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The Macau Cultural Association ("*A Primeira Casa de Macau em Canada*") is a non-profit organization first founded in the autumn of 1989 for the cultivation of Macanese culture, heritage and interest. It is the first such association established here in Canada and forms an integral part of the network of "Casas de Macau" established throughout the world. Sister organizations are located in major cities like Lisbon, Toronto, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, San Francisco, Hong Kong and Sydney.

The MCA website is located at www.casademacau.net
Look into our website to see some photographs of our Association activities

October 2005

Because of the confusion that exists over the two "casas" being both located in the Vancouver region our Association is referred to as "MCA" whilst the "other" club is being referred to as "CMC".

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GENERAL MEETING

A GM will be held on Sunday, 20 November 2005 at the Community Room located in Centre Pointe, 8811 Lansdowne Road in Richmond (NOT AT METROPOLIS IN BURNABY)

PREVIOUS GM

A GM was held in Metropolis, Burnaby on 18 September 2005. Twenty MCA members attended the meeting and the following items were brought up for discussion:

- Approval of Minutes of Last GM held on 21 August 2005
- Approval of Financial Report as at 31 August 2005.
- Acknowledged with thanks the subsidy received from APIM

- towards the cost of the Festa organized by our Association.
- The report on the visit by UMA members of the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Group. The Association played host to the visitors at a dinner at the "Samba" Brazilian Restaurant in downtown Vancouver.
 - Details of a forthcoming Bus Trip primarily for gambling to Wendover, Nevada on 17 October were disclosed to members present.
 - Another Air & Sea Cruise has been proposed in 2006 and European cities to be visited during that cruise will include Copenhagen, Denmark, Nynashamn (for Stockholm, Sweden), Helsinki, Finland, St. Petersburg, Russia, Tallinn, Estonia, Gdynia, Poland, Warnemunde, Germany, Helsingor, Denmark, and back to Copenhagen. All relevant information was brought to the attention of members present at the meeting. Further details are available by contacting Ron Gill.

The Minutes of the GM held on 21 August 2005 were read by our Secretary, Josefina Rosario and were subsequently approved by the members present.

The Treasurer's Report as at 31 August 2005 was read and members approved the report as read.

NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Betty Batalha da Conceicao, Delfino LEONG, Eddie & Betty Hoyland were inducted as new members in our Association.

SICK BAY

Ozzie Pereira is making little progress on his road to recovery. Gwen d'Souza is now up and about. Domingos

LEONG is recovering from his recent major surgery. We wish all our members and friends who are under the weather a steady and quick recovery from whatever ails them.

OBITUARIES

Felisberto Francisco da CRUZ. Only last month we reported on the passing of Thalia Maria Prata de Cruz on 21 August 2005 in Oakland, California. This month we have to report the passing of Felisberto Francisco da Cruz. There are not that many of us left who will remember Thalia & Felisberto helping to serve afternoon tea at their little café on the old Tai Po Road past the Carlton Hotel but before we reach Shatin in the New Territories in Hong Kong.

Helena D'Aquino passed away in San Francisco on 4 September 2005. During WW2, as refugees, my mother and I shared a room for several years with Helena and her parents, Constancia (Connie) and Isidoro D'Aquino at the old Bela Vista Hotel in Macau.

Dilna Victor HALE passed away in Tampa, Florida at the age of 59 from the debilitating effects of multiple sclerosis. She is survived by her former husband, Charles Hale and a brother, Manuel Victor. She was the daughter of Charlie & Carmen (nee da Silva) Victor and was a relative to our Editor, Luiz Souza.

To the families and relatives of the deceased we offer our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy.

MAHJONG SOCIAL

A Mahjong Social event was held on Sunday 2 October 2005 at Centre Pointe in Lansdowne Road in Richmond. Altogether some 25 members attended the event. The main attraction was the surprise reappearance of the popular "Tacho"

produced by Josefina do Rosario and vegetables prepared on this occasion by Luiz Souza.

For afternoon tea we had coconut pudding contributed by Maria Rozario, curry puffs and egg tarts by Sonny & Paulina Brown and Alice d' Souza contributed an "angel" cake. The ever-popular chocolate ice cream was served as dessert.

On this occasion the dinner was served at close to 8 p.m. and this was followed by a lively social chitchat after dinner. The party did not end up until well past 9 p.m. It was a very successful outing thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. It has been agreed that dinner will, in future, be served at close to 20.00 hours. Such a move will give more time for our mahjong players to enjoy the game they love and also to provide a little more time for a friendly chit-chat after dinner.

New Year's Eve Party

Members are again reminded that the MCA will be organizing a New Year's Eve Dinner Dance at the Royal Restaurant at the junction of Blundell & Garden City Roads in Richmond on 31 December 2005 commencing from 6.00 p.m. and lasting to 1.00 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Ticket prices will be a very modest \$40 per person payable in full at the time of purchase. Fully paid-up members who book and pay for their tickets by the cut-off date of 18 December 2005 will qualify for a rebate of \$15.00.

Members who purchase their tickets after the cut-off date will not, repeat, not be entitled to the rebate and pay the full \$40 just like an ordinary non-member. Ticket sales will be limited to 200. Even at \$40 the tickets are a real bargain. Details of the Menu and other offerings will be announced in our newsletter for November 2005.

Registration and booking of tickets will be on a first-come-first-

served basis and tickets will only be available by registering with our Social Convener, Helen Xavier at 604 279 8824 and paying for the tickets in full at the time of purchase. No refunds will be permitted for any cancellations.

"Ta Ping Lo" Dinner – 22 October

We wish to remind members that in our Calendar of Events we had planned early this year for an authentic Chinese hot pot dinner at the "Sun Tung Kee" Restaurant located at 105 – 8291 Alexandra Road in Richmond to be held on 22 October 2005 at approximately 7.00 p.m.

It is an "all you can eat" Ta Ping Lo at a price of \$18.95 per person plus taxes and tips. The Association will charge everyone \$25 for the event but drinks will be extra at each individual's expense. As with many of our planned social activities and functions a \$10.00 "cash rebate" will be offered to members in good standing.

For this reason some form of registration is necessary in order for the rebates to be reimbursed to qualified members. Please register your intention to attend with Helen Xavier at 604 279 8824.

Guests and/or friends are welcome to join us for an evening of fun and merriment but they will not, repeat, not qualify for any "cash rebate". The cut-off date for this event will be Sunday, 16 October and MCA members who join us for the "Ta Ping Lo" dinner after the cut-off date will not qualify for the cash rebate.

BIRTHDAYS

We would like very much to extend birthday greetings to members whose birthday falls in October 2005. They include:

- M. Beatriz Batalha da Conceicao
- Frederico Joaquim Collaco
- Oswald Pereira

- Martha Pulay
- Veronica Rosario
- Therese Prata
- Nazibi Madar
- Armando Santos

A very Happy Birthday to one and all!

FUNDACAO MACAU

This Association has officially written to the President of Fundacao Macau to address him on the question of any proposed Macau Cultural Centre. We also provided Fundacao Macau with details on the less than harmonious relations existing between the two Casas located in the Vancouver region. Readers will recall that this came about because a group of individuals broke away from our Association to form a second “casa”

Failure in one’s attempts at getting elected is not, in our view, sufficient grounds to break away.

NEWS FROM MACAU **Macau World Heritage**

We will continue to provide a brief description of some of the locations that make up the Historic Centre of Macau in this and following newsletters:

St. Lawrence Church.

Built by the Jesuits in the mid-16th century, this is one of the three oldest churches in Macau. Its present appearance and scale was acquired in 1846. Situated on the southern coastline of Macau overlooking the sea, families of Portuguese sailors used to gather on the front steps of the church to pray and wait for their return, hence it was given the name: FENG SHUN TANG (Hall of the Soothing Winds). The neighborhood where the church is located used to be fairly wealthy, thus explaining the

building’s scale and wealth of architectural treatment. It is a neo-classical structure, with subtle baroque decorative inspirations.

St. Joseph’s Seminary and Church

Established in 1728, the old Seminary, together with St. Paul’s Church, was the principal base for the missionary work implemented in China, Japan and around the region. St. Joseph’s Seminary taught an academic curriculum equivalent to that of a university and in 1800 the Portuguese Queen Dona Maria I conferred on it the royal title of “House of the Mission Congregation”. Adjacent to the Seminary is St. Joseph’s Church, built in 1758, an exemplary model of baroque architect in China, as noted in UNESCO’s 2001 publication.

St. Augustine’s Square

St. Augustine’s Square gathers various classified buildings, such as St. Augustine’s Church, Dom Pedro V Theatre. St. Joseph’s Seminary and the Sir Robert Ho Tung Library. The cobblestone pavement unifies the area and reflects the traditionally Portuguese streetscape.

Dom Pedro V Theatre

Built in 1860 as the first western-style theatre in China, with a seating capacity of 300, It has survived as a significant cultural landmark in the context of the local Macanese community and remains a venue for important public events and celebrations.

Sir Robert Ho Tung Library

This building was constructed before 1894 and was originally

the residence of Dona Carolina Cunha.

Hong Kong businessman Sir Robert Ho Tung purchased it in 1918, using it as his retreat. He passed away in 1955 and in accordance with his will; the building was donated to the Macau Government for conversion into a public library.

St. Augustine's Church

First established by Spanish Augustinians in 1591, this church maintains the tradition of organizing one of the most popular processions through the city, the Easter Procession, involving thousands of devotees. In times past, during heavy rain, the priests used to reinforce the rooftop with fan palm leaves. Seen from a distance, these leaves appeared to be dragon's whiskers floating in the wind, hence the local Chinese names it *Long Song Mau (Temple of the Long-whiskered Dragon)*.

'Leal Senado' Building

Originally built in 1784, this was Macau's first municipal chamber, a function it maintains to the present. The name "Leal Senado" (*Loyal Senate*), derives from the title "City of Our Name of God Macau, There is None More Loyal" which was bestowed by Portuguese King John IV in 1654.

The "Leal Senado" Building is neo-classical in design and has retained all its original master walls and primary layout, including the courtyard garden in the back. Inside the building on the first floor there is a ceremonial meeting room that opens into an elaborate carved library styled after the library of

Mafra Convent in Portugal, and a small chapel.

Senado Square

Senado Square has been Macau's urban centre for centuries, and is still the most popular venue for public events and celebrations today. Located close to the former Senate building, *Sam Kai Vui Kun Temple* is also a reminder of the active participation of the local Chinese community in general civic affairs, providing a clear example of the multicultural dimension of the Macau community.

Pastel-colored neo-classical buildings, creating a consistent and harmonious Mediterranean atmosphere, surround the square,

Sam Kai Vui Kun Temple

This temple is located close to the old Chinese Bazaar area, which nowadays functions as St. Dominic's Market, still keeping the essence of the original function of the area.

The location of this Chinese construction at the heart of the main city square with its predominantly western-style architecture illustrates the harmonious coexistence of the two cultures. This temple is directly associated with long-standing Chinese business associations, precursors to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in the city.

Holy House of Mercy (Santa Casa de Misericordia)

Established by the very first bishop in 1569, this institution was modeled after one of the most prominent and oldest charitable organizations in

Portugal, and was responsible for founding in Macau the first western-style medical clinic and several other social welfare structures that still function to this day.

The building is neo-classical in the overall architect treatment, but also depicts traces of mannerist influence.

Cathedral

There are no records of the original date of construction but a solid brick structure was built in 1622, and repaired in 1743.

During the restoration of 1780, the religious services of the Cathedral were temporarily transferred to the old chapel of the Holy House of Mercy. Pilasters and the twin belfries that stand out on the streetscape characterize the façade. The exterior is clad in Shanghai plaster, giving the church a monolithic subdued appearance.

To be continued...

GOSTOS E SABORES

(Macau's International Fusion Cooking).

Cauliflower Casserole (Hungarian ?)

Ingredients

1 large head of cauliflower
6 tablespoons butter or oil
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup breadcrumbs
1-cup sour cream
Salt & pepper to taste.

Method

Cut cauliflower into pieces; boil water on high heat. Add cauliflower and cook until tender (approximately 8-10 minutes). Drain cauliflower and transfer to a lightly buttered baking dish. Lightly

brown bread crumbs in butter or oil and set aside.

Layer $\frac{1}{3}$ of the browned breadcrumbs and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the cauliflower in the dish and repeat. Finally cover with sour cream. Bake at 350 degrees for ten minutes.

One can add ham or any leftover meat. This recipe is good with asparagus too.

Cauliflower is low in calories and high in Vitamin C, and a good source of potassium, and fiber. BON APPETIT

Gazpacho Soup (Spanish ?)

Ingredients

3 Tomatoes
1 green pepper
1 onion
1 cucumber (Peeled)
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups tomato juice
2 cloves garlic
1 tsp. Salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp oregano
1 tbs olive oil

Method

Chop $\frac{3}{4}$ of veggies into large chunks. Chop remainder into small chunks and reserve. Place $\frac{1}{2}$ of tomato juice, $\frac{1}{2}$ veggies, and $\frac{1}{2}$ garlic and $\frac{1}{2}$ herbs into blender. Blend on low; repeat with other half. Stir in small veggies and oil. Cover and chill for several hours until cold.

Until next month

Luiz Gonzaga Maria Place de Souza,
Vice President & Editor

Macau Cultural Association

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A Primeira Casa de Macau em Canada

16 October 2005.

E & O. E.

This Circular outlines the details of our Association New Year's Party to be held at the Royal Restaurant at the junction of Blundell & Garden City Roads in Richmond on 31 December 2005 commencing at 6.00 p.m. and lasting until 1.00 a.m. on New Year's Day.

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Ticket sales will be limited to 200 and registration and booking will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Tickets will ONLY be available by registering with our Social Convenor, Helen Xavier at 604 279 8824 and paying for the tickets in full at the time of purchase. No refunds will be permitted for any cancellations.

An excellent deluxe buffet dinner will be served. Individuals attending the function are being requested to arrive at 6.00 p.m. as we will be offering some form of entertainment shortly after that time. A "no-host" cash bar will be set up and, for the ladies, a free fruit punch will be offered. Other offerings of entertainment will be offered during the course of the evening. Red and white wine will also be made available free of any charge to those who wish to have a **little** wine at dinnertime BUT this will be limited to one bottle each of red and white wine for each individual table. Additional bottles will be charged accordingly. A glass of champagne will also be provided free to help individual members and friends to ring in the New Year.

"Armando Santos" will be here from Toronto to provide music for dancing from after dinner until 1.00 a.m. There will be some short breaks in the course of the evening and between other offerings of entertainment.

Prior registration is a pre-requisite necessary to help with the logistics and reservations for tables of ten persons are required to be submitted along with the attached proforma providing a list of names of all attendees for each table. It is envisaged that Helen Xavier will plan and arrange all the seating arrangements. Registration formalities will close on 18 December 2005. It is recommended that members and their friends make their reservations as early as possible. It must be clearly understood that all arrangements will be at the absolute and sole discretion of the Macau Cultural Association.

Finally we like to remind everyone once more that the closing date for registration is 18 December 2005 as we require the extra time to set up the seating arrangements for the occasion.

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Macau Cultural Association (Casa de Macau) of Western Canada
Part of Circular re New Year's Eve Dance on 31 December 2005
Registration Proforma for Members & Guests

Date:

Mrs. Helen Xavier
#601 – 8831 Lansdowne Road
Richmond, BC
V6X 3T5

Dear Helen,

I wish to attend the Macau Cultural Association's New Year's Party on 31 December 2005 at the Royal Restaurant at #200 – 8040 Garden City Road at the junction of Garden City Road and Blundell Road in Richmond. I fully understand the arrangements as outlined in the Association's circular dated 16 October 2005.

Only fully paid-up members in good standing who pay for their tickets prior to the cut-off date of 18 December 2005 will be entitled to a rebate of \$15.00. Members who pay for their tickets after that date and all non-members will pay the \$40.00 as indicated on the tickets.

My/Our party will consist of the following persons:-

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

Name of individual for contact purposes

Tel: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS PROFORMA, DULY COMPLETED, TOGETHER WITH THE PAYMENTS REQUIRED, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT NOT LATER THAN 18 DECEMBER 2005.