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The Macau Cultural Association ("A Primeira Casa de Macau em Canada") is a non-profit organization 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.

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OCTOBER 2006

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that our Association's Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, 19 November 2006. In accordance with our Constitution and By-Laws, the following procedures will be applied. A Nomination & Election Committee has already been appointed to supervise the conduct of the Elections. Nomination Forms have been available since 17 September.

Nomination Forms

A Candidate must be proposed and seconded by two members in good standing. A prospective Candidate may run for only one Council position and, if someone submits Nomination forms to run for more than one Council position, then his/her application shall be declared null and void.



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The Candidate expressing his/her willingness to serve on one of the Executive positions must complete Part "A" of the Nomination Form. A member who wishes to propose the nomination of any Candidate will be asked to complete Part "B" and the member who seconds the nomination will be asked to complete Part "C".

All Nomination Forms, duly completed and signed, will be sent, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Chairperson, N & E Committee or mailed to the Chairperson, Macau Cultural Association (Casa de Macau), P. O. Box 97197, Richmond, B.C. OR handed in to a member of the Executive Council in good time to allow them to be passed on to the Chairman, N & E Committee before 17.00 hours (5 p.m.) on Wednesday, 11 October 2006. Please take note that late Nomination Forms and those not fully completed and duly signed, will be declared null and void.

OPENING OF NOMINATION FORMS

- (a) At the General Meeting scheduled for Sunday, 15 October 2006, the Chairman, N & E Committee will open all the sealed Nomination Forms in the presence of Members and then announce the names of the Candidates.
- (b) At this meeting also nominated Candidates will have an opportunity, if they so wish, to say a few words (limit of three minutes) about their platform and aspirations to run for office.

ELECTIONS - 19th NOVEMBER 2006.

- (a) The Elections will take place on Sunday, 19 November 2006 under the supervision of the Chairperson, and members of the N & E Committee.
- (b) Members of the N & E Committee will distribute the numbered ballots and any member trying to use a non-numbered ballot form will be disqualified.
- (c) Voting takes place and Members of the N & Committee will count up the votes and then announce the results;
- (d) The N & E Committee will officially stand down three weeks after the Elections take place, unless a challenge to the election results has been lodged. In such an event the Committee will stand down after the results have been officially verified and confirmed.

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

The current By-Laws on Membership state as follows:

- All members shall pay annual membership fees in such amount as shall be determined from time to time by resolution in any regular meeting on a calendar year subject to the following:
- All annual membership dues shall be payable on January 1 of each year.
- Any member who fails to pay his/her fees by March 31 of each year shall be considered a delinquent Member or a member "not in good standing", and will not be eligible to vote during that calendar year even if he/she is subsequently re-instated.
- Any member who fails to pay up his/her fees by September 30 of each year shall cease to be a member.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ELECTION AS COUNCIL MEMBERS

- In order to stand for election as an Executive Council Member, the Candidate: -
- (a) Has have been a member of the Association since January 1 of current year;
 - (b) Is a member in good standing;
 - (c) Is not a member of the N & E Committee; and
 - (d) Is not a member of another association whose objectives are similar to those of our own. This is in compliance with our By-Laws and is intended to avoid possible conflict of interest in the execution of duties and responsibilities of that office.

*Members of the executive council have issued the above
Macau Cultural Association (Casa de Macau) of Western Canada*

MONTH OF OCTOBER

*Crispy air and azure skies,
High above, a white cloud flies,
Bright as newly fallen snow,
Oh the joy to those who know October!
Radiant joy is everywhere,
Spirits in tune to the spicy air,
Thrill in the glory of each day,
Life's worth living when we say October!*

RECENT & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- (a) **Mahjong Social & Dinner:** Our very popular Mahjong & Social Dinner was held on Sunday, 1 October 2006 at Centre Pointe in Richmond commencing at 2.00 p.m. Our Association persuaded Maria Rosario and Ana Tellis to help cook our dinner for those of our members who attended the meeting. We had a lovely "Feijoada" and a mixed vegetable salad prepared by Maria and yet another salad produced by Ana. For dessert we were provided with the old reliable Chocolate Ice Cream. We like to thank Maria and Ana for their wonderful contribution to our enjoyment.
- (b) **October General Meeting:** At the General Meeting today on 15 October, the names of the nominated Candidates will be announced. The meeting today will be chaired by Luiz Souza in the absence of Sergio Rui da Pina and Josefina do Rosario who are both away in Macau.
- (c) **November Mahjong Social & Dinner:** Members are asked to inform Helen Xavier about a week before 5 November 2006 if they intend to be present at the next Mahjong & Dinner Social to be held on that day. Plans have not been finalized on the food to be served but as usual we'll have something for the enjoyment of our members,
- (d) **Annual General Meeting – 19 November 2006:** Association General Elections will take place and successful candidates will be announced. They will assume office on 1 January 2007.
- (e) **Social Activities in December :** There will be a Mahjong & Social Dinner event on 3 December 2006. There will also be another function in December to usher in our Association's Yuletide Activities. The latter activity will be a dinner dance on Monday,

18 December 2006 at the Royal Restaurant in Richmond. We have booked several tables (each ten persons) for a Yuletide Chinese Banquet. The cost will be \$40 per person but fully paid up Association members in good standing will qualify for a \$10 rebate. We are looking forward to a full house on this occasion. It will be just great for members of our Association to enjoy a Chinese banquet instead of the meal we had on two previous occasions.

- (f) **December General Meeting:** Our General Meeting in December will take place 17 December 2006 at Centre Pointe in Richmond which will be combined with **Our Annual Children's Christmas Party**. Details of this function will be announced at a later date when Members will be asked to register their children and/or grandchildren for active participation at the Children's Christmas Party.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

On behalf of our Association we wish to extend our very best wishes all our "birthday" members celebrating their birthdays in October. The greeting goes out to M. Beatriz Batalha da Conceicao, Frederico Joachim Collaco, Therese Prata, Nazibi Madar and anyone else we may have missed out. "MUITO PARABENS"

RECENT OBITUARIES

- Laurinha NOLASCO DA SILVA passed away in Hong Kong on 23 September 2006.
- Edith, wife of Arnaldo DE OLIVEIRA SALES, and sister to Laurinha Nolasco da Silva, passed away, after a very long illness, on 30 September 2006. To Sonny and the rest of the de Oliveira Sales family and the Nolasco da Silva family we offer our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy.

ENSAIOS DO CORAL – CD FROM BRAZIL

Sales of the above CDs are going well and members are reminded that during Sergio & Fina's trip to Macau these CDs may be purchased from Helen Xavier by telephoning her at (604) 279-8824. The price is a steal at \$15 per CD.

RECIPES

Filet Mignon Steaks (for four)

First – Brown Veal Stock

Ingredients for 1 litre (1-3/4 pints) of veal stock

1 kg. (2 lbs) Veal Bones & trimmings cut in small pieces.

2 cl. (¼ fl.ozs) oil

50 grams (2 ozs) Onion, carrots & celery

500 g (18 ozs) Diced Tomatoes

1.5 litres (2-1/2 pints) Clear Brown Stock

1 litre (1-3/4 pints) Water

Salt & Freshly Ground Pepper to taste

Method

1. Roast the veal bones and trimmings with the oil in a roasting pan in the oven until brown.

2. Remove the oil with a spoon or strain off. Add the onion, carrots, celery, and tomatoes and roast for another five or six minutes.
3. Add half the clear brown stock and bring to a boil.
4. Add the remaining stock and reduce to a glace.
5. Remove from the oven and transfer to a saucepan.
6. Add the water and simmer for two hours, occasionally skimming and removing the fat.
7. Strain through a cloth or fine sieve, and season to taste.

Second – Preparation of Steaks

Four 6 OR 8 ozs. Tenderloin Steaks (Filet Mignon)

3 oz. Olive oil

2 pcs. Shallots (finely chopped) OR Onions

2 pcs. Tomato Concasse (small cubes)

8 pcs. Chopped black olives

2 tbsps. Green Peppercorn

5 ozs. Double Cream OR reduced heavy cream

2 ozs. Cognac

8 ozs. Brown veal stock

1 tbsps. Chopped basil

Season to taste with salt and fresh ground pepper.

Method

1. Season the well-trimmed Filet Mignon with freshly ground pepper and salt. Sauté the Filet Mignon in a hot pan with olive oil according to taste. Keep warm.
2. Add shallots and sauté until light brown. Add the tomato cubes, black olives, and green peppercorn into the pan.
3. Flame with cognac, add brown veal stock, and heavy cream, and reduce.
4. To finish the sauce, add fresh chopped basil and season to taste.

BON APPETIT! and ENJOY!

SMILES & CHUCKLES

A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlor and pulled himself, slowly and painfully, up into a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split. The waitress asked very kindly, "Crushed nuts?" "No", he replied, "Arthritis".

Morris, an 82 year-old man went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. Another couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You are doing great, aren't you?" Morris replied, "Just doing what you said, doctor: "Get a hot mamma and be cheerful." But the doctor had said, "You've got a heart murmur; be careful". Morris should see an ear specialist for a new hearing aid !

CASA DE MACAU INC. – AUSTRALIA

Casa de Macau Inc. – Australia held its 12th Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 16th September 2006 in Sydney, Australia. Committee members elected for the next term of office in 2006/2007 were as follows:-

Office Bearers

President: Yvonne Herrero
Vice President: Marcus Gutierrez
Secretary: Mary Rigby
Deputy Secretary: Antonieta Manolakis
Treasurer: Mariazinha Callaghan

Committee Members

Lizette Akouri
Quito Barros
Rogerio Fernandes
Jose Carlos da Silva

The Executive Council and members of the Macau Cultural Association (Casa de Macau) of Western Canada – “A Primeira Casa de Macau em Canada” wish to extend their very best wishes on the above appointments in Australia and sincerely hope that they all have a tremendously successful term of office.

**Until next month,
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