



Vancouver-Singapore Club

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Dear Members,

Summer holidays are over and we are all back to our normal routine of work and labour. The Club did an astonishing amount of activities during the summer holidays. It organised the Annual Picnic on July 12, followed by the Singapore National Day celebration on August 15 and ended with the Annual Camp from August 22 to 25, 2008. All these activities were successfully achieved and carried out through the efforts of the Executive Committee.

Now that the holidays are over, does it mean that the club packs up and goes into hibernation until the next summer? The answer is obviously NO. The Executive Committee is now planning for its next activity which has not been done in the past couple of years. This year, we are bringing to all members and their families the celebration of Christmas. This will be done by a "children's party" for kids (including grand-kids) and a dinner & dance party for the adults.

Members are required to register their kids for the Children Christmas Party.

Please email: president@singaporeclub.ca or phone: Michael Leong Tel: 604-942-6966/Shirley Wong Tel: 604-552-3369 for registration.

The attendance at the adult Christmas Dinner & Dance Party will be done by the sale of tickets for the event. You can make your ticket reservations through any member of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will continue to organise the celebration of 2009 Chinese New Year with 2 events:

- (a) Dinner & Dance
- (b) "Lo-Hei" Raw Fish

Details of these events will be announced in our next circular to you. Meanwhile, we look forward to welcome you to our Christmas events and we hope you will enjoy the celebration of Christmas with us.

NATIONAL DAY DINNER & DANCE

The Club celebrated Singapore's 43rd National Day with a Dinner & Dance event held at the Continental Seafood Restaurant on August 15, 2008. About 300 members and friends participated in this event. We were privileged to have the Consul-General of the Republic of Singapore Mr Chin Kwok Foo and Mrs Billy Foo to grace the occasion. Con-Gen Foo also invited members of the ASEAN diplomatic corps to join us in the celebration. The National Day cake was presented through the kind courtesy of Con-Gen Foo.

Singapore Airlines was as usual the Club's strongest supporter in our effort at fund raising. SIA donated an economy return air-ticket to Singapore for the first prize in our souvenir sales draw. Mr Andrew Budiman, the new Vice President of SIA attended the event with his lovely wife Su Fong.

A "Hat" dance performance by Mr Wilson Wong scored the best presentation for originality. There were also many good singers who helped to show-case songs of the 50s and 60s in their singing presentation and performance.

The Club wishes to thank the numerous sponsors for advertisements and prizes. These sponsors helped the Club to create a programme booklet that makes us leaders in this field. The Club wishes to thank Robert Chia for his tireless effort in securing the advertisers and promoters for the prizes and also to all the dedicated Executive Committee members and helpers who planned and executed the entire event faultlessly.

ANNUAL CAMP – August 22 to 25, 2008

Due to a tight time-table in the reservation process, the Club was successful in securing only eight campsites at the Alouette Lake Campground, Golden Ears Provincial Park. All these campsites were enthusiastically taken up by members and their families.

The highlight of the camp was the "Campers Pot-Luck" party held on Saturday, August 23, 2008. This popular event attracted members who were not campers to join in the party. Early in the afternoon on that day, all campsites were observed to be busy preparing the food for the "pot-luck" party. By evening time, all families converged on the campsite occupied by Michael Leong and they all brought their favourite dish along with them. The "Pot-luck" Party commenced with such a wide array of food that is almost comparable to the buffet spread found in a restaurant. The food was deliciously done by the campers and credit must be given to all the participants for their personal devotion in the preparation of the food. You can see the wide array and spread of food from the camp pictures.

The spirit of the camp was dampened and marred by the unexpected heavy rainfall on Sunday morning. Eighty percent of the campers had to break camp early due to the inclement weather. The rain did not break the spirit of Sunshine Lim, her mom, Helen and Michael Leong. They all camped through the "soaky" weather on Sunday and eventually broke camp on a clear Monday morning.

Next year, we hope to make an earlier reservation and try to pick a more weather stable weekend so that we do not have to fight the odds against Mother Nature.

EVENTS:

The "Fall" Social Night scheduled for October 18, 2008 has now been **cancelled**. It will be replaced with the following Christmas events:

Children Christmas Party

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2008
 Time: 11.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
 Venue: Dairy Queen Restaurant
 2109 East Hastings Street
 Vancouver, BC V5L 1V2
 Tel: 604 254 4914

Price: Members' Kids: Free
 Guests' Kids: \$10.00 per kid
 (Adults: Please purchase own food at DQ Rest.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. All kids must be accompanied by an adult
2. Allergies must be declared at registration

Christmas Dinner & Dance

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2008.
 Time: 6.00 p.m. – 1.00 a.m.
 Venue: Royal Dance Club & Restaurant
 #200-8040 Garden City Road
 Richmond, BC V6Y 2N9
 Tel: 604 273 9911

Price: Members: \$35.00 per person
 Guests: \$45.00 per person
 Table of Ten: \$350.00

Food: 10 course Chinese Dinner Banquet
 Music: Royal Restaurant "Live" Music
 Dance: 8.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.

For registration and tickets for the Christmas events, please contact/email the following Executive Committee:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 2008/2009

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Celebrating Singapore's 43rd National Day



The Executive Committee with Consul-General Chin-Kwok Foo and his ASEAN VIP Diplomats.



Cutting the Birthday Cake - Con-Gen Chin Kwok Foo (centre) with Mrs Billy Foo and Mr Michael Leong.



2008/2009 Executive Committee Members with the Club's Legal Advisor, Mr James Reynolds.



Our lovely reception team: (l-r) Karen Kee, Shirley Wong, Alin Kasenda and Agnes Loh.



Mr Andrew Budiman (left) VP of SIA presenting the SIA ticket to the Lucky Draw winner: Mrs Evelyn Rosario.



The Zongsters presenting their repertoire: New York, New York.



Some of the Lucky Prize Winners receiving their prizes from Mr Michael Leong: Mr Horace Bong (left), Mrs Billy Foo (centre) and Mr Robert Chia (right).



No. 1 Life Member - 94 years young Mr Kok Yen Ping.



The Kasendas at the dinner (l-r) Nadia, Alin & Ridwan.



The fascinating "Hat" dance was created by Mr Wilson Wong.

Annual Camp at the Alouette Lake Campground



Campers had an enjoyable time at the Alouette Lake Campground of the Golden Ears Provincial Park.



Preparing for the Pot-Luck Party are (l-r): Shirley Wong, Molly Yeo, Karen Kee & Helen Leong.



Karen Kee (right) cooked up a big dish for the party.



Each camp is busy preparing for the Pot-Luck Party.



Camp food had never been so good and these pictures testified to it.



Campers and members settled down to the business of eating the best camp food in Vancouver.

