

YOUTH ENCONTRO 2012



Our young members at the Youth Encontro 2012: : (L-R): Alex King, Vicky Clarke de Huapaya, Julio Alberto Huapaya & Russell James Clarke

By Russell James Clarke

To say that Macau is an exciting place is to make a serious understatement. From the moment we boarded our first shuttle bus at the ferry terminal—a cacophony of shouting voices and human chaos—to our high-speed departure via jet-powered hydrofoil, Macau served to over-stimulate every one of our senses to an unbelievable degree. Even still, my travel experience cannot be summarized merely by the sights and sounds nor the incredible flavours and smells of Macau that still ring in my mind; there exists an indescribable yet unforgettable richness in that place, which my travel partners and I won't soon forget.

Accompanied by my sister, my cousin, and my brother-in-law, I attended the 2012 Macanese Youth Encontro in the spring of this year, alongside what were soon to become forty of my favourite friends

and pseudo-relatives I never knew I had. To encounter Macau for the first time in my life, while simultaneously meeting these brilliant young ambassadors of the Macanese diaspora, was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Every day of our all-too-brief journey was spent drinking in the culture and character (and, of course, the drinks) that Macau has to offer. From our humid trek through the Ruins of St. Paul's and the surrounding gardens, to the lavish closing ceremony and dinner at the opulent Macau Tower Convention Centre, the diversity of our experiences was rivalled only by the complexity and variety of the local people we met and the companions with whom we travelled.

And, indeed, Macau is a place of utter complexity: of languages blurring and cultures intermingling; of glittering towers rising from ancient cobblestone

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Special dates of interest:

- September 8th:
General Meeting
- September 22nd:
First day of Autumn
- September 29th:
Fall Food Festival
- October 8th:
Canadian Thanksgiving Day
- November 4th:
Daylight Savings Time Ends.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We waited four (4) long years for the London 2012 Olympics, and after a glorious two (2) weeks, all is now over—all too quickly, all too soon! Where did our summer go? Did we even have a summer? So it is. After an all-too-short summer break, our Casa is active again as always.

It is that time of year again when we need to start thinking of nominations for the next year's elections. Nominations will be accepted during the general meeting in November, and thereafter, up to six weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting in 2013, normally held on the second Saturday in March each fiscal year. This year the offices of President, Second Vice President and Secretary are up for grabs. Stay tuned for more information.

As always, our Social Committee is working hard to entertain you and to satisfy all your food cravings! Don't miss the festivities! Come out and have fun! Enjoy! Make yourself at home – after all, it is “nossa Casa”!

~ Fernanda Antonia de Pinna Ho, President

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streets; of the new and the old, and the East and the West, clashing together on a tiny peninsula and its surrounding islands. Yet nothing speaks more vibrantly of this spirit of Macau than the youth with whom we shared our adventure: those young people, from homes scattered across the globe, returning to the birthplace of their ancestors. Young people from North and South America, Europe and Australia; these are the first generation to find their adulthood in the 21st century, and yet still harboring great respect for centuries past. The Youth Encontro paints a portrait of the new meeting the old, the marriage of East and West made recognizable in the faces of this generation. The week we spent in Macau served to teach us that in everything we do and however far we may travel, we are Macanese and we cannot help but take Macau with us.



THE CASA'S "APRIL IN PORTUGAL" PARTY

By Ricardo Rozario

On Saturday, April 14, 2012, our Casa members were treated, once again, to another special event put on by our Casa's Social Committee, headed by Lyce d' Assumpcao Rozario.

As expected, the Sede was all dolled up with pictures of the traditional Portuguese Galos on the cabinets etc. Of course, the tables had alternating red, yellow and green covers, (the Portuguese colours), a very appropriate and picturesque decor for this occasion.

The DJ for the evening was none other than Alexandra Henrique, our Casa's esteemed Portuguese language teacher who, being a Casa member herself, very kindly volunteered her services and she came equipped with popular Portuguese music for the night's entertainment.

The evening event was to start at 6:00p.m., but some came earlier, which was great. Our Casa President, Fernanda Ho, led our members and sang in Portuguese the "Hino Nacional", the stirring National Anthem of Portugal, that many older members were familiar with and they participated and sang along with deep feelings of pride and nostalgia.

After a scrumptious dinner, a Portuguese dance number was demonstrated by Alexandra Henrique and many members showed an interest in it and went on the dance floor to try to follow her. Bravo! Thank you very much Alexandra for your very kind support of our Casa event.

A group of line dancers then took to the dance floor and did several numbers that were very well received, judging by the audience's response and applause. The line dancers were led by my wife, Lyce Rozario, who is a line dance instructor for the Seniors Group and the Knights of Columbus and their wives, at St. Paul Parish in Richmond, B.C..

The food menu presented that evening was phenomenal, mouth-watering and simply delicious, a gourmet's dream come true. That fabulous aroma was enough to tempt anyone to go off his/her diet. There was Camarrao Portuguesa com Tomate, Bifi Macau, Bacalhau ao Forno, Rojoes a Casa, Pasteis de Bacalhau, Vedura, Arroz Gordo, Presunto Assada to go with the Portuguese Buns, Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Coconut Rice and our beloved Minchi which I made, but this time with freshly fried "ovos" on it. The eggs were fried on the spot by Leonard Rivero, who had on a chef's cap and coat, a real classy professional touch!!! Two new members, Clera and Reynold Lobo very kindly offered to help and they prepared a Butter Chicken Curry dish especially for this occasion. It was absolutely delicious !!!

Most of the food was prepared by our top Casa chefs: Angela Renfro, Diana Pires, Cathy Fung, Fernanda Ho, and Lyce Rozario. This time William Renfro joined in too as he prepared the spaghetti and meat sauce and that was a real treat!!!

The two dishes ordered in from an authentic local Portuguese restaurant complemented the home cooked ones. Everyone enjoyed them immensely.

There was, of course a tableful of assorted desserts prepared by Colleen Lobelsohn, (our new Treasurer), also creme caramel, puddings and tarts etc. prepared by Natascha Lawrence, Teresa Cheung and Lyce Rozario, all of which satisfied the sugar cravings of the folks there.

An old DVD of our Casa's first "April in Portugal" event held in 1998 was played for our members during dinner and it was a wonderful trip down memory lane for them.

Once again, this Casa event went past mid-night with the karaoke singers reluctant to leave, with members crooning away singing song after song!!! Our very own astute karaoke king, Humphrey Ho anticipating this, brought along many of his discs from his own very extensive private collection for the singers to choose from. Thank you, Humphrey, you really made their day! Humphrey also sang a few numbers himself, delighting everyone present. In case some of you didn't know, on our recent cruise to Alaska, Humphrey was one of the finalists in the Karaoke Contest on board. Bravo Humphrey!

Amongst the many compliments given that evening, the one that stood out came from Mabel Ozorio who stated that it was "the best food served so far".... variety, quality and quantity, seldom matched even in a professional restaurant, a sentiment shared by many others.

As the folks were leaving for the evening, many anxiously enquired about the next Casa event and said that they will make every effort to attend it. To see their satisfied looks made all the work worthwhile for Lyce and her volunteers. Seven new club members were signed up that evening, a fitting finale to another successful 2012 Casa event. That's what club life is all about !!!



(L-R): Mary Wang, Rosalind Yee, Celeste Xavier & Season Lau



(L-R): Reynald Lobo, Hedley Morris, Clera Lobo



One of the Casa's Chefs, Leonard Rivero



Grandma Angela Renfro and her darling Macaco



What a spread!!!



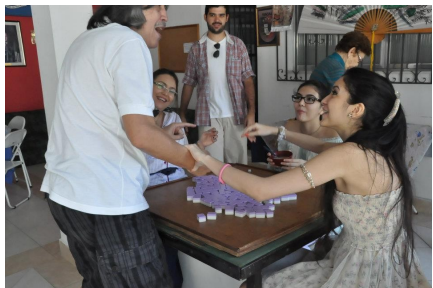
Macanese and Portuguese Food at it's best!!!

CONGRATULATIONS CASA DE MACAU RIO DE JANEIRO

By Julio Alberto Huapaya and Sheldon Suen

On June 24th, 2012, another one of the Casa De Macau from around the world, Casa De Macau Rio de Janeiro celebrated their 21st anniversary. In honour of this momentous occasion, the Casa both young and old came together to play Mahjong, engage in some wonderful conversations and shared in some of our cultural delicacies.

On behalf of the Casa de Macau Vancouver, we would like to congratulate our family at Casa de Macau Rio de Janeiro on their 21-years as a community. **Parabéns Casa De Macau Rio de Janeiro pa festa de vinte e um aniversario!**



Pictures courtesy of Casa De Macau—Rio de Janeiro.



CELEBRATING “DIA DE SÃO JOÃO ” OUR WAY!!!!



By Micky Da Roza

All over the world where there are Portuguese or are of Portuguese descent, they celebrate Dia de São João on June 24th or thereabouts. We here in Vancouver also did so, but we did it ‘our way’ and incorporated it with a grand ‘cha gordo’ !!!!! at our Sede.

Dia de São João is St. John the Baptist Day and is celebrated with a feast of different/various fruits. We had that and more. There were numerous trays of freshly cut

fruits, beautifully presented and decorated by none other than Doug Johnson, the talented son of Diana Pires.

However, we did not stop there, because our Social Co-ordinator, Lyce d’Assumpção Rozario had four long tables and two square ones filled with goodies which included a variety of sandwiches, spring rolls, samosas, chicken wings, curry meatballs, deep fried taro, shrimp toast, noodles, pao racheados etc. and of course freshly made ‘chilicotes’ (straight from the fryer) !!!

The amount of desserts also put out was truly unbelievable, all prepared by Colleen Lobelsohn, Fernanda Ho, Teresa Cheung and Lyce Rozario. There were mango puddings, jellos, tarts, cakes, squares, bebinca etc..

We had a full house that evening, so right after the ‘cha gordo’ we had to start moving the chairs aside to make way for the dancers who were itching to perform.

We had a ‘salsa demo’ by Rico and Gigi who twirled around the floor with various styles. Not to be outdone, we had our own ‘line dancing’ group led by Lyce Rozario, who showed us a few neat moves !!!

Well, I, too, couldn’t resist it and did a dance number with my fair lady, Claire !!!

That not being enough, we had ‘karaoke’ (for those who wanted to practise and show off their vocal cords), which led us well into the evening.

After all the work out and singing, we all began to be peckish and started eyeing for some different kind of food. Lyce must have anticipated that and whipped out a potful of mouth- watering butter curry chicken prepared by Clera Lobo and a heapful of delicious minchi made by Rick Rozario. We all sighed with pleasure seeing what was put on the table and the cry went out ‘cook some rice’, but guess what, Lyce already had the rice cooked and ready to be eaten. We cleaned up all the minchi and curry in no time at all !!!

Lyce stressed to me that our Casa is very fortunate to have so many willing hands who are ready to help in any way they can, especially Diana Pires, Angela Renfro, Cathy Fung, Colleen Lobelsohn, Fernanda Ho, Teresa Cheung, Clera Lobo, Blossom Sobrinho, Leonie and Lorelei Todd, Sheldon Suen and Rick Rozario. They all helped with the cooking, baking, picking up supplies, goodies etc. and cleaning up. All their efforts are truly appreciated by our members.

Top kudos and a very sincere and BIG thank you to Lyce Rozario (Co-ordinator-in-chief) and to each and every member of our Casa’s Social Committee and to all the other volunteers, for putting on such a spread that anyone can be proud of!!! Well done! Needless to say everyone went home content and satisfied.

Looking forward to the next one as I write this one.



‘Dia de São João - Always plenty of fruits...



... and plenty of Characters!

MEMORIES OF MY AUNT MINA



(Back Row from Left to Right): Auntie Melee (Merlinde), Auntie Avoo (Ines), Auntie Bachai (Edith), Auntie Banui (Leonor)
 (Front Row from Left to Right): Auntie Micas (Maria), Auntie Amalia, Auntie Anita (Ana) Auntie Mina (Guilhermina)

by Lyce d'Assumpção Rozario

Ever since I was a little girl, I loved visiting my Auntie Mina. She was my dad's sister and although I wasn't her godchild, I somehow sensed that I was her favourite niece, well, at least she made me feel that way. Her full name was actually Guilhermina Maria de Senna Fernandes d'Assumpção, but at that young age she was simply Auntie Mina to me.

I looked forward to spending the night at her home on occasional weekends, because I could practically get away with anything there. She let me jump from one end of her bed to another, follow her to her little kitchen where she cooked the most amazing food and baked the most delicious cakes and best of all, she always let me lick the spatula after she had used it to ice her cake. There was only one thing that Auntie Mina did not let me do and I was smart enough not to do it and that was to use her comb. Not a problem, even for a little girl, because I simply brought my own comb whenever I visited her.

My Auntie Mina's baking was the best ever. The decorations on the cakes usually had a festive theme and sometimes even nursery rhymes. Her cooking ability too, was legendary, and coming from a family well-known for their gastronomic skills, it was no surprise to anyone. Friends often asked her to bake and/or cook something for their special parties.

I learned how to bake and cook from my Auntie Mina, who taught me to always remember to use the best and freshest ingredients to ensure success and she was right. She stressed that I should simply use my common sense as well as my other senses, such as the sense of smell, sight and touch when I cook or bake. I never forgot what she taught me.

Auntie Mina also tried to teach me how to knit and to crochet, but that was a lost cause, because I just wasn't interested in that at all.

I was an active youngster and I simply enjoyed good food and cakes.

I truly felt special whenever I was with my dear aunt. I could talk with her as I sat on her old rocking chair, rocking back and forth, or sitting on an ordinary chair swinging my little legs, or as I danced around the room, much to her delight and mine. She always made something special for me to eat and she had the Chinese "tucks" on hand, because she knew how much I enjoyed munching on a "larm" (Chinese olive) or some "ka ying chees" (sweet plums).

I remember how my aunt went all the way by bus from Homuntin to Hollywood Road in the Tsim Sha Tsui area to get me all dressed up and ready for my first Communion at Rosary Church.

As special as I felt when I was with her, I knew that she also loved all her other nieces and nephews. She was very proud of us all and I often heard her bragging to her friends about our achievements. However, she was a very special aunt to me, for she also taught me to pray and to be always close to Our Lord and Our Lady. She was a very devout Catholic and went to Church regularly.

Once a year, Auntie Mina threw a big dinner party and she invited the family to her home. Auntie Mina had seven sisters, all of whom were top notch cooks. Oh yes, they brought their home cooking to Auntie Mina's home too, so of course the tables were filled with the most outstanding Macanese food e.g. diabo, vaca estufada, feijoada, minchi, etc. too numerous to name. A gastronomic dream come true! The desserts were out of this world. Auntie Mina made cabelo de noiva (bride's hair) tarts, candies made from pomelo peels and cakes galore all of which she made from scratch. A truly lost art, sadly missed to-day.

Auntie Mina always invited a priest to her annual family event. That lucky priest got to enjoy all the delicious food so he seldom refused the invitation. All he was expected to do was to say Grace and to give a blessing before dinner. I recall how the prayers were kind of short and we soon got to eat all the delicacies that were set out. The priest got to help himself first and he

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always looked so content afterwards !!!.

I recall how my aunt put me and my cousins on a separate table, away from the adults. I guess the old saying "children are to be seen and not to be heard," applied then when there were many adults around. We didn't mind that at all, because we had our fun too. Sometimes we kicked each others' feet under the table and told our funny stories and jokes. When we didn't want our aunts to understand us, we spoke "pig Latin", a language which kids our age made up. Those were truly memorable days and I shall always cherish them in my heart. I loved my cousins and it was a joy to be with them. I miss the good old times.

Strangely enough those dinners usually took place in June, around the 20th of the month or thereabouts. I thought that perhaps it was a special day devoted to the Sacred Heart, but I now know that it was around the "Dia de Sao Joao" feast day which falls on June 24th when Macanese families got together. I always looked forward to it.

My Auntie Mina will always have a very special place in my heart. I loved her dearly and I still do, although it has been quite awhile since she passed away, I often think of her and I remember what she taught me and most of all the love and kindness she showed me when I was growing up. She truly made me feel special in every way and she taught me so many lessons in life that have guided me all these years. I am sure that she must be looking down from Heaven and she is still guiding me when I cook or bake. I wish that she could have had the chance to taste some of her own old recipes prepared by me and that I could see her smile with approval!

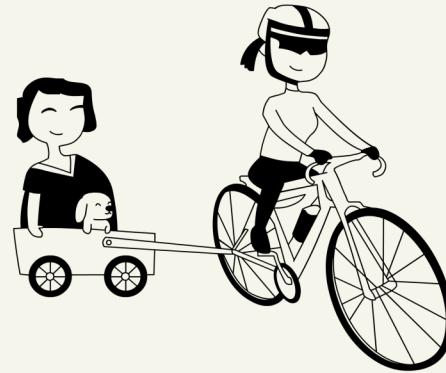
"Be sure to always make enough food for your family and friends" she used to tell me. "It is better to have more than to run short. Qi vergonha !" I remember her words clearly and whenever I cook and prepare the food for our Casa parties or for my family, I always follow her sound advice. Thank you for letting me share these very fond memories of my aunt with you.

*Gandhi's Top 10 Fundamentals
for Changing the World...*

1. Change Yourself
2. You are in control
3. Forgive & let go
4. Without action you aren't going anywhere
5. Take care of this moment
6. EVERYONE IS HUMAN
7. PERSIST
8. See the good in people & help them
9. Be congruent, be AUTHENTIC, be your TRUE SELF
10. Continue to grow & evolve



A MEMBER'S RIDE FOR A CAUSE



CARTOON OF KITTY CHUNG ON HER BIKE WITH LYCE ROZARIO AND HER SIDEKICK, GRETZKY ALONG FOR THE RIDE.

By Cathy Xavier Fung

A member of our Casa, Kitty Chung joined in a most mentally & physically challenge in the fight against Cancer.

The event is called the Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer, benefitting the B.C. Cancer Foundation. This gruelling 2-day bike ride from Vancouver to Seattle is held every year and this year the ride took place on June 17th to June 18th, 2012. This was Kitty's second time riding.

Kitty holds a full time position with RBC—Phillips, Hager & North and commences her training in early April on the weekends for 5 to 7 hours each day, rain or shine. She rides around Vancouver in to Richmond and back with her company teammates.

This years ride had over three thousand participants and raised \$11.2 million for the B.C. Cancer Foundation. In order to participate in the ride , she needed to raise at least \$2,500. Her company usually has the most participants every year and were able to achieve this year's goal of \$353,500.

Kitty's personal reason for participating in this event every year is for her mother, Agnes who was diagnosed with Thyroid Cancer in 2005 and currently undergoes extensive treatment as her mother's cancer has re-occurred and continues to fight to this day.

It is wonderful that our youth is setting a great example in community service for a worthy cause.

Keep up the good work Kitty. We wish you and your Mom will win the "Battle".

For more information on the Enbridge Ride to Conquer Cancer, please visit their website at www.conquercancer.ca

BACK TO THE TRACK AT THE BC SENIOR GAMES 2012



OUR CASA PRESIDENT ON THE PODIUM

By Fernanda Antonia de Pinna Ho

When the starter said “on your marks...,” I experienced a brief flashback in to my competitive years in track and field. These words were ‘music to my ears’ - I had not heard them for over 40 years and here I was getting into the starting blocks to wait for the “get set” and “go!” It was the 100m sprint, my favorite event. In 1971, I won both the 100m Hong Kong Junior and Senior Colony Championships. And I also represented Hong Kong in the Pesta Sukan Track and Field Invitational in Singapore that year in this event and also in the 200m sprint.

At this year’s BC Senior Games, I ended up getting the silver medal in my age group. My time returned was ‘way-way-way’ slower than what I had hoped for. I guess the time was as good as it could be, seeing that I only began my sprint training in the latter part of June this year and not without setbacks, sore muscles, a pinched nerve and numbness, etc... the list goes on. At one point, I could not even walk, let alone run!

After the race that evening, I stumbled onto the BC masters track and field performance standards website, and was pleasantly surprised to see that my time returned matched the silver standard set for my age group. Hey, if I can achieve the silver standard with only limited training and with so many “ailments” (I’ve never rubbed on so much Tiger Balm ointment before!), I am sure I can do much better and may even be able to achieve gold standard or better with more training time and with my “ailments” all finally under control! Yep, I am pumped and raring to go!

I also ran the 200m and did the long jump and got the silver medal and bronze medal, respectively.

Next year, it is back to swimming and doing six individual events!



A NEW MEMBER'S PERSPECTIVE OF THE PAST YEAR

By Sheldon Suen

September marks the one year from the day I stepped foot in the Sede doors as a member of the Casa de Macau Vancouver. I walked in not knowing what to expect and what experiences lay ahead of me. The main purpose for joining the Casa was for three personal reasons.

The first reason was to become closer to my mother. As with most mother and son relationships; it's built from the understanding that the son will always honour his mother and the best way I knew how to do that was to become a part of what was important to her.

Secondly, as I mentioned in my Mother's Day article, I recall many of the wonderful times I had as a child at my Auntie Lyce's home. Those memories are still etched in my heart to this day. Unfortunately, as I was finding my own path in life I lost touch with many people who saw me grow up. I felt that becoming part of the Casa would help reunite with those I still so fondly remember.

Lastly being brought up in a predominantly Asian household and most of my cultural experiences were of Chinese/Cantonese descent. My limited understanding of the Macanese part of my culture could be summed up in gambling, Ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral and those yummy Portuguese Tarts (and maybe the baked chicken on rice). However, I knew there was more to learn and joining the Casa would provide me with a better understanding of my Macanese heritage.

All three of my reasons sound somewhat selfish in it's intent but surprisingly the experiences I've received during the course of the year has enriched my life much more than I had ever anticipated.

From the first day I was introduced to the Casa to now, I am always greeted warmly by everyone. Although I was new, it felt like I was a member for years. Many people have taken their time to introduce themselves and invited me to know more about them. I have enjoyed many of the festivities and of course the wonderful food provided by the tireless volunteers in the Gastronomic Committee. I've been invited to important moments/events such as a member's First Holy Communion. In April, some of the members decided to take me out to celebrate my birthday which was a gesture that warmed my heart and also, I've had the opportunity to build a strong friendship with a member whose perseverance with having two children with Autism has humbled me and earned my utmost respect. I strive to be as good a husband and (one day) father as he is.

In my attempt to being more involved with the Casa, I have realized that there are so many members who care greatly about our community. Those who have given so much of there time & efforts for the Club. There are numerous people who have approached me and spoken to me about their thoughts and ideas about the Casa. I've attended our 'spirited' general meetings; seeing everyone's passion to contribute to the welfare of the club and of course witnessing everyone doing their part to ensure the success of every party and event. But what amazes me most - no matter what issues arise or differences of opinions we might have, they all have a common theme – the health and future of the Casa de Macau Vancouver and I am proud that I get to be a small part of it.

I am truly excited with what the next year holds!



A milestone First Holy Communion for one of our youth members.

ANNOUNCEMENT

In an attempt to update the Casa's membership list, all members are asked to promptly advise our Secretary Erica-Anne Tetzal of any changes to their contact information, address, telephone numbers, e-mail's etc. She can be reached at erica-tetzal@live.ca or by mail at the Casa address.

If there are any questions or concerns, please direct them to your Executive Committee.

Thank you!

O FUTURO NO CORRER DE UM RIO



By Joana Freitas (texto) Carmo Correia e Dreamstime (fotos)

É um dos mais badalados projectos onde Macau se insere, mas ainda há muito para saber sobre o desenvolvimento da Região do Delta do Rio das Pérolas. São nove cidades mais as duas regiões administrativas especiais de Macau e Hong Kong. A cooperação com a Região do Delta do Rio das Pérolas é a aposta do território para reforçar a integração regional e impulsionar a diversificação económica da RAEM.

Os benefícios de cooperação com cidades pertencentes à Região do Delta do Rio das Pérolas são já visíveis. “Ambos os Governos de Macau e da Província de Guangdong estão a unificar a cooperação e isso foi já importante para que esta zona do Rio das Pérolas fosse desenvolvida. Estamos já a explorar Hengqin (Ilha da Montanha), que antes era uma ilha deserta”, explicou Alexis Tam, porta-voz do Executivo de Macau.

Em Hengqin está em construção o maior parque temático do mundo e, no fim deste ano está prevista a abertura do novo campus da Universidade de Macau.

É precisamente neste local que Macau adopta uma das estratégias apenas possíveis com a cooperação entre as regiões: a expansão territorial. “Em Macau, queremos diversificar a economia e isso é difícil porque não temos terreno”, explica Alexis Tam. “Agora, temos mais cinco quilómetros quadrados para desenvolver, para diversificar a nossa economia e a nossa indústria.” O espaço da Montanha dedicado a Macau é apenas um pouco mais pequeno que a ilha da Taipa e é mais uma forma da RAEM conquistar terra ao Rio das Pérolas.

A aposta aqui é que Macau consiga mais além do jogo. “Os cinco quilómetros quadrados da Ilha da Montanha - onde vamos cooperar com Guangdong - vão servir para investir e tornar a nossa indústria mais diversificada: o parque de medicina tradicional chinesa, o desenvolvimento das indústrias criativas e industriais e a educação, com o novo campus da Universidade de Macau”, frisa Alexis Tam.

A Universidade de Macau em Hengqin – com 1,9 quilómetros quadrados -, será 20 vezes maior do que a actual infra-estrutura na Taipa, dimensão que traz mais alunos chineses, estrangeiros e dos países lusófonos.

~ article was originally published on www.revistamacau.com in their March 2012 issue



OUR CONDOLENCES



In Loving Memory

Francisco Antonio Gomes

February 13, 1939—July 15, 2012

I cannot let you grieve for me, for those who love must let me go.
In comfort, please believe I'm free, from all the pain life can bestow.

As I begin my world anew, consider not what used to be.

I'm sending happy smiles to you while I enjoy eternity.

Lord bless the home from which I came, yet brush each lonely hour away
with fond remembrances of my name, and a sunshine for a newer day.

Look to the wind to find me there, beside the hardest things you do.

I've left my love within this prayer. I'm always watching over you.



Elga Maria da Roza - Passed away peacefully at the age of 90 in Burnaby on May 29, 2012. Youngest daughter of the late Gregorio Francisco da Roza and Maria Carmelita (Campos) da Roza. Pre-deceased by brothers, Dr. Charles E. da Roza, Jose, Cesar and Henrique da Roza and sisters Marie Antonio, Cissy da Roza.

Survived by brother Leandro (Belinda Xavier) da Roza and nephews and nieces - Robert (Elna) da Roza, Larry da Roza, Maria King, Francis (Alison) Antonio, Manuel (Mary-Anne) Antonio, Teresa (Phillip) Clarke and Gerry (Danny) Tsang. Grand nieces and nephews - Amanda and Alex King, Sam, Thomas, Jacob and Emily Antonio, Matthew, Michael, Mario and Marco Antonio, Bryan, Vicky (Julio), Russell and David Clarke, and Laura Tsang. Elga was born in Hong Kong, stayed on Caine Road before the Japanese occupation, then lived on Observatory Road and Lomand Road, Kowloon. She immigrated to the U.S. with brothers Cesar and Henrique, settling in San Francisco, CA in 1961, living in the Mission district. She worked at the Wells Fargo Bank and retired in 1976 - joining her sisters, Marie and Cissy in Canada. She was known for her lovely lacy Macanese cuttings, delicious Baji and Christmas Empada. She will be greatly missed.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

On behalf of the Casa De Macau (Vancouver), the Executive Committee would like to welcome the following 39 new members:

Nellie Chan	Dominic Fung	Kit Ying Lo	Wilson Mui	Sophie Spurr
Helen Chin	Linda Fung	Clera Lobo	Shelly Pires	Melinda Warren
Lianne Chow	Lena Gutierrez	Reynold Lobo	Sonny Pires	Gisella White
Albert Chung	Tom Gutierrez	Lydia Luk	Dee Renfro	Oscar White
Blaine Clarke	Catherine Jenkins	Gerry Minato	Jim Renfro	David Yao
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From the Editor



It's almost TURKEY TIME!!!!

So with that, Summer is almost at an end. The warm weather is starting to cool, the children are going back to school and all the summer vacations are now over.

For us, the Summer came and went in an instant. We saw two amazing Casa Parties and another two 'eventful' Casa Meetings. I guess we can say the Summer was..... Interesting!

However, Fall is fast approaching and we all look forward to not only the wonderful parties our Social Committee will be hosting but the little ghouls & goblins that will soon be running amuck on Hallow's Eve. We will be giving Thanks for all the good fortune we've had over the year and indulge ourselves in Turkey. But best of all, we get to wind our clocks back an hour so we can get that additional hour of sleep.

There are so many things to look forward to

and be thankful for, so I'd like to take this time to thank everyone for all the kind words, comments & congratulations on my first issue. I am gracious for all the positive feedback I've received. I just hope this one will at least meet the same expectations as there were for the first. I want to thank all those who wrote articles for this issue. Because of your creative contributions we have a newsletter with some wonderful content.

But I'm still looking for more ideas. Please let me know what you want to see. Let me know if you want contests, crosswords/games, recipes—anything! After all, this newsletter is only going to be as good as we make it. So speak up!

This is your time! This is our "Voz!"

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