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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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## CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

The Executives of the Macau Cultural Association are pleased to inform their Members that work on the Clubhouse facilities are progressing nicely. But as usual, never at the pace that everyone wishes them to be at.....of course, it is human nature to want everything completed yesterday.

But lots of progress has been made.....we have completed the electrical and plumbing upgrades to fit our needs for a Clubhouse. The inspections have been completed on those ends and everything has been passed and approved by the City of Richmond and the Province of British Columbia. We are nearing the final stretches with repair work underway for the walls that were cut open for the plumbing and electrical work that was done.

The custom cabinet maker is waiting for his cue to go in to install the cabinets and counter tops. The flooring crew is also waiting for our go ahead to get their work done. Once those trade crews are complete with their tasks....then the furniture people can be notified to deliver the furniture. If everything proceeds on schedule, with no surprises, MCA is hoping to hold August's General Meeting at the new Clubhouse. So far everything is looking positive at this point in time. We will keep our Members informed if there are any changes or possible delays.

We are working extremely hard to stay on top of things and make sure the progress on the Clubhouse is coming along. We have been diligent in keeping with budget on the renovations and acquisitions for our new Clubhouse. With all this extra hard work....we want our Members to be happy and excited with having a new place that MCA can call OUR OWN !



## BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Anthony & Christine REMEDIOS gave birth to a baby girl....ISABELLA LEONORA REMEDIOS. New Mom Christine is staying home with their new bundle of joy and just enjoying being a "new Mom".

Andres & Katerina MEDINA welcomed a new baby brother to Nicolas on June 19, 2008. ADAM BENJAMIN MEDINA weighed in at 7lbs 1oz and 50cm in length. This will be quite some work ahead for both Andres and Katerina since Nicolas is under two years old.

MCA wishes the Best of Health and Happiness to both families !





**Laura CORDEIRO / Jeffrey JORGE / Fernando ROSÁRIO /  
Ismalia ABBAS / Maria da SILVA / Michael ROSARIO / Jason  
CARVALHO / Domingos LEONG / Rudy TELLIS / Armino  
SANTOS / Carol SJODIN / Maria L. WONG / Louis LEE / Manuel  
CORDEIRO / Michelle ROSARIO / Delfino LEONG**

MCA wishes all the Best to our Members celebrating their  
Birthdays in the month of July !  
May each one of you have a splendid day with family and  
friends and  
The Year ahead be filled with Happiness and Good Health !



## **JULY'S SOCIAL**

Was another great success! We saw the return of our regular Members....Neco **CORDEIRO**, who after months of absence recovering from a fall and subsequent operation came with "bells on" and money in his pocket for the Mah Jong. Maria and Michael **ROSARIO** who were absent from the last social was ready to participate and get back to more "regular" routine and just have a great time with their friends and family of the Macau Cultural Association.

We had four tables of Mah Jong and plenty of Members who turned up for "catching up" with each other and of course for our tea time and dinner after the Mah Jong. For tea, we had contributions of home made cakes from Maria **ROSARIO** who produced a carrot cake and Louis **LEE** who brought his famous and popular sponge cake.

We also had an out-of-town Member, Mica **AIROSA**, who came straight from the airport after arriving from Toronto to participate in our Social. A reminder to those Members interested in participating in our Socials to contact Helen Xavier in advance so that we can prepare for the numbers attending the dinner.

For dinner we started with *caldo verde* soup....which was another great hit with our Members. People were seen helping themselves to seconds and

thirds....but who's counting ? The main dinner entrée was *bifana* served with a traditional Portuguese green salad tossed with Portuguese olive oil and vinegar. Dessert was vanilla ice cream served with fruit cocktail. A lighter meal was a nice change to go along with our warm summer weather.

I would like to give "thanks" to Ana **TELLIS** for helping out in the kitchen and preparing the salad for the dinner. Ana has been feeling a bit under the weather but she is always ready to help out and participate with anything Macau Cultural Association is doing. MCA needs more Members like Ana and many others like her to keep the Association functioning.

As the evening was winding down and with Members helping out in the clean up and we were nearing the end, Luis **GUTIERREZ** came rushing back to the Social. The last of the Executives were closing the premises when he rushed in, being driven by his daughter Theresa, and looking all frantic. He was all excited because he had lost his wallet with all his id's and credit cards and money. Luis was armed with a large flash light (because it was already pitch black at that time of 11:00 p.m.) and we tried to retrace his steps across the grassy grounds of the complex. The search turned up empty.

We reached the Social room and all of us searched every corner of that room including the kitchen and the bathroom and still turned up with nothing. Of course Luis was getting extremely excited by this time. I suggested that we give Louis Lee a call because he had given a ride home to Luis just earlier. Louis Lee was also trying to frantically call Helen to find our Luis's phone number.....because HE found Luis's wallet. Not in the car like you would assume.....but rather in the pocket of Louis Lee's jacket. You could see the relief in Luis's face....but everyone burst out in laughter. I jokingly told Luis that he needs to stop putting his money in other people's pockets! After revealing all this to Luis's daughter Theresa.....even she had to say this was a "classic tale" that needed to be told again !

## **DATES TO REMEMBER...**

- ✓ AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2008 Mah Jong Social followed by Dinner at 8:00 p.m. to be held at Centre Point in Richmond. For those who are interested in participating to please contact Helen.
- ✓ AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 Monthly General Meeting to take place at our new Clubhouse. #225 – 8833 Odlin Crescent, Richmond. At this stage in the renovations we feel that it will be ready for our general meeting. If there are any unforeseen changes or delays we will let Members know. We will post notices on the premises if there are any changes.



On Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008, the Macau Cultural Association and the Macanese Community of Vancouver, British Columbia sadly lost an old friend and a Member of long standing. Joaquim **ACHIAM** (1916-2008), born in Lourenco Marques (now Maputo), Mozambique. He travelled to China to rejoin his widowed mother at the age of 17, he joined the Portuguese Armed Forces in Macau and this was followed by a successful career in the Police Force. During his years in the Police Force, Joaquim Achiam taught "jui-jitsu", and this writer also remembers him as the Leader of the Police Musical Band as well.

Joaquim Achiam retired as a senior Police Officer honoured with high commendations by the Portuguese Government. Upon retirement, he moved to Hong Kong, and in 1978, he emigrated to Vancouver, British Columbia where he joined his daughter Linda since.

Joaquim **ACHIAM** (1916 – 2008) leaves many friends and relatives around the world. In Vancouver he leaves behind widow Wong Sok Kei, daughter Leolinda Marcelina Achiam (Vancouver), son José Martins Achiam (Macau), daughter-in-law Ana Maria Achiam (Portugal), grandson José Manuel Achiam, grand daughter-in-law Tammy, great grandson Andre Manuel Achiam (USA), granddaughter Maria Anabela Achiam (Macau), grandson José Luis Pedruco Achiam (Macau), granddaughter Mariana Vargas Achiam (Macau), daughter Cecilia Achiam, granddaughter Steffa Ufnal Achiam (Vancouver).

Still other relatives live in Denmark and other parts of the world, such as Toronto, Australia, Madeira, U.K., and Hong Kong. The Macau Cultural Association and all our Members present our deepest and most heartfelt condolences to the entire Achiam Family.



## Our Condolences

Feliciano Maria da **SILVA** (1937-2008) passed away suddenly in Macau, at the Kiang Wu Hospital. Leaving behind his widow Lilia Silva, daughter Luiza and son Albino (nora NG Neng Si) and grand children Cassia and Haraldo (Macau). Sister Isabel (João) in Macau, sister Laura (José) in Hong Kong and sister Paulina (Richard a.k.a. Sonny) in Burnaby, B.C.

Feliciano retired from the “Corpo de Bombeiros” some years ago as the Deputy Commandant. Feliciano was 71 at the time of death.

Our deepest condolences to the bereaved family.

Sergio Rui de Pina  
President  
Macau Cultural Association.

## SICK BAY

Oscar **WHITE** had a hip replacement operation and is now recuperating at home. After a problem with the first operation due to a malfunctioning part, Oscar had to undergo a second operation to replace the faulty part. Good thing this was detected early, before his discharge from the hospital. We all wish Oscar a speedy recovery and we hope to see him soon at our Macau Cultural Association Functions and Meetings.

Josefina do Rosário  
Vice President & Editor  
Macau Cultural Association

Until next meeting, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2008.