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All good things must come to an end !!!!  
How time flies when one's having fun.  
It has been 2 years since I was elected to be the president of this Casa. Today, I will vacate this seat with bitter sweetness.

When elected, I promised to do my best, promote this Casa, and try to make it grow. During these 2 years, I'm sure I've disappointed a few people, to whom I apologize but sometimes hard decisions had to be made, and were made with the good of the Casa in mind. On the bright side, we have been invited to plan the "Encontro", joined the "Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses", enjoyed ourselves tremendously at "Encontro 2004", celebrated our "10th anniversary" and had numerous activities. That's what we're here for, the camaraderie, good times, enjoyment, and good memories.

I would like to thank my executives for their time, and dedication as well as the various

committees, you the members especially the ones who always buy their tickets to the functions first, and to 'all' the volunteers, you know who you are ..... you're the first ones to put up your hands to volunteer, a very special 'thank you' ( which at times, doesn't seem to be enough !!!!) and have sacrificed so much for this Casa.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the new executives and committee all the best and to remember to keep moving this Casa forward.

In closing, please remember that his Casa needs YOU !!!! for you are the 'ones' that are the "heart beat" and "spirit" of this club, and we all should remember, ask not what your Casa can do for you, but what YOU can do for your Casa !!!!!

Looking forward to seeing you all at all the functions, and once again, muito obrigado, for everything, especially the sweet memories.

Mickey

## Our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue – Down Memory Lane

Doesn't seem like 10 years ago that a group of us decided it was time to start our own Casa. But it has been 10 years and while the road was not always smooth along the way, each bump seemed to give us better insight into what we felt was really needed to make our Casa a strong and lasting club. It needed structure, objectives and enthusiasm in order to take the "idea" from talk to paper and then finally to reality. Many ideas were floated, some changed and some didn't but one thing remained constant over the past ten years and that is how our Casa has managed to stay on track with what we started out to do in the first place.

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Our objectives, when the Casa was formed, was to preserve our heritage, language, culture, food etc for this and future generations, but deep down inside, many of us just wanted an excuse to be with friends, to enjoy good food, fun and companionship and in that sense, I think, our members will agree, we have definitely succeeded.

This issue is being published to reprint many of the “memories” of the past 10 years and as you reread some of the articles, perhaps for the first time, and see the many pictures of a much younger group of us, you can see evidence of the fact that we did get together, we ate (boy did we eat), we danced and we had fun. If that is all we accomplished, many could sit back and simply say “well done”, but we did more than just that. Just what did we accomplish? Well here are some things we did:

- For our children, and future generations, we have given them the recipe on how to continue our traditions in the form of preserving our culture, food, festivals and traditions.
- For us, we are giving ourselves the opportunity to forge many new friendships, or strengthen our bonds with old friends.
- For those who have now passed on, family and friends, we gave them a brief glimpse back into the past. To remember how they used to enjoy the companionship of many of their friends when they were younger and be able to see a new generation work hard to recreate this camaraderie in our new chosen home in Canada. We gave them the opportunity to get together with their friends and, for many of them, it came at a time in their lives when they could not do so on their own due to distances from friends or through physical disabilities.

I am personally very proud to have been involved with the Casa since Day One and I look forward to another great 10 years and more when I can sit back and read the 20<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary editions of the Voz! I think I can speak for many, if not all, our members when I say “Thank You!” to all who served this Casa in some capacity or another over the past 10 years. It is you who helped us achieve this milestone.

*Editor*

## Messages from Friends and Members.....

**From: Mrs. Hirondina Ghouri ..... Chancellor, Portuguese Consulate**

*“Regret unable to attend this very “Special Event”, but wish to extend my Best Wishes to your Casa.”*

**Mrs. Pat Adams ..... Designer of the Casa’s Logo**

*“I am sorry I will miss what promises to be a great ‘event’ for the Casa, how time flies !!!! I will play my “Macau” CD by “Outra Banda” and raise a glass of Vinho Tinto to toast the Casa and its continued success”*

**Anita & Gilbert Gomes - Founding Members**

*“Can’t believe that it has been 10 years since we started this club. Oh ..... so many memories !!!! We are grateful for all the friendships made and the opportunity to serve the members, after all we’re here to have a good time !!!! Our best regards to everyone, we hope all you have a great time and want to thank everyone for the wonderful memories !!!!”*

## ARCHIVES 1995

### ***From Your President*** (by John Carvalho)

*Newsletter March 1995 (Inaugural Issue)*

We have formed Casa de Macau Club of Vancouver with a focus in mind. To promote and preserve our heritage and culture. In preserving our heritage, we want to identify who we are and where we came from. By doing so, our community will become better educated of the history of our people. The social functions which the club will organize, will give all of us the chance to renew friendships and start new ones (i.e. March 11 was a tremendous success - thanks to all) as well as sharing the language, the customs and the food that make up our culture. By achieving each task in our focus we will have a strong association where the youth can carry on the Macaense culture and heritage for many generations to come.

### ***First Pot Luck With Capital "S"*** (Editor)

*Newsletter March 1995 (Inaugural Issue)*

If this is an indication of what "pot luck" will be like for Casa de Macau, then we better call it "pots" luck, with a capital S because the mountain and sheer variety of home-cooked Portuguese and Macaense dishes for our eyes and palate to delight, is a sure sign that our club has very many very spirited members. Over 75 members and friends came together on Saturday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1995, at Lyce and Rick Rozario's Richmond home, turning their house into everything Macaense – with flags flying, banners of red, green and yellow, streamers in THREE languages – English, Macaense and Chinese/English. Many friends joined right away (it must be the sumptuous food) and our Treasurer, Michael Guterres had a busy night, ably assisted by Secretary Mariazinha Duguay. President John Carvalho gave a speech (of course, he's the President) and formally thanked and presented Lyce and Rick Rozario with a gift from all of us for the use of their lovely home. President Carvalho reckoned five generations were present. From the youngest baby to our seniors – a true reflection of the club's focus on family values and recognition. Following the buffet-style dinner and much "oohs" and "aahs", many members showed their virtuosi on the Karaoke floor in the basement family room. One thing is certain, we are truly talented.....

### ***Tacho Minchi***

#### ***Dinner*** (Editor)

*Newsletter June 1995*

More than 100 members and guests, including visitors from Toronto and Seattle attended our May 13<sup>th</sup> Tacho and Minchi dinner gathering at Holy Name Church at Cambie and 33<sup>rd</sup>. Sixteen new members signed on. Imagine, not only your favourite two Portuguese (Macanese) dishes – all prepared in the best Macanese home-cooked way, and with all the trimmings. (There must have been a shortage of pork hocks in the Lower Mainland's supermarkets on the days leading up to Saturday night.) Plus desserts, everything from "Lo Pak Go" to "bebinga de leite" and "chilicote" and caramel pudding. During the evening, our President announced that our Casa is now official, to the cheers and applause from the gathering. Copies of the constitution were made available to every family member.....



*TACHO MINCHI DINNER - JUNE 1995*

**Message from His Excellency General Rocha Vieira, Governor of Macau** *(on the occasion of the performance of the Doci Papiacam di Macau held in San Francisco but addressed to all Casa representatives present and absent). (Editor)*  
*Newsletter December 1995*

“...Smitten with the desire to keep alive the traditions of the Macanese community in a most characteristic expressive way “patua”, the group “Doci Papiacam di Macau” gave a rebirth to the old plays which took place in Macau many decades ago. This is their fourth play and the first represented outside of the territory. I would like, through these real ambassadors of Macau, to present to all the Macanese living in this part of the world and all other Portuguese attending this show, my sincerest good wishes..... Macau has been the roots that multiplied and spread to five continents. It is necessary that Macau continues to be for all Macanese, the fundamental reference and that the various Casas collaborate initiatives in binding them closer, establishing stronger ties among your associations and with your homeland, which is of your forefathers.”

**CASA PARTY FANTASTIC**

(Margie Rozario)

*Newsletter December 1995*

A night to remember, yes it was fantastic! The hall was filled to capacity, with 80% of those attending being our younger members and their friends. Fathers, mothers, daughters and sons, were all seen doing the Conga, the Limbo, the Line Dance etc. with great enthusiasm, while grandparents looked on with pride and touched by such show of unity and happiness.....Yes there is no doubt that we are heading in the right direction. Our young members are responding and we can close 1995 with a sense of accomplishment and look forward to an even better year ahead. The hurdles we had to overcome were difficult and rough, but they have us stronger and more determined to succeed. This Christmas event, with our younger members dancing till two in the morning is proof of our success. We can now be confident that the “Macaenses Spirit” will continue to live in our hearts for years to come.



*CHRISTMAS DINNER 1995*

*(Editors note; well said Margie!)*

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**ARCHIVES 1996**

**PASSING ON CULINARY HERITAGE** (Editor)

*Newsletter February 1996*

A year has passed since the founding of our Casa de Macau Club in Vancouver. While a lot has happened in the past 12 months, one recurring theme/request at just about every gathering has been the need to share traditional Macanese foods. Many members have contributed a large and varied selection of savory and sweet delicacies at our meetings and parties. No doubt we would like to see these wonderful recipes passed on to our next generation and our younger members. We now have a chance to do something about it. According to Catherine



Guterres, the principal of Holy Cross High School in Surrey has kindly given Casa de Macau permission to use the Home Economics room to host cooking lessons and demonstrations. There will be a nominal charge to cover the use of the room, the cost of the food and we will have to bring all our own utensils. "But" says Catherine, "it will be a spacious facility for our members to teach each other the secrets of Macanese cooking.".....

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## ARCHIVES 1997

### **Festa de Comida**

*Newsletter July 1997*

*Article submitted by the 1997 Social Committee*

Our first big event of the year was the Festa de Comida held on April 19th. Yes, that's just what the Festa was all about - food and fun. The hall was gaily decorated with Club banners, streamers and helium balloons and the table center candles were adorned with the Club emblem.

The original target was for 150 guests but as the day drew near, this figure mounted to 200 which was the maximum number allowed due to fire regulations. We



*MICKEY - DEMONSTRATING HOW TO COOK HIS FAMOUS "MAI FUN"*



*FESTA DE COMIDA - APRIL 1995*

were well supported by our members and their families.

The youngest couple on the dance floor was 4¾ year old Brendan Rozario partnered by 4½ year old Jennifer de Sá, who were joined by Moms and Dads, Grandparents and even Great Grandparents. Who could have asked for better show of family unity. The taped music was provided by our member, Humphrey Ho, who, together with his wife Fernanda de Pinna Ho, also organized a fund raising karaoke session. It was a delight to hear so many rising stars in our community.





*Dancing The Night Away*



*Thanks to all who volunteered*



*Cruz de Cristo*



*April in Portugal Dinner/Dance*



*Seeing Old Friends - Tacho Minchi Dinner*



*Fun, Food and Laughter*



*They make it happen!*



*New Years Eve Dinner/Dance*



*Serenading our dinner guests*

## Letters and Emails Received

*"... please convey my best wishes to all the members of your association and last but not least, the most success of your meaningful event."*

Vitor Ng  
President of the Administration Council,  
Macao Foundation

*"... We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Casa de Macau (Vancouver) with great success for this coming "double" celebration in Vancouver, Canada and please accept my warm greetings and good wishes."*

Ho Veng On  
for Edmund Ho Hau Wah  
Chief Executive  
Macau Special Administrative Region

*"...I am sorry I am unable to be with you here in person....but I am with you in spirit and I send my very warmest wishes and heartiest congratulations on these milestones."*

Patrick Wong  
MLA - Vancouver Kensington

*"...I convey our sincere greetings and good wishes to all members of the Casa de Macau in Vancouver on the occasion of it's 10th Anniversary....."*

José Pereira Coutinho  
President of the Board of Directors  
Macau Civil Services Association



*Mickey da Roza and Mr. Edmund Ho Hau Wah*



## ARCHIVES 1998

### **April in Portugal - A Celebration**

*Fernanda A. de Pinna Ho, President  
Newsletter May 1998*

OUR CASA HAS JUST celebrated another “muito alegre” — an extremely colourful and successful Festa with 196 members and guests in attendance — the highest membership turnout in the life of our Casa. The theme was “April in Portugal”, and the green/red/yellow coloured decorations, fortune baskets, “galos” and informative folders, Portuguese music, folk dancers and national attire, food and beverage, all set the stage to make everyone feel that we were indeed in Portugal on the evening of April 25, 1998.

Our Casa was honoured with the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Ghouri and their twin children, Omar and Zofia. My appreciation to the Social Committee, the Cultural Committee and everyone who assisted in making this celebration a resounding success, from cooking and sewing, to decorating, from set-up to clean-up, from in front of and behind the scenes, etc. My heart pours out especially to Lyce Rozario, head of our Social Committee, and to Rowena Tan, co-anchor, for going the extra miles, and to Betty Sousae, our “Head Seamstress” for countless hours on the sewing machine. Last and certainly not least, my appreciation to guests, friends and members and their families, who all showed up to support and share in our celebration and thus made our efforts worthwhile. Muitos obrigados por todos!

#### ***Join the Fun and Laughter*** (Margie Rozario)

*Newsletter Sept. 1998*

Anyone for a pleasant afternoon of food and laughter? The place to be is the Eaton Centre Community Room, at 1 pm on Saturdays. Angelina Rozario, co-ordinator of the “Macanese Cooking” classes will welcome you warmly. You’ll meet friends who are willing to share their best recipes, especially those handed down from generation to generation. You not only get the ‘know how’ but also get to taste them. That’s not all. Thanks to Mariazinha Rozario Duguay who heads the Cultural



*APRIL IN PORTUGAL - APRIL 1998*

Committee, you will receive a folder complete with the recipes demonstrated monthly as well as historical information and various other recipes of Macanese origin. Is the afternoon over? Certainly not! There’s entertainment — entertainment never experienced before. Join the laughter induced by the Patua Skits enacted by some members under the direction of Betty Sousae, co-ordinator of the “Macanese Conversation” classes. It was hilarious, even though some of the members could not catch on the linguagem. An afternoon well spent in an atmosphere of complete camaraderie, and this is our first step in handing down our traditions and culture to the next generation. Our thanks to the Cultural Committee and all those who helped to bring about such a fun, as well as an educational day, and I’m looking forward to the next gathering. Come and join us. you will not regret it.

### **Casa Picnic**

**Date:** August 6th, 2005

**New Location:** Fraser Foreshore Park  
Byrne Road, Burnaby BC

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Cost:** Members & Guests: \$6.00  
Children under 12 : \$3.00

**LOTS OF PARKING AVAILABLE**



## **ARCHIVES 1999**

### **October Cooking and Conversation Class**

*by Aleixa (Basto) Haslam*

*Newsletter March 1999*

The Cooking Class on October 24 was held at the home of Philip Seth and Peter Eastwood. Philip is from our Macanese community, and has a beautiful heritage home which has won several awards, and which is also open to bed and breakfast guests. When we walked into his magnificently equipped kitchen, there were “oohs and aahs” all round! All the latest “mod cons” were available, with plenty of counter space and easy-to-clean stainless steel surfaces everywhere. It was indeed a cook’s delight! We had a busy agenda, with four dishes demonstrated. We started off with a Batatada courtesy of Mariazinha (Rozario) Duguay. This was followed by a Porco Bafá Assá’ (Bafaça) demonstrated by Aleixa (Basto) Haslam. Mandy Boursicot also gave a 20-minute video presentation on the Portuguese Voyages of Discovery, based on this theme at Expo 98 held in Lisbon. We saw a few ancient maps from the 16th century as well as engravings and paintings of the most important trading posts of that time.....

### **Our Casa Flag at the Encontro**

*by Margie Rozario*

*Newsletter August 1999*

Having introduced Casa de Macau, Vancouver, at the 2nd Encontro, lead by our first President John de Carvalho, and our presence acknowledged by the Fundação Oriente and the Governor of Macau, we are happy to say that this link was further strengthened at the 3rd Encontro under the leadership of our second President Fernanda de Pinna Ho. We were proud to have our Casa Flag seen for the first time at the 2nd Encontro, but to see it once again amongst those of all the other Casas made us feel really at home and under the umbrella of the Casa de Macau. We endeavour to upkeep the culture of the Macaenses even though we are miles away from our homeland. Difficult though this task may be, as the newer generations are more inclined to be absorbed into the culture of their new home, we constantly remind them of our roots, with Macaenses recipes, language and the history of Macau and our forefathers. As the older generations fade away, we cannot express more strongly the importance of passing on our knowledge to the young ones who, will in turn, continue to pass it down the line so that Macau will live on forever in our hearts.

### **VISIT OF THE GOVERNOR OF MACAU TO VANCOUVER**

*by Aleixa (Basto) Haslam*

*Newsletter November 1999*

On November 2, 1999, we were honoured by a visit from His Excellency, the Governor of Macau, General Vasco Rocha Vieira, who was accompanied by his aide, Mr Tiago Vasconsuehos. His Excellency had been in Portugal where he had met with the Chinese Premier, and was on his return journey to Macau for the final preparations for the handover on December 20, 1999. He made a stop-over here in Vancouver with the specific request to meet with “all the Macanese Community” in the Lower Mainland, and wanted both the Macau Cultural Association and our Casa to be his guests at a cocktail reception. It was a splendid occasion, with approximately 200 people in attendance at the reception in the Crystal Ballroom of the Pan Pacific Hotel. Also present as honoured guests were the Portuguese Consul, Sr Pedro de Sampaio and his wife, and the Chancellor to the Consul, Sra Hirondina Ghouri and her husband. The evening opened with the singing of the Portuguese and Canadian national anthems. This was followed by speeches from Maria Roliz, President of the Lusitano Club of California, Isabel Ma, Vice-President of the Macau Cultural Association and Michael Guterres, our President.....In his speech, His Excellency expressed his pleasure at being able to visit Vancouver, and emphasized the need of all the Macanese communities to think of Macau as a “special place” – a place where we all originated from, and where we can all refer to as “home”.



*His Excellency, Gov. Rocha Vieira - November 1999*

## **ARCHIVES 2000**

### **Primeiro Encontro dos Presidentes das Casas de Macau**

*(by Michael Guterres, President)*

*Newsletter July 2000*

The First Encontro of the Presidents of the Casas de Macau worldwide has just concluded in the beautiful and historical city of Lisbon. Due to the kind generosity of the Casa de Macau Lisboa, Fundação Casa de Macau, and the Fundação Jorge Alvares, in collaboration with the Fundação Oriente, all the Presidents of the Casas de Macau worldwide converged in Lisbon for the Encontro which was held between June 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2000. The meetings involved daily work sessions to discuss areas of mutual interest, challenges and ideas in order to promote and continue our culture and heritage for future generations. Prof. Eng<sup>o</sup> Luis de Guimarães Lobato from the Fundação Casa de Macau and Dr. Vitor Serra de Almeida from the Casa de Macau Lisboa were our most gracious hosts throughout the week.....

### **DOS OCASUM SPECIAL**

*by Betty (Figueiredo) Sousa*

*Newsletter December 2000*

Dos ocasum special ja acontece na fim di ano passado. Tanto di nos ja atende e celebra aquele dos grandi aniversarios di Humberto Pires na 4 Novembro, e di Tina Archer na 2 Dezembro, 2000.

(1) Sr.Humberto Pires, (iou choma ele “Uncle Pires”)-sa festa divera sum unga grandi supresa po ele. Na commeco di ano passado, familia di Pires quere da olotro-sa pai, Uncle Pires, qui ta ficha um cento ano, unga grandi festa. Uncle Pires nom sabi nada ate dia di festa. Osse pode imagina qui dificil .... assim tanto gente co bocas fichado, nunca sai unga bafo ou da piada! Qui milagri!!!! Fila Diana ja prgunta amiga Lyce po da unga mum ajuda co maior parti di este festancia. Olotro dos ja mete cabeças juntado e vem co bom ideas. No Sabado, 4 di Novembro, tudo um cento noventa e tal convidados, ja vai cedo qui cedo antis di Uncle Pires chega, vistido bem di janota, co ele-sa dos bom amigos. Osse ola, Reggie e Rita Rocha, ja “convida Uncle Pires po vai fora janta na unga grandi hotel”, mas em vez, olotros ja treze ele po estunga sala di ele-sa festa, na South Arm Community Centre na Richmond. Filo filis, fila filas, netos e netas, bis-netos e

bis-netas, parentes e amigo amigos tudo ja vem, bastanti di America. Quando Uncle Pires, Reggie e Rita chega, tudo di nos na dentro di sala, ta bem di calado calado boca - nunca sai unga piu, tudo luz fichado, na scuridum, ta spera olotro vem dentro.

Quando olotros intra, nos abri luz e tudo juntado dali unga bero forti-forti “SUPRESA! FELIZ ANIVERSARIO, HUMBERTO!” e canta “Feliz Aniversario.” (Iou-sa coracum ta bate vai bate vem, e ta pensa .... “Ai! Uncle Pires logo apanha unga grandi susto!”) Mas em vez, ele fica empido na porta dianti, meo meo di caminho, parado parado, boca aberto, spantado spantado, olhos rancado, nunca sai unga voz. Ele divera nom pode cre ola tudo ele-sa familia entero co assim tanto amigos amigas na drento di estunga grandi sala. Vagar vagar, ele ja sai voz, agradece todos e anda po ele-sa assento. Gente gente qui toma letratos e video, “clik clak, clik clak” ramenda unga grandi “super star” ja intra ali! Aquele momento divera ja treze tanto lagrimas na gente gente-sa olhos. Imagina! Nossa Humberto Pires ta ficha ele-sa “um cento (100) anos”, unga seculo! Ele ola parece unga homi di cinquenta fora ano, cheio di vitalidadi - chistoso, alegri - e ninguem pode divinha qui ele ja chega tem 100 anos! Quanto di nos na estunga mundo tem aquele longividadi? Formidavel! Bravo Uncle Pires! Cava tudo gente ja da parabens po ele, beja vai beja vem e da abraços, nos commenca janta. Comidas qui tudo ja goza, divera sum muito sabroso. Tanto di nos ja da unga mum po cozinha difrente leia di comidas gostoso di filo-macau. Comidas salgados e quente quente rumado na unga mesa comprido na frente di palco, sobremesas na otro lado perto di cozinha. Tudo mesa mesas bem decorados, cada co unga difrente boneca e flores qui Diana ja faze. Quanto di nos ja ajuda co divirtimentos. Cantigas, dancas e unga “skit” di ele-sa “amiga vela di Macau”. Tanto gente ja da palavras di parabens na palco. Musica forti forti po nos tudo salta-pula danca. Uncle Pires ja bem danca tamem. Qui alegri estunga dia.

En tudo, este festa sum unga grandi successo.

(2) Agora, iou logo conta di mas unga grandi festa di unga bom amiga-sa aniversario di 89 anos. Ela-sa nomi sum Tina Archer. Ela-sa grandi festa acontece na Sabado, 2 Dezembro, 2000 na sala di Igreja di Holy Family em Vancouver. Estunga festa divera sum mas unga festa qui pode “racha dentes”! Ela ja ficha 89 anos e ta ola bem di jovem-na! Fila Grace e quanto amiga amigas ja da unga mum po ajuda cozinha, decora, danca, canta e faze bom



musica po ela-sa mai. Comidas qui tem sum divera faze tudo gente corre baboo! Comidas salgados rumado na unga mesa comprido frente di palco, e sobremesas na otro canto di sala...ai qui delicioso e gostoso!!!! Tanto tanto gente vem attende ela-sa festa. Neto netos, parentes parentes vem di America, e amiga amigos tudo ja bem di goza. Tanto gente ja da “speech” e Tina tambem ja da unga na Patua. Qui amouchai! Iou muito muito contente hoje; tudos ja ving para minha aniversario; muito obrigada; agora nos tudos pode come, bebe e dansa; Deus abencoes!” Nos tudo ja dansa qui nom pode mas-ia. Tudo mesa mesas bem decorado e parede parede co bonita decoracum. Nossa gente divera sabi como gosa e entrete unga otro

## **ARCHIVES 2001**

### **Sao João Picnic**

*By Edwina Shuster*

*Newsletter July 2001*

The pavilion bustled with activity; sounds of younger members playing ball mixed with the clicking of majhong tiles, music, dancing, cooking and an atmosphere of camaraderie. This was the Casa’s annual Sao João picnic on Saturday June 16 at Queen’s Park. The wind and rain stayed away and even when the sun briefly disappeared, there was plenty of hot tea and coffee to keep us warm and happy. An excellent turnout of family and friends enjoyed the day and sampled the various goodies organized by the committee. There was plenty of food for everyone from bife Macau to hot dogs to cha siu and lots of fresh fruit, vegetables and sweets. Nobody went hungry. Diana Pires added an extra nice touch by providing handmade toys for our younger members. Muitas obrigadas to the Social Committee for coming through again with a fun day for all who attended.

## **ARCHIVES 2002**

### **The President’s Report: Encontro 2001**

*(Mickey da Roza)*

*Newsletter February 2002*

Encontro 2001 was most memorable for the genuine sense of generosity and warm hospitality extended to all the Casas in attendance. There was a refreshing honesty in the message, and feeling, of interest that the Casas continue to maintain their status quo despite the change of government in Macau. One of the key issues emphasized was that we continue to work towards keeping the Macanese identity and culture alive in Macau. There was

also a strong sense that the government of China supported these Encontro objectives. In fact, the Casas were encouraged to promote Macau economically in the areas of tourism, trade shows and future Encontros.....

## **ARCHIVES 2003**

### **A Mother’s Day Celebration**

*by Edwina Shuster*

*Newsletter July 2003*

Casa members honoured their mothers with a celebration on May 10<sup>th</sup>. After a very quick meeting, a sumptuous afternoon tea was served! Margie Rozario led us in prayer to Our Lady, Patroness of the Macaenses. We then partook of a variety of delicious finger sandwiches, a variety of equally delicious cakes, miniature scones, cheese toast and a plethora of other goodies. There was a choice of teas, and coffee was also available for the java drinkers. All this enjoyed in a leisurely fashion, with china cups, at tables decorated with pots of flowers.

## **ARCHIVES 2004**

### **4th Encontro**

*(by Mickey da Roza).*

*Newsletter December 2004*

Once again I was fortunate to represent our Casa for the “Encontro das Macaenses”. Also representing our Casa were 1st Vice President, Monica de Carvalho and Antonio Amante, 2nd Vice President. Before we could enjoy this prestigious event as participants, all three of us had to attend numerous functions - workshops and meetings. This meeting was in regard to the formation of the “Conselho das Comunidades Macaenses” and election of its executives, which will be for a three (3) year term. With us joining the CCM, I hope they will be able to help us with our hurdle – in securing a Sede.

Our Casa was well represented with 35 attendees who all had a good time. Most of the functions were grand and eventful. Dinner at “Monte Forte”, in “Hotel Lisboa” and at the “Macau Tower” which was for some, their first time being there, We all had a wonderful time at the “Docí Papiacam di Macau” show as well.

There were some miscommunications and snags such as “not enough tickets or seating”, but most of if not all of our members were fortunate as they had tickets for all events, but then it was not an easy task for the host as there were over 1400 people in attendance. Although our cuisine team, consisting of Mrs. Maria Rosario and Mrs. Rebecca Amante, didn’t win the first prize, they did a ‘super job’ and stood tall for us.....

## Our Tenth Birthday Party (Editor)

Human nature dictates that we want to show our very best side and have everything go well on important or significant occasions: weddings, christenings, house warmings etc. are some examples. But it seems the more festa's we have or put on, the better we seem to get; or should I say the better the organizers in our Social Committee become. Headed by Pat de Albuquerque, all the hard work put in by the Anniversary Social Committee clearly paid off - everything went off without a hitch. Thanks to you all. You could not have done anything else to make the evening a more special evening than it was.

The weather was perfect as was the location at Richmond Country Club. The ballroom was festively decorated for the occasion and it was pleasing to see so many familiar faces but just as pleased to see many new faces as well,

which is an indication we are indeed

growing as a club. Several dignitaries honoured us with their presence including: Consul General, Madam Tian Chunyan, Vice Consul, Mr. Jiang Yan from the People's Republic of China,, and Dr. Luis Laranjeira de Abreu , Consul General of the Republic of Portugal, accompanied by his wife Nancy. Maria Roliz, President of Lusitano Club in San Francisco flew up here especially for the celebrations. After several customary welcome and congratulatory speeches, we were served by far the best meal I can remember as a member of the Casa. The highlight of the meal was clearly, and by all accounts, the Bolinhos de Bacalhau prepared by the chef at Richmond Country Club who happened to hail from Macau as well. There were simply too many items served to accurately recall them all but it seemed that every



L-R: Mr. Jiang Yan, Mickey da Roza, Madam Tian Chunyan, Dr. Luis Laranjeira de Abreu Mrs. Laranjeira de Abreu, Maria Roliz, Rebecca Amante and Antonio Amante

dish, including the dessert table, was carefully thought out, planned and cooked to perfection.

The music arrangements played by the DJ was also the most pleasant of all the Casa functions I had been to, they seemed to have a good read on the type of music we wanted and delivered a nice variety to suit all ages. As a result, much dancing followed the wonderful meal. During the evening, door prizes were awarded to some lucky folks in attendance. A Macau newspaper, the Jornal Tribuna de Macau, picked up the story and ran an article in their April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 edition. To view the article, please visit <http://www.jtm.com.mo/news/20050425/back.htm>

A job very well done by the organizers on this major milestone for our Casa. I am very proud to be a member of our club, and was especially so on this night.

### Note from the Editor

At press time, the new Executive Board had not yet been elected. However by the time you read this, the elections will have been held and a new Board should now be in place. We wish to thank the outgoing officers for their time and sacrifices made during their term in office. We know the amount of work they put in for our Casa. At the same time, we also wish to welcome the newly elected officers and thank them for stepping forward to volunteer their talents.