



Malaysia Association of Southern California

Persatuan Malaysia California Selatan



P.O. Box 81105, San Marino, CA 91118-1105, U.S.A. • www.mascusa.com



President's Message

JANUARY – MARCH 2011

How time flies? We are almost close to the end of our 1st quarter. Let's review what we have accomplished so far.

Our recent Chinese New Year dinner party was on February 12, 2011 at a new location. We also had a new band. The new location and the new band might have drawn many attendees. We received numerous compliments about the band, the elegant banquet hall and the gorgeous dance floor. More than 200 members and guests turned out to celebrate the Chinese lunar year of the Rabbit. Our Choy Sun Yei (Prosperity God) took us by surprise this year. He walked in with a rabbit in his arms and people were rushing to pat the rabbit for good luck. Thank you, Mr. Siong Yap for your creativity. Next year is the year of the Dragon. Let's see what Mr. Yap is going to do to entertain us. Based on the many positive feedback we received, we are happy to say that our party was a roaring success.

But then, our party would not be such a success had it not been for the combined effort of the board of directors and the support of our sponsors and members. On behalf of MASC, I would like to reiterate our many thanks to our sponsors Malaysia Airlines, EVA AIR and Singapore Airlines for donating air fare tickets for our lucky draw. Many thanks also to our Platinum sponsors, Cham Quek of YEO, KM Chow, Warren Tan, Pek Ean Chong, Debbie Tham and David Lim and all our Silver sponsors. Thanks to SK Ang for contributing the jewelry boxes. Our special thanks to Angela Lim for her wonderful fan dance performance. Last but not least our sincere thanks to members who came early to help set up.

Don't forget to check out our website for photos generously provided by Robert Co. Thank you, Robert for providing us these beautiful pictures.

The board regrets to announce the resignation of our membership director Susan Yee. Thank you Susan for your time and effort spent for MASC this past year. Please contact Les Henson at lesconnie@msn.com for future questions regarding membership.

Now the good news. We have two new directors. David Leong and Jenny Li were bold enough to step up to the plate. Thank you for coming on board to give us a helping hand. David Leong is the Publicity director and Jenny Li is the secretary. Welcome aboard!

Our upcoming event is the Easter Picnic. Please bring your kids or grand kids. We have fabulous prizes for kids that find the most eggs, egg painting and many other games.

Look forward to see you soon!

YEAR OF THE RABBIT

by Les Henson

1915, 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011.

Did you know..... The Chinese Year of the Rabbit (兔) is actually the Chinese Year of the Hare, as China has seven native species of hares and no native species of rabbits. The Chinese applied their word for hare to the first rabbits to be taken to China, and the word is now erroneously back-translated into English as rabbit. The hare is the fourth animal in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac. The Year of the Hare is associated with the earthly branch symbol 卯.

People born in the Year of the Rabbit are articulate, talented, and ambitious. They are virtuous, reserved, and have excellent taste. Rabbit people are admired, trusted, and are often financially lucky. They are fond of gossip but are tactful and generally kind. Rabbit people seldom lose their temper. They are clever at business and being conscientious, never back out of a contract. They would make good gamblers for they have the uncanny gift of choosing the right thing. However, they seldom gamble, as they are conservative and wise. They are most compatible with those born in the years of the Sheep, Pig, and Dog.

And to celebrate, we held our annual Chinese New Year Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at a new location, Seafood Place in Garden Grove. WOW! This is a banquet hall, not a restaurant, and beautifully decorated, 22 tables around a spacious dance floor to the delight of many. Consul General Encik Norman Muhamad and his lovely wife Puan Kamziah were the guests of honor. Other VIPS included Mr. Cham-Leong Quek of Yeo Hup Seng & Mrs. Quek, and representatives from MAS, SIA, EVA Air.



The Prosperity God (Choy Sun Yei) actually brought a life rabbit in his arms when he arrived and gave out lotto ticket ang pows to everyone. Will the lotto winner step forward? The rabbit drew many excited people to it just to pat it for good luck!



We tried out a new band this year, The Dynamic Tunes. They were a hit with their repertoire of dance music and songs; definitely an improvement over last year's band. Many want them back next year.

A surprise was the fan dance by Angela Lim, seen here. She was perfect; clicking the fan according to the beat.



There were lots of raffle prizes from our sponsors, I fear to name them as I may leave some out. But our raffle ticket sales ladies were wonderful. Thank you sweet ladies! And of course we had three, count them, one, two, and three, round trip air fare donated by Malaysia Air System, Singapore Airlines, and EVA Airways. The big winners were eh, I think I'll let the pictures tell the story!



The lions were happy devouring all the ang pows from table to table. The head lion stretched its neck and body to reach the lettuce held up high by Consul General Encik Norman Muhamad.



Many attendees gave very positive feedback such as:

- *Our first time at the MASC CNY dinner and dance, looking forward to next year's event. We had a great time, SYABAS MASC!!!!Karen Wong.*
- *Kudos to the MASC management team. Great job. I can tell the event was a success. Fantastic place, good location. Keep up the good work. Next year, we can improve on the food quality and choice. Then everything will be perfect.....SK Ang.*
- *Congratulations to all of you for your time and hard work to bring the party to such a roaring success!! The food was very good and the band very entertaining.....Richard Woon.*
- *I am so glad that we made it to the event. We had a great time. We like the music, the food, and the entertainment. I felt the spirit of celebrating CNY even though it's far from homeland with family. I also like the arrangements/decorations of the restaurant.....Dorie Kong.*

There were dancing.....



And dancing.....



And more dancing.....



There was food.....



Wonder what's coming next...



Oh No! It's all gone!



Yes, everybody had a good time! Well, maybe not, you can't please everybody all of the time. Same place next year? Finally, thank you C.K. Lim for your outstanding job as the emcee!

For more pictures, check out the photo gallery on our website.

There were other events during this first quarter of the year:

We had a potluck on January 8, 2011 hosted by Pek Ean Chong. Since it was also to celebrate Mimi and Ean's ???th birthdays, word got around and sure enough about 80 people attended. It was crowded. The dining table was not big enough to hold all the food brought by members. After we ate and sang 'happy birthday' the party continued with the usual karaoke and dancing. Some of us practiced line dancing for CNY event.



On March 5, 2011 there was yet another potluck at Ean's residence. This time the turn out was just right. Not too crowded. It gave members and guests the opportunity to mingle and get to know each other better (hugs and kisses). Many members ordered from Robert Co's thick album of pictures taken at the CNY event.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

*Bee Tin Borsari
Jesslyn Chan
Len How Chong
Kim Chow
Colleen Choy
Robert Souw
Richard & Iris Tay
Elizabeth Wee
Ford Wong
Ted & Editha Yap*

On March 19, 2011 we held our 2nd Business Network Meeting and Dinner at Yazmin Restaurant in Pasadena. Over 30 people attended and listened to three presenters:

Mr. S.K. Ang of Gormay Foods, Inc. on import to U.S., the how's and who's to contact for importing products from Malaysia.

Mr. Harvey Kong of Fulcrum Ins on how best to shop for auto, home and business insurance.

Mr. Jeff Weber, Sr. VP of ACN Inc. a world-wide organization specializing in international home services, telecommunications, home security, energy, and how to earn a good size income from working at home.

And thanks to our Guest Speaker Encik Fauzi Ayob of MATRADE who said his office welcomes all business enquiries.

After the presentations, attendees began to mingle and network with fellow Malaysians. Those who only wanted to join in just for the dinner began arriving at this time. We will always have Makan2 in conjunction with Business Network.

Then it was time to eat! For \$20 members had a wonderful buffet dinner. The service and food was excellent. Margaret of Yazmin Restaurant went the extra mile to provide for some late comers.



Board of Directors

President
Mimi Lioe

Vice President
Wee Tee Loh

Treasurer
Lee P. Meach

Secretary
Jenny Li

Membership Director
Les Henson

Publicity Director
David Leong

Social Director
Pek Ean Chong

Member at Large
Stephanie Lai

Webmaster
Ping Lew

Our Platinum (Corporate) Sponsors



Heavymetal, Inc

Likom Caseworks, Inc

Pek Ean Chong