



Malaysia Association of Southern California

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President's Message

JULY 2011 – SEPTEMBER 2011

The MASC Annual General Meeting/Election/Lantern Festival was held on September 17, 2011 at the Temple City Park. More than one third of our members showed up to elect their new board. Unfortunately, I was sick and could not attend the meeting and mingle with our supportive members. I am very thankful to have an efficient and dedicated team to run the show in my absence. Many members also pitched in and helped. They did a fabulous job. Many thanks to Pek Ean Chong, our election chairwoman; and her committee member, Vivienne Woon, for spending numerous hours preparing the election process.

I am sure you would like to find out who is your next term board of directors, right? Well, it's the same old team except we have a new brave young member Geeng Yee Chong who is not afraid to come aboard. Thanks Geeng Yee for stepping up to the plate. We would like to thank Ping Lew, our Webmaster, for her time and dedication these past years. If you or someone you know is interested in the webmaster position, please contact either myself or any of the board members.

Thank you members for your trust and confidence in us for another term. The elected board will meet in October to plan the events for 2012. If you have any suggestion (a new activity, a new restaurant or a nice picnic area etc) we would love to hear from you.

This year's Merdeka party was held on 8/27/2011 at the same location as last year at the Garvey Community Center in Rosemead. Tickets were sold out way before the RSVP deadline. The number of attendees exceeded last year. What a tremendous turn out. Thanks to our hardworking directors for putting in endless hours towards the event. Our many thanks to the sponsors, especially Malaysia Airlines for the airline ticket; Warren Tan for the donation of cash prizes and YEO for the beverages. Last but not least, thank you to members who helped out on the night of the event. Based on the many positive feedback we received, we can say the party was indeed a success. As always, if not for members' participation and support, we would not have achieved this level of success. Please see inside page for detail of the event.

Our business network/makan/dine out was held at Noorani halal restaurant on 7/23. Over 40 members and guests attended. It's almost a year since we had the network. I hope members who are in business find the event to be beneficial. If you have any ideas or suggestions to contribute or wish to be a speaker for the event, please contact SK Ang, Chairman of the Business Committee. His email is angsk1115@gmail.com.

Coming Soon.....

Potluck/Karaoke on 10/15; Business Network on 11/5; and Thanksgiving dinner on 11/24 free to members.

Mimi Lioe

Business Networking/Makan Makan/Dinner

The Business Network Meeting and Dinner was held on July 23, 2011 at Noorani Halal Restaurant in Garden Grove. Over 40 people attended the event. The speakers were Steve Kaplan and Mimi Lioe.

Steve Kaplan spoke about the business opportunity with Max International. Mimi Lioe presented her discussion on "How to prepare yourself for a home mortgage, especially for the self employed".

After the presentations, attendees had the opportunity to mingle and networked with each other. Dinner started at about 5:30 pm and the event officially ended about 7 pm. Some members were having such a great time that they stayed and continued their conversations.

Merdeka Day Dinner, Dance and Fashion Contest

This year's Merdeka Day dinner, dance and Fashion Contest was held on Saturday, August 27, at Garvey Community Center in the City of Rosemead. We had over 130 attended the party.

Authentic Malaysian food was purchased from various local restaurants. Additional food was ordered in the evening upon demand.

We were glad to have Ms. Sofia Klof (daughter of members, Michael Klof and Rina Abbas) making a special appearance at our party. Sofia represented Malaysia in the Miss Asia/USA beauty pageant held on August 20 at Redondo Beach, California.

Most of the adults danced the night away with the music provided by our favorite DJ Sonny and Cynthia. The attendees were delighted to watch the dances performed by our members, Jerry and Christine Lee; and the Dyak Ceremonial War dance performed by our members, Steve and Winnie Kaplan.

Another highlight of the night was the Fashion Contest. We received tremendous participation from our members. Congratulations to the Queen, our Treasurer, Lee Meach; 2nd to Yvonne Leong; and 3rd to Josephine Ong-Oulevay. Also, congratulations to the King, Wayne Choo; 2nd to Steve Kaplan; and 3rd to Tony Lioe.

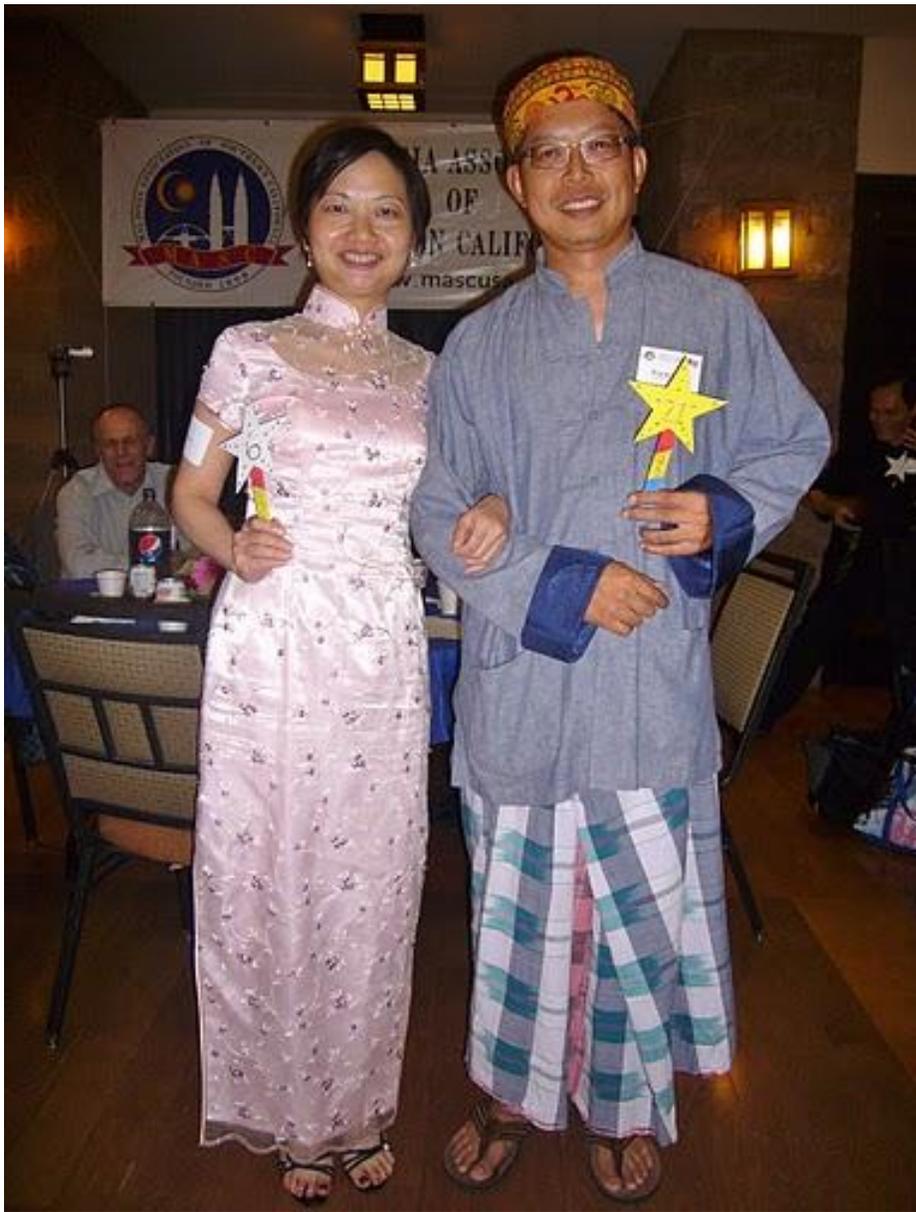
In addition to various prizes donated by our generous members and sponsors, we had a raffle on a round trip ticket from Los Angeles to Kuala Lumpur donated by one of our corporate sponsor, Malaysian Airlines. Their representative, Anne McGregor, presented the ticket to the winner, Tony Tanacsos.

The event was chaired by Lee Meach. Photos by various members (for additional photos please view in our website's photo gallery).













Annual General Meeting (AGM)/Election/Lantern Festival

The AGM/Election/Lantern Festival was held on September 17, 2011 at the Temple City Park. There were over 45 adults and children attended the event.

The AGM was chaired by our Vice President, Wee Tee Loh as our President, Mimi Lioe was absent due to an unexpected illness. The agenda of the AGM included welcome by the President; Secretary's Report; Treasurer's Report; Membership Report; Other Matters; Election of Board Members; and Meeting Adjourn.

All members present in the event participated in the election process. Pek Ean Chong, election chairwoman and her committee member, Vivienne Woon conducted the election and the results would be announced after they completed the process.

The Association purchased authentic Malaysian food from various local restaurants, including moon cakes which were bought in Monterey Park.

During the evening, children participated in a Lantern parade to display their lanterns. Prizes were given out by a three judges panel consisted of Inja Choi, Vivienne Woon, and Boon Yen.

The event was chaired by Wee Tee Loh. Photos by various members (for additional photos please view in our website's photo gallery).





WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Amanda Chen
Mike Gan
Winnie & Steve Kaplan
Lily Ng
Shaun Ng
Linda Lin
Josephine & Sebastien Oulevay
Mohammad & Naseem Rehmani
Robert & LuLu Seow
Hee Wong
Jenny Yan
Mei & Philip Yeap

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Mimi Lioe

Vice President
Wee Tee Loh

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