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President's Message

Dear Members & Friends:

We hope the summer has brought you many enjoyable activities and we look forward to providing you with more fun-filled events the next few months.

Club Events. In just less than 2 weeks on Sept 24th, we will be hosting an introduction to lawn bowling at the San Francisco Lawn Bowling Club (SFLB), Bowling Green Dr., Golden Gate Park. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about the game that so many of our filhomacs have been playing for generations. No experience required, just come in your flat rubber soled shoes and have fun. Not too late to sign up now, please call in your reservations today. Other upcoming events include our Halloween Costume Party on Oct 29th at the MCC with a Cooking & Portuguese Phrase learning class on the same day. If you have a particular Macanese recipe you would like to learn please mention it when you call in for your reservations to be considered. Let's see everyone young and old dressed in their best fun or scary costumes and win a prize for the best voted costumes. At the MCC the week after on Nov.6th, we are also holding an "Old China Hands Reunion" function. This would be the perfect time for all our elders all around the globe who have fond memories growing up in their Shanghai or China days to meet again and share stories. All are welcome to attend. Please make your reservations by Oct 5th. To end the year, our most attended function is always our Annual Christmas Party for the entire family which will be held on Dec 10th once again at the San Mateo Elks Lodge. Please sign up early for this event which is filled on a first come first served basis and always a sellout. If there is an event you would like to see in 2012, please drop us an email so we can try to include it in our 2012 calendar. Our proposed trip for 2012 is Portugal in October. This is in the planning stages with Braga Travel and Casa de Macau Toronto; details to come.

Macau Cultural Center (MCC). Our building is now occupied and in use. Hall Rentals are available for events. Please help support our heritage and culture and be part of our "2011 Friends of MCC" with your donation of \$100 or more. Details on page 15.

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2011 Calendar of Events

Sat, Sept 24 11am-3pm: Lawn Bowling Social. SF Lawn Bowling Club, Golden Gate Park. *Join us for an introduction to lawn bowling and lunch all for just \$10 per person. For those with experience come share your special gieto and keep our HK-Mac traditions alive! Best of all it has the 3 B's ... Bom, Bonito e Barato! For directions & more info visit <http://www.sflbc.org>*

11:00-12:15 Intro to Lawn Bowling

12:15-1:00 Lunch Break

1:00-3:00 Afternoon Session

All you need to bring is yourself and some flat trainers, sneakers or tennis shoes. For add'l info please contact Kirk Harper (415) 260-1262 or email m_roliz@yahoo.com and mail in your payment check to: Lusitano, 582 Market St # 1905, S.F., CA 94104.

Thurs, Oct 20 11am: Macau Arts Culture and Heritage Institute will present a program on former Portuguese Goa at the San Leandro Main Library, 300 Estudillo Ave., San Leandro, Free Admission. Guest speakers: Antonio Jorge da Silva and Filomena Giese. Please contact Art Britto at (510) 813-6116 for add'l info.

Sat, Oct 29: Halloween Party & Cooking Class, MCC, Fremont
Come in your best costume and learn some Macanese cooking and Portuguese phrases from 3-9pm.

Sun, Nov 6: Lusitano Old China Hands Reunion, MCC, Fremont
This is the day many Lusitano members and others should be thinking about. A very informative and enjoyable Sunday from 11am-8pm to be held at the Macau Cultural Center in Fremont, CA & Mayflower Seafood Restaurant, Union City, CA. For only \$45, a home cooked Macanese lunch, a Chinese Banquet Dinner and registration are included; or \$10 for registration without meals just to come socialize. The main attraction will be the opportunity to meet up with friends from China that you have not seen in 10-45 yrs. For further info email 2011OCH@gmail.com

Sat, Dec 10: Annual Christmas Party, San Mateo Elks Lodge
Santa Claus, dinner & dancing 6-11pm for the entire family.

If you need a ride to any of these events please advise in advance and we will try to arrange for a ride with one of our volunteers. Likewise, if you are available to offer a ride to a fellow member to any of the above events please let us know.

Cooking Class

Learn how to make a Macanese dish and some Portuguese phrases

Time: 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Cost: \$5.00

Portuguese Lessons

Halloween Party!



**Dress in your favorite costume!*

*Games, prizes & food
will be provided**

Time: 5:00 to 9:00 pm

Cost: \$8.00

Lusitano Club of California

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2011

Location: Macau Cultural Center

109 "J" Street (corner of Niles Blvd.)

Fremont, CA 94536

FREE FOR CHILDREN 5 & UNDER

Please RSVP by October 20, 2011

**And let us know if you are going to attend both
events or just a particular one.**

*RSVP to Annie Puska (925)864-1220 or
puska24@hotmail.com*

**Please make checks payable to Lusitano Club
and mail to Lusitano, 582 Market St # 1905,
San Francisco, CA 94104**



**LUSITANO 2011 OCH REUNION
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH 2011
MACAU CULTURAL CENTER
109 J St. (corner of Niles Blvd)
Fremont, CA 94536
11AM-5PM**

REGISTRATION 11AM -2:30PM
(Mandatory & nonrefundable) \$10 _____
Attire: Chinese theme suggested

Meals optional:
MACANESE LUNCH 12:30-2:30PM \$10 _____

**MAYFLOWER SEAFOOD RESTAURANT, 34348
ALVARADO NILES RD., UNION CITY, CA 94587
CHINESE BANQUET DINNER 5:30-8PM \$25 _____**

NAME(S): _____
Grew up where in China: _____
Address: _____
E-Mail: _____ Tel: _____

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: October 5th 2011

Check options attending and mail total payment to:

LUSITANO 2011 OCH

**Attn: Lucille Figueiredo, 1406 Hancock Ave.,
San Mateo, CA 94403**

Bus transportation from San Francisco/San Mateo to MCC in Fremont will be \$30 (RT). Reservation and fee to be paid in advance. Hotel will be at the Crown Plaza, Union City (3 miles away) at a cost of \$89 plus tax per night. Call 510-489-2220x5226 (Mark). Free shuttle from Oakland airport (Call ahead). Side tour on November 5th in S.F. area. If interested check here (). Details to follow. For inquires email 2011OCH@gmail.com. If you want to display or sell contact: dorothy.oliveira@myastound.net

LUSITANO CLUB OF CALIFORNIA

PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011 6 - 11 P.M.

San Mateo Elks Lodge

233 W. 20th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401

(Enter from right side of building)

No Host Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres 6:00pm

Christmas Caroling/Santa 6:30-7:30pm

Dinner Buffet 7:30-8:45pm

Magician Act 8:45-9:45pm (Children's area)

Raffle/Prizes 10pm

Dancing 8-11pm

Cost

\$28.00 Lusitano members (ages 19-61)

**\$10.00 Lusitano senior & youth members
& children ages 5-12 of current members
(children 4 & under free)**

\$20.00 children of non-members (ages 5-12)

\$38.00 non-members

**(Don't forget – Santa will need names/ages of children when
you RSVP so he can bring them a gift from the North Pole)**

RSVP by November 18, 2011 to

Tila at (415) 661-3027 or email m_roliz@yahoo.com

Mail checks to Lusitano, 582 Market St #1905, S.F., CA 94104

Casino Day Trip

By Sheila Jun

“Race to riches” ... Red Hawks theme!

That’s what most of the 50 early risers were hoping for on June 25th, as they boarded the bus for Placerville. En route we were treated to delicious buttery pound cake. Unfortunately the coffee thermos met with demise.

Air-conditioned bus, smooth ride ... good company got us there. Upon arrival, we all got our food and gambling coupons. Then headed for “chow down” at the various ethnic restaurants. Most chose “The Waterfall Buffet” to leisurely sample the variety.

Then members hit the Casino and spread themselves between the game tables and the slot machines. This Casino was really geared and set up to entice you for gambling. Whatever it lacked in amenities IT made up with the continuous Happy sound of “KA CHING”!!

A note of admiration and joy to observe the tenacity of Aunt Amelia at the age of 90 as she did her rounds of buffet, good luck at the slots and an ice-cream treat. Lots of us smiling like her boarded the bus homeward bound, noticeably with “all shirts still on our backs”!!! Very enjoyable day, Thanks to our Directors / planners. Feedback is welcome. It’s the best way we can select an event and location to best suit you...

Look forward to booking early next year ... with another Full bus once again we go!



Annual Picnic

By Virginia Yoshida

When is it OK to have your cake and eat it too?

Where else would you be feted to a birthday celebration enmasse?

At the Lusitano picnic of course! Friends and family joined their voices in chorus to serenade to our July babies - Amelia Maher, Robert Roliz, Barbara Vas, Brenda Oliveira, Sheila Jun, Luis Maher and Jaclyn Aquino. Not surprising that the entire Beresford Park focused their attention on our crowd of 180+ strong Lusitanians crooning "***Happy Birthday to you***" – Ode to Joy can't touch us!

All the Best again to our July birthday members who honored us with their presence.

Without digressing about the usual lovely weather, beautiful people, great food, our culinary team exceeded themselves again this year. In addition to the usual BBQ menu, we got a taste of some shrimp-on-the-barbie, satay (spicy and not) and haupia with toasted coconut flakes topping. For us filo-macs, tis all about good food and lots of it + good company = fun times!

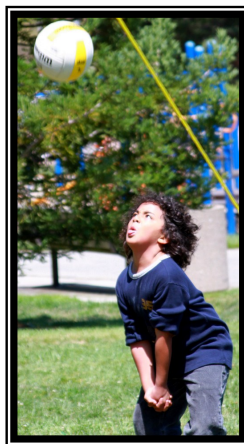


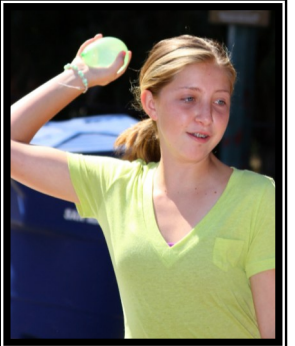
Now for the fun part – our children had a field day (literally) – all 28 of them. They had a blast - after the egg/spoon race, the 3-legged race, the race/race – they were exhausted! Hot hot is hopping around in a burlap sack race – too hot but fun! How cool is popping water balloons on a hot day – too cool and lots of fun! Everyone came away a winner – because there were lots of prizes - Congratulations to all our future Lusitanians with their accompanying cheerleaders –

Danika Xavier	Dad Derek, Grandma Brenda, Great Gran Nena
Madison Xavier	Mom Erin, Grandma Brenda, Great Gran Nena
Rachel Xavier	Dad Stephen, Grandparents Alex & Maureen
Isabella Xavier-Young	Mom Melissa, Grandparents Lulu & Jojo Xavier
Joseph & Jezenya Xavier	Parents Mike & Jessica, Grandparents Robert & Alda
Kenleigh Tom	Grandparents Victor & Anita Wong
Brendon de Souza	Parents Bryan & Pinna, Grandma Marie “Cookie”
Jayden Cruz	Mom Kim and Grandma Irene Thompson
Sierra Maher	Mom Leticia & Grandma Amelia
Marcel Britto	Mom Michelle and Grandma Rita
Marisa & Marco Segovia	Mom Raquel and Grandparents Luiz & Manuela Sequeira
Jordan, Mariah & Micaela Demee	Parents Mark & Debbie and Grandma Camilla (nee Boisseree)
Jada Hines	Grandma Virginia Yoshida
Justyce & Julian Silmon	Uncle Robert Roliz & Auntie Maria Roliz
Jeanette, Jaclyn & Mia Aquino	Mom Paula and Grandma Dorothy Oliveira
Marissa & Victoria Oliveira	Grandparents Brenda & Victor
Maribel Gonzalez, Mayra and Enrique Monreal	Gaurdian Joanna Allen
Isaiah Roliz	Godfather Leo Xavier

Except for the club’s banner event at Christmas, the picnic is a very close second insofar as turnout. Just about who’s who on

our membership roster showed up – love seeing all you Lusi fans! Thanks for coming out to support our Club! If you are a July baby, we would love to celebrate you at our 2012 picnic – so please come and join the fun – we promise to have cake and candle at the ready!







Russian River Canoe-Camping Trip

By Nuno Prata da Cruz

At a location approximately 75 miles from San Francisco, the Lusitano group spent August 12-14 exploring the wonders of the Russian river. As many of you may already be aware of, this area of Sonoma county is famous for its numerous fine wineries (250 at last count), gigantic redwood trees (some reaching up as high as 200 feet) and the natural wonders of the Russian river.

While the bulk of the 60 participants set out for approximately 7 hours to explore and navigate the relatively placid waters of the river, some stayed behind in camp to guard the facilities and to prepare macanese dishes for the night's chow. A few went out wine tasting around Guerneville. As for the aquatic caravan, at times there were 18 canoes tied together floating down the river in the shape of a giant serpent. Part of the water excursion included rest stops along the banks of the river for a picnic, swimming, water fights and diving into the waters of the river from 50 ft high rock formations. Those who went to town to sample fine wines were not disappointed by the high quality of the most recent wine harvest. Sonoma county wines are an integral part of the annual 2 billion bottle California wine production.

Due to conflicting schedules the group this year was not as large as in previous years, but many have already vowed to assemble with a larger group next year at the same location for another run at the river. Mark your calendars for July or August 2012 and bring your kayaks, canoes and life jackets should you not wish to use the ones provided by the rental facility.





Macau Cultural Center

By Maria Roliz, MCC President

Since the Inauguration of our Macau Cultural Center in May 2011, we are pleased to advise both our retail spaces are now rented out and rental income is starting to come in to cover the annual maintenance expenses of our building. The smaller space is leased to the Niles Ice Cream Shoppe who is currently waiting for the City permits to open; and the larger space to the Fremont Arts Association (a 501(c)3 organization that has been in existence in Niles District for the last 30 years) which has opened since July 1, 2011. Niles Yoga continues to hold yoga classes 4 times a week in our conference room; and our ballroom has been rented out for weddings, birthdays, and other events. Please think about using our hall for your future events. Special member rates offered.

We recently also received a total settlement of \$34,123.34 from Charles Schwab for the the investor class action law suit on our 2009 investment loss which has finally brought us back to a positive account balance. To help pay off our renovation loan and meet our annual \$5,000 Casa

pledge to MCC, we continue to seek your financial assistance. All donation amounts are greatly appreciated; and for all donations \$100 or more your name will be engraved on a plaque in our lobby to be remembered for generations to come as the "2011 Friends of MCC". Please make checks payable to "Macau Cultural Center" and mail to Lusitano, 582 Market St # 1905, S.F, CA 94104. Thank you for your continuous support in preserving our heritage.

Please note due to a date conflict of the Niles Antique Show, our Aug 28th MCC Patua event has been postponed to a later date.



Advertisements

2011 SPECIAL BALLROOM RENTAL RATES

The **Macau Cultural Center** is offering special rental rates to celebrate its grand opening. For Casa members, a flat fee of \$400 per day and for the general public, a flat fee of \$600 per day. Please contact Maria Roliz for details and to book your event at (415) 990-5534 or m_roliz@yahoo.com



*MCC Rental flyer
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download from
www.lusitanousa.org*

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Scholarship Essay

GROWING PRIDE

By Mariah Chinchilla (Age 18)

Recipient of the 2011-2012 Lusitano Scholarship Award

Whether it was during your elementary school days, your teens, twenties or even thirties, do you remember pondering whom the love of your life was going to be? The thought, “they can be anywhere in this world” must of crossed your mind just once. Sometimes I wonder if my very own parents had thought the same when they were young. I also wonder if they ever imagined it to be true. My father was born in El Salvador in 1964. He grew up the traditional Latino way (traditional as in not speaking a word of English) until he was five when his family moved to the Bay Area. My mother was born and raised in Hong Kong in 1967, and moved to California when she was eight. They met during their twenties, neither of them knowing each other’s backgrounds. Who would of thought that they were from opposite sides of the world? Together my parents were fast, fun and always the life of the party. However, don’t let my sugarcoated story fool you. As you can imagine Latino and Asian marriages aren’t necessarily a commonality. But as most love stories go, my parents, Nelson and Scala eventually fell for each other and that is how my brother, sister and I were born into this world. The Chinchilla’s are a mix of Salvadoran, Spanish, Mayan, Portuguese, Filipino and Chinese blood. Now at the age of eighteen, and with all the support of my family and organizations like the Lusitano Club I have come to embrace it and wear all of my flags with pride.

At school I was always asked what nationality I was. Each time the question was asked I would list all of my races with confidence. Assuming by my oval face and Asian eyes, it shocked them when I spoke Spanish. The only problem was even though I do speak Spanish, and I can name most authentic Chinese and Portuguese dishes, I never gravitated toward any one cultural clique or group like most teens do. At my high school students stuck to their own groups, naturally they were the groups in which they looked like. There was a “B Wall” for the Latinos, a

“Senior Hill” for the upper classmen, but to the right of Senior Hill were the Asians and then next to them were the Blacks. I was always a wanderer because I enjoyed people of every culture and color. This was because growing up I went back and forth between my two sides of my family. Ever since I could remember we always spent two Easters, two Thanksgivings and two Christmas. Despite the love I have for both sides of my family, I always found it difficult to feel completely comfortable with either. Each family gathering I felt as if I had to exhibit a different personality in order to fit in. In some cases this could be somewhat of a struggle and at first it was difficult for my siblings and I. We would pile in the car for the long rides to San Jose where my aunt lived to meet with our Salvadoran side. I spent a lot of time playing and joking with my cousins, they are older than me by a combined eight years. Despite the age differences, they were always fun and made time for us. But because of the age difference I could always expect a good lecture. My grandmother, grandfather, father and aunts always encouraged education and were a driving force in my motivation to go to college. During the time my grandparents decided to come to America, El Salvador was involved in Civil War. They saw first hand how dreams of opportunity and education were suppressed in their country. My grandmother came to the States first, scouting the Bay Area for a stable job and a place to live. They experienced not having the opportunity to succeed in El Salvador and they did not want any of the children of the family to lose such a profound opportunity either.

Chinese food is the staple of my relationship with my mother's side. When the time came to see my mother's side we would always meet at one of our favorite Chinese/Cantonese cuisines or we would gather at the Annual Picnics or Christmas Parties that the Lusitano Club sponsored. At these functions the adults and children often separated, and gave the children plenty of freedom to run and play with the other children. I would play with other kids whose parents would be my mother's cousins and friends. However, the most fun I had was contributing to and being apart of the Annual Christmas Parties. I recall my father volunteering to play the role of Santa Claus one year. The following year I remember helping my mother pick out all of the toys the club was

going to hand out for the children of next years' Christmas Party. Contributing and being involved with the club in this way has had a definite impact on my life. It is at these events I experienced the loving and acceptance of the Macanese culture. In a literal sense, our culture is the result of Portuguese soldiers being stationed in Macau and falling for the lovely Chinese women. It is no wonder I received the disapproving looks of my peers when I told them my race. We are mixed by nature, therefore making our culture one of the most accepting and compassionate people I have ever encountered. Because of the Lusitano Club and my Macanese culture I have struck a balance in my life.

Now I am nearly a ten-year veteran of the Lusitano Club. At eighteen I am constantly asking my mother, aunts and cousins for recipes so I can take a little piece of my culture to school with me. Because of clubs like Lusitano, I am a member of the United Immigrants of Dominican University, Kapamilya, and Rotaract Club of Marin. Lusitano has been an influence on my ability to communicate and appreciate people of all different walks of life. Through these clubs I network and meet people with similar backgrounds as me. In turn, this allows me to share my special Macanese, and Salvadoran heritage with them. Without the motivation and creativity from my father's side along with the acceptance, compassion, and love from my mother's side and all the support I have gained from the Lusitano club I would not have decided to go to college and further my education.

Presently I am a sophomore studying Communications at Dominican University of California. In my junior year, I plan to spend a semester in New York working as an intern at NBC Universal in the Affiliate and Marketing Department. Without the support of both sides of my family and the correspondence, and people skills the Lusitano Club has stimulated me with I would not stand here ready to take on the world as I do now.



McDougall Award for Young Writers

MY TRIP TO MACAU

By Nailah Harper-Malveaux (Age 13)

Winner from the 12-18 age group

Going to Macau really was a learning experience and a cultural shock for me. I went for the *Encontro das Comunidades Macaenses*. During this amazing experience I learned a lot about the culture of the Macanese, a part of my ancestry. As you may know, the Macanese heritage is known to “save face”. We encountered this all over Macau. People do not want to be seen getting mad, which Americans have no problem showing. When we were heading from the airport we got a cab. The driver barely tried to put our suitcases in his cab, when he decided they were not going to fit. He took our bags and put them in the middle of the road. My mom was mad, but didn’t show it because she wanted to fit in with the culture of saving face.

Another culture of the Macanese we found out later was the hurry to get places. Many places like the airport and customs there were many people shoving just to get past. Many got in front of us in line. One time in customs I actually got really sick. We were heading to a part of China where you were free to shop. In line I started to throw up. My mom got out a plastic bag and I threw up in that. We decided to keep going since I was feeling relieved. During that day I rested at a KFC. My mom told me about how they had to bargain while shopping. Many store owners took one look at foreigners and tried to rip us off, but we bargained them down to a reasonable price. That was a crazy day.

In Macau, we noticed that the conveniences of America were not there. One thing we take for granted in America is clean water. We could not drink the water from the tap. We had to drink bottled water from brands that we knew. Sometimes we had to bring our own toilet paper for public toilets. The toilets in Macau were very different. Many could flush but were not above the ground. That aspect definitely strengthened my thigh muscles! We had many great experiences in Macau. My mom did a half marathon. On one side of the street were the runners and on the other were the cars. Sometimes it was difficult to breathe because

of the car exhaust, she tells me. We also saw performances from Macanese dancers, musicians and singers. They did traditional Macanese dances in traditional garb. We also saw many traditional Macanese buildings. We went to see this church that was burnt down, leaving only the stone front intact. We learned that the Catholic Church was very prominent in Macau. The Portuguese brought it over to Macau, a colony of Portugal. I also got to get a traditional Macanese dress made just for me. I got to pick the fabric and the style. I had a great time getting to know Macau.



I learned a lot through my experiences in Macau. I learned about my heritage and where I am from. I got to meet new family members I had never known. The experience made me proud to be Macanese and to be American. I saw that my Grandma grew up in humble beginnings and how much courage it took to come to America. She had to start all over. I know where my Grandma gets her spirit and her strength: the Macanese.

President's Message ... continued from Page 2

Macau Youth Encontro. Macau will be hosting another Youth Encontro later part of this year or in 2012. If you would like to be considered and represent Lusitano for this trip, please contact us now. Three youths were previously picked from each Casa worldwide to attend the last 2009 Macau Youth Encontro with travel and lodging expenses paid for during the 10-days trip by the Macau RAEM government and returned with many memorable experiences. It has not yet been determined whether Macau will be paying for 1, 2, or 3 youths to attend at the moment. As soon as firm details are received our interested youths will be informed.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Sincerely, Maria C. Roliz, President

This and That

CLUB DE RECREIO

By Armando “Pinky” da Silva



Club de Recreio (2010)

Club de Recreio celebrates its centenary this year. It opened its doors in 1911. The Club adopted the blue and white colors of the monarchy of Portugal, hence the display of these on the uniform of its sporting teams. Blue carried a religious meaning as it is the color associated with Our Lady

of the Immaculate Conception. She was crowned Queen and Patroness of Portugal by King John IV in 1640 when Portugal, after 60 years, regained its sovereignty from Spain. The current green and red flag is that of the Republic of Portugal which came to be on 5 Oct 1910.

A Hong Kong Portuguese architect designed the club house. It is still called Sai Yeung Poh Wui (Portuguese ball club). Recreio is administered by the Parks and Recreation Department of the Hong Kong Administration. Vasco da Costa a Portuguese is the manager. He has made it a duty to place a wreath on Armistice Day, 11 November, at the “Lest we Forget Memorial” which honors the Portuguese fallen of WWI and WWII. It lists many names of the Hong Kong Portuguese community, da Silva, Ozorio, Noronha, Sequeira, Gomes, Prata, and so on, and, of course, the four Reed brothers.

My understanding is that at the turnover of Hong Kong in 1997 from British to Chinese administration exceptional provisions were granted. In honor of the heroic sacrifice made by the Portuguese community during WWII the club would be administered by the Portuguese from 1 July 1997 through 30 June 2002. The Honorable Arnaldo “Sonny” Sales became administrator. Also Portuguese members of the club during this period would be allowed to pay the old membership fees, dues which would extend onto the replacement administration. Moreover, the 25



Lest we Forget Memorial

bowling, hockey, cricket, softball, badminton, tennis and ping-pong.

The entrance fee is HK\$40,000 (at about US\$1=HK\$7.25 in December 2010, this fee would be in the order of about US\$5,520). Yearly membership fee is HK\$5,000 or about US\$700.00. Yet the waiting time for membership remains long. Current membership enrollment is at about 700 to mid-1000 plus persons depending on certain processes in counting heads.

I had the occasion to witness some revealing features which inform social status at Recreio. While having a humble lunch (Hak Tsai Faan, fried breaded pork cutlet rice) in mid-afternoon, three different parties of Chinese ladies in elegant attire arrived for English High Tea at a reserved room. Now muse on the usual bit about polished sterling silver teapots, Royal Dalton Bone China teacups and saucers, cucumber sandwiches, cheese toasts, scones and English clotted cream, petit-fours and other dainty finger food presented on an impressive multi-tiered silver server. Yes, Recreio can do English High Tea with hoity-toity aplomb! The club still uses the “chit payment system”; no filthy lucre passes hands, one signs chits, which are

square feet or so of the marble memorial would be the property of the Portuguese community in perpetuity. As a Heritage Site the club house is protected from radical structural changes by the Hong Kong Antiquities and Monument Act.

Membership at Recreio carries social and cultural status.

The club provides sporting league competition in lawn



***Pinky & Recreio's
most popular lunchfare***

then presented for payment later.

The size of Recreio's playing pitch is expansive. My subjective guesstimate would put it at about 2 American football fields placed side by side. Would the pitch be converted to



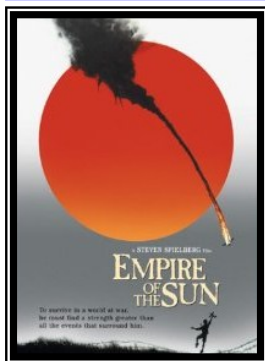
Manicured pitch and Clubhouse

high-rise commercial property its value should be in the order of some billions Hong Kong dollars. But for the usual filing fees for routine licenses and all that, the annual “ground rent” for Recreio is a token HK\$1 equal in value to a few American pennies.

A story goes that prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, sited north of, and overlooking Recreio, the former St. Teresa Club, now the Centenary Club, and the India Club, needed a “green lung”. Its powerful trustees, the Chief Executive of the HKSAR is one, saw to it that commercial properties cannot be built on the pitches of the aforementioned clubs. This provision ensures the “green lung” for the hospital until at least 2047 when the HKSAR reverts to mainland China administration.

EMPIRE OF THE SUN

By Armando “Pinky” da Silva



Attendees to the Old China Hands gathering at the Macau Cultural Center this November (*event info on page 5*) would be well advised to see the 1987 movie, *Empire of the Sun*. This film could serve as a talking point especially among former Shanghai residents. It is based on the semi-biographical novel (1984) of James G. Ballard. The author was born in Shanghai in 1930 at the International Settlement and attended Cathedral School.

His dad was the taipan of a noted company which manufactured and marketed high end textiles. The author and his parents were interned during WWII at Lunghua Civilian Internment Center. So he experienced conditions about which he wrote in his book. His

novel was made into a movie that was released in 1987. He died in 2009 an Old China Hand indeed. Steven Spielberg directed the movie which starred noted actors Christian Bale, John Malkovich, Miranda Richardson, and Nigel Harris.

This writer's intention is not to provide a review nor a narrative of the film but to include vignettes he deems attention-worthy. The title *Empire of the Sun* relates to the Hinomaru, the Rising Sun emblem of Japan and thus that nation's prowess in 1941. Survival is the theme. Mr. Spielberg captured this feature at the final frame by his panning close-up of a youthful face staring from aged eyes.

The protagonist is Jim an upper class English boy who amidst the turmoil attendant with the complete Japanese take-over of Shanghai in December 1941 was forced by changed circumstance to live by his wits throughout the duration of the war. (Some Shanghai Portuguese residents would surely relate to this period). Outstanding vignettes viewers should look for: the Church of England Children Choir in white ruffle neck collars and dark maroon vestments singing the hauntingly beautiful Welsh hymn, *Suagan*; the stampede of fretful foreigners struggling to hold on to their luggages as they were being herded by Japanese soldiers to internment; the expression on Jim's face when he realized that his parents were separated from him, the awe and respect registered by Jim at the Bushido ritual performed by three to-be Japanese kamikaze pilots with the backdrop of a Zero fighter, the low level fly-past of American P-51 Mustang fighters by Soochow Creek Internment Camp, conditions featured in the film.

The movie was filmed in Spain and Shanghai. The Shanghai Film Authority provided invaluable help. It had the nod of Jiang Zemin, the then Mayor of Shanghai who went on to become the President of China in 1993. Streets were cleared, buildings were touched up, signboards replaced to reproduce authentic-like scenes of the city as they were in 1941. Real P.L.A. soldiers assumed the roles of Japanese ones. The studio even built a full-sized replica of a Japanese Zero fighter. The Shanghai film studio had the occasion to work with an internationally acclaimed director, Steven Spielberg. The year was 1986, and the extraordinary gifted Chinese film directors of the 1990s and the 2000s were yet to receive the international recognition due them.

Word Scramble

Search for these flowers in English & their Portuguese names

ROSE
DAHLIA
VIOLET

ROSA
DALIA
VIOLETA

LAVENDER
CARNATION
SUNFLOWER

ROSMANINHO
CRAVO
GIRASSOL

R E D N E V A L S N O I T A N R A C
O S A R C R O S M A N I N H O A A S
S O L E I S V E S L E D T O S E T L
S V D E S E A O I S A R T E R E E E
A I S A E S R R O H R E S O L S L E
R O R S L O C A L O S A C A E O O S
I I E N O I S I A S T A L K O R I O
G L A V E N A R E W O L F N U S V V

Recipes

CHICKEN ADOBO

By Dorothy Oliveira

Ingredients:

2 lbs. chicken pieces

1/2 cup dark soy sauce (ordinary soy will work)

1/2 cup white vinegar

1 1/2 cup water

1 tbs sugar

1 tbs finely chopped garlic

1/2 tbs whole pepper corns

6 slices ginger

3 to 4 pieces bay leaves



Method:

Fry the ginger pieces in a little oil until brown. Take the ginger pieces out. Brown chicken pieces in the same oil. Add all other ingredients and bring to a boil. Then simmer till chicken is done.

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