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January-March 2010 Edition



Message from the President

Dear Members :

March is a month of bright and new beginnings. Spring is in the air, and in most climates the weather starts to boast slightly warmer temperatures that beckon us into the outdoors.

As the new President, I need all the support I can get. I would like to see more member participation in our events. Member participation plays a significant part in the success of our events. If you have any events or ideas you would like to share, please email me at mimilioe28@yahoo.com. Our board is working diligently to meet your needs.

One of my goals is to bring in more new members and retain the old. This can be achieved with the help of our hard working membership director Susan Yee. *Please contact Susan at siewfongyee12@yahoo.com if you have membership questions or have someone to refer.* If you know someone who strayed away, please encourage him or her to come "home". When you refer a new member, you get \$5.00 for each new member (up to \$30.00) off your own renewal the following year!

Our recent CNY event was sold out early this year. We had a tremendous turn out to celebrate the Chinese lunar year of the tiger. Thanks to our directors' hard work, member helpers and the Platinum and Silver members/sponsors.

Looking forward to see you at the next event !

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Year of the Tiger

This year's event was sold out early! More than 170 guests of all races came together to celebrate the Chinese lunar year of the tiger. It all began with the tossing of the Yee Sang salad (pictured).

The lion dance was as usual a favorite with the guests. Everybody enjoyed feeding it with ang-pows as it danced around tables. Perhaps next year we'll have two lions to entertain us. Choi Sun Yei (god of fortune and prosperity) handed out ang-pows containing lotto tickets to everyone (pictured). Wonder if there was a lucky big winner? Did you know the tiger was a Malaysian tiger? Just ask the Choi Sun Yei.

Music was provided by Sara Studio. Some of us learned how to do the Kong Xi line dance led by President Mimi and Social Director Ean. A number of joget music and dancing were going on also.

There were so many raffle prizes, restaurant gift certificates, cash, one-week stay at any world resort, and two round trip airline tickets to any Asia destination.

We would like to thank all our sponsors for their donations to make this event the best ever, including MAS, Eva Air, Yeoh Hup Seng, and our very own silver and platinum members.



Year of the tiger

2010 holds great promise for those born under this sign, with exciting developments happening for you, both personally and professionally.

Financially, everything improves this year for those born under this sign and moneymaking thoughts and ideas should be fully explored and investigated. Tigers looking for romance will possibly see a friendship suddenly develop into something more personal with exciting consequences.

August, December and January will see a very active and entertaining social calendar, but all of 2010 will see fund activities for the Tiger. The Spring months, March to May, will bring encouraging and interesting job opportunities, but the Tiger will still have to make sure he puts himself forward and gets noticed at work.

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The Lion Dance

In China, besides dragon dance, the lion dance is another popular recreation for the Chinese during their new year season. The 'Lion', which popularly exists in the Chinese culture and custom, is seemingly incredible because China does not have lions and the description of lions by the Chinese nobles derived from their imaginations.

There are many different sayings about the origin of the lion dance but none with any real historical records. One saying quoted that "Many years ago there was a lion which appeared in a small village and it caused harm to the people and domestic animals. There was a Kung-Fu expert who learnt of this and went into the forested mountain to fight the lion. He fought with the lion on three occasions but was unable to capture it. So he called up some of the villagers and trained them in Kung-Fu with the intention to kill the lion. A few months later they went up to the mountain again and finally killed the lion. The villagers, in order to celebrate this occasion, followed the steps of those who fought with the lion and thus the 'lion dance' was composed."

In China, the lion dance differed in various places, especially the appearance and the art of demonstration. In Northern China, the body of the lion was full of hair, except the head. It looked more like the real lion and they usually dance in pairs. In Southern China, the lion looked far removed from the real lion because it was made of multicolored pieces of linen. They definitely dance individually and never in pairs.



Mark Your Calendars...

March 13th

Pot Luck at Ean's residence.

Bring a dish to feed your group plus five others. This is always a fun time. Plenty of good cheer, singing, and dancing. Remember, no pork dishes.



April 4th

Easter picnic at Live Oak Park, Temple City.

Lots of food, fun for the kids, easter egg hunt, eggs painting competition, etc. Look out for announcement in your e-mail box.

May *TBA

Makan-Makan.

We will select an Asian restaurant somewhere in SoCal and gather there for dinner. We try to keep the cost around \$15 per person. If you know of a restaurant that can accommodate 25 to 30 people in a separate room, *please advise our Social Director Ean* pechong@sbcglobal.net.

June 5th

Pot Luck at *TBA residence.

Bring a dish to feed your group plus five others. This is always a fun time. Plenty of good cheer, singing, and dancing. Remember, no pork dishes.

June *TBA

Cherry Picking.

* Note :

For to-be-announce info (TBA), please follow up on www.mascusa.com
OR wait for announcement.

Mrs. Chantek's Kitchen Corner Nyonya Style Fried Rice

3 cups cooked rice
3 - 4 tbsp oil
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 ¾ oz dried prawns, pounded
5 ¼ oz prawns, shelled and diced
3 dried mushrooms, soaked and diced

Blend together:

4 shallots
2 cloves garlic
1 tbsp chili paste

Seasoning:

1 tbsp light soy sauce
1 tbsp oyster sauce
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp pepper
½ tsp sugar
Thick soy sauce (for color)

Garnishing:

2 stalks spring onions, chopped

Heat 1 tbsp oil in a kuali, add eggs. Scramble the eggs until cooked; dish out and put aside.

Reheat kuali with 1 tbsp oil and fry mushrooms and prawns; dish out and put aside.

Add 1 tbsp oil and stir fry ground ingredients. Add dried prawns and stir fry until the dried prawns begin to sizzle. Add seasoning and stir fry until well done.

Stir in rice and fry well. Return the cooked prawns, mushrooms and scrambled eggs to the kuali. Fry until rice is well blended. Lastly, add spring onions.

Serves four.

Tip:

To get best results, always use rice that is completely cold. Break up lumps of rice before frying.

Enjoy!