

# Voz dos Macaenses de Vancouver

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## UPCOMING ELECTIONS: MARCH 9TH, 2013

I think voting is  
so important that  
I may even vote.



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A HUMEROUS OUTLOOK ON ELECTIONS.

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### Special dates of interest:

- January 12th:  
General Meeting and "Caring & Sharing Day"  
Potluck
- February 10th:  
Chinese New Year—Year of the Snake
- February 23rd:  
Fusion Food Festa
- March 31st:  
Membership Fees are due!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Christmas 2012 has come and gone and we cherish all the fond Christmas memories, yet again.... that is, until Christmas 2013 rolls around!

For and on behalf of your Executive Committee, may I take this opportunity to wish each and every member of our Casa and your families a very Happy and Prosperous 2013!

As my term of office as President will come to its end in March 2013, this is likely my last message to you in this capacity.

I am pleased to say that our current total membership lies somewhere around 300, inclusive of voting and non-voting members. I still remember welcoming our 200<sup>th</sup> member, being none other than Charles Curry, some 13 years ago! And to this day, our numbers continue to grow.....

Re-vamping of our 1995 Casa By-laws was completed in January 2011 and can be found in our Casa website. For administrative reasons, a special resolution was passed in November 2012 to shorten the grace period for payment of membership dues from 3 months to April 1st to the date of the first general meeting in the new fiscal year (2nd Saturday in May) —this revision will be posted on our Casa website shortly.

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To state the obvious yet again – our Casa is a social club based on Macanese culture and traditions, so it is only proper that social functions with the “Filho de Macau” touch play an integral part in the life of our Casa. In the last four (4) years, our Casa has enjoyed a ton of these “Filho de Macau” social functions in our Sede, each one with a special theme, under the capable leadership and unfailing energy of Lyce d’Assumpção Rozario, and her Social Committee. These functions bring members, families, new and old friends together and the resounding success of these functions is reflected in the lightning speed in which the attendance limit is reached for each function (there is always a waiting list!), and as well, in our members’ guests at functions wanting to join our Casa “on the spot”. My grateful thanks and appreciation goes out to Lyce and the Social Committee and also to everyone who so kindly contribute each and every time to the cooking, baking, picking up goodies, setting up and taking down, entertainment, etc.

I ask this question: How many people do you know, including yourself as you read this, will willingly stay behind in the Sede after each and every function to supervise Mary-Lou, the cleaning lady and to help to clean up until 4:00 a.m. the next morning?... only Lyce...not to mention that Lyce is the first one in the Sede, arriving no later than 10:00 a.m. more often than not, for a function starting at 3:00 p.m. and never mind the countless hours of making the Hong Kong “ngai cha”, cooking and baking prior to the function, etc. Muito obrigada e uma grande abraço, Lyce! If this is not dedication to our Casa and consideration for members, I don’t know what is! And not to forget Sheldon (our Editor) who came to the Sede around mid-night on more than one occasion, long after everyone had left the Sede, to keep Lyce and Mary-Lou company into the wee hours – thanks Sheldon! Do take time to read and enjoy all the articles written about our social functions in this and previous issues of The Voz.

Thanks and appreciation also goes out to our Cultural Committee headed by Angela Gomes Renfro, our Head Chef and CCM Gastronomia Representative. Ola Angela - keep those yummy authentic Macanese foods coming – many of us no longer have the opportunity to taste these delicious comida!!!!!!

And thanks and appreciation also to our Communications Committee headed by Cathy Fung, to our Webmaster (Michael Guterres) and to our Editor (Sheldon Suen) – together they form the backbone of our Casa’s communication system, reaching out to each and every member, to the Macanese Diaspora and to the world.



**OUR CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Last but certainly not least, I wish to thank my fellow Executive Committee members for volunteering their time and effort to our Casa. Administering our Casa is definitely not “a walk in the park”.

In closing, I wish to thank each and every member for giving me the opportunity to serve as President of our Casa these last four (4) years. My tenure has not been flawless nor has it been all uphill, but I have certainly gained a wealth of knowledge from this invaluable experience. Muito obrigada and beijinhos pa todos!

Fernanda Antonia de Pinna Ho - President (2009-2011, 2011-2013)

## MEMORIES

By Tom Johnston

Late September and early October in Vancouver, begins an annual change of seasons for everyone. Summer holidays have come and gone, the children of all ages are settled back into school, and parents turn their thoughts to the sights that remind us to begin preparations for Thanksgiving, Halloween and yes, Christmas. The red and yellow hues in the trees are taking hold of the scenery along the relatively short drive to the **“OUTONO FESTA de COMIDA”** event at the Casa de Macau Club (Vancouver)’s Sede on Saturday, September 29, 2012, which was organized by our Casa’s Social Coordinator Lyce d’ Assumpção Rozario, the Social Committee and the team of dedicated volunteers.

Our CASA’S events are always something to anticipate with great enthusiasm. They are opportunities for both new and not so new members and friends to gather, reminisce, catch up with news of friends and families in the always welcoming comfort and hospitality that is unique to the Macanese people and their cultural roots. I have no direct personal roots in that community save for the hundred or more years of friendships and socializing from the time of my maternal grandparents in Hong Kong and Macau.

My recently departed mother came from a long established Hong Kong family. As a child and young adult she went to school and befriended for a lifetime, a large number of other students of Portuguese and Macanese ancestry. It was through one of those acquaintances that I came to know Lyce d’ Assumpção Rozario at the University of Hong Kong, fifty-five plus years ago. We subsequently went our separate ways only to meet up after retirement in Vancouver, Canada, as fellow parishioners of

St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Richmond. As Lyce and her husband Ricky brought me up to date on the local Macanese community, they also recently invited me to join the Casa de Macau Club (Vancouver). I have not regretted a moment of the experience.

In the thirty or more years serving my country, Canada, at home and on overseas assignments, I had never ceased to wonder how it was possible to meet up with Portuguese and Macanese people in places as far away as Europe and South America. From time to time, I managed to taste again some of the Macanese food and holiday customs my mother introduced to me, even in those faraway places. Now Lyce filled me with thoughts of all that in one place, that is, at the CASA. In every event that I have attended there was Macanese food and more. At the “Outono Festa de Comida”, there was Paella, Portuguese Stew, Capella , Balichao tamarinho, Minchie, Galinha, Curry, freshly sautéed vegetables, noodles and much more.



A FULL HOUSE



ONE HAPPY FAMILY

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There was also a cornucopia of desserts comprising of a variety of cakes, croqueiras, jellos, cassavas, puddings, trays of home-baked cookies and fresh fruits.

When I arrived at the SEDE, **the Executives** of the Club were all there to welcome the members and guests to the very attractively decked out premises. A number of senior members had been provided with volunteer transportation and were already seated in anticipation of the grand buffet that was in the final phases of preparation. Working hard were the Casa chefs, Cathy Fung, Angela Renfro, Fernanda Ho, Diana Pires, Colleen Lobelsohn, Natasha Lawrence, Teresa Cheung and of course Rick and Lyce Rozario, who is also the Hong Kong tea specialist. Judy Chua, a new member also made two desserts. All made sure that the food and desserts they prepared filled the premises with the wonderful aromas that we have all known from childhood as Macanese food. Everyone tucked in with great gusto as conversation was temporarily reduced to a munching buzz.

How could anyone possibly move after all that sumptuous gastronomy? Well, clean-up was soon accomplished and the back room was readied for Lyce's impromptu lesson on line dancing, leading on to ballroom dances and even Karaoke to provide a much needed after dinner workout. Are all those would be singers in their respective church choirs too? I know that Rick Rozario is one of them as I see him singing with the Church Choir every Sunday.

Not being a dancer or a singer myself, but doing my best to join in after a full dinner was penance enough for over indulgence at the four buffet tables, for I had consumed enough to last until the next festa. However, nobody else gave it a thought as there was no shortage of participants until close to mid-night.

That evening of fun, food, and socializing made the experience so very memorable. It was a wonderful opportunity to share and recall with deep feelings and nostalgia associated with the four times I have visited Macau as an adult, always included as a feature of visits to see my parents in Hong Kong. I can still clearly recall the Grand Prix motorcar races contrasted with leisurely walks along the Praya Grande, huge fishing nets extending out to the water, the old Cathedral ruins --- there wasn't any trace of the fabled entrance to the tunnel to Goa and the view from Penha Hill.

Not wanting to miss the next event, I paid for my ticket promptly and await with anticipation to it. **Muito Obrigado** to Lyce and all the hard working volunteers who devote countless hours of their time to making the Casa de Macau (Vancouver), the great club that it is.





## BARBEQUE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER



By Maria King

On August 6th, 2012 which was also British Columbia Day, I was invited by Senator Gerry St. Germaine to his barbeque held annually at his Ranch in South Surrey. Since he'll be retiring soon, this would be the last barbeque he is hosting at his Ranch and he want to invite all those who have supported him over the years. He also received an surprise visit from Canadian Prime Minister, Stephen Harper and his beautiful wife, Mrs. Laureen Harper. They were able to make time from their busy schedule to attend this wonderful event.

There was a photo session and I am very pleased to submit a photo for this article.

We had a nice conversation and one thing I learned is that they have a love for cats and have opened their home to foster abandoned cats and kittens and have also assisted the Ottawa Humane Society in place them. I found both the Prime Minister and his wife very personable and down to earth. They also shared with me that they are a fan of the Beatles and AC/DC.

**\*\*\*due to a confidentiality clause, the Voz is not permitted to publish the picture of the Prime Minister without the consent of the Office of the Prime Minister. Please contact Maria King if you would like to see her picture with the Prime Minister.**

## A WORD OF PRAISE TO OUR OUTGOING EXECUTIVES

By Diana Pires

Speaking about our current Executives, not only did they work hard during the time they served, but they are still serving until the incoming new Executives for the positions of President, 2nd VP, and Secretary in our Elections for the year 2013/2015 take over. They all contributed their tireless efforts to ensure the success of all our social functions.

Our President, Fernanda Ho was inundated with constant requests for her Bebinca de Leite, Pao de Leite, Cheese Toast etc. and also boasted a wonderful voice in many of our Karaoke sessions at our Casa parties.

Mickey da Roza, our distinguished 1st VP, during his 2 year reign. Mickey delighted and charmed everybody with his ballroom dancing with his fair lady.

Now to Lyce Rozario, our 2nd VP and Social Co-ordinator. Her famous dishes are welcomed with delight when presented at the buffet style tables. She also urges her husband Rick to make his much-loved Minchie and Pao Racheado.

At all of our Casa parties, regardless as to how long Lyce has been on her feet that day, she still has the energy to lead the members in numerous line dance numbers and doesn't stop until she gives way to the Karaoke singers who are all anxiously waiting to do their thing.

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They do so much and I will be saddened when they leave office. Therefore, a big **THANK YOU** to all our Casa Executives. We will need someone with big shoes to fill their places.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention some of our current Executives still serving and will be there to welcome in the new incoming Executives, our new President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary in 2013.

Our 1st VP, Cathy Xavier Fung. Cathy has many culinary talents, especially her Veggie dishes and other very delicious dishes. Needless to say, she also attends all our Casa functions and gives of her time to help with the clean up afterwards.

Colleen Lobelsohn who is currently our Treasurer, not only cooks for our events, but she is our baker extraordinaire. She piles us with many delicious goodies that make our tummies happy.

Where would our Casa be without these wonderful people, all of whom are so willing and dedicated volunteers serving our members?

I also want to mention some other people who are a part of the success of our beloved Casa like our "Youths". I dislike the term "Youth", as they are not little kiddies so I'd rather call them "Young Adults" instead.

Erica –Ann Tetzal, who is currently substituting as the Casa's Secretary also works three jobs and takes career courses while still finding time to attend our Meetings and events. She also drives her grandma Mildred Tetzal home afterwards. Bravo Erica!

Then there is Sheldon Suen, who is the Editor for our proud Casa newsletter, the "Voz", which is informative, entertaining and something I look forward to reading. Sheldon also stays behind after the meetings and parties to help with the cleanup and setting up for our next event. He is Lyce's # 1 helper!!!

And also Natasha Lawrence. She has contributed much of her time and talents to all our Casa events,. She has a family to care for, her son Braedon is barely two years old, but she devotes many hours to making desserts along with many outstanding and delicious dishes. I am her biggest fan. I am not ashamed to admit that I anxiously watch the front door for her arrival with her delectable's. Because of her, our culinary future is secure! Natasha is the daughter of Angela Renfro, our 2010 Gastronomic winner. She certainly has picked up a lot from her mom who is a fantastic cook.

I am very proud of our Young Adults. We are fortunate to have so many of them in our Casa who are willing to participate and give their time to help the Casa grow.

Our Casa is indeed very fortunate to have so many talented members who so willingly give up their time to enrich our Casa: the Executives, the volunteers who help with the cooking, baking and cleaning. All the singers and the dancers etc... May you continue to be blessed with good health so that we may all continue to benefit from your "Labour of Love" for our Casa and its members and for the rest of our Community.

## NOITE ITALIANA

By Catherine Jenkins

As a fairly new member of the Casa de Macau Club, (Vancouver), I would like to share some of my humble observations of the Club's event "Noite Italiana", which took place at the Sede on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012.

A wonderful evening to remember! Our Sede was full of members by 6:15 p.m. that evening, all ready to do justice to the tables of sumptuous food. The Eggplant Parmigiana, Linguini a la Clam Sauce, Chicken Cacciatore, Italian Pot Roast, Salsicee e Patate al Forno, Lasagna, Spaghetti Bolognaise, Tortellini Soup and much more, all never-ending, tempting and inviting. Mmm, Mmm Good ! There was ample amount of absolutely delicious food and we could help ourselves to as much as we could eat.

And then there was a whole table, full of intriguing "must try" desserts ! The Tiramisu, Cream Caramel, Mango Pudding, Italian Honore cake and cookies, plus a Gelato Bar in the other room and many other desserts all calling my name. Well, needless to say, I skipped my diet plans for that evening, that's for sure.



Dinner was just a part of the evening. The night was far from over! Oh no, for we got to line dance away, one dance after the other, led by our gracious and graceful friend, our dear Lyce Rozario. She brought along her wonderful collection of music, which not only made us want to get on our feet, but she also satisfied a couple of ballroom dancers with her selection of music for them.

Then the Karaoke singers took over and the members took turns and sang song after song. Some couldn't wait and just sang along with the person holding the microphone .

What a night !! We had so much fun! Many many thanks to our Social Co-ordinator, Lyce d' Assumpção Rozario, the Social Committee and the other volunteers, to the friendly and affable party participants and not forgetting the well-behaved children, who also contributed to a smooth and well-organised party. Our Casa members certainly enjoyed it.

I am eagerly looking forward to another such evening of great food, getting together in friendship and appreciation of one another. I am very happy and proud to be a member of the Casa de Macau Club (Vancouver). I made some wonderful new friends.

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## OLD TRADITIONS. NEW GENERATION

By Alex King

When it comes to Macanese culture and heritage, “youth” is rarely a term that first comes to mind – the distinct details of the Macanese background are crafted from the old days of Portuguese governance of the region, and spans back to an even earlier era of colonial rule. Most youth members of Macanese clubs across the globe don’t have a direct connection with Macau – typically, their membership comes from being children or grandchildren of Macanese, or being married into Macanese families. This, however, is far from a drawback – all clubs should aspire to be inclusive and open in teaching newer, younger members the distinct details of their proud Macanese heritage, as these members will carry club banners in a few short years.

As a youth member, I was unsure of what my Macanese heritage really meant until I was about seventeen. I became more active in the Casa de Macau Vancouver because I felt it was a part of my family’s history I should know more about, and was surprised by the number of youth who shared my same background and lack of knowledge. Once youth understand the intrinsic features of such a unique culture – the fusion of distinct cooking styles, the cadence and nuance of a nearly-lost language, the lineage of families that date back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century – they grow to appreciate the richness they are an important part of.



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Still, more needs to be done – at twenty-eight, I'm still a youth member, but more than ten years beyond that choice to learn more about my culture. Ideally, we should look to attract younger members who want to find their connection to the Macanese culture.

Ideas have been mentioned such as potluck nights, where youth members can bring Macanese dishes from their family – after all, every family's recipe is different (and the best)! It's also interesting to hear more members of the Casa talking to us about their lives and times in Macau and Hong Kong, bringing forward colourful stories and sharing them with a larger "family". And family tree banner or historical journal will allow members of all ages to see how all the family's in our Casa connect. These are all great ideas to bridge the new with the old and continue an ongoing legacy.

It's vital that we involve all our members in sharing our Macanese culture – the youth wouldn't have much to work from without the help and support of more established club members. With that network in place, the Macanese culture can thrive through its growing diaspora despite being far from its origins. After all, in a few short years, there will be adult members who were born after the handover of Macau and all they will have to rely on are our stories, our food, and ourselves.

## Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 Where there is injury, pardon;  
 Where there is doubt, faith;  
 Where there is despair, hope;  
 Where there is darkness, light;  
 Where there is sadness, joy.  
 Grant that I may not so much seek  
 to be consoled, as to console;  
 To be understood, as to understand;  
 To be loved, as to love;  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

~ St. Francis of Assisi

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The cutoff date for Nominations for the upcoming Elections is Saturday, January 26th.

The Positions for Nomination are President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary

Nomination Forms are available from the Executive and Elections Committee. The Nomination Form is also available for download on our Casa website at [www.casademacau.org](http://www.casademacau.org)

Ballots will be mailed out on Monday, February 4th, 2012

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## SPORTS HISTORY MADE IN MACAU

By Sheldon Suen

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 history was made in Macau. The first Ultimate Fighting Championships (UFC) Mixed Martial Arts event ever hosted in China happened at the Cotai Arena in the Venetian Resort Hotel & Casino Macao. Although this event wasn't a pay-per-view, it was shown on Fox TV to millions of viewers all over the world.

One of the fastest growing sports in the world, Mixed Martial Arts is a full contact sport that allows athletes to utilize different techniques & disciplines in martial arts such as boxing, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Muay Thai, Greco-Roman wrestling and judo. The UFC is considered the premier organization for Mixed Martial Arts. Many people see China as the birthplace of martial arts so when the UFC considers Macau as the best venue for them to host their first ever event in China, it marks a huge achievement.

During the event, the UFC showed many of Macau's beautiful landmarks such as the Ruins of St. Paul's Cathedral, the Friendship Bridge, Macau Tower and of course the Venetian Hotel and Cotai Strip. These just added to the beautiful landscape the UFC wanted to capture during their televised event.

Although there were many Asians on the fight card, only one fighter (Tiequan Zhang) was actually from China; the sport is growing and still needs time to take root in China. One of the main reasons the UFC originally wanted to come to China was to develop the talent in the region and "build local heroes". Regardless, all the Asian fighters on the fight card represented themselves well.

The UFC fight organizers were also aware that Macau has a strong Portuguese following and ensured that there would be two main event Brazilian fighters scheduled to delight the crowd.

All of the fighters expressed nothing but praise about Macau, in their post-fight interviews online and during the media events.

Also, many Hong Kong celebrities such as Donnie Yen, Daniel Wu, Selina Li Sze Wan, and Hong Kong-based celebrity model, Jessica C were in attendance showing their support for this spectacle.

Due to the success of this UFC event, I feel that it will propel Macau in to the mainstream for sporting events and potentially increase tourism to the city for years to come. It is an exciting time for Macanese Communities globally and I'm proud that I have ties toward such a wonderful culture.



UFC FIGHTERS RICH 'ACE' FRANKLIN (LEFT) & CUNG LE (RIGHT) POSING (original picture from UFC.com)

## FELIZ NATAL AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

By Lorelei Todd

It was a chilly Saturday afternoon of December 15, 2012. The children's Christmas party was slated to commence at 3:30 PM at the Casa de Macau also known as the Sede. My mum, Leonie and I arrived earlier since we wanted to place our sumptuous South African chocolate cake on the already well laden dessert table.



**MEMBERS PATIENTLY WAITING FOR THE FESTIVITIES TO BEGIN**

Our Casa de Macau was beautifully decorated by our resident artiste, Diana Pires and our Social Committee head Lyce d'Assumpção Rozario days in advance. The tables were adorned strategically with poinsettias and candles. There were strands of twinkling lights glowing merrily, which added a lovely festive ambience to the clubhouse. Oversized candy canes crossed along the blinds, while a little cheery snowman huddled with his penguin pals in the corner. Our members ambled into the Sede with their enthusiastic and excited children and grandchildren, who looked like they couldn't wait for Santa to make his presence known. Our Sede was the perfect venue for the very young and young at heart.

Lyce d'Assumpção Rozario, our Social Committee head ensured the tables were prepared with the requisite chafing dishes, plates and cutlery were placed and ready to be used by our members. Lyce is very much like the Ever-Ready bunny; she just keeps going and going! Her organizational skills once again have proven to be an asset to this Club, and its success in each and every event including this year's children's Christmas party.

I decided to take advantage of the quiet time to photograph the plethora of delectable desserts tastefully arranged on the tables. Temptation hovered like a little imp, but I managed to quell its beckoning and focused on the task at hand. Mind you, the aromas emanating from the deep fryer and the electric frying pan were enough to banish visions of sugar plums from my head permanently!

Now let's return our attention to the gourmet savouries on offer. The concept of a Cha Gordo is really a "High Tea" of sorts which makes me swoon. The choices included Empadas made by Angela Renfro, Spring Rolls, deep fried Wontons. I knew my olfactorys wouldn't fail me.



**SANTA AND HIS HELPERS HANDING OUT GIFTS**

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Our highly lauded Chef, Angela Renfro's culinary creations always lend itself to the success of our dinner parties. Angela also provided the Tacho, and Balichao Tamarinho - my other personal favourite. The beautiful butter chicken was made by Clera Lobo.

Tireless Diana Pires slogged over the deep fryer as she conscientiously fried each succulent shrimp toast, which were par excellence! Her other contribution were the spicy prawns; the recipe for which I had to glean by standing in close proximity - I really was hoping to pinch a plump prawn. But no, my tummy doth protesth too much!

Honestly, I was hard pressed to choose between the cool Cucumber sandwiches and the Ee Mein by Cathy Fung. Fernanada Ho's savoury dish was the Cheese toast for the Cha Gordo. The items for the Cha Gordo and the main entrees for dinner were positively mind boggling, but my little discerning taste buds were happy to decipher each dish from Rick Rozario's Pao Racheado to his Minchi. The always reliable comfort food of Potato salad brought by Erica Tetzal was equally enjoyed by all. I would rather sit in front of the telly watching BBC News with a bowl of lovely potato salad than a bowl of girth increasing ice-cream! Of course, I would be entirely remiss if I were to forego tasting Lyce's meatball curry and her equally fiery curried eggs. I think I may have to ensure this is available in the Celestials. However, no party is complete without these two signature curries along with her Chilcoti. Among the plethora of choices, there were platters of Ham, Turkey, Egg sandwiches garnished with pitted Olives in the midst. Sausage rolls, sweet and spicy vermicelli were also consumed.

My camera captured the multi-tiered cake plates with Coconut tarts, Coconut Agar, and lovely Rum cake complements of Lyce Rozario; the Shortbread cookies decorated in the middle with halved green and red cherries were made by Diana Pires. The lovely Bebinca and Pao de Leite were done by Fernanda Ho. Colleen Lobelsohn painstakingly made her festively decorated Lollipops in the shape of Christmas trees, which were divine, as attested by the children who all relished each of theirs. Colleen catered the party with lovely miniature cupcakes and lip-smacking lemon bars, which were the *piece de resistance* of the dessert table. Teresa Cheung brought the deliciously decadent Mango pudding. Along with the above desserts mentioned there were Mince tarts, mouth watering Stollen, and traditional Fruitcake.



**ALWAYS LOTS OF GOODIES AT THE CHRISTMAS CHA GORDO**

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My personal favourites were the two Mocha cakes placed side by side – if only I had brought a large tote! There were platters of Dates, nuts and last but not least was the Low Pak Go. The cream filled chocolates were tempting, and yes I was easily persuaded to partake of one – just one mind you.

Available beverages included hot chocolate laced with mini marshmallows added to the general *bonhomie*. Delicious Hong Kong Tea (Na Chai), a drink which I unflinchingly enjoy. Carbonated soft drinks were also available for those who prefer them and the last but not least Egg Nog.

However, the time for Santa Claus (Rick Rozario) to make his appearance was drawing close as Mrs. Claus (Lyce Rozario) successfully kept approximately 25 children ranging from toddlers to those slightly older ones sufficiently occupied. At about 4:15 PM, Santa parked his sleigh and made his cheerful entrance much to the squealing delight of the children. The young ones formed a semi-circle around Mr. and Mrs. Claus along with the colourfully garbed elf (Fernanda Ho). Gifts and candy canes were doled out to each as their names were announced much to their gleeful anticipation.

Some members who arrived earlier, left the party to attend Mass, but returned later to the festivities at the Sede. There were also many who made their way to the Christmas party after a long day's work. Everyone enjoyed the Christmas ambience and good cheer was exhibited by all present. Those who had arrived after work were quickly absorbed into the revelry after having enjoyed some sustenance. The festive fare was constantly replenished throughout the evening under Lyce's, Diana's, Angela's and Teresa's strict vigilance.

There were Christmas carols sung to everyone's heart content along with Karaoke right into midnight. Our members left with beaming smiles and feelings of being quite replete were evidence of yet another successful and lively party. Shouts of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year were heard as hugs and kisses were exchanged as the evening ended on a happy, fulfilled note.



CHRISTMAS DOWN TO EVERY DETAIL



OH CHRISTMAS TREE

**CENTRO COMERCIAL E PRAÇA AO “ESTILO MANUELINO” VÃO NASCER NA ILHA MONTANHA**

MACANESE INVESTOR & LAND DEVELOPER, DAVID CHOW

An article from HojeMacau.com

O empresário de Macau David Chow vai investir cerca de dois mil milhões de patacas na construção na ilha da Montanha de um centro comercial com uma praça ao “estilo manuelino”, num projecto de homenagem à cultura portuguesa de Macau. O projecto, denominado “Praça da Amizade”, que vai ocupar uma área de cerca de 30.000 metros quadrados de terreno, deverá começar a ser construído até ao final de 2013 e, depois, toda a obra deverá estar concluída até final de 2016, explicou David Chow à agência Lusa e à Teledifusão de Macau. “É a

primeira infra-estrutura portuguesa na China, a primeira que é verdadeira, construída de raiz e não uma cópia, tem um estilo e cultura verdadeiramente portugueses”, disse David Chow. “Queremos ideias, queremos apoio de Portugal porque queremos fazer uma coisa única, a primeira construção de estilo manuelino português aqui na China e que é também uma homenagem à cultura de Macau, ao papel de Macau enquanto ponte entre a China e os países de língua portuguesa”, afirmou.

A ideia conceptual do projecto com o qual David Chow se candidatou, em hasta pública, ao terreno na ilha da Montanha, ilha chinesa adjacente a Macau, é do arquitecto Carlos Marreiros, mas o empresário esclareceu que o projecto está ainda no início e que deverá ser edificado através do investimento de um consórcio. Além das lojas no centro comercial, apoiado por um parque de estacionamento de 1.200 lugares, o espaço terá uma grande praça, ladeada por um edifício que irá albergar restaurantes, onde David Chow também quer comida portuguesa.

O novo espaço não terá casinos – o jogo é proibido na China – e pretende ser um elemento de referência na arquitectura, possibilitando uma área de lazer para as famílias. “Não é só o jogo, quem quer jogar está a dez minutos de Macau, mas ali encontra um pouco da história de que é feito Macau porque é de cultura portuguesa e Portugal, a sua cultura, está intimamente ligado a Macau e à sua história”, considerou. Com capacidade para albergar cerca de 10.000 pessoas na grande praça, David Chow explicou que será um grande espaço para mostrar as diversas culturas, mas também para promover a cultura portuguesa que pretende ver encher a praça com regularidade.

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## OUR CONDOLENCES

In Loving Memory

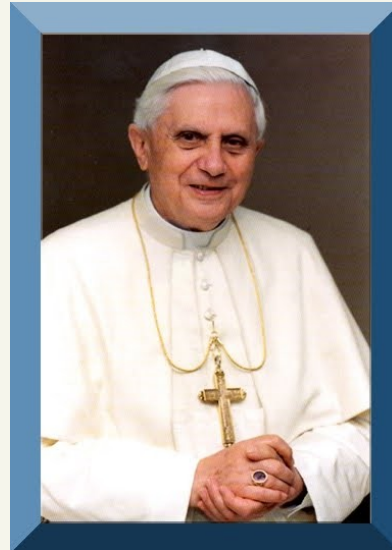
**Gilberto Eduardo Gomes**

April 27th, 1946 to December 10th, 2012

After a long illness. He is survived by his son Paulo (wife Beverly, grandchildren Dario & Xavier), and daughters Nicole & Francine.

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.*

~Revelation 21:1-4



*Christ* is not so much interested in how often in your lives you **stumble and fall,** as in how often you *pick yourselves up again.*  
Pope Benedict XVI

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**HO! HO! HO! MERRY NEW YEAR  
EVERYONE!!! HAPPY 2013!**

## From the Editor

So the end of another year marks the start of a new one. 2012 saw the unfortunate loss of some wonderful members (who will never be forgotten) however; 2012 also brought us many new members as well which is a positive sign that our Casa continues to grow and flourish.

There's been many wonderful articles written by our members about our parties and even some of the 'young adult' members have participated with articles of their own as well.

I'd like to thank those who mentioned that they would like larger lettering in the newsletter so it's easier to read. I'd also like to thank those members who said they'd like to see more Portuguese content in the newsletter. I hope that this issue meets with your approval.

Please tell me more! I want to hear from you!

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