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## Message From The President

Selamat Kawan, Kawan,

Ok-lah! How time flies; we have a new year. This is the year of the dog. You have a new board and your mama Ean is the president. I will take this opportunity to thank CK, the past president for doing a good job and the past board for keeping MASC going. I would like to especially thank Linda, Geok Hong and Lina for all their hard work.

Let me introduce your board: Vice president Sally Chong-Wong is the eager beaver biting at the bit to start. She will be an asset to MASC. Treasurer Mimi Lioe is another dynamo. MASC is lucky to have her. Our old timer Lina Ismail is back in full swing. She is our trusted secretary. She volunteered to replace our past Morgan Ling who passed away in December. Our membership chairman is Wayne Choo. He is our accountant and the brain of the group. He is a dark horse.

We have our publicity chairman Sharifah Varnum. She is MASC energizer bunny. All those e-mails are from her. She will be coming out with our first newsletter for the year. Elan

has returned for another term. He has promised to head the Deepavali festivity. This will be the first time for MASC. What an impressive board. Definitely, the next two years will be tremendously successful.

We have a lot of events planned. Check out the calendar in the newsletter. Your part and responsibility will be to attend as many as you can. Always RSVP when requested. Keep tune to your e-mail because we frequently do not have time to send out fliers. Hey! Keep up with the times-lah. This is the age of the internet and we find communication via e-mails very efficient and cheap.

We started the year with a bang by having the best Chinese New Year doodah. It was a sold out crowd. We had too much food and Chinese food too. Now, let's all work hard on keeping the momentum going. Your board works very hard to serve you without pay. So, the best you can do is to support most of MASC's activities. No members no MASC-lah. You are very important-lah.

Love & peace,  
Mama Ean

## New Event — Restaurant Tasting



Several members have requested for a monthly restaurant tasting.

We are happy to report that we are starting our Malaysian version of "Gallop Gourmet" soon.

The event will be held on the third Saturday of each month. Members will meet at a selected restaurant to have an informal dining and tasting experience in the company of friends.

Members choose whatever dish they want to sample, and handle their own checks.

Some of the suggested restaurants include Burmese and Indonesian restaurants.

All suggestions are welcomed. Food lovers, don't miss this! Check the website and your e-mail for more details soon.

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## *MASC Chinese New Year Dinner and Dance*

Members welcomed the Year of the Dog with lots of fun on February 4 at Luminarias Restaurant. About 180 people partied the night away. The new Board of Directors was introduced. Two new features, the yee sang and karaoke contest were great successes with the crowd.



### *Jottings - Editor's letter*

**W**elcome to the first issue of our newsletter for 2006

There is still a little nip in the air, and I'm sure being folks of a tropical heritage, we are looking forward to warmer days. One of the best things about spring is the splendor of the flowers.

It's the time to appreciate nature's bounty, and a great place to visit from late March onwards is the Rose Garden in Los Angeles. For rose lovers, the variety is sheer heaven. And for anyone, the colors, freshness and fragrance will light up your day. Our member Gina Soon recommends Carlsbad Flower Fields with its riot of blooms.

What is your favorite way to welcome spring or summer? Share your thoughts... or tips, suggestions or feedback in your forum, this newsletter. Contact me, or any of the board members, and we'll be all ears!

Happy Spring  
Sharifah



## Easter Picnic

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ark your calendar for our Easter Picnic on April 16.

It is one of the our most well attended events, with lots of games, prizes and Malaysian food.

It will be an afternoon of laughter and fellowship as we compete and enjoy the games including the perennial favorites such as tug of war, spoon race and water balloon. See MASC website and watch your email for latest details of our Easter picnic. See you there!



### Welcome New MASC Members



Salina Chan  
Margaret Chih  
Albert Lee  
Patrick Koh  
Debbie Tham  
Ben Kim  
Shai Nafti  
Steven Chia  
Kathleen Lim  
Chua, Kien tong  
Koay, Ah Bah

### Update your contact information

If you have changed your contact information, especially e-mail address, or wish to receive e-mails at a new address, please contact our membership director, Wayne.



### New Recipe Column

In the next issue of the newsletter, we will start a Healthy Malaysian Recipe column. MASC secretary Lina Ismail will share a favorite recipe.

### Schedule of Events 2006

March 4 - Monthly Potluck  
April 16 - Easter Picnic  
May 6 - Monthly Potluck  
June 23, 24 & 25 - Camping at Tehachapi  
June/July - Lotus Festival Dragon Boat  
July 4 - Fireworks at Rose Bowl  
August 26 - Merdeka Day Picnic  
Sept. 9 - Monthly Potluck  
October 7- Lantern Festival  
November 23 - Thanksgiving Dinner  
December 3 - Doodah Parade  
December 29 & 30 - Rose parade volunteer decorators.  
December 31 - New Year's Eve Dessert Potluck

All events are subject to change. Please check newsletter or mascusa.com for unscheduled and latest event updates.

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### Asian-American Event in California

Movie fans and those interested in social and cultural issues might be interested in the 24th San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival. It will be held in the city from March 16 to 23, and will feature over 120 films and videos from Asian American and Asian cinema.

### In Memory

It was with sadness that we learnt of the passing of our member, Morgan Hing-Ming Ling on January 20.

Morgan was born in a small town of Binatang Sarawak on June 15, 1949. He was the second oldest son. Morgan loved music, especially Elvis and the Beatles, and his dream came true when he was accepted by the University of Memphis in Memphis Tennessee, which was in Elvis' hometown.

He worked for the state of California. Morgan was a happy person who loved to help others. He loved his family, and was proud of his daughters. Our wishes are with his family.

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