



# Casa de Macau Cultural and Recreational Centre in Ontario

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## Newsletter No. 3/2021

Dear members,

In this third Newsletter, we are pleased to announce the following:

- 1. Clubhouse.** We are closely monitoring the pandemic situation in Ontario. Although there is a reduction in the number of cases compared to that from some months ago, the clubhouse is not considered adequate for full operation yet. Members of the Board and Clubhouse Committee took the opportunity to go through and inspect our facility and surrounding public areas, and they were found to be well-maintained and kept clean. Casa's previous Board purchased an amount of PPE which can be used when the clubhouse is open, after a thorough and deep clean-up. Both washrooms on the floor were renovated last summer 2020 and they looked very clean. We made additional suggestions for improvements to the public areas at the Building Corporation AGM held on August 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Bingo.** Some of our members had a lot of fun with online Bingo for the past 2 months and were very excited with this new format of playing Bingo via Zoom. As a result, all the players agreed to have this game extended one more month (2 sessions) of Bingo. The dates are September 1 and 15, at 3:00 p.m. Current participants will remain on our list; however, we are extending the invitation again to other Casa members who may wish to join this time around. As we still have a few bingo cards left, interested members are requested to contact Telma to register ([cdm2021.brito@gmail.com](mailto:cdm2021.brito@gmail.com)).
- 3. Entertainment.** After Casa's September bingo games, we plan to organize more fun games. Members are asked to provide ideas and suggestions, and to contact any of our directors or Telma.
- 4. Christmas Party.** Although this is considered one of the most important celebrations in our community, we still need to place a temporary hold on our agenda due to the uncertainties of the pandemic. At our next Board meeting this Fall, based on the status of the pandemic, we will re-visit this issue and, if the Board approves, a survey will be sent to members to find out if they wish to participate in this event. Details will be provided in the survey as to how it will be organized and held. Results from the survey, and a sufficient number of favourable replies, will determine whether we could plan and organize the Christmas Party.
- 5. Board of Directors/Committees.** A few months ago, we received 2 resignations, namely: Micaela Howell (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President) and Cristina Cordeiro (Book-keeper). As a result, Zito Rodrigues has been appointed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President position. The Board invited Robert Chan to be our new Treasurer, which he accepted. Congratulations to Zito and Robert for their new roles. Since Robert has an accounting background, the Book-keeping position is eliminated.
- 6. Fundação Oriente Bursary Program.** For the school year 2021-22, we received 2 candidates applying for Bursary. They are Giulia Pound and Isabela Rittinger. The Board will issue the required recommendation letters, together with these applications, to Fundação Oriente for their review and consideration.
- 7. Casa's Clubhouse Insurance.** In the past, Casa's insurance policy was registered under an "Ontario registration number" and not under Casa's official name as registered with the Ontario's Ministry of Government Services. This already created a problem with the previous Board when the insurance company issued a refund cheque which they were unable to deposit. Also, our Board found a "grey area" in the coverage of Casa's units as stated in the policy agreement. To avoid future banking and legal issues, we negotiated with the insurance broker and successfully amended the insurance policy to reflect the correct clubhouse name and the units covered by the policy. Effective immediately, the insurer name is "Casa de Macau Cultural and Recreational Centre in Ontario" and the units covered by the insurance are PH39, PH50 and PH51, and not just Unit PH39.

Best Regards,

The Board of Directors