung in English and in Macaense. During an intermission a cassette, with music by the Tuna Macaense, was played to those present. This music brought back instant memories of the recent concert by the Tuna Macaense last month. The Hon. Secretary, Cynthia Vieira was asked to read a statement prepared by the President, Rene Ozorio who had lost his voice, welcoming all the attendees and thanking all the members who had pitched in to make the evening an unqualified success. The evening was graced with the presence of Mrs. Hirondina Ghouri, Chancellor at the Portuguese Consulate in Vancouver and her husband.

MACAU GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY

At our very successful Christmas Dinner Dance held on December 19, 1997 our President, Mr. Rene Ozorio informed happy and delighted members and friends that the Association has again received another subsidy from His Excellency the Governor of Macau, General Vasco Rocha Vieira. We are most grateful for His Excellency's very generous gift which is further solid evidence of his continued support and friendship towards the Macaense community in Western Canada represented by our Association.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

As the current Year of the Ox draws to a close we will be bidding a welcome to the Year of the Tiger on January 28, 1998 and wish to take this opportunity to wish each and every one "Kung Hei Fat Choy". The year of the Tiger commences on January 28, 1998 and ends on February 15, 1999. Tiger people are sensitive, kind and deep thinkers. They are direct, outspoken and straightforward. They won't be pushed around and they can be very rebellious. They hate pretension and injustice. They get along best with Horse, Dragon and Dog people.

The Earth Tiger is the specialist within the Tiger Group, the permanently well-dressed, dependable person who takes on one thing at a time and sticks with it. They are independent, restless, and stubborn. This person will rarely admit to any failings, or to being wrong. Often they feel the need to fight for the underdog and against injustice.

Tiger people can be very short-tempered and sometimes have trouble making up their own minds

Some famous Tiger people include Oscar Wilde, Alec Guinness, Princess Anne, Agatha Christie, Beethoven, Marilyn Monroe,

Karl Marx, Dwight Eisenhower, Charles de Gaulle, Ho Chi Minh, and Charles Lindbergh.

CHINESE NEW YEAR  
DINNER BANQUET

Our Chinese New Year Dinner Banquet will be held on Friday, February 6, 1998 at the Maple Garden Restaurant, 4751 Garden City Road (junction of Alderbridge Way & Garden City Road) in Richmond commencing at 7.00 p.m. The charge for the banquet this year is \$20 for Members and \$25 for Non-Members. Those wishing to attend are requested to complete the proforma available and/or send their cheques (payable to the Macau Cultural Association) along with the names of members and guests to Cynthia Vieira at 202 - 5663 Inman Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 2M2. Tables are for ten people and please indicate whether the attendees are members (\$20) or non-members (\$25). All bookings must reach Cynthia Vieira by the closing date which is Monday, February 2, 1998. No late comers please.

MEMBERSHIP

As 1997 came to a close we have deleted the names of individuals, who failed to pay up their membership dues in 1997, from our membership list. However, we are still happy to report that our membership as at January 1, 1998 stands at a very respectable 265.

FEBRUARY 1998 ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING & ELECTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Association's Annual General Meeting & Elections will take place on Sunday, February 15, 1998 at the Eaton Centre Community Room commencing at 2.00 p.m. SHARP. All eligible members (i.e. those who have paid up their 1998 membership dues) are encouraged to exercise their rights as fully paid up members in good standing and vote in the new Executive Council for 1998. May we offer our good luck and best wishes to each and every one of the candidates.

ASSOCIATION WEB PAGE

We are very pleased and proud to reproduce some excerpts of communications received from individuals, by mail and through our Web page, which read as follows:-

"Hearty congratulations on an outstanding Web site. I am tremendously impressed. Wish other Casas had something like it. I am proud of my fellow Macanese in Vancouver !!"

"I have just received your December 1997 Newsletter. Another outstanding issue! I read it immediately from beginning to end and came away with a great feeling of satisfaction that a sister club is coming along so nicely and a wish that other Casas could also claim to be doing as well. The news of your clubhouse is exciting to say the least".

Your Association is operating as I have always envisaged one

should : holding monthly meetings, having a monthly newsletter in which the membership is informed of everything that is going on, being involved in cultural activities, keeping in touch with Macau and Portugal as well as the Macaense confraternity and so on". Great Stuff !! This Association is grateful indeed for the very kind remarks as stated above. We sincerely hope that this bold initiative on our part catches on like wildfire and that eventually there will be a world wide network of "Casas de Macau" established to simplify access and reciprocal links with one another.

#### NEWS FROM MACAU

(Source: MTT - December 1997)

##### Concert in aid of the Blind

Blind singer, Jose Feliciano and Hong Kong Cantonese pop star, Kelly Chan appeared in a concert in Macau's 15,000-seat sports stadium on Taipa Island on December 13, 1997. Other artists appearing included the well-known South African group "Mango Groove", "Bagatelle" from Ireland, and "Wishbone" from the United States, the group "Dry" from Hong Kong and Hui Seng Yeong and Lawrence Lee from Macau. The organisers hope to raise at least two million patacas (US\$250,000) which will go towards building a well-equipped centre for the blind in Macau and towards Project Orbis, the flying eye clinic and surgery which seeks to improve eye treatment programmes in China. The concert was a joint effort by the Rotary Club of Macau, Catholic Services in Macau and Entech Marketing.

##### Macau International Airport

It was a dream that took flight. For decades governors, engineers and planners debated the need for an airport. Finally in the 1990s the Macau International Airport was built. Last month the airport celebrated its second anniversary of its opening and the three-millionth passenger also passed through the airport. Macau International Airport has far exceeded its original passenger projections in its first two years of operations. It is also currently operating at a profit. There are not many airports in the world which can boast such a successful start in life. Dr. Antonio Rato, Airport Director and Head of Operations is very confident that Macau International Airport will grow at a faster rate than is considered normal. Plans for a direct fast ferry service between Hong Kong and the airport in Macau will have a big and positive effect on the usage of Macau's airport. To date some 31 countries have, with the approval of the Sino-Portuguese Joint Liaison Group, initialled air service agreements with Macau. Meanwhile cargo and freight movement have also shown exceptional growth. Figures for the first ten months of 1997 were up 108 per cent over the same period last year in 1996.

44th Macau Grand Prix

Images of Macau flashed around the world's television screens in early November when the 44th Grand Prix - one of Asia's biggest motor-racing events - was held in Macau. Soheil Ayari, of France triumphed in the main event, the Formula 3 race whilst Andy Hofmann, from Switzerland was first in the Motorcycle Grand Prix. Despite some delays caused by a number of red flag incidents, the premier motor racing event - organised by the Macau Government Tourist Office under Director Joao Costa Antunes - once again provided great entertainment to those who attended the event. The 1956 Austin Princess, first used by His Excellency the Governor Jaime Silverio Marques and which has carried a succession of Macau governors on official business, has now been donated to the Macau Grand Prix Museum.

#### Macau Landmark

His Excellency the Governor of Macau, General Vasco Rocha Vieira formally opened one of Macau's biggest and most luxurious building complex in November 1997. More than 1,000 people attended a glittering opening ceremony and a banquet in the 25,000 square foot ballroom/exhibition hall, where internationally renowned violinist Vanessa Mae gave a concert that included everything from country and western to classics. The Landmark complex includes a 24-storey office block, a 22-storey tower with apartments, a large department store, restaurants, shopping arcade and parking for 540 cars. Five floors of the office block have been taken up by Seng Heng Bank. The Landmark - total area of 1.25 million square feet - cost US\$230 million to build.

#### Convention Centre for Taipa-Coloane

Within a few years Macau will be boasting a new Convention and Exhibition Centre on reclaimed land between the islands of Taipa and Coloane. The 1.2 billion pataca (US\$150 million) project will include a convention hall for 1,600 persons, six conference rooms, a 378-room hotel, a 288-room apartotel and parking for 1,200 vehicles.

#### Macau Museum

Architect Carlos Bonina Moreno and coordinator, Antonio Maria Gomes de Azevedo are the two key figures in the design and construction of the Macau Museum, which is expected to be opened in about six months' time. Work on construction at the Monte Fortress started in September 1996 and thousands of tons of earth and rocks had to be removed in the 130-million-pataca (US\$16 million) project so that three floors could be slotted into the fortress without disturbing its profile.

#### Restoration of Igreja Sao Domingos

After many months of restoration work Igreja Sao Domingos was reopened in November 1997. His Highness the Bishop of Macau took part in a procession from the Cathedral to the Church which has been beautifully restored and where His Excellency the Governor, General Vasco Rocha Vieira attended

a re-dedication service. Work began last January to replace the old building's roof, damaged by termites, and to consolidate the fine old structure. The US\$1.3 million project was carried out by Macau's Cultural Heritage Department as part of a programme to preserve Macau's architectural treasures. Shortly after the re-opening, a Vivaldi concert was performed there by the Macau Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Henrique Piloto, with the Hong Kong Oratorio Society Choir.

#### Rail Link with Beijing

Construction has started on a railway that is expected eventually to form part of a rail link between Macau and Beijing. The new 142-kilometre track between Macau's neighbouring city of Zhuhai and Guangdong - to cost US\$440 million - will be ready by the year 2001. Planners envisage a 15k extension from Zhuhai over a bridge to a point on the causeway between Taipa and Coloane islands. This would eventually terminate at a station near the Macau International Airport.

#### Banco Nacional Ultramarino

Preserving the old & building the new: Behind the original colonial style facade dating back to the 1920s rises the new 20-storey Macau headquarters of Portugal's Banco Nacional Ultramarino, built at a cost of US\$6.2 million. It has been hailed by His Excellency the Governor, General Vasco Rocha Vieira, as "a sign of confidence in the future of Macau"

#### FOCUS ON MACAU FUTURE

(Source: Harald Bruning - HK Standard)

The Sino-Portuguese Joint Liaison Group in Macau continues to exchange divergent views on a whole slew of transition matters. Some of the priorities are starkly different in several issues which remain crucial to Macau's smooth transition to Chinese rule in 1999.

The Portuguese team lead by Antonio Santana Carlos have been asking for a jointly drafted "specific criteria" for the definition of continued Portuguese nationality for some Macau residents beyond 1999.

Contrary to what some people may believe Portugal has not granted its nationality to "everyone" in Macau. The fact is that just about one quarter of Macau's population holds Portuguese passports. About 90% are ethnic Chinese, and the remainder are local born Macaense and ethnic Portuguese. While most ethnic Chinese treat their Portuguese passports as convenient travel documents, the passports are an emotional matter for the Macaense who regard the passports as proof of their cultural identity.

It would appear that China wants to restrict the definition of Macaense to those who can prove a certain degree of Portuguese "blood-line" descent. Portugal wishes to have the definition encompass Macau Chinese residents who have grown up in a Portuguese cultural environment.

The Portuguese are also proposing that several historical

monuments in Macau be included in the UNESCO world heritage list. There are many who feel that Macau itself should be given world heritage protection by UNESCO, similar to other historical cities. After all, Macau is the world's oldest European settlement in the Orient.

#### OLD CHINA HANDS' REUNION

The next Old China Hands' Reunion will be held in Shanghai on May 5-11, 1998. The arrangements for this tour have been put together by AEROSCOPE, an experienced tour operator and travel agency based in England and established for over 17 years.

All bookings for the Old China Hands' Reunion must be conducted through Ms Yvonne Morbey and Alison Hunt of the Aeroscope office at:-

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Chipping Norton,  
Oxon OX7 5NH, U.K.

Tel: 44 (0) 1608 641983,

Fax: 44 (0) 1608 644252

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Those interested are asked to notify AEROSCOPE by February 15, 1998 if they intend to join this Old China Hands' Reunion to be held in Shanghai in May 1998.

#### IN MEMORIUM

At this time we would like to recall the untimely and sudden death of Mr. Jose (Zeze) Rosario a year ago on January 26, 1997. The late "Zeze" is remembered and sadly missed by his family and by members of the Macaense community in Macau, in Vancouver and the world over.

#### HEALTHWATCH

Once again we extend our warmest regards and best wishes to all those members and friends who are sick at home or in hospital. Our very special "get-well" wishes go to Rene Ozorio, (he has been suffering from a very bad case of laryngitis and has lost his voice for about a month now), Ray & Therese Pacheco (both now recovered) and to Leonardo "Rios" Remedios who was recently hospitalised but is now back home. We wish them all a very speedy recovery. We are also so very pleased to hear from Ana Clara Tellis that her Joe is up on his feet again. Deo Gratis !!

#### OBITUARY

Luigi A. da Roza passed away in Sydney, Australia in December 26, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Alice, three children, Christine, Albert and Marie Louise, a sister, Mrs. Marie da Roza Macfarlane of Coquitlam and a number of nieces and nephews. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to all family members and relatives of the deceased.

3o ENCONTRO - EASTER 1999 ?

We understand from very reliable resources that the 3o Encontro das Comunidades Macaenses will probably be held in Macau around Easter 1999. No final decision has yet been made and we must wait for the official announcement to be issued. This event promises to be the biggest Encontro ever, and will take place a few months before Macau reverts back to Chinese rule on December 19, 1999.

#### PORTUGUESE/MACANESE RECIPES

##### Macau Grilled Prawns

###### Ingredients

2 kg. Tiger prawns

100 g chilli

80 g spring onions

40g garlic

Salt & pepper to taste

###### Preparation

Clean the prawns. Open the backs and devein. Chop together garlic, chile and spring onions. Marinate the shrimps.

Season with salt and pepper. Grill the prawns and serve with salad.

(Serves 8 - 10)

##### Portuguese Pork Terrine

###### Ingredients

2 kg minced pork

1 Chourico (Portuguese sausage)  
(removed from casing)

4 slices of sandwich bread

600 g onions

60 g cheese

5 eggs

30 g black olives

15 g garlic

a dash of Worcestershire sauce

Salt & pepper

bacon

almonds

###### Preparation

Finely chop olives, garlic, onions, chourico, and saute well.

Remove crust from bread and mix all the ingredients with the minced pork and four eggs. Season with salt and pepper, worcestershire sauce and form mixture into shape desired.

Beat the other egg and brush over the surface and grate cheese finely over the top. Cover with bacon, almonds and cheese and bake it for about 40-45 minutes. Cut into slices to serve. (Serves 8 - 10)

#### SOME REFLECTIONS

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

Eagles may soar but weasels do not get sucked into jet engines.

The early bird gets the worm but it is the second mouse that gets the cheese.

Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.

I almost had a psychic girlfriend but she left me before we met.

Some of us drive too fast anyway to worry about cholesterol.

I intend to live forever - so far, so good.

I love defenceless animals, especially in a good sauce or gravy.

If you ain't making waves. You ain't kicking hard enough.

The only substitute for good manners is fast reflexes.

When everything is coming your way, you are probably in the wrong lane.

If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.

A great many people quit looking for work when they find a job.

When I am not in my right mind, my left mind gets pretty crowded.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film

What happens when you get scared half to death twice ?.

A GOOD BELLY LAUGH FOR TODAY

Recently reported in the Massachusetts Bar Association's "Lawyers Journal", the following are questions actually asked of witnesses by attorneys during trials and, in certain cases, the responses given by insightful witnesses. (With apologies to the legal profession)

"Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning ?"

"The youngest son, the twenty-year old, how old is he ?"

"Were you present when your picture was taken ?"

Q: "Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse ?"

A: "No"

Q: "Did you check for blood pressure ?"

A: "No"

Q: "Did you check for breathing ?"

A: "No"

Q: "So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy ?"

A: "No"

Q: "How can you be sure, Doctor ?"

A: "Because his brain was sitting in a jar on my desk".

Q: "But could the patient have still been alive nevertheless ?"

A: "It is possible that he could have been alive and practising law somewhere"

"Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?"

"Did he succeed in killing you?"

"How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision ?"

"You were there until the time you left, is that true ?"

"How many times have you committed suicide ?"

Q: "So the date of conception of the baby was August 8th ?"

A: "Yes"

Q: "And what were you doing at that time ?"

Q: "She had three children, right ?"

A: "Yes"

Q: "How many were boys ?"

A: "None"

Q: "Were there any girls ?"

Q: "Doctor, how many autopsies have you performed on dead people ?"

A: "All my autopsies are performed on dead people"

Q: "Can you describe the individual ?"

A: "He was medium build and had a beard"

Q: "Was this a male or a female ?"

Q: "Was Mr. Smith dead at the time you performed the autopsy ?"

A: "No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy"

Until next month  
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