

bond-ing /'bɒn-dɪŋ/ *n* 1 a. the process by which a close emotional relationship is developed b. the process of forming a special relationship with sb or with a group of people c. or process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge, developing the powers of reasoning and judgment, and generally of preparing oneself or others intellectually for mature life.

her-i-tage /'her-i-tɪdʒ/ *n* features belonging to the culture of a particular society, such as traditions, languages or buildings, which still exist from the past and which have a historical importance.

wel-fare /'wel-faɪə/ *n* 1. the health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group. 2. action or procedure designed to promote the basic physical and material well-being of people in need. —*Idiom* 2. on welfare, receiving financial aid from the government or from a charitable organization because of hardship and

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Rationale

This year's theme is a dictionary highlighting four major EA "pillars": bonding – with family and friends to become a cohesive community; education – advancement for the academically weak and the needy, and striving for academic excellence; pride in our cultural heritage; and community welfare.

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President's Message

It has been a busy year for your Association. We built on the momentum of 2006 and rolled out several more new programmes and projects.

The Help Clinic proposed in 2006 was launched in May. Those who seek help now can come to our premises on Thursdays. A new van, costing \$55,000 replaces the old one, saving us on petrol and maintenance costs.

Electronic Case Management System (eCMS), an on-line system linking agencies, was introduced for a more efficient and effective way to deliver help. These innovations, as well as a renovated room dedicated to Family Support Services at our House, will allow us to better tackle the needs of the disadvantaged. Sincere thanks to Rene Shepherdson Jr and his dedicated FSS team and to Hong Leong for its generous donation of the van.

Quarterly health talks and screenings are a new dimension to Women's Wing, its organizer, which is also behind the Monthly Sunday Brunches. This is the true public face of EA. Over 1,000 guests came for the brunches in 2007 testifying to its popularity. Congratulations and thanks to Christine Clunies-Ross and her hardworking team, which incidentally, counts at least one man in its committee!

EA Soccer School's Bryan Davenport tournament, a soccer contest for all ethnic groups, started in 2006 and has now become a regular in the Racial Harmony Month's calendar. It is headed by Harry Pereira, who also found time to score another first by fielding a Eurasian Dragon Boat Team in the Singapore River Regatta. In 2007, its second time out, it improved its position and now EA Dragons have started weekend training sessions to prepare for regular competition. Big thanks to Harry Pereira and his sporting committees.

Promoting our heritage was a major reason for WWII: The Eurasian Story, the exhibition launched by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in 2006. Last year, a genealogy and family tree section was set up, I believe the first of its kind here. Talks, at our House and outside, were held. Our heritage centres saw 5,000 visitors since 2006. More are expected in 2008. Congratulations go to Barry Pereira and his committee for taking heritage to another level.

EA Youth Committee has been reinvigorated under Zaf Coelho. Several of its projects had a welfare dimension, such as a theatre workshop for a children's home. Sincere thanks to Zaf. Similarly, the young-at-heart volunteers of Silver Circle are often seen working at EA functions and they still have

the energy to host their own events. Big thanks to Yvonne Pereira and her committee for the invaluable service.

Performing Arts Chapter's Eurasiana choir saw a change in leadership but the group continued unfazed, performing at many venues in 2007. Last month, a group of Eurasian volunteers combined with students from St Anthony's Canossian Secondary percussion band to take part in Parade of Dreams Chingay 2008. Our troupe was led by Humphrey and Lanette de Conceicao.

Eurasian culture will be given a boost when Jingkli Nona goes pop via a DVD. We first saw the modernized version of the folk song performed at our 2006 AGM. Armed with a government grant, work started on the DVD in 2007 and will be out soon. Sincere thanks and congratulations to Humphrey and his group for doing us proud.

I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I will not stand for re-election when my term as President ends. I leave the EA in good shape. We maintained sound financial management, recording a surplus whilst our reserves have grown. Membership has grown too, at a slightly faster rate. New programmes, some mentioned earlier, have been rolled out.

At the start of our term your MC faced challenges, such as the danger of slipping membership and concerns at keeping the Association on an even financial keel. Externally, charities faced a tougher regulatory regime, post NKF.

We were fortunate as strong foundations were built by past MCs. We built on them. Important changes in our Rules were accepted. These came into force in 2007, aimed at widening the opportunities for Eurasians to take up membership. Our newsletter was revamped. "New Eurasian" aims to reach younger Eurasians, a source of new members. It also provides a platform to share stories of achievement and promotes awareness of our community. Even cuisine was seen as an important ingredient; hence the move to get a strong F&B operator like Quentin's to our House.

Your MC had a mission and we set out to make changes to cope with the new environment. For example, the widening income gap led us to treble the welfare budget. This year education will get more attention and resources than previously.

New initiatives were introduced such as annual work plans and volunteer management. These practices will soon be considered 'musts' for charities under a



Code of Governance that aims to enhance effectiveness of charities, promote best practices and boost public confidence. At the same time we have continued to work with Self Help Groups and community groups to play our part in maintaining racial harmony and help advance educational performance. To promote external relations, a small team visited the Sarawak Eurasian Association for its anniversary celebrations last year.

At the coming election to install a new MC it is crucial that members take time to choose candidates who have a strong track record of community projects, experience and compassion for the disadvantaged.

I have been fortunate and privileged to work with the Trustees who have in no small way helped to ensure our success. I wish to place on record personal thanks to our Patron Mr. Herman Hochstadt who supported us in word and deed. His generous donation last year helped EA immensely. He also lent support by joining our team on its first official trip to Sarawak.

I must though, thank finally my MC and secretariat staff. I wish to record my deep gratitude to all MC members for their support. The achievements made in the last two years are testament of what is possible when common vision and unity come together to create the spark that make things happen.

God bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerry de Silva". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gerry de Silva
President, Eurasian Association
March 2008

Notice and Agenda

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ASSOCIATION, SINGAPORE WILL BE HELD AT THE EURASIAN COMMUNITY HOUSE, 139 CEYLON ROAD, SINGAPORE 429744 ON 18TH APRIL 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.**
2. **AGENDA**
 - 2.1 To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th April 2007
 - 2.2 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 28th April 2007
 - 2.3 President's Address
 - 2.4 To receive, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2007
 - 2.5 To appoint Kit Yee and Co. as the Association's Auditors for ensuring year
 - 2.6 To elect Office Bearers and Members of the Management Committee
 - 2.7 To discuss any other matters arising in accordance with the Rules of the Association
3. **NOTES**
 - 3.1 The Annual Report includes the following:
 - 3.1.1 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 28th April 2007
 - 3.1.2 Audited Financial Statement of the Eurasian Association
 - 3.1.3 Audited Financial Statement of the Eurasian Association Endowment Fund
 - 3.2 The Annual General Meeting is open only to registered members of the Association. Non-members will not be allowed to attend.
 - 3.3 Members are entitled to attend and vote in person only and only by proxy.
 - 3.4 Nomination for Officer Bearers and Committee Members must be received by the Committee at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting and must be on the prescribed form as annexed hereto
 - 3.5 Registration procedures:
 - 3.5.1 Each member shall produce her/his identity card to the relevant Registration Officer
 - 3.5.2 The Registration Officer shall check that the name of each person seeking admission to the Annual General Meeting appears on the Membership Roll.
 - 3.5.3 Each Member shall initial against her/his name in the Membership Roll.
 - 3.5.4 Ballot entitlement slips shall then be issued to each Life Member and Ordinary Member by the persons appointed for this purpose by the Management Committee, who shall keep a record of their issue.
 - 3.6 Procedure for Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members
 - 3.6.1 Candidates for election may address the Chair if they wish, but in any case, for no more than 5 minutes each
 - 3.6.2 The Chairman shall at her/his discretion decided whether to allow speeches in support of a candidate, and if so, shall announce how many Members may speak and for how long.
 - 3.6.3 Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Members present to count votes on a show of hands
 - 3.6.4 Each Position for an Office Bearer shall be voted upon separately and one candidate shall be elected to each post in the following sequence: first, President, second, Vice President, third, Hon. Treasurer, fourth Hon. Secretary, and fifth, Assistant Hon. Secretary.
 - 3.6.5 After the election of the Office Bearers, the position for the five Committee Members shall be voted upon separately. The five candidates who gain the most votes shall be declared by the Chairman to be elected as Committee Members.

By Order of
The Management Committee



Barry P Pereira
Honorary Secretary

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Date: 14 March 2008

Management Report



President S.R. Nathan with EA Management Committee at the John Hochstadt Room Naming Ceremony: (from left) Zafran Coelho, Harry Pereira, Barry P Pereira, EA Patron Herman Hochstadt, Christine Clunies-Ross, Guest-of-Honour President SR Nathan, Rene Shepherdson Jr, Yvonne Pereira, Gerry de Silva, Edward D'Silva, Humphrey de Conceicao (Absent: MC member Geoffrey da Silva).

The Management Committee is pleased to present the Annual Report of the Eurasian Association (henceforth referred to as the "Association") and the Financial Statement of the Association for the period 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2007.

As of 1st January 2007, the Management Committee consisted of the following

Post	Name
President	Mr. Gerry de Silva
Vice-President	Mr. Edward D'Silva
Honorary Secretary	Dr. Barry P Pereira
Honorary Treasurer	Mr. Harry Pereira
Assistant Honorary Secretary	Mr. Rene Shepherdson Jr
Committee Members	Ms. Christine Clunies-Ross
	Mr. Geoffrey da Silva
	Mr. Humphrey de Conceicao
	Ms. Renay Pereira (Stepped down w.e.f feb 2007)
Co-opted Members	Ms. Yvonne Pereira
	Mr. Zaf Coelho

Meetings

There were a total of 11 Management Committee meetings between period January 2007 and December 2007 (which included one Extraordinary Operations Meeting and two meetings with the Patron and the Board of Trustees). Management Committee members' attendance at these meeting were:

Jan 2007 to Dec 2007 (8 MC meetings)

Mr. Gerry de Silva (8), Mr. Edward D'Silva (4), Mr. Harry Pereira (8), Dr. Barry Pereira (8), Ms. Christine Clunies-Ross (8), Ms. Renay Veronica Pereira (2), Mr. Humphrey de Conceicao (7), Mr. Rene Shepherdson Jr (6), Ms. Martha Shepherdson (2), Mr. Geoffrey da Silva (6), Ms. Yvonne Pereira (6), Mr. Zafran Coelho (5).

Jan 2007 to Dec 2007 (3 Special Meetings)

Mr. Gerry de Silva (2), Mr. Edward D'Silva (3), Mr. Harry Pereira (3), Mr. Barry Pereira (3), Ms. Christine Clunies-Ross (3), Mr. Humphrey de Conceicao (3), Mr. Rene Shepherdson Jr (1), Mr. Geoffrey da Silva (0), Ms. Yvonne Pereira (2), Mr. Zafran Coelho (2).

EA Trustees, Endowment Fund Life Trustees and Endowment Fund Selection Committee/Finance Review Committee

The Endowment Fund Life Trustees are Mr. Herman Hochstadt, Mr. Oscar Oliveiro, Mr. Barry Desker, Mr. Timothy de Souza and Mr. J F Conceicao.

As of 1st March 2007, Mr. Herman Hochstadt, Mr. Oscar Oliveiro, Mr. Barry Desker, Mr. Timothy de Souza and Mr. J.F. Conceicao, assumed the position of EA Trustees (see The Rules of the Eurasian Association, Singapore, Rule 36).

The members of the Endowment Fund Selection Committee/ Finance Review Committee were Mr. Lawrence da Silva, Mrs. Myrna Braga-Blake and Mr. Rene Pereira.

Honorary Legal Advisory Panel

Mr. William Jansen, Mr. Michael Palmer and Mr. Martin Marini comprised the Association's Honorary Legal Advisory Panel, while the immediate past president of EA, Mr. Gerald Minjoot was appointed as the Advisor the the Management Committee.

Auditor

Kit Yee and Co was appointed as the Association's Auditor's at the Annual General Meeting in April 2006.

Management Report (cont'd)

Secretariat

Between July to August 07, the Secretariat was headed by General Manager Mr. Cedric Pereira. The Administration structure was then reorganised and Senior Manager Ms Pat Monkman was tasked to head our Association's Welfare and Education Services. Mr Pereira tendered his resignation in August due to health reasons and Ms Monkman subsequently resigned in October 07. The Management Committee would like to put on record our sincere thanks to Ms Monkman for her years of service.

In November 07 Mr. Daniel Carvalho was appointed General Manager (acting) and Mr. Lester Low as Director of Operations. As at the end of December 07. The Secretariat team: Education Executive Ms. Therese Thompson; Events Executive Mr. Kelvin Tay; Family Support Services Executives Ms. Florence Adriano and Ms. Sonya Handono; and Administrative Executive Ms. Jean Mansilla.

Membership

S/N	Description	Year 2006	Year 2007
1	Total No. of Life Members	1881	1897
2	Total No. of Ordinary Members	325	327
3	Total No. of Associate Life Members	231	234
4	Total No. of Associate Ordinary Members	77	80
5	Total No. of Junior Members	485	504
GRAND TOTAL		3026	3139

EA members on Non-EA Committees

Members of the Management Committee sit on various working committees on racial and religious affairs, holding meetings with Government agencies, the various Self-Help Groups, Community Development Councils, Local Comcare Networks and other Community Groups. These include:

- National Steering Committee/Working Committee on Racial and Religious Harmony, in support of Community Engagement Programme
- Management Committee of OnePeople.sg
- Joint Consultation Committee on Education
- NorthLight School, Board of Governors
- Dysfunctional Families Work Group Committee (MCYS)
- National Library Board Advisory Panel for Seniors
- Inter-Racial Inter-Religious (IRIR) Committee

Visits by VIPs

During the year under review, the EA Community House played host to several VIP guests, visiting politicians and diplomats who included the Brazilian Ambassador (below), Paulo Alberto Da Silveira Soares.



Bereavement

The year saw the passing of two former members of the Management Committee. Mr. Frederick Fox (April 2007), who was Head coach of EA soccer school and Ms. Kathleen Woodford (9th August 2007), who was a member of the Heritage Committee. May they rest in peace.

Significant Events



The 12 volunteers from EA and 14 Saint Anthony's Canossian Secondary percussion band students made up EA's Chingay contingent.



Dr. Fatimah Lateef, MP for Marine Parade GRC, greeting members of the EA Chingay group. EA joined her Geylang Serai constituency float.

Chingay 2008

This year, EA got to participate in the extravagant Parade of Dreams, Chingay 2008. A total of 12 volunteers from the EA and 14 students from the Saint Anthony's Canossian Secondary percussion band took part in the parade, led by Humphrey de Conceicao and Lanette de Conceicao. MC members formed a Steering Committee, Gerry De Silva, Edward D'Silva, Harry Pereira, with Daniel Carvalho as the main co-ordinator.

The float was themed "Marriages of different races", funded by SouthEast CDC, Geylang Serai CCC, Patrons of Geylang Serai CCC, and Clans Association. Bartley Secondary, Macpherson Secondary and various grassroots organizations also participated in this project.

The Chingay Parade has gained international fame in recent years and is broadcast on television in Singapore, and other countries in the region as well. Millions watched the parade in which overseas groups also took part in.

The EA troupe danced and had fun even while waiting. With our own band, there was no stopping the Eurasians from moving to the beat. The 1,000 strong wedding float was the largest contingent in the parade.

Racial Harmony Marathon

A group from EA led by Harry Pereira, ran the first lap in 2007's Singapore Racial and Religious Harmony Marathon Relay on 27th October 2007. The relay jointly organised by Sikh Welfare Council and OnePeople.sg aimed to use sports to spread the message of racial and religious harmony.

Beginning from Sikh Temple at Wilkie Road, the relay was flagged off by Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, the Community Development Youth and Sports Minister, who then led the column of runners from various organisation and community associations to several places of worship through the Selegie-Bugis district. The first part of the relay ended at the Sultan Road Mosque. The race saw about 1,000 runners running overnight in 15 different sectors island wide.



Our team leader, Harry Pereira (far right), with Guest-of-Honour, Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports (left).

Significant Events (cont'd)



President S.R. Nathan officially opening the John Hochstadt Room, assisted by Mr Herman R. Hochstadt, our EA Patron, and grandson of Mr John Hochstadt.



EA's Jingkli Pop Dance got the 5,000 guests 'tapping to the groove' at the IRIR Harmony Night 2007. 'Jingkli Pop' will soon be seen on DVD.

John Hochstadt Room Naming Ceremony

On the 6th September 2007, President S.R. Nathan officially launched the naming of our Conference Room at the Eurasian Community House as the John Hochstadt Room.

The motivation to name this room after Mr. John Hochstadt, came from a very generous donation from our Patron, Mr. Herman Ronald Hochstadt, the grandson of John Hochstadt.

Margaret Trudeau

Canada's former First Lady Margaret Trudeau, descendant of Sir William Farquhar, came to Singapore in September 2007 to film a programme on her illustrious ancestor, who was Sir Stamford Raffles' right-hand man.

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's "Who Do You Think You Are?" is a series featuring famous Canadians tracing their genealogical roots and one episode features Ms. Trudeau, 59, ex-wife of the late Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Eliot Trudeau.

Ms. Trudeau's grandmother, Kathleen Bernard, is a descendant of Sir William Farquhar, who married an Eurasian in Singapore with whom he had six children.

Ms. Trudeau stopped at the Eurasian House where a group led by Mrs. Valerie Scully dressed in Peranakan-Eurasian sarong kebaya, showed her the history of the Eurasian community and practices by way of a skit in Kristang. The group gave their rendition of the Jinkli Nona, with Ms. Trudeau joining in the spirited dance. The episode was broadcast in January 2008.



Gerry de Silva, with VIP guest, Margaret Trudeau (second from left) and the Eurasian troupe, 'Kristang' led by Valerie Scully (far right).

Jingkli Pop DVD

The popular folk song Jingkli Nona has been given a new treatment by incorporating a pop element. Members saw the modern dance steps that accompanied this new "Jingkli Pop" for the first time at the Association's 2006 AGM. Early last year the Association was given a grant of \$50,000 by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) to produce a video of Jingkli Pop, under its ministry's Heritage Grant Scheme. This partial support helped in no small way to encourage the Association to complete the most important part, the video. A steering committee was set up to oversee the project. The Association is finalizing the video and plans to promote it this year.

Sarawak Trip

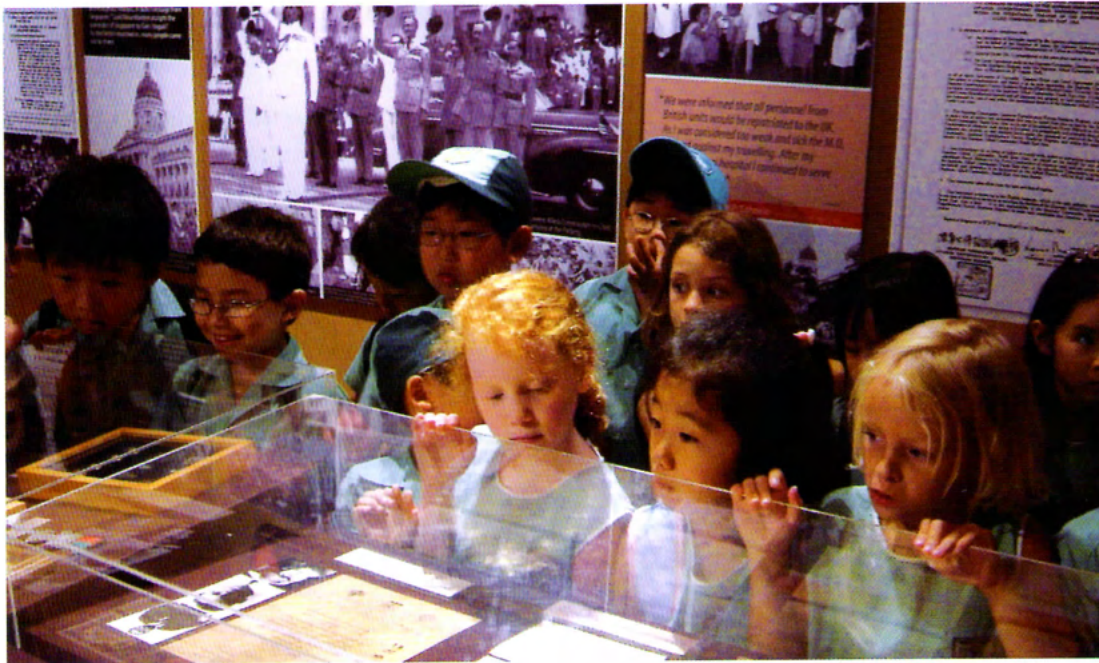
The Eurasian Association were special guests at the anniversary dinner of the Sarawak Eurasian Association in late August 2007. EA was represented by EA patron, Herman Hochstadt; whose ancestors lived in Sarawak 100 years ago; President, Gerry de Silva and Mrs. de Silva, Honorary Treasurer, Harry Pereira and Mrs. Pereira, and Honorary Assistant Secretary, Rene Shepherdson Jr.

Members of the Singapore Eurasian Association were proud of the fact that many of their forefathers were in Sarawak during the time of the white Rajahs, and there was a call to join hands in setting up joint projects than deepen the ties and increase the understanding of Eurasians in both countries. This is the first official visit to sister Eurasian Associations to East Malaysia.



In Sarawak, the EA Singapore team from left, EA Patron, Mr. Herman R. Hochstadt with Cheryl de Silva, EA President, Gerry de Silva; EA Assistant Honorary Secretary, Rene Shepherdson Jr.; EA Honorary Treasurer, Harry Pereira and Jacqueline Pereira.

Heritage



Last year, more visitors came to our heritage centres. One group were students of Dover Court Pre School seen here attentively studying the exhibits at The World War II: The Eurasian Story exhibition as part of their learning journey.

COMMITTEE: Kathleen Woodford (dec.), Barry P Pereira (Chairman), Lucille Marcus, Eulyth Fernandez, Larriane Parry, Charlotte Collars, Geraldine Pereira, Moira Ong.

Learning Journeys

The Learning Journeys has now become a regular programme at the Eurasian Community House giving students, community leaders and tourists a glimpse of what the Eurasian Community is all about. The programme includes a visit to the Eurasian Showcase and the World War II: The Eurasian Story Exhibition. In November, a new working committee was formed to look into increasing our pool of resident guides, having more interactive activities, and upgrading the programme which will include preparing a standard guide-book for our resident guides, some video presentations, simple hand-outs and a quiz for students; drafting 2 pocket size booklets on the exhibits, as well as changing and improving some of the exhibits on display items. Some of these will be implemented in the later part of 2008.

The John Hochstadt Room Booklet

COMMITTEE: Barry P Pereira, Moira Ong, Gerry de Silva.

A booklet was prepared by the Heritage Committee to commemorate the naming of the conference room as the John Hochstadt Room. The booklet gave a history of the Hochstadt family in Singapore and portrays Mr. John Hochstadt as one of the most prominent Eurasian entrepreneurs in recent times, being the founder of the Singapore Casket Company. The booklet records the history of the Singapore Casket Company in Singapore, gives a brief on the Mr. Herman Hochstadt, a top civil servant and now Patron of the Association, and highlights the philanthropy of 3 generations of the Hochstadt family towards various Education and Welfare programmes in the Association, which motivated the naming of the conference room.



The launch of the naming of John Hochstadt Room (September).

(Right) A commemorative booklet on the history of the Hochstadt family and the Singapore Casket Company was produced in conjunction with the launching.

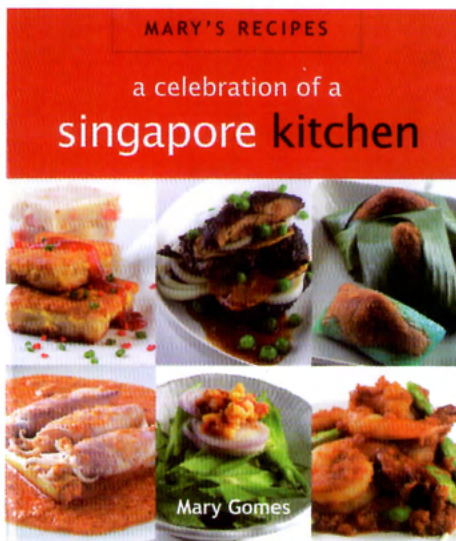
Heritage (cont'd)



Mr. Rudy Mosbergen, with his wife, Rita, cutting the cake to commemorate the launch of his book, "In the Grip of a Crisis".

Book Launches

In 2007, the heritage committee assisted in two book launches at the Eurasian Community House. One was by Mr Rudy Mosbergen with the book titled "In the Grip of a Crisis: The Experiences of a Teenager During the Japanese Occupation of Singapore, 1942-45, and the other by Mary Gomes with another cook book titled "Mary's Recipes – A Celebration of a Singapore Kitchen. The committee was also on hand to assist with providing photographs for another celebrated chef, Ms. Wendy Hutton for her cook book titled "The Food of Love – Four Centuries of East-West Cuisine" with recipes from various Eurasian communities throughout Asia.



Remembrance Day

The 11th day of the 11th Month.

The Association took part in a ceremony in remembering those who gave their lives for God and Country during the wars. The Remembrance Sunday ceremony on the 11th November 2007 is held each year at Kranji War Cemetery and is organised by the British High Commissioner and the Ex-Services Association of Singapore. EA was represented by our Hon Sec, Barry P. Pereira who laid a wreath in honour of Eurasians who died during the War. The Service during the Ceremony was very solemn and respectful. Maj (Retd) Roland V Simon, who was involved during the Confrontation in the 1960s, representing the SAF Veterans' League and recite the 2nd Division Memorial - Kohima, which reads "When you go home, tell them of us and say 'For your tomorrow we gave our today' "

Also present were EA members Nanette Westerhout and Geoff Morris, and their two children - Leo and Isabel, as well as Laura Pereira (our photographer) and OCT Mark G. Pereira, who were present to witness the early morning ceremony. Nanette was carrying on from where her father left off. George M.B. Westerhout, her dad, who was a member of the 'D' (Eurasian) Coy, would attend this service every year until he passed on in 1975.

We will remember them!

Singapore HeritageFest – Culture 101. A Talk on Eurasian Singaporeans, their Roots and Family Trees

Singapore HeritageFest is now an annual event organised by the National Heritage Board held in the month of July. Each year, the Association's Heritage Committee would get involved to portray an aspect of History and Heritage of Eurasians in Singapore. This year, the Committee put together a talk that covered the genealogy and family history of Eurasians in Singapore and examined some of the prominent family names, their origins and links to the region. Dr Barry P Pereira, our resident genealogist and historian, also spoke on the various resources available today for family historians to conduct their own family research, covering some of the limitations and challenges faced.

Racial Harmony Talk

In conjunction with Racial Harmony Month activities nationwide, a talk titled "The Eurasian Community. A Multi-ethnic minority. A Model of the 21st Century Singapore Community" was given by EA President, Gerry de Silva, to about 40 community and grass roots leaders, residents and students at the Bedok Community Centre in July.

Mary Gomes' second cook book, simply titled, *Mary's Recipes*.

Family Support Services



The attractive new FSS Van, a 12 seater Toyota Hiace, kindly donated by Hong Leong Foundation rolls out of EA loaded with food rations monthly.

COMMITTEE: Rene Shepherdson, Jonathan Capel, Francesca Eber, Foong Kwan Yee (resigned on December), Andrea Mayrhofer, Melissa Shepherdson, Russell Shepherdson and Elizabeth Shumann.

In January 2007, Rene Shepherdson Jr took over the running of FSS as chairman. Francesca Eber and Elizabeth Shumann formed the core of a new committee. Protocol was established. Operational procedures were assessed and revised, all the while preserving the confidentiality of the clients.

The main aim of FSS is to support Eurasians in need. This is done several ways. Two major ways are food rations (FR) and financial assistance (FA).

For at least four days every month, the EA van together with the part time staff deliver the FR and FA to the clients. There are 94 clients on food rations and 74 clients on financial assistance. 168 clients get both food rations and financial assistance. As a mark of comparison, at the end of 2006, there were 98 clients.

With rising cost of living FSS anticipates an average of three to four new clients per month.

Also a cohort of 17 volunteers helped deliver rations in their own vehicles. Without these dedicated people the van run would take up more days. These volunteers have gotten to know FSS clients well and will form the intended Befriender Program slated for 2008. The volunteers provide valuable feedback regarding the well being of our clients. Our volunteers also visit clients who are sick in hospital as well as doing house visits to the non ambulant.

FSS has a standing appeal for Volunteers who can spare a little time to come and help FSS in various area of work.

There is an emergency fund as well as a fund called Beyond Financial Assistance. This fund caters to needs such as pampers for the elderly, glucosamine (which cannot be subsidized by the hospitals).

FSS Van

This is a new van kindly donated by Hong Leong Foundation. It has been colorfully decorated. This van replaces the old van which has broken down more than once. Many thanks for the generous gift.

ECMS

Electronic Case Management System, developed by NCSS, will link agencies to help those in need in a more efficient and effective manner. Though this system was available from last year we did not have the manpower to enter the data into the system. Daniel Cavalho, Francesca Eber, Florence Adriano and Sonya Handono went for training. This is a valuable tool for assessment, which will be used during the help clinic sessions.



From left: Jonathan Capel, Russell Shepherdson and Melissa Shepherdson discussing details of ECMS.

Help Clinic

The EA Help Clinic was launched in May 2007 on Thursday afternoons the team interviews the new applicants to the program at the same time conducting reviews of existing client needs. This team usually consists of Rene Shepherdson, Francesca Eber, Andrea Mayrhofer and Liz Shumann. Andrea who is a counselor works privately with the clients on a range of therapies ranging from grief counseling to support for clients requiring AA. There is also legal assistance provided by William Jansen and Martin Marini. Professional services are provided pro bono. Our heartfelt thanks to these kind concerned volunteers.



Help Clinic session. (From left): Francesca Eber, Rene Shepherdson Jr. and Elizabeth Shumann.

Family Support Services (cont'd)



FSS New Room on the 3rd floor of the Eurasian Community House.

The Office

FSS has moved to a dedicated office space on Level 3, just in front of the lift landing, providing a more comfortable environment for the clients, and allowing us to maintain a sense of confidentiality. All staff and volunteers have to sign Letters of Confidentiality before undertaking any task where there could be a breach of a clients' personal information.

Medical Support

In Aug 2007, the Women's Wing organised a health screening exercise together with SATA for EA Members and FSS clients.

FSS Christmas Party

This annual event is very popular amongst the FSS clients. It provides the clients an opportunity to interact with Volunteers. It is the highlight of the festive season for many clients. Despite the heavy rain and the high absenteeism due to sickness, the 2007 party was successful. A big thanks to all those who donated in kind and cash, to the volunteers who did a splendid job from roasting turkeys to the toilet run.

On the previous day the children of clients were treated at another Christmas event organized by the Women's Wing. There were also other invitations for the FSS children to attend other parties.

Census

In August 2007 FSS finalised a Census project to be conducted to allow a more accurate profile of our client base. The results of the Census will also provide valuable information so as to serve our clients better. For example we are considering altering the type of rations to suit the needs of Diabetics, knowing exactly how many persons suffer from this disease will help us to plan the ration requirements better.

The census is slated to be completed by mid April 2008.



Our FSS guests arriving for their annual Christmas party.

Plans

During 2008, there are several plans to provide the clients with better and greater opportunities such as job placement and retraining. There will also be a Family Day (time and venue, has yet to be decided)

FSS also intends to work closely with EA Education sub-committee by identifying areas that can encourage children to do better at school.

Educational Advancement Programmes



Proud student recipients of awards at the Eurasian Community Fund (ECF) Education Awards in August.

COMMITTEE: Geoffrey da Silva (Chairman), George Pasqual, Edmund Rodrigues, Wilfred James, Zafran Coelho

Tuition Classes – Maths

Every Saturday from 3pm - 5pm students, Eurasians and non-Eurasians, would meet at the Eurasian Community House for Maths enrichment classes. The classes are conducted by a group of 3 volunteer tutors led by Zafran Coelho, targeted at Secondary 3 and 4 students. The two other tutors, Stacey Minjoot and Crystal Lawrence are students from the Singapore Management University. There are 8 students attending the tuition class.

Opportunity Fund

The Opportunity Fund, a grant by the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) to the Association in 2006 under the Progress Package (Budget 2006). It is aimed at financing education related and enrichment programmes targeted at school children from low-income families. It is operated on a dollar for dollar basis. The Association has used this fund to support the purchase of study guides, assessment books and stationary and disburse in the form of book vouchers. A simple ceremony was held on the 29th May 2007 to disburse the funds to 3 categories of beneficiaries:

Primary : Total 39 received \$100 each
 Secondary : Total 55 received \$150 each
 Tertiary : Total 5 received \$200 each
Grand Total disbursed \$13,150.00

Eurasian Community Fund Education Awards

The ECF Education Awards ceremony was held at the Eurasian Community House on 25th August 2007. Associate Prof. Dr. Vilma D'Rozario, Associate Professor, National Institute of Education, was Guest-of-Honour.

Distinguished Guests present included Mr. Christopher De Souza, Member of Parliament, Mr. Goh Chim Khim, Deputy Executive Director of CDAC, Dr. R. Theyvendran Secretary General of MDIS, Ms. Bessie Heah, Director of Singapore Buddhist Lodge, Mr. George Peh, Chairman, Loyang Thua Pek Kong, Mrs. Chua Yen Ching, Principal, Northlight School, Mr. Herman Hochstadt, EA Patron, Mr. Lawrence da Silva (Finance Review Committee and Awards Sponsor, Mr. Gerald Minjoot (EA Advisor) and Mrs. Evelyn Rodrigues (Awards Sponsor).



EA volunteers helping in the registration.



Education committee veteran, Edmund Rodrigues (far right), registering students at the ECF Awards.



Volunteer emcee, Simone Heng, celebrity HBO presenter, at the ECF Awards. Behind her are EA volunteers (far left) Charlotte Collers and (right) Geraldine Pereira.

Educational Advancement Programmes (cont'd)



Flowers for ECF Guest-of-Honour, Associate Professor, National Institute of Education, Dr. Vilma D'Rozario by award recipient Thea Ann Van Wieringen.



Geoffrey da Silva receiving VIP guest, Dr. R. Theyvendran, Secretary General of MDIS, at the ECF awards.



Guest-of-Honour, Mr. Masagos Zulkifli BMM, Senior Parliamentary Secretary, (Education), presenting an award to Eurasian student, David Christopher Pang, at the JTA ceremony.

ECF Education Awards 2007 Recipients :

A total of 160 awards, including bursaries, study grants and Excellence awards, were presented to Eurasian students. The top student awards were as follows:

The 'Peter H. Fernandez Award'

Top PSLE Student 2006 - Bjorn Lee Varella
Sponsored by Mr. Lawrence da Silva

The 'Evelyn Rodrigues Award'

Top 'O' Level Student 2006 - Joshua Francis Conceicao
Sponsored by Mr. Edmund & Mrs. Evelyn Rodrigues

The 'Peggy Wai Chee Leong Award'

Top 'A' Level Student 2006 - Louise Heyzer
Sponsored by Mr. Herman Hochstadt

The 'Colonel R.J. Minjoot Award'

Outstanding ITE Student 2006 - Jason Joseph Rodrigues
Sponsored by Mr. Gerald Minjoot

The 'Oscar G. da Silva Award'

Top Polytechnic Student 2006 - Christopher Andrew Andrade
Sponsored by Mr. Lawrence da Silva

The 'Henry David Hochstadt Award'

Top University Student 2006 - Ignatius Mark Shepherdson
Sponsored by Mr. Herman Hochstadt

The 'Coral Davenport Award'

Most Improved Student 2006 - Jessie Maria Cubinar
Sponsored by Mr. Bryan Davenport

Outstanding 'Sports Boy' 2006

Nicholas Paul de Cruz - Sponsored by Mr. Harry Elias

Meritorious 'Sports Boy' 2006

Gerald Luke Pereira - Sponsored by Mr. Oscar Oliveira

Special Award

Stephanie Fawcet Overee & Thea Ann Van Wieringen -
Sponsored by Mr. Gerald Minjoot

Self-help Groups Joint Tuition Awards 2007 MDIS

Mr. Masagos Zulkifli BMM, Senior Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Education was the Guest-of-Honour at the Oct 20th event, held at MDIS Campus.

At its 4th Self-Help Groups [SHGs] Joint Tuition Awards Ceremony, a total of 334 students received the award for their significant improvements at the PSLE, GCE 'N' and 'O' Level examinations. Out of the 334 students, each self help group will select one student from the PSLE, GCE 'N' and 'O' Levels to receive the Best Overall Academic Performance Award. In total, there are 12 students receiving an award.

Having dyslexia, Patrick Anthony Nair, from EA, persevered with tuition, and with a lot of intervention and help from his brothers, he made it through his PSLE and was selected to receive the Award.

Best overall academic performance :

PSLE

Oliveiro Amir Rafaeldi, Koh Wei Ling, Ruzaini Wanshah Bin Ramli, Shifaya Nasrine Mohamed

GCE N-LEVEL

David Christopher Pang, Lin You Shen, Muhammad Azil Hafiz bin Rafi, Saraswathi d/o Ashok Kumar

GCE O-LEVEL

Andrea Shivani Jayachandran, Nur Azuriati Bte Azhar, Tan Wei Li Willy, Trina Gail Minjoot

The Association contributed a total of \$ 2,411.51 to this annual programme.

Women's Wing



Ms Carol Koek going for her mammogram. She was one of the 50 women who attended the health checks at EA.

COMMITTEE: Christine Clunies-Ross (Chairperson), Brigitte Ow (Vice Chairperson), Majella Oliveira (Treasurer) Monica Leicester-Wong, Lorraine Ess, Stephanie Holland, Rose Marie Thompson, Philomena Nonis and Veronica Ann (Members), Yvonne Pereira (Ad Hoc member)

Activities - 2007

Health Talks and Health Screenings - The Women's Wing added new dimensions to their portfolio in 2007 with a series of quarterly health talks and screenings. The first quarter saw a collaboration with Geylang Serai CC Women's Wing, a motivational talk given by Dr. Fatimah Lateef, MP for Marine Parade GRC with a topic well suited for us - 'The Art of Mentoring' and 'Men, can't live with them, can't live without them', the crowd of mostly women enjoyed this tremendously and a sumptuous high tea buffet that followed.

SATA's mobile health screening provided free health screenings for our members in the first quarter of 2007. Members were given 5 basic health checks as well as chest x-rays, this was well received and 50 members turn up for this. The National Healthcare Group Diagnostics provided heavily subsidised mammograms to our ladies. The first of two such screenings were conducted using a "mammobus" in the 2nd quarter. A breast cancer survivor shared her experience and motivated all to make this health check a yearly necessity. The second in October, Breast Cancer Awareness month, was also met with a strong response. Guest speaker Ms. Lena Wang shared the method of Self Breast Examination. The Women's Wing will carry on with the periodical health screenings and talks for in 2008.

Social Activities

Tribute to the 70's

A Tribute to the 70's where the disco ball, smoke machines and big hair was organised for the young at heart. The February event saw John Travolta and Olivia-Newton John wannabe's letting their hair down and this brought good ole disco music back. The crowd of 120 did the YMCA and the shuffle and showed youngsters what it was like back in the party heyday. Here's looking at the 80's in 2008!

Sunday Brunches

Our monthly Sunday Brunches are here to stay. The challenge was to come up with a different theme each month. In June, the EA Soccer School organised the event, in August, the Silver Circle held its Red and White Luncheon. Celebrations included Easter Lunch (April), Mother's Day (May), Racial Harmony (July), Blue

Hawaii (September), German beer fest (October) and Bollywood (November). This helped to keep the crowd entertained. It was hard work but satisfying to see everyone enjoying. Our guest chefs continued to give support. We started the year off with Chefs Mary Gomes, Pamela Lim, Richard Pereira, Helen Joseph, Harry Pereira and Quentin Pereira who cooked up delicious food. Our generous sponsors at every lunch also made our table prizes so attractive and the tombola and raffle ensured that everyone had a chance of winning. Entrepreneurship also flourished with stalls booked every month. These contributed to the bazaar atmosphere. Our aim was to foster strong ties within the community and to inculcate a sense of belonging. The lunches brought together people from different parts of the world to our House to enjoy and be enlightened about the Eurasians. This made our hard work worthwhile and satisfying.



Enterprising ladies, Olive and her daughter, Petrina.



Racial Harmony Lunch with Guest-of-Honor, Marine Parade GRC MP, Dr Fatimah Lateef with Christine Clunies-Ross (third from left) and ladies from Geylang Serai CC flanking them.

Women's Wing (cont'd)



Happy children with their goodies at EA Christmas Treat.

Family Christmas Carnival

This tied with the Children's Christmas Treat for the children, the second year running. The children signed up very early for the X'mas Treat. This year we had an all time high of 150 children who were accommodated in the hall which was transformed into a Christmas playhouse. The mechanical bull, the bouncy castle, live guppy fishing, game stalls and lots more kept the children entertained.

The arrival of Santa was the highlight of the afternoon. Performances were put up by our Eurasian Kids, who performed songs from High School Musical 2, and the Eurasian Cultural Troup led by Mrs Valerie Scully who sang and danced to beautiful carols. Our Guest of Honour, MP for Joo Chiat, Mr. Chan Soo Sen, enjoyed himself and helped to give away four new bicycles as prizes. He also toured the House which was transformed into a beautiful Christmas Carnival atmosphere. The good food, good wine and good music helped to make the afternoon an enjoyable one. Kudos to all in the committee and the Secretariat who made this event a success.

New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

The year end Dinner & Dance was held at the elegant Intercontinental Hotel's Grand Ballroom, with the Opulent Desire theme. The ballroom was packed with the maximum 33 tables and the international buffet was a delight, with 30 prizes for the lucky draw; including airline tickets, hotel stays, and a 42" LCD TV screen and handphones. The crowd was indeed happy with the event. The emcee, Mr. Jason Lim, entertained with side splitting antics. The highlight was Gerard Danker's band, Rage, who turned in another solid performance. As traditions go, Father Time again took the walk that saw out the old and heralded in the new year in the form of Miss Eurasian 2008, our very own Miss



Peter Rodrigues out of his Father Time costume, having a swinging good time with veteran EA volunteer, Sheila Berlee.

Adalina Coelho, who oozed charm and confidence. The evening would not be complete without supper, in the form of mulligatawny soup. It was a fitting end to an evening of good fun, food, entertainment and dancing.

The Association would like to thank the D & D Sub-Committee - Mrs. Christine Clunies-Ross, Mrs. Yvonne Pereira, Mr. Harry Pereira, Dr. Barry Pereira, Mr. Gerry de Silva, Ms. Lorraine Ess, Mrs. Stephanie Holland, Ms. Majella Oliveiro, Mrs. Monica Leicester-Wong, Ms. Veronica Ann, Mr. Peter Rodrigues and the Secretariat for helping to make this event a huge success.



D&D Sub-Committee members Mrs. Stephanie Holland, Mrs. Monica Leicester-Wong, Ms. Lorraine Ess, Ms. Veronica Ann and Chairperson, Mrs. Christine Clunies-Ross.

Silver Circle



Volunteers Dorothy Tessensohn and Yvonne Pereira sharing a laugh with Mr. Lim Boon Heng, Minister in Prime Minister's Office, who had just tried some spicy Eurasian sandwiches at the EA Booth at the Active Ageing Carnival last November.

COMMITTEE: Yvonne Pereira (Chairperson), Dorothy Tessensohn (Vice-Chairperson), Christine Pereira (Secretary), Sheila Berlee (Treasurer), Lorraine Bligh (Member), Pamela Menon (Member), Martha Shepherdson (Member) and Maureen Westerhout (Member).

Martha Shepherdson served as Chairperson from April 2006 till the end of March 2007. Yvonne Pereira then took over the chairmanship and Dorothy Tessensohn became the new Vice Chairperson (replacing Yvonne). Martha continued to serve as a committee member. Philip Xavier stepped down in May 2006 because of work commitments and Theresa Pereira stepped down in July 2006 for health reasons. The committee thanked them for their contributions.

In March 2007, we re-named our sub-committee "Silver Circle".



Maureen Westerhout, Sheila Berlee, Yvonne Pereira, Christine Pereira, Theresa Pereira and Martha Shepherdson, posing with Guest Speaker, EA Honorary Secretary Barry Pereira.

Heritage Talk on Eurasian Family History

More than fifty people attended a talk on Eurasian genealogy by Dr. Barry Pereira. The informative talk entitled, 'You who? A look at Eurasian Family History' covered European colonisation of Asian countries and inter-marriage between people from different European and Asian communities. Dr. Pereira touched on the various sources of information like church and government records. After the talk Dr. Pereira did individual family tree searches from information in his database. Many present were delighted to be handed a long list of ancestors some going back

to the 1800s or earlier. Some of us were pleasantly surprised to discover that we shared common ancestors.

In keeping with the heritage theme old photographs of our ancestors and family members were displayed. Books written by Eurasian authors on Eurasian heritage were also displayed. To round off the afternoon's activities, we were treated to a typical Eurasian tea. We left more knowledgeable about our heritage and our shared history as Eurasians in this part of the world.

Shopping and Sightseeing Tour

About forty people turned up for the tour. First stop was Kok Fah Vegetable Farm. This farm cultivates a variety of vegetables, fruits, herbs and decorative plants. It was very interesting to see some plants which are no longer commonly found in urban Singapore. Next stop was Fassler Gourmet Singapore in Woodlands. This company produces more than 200 sea-food products. It specialises in salmon (smoked and fresh). We were able to buy premium quality sea-food at wholesale prices. A short walk away was Fragrance Foodstuffs. This wholesale company imports a wide range of local tidbits. Its speciality is barbecued meat like bak kwa. The last stop was Causeway Point for lunch and a shopping spree. Located next to the Woodlands MRT Station, it is a big shopping mall with more than 200 stores. We spent about two hours there before returning to the Community House.

National Day Celebration Lunch

About 160 people, many in red and white outfits, gathered at the Eurasian Community House to celebrate Singapore's birthday. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of Eurasian and other local favourites.

Babas and Nyonyas from the Peranakan Association's 'Peranakan Voices' entertained us with a selection of evergreens. The ladies of the Silver Circle, dressed in ethnic costumes from Singapore and other Asian countries led the whole hall in singing, 'One people, one nation, one Singapore.' One verse was sung in Kristang by the Chairperson. There were games, a lucky draw and a raffle draw. Prizes were donated by generous benefactors. A one-man band, none other than our very talented and versatile musician/singer, Cedric, provided lively dance music.

Silver Circle (cont'd)

Active Ageing Carnival

This event was organised for the first time by the C3A (Council for 3rd Age) whose chairman is Mr. Gerard Ee. The aim of this Carnival was to target senior citizens, promoting to them ways of ageing gracefully by keeping in good health and being actively involved in social activities after retirement. Our Silver Circle was invited to set up a booth where we sold traditional items like Curry Devil, sugee cake, sambal prawn sandwiches, pang susi's.



Our very young Eurasians penning their wishes for 2008.

The Eurasian Wish for 2008

This event was organised by the Esplanade Co. Ltd. Once again, Silver Circle handled this project by selecting 10 EA members for the video taping which was to be screened at the Countdown Party at the Marina Bay.

Another group of EA members was also selected to be video taped, penning their wishes onto the Wishing Spheres at our EA MPH on 6th December. The wishing spheres were eventually floated on the Marina Bay for the Countdown Party as well.

My sincere thanks to all the selected volunteers for their kind support for the above two projects.

Christmas Dinner and Dance

Christmas with the Silver Circle has become an established event on EA's social calendar. Weeks before this year's dinner and dance, which took place on 15th December, the tickets were sold out. Those lucky enough to get tickets, which cost only \$30 each, enjoyed a sumptuous dinner prepared by our new caterer Quentin. The dinner included Eurasian Christmas favourites like chicken pie, curry devil, sugee cake and fruit cake.

Music was provided by 'Locomotion', a seven-piece band. This is the first time that we have had such a big band at The Community House. They rocked the House down with their lively renditions of Christmas carols and songs of 'yester-years' which got everyone on the floor till closing time.



A participant singing a Christmas carol in animal lingo at the Christmas D&D.

Whenever the band took a break we had our games. One table game which everyone enjoyed very much was the 'Yuletide Riddler'. Each table was given a list of alternative titles for popular Christmas songs and asked to guess the actual titles. For instance, 'I spied my maternal parent osculating with Nick' was actually 'I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus'!

The Lucky Draw saw many walking away with valuable prizes provided by generous donors. All agreed that for thirty dollars they got a lot – great food, great prizes, and great music and entertainment.

Massage Session organised by the Silver Circle and SAVH

In 2006 we organised our first Head and Shoulders/Foot Reflexology session in collaboration with the Singapore Association for the Visually Handicapped (SAVH). It was so well received that we had a second one on Saturday 17 March 2007 in the Platinum Lounge of the Eurasian Community House. The main objective of this charity event was to raise funds for the SAVH. Three visually handicapped masseurs provided thirty massage sessions for about twenty people. We raised a total of \$360 for the Association. All felt rejuvenated by the massage session. This followed by tea and we had a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. We hope to make this an annual affair.

General

Sincere thanks must be accorded to our Management Committee Members; the EA Secretariat; Sunset Bay & Quentin's; our very generous and loyal sponsors, Edmund and Evelyn Rodrigues and Lawrence Kam; Christine Clunies-Ross and her WW sub-committee members; Peter Podrigues and Christian Eber; Silver Circle sub-committee members for their hard work and generosity, and all EA members and their guests, for their invaluable support throughout the years. Our events were always successful because of each and every one of you!

EA Youth Committee (EAYC)



Members of the EA Youth Committee.

COMMITTEE: Zaf Coelho (Chairman), Norshidah Simon (Vice Chairman), Lesley Shepherdson (Secretary), Marc Van Huizen, Nigel Du Pratt, Rachel Monkman, Crispin Rodrigues (Members)

A rejuvenated Youth Committee juggled a busy year in 2007.

Salsa Class

EAYC started Salsa lessons at the EA Clubhouse in November. Held on Sunday evenings, the month saw youngsters learning how to groove and dance away to Latin beats and rhythm. The Salsa classes are an ongoing activity which will continue in 2008.

Theatre Workshop

EAYC held a free theatre workshop at the Eurasian Community House on 8th September for 20 participants coming from the Muhammadiyah Welfare Home as well as the Eurasian Children.

Conducted by Marc van Huizen and Nadia Ahmad Samdin, both from Victoria Junior College, the workshop saw 10 youth volunteers lending their support to this event, participating in the capacity of facilitators. Participants went through 3 different stages of drama work, from fun activities like ice-breakers to more advanced work such as mirror imaging and tableau exercises.



Grand Finale of 12th Singapore-Malaysia Youth Camp 2007.



Live band performance at "Bringing Sexy Back".



Delighted concert-goers.

Bringing Sexy Back

EA Youth (EAYC) organised "Bringing Sexy Back" – a bands and dance concert featuring a wide variety of music ranging from reggae punk all the way to death metal on 24th November 2007. This concert drew 100 youths to the EA House. The crowd was also entertained with two salsa and hip-hop performances.

Clean & Green Jamboree

A group of children and young adults from the EA Youth made their way to Bishan Park on 3rd November for the Clean & Green Jamboree. Organized by the Chinese Development Assistance Council, it was a fun-filled carnival with interactive exhibitions and games centered on the themes on Clean Environment, Energy Efficiency and Resource Conservation. The youths found this outing enjoyable as they were able to gain useful and practical knowledge while doing it in a fun and relaxed manner.

Launch of EA Youth Group on Facebook

Understanding that youth today are increasingly spending more time on the virtual world and on popular social-networking sites, EAYC launched a group portal site on Facebook to reach out and connect to Eurasian youth. This portal hopes to serve as a communication and information channel between the Association and the youth of the community.

12th Singapore-Malaysia Youth Camp

The 12th Singapore-Malaysia Youth Camp, jointly organized by the National Youth Council (Singapore) and the Ministry of Youth and Sports (Malaysia) was held in Singapore in December. EA was represented by Jason Rodrigues, who joined other youth from Singapore and Malaysia in this annual event.

Sports



Cheers for Racial Harmony. Bryan Davenport Soccer Tournament with Defence Minister Teo Chee Hean, Mr Zainul Abidin. Rasheed, Senior Minister of State (Foreign Affairs) and Mayor of North East District; Eurasian MP, Mr Michael Palmer; Mr Teo Ser Luck, Parliamentary Secretary (Community Development, Youth and Sports); EA MC members, Gerry de Silva and Harry Pereira, EA Soccer School committee members; grass roots leaders and football teams.

COMMITTEE: Harry Pereira (Chairman), Kevin Santa Maria (Vice Chairman), Maurice Alphonso (Secretary), Jennifer Fox (Registration/ Attendance), Bambang Sugeng Kajairi (Tournaments), Yeoh Lam Keong (Member), Adrian Arriola (Member), Johnny Stead (Member), Francis Lee (Member)

More than 55 boys and girls participated in our training programme during the year. Besides imparting the techniques and skills in soccer, the programme also sought to instill values such as sportsmanship, discipline and teamwork.

In April, we bade farewell to our dear Friend, Mentor and Coach Freddie Fox, who passed away peacefully. The Sunday Lunch in June, the soccer school paid tribute to Fred. We remembered the man who was a gentleman, volunteer, husband, and a fatherly figure to all the boys and girls of the soccer school.



Soccer school committee members, parents and children of the EA soccer school.

Media / Publications



December's New Eurasian cover personality, Dr Noeleen Heyzer, was awarded Singapore's 'Woman of the Year' in March 2008.

COMMITTEE: Gerry de Silva (Chairman), Barry Pereira, Zafran Coelho, Lester Low, Liyana Othman and Joanne Loy.

This year, the Association produced three issues of New Eurasian, the Annual Report and publicity collaterals for various events.

The New Eurasian continues to feature young Eurasians and their interests, personal columns by Eurasians at home and abroad and book reviews by Eurasian writers. Many success stories were unveiled featuring how Eurasians are achieving new heights in careers and their endeavors.

Flyers are also regularly distributed to keep the community up to date with events organized by the Association.

The EA Web-site www.eurasians.org informs visitors of the latest developments and activities. More initiatives to better communicate with our members will be rolled out in the next year.

Sports (cont'd)



A total of 10 teams took part in the Under-10 aged group and another eight teams made up the Under-12 group. Minister Teo and Mayor Zainul kicked off the tournament.

Our EA boys did very well and showed great strength, determination, and character during the tournament. Both EA teams entered the finals in their respective age groups where they played against the teams from Home United. Unfortunately our teams lost in both finals. However they performed much better than last year's tournament as, both teams did not lose a single match on their way to the finals.

Thanks and kudos to Coaches Sebastian Yap, Alphonso Arriola and Abdul Raheem who did a tremendous job with the coaching of the EA boys and girls.

Singapore River Regatta Dragon Boat Race 2007

EA took part in the Singapore River Regatta Dragon Boat Race 2007 on 4th November for the second year in a row and made remarkable improvement on their race timing this time round.

The team was led by veterans Harry Pereira, Geoff Morris, Bianca Hoeden and Peter Rodrigues and included young dragons like the Lopez cousins and the Tham sisters. EA Dragons finished 5th, clocking a sub-2 minute time. The EA Dragons were in the People's Association (PA) Corporate Members' Dragon Boat Championship category which saw Singapore Canoe Federation winning the race.

The improvement came as a result of hard practice. While the training sessions were strenuous, a strong sense of camaraderie was fostered among the team members as they continuously encouraged each other through-out this whole journey.

For 2008, the EA Dragons have decided to form a team which trains every Sunday. The team is always on the look-out for fellow dragon boat enthusiast and welcomes anyone to join them in their training sessions as they strive create an impact in the local dragon boating scene.



The Racial Harmony - Bryan Davenport Cup Soccer Tournament

This competition which is now a household name, was co-organised with North East CDC in July. It was one of the many events chosen for at the launch of North East District Racial Harmony month long celebrations. Guest of Honour was Mr. Teo Chee Hean, Minister for Defence and Member of Parliament for Pasir Ris-Punggol GRC. Mr. Zainul Abidin Rasheed, Senior Minister of State (Foreign Affairs) and Mayor of North East District and Member of Parliament for Aljunied GRC along with other MP's, including Eurasian MP Michael Palmer and grassroots leaders from the North East District were also present.

The 7-a-side tournament saw teams from across the island participating in the Under-10 and Under-12 aged groups. The Championship Trophy for the Under-12's is called the Bryan Davenport Cup, in honour of the late President of the EA, Mr. Bryan Davenport. The Under-10 Championship Trophy is now named the Freddy Fox Cup, to honour the man who was the driving force behind the EA Soccer School.



The EA Dragons before their event at the Singapore Regatta 2007.

Performing Arts Chapter (PAC)



Under the baton of PT Schoon, Eurasiana 'wowed' awardees, ministers and guests at the PAP Annual Party Awards.



Lanette de Conceicao (far left) leading Eurasiana through their paces at the Joint Tuition Awards ceremony.

COMMITTEE: Humphrey de Conceicao (Chairman), PT Yeo – Schoon (Head – Eurasiana), Lanette Stuart (Head – Jingly Pop Dance Group), Michelle Soliano (Secretary), Maurice Lin, Brigitte Ow, Sarah Conceicao, Stephanie De Witt and Vincent Schoon (members).

Inaugurated in June 2004, PAC has continued to plan and execute several initiatives to provide a platform for performance to represent the Eurasian Community on a national level via the performing arts. The small but vibrant group of volunteers are led motivated by their passion for music and weekly fellowship.

PAC performed at 12 events between March and December 07. This included on home ground during the Geylang Serai Women's Talk hosted by EA Women's Wing, and at EA's 2007 Annual General Meeting and the Annual Education Awards.

To celebrate racial harmony, PAC represented the Eurasian Community at the Singapore Heritage Festival at Suntec City. They also performed in front of 10,000 guests, over two days, at the Inter Racial Inter Religious (IRIR) Harmony Day / President's Challenge (Guest of Honor, President SR Nathan) and IRIR Harmony Community Dinner (Guest of Honor Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan).

PAC organized the Family And Friends Concert @ The EA in June, and the entertainment for FSS Christmas Party @ EA on 09 December. These events helped to surface young upcoming talent, as well as celebrate Eurasian's well into their 60's.

PAC brought a taste of Eurasian entertainment to Raffles Place via the Central Singapore Community Development Council's (CDC) Community Life Arts Programme (CLAP) and at the Joint Tuition Awards – spearheaded by EA Education Committee at MDIS.

The performance that capped PAC's year was the Istana's Annual Dinner which was celebrated at The Guild House. President and Mrs. SR Nathan were so pleased with the night's entertainment that they hosted PAC's members to tea at the Istana a month later.

PAC were invited as the sole act at the PAP Annual Party Awards at the National University Cultural Centre (NUCC) performing in front of Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament. This was truly an opportunity for Singapore's leaders to capture the essence of Eurasian talent.

House Operations



Chef Quentin Pereira at his Quentin's Eurasian Restaurant at the Eurasian Community House.

COMMITTEE: Edward D'Silva, Barry Pereira and Lester Low

Eddie's Place

With the moving out of Sunset Bay in Oct 07, Eurasian Community House brought Quentin's Eurasian restaurant into Eddie's Place, bringing in both traditional as well as fusion Eurasian cuisine. Quentin's, owned by Chef Quentin Pereira who has been getting rave reviews from food critics brings along a very personalised service promised to make you feel just at home. Some of his most popular dishes; prawn bostador, meaty cutlets, devil curry; have so far been hot favorites among our members and guests.

Quentin's is opened for lunch and dinner. Opening hours are from 11.30am to 2.30pm (lunch) and 6.30pm to 10.30pm (dinner), daily.

Utilisation of Our Facilities

All facilities in the Eurasian Community House were well utilised during the year. The Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) was used for many key EA events and private gatherings some of which attended by VIP guests. Many social, community bonding and meaningful events such as weddings, birthday, the Education Award Ceremony, dance classes, rehearsal of dance and drama performances and the Monthly Sunday Lunches were held in the MPH.

In the next few months, we will also be introducing more new programs for our members. Some of these are Akikido, Yoga, Aerobatics, Fencing and some one-day workshops/talks such as

facial, car-maintenance, Feng-shui and other kids related classes.

We have also recently revised the rates for all our Facilities to better reflect our offerings and more importantly, to add value to our members.

House Maintenance

The monthly house-keeping and maintenance costs amounted to \$3,637 per month. This includes the maintenance of lifts, cleaning and landscape, generator servicing, fire alarm system & monitoring, air-conditioning maintenance, maintenance of power generator, security alarm monitoring and pest control.

Improvement Works

The following works were carried out:

- The Office layout was improved. A Meeting Room with PC/printer was created within the Secretariat Admin Office for internal meetings and discussions. The Room will also serve as a working area for the Office Bearers.
- Both stores within the House were organised with proper racking system, enhancing easy access to both archived documents and general stores.
- The Family Support Services was re-located to the 3rd storey to better facilitate operations, create more space, and provide a more conducive counseling environment.
- External lightings surrounding the building were enhanced for better visibility to the public in the evenings.
- New directory signs to Lift Buttons were fitted to give our visitors better direction within the floors.
- A new Facility Directional Road Sign was installed at the junction of Dunman Road and Ceylon Road to improve visibility of the Eurasian Community House.

Sinking Fund

The establishment of a Sinking Fund is being finalized and will be implemented in 2008. The objective of the Fund is to take care of any structural alterations, major maintenance and upgrading work that could arise as the building enters its fifth year.

Volunteer Management



Volunteer, Roshidah Simon, at Health Zone in SGH, with her "children".

Volunteers' database

The database has been set up to better support the sub-committees and their respective events and programs. To continue increase the pool of volunteers, the Association newsletter and our regular flyers have been used as a platform to attract more calls. So far, results has been forth-coming.

The Volunteer Management as part of the current MC's manifesto is headed by Rene Shepherson Jr and supported by the Secretariat team.

The objective is to attract and maintain a pool of volunteers for the Association.

Some of the programmes that our volunteers have supported are:

- Official Lunch of John Hochstadt Room on September 6
- Video filming of Marina Countdown Wishing Sphere November 15
- Party organized by the Family Support Services (FSS) on December 9
- Family Christmas Carnival on December 8
- Party organized by Silver Circle on December 15

Financial Report

The Management Committee has continued maintaining sound financial management for the Association. We have recorded a surplus of \$64,531. Our reserves have increased to \$1,821,457 (excluding the reserves of the Endowment Fund) as compared to \$1,627,822 a year ago. The Endowment fund recorded a deficit of \$129,104 due mainly to the transfer of \$142,565 to Welfare and \$15,900 to Education.

Schedule of Reserves

Reserve	General Fund	Community Fund	Education Fund	Heritage Endowment Fund	Opportunity Fund	Total (excl. Endow Fund & Capital Grant)	Endowment Fund
Balance as at 31 Dec 06	753,049	659,606	30,167	125,000	60,000	1,627,822	1,426,969
Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year	61,196	86,558	-	-	45,881	193,635	(129,104)
Balance as at 31 Dec 07	814,245	746,164	30,167	125,000	105,881	1,821,457	1,297,865

Income

Income collected during the year decreased to \$859,857, (does not include amortization of deferred capital grant), as compared to \$895,756 in 2006. The major source of income continued to be contributions to the Eurasian Community Fund which amounted to \$391,117. Donations and fund raising activities decreased slightly to \$188,068 compared to S\$195,066 in 2006. The government grant amounted to S\$230,000 in which S\$30,000 is allocated to the Opportunity Fund.

A summary of the major sources of funds is listed below:

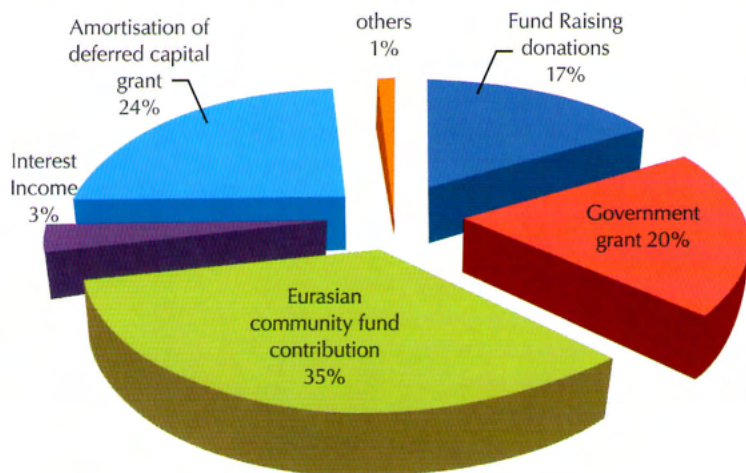
Donor / Scheme	General Fund S\$'000	Community Fund S\$'000	Community Fund S\$'000	Opportunity Fund S\$'000
Eurasian Community Fund		361		30
Fund Raising & Donations	121	67		
Government Grant		200		30
Interest	3	2	30	
Others	11	4	1	
TOTAL	135	634	31	60

The major donors include:

Mr. Herman Hochstadt	\$100,000
Hong Leong Foundation	\$55,600
Anonymous	\$10,000
Modern Montessori International Pte Ltd	\$6,000
Chew How Teck Foundation	\$5,000
Munich Management Pte Ltd	\$4,000
Lawrence da Silva	\$3,000
Crocs Asia Pte Ltd	\$3,000
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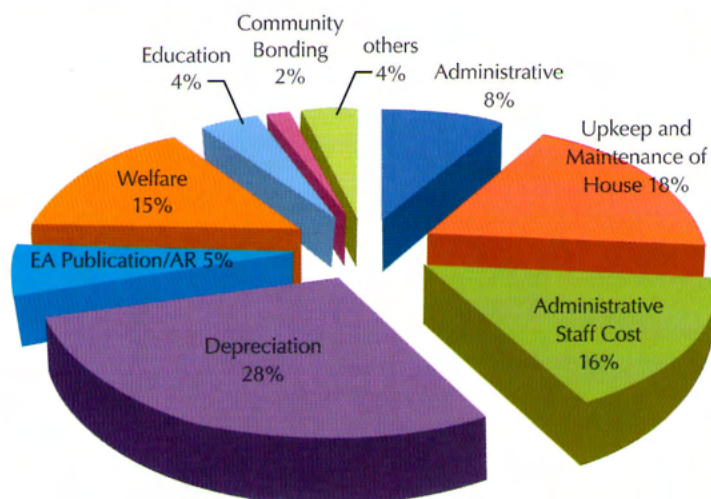
Summary of Income

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INCOME	S\$
Fund raising and donations	188,068
Government grant	230,000
Eurasian community fund contribution	391,117
Interest income	35,673
Amortisation of deferred capital grant	273,966
Others	14,999
TOTAL	1,133,823

Summary of Expenditure



EXPENDITURE	S\$
Administrative	89,136
Upkeep and Maintenance of House	194,777
Administrative Staff Cost	167,766
Depreciation	300,716
EA Publication/AR	57,456
Welfare	160,761
Education	41,344
Community Bonding	16,988
Others	40,348
TOTAL	1,069,292

Community House

The cost for building usage and maintenance has increased to \$194,777 in 2007 as compared to \$156,183 in 2006. This is due to some minor renovation amounting to \$18,917. There is an increase of \$9,042 in the security cost as well as an additional cost of \$11,502 to upgrade and repair our air-conditioners, computers, security and fire system. However, there is a reduction of \$6,327 in the Water and Lights charges.

Investment of Funds

The Association has continued to invest its surplus funds mainly in fixed deposits and bonds. The investment income for the year amounted to \$35,673.

Eurasian Community Fund and General Fund

The Association would like to record its thanks to all donors for their generous contribution to the funds and would like to urge all Eurasians to continue supporting the Association through their generous donations so as to realise the Association's mission and vision.

Accounting Procedures and Practices

There were no major changes to the Accounting Procedures and Practices in 2007, however, changes were made to the management accounting format for better understanding and monitoring by Management Committee members.

Minutes of AGM 2007

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Eurasian Association held on the 28th April 2007, 6.00 pm at the Eurasian Community House.

The President of the Eurasian Association and Chairman of the AGM, Mr Gerry De Silva, called the AGM to order at 6.10 pm, announcing that there was a quorum of more than 50 members present.

President opened the Meeting by expressing our regret and condolences at the death of a former MC Member, Mr. Frederick Fox. Fred Fox made enormous contributions to the Eurasian Association, and we put on record our memory for this man and his great work at the AGM.

Item 2.1 President's Address

Mr. De Silva delivered his President's Address.

First on the cards was his thanks to his new team and how they had done well despite most being first-timers on the Committee. He singled out Ms Clunies-Ross for her work in pulling off one of the Association's major projects – The Eurasian representation at the IMF.

He then presented on the more critical area of focus, and this was the need to reform and enhance the Family Support Services, and bring it to a new level of engagement, in the post-Davenport era. He continued by reporting that, the FSS, now led by Rene Shepherdson Jr. has been tasked to take a bolder step forward to help the community given the ever-growing widening economic and social gaps – not just in status, but the social differences between the younger and the old, the "haves" and the "have nots". In this, he reported the initiation of the Help Clinic which will become the cornerstone of the Family Support Services. Mr. De Silva reported on how the Association was now working on increasing the volunteer pool of counsellors, to include lawyers, health care professionals, psychologists, financial advisors and others.

In his Address, Mr. De Silva recorded that welfare remains the biggest share of the pie on our expenditure. Second is the share that goes towards engaging and encourage the Youth under the Education system. Apart for the ECF Education Awards, where we have been encouraging our students with Awards and Bursaries, the Association is now moving into a new realm of tapping on the various other supplementary programmes and schemes to ensure that no one gets left behind. To add to this, through the kind support from His Excellency, President S.R. Nathan, we have received donations from the Totalisator Board and the Buddhist Lodge to support a book and a scholarship for University Education. This scholarship hopes to be the coat representing champion quality reflecting one of the Community's most lively and altruistic community leaders in Education, Dr. Charles J.P. Paglar.

On the subject of philanthropy, Mr De Silva announced that Mr. Herman Hochstadt had donated \$100,000 to the Association to support our fund-raising toward Welfare and Education. In doing so, the Association has accorded that the conference room be now named "The John Hochstadt Room" in honour of his father who was the founder of the Singapore Casket Company, and perhaps one of the most enterprising Entrepreneurs of his time, certainly a Eurasian Icon. The donation alone marks the single largest donation to the Association.

Mr. De Silva painted more exciting times for the Association as we reach our 90th Anniversary in 2009. This progression towards our 90th, takes on a new phase in EA. First, he announced how the Association has revised its Rules on membership to make it more open, recognising those who have contributed to the Association through the Eurasian Community Fund. The change will also welcome seniors and welfare recipients giving the committee options to waiver their fees. This new wave forward is also seen with the new outlook for the Associations newsletter, now renamed the "New Eurasian". The emphasis is to attract the next generation of Eurasians into the fold.

Item 2.2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGM held on 29th April 2006.

There were no amendments to the minutes of the meeting. Edmund Rodrigues proposed that the minutes be passed. Victor Olsen seconded him. The meeting confirmed the minutes.

Item 2.3 Matters Arising from the Last AGM held on 29th April 2006.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

Item 2.4. To receive, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2006.

The President presented a summary of the Total income and Expenditure for the year ending 31st December 2006. As there were no matters arising, Mr Edmund Rodrigues proposed that the Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2006 be passed. Mr Victor Olsen seconded him. The Annual Report and Audited Accounts were approved and adopted.