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### \*\*\* AUGUST 2019 BULLETIN \*\*\*

Despite being summertime (♪ *and the living is easy* ♪) and many of our members being on vacation etc. our Casa organized two notable special events in July:

#### **1. MAHJONG CONTEST**

This took place on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Clubhouse. Florinda Grenning was crowned “Mahjong Queen” with Teresa Xavier, Pandora Ng and Angie Malig coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> respectively. There were 16 contestants and, no doubt, each contestant was vying very hard to win bragging rights as the Champion!! It was all in good fun. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the participants.

#### **2. COOKING COMPETITION**

At lunchtime on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> a fragrant aroma floated across the clubhouse and filtered all the way to the elevator lobby. The judges, Cintia Do Serro, Cecilia Conceicao and Humberto de Carvalho had a challenging task in deciding the winner. All the dishes were equally “*oi di sabroso*”, but there had to be a winner. In the end, Virginia Sanchez, aided by her helper Jose (Zito) Rodrigues, took the honours, followed by Micaela Xavier Howell (with her husband Bill as helper) and Zinha Guilherme (assisted by Ivone Carion). The winning main dish and dessert were *Porco Balichão Tamarinho and Coqueira*. Virginia and Zito will be representing our Casa at the finals to be held in Macau during the Encontro. A special thanks to all the contestants and judges.

#### **CATALOGING AND RE-INDEXING OUR LIBRARY’S BOOKS**

Isabela Rittinger and Laura Doi are in the process of updating an inventory of all books and publications in our Casa’s library and having them re-indexed. Our grateful thanks to them for volunteering their time and efforts.

## **SOMETHING FOR OUR YOUNG AND ALSO FOR OUR SEASONED MEMBERS**

Isabela is a workhorse as far as volunteering for the Casa is concerned. She has two other projects going on: one aimed at youths, not only from our Casa, but also from other worldwide Casas while the other is directed towards our seasoned members.

### **A. INTERNATIONAL MACANESE YOUTH FORUM**

By clicking on this link: [www.macaneseyouthforum.com](http://www.macaneseyouthforum.com) you will be transported to a website that would enable you to connect with other youths who are members of other Casas. This would give you the opportunity to reach out and exchange views and information with youths who share a mutual culture, tradition, background and heritage.

### **B. A RECORD OF OUR PAST**

A project will be undertaken to record and consolidate personal stories of our Macanese members with emphasis on what their lives were like in the “good old days”. If you are interested in contributing to this endeavor, please contact Isabela at 289-923-3175 or [Isabela.rittinger@rogers.com](mailto:Isabela.rittinger@rogers.com). She would certainly be delighted to hear from you.

## **ENCONTRO UPDATES**

The registration dateline has passed. Over 70 of our Casa’s members have registered to attend this year’s Encontro to be held in Macau in November. Unless the Board has any news or information pertinent to the general membership, henceforth only those who have registered will be kept informed of any news, information and updates.

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **MONTHLY 1<sup>ST</sup>-THURSDAY SOCIALS**

The next Social will take place on September 5<sup>th</sup> and the menu will include roasted pig, “*cha*”, curry fish and vegetables.

### **September 22, 2019 (Sunday) – Lunch followed by Bingo (Members only)**

Time: 1:00 p.m.      Venue: Clubhouse      Lunch: menu to be announced

Cost: \$3:00 per person – bingo cards extra

Deadline for registration: September 17, 2019

### **30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER GALA**

October 11<sup>th</sup> (Friday) – Our Casa will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a sumptuous Chinese Banquet at Casa Victoria Fine Dining (Warden and Highway 7 in Markham). Further details will be sent to members in due course.

**November 2, 2019 (Saturday) – Remembrance Mass/Afternoon Tea (coffee/tea & pastries only) (Members only)** Details to be announced.

**December 5, 2019** (Thursday) – **1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Social & mini X'Mas celebration**  
Details to be announced. Due to the Encontro, this year's Christmas party will be on a smaller scale than last year's.

**January 18, 2020** (Saturday) – **New Year Celebration**  
Details to be announced.

**February 22, 2020** (Saturday) – **AGM and Cha Gordo (Members only)**  
Details to be announced.

Unless otherwise mentioned in this bulletin, all enquiries and registrations for social events are to be directed to:

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## **SNIPPITS/REMINDERS**

You may recall that in our previous bulletin there was a call for volunteers. Regrettably, there was no rush of members breaking down the door!! The call is being repeated. There are a couple of big events on the horizon and to a large extent, their success depends not only on the organizers, but also on the volunteers. So, please roll up your sleeves and make your contribution to our Casa.

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## **REGULAR ON-GOING EVENTS**

### **Tai Chi (Members only – free)**

Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Monica Alves [905-887-9408](tel:905-887-9408) or [1monman@rogers.com](mailto:1monman@rogers.com)

### **Mahjong (Members only – free)**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays (during Socials – 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

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### **Table Tennis (Members only – free, but charges apply if participant requires coaching)**

Fridays – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Sundays – 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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**\*\*All events/activities are subject to change/cancellation due to circumstances beyond our control\*\***