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President's Message

APRIL 2012 - JUNE 2012

Hello Members,

We are at a halfway point in the year and as we stretch into the second half of 2012, it is a good time to reflect back the activities from January to present and see what changes or improvements need to be made for our future events.

The turnout for our Spring/Easter picnic on April 8, 2012 at Temple City's Live Oak Park was not quite up to our expectation. Our normal turn out for past picnics was well over 60 people and 1/3 was kids. It appears that most of our members' kids have all grown up and are not interested in picnic anymore. Because of the lack of members' participation, especially kids, the Board is contemplating to replace Easter picnic with another event next year. If you have any event you would like us to organize, we would love to hear from you.

Our makan/dine out & karaoke held on May 19, 2012 at Qilu restaurant in El Monte was a blast. The turnout was good. We might consider organizing a repeat of the event in October but at a different restaurant and most likely will go with a buffet dinner.

Please mark on your calendar for the spectacular upcoming event Merdeka/Malaysia Independence Day party on September 1, 2012 to be held at the same location the Garvey Community Center in Rosemead. The traditional costume contest was well received last year so we will do a repeat of the contest this year. Those who missed out last year will now have the opportunity to participate. So, guys & gals hurry and get your best traditional outfit ready.

We have numerous fabulous prizes waiting for you.

We are looking for volunteers to help at the Merdeka party. Please call my cell 714-883-3237 or email me at <u>mimilioe28@yahoo.com</u> if you are interested. Any help you can render before or after the party will be greatly appreciated.

The Board made the decision to have a membership drive/promotion effective July 1, 2012 for new members. The promotion offer new members the following benefits:

- 1) Membership fee at \$30 covers membership due from July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013. This cover 18 months of membership if join on July 1, 2012.
- 2) Members will receive two (2) Thanksgiving dinners free. This year and next year.
- 3) Members will be eligible to pay membership price for all events until December 31, 2013. This is quite a big savings especially for our Merdeka/Malaysian Independence Day and Chinese New Year party.

Please spread the words around to your friends and family to take advantage of this promotion. You can email our membership director Les Henson at lescondecommutation. advantage of this promotion. You can email our membership director Les Henson at lescondecommutation.

Mimi Lioe

Spring/Easter Picnic

The Spring/Easter picnic was held on April 8, 2012 at the Live Oak Park in Temple City. The turnout for this event was not quite up to our expectation. However, all attendees enjoyed their favorite dishes with their fellow members. Adults and kids played various games. Everyone had an enjoyable afternoon in the park.



























Makan Makan/Dine Out/karaoke

The Makan Makan/Dine Out/Karaoke was held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the Qi Lu Restaurant in El Monte. The turnout was good and there were over forty-five (45) attendees. The event was a great success. The Board might consider organizing a repeat of the same event in October but at a different restaurant and most likely will go with a buffet dinner.





















Potluck/Karaoke Dinner

The potluck/Karaoke dinner was held at Pek Ean Chong's residence on Saturday, June 23, 2012. Members brought their favorite dishes/desserts to share with fellow members. Some members enjoyed their karaoke while others enjoyed their dancing. Everyone had an enjoyable evening on this regular event.







Members are also able to view additional photos uploaded by our webmaster Ping Lew on our official website's photo gallery.

Upcoming Events in the Third Quarter, 2012

July 4.....Hollywood Bowl September 1.....Merdeka Day Dinner & Dance September 29.....AGM & Lantern Festival & Potluck

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Susan Cardoza Su Ying (Sue) Kuo Siew Hong Tan (Tan Koi)

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