

**Newsletter**

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

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**APOLOGY**

The Editor apologises for the mistake in the spelling of our Hon. Treasurer's name in last month's newsletter. *Sergio Rue de Piano* should have read **Sérgio Rui de Pina**.

**EDITORIAL**

Our Association is very pleased indeed that, after a lapse of more than three months, Casa de Macau Club has finally come around to seeking a meeting with our Association to discuss the whole question of establishing a Macau Cultural Centre in Vancouver. We are looking forward to that meeting on 19 April 2000 and to a full exchange of views and ideas on this very important subject matter.

**MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

Forty three members attended our monthly meeting on 19 March 2000. Points of interest discussed at this meeting included the very successful Spring Chinese Dinner held on 5 March; and a number of future social activities in the coming months. It was announced with regret that **Mrs. Natalie Santos** has resigned with immediate effect because of the nature of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Nena McSmith. At this meeting the President also reported with regret that Casa de Macau Club has been strangely quiet ever since the one-day visit of **Mrs. Gabriela César** to Vancouver on 4 December 1999 and has not responded nor commented on our Association's three letters written in December 1999 and in January 2000 addressed to Mrs. César and copied to them. It must surely be clear to everyone by now that all parties involved in the project must work together if we are to acquire a Macau Cultural Centre in Vancouver.

**FINANCIAL REPORT - 1999**

Our Association's financial report for the year ending 31 December 1999 was tabled for discussion and approved at our Annual General Meeting held on 20 February 2000. Copies of the report are available to members on request.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, 14 May 2000 at the Eaton Community Centre in Metrotown commencing at 2.00 p.m. This meeting on 14 May has been advanced a week in order that we may celebrate and observe Mothers' Day. In order to give the ladies a break on Mothers' Day it is hoped that the "chá gordo" for this meeting will be catered for and served by members of the male gender.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

(a) **Pot-luck Dinner on 2 April 2000**

Close to thirty members attended a pot-luck dinner on 2 April 2000 in the Recreation Room at Centre Point in Richmond. The fare included Soup and Roast Beef by **Josefina Rosário and Sérgio de Pina**, "Porco Bafá Assá" by **Betty Baptista**, Pickled Cucumbers by **Helen Xavier** and an Irish Lamb Stew by **Luiz Souza**. A very good time was had by all who attended. A special "thank you" goes to those who helped and assisted in any way.

(b) **European Festival - 13 May 2000**

A European Festival will be held on 13 May 2000 at the Scandinavian Cultural Centre, 6540 Thomas Street in Burnaby. Over 20 European countries will be participating and our Association has been invited by the Portuguese Consulate to also participate in the Festival. Admission will be \$3 per person and children under 12 will be admitted free of charge.

We are inviting our members to make an effort to attend and experience the ethnic food experiences, and cultural performances of countries such as Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal (including Macau), Romania, Russia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia.

Our Association will be making available for SALE a number of traditional Portuguese/Macanese finger food and desserts. For more details please contact **Natércia da Rosa** or **Betty Baptista**.

***Travel Directions:***

**BY CAR:** Travel east on Trans Canada. Take Exit 32 (Spratt Street). At stop sign turn north on Spratt and proceed to traffic lights. Turn right on Kensington and right again into Thomas Street.

**BY BUS:** Take Bus # 144 (SFU-Metrotown) OR #110 (Lougheed Mall-Metrotown) and get off at junction of Spratt & Kensington.

There will probably be road signs directing you to the Scandinavian Cultural Centre. The Centre can be reached at Tel: 294-2777

There will be lots of food, entertainment and lots of activities. Those who make up their minds to attend are guaranteed a fun day for grown-ups as well as for children.

© **Bus Tour - Washington State**

There has been very little response to the proposed 2-day bus tour to Washington State on 26 May 2000. This is probably due to the many other activities being planned and organised for this summer. As a result this particular bus tour has been cancelled.

(d) **Portugal Day - 2000**

The Portuguese Club of Vancouver led by its current President, **Augusto Bâtista**, has announced plans to celebrate Portugal Day 2000 on Sunday, 11 June at Trout Lake. Celebrations will include sports and cultural activities. The Club will be setting up a beer garden and BarBQs for bifanas, sardinhas, hot dogs and the like. It will have for sale pastry and baked goods. Throughout the day the Club will showcase talented singers, dancers and artists from amongst the community. The Portuguese Club of Vancouver is seeking the support of various Portuguese organisations in the Lower Mainland to make the day a success. Our Association is grateful to the Portuguese Club of Vancouver for the invitation to participate and is currently looking into the possibility of doing so.

**OBITUARY**

**John Joseph (Joe) Tellis** passed away on 25 March 2000 at the age of 79. He is survived by his wife, **Ana Clara**, his three children, **John** and his wife Annette, **Ann Marie** and her husband, Frank Johnston; **Michael** and his wife Melanie, his brother, **Rudy** and his sister, **Irene** (Australia) besides four grandchildren, **Simon, Lea, Marisa** and **Michaela**. A prayer service was held on Friday, 31 March at the Richmond Funeral Home and a Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, 1 April 2000 at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Richmond followed by a reception in the Church Hall after the service. Both services were attended by a large number of family, relatives and friends. In lieu of

flowers the Tellis family requested that any donations be made either to the Canadian Cancer Society, the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Diabetes Association.

**Ana Clara Tellis and Family wish to thank their many relatives and friends for their visits to the hospital, attendance at the services, prayers, masses, AND for their expressions of sympathy and condolences.**

On behalf of all members of the Macau Cultural Association we would like to extend our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to the Tellis family.

### **HEALTHWATCH**

We wish to convey our best wishes to all those of our members and friends who are or have been ill or sick at home or in hospital in recent times. Please pray for an early resolution to their health problems. A few individuals that come to mind include Mrs.

**Nena McSmith** (see next paragraph), **Rene Ozorio**, **Jules Siron** and **Leonardo (Rios) Remedios**. **Rita dos Santos** should not be forgotten either.

#### **Nena McSmith (contributed by Alfonso McSmith)**

*Mrs. Nena McSmith was admitted on 2 March to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Richmond General Hospital due to a cardiac arrest caused by severe choking. She had to be placed on a respirator.*

*She was moved on 12 March from the ICU to the Cardiac and Respiratory Unit as she was able once more to breathe on her own. She is now in Room 279 South, just next to the ICU itself.*

*To date Nena has already received a few visitors and her doctor is actually encouraging such visits by relatives and friends as this might assist her in overcoming her memory loss.*

*Alfonso is at Nena's side providing moral support most of the time and Natalie Santos visits her sister, Nena for a few hours every afternoon whilst Ron tries very hard to balance his study time with his visiting time to be at his mother's bedside.*

*The family wishes to offer their grateful and heart-felt thanks to every one for their visits to the hospital and for Masses and prayers offered. Each and every Mass and prayer matters a great deal.*

### **NEWS FROM MACAU**

(Source: Macau Travel Talk and others)

#### **Macau Handover Exhibition**

The distinctive pavilion used for the Handover Ceremonies in December 1999 was converted into a special Exhibition Hall and has become the most popular attraction ever mounted in Macau. Huge crowds flocked to the Exhibition to view the collection of many priceless gifts presented by the Chinese Republic of China's provinces, semi-autonomous regions, and municipalities to mark the return of Macau to China. It has been estimated that when the exhibition closed on 28 March over 150,000 persons had visited the Exhibition. Because of the tremendous success and popularity of the Exhibition, plans are underway to find a permanent home for the gifts where they can be put on display for viewing by the general public.

#### **Macau's Cultural Contrasts**

Very few cities can boast such a mixture of cultures living in harmony as in Macau. Buddhism sits alongside Christianity. East brushes shoulders with the West. History has really created a multi-ethnic city. In one corner of Macau you may find Irishmen celebrating St. Patrick's Day on 17 March whilst a short distance away Chinese racegoers are cheering their fancies and yet in a third location a Portuguese group is practising folk dancing or a group of Africans is swaying to their own rhythms.

#### **Flora Garden Hairy Affair**

Flora Garden, located on Avenida Sidónio Pais and next door to the Guia Hill cable car, has a new attraction - Yuan Yuan, a 12-year old female black bear and it is hoped that

she will eventually mate with long time resident, Bobo, the 14-year old male Tibetan bear. Yuan Yuan is a recent gift from the Beijing Municipal Council. Also presented to Macau were two white swans, two black swans and six mandarin ducks.

### **Multi-Million-Dollar Fun Centre**

A 400-million pataca (US\$50 million) entertainment centre will be built on reclaimed land in Macau's Outer Harbour. The man behind the idea, Macau Landmark chief, David Chow, believes such a centre could attract close to 4,000 visitors a day. The project envisaged a two-storey centre embracing restaurants, bars, discos, game centres, and craft stalls, with a dock development along the lines of Fishermen's Wharf in San Francisco. Macau's history from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 21 centuries would be the theme of the project. An added attraction would be a replica of a European square-rigger sailing vessel where a restaurant and cinema will be located.

### **International Music Festival**

Macau's International Music Festival will take place 7-21 October 2000 and is one of the year's cultural highlights. World class performers will take part in this two-week festival. Warren Mok, the well known Hong Kong tenor, has been appointed artistic director for this year's event. Under his guidance, the festival is expected to maintain its international outlook whilst placing a greater emphasis on Macau's cultural links with China.

### **Macau Cultural Centre**

#### **First Anniversary**

The Macau Cultural Centre marked the first anniversary of its opening just a year ago with music from the Macau Conservatory's Youth Orchestra, dances, games and a photographic competition.

#### **Ching Ming**

Ching Ming was observed as a public holiday in Macau on 4 April. This is a traditional Chinese holiday when homage is paid to ancestors when families sweep and clean graves and make offerings.

#### **Easter**

21-22 April will be observed as a public holiday to celebrate the Easter holidays.

#### **A-MÁ Festival**

The A-Má Festival will be celebrated on 27 April when homage is paid to Macau's most popular deity, the Goddess of Seafarers, from whom Macau is said to have derived its name.

#### **Labour Day**

Labour Day is observed the world over on 1 May and is a public holiday in Macau.

#### **Fátima Procession**

The traditional annual Fátima Procession from the Macau Cathedral to the Penha Chapel will take place on 13 May 2000 to mark and commemorate the Miracle of Fátima in Portugal in 1917.

#### **French Month in Macau**

French films will be shown at the Macau Cultural Centre and many other events with a French flavour are being planned for the month of May 2000.

### **HONG KONG TIDBITS**

(HKPOW Association Newsletter)

In 1999 some 10.7 million tourists visited Hong Kong but income from tourism fell by over 4% to only HK\$52.98 billion for the year in question.

*Hong Kong people eat much less rice than they used to; switching to bread and pasta. Imports of rice into Hong Kong is at the same level today with a population of about seven million as it was when the population was three million. Traditional rice shops, facing losses, have had to diversify into selling other merchandise.*

The McDonald's Restaurant chain in Hong Kong recently celebrated 25 years of successful business. The very first was opened on Paterson Street in Causeway Bay in 1975 and today the chain employs over 9,000 staff and operates 163 outlets in Hong Kong.

### **GOSTOS E SABORES**

#### **Creamed Codfish (Bacalhau) on Toast**

(John Cove's Fisheries, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia)

##### Ingredients

1 lb salted codfish, shredded  
2 cups medium white sauce  
4 hard boiled eggs, sliced  
chopped parsley  
Toast, cut into bite size pieces

##### Directions

1. Soak codfish in boiling water to remove excess salt and drain
2. Combine fish and white sauce
3. Add egg slices and parsley
4. Serve on toast.
5. Without toast it can also be served with mashed potatoes

#### **Codfish (Bacalhau) Potato Patties**

(John Cove's Fisheries, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia)

##### Ingredients

1 lb codfish, shredded  
6 medium potatoes, mashed  
2 tbsp finely chopped onions  
1 egg, beaten  
¼ tsp pepper

##### Directions

1. Soak codfish in boiling water to remove excess salt and drain
2. Add mashed potatoes, chopped onions, egg and pepper. Mix well.
3. Shape into patties, roll on flour
4. Fry on both sides until golden brown.

#### **Five Minute Fudge Sauce**

##### Ingredients

1 pkg (175g) semi-sweet chocolate chips  
½ cup (125 ml) corn syrup  
1 cup (250 ml) evaporated milk

##### Directions

1. In a small saucepan combine chocolate chips and corn syrup
2. Cook and stir over low heat until mixture is smooth. Remove from heat.
3. Gradually blend in evaporated milk.
4. Option: Add 1 -2 tbsp of your favourite liqueur when adding milk.
5. Serve sauce warm or room temperature over ice cream, cake or fruit.

#### **Truffle Squares**

##### Ingredients

1 cup (250 ml) evaporated milk  
½ cup sugar (or slightly less)  
1 lb (450 grams) semi-sweet chocolate chips  
¼ cup liqueur of choice OR  
strong hot coffee (Instant will do)

Chocolate milk mix OR icing sugar

Directions

1. In a small saucepan combine evaporated milk and sugar.
2. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a full rolling boil.
3. Remove from heat and stir in chocolate chips and liqueur (or strong coffee)
4. Stir until chocolate chips melt and mixture is smooth
5. Spread in 9-inch (23 cm) square pan lined with foil. Chill thoroughly
6. Cut into 64 squares. Toss them in chocolate mix OR icing sugar
7. Makes 64 deliciously decadent truffle squares

**Mango Pudding**

(by Margarida Cordeiro)

Ingredients

- 1 tin evaporated milk
- 1 large tin mango pulp
- 4 pkts gelatine
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 cups water

Directions

1. Over medium heat dissolve sugar in water.
2. Add gelatine, stir until dissolved.
3. Add the rest of ingredients and cook until it comes to a boil.
4. Pour into gelatine mould, Allow to cool and refrigerate, preferably overnight.

**CURE FOR HICCUPS**

A man rushes into a drug store and asks the pharmacist if he can give him something for hiccups. The pharmacist promptly reaches out and slaps the man's face.

(Whack!) "What did you do that for?" the man asks. The pharmacist responds. "Well, you don't have the hiccups anymore do you?" The man then says "No, but my wife out there sitting in my car still does!"

**HUMOUR - DID YOU HEAR THIS ?**

What do you get from a pampered cow?

*Spoiled milk*

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire ?

*Frostbite*

What's the difference between roast beef and pea soup ?

*Anyone can roast beef.*

What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches ?

*A nervous wreck.*

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

The present Editor took over responsibility for the production of our Association's monthly newsletter in February 1995. He has covered the duties of Editor, besides his other responsibilities, for over five straight years now. It is quite possible that there may be some members who feel that there should be a change in this regard. Any member who has aspirations and a desire to take over as Editor of our monthly newsletter is hereby invited to apply to the Association forthwith to take over at an early date.

Until next month

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