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A New Buzz



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President's Message



The Annual General Meeting in April saw the election of a new Management Committee (MC). The new president installed for the next two years (2008-2010), Mr. Edward D'Silva reiterates his speech to all.

Dear Friends, I'm proud to announce that a new Management Committee has been elected and on behalf of this team, thank you all for your continued support to the Association.

We have some ambitious plans for the years ahead. Our vision is a vibrant Community in which everyone works together and looks out for each other; a Community that is a proud participant and contributor to our multi-ethnic, multi-cultural Country; a Community that is known for its integrity and excellence.

The plans, however, are not for MC alone to pull through. We call on all to come forward and be part of these plans. The understanding is simple. If we all put our minds to it, everything is possible. My team and I hope to see our Eurasian Community House bustling with people attending our activities, forums and of course the social events that we are known for. We must have an open vision not only for the Eurasians Community, but as we all do have roots to many other ethnicities, we must also reflect our contributions to the nation and society

as a whole. There are challenges that we need to ponder on and apply ourselves to, but our strength must come from within us and from our aspiring and our young.

So our long term goal is to continue to nurture new leaders and encourage leadership. Among us we do have a wealth of experience, knowledge and connections, yet there are many among us who have remained on the periphery. I hope to persuade them to change their minds. Another challenge is our place in the bigger Singapore picture. Once upon a time, there were many Eurasians who held prominent positions, Eurasians who were well-respected leaders. These days our contributions make the news once in a blue moon. We are good at what we do, but we don't stand out enough. We have to regain our edge, our excitement and prominence.

I would like to invite all of you to join me in refreshing this, to help my team and me bring back those glory days for the Eurasians. Given our legacy, we are one of the 4 main ethnic groups in Singapore and not one of the Others. Let us be proud of that.

The year 2009 gives us this opportunity to make these changes as it will be EA's 90th Anniversary. In 2019, we will celebrate our 100th and by then we hope The Community will be abuzz. We are planning a 10-year lead-up – yes 10 years from 2009 -- to this historic occasion. NOT just 100 years of EA's history but also 200 years since the founding of Singapore in 1819. That's fantastic isn't it!

Basically friends, we want to bring back the buzz about Eurasians. I ask each and every one of you to come, join us in this exciting quest. Thank you.

Edward D'Silva
President, Eurasian Association

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Representing the Eurasians in Cabinet
Mr George Yeo

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About our New President

An architect by profession, Mr. Edward D'Silva is the executive director of SAA Architects. He currently serves on a number of other boards, the most significant of which is the Public Service Commission. He is also the chair (designate) of the National Youth Council, a member of the board of trustees of the National University of Singapore, the Strata Titles Board, Singapore Dance Theatre, and the Central Singapore CDC, among others. He was previously the President of the Republic of Singapore Flying Club, and President of the Singapore Institute of Architects. Edward has been a member of the EA management committee for the last 8 years.

This New Eurasian

We take on a new outlook, redefining the New Eurasian as our Next Generation Eurasians – those who will be there to take the Community to the next level. This month's issue, simply titled "A New Buzz", has stories on our young and aspiring in sports, young professionals who are making their mark and we feature the youngest new management committee ever! We have introduced a heritage section just to take a step back as we jump three steps forward. Our main feature gives due recognition to our ECF Contribution and what it means to the Community. We hope to start a forum where you too can contribute your stories. Enough said, read on!

Bringing Back the Buzz



New MC Team (L-R): Mr. Harry B. Pereira (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Zafran Coelho (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs. Yvonne Marie Pereira, Dr. Barry P. Pereira (Vice-President), Mr. Edward D'Silva (President), Mrs Christine Clunies-Ross (Asst. Hon. Secretary), Ms. Carla J. Barker, Mr. Geoffrey da Silva, Mr. Humphrey Conceicao, Mr. Christian C. Eber

On 18th April 2008 at the Annual General Meeting, a new Management Committee was elected to the Eurasian Association for a two year term from 2008 to 2010.

The new Committee plans to revitalize the structure of the Association by engaging more Eurasians to take an interest in the Community. One goal is to nurture a new generation of leaders for the Community to be proud of; people who will play as big a role in nation building as the GENO Oehlers, Benjamin Sheares, Eddie Barkers and Stanley Stewarts of the past did.

"Do you hear of prominent Eurasians like this any more?" asked Mr. Edward D'Silva in his first address as EA's president.

"These days, our contributions make the news once in a blue moon. We're good at what we do, but we don't stand out enough."

In his speech, Mr. D'Silva urged members, particularly Eurasian professionals, to step up to the plate and join his team in enlarging the community's role in society as well as raising our profile in Singapore. Mr D'Silva also called for a strengthening of bonds within the group and with the country's other ethnic groups.

At the meeting, the members elected a 10-man committee for the next two years. This is perhaps the youngest team ever with the mean age below the 50 mark. Our youngest member is Mr. Zafran Coelho at 26-years of age.

Carla J. Barker: She is not new to EA, having served on our legal panel from 1989 to 1998, and was involved in the review and updating of the association's constitution. She also drafted the EA Endowment Fund Trust Deed in 1993.

Christian C. Eber: He has been a volunteer over the last two years with our Family Support Services and at various community bonding Programmes. He has been tasked to look after our Corporate Communications.

Mission:

"To Enrich our Cohesive and Vibrant Eurasian Community that is integrated with and Contributing to a Multi-ethnic, Multi-religious and Multi-cultural Singapore"

Core Values:

"Pride, Humility, Integrity, and Excellence".

Pride for the Community; Humility in our Actions; Integrity in our Conduct; and Excellence in our Social Responsibility for the Community through Education, Family Support, and Community Bonding Programmes.

Two new officials have come on board, lawyer Carla Jacqueline Barker and entrepreneur Christian Charles Eber, 29.

Mr. D'Silva also paid tribute to Mr. Gerry De Silva and Mr. Rene Shepherdson Jr, expressing his sincere thanks and gratitude to the two out-going stalwarts, who between them had contributed over 20 years of service to the Association.

The team has started work on recruiting new members to form new panels and advisory committees that would supplement and contribute to the role and function of the management committee.



Mr Burton Westerhout making a point at the AGM

Our Goals for 2008-2010

Mid-term:

- To increase our resources and funding in promoting the importance of Education
- To further improve the Family Support Services in the areas of 1) looking after the elderly, 2) families at risk and 3) those in need of welfare
- To increase our EA membership
- Encourage more participation and community bonding

Long term

- To have a leadership renewal process constantly looking for and encouraging people from within the Community to take on leadership roles at sub-committee, committee, and board levels
- To strengthen the Association's and Community's role in the civil structures of Singapore, giving our Eurasian perspective to matters at hand

MC's 100 days in Office



President S.R. Nathan with our EA Patron, Trustees and the new Management Committee after dinner at the Istana, 6th April 2008

With a quick step and a jump, the new Management team got off their marks very fast getting all their official calls sorted out soon after the Annual General Meeting.

The first official meeting was with the EA Patron and Trustees to present their manifesto for the next two years, and that went very well. After the meeting, former EA president Timothy De Souza wrote "There is much that the new MC has done in the short time that it has been in office and it is good to see the progress. Well done indeed!" The second, more official and formal, was an invitation to dinner at the Istana by President S.R.Nathan to the new Management Committee and the Trustees. This was a true honour for some of the younger and newer members. The encouragement received from President Nathan was also very positive as it has always been and that reverberated very well, and our engines purred on.

Two other business meetings followed, both on 13th June, a Friday. Auspicious it was, because the first which was over lunch with Mr. Tan Boon Huat, Chief Executive Director, and a team from the People's Association; forged new directions and suggestions for collaboration on the culture and sports fronts. The other meeting was with our Minister representing Eurasians in Cabinet, Mr. George Yeo where we presented our team and some of our directions to take the community ahead.

At the meeting, Minister Yeo welcomed the Committee's plans for our 90th Anniversary and our 10-year plan looking towards our 100th Anniversary in 2019! Incidentally, this would also be Singapore's 200th Anniversary since in 1819. Minister Yeo saw a positive trend of the "new Eurasian" from recent mixed marriages, and felt that we could do



A business lunch with Mr Tan Boon Huat (third from the left) and his team from the People's Association

more to refresh our boundaries. He congratulated the team and their plan and in his own words said "Singapore is not complete if you do not include the Eurasian Community". In his blog the next day, which he titled "The New Eurasian", Minister Yeo spoke about his visit and the meeting. Do check his blog site out at <http://beyondsg.typepad.com/beyondsg/2008/06/the-new-eurasia.html>

Also on the cards, is a meeting with the Mayor Matthias Yao and his South East Community Development Council team, and another with Dr. Johnny Goh and his Singapore Recreation Club team, all within 100-days!



Some prominent Eurasians at our Ministerial Visit - Rene Pereira, Dr. Myrna Braga-Blake and Dr. Antonio Rappa



Guests posing with Minister Yeo. (L-R): Jean De Souza, Samantha Scully, Barry Pereira, Minister Yeo, Paul Rodrigues, John Monteiro, Geraldine Pereira, Leslie Theseira and Wendy Theseira



Minister Yeo with our Women's Wing. (L-R) Philomena Nonis, Stephanie Holland, Bianca Hoeden, Majella Oliveiro, Monica Leicester-Wong, Minister Yeo, Christine Clunies-Ross, Alice Nonis, Veronica Ann, Peter Rodrigues, Yvonne Pereira and Lorraine Ess-Sim

Ministerial Visit



Minister Yeo with guests (L-R) Warren Consigliere, Colin Brabery, Francesca Eber, Josephine Eber and Christian Eber

About 100 invited guests from all walks of life turned up to meet our Minister Representing Eurasians in Cabinet, Mr. George Yeo. The mix of people at each table was intentional; some new faces, some familiar: volunteers, committee members, trustees and staff. A few were at the House for the first time and while others surprised that they were even invited, Ms. Constance Paglar, a practicing lawyer added "Well I was more surprised that I was at the VIP table".

It was a wonderful evening of good food from our in-house Eurasian restaurant, Quentin's, plus excellent entertainment and warm conversation. We had two Eurasian concert pianists entertained us. Mr. Leslie Theseira, 16, an aspiring piano virtuoso who was featured in our last New Eurasian, played the classics, while Mr. John Monteiro, 35, played fusion music and some of his own compositions. What a privilege to have had two great Eurasian talents in our midst. Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, the suave Mr. Peter Boudewyn, carried the evening superbly with his smooth delivery. After dinner and the recitals, Minister Yeo mingled with the guests and took time patiently answering and asking pertinent questions. His charisma and warmth was admired by all who had the chance to converse with him.



Minister Yeo chatting about blue and white porcelains to a captive audience. (L-R) Dixie Ferdinands, Valerie Scully and Lorraine Bligh



Mr Leslie Theseira entertaining the guests with the classics

At the end of the day, Chef Mary Gomes presented Minister Yeo with a copy of her latest cookbook, and with a loud round of applause, and of course after a typically long Eurasian goodbye, we wished out Minister, adieu. Until our next meeting, Minister George Yeo, Mutu Merseh!

Showcasing Eurasian Talent

Friday the 13th may be spooky and bad luck for many. Some prefer to stay indoors and be cloistered in their locked bedrooms. We at the EA however made this date one to remember in more than a special way.

A presentation on our 2009 plans was made to People's Association's Chief Executive Director, Mr. Tan Boon Huat, Mr. Nah Juay Boon, Group Director (Networks), and other top PA honchos. The discussion centred on a plan for EA to step out of its comfort zone by proposing our Community's participation in Chingay 2009 and NDP 2009.

We also discussed an idea to marshal Eurasian Talents in an event to be called the EA Extravaganza 2009. Mr. Humphrey De Conceicao who presented the plan added "Sure, we have a couple of Eurasian MPs in Parliament, one or two musicians on the world stage and a whole slew of emcees and DJs on radio! But what about us regular folk?", and speaking more passionately Humphrey continued "Isn't it time to show and share with the Nation...no wait...dare I say... "THE WORLD".....what being EURASIAN is all about!" A challenge no less.

Incidentally the meeting went very well coming from the chair of our Performing Arts Chapter. Paper plans for the two parades next year is now under way. An interesting day it was indeed. Join us in our preparations this year!

Join the Performing Arts Chapter!

For all those with an interest to develop their talents further; those who would like to join or form a performing group - either in music, theatre, dance or a combination of these; perhaps you would simply like to be involved back stage. Whatever your fancy, come and find out more by contacting Mr. Humphrey de Conceicao (ragoman@gmail.com), our Chairman of the Performing Arts Chapter.

Plans to Build a Stronger Eurasian Community Get Underway

- first step sees waiver of membership fees for Eurasian Community Fund contributors

Plans to build up the membership base of the Eurasian Association, and by extension a stronger Eurasian community as a whole, have taken off with the waiver of EA membership fees for Eurasian Community Fund (ECF) contributors who meet the requirements (see Rule 4, below). This means that the number of members will double and hopefully reach 8,000. In addition, changes to the membership criteria will also allow for welfare recipients and elderly Eurasians to join as Ordinary, Life or Associate Ordinary or Associate Life members once they meet various requirements, with a waiver of subscriptions.

Newly-inaugurated EA President, Edward D'Silva, said of the move: "The increase in our numbers is but an important first step in building a stronger community for the benefit of Eurasians, and for Singapore. Our bigger challenge moving forward will be to engage our members in a constructive and meaningful way both for themselves and the Association."

The Registry of Society's approval for changes to the EA Constitution was received in February this year, and marked the culmination of more than two years of discussions and lobbying by members of previous management committees. In fact the idea to waive membership fees for ECF Contributors was first mooted more than 6-years ago by Mr. Victor Olsen. Said Mr. Gerry De Silva, immediate EA past president

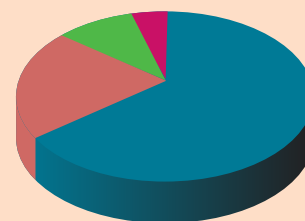
"The changes are groundbreaking. The aim is to make the EA truly representative of the community and the changes will go a long way to help equip it to face future challenges." Apart from simplifying the membership application process, the new change will "recognize the major role that our Eurasian Community Fund contributors play in financing the Association's programmes. So too for elderly Eurasians who helped build our nation, and welfare recipients. This will make the EA a more inclusive association."

The contributions to the Eurasian Community Fund are generated through regular CPF deductions, and more than 7,500 Eurasians currently contribute monthly to the fund. It was set up in 1995 solely for the purpose of supporting education, welfare and heritage programmes. Mr. Olsen commended the change by adding that the waiver is a way to reach out to potential EA members and show them that EA appreciates their support by inviting them to join without having to pay a cent, he said "It is not only the money. It is the quintessential Eurasian community act of appreciating fellow Eurasians' support."

The Annual ECF Education Awards provide bursaries, merit bursaries, study grants and excellence awards to more than 170 students each year. Under the welfare programme, the Family Support Service looks after more than 140 families. These are mostly the elderly (about 65%). The others are families at risk (20%) and single parent families (10%)

who need temporary assistance because of unemployment or have chronic financial burdens to carry. The service assists in providing referrals to social service providers, legal aid and counsellors and is run by two executives and a group of volunteers and pro-bono professionals.

Spread of Clients under our Family Support Service



■ Elderly ■ Single parents
■ Families at Risk ■ Others

The annual budget for these two services is about \$200,000 a year, and this does not include the administrative cost and support. Contribution received through the Eurasian Community Fund makes up about 35 percent of EA's annual income, and ranges between \$350,000 and \$400,000. The waiver of the one-time \$60 life membership fee for Eurasians who contribute to the ECF and are currently not members, is not expected to have a big impact on income to the Association. All they need do is to fill in the application form.

Rule 4 – Ordinary Membership

- (a) All Eurasian Singaporeans and Permanent Residents of the age of eighteen and above, both male and female, as hereinafter specified shall be eligible for Ordinary and Life Membership,
- (b) A Eurasian for the purpose of these Rules only is a person:-
- (i) Who is of mixed European and Asian ancestry and who has shown the desire to be identified as a Eurasian;
OR
 - (ii) Whose family has been accepted as Eurasian by custom and tradition and who has shown the desire to be identified as a member of the Eurasian Community.

Looking Back: How EA Became a Self-help Group

The decision taken by EA to become a self-help group for the community came about in 1992, after the formation of other self-help groups which had the government's backing, such as MENDAKI, CDAC and SINDA.

The resolution by our then EA leaders was to make EA, which was for the most part an association already looking after the community, an official self-help group.

We were first accorded the status of a charitable organization by the government. In early 1991, the Association had already announced a plan to set up the EA Endowment Fund to finance educational and welfare programmes for the community. The government's recognition of our efforts came in May 1992 in the form of an agreement in principle to grant Institute of Public Character (IPC) status to the Fund. This was the beginning of our self-help status.

EA decided to follow the path of the other self-help groups in collecting donations through deductions from the CPF, then known as the CPF check-off scheme (see ST Article 11 July 1994). This was officially approved and supported by the government when the then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong announced it at our 75th Anniversary EA Ball. He also announced the government would match any funds raised by the association dollar-for-dollar to a current maximum of \$200,000 a year. Before we could become a Charitable Organisation under the Charity Act, we had to amend our Rule Book.

In an EGM on 11th Feb 1995, all members present gave full backing to the amendments, and the Eurasian Community Fund (ECF) was established.



Extract from Straits Times, 11th July 1994

Contributions Through CPF to Support the Community

All employees in Singapore who contribute to CPF are obliged through the government to contribute to one of the four community self-help groups. For the Eurasians, it is the Eurasian Community Fund (ECF). On record, there are more than 7,500 contributing to the ECF. That's an average of about \$3 - \$5 a month from your CPF (employers-employees) contribution. Some give more depending on their income levels.

All working Eurasian Singapore citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents are required to contribute monthly to the ECF according to the wage levels below (Source: CPF board, <http://mycpf.cpf.gov.sg/CPF/>):

Wage Level	Minimum Monthly Contribution
Up to \$1,000	\$2.00
Above \$1,000 - \$1,500	\$4.00
Above \$1,500 - \$2,500	\$6.00
Above \$2,500 - \$4,000	\$8.00
Above \$4,000	\$10.00

This ECF fund was set up solely for the purpose of supporting our education, welfare and heritage programmes.

Revised Rules on Membership

Rule 8: An Ordinary or Associate Member shall pay an annual subscription of \$12.00 immediately on admission to Ordinary or Associate Membership and thereafter on 1st January or each succeeding calendar year provided that the Committee may in its sole discretion waiver payment of the whole or any portion of the subscription normally payable by the Ordinary or Associate Member for such a period as the Committee may in its discretion decide.

Rule 9: An Ordinary Life or Associate Life Member shall pay a single subscription of \$60.00 in one lump sum immediately on admission to Ordinary Life or Associate Life Membership and shall not thereafter be liable for payment of any further subscription provided that the Committee may in its sole discretion waive the whole or any portion of the subscription normally payable by an Ordinary Life or Associate Life Member.

(note: for both Rule 8 and 9 this Committee has decided to waiver fees for the ECF contributors, those above 60-yrs of age, and those under our family support service).

Be a Member of the Association Today!
Pick up an Application Form or Contact us at 64471578, members@eurasians.org

Young and Aspiring in Sports

We focus our attention on young Eurasian Singaporeans who are doing well in their respective sports. With the Youth Olympics Games drawing near, we hope to see our Eurasian girls and boys in the thick of action too.

Bianca Goetz, 13, Competitive Swimmer

Currently living in Phuket, Thailand with her parents, Bianca, who only recently turned 13 in April, has been swimming competitively for the last 4 years. Her father, Ralph Manfred Goetz, is German and a Singapore PR, and her mum is Denise Theseira, a Eurasian. In March this year, Bianca participated in the Manulife Singapore National Age Group Championships, and from her good showing in three races, where she won 3 silvers and did better than her personal best. She took part in the Taiwan Cruises Challenge, an international swim meet held in Phuket, swimming 8 events. She aced the Girls 13-14yrs division, beating competition from up to 300 swimmers from Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Hong Kong, Brunei and Malaysia.

At the recent 32nd South East Asia (SEA) Age Group Championships held in Bangkok in June, Bianca who has trained with the Youth National team, represented Singapore for the first time clocking her best times for the 400-m Freestyle (4.45.92) and the 100-m Freestyle (1.02.93), which she won the Bronze. Her mum, Denise said that Bianca was extremely nervous and out of her comfort zone, especially in the 200-m Freestyle event where Bianca did not clock her best, but was placed a close 4th. At her rate and age, she is showing a lot of potential and her proud mum had this to say "Bianca is looking forward to competing for Singapore again very soon and has her eyes set on the Youth Olympics that will be hosted by Singapore in 2010".



Richard Hill, 21, National Squash Player

A recent recipient of an ECF Excellence Award, Richard Hill, the eldest son of Desmond and Yvonne Hill, is an up-coming ace in the Singapore Squash Scene. His mum, a lawyer with Yeo-Leong & Peh LLC, writes "Richard hails from a family of squash players. His grandfather, Hubert Hill, is a pioneer in squash in Singapore, represented the Nation in the sixties. His uncle Peter was the SEA Games individual Champion for some years. His dad, Desmond, and Mark, his uncle, also represented Singapore in their prime years".

The competitive spirit and traditions continues with Richard who represented Singapore at the recent 2007 SEA Games in Thailand. He reached the quarter finals, but lost to the eventual winner of the gold medal. Prior to the SEA Games, Richard has since the age of 16 years represented Singapore in several international competitions including the World Junior Squash Championship in 2004, Asian Junior Squash Championships in 2003, Asian Mens Squash Championships in 2004 & 2006. Some of the awards he received include the Sports Boy of the year from Hwa Chong Junior College. He is currently reading at Harvard University and intends to major in Applied Mathematics and Economics. He is also a member of the Harvard Squash team and at the recent US College Squash Association Individual Championships, he won the Malloy Cup (men's "B" Bracket), beating Rushabh Vora (Trinity) in a close match: 9-8,5-9, 2-9, 9-3, 9-7. Congratulations Champ!





Shaun-Paul Lopez, 23, Fencer

Currently pursuing a bachelor in Sport Science at the University of Western Australia, Shaun-Paul also helps his father, Jeffrey Lopez, run Fencing Masters, a family-run fencing school. The fencing school was established in 1995. The school now teaches fencing as a CCA at numerous other schools, such as SMU, VJC, CJC, ACS-I and ITE Balestier. His father, Jeffrey, a national fencing coach, started off teaching in his alma mater SJI as a service for more than 20 years, but retired a few years ago. It is this sense of service that has rubbed off on Shaun-Paul and he aspires to guide youths and train champions later in life as he gains more experience.

Quite an accomplished fencer already, Shaun-Paul won an individual and a pair of team gold medals in his maiden national fencing competition at the National Novices 2007. This was a great achievement for him. Yet the more significant lesson learnt was not in the winning but in losing. He had failed to win in his pet event, which really left him devastated. With a team event next he had to quickly pick himself up and channelled all emotions and energy to the team. They did win and in retrospect, he reflected that "Failure can be a positive lesson, especially when people depend on you. You do need perseverance and not give up. It was a life lesson for me."

Perseverance has also help Shaun-Paul with his training with the EA Dragons. The Dragons, formed in 2006, won their first medal this year. Shaun-Paul hopes more Eurasians can take part and contribute to the EA, be it through sports or education or any area which they are capable of. The most important aspect is the drive to give back to the community.

Aidan Woodford, 14, and Travis Woodford, 16, Tri-athletes

Two brothers, sons of Daryl Woodford and Iris Pereira, are both competitive triathletes and road cyclists. They started training with the National Federation, Triathlon Association of Singapore in 2003. Since taking part in their first OSIM International Triathlon race – at the tender ages of 10 and 8 years old respectively – the two brothers have never looked back.

In the OSIM Triathlon's Men's Open Sprint category, at only 11-years, Travis came in a credible 79th out of 300 adult competitors, improving the following year, to take 19th position. He went on to compete in several international races, winning the A'Famosa Triathlon in 2005 and attaining top ten placing in his category for both the Mekong River International Multisport Asian Cup Triathlon and the Subic Bay International Triathlon in 2007. Locally, his achievements have been simply outstanding, coming in 4th in the NUS Men's Sprint Aquathlon and 2nd in the National Duathlon Men's Open Sprint event. He is looking forward to the prestigious OSIM Singapore International Triathlon to be held in July. His dad, Daryl Woodford proudly added, "Travis intends to do well in order to fulfill his aspirations of being the Eurasian representative for Singapore in the 2010 Youth Olympics".

Travis' passion for sports is shared by his younger brother Aidan, who particularly enjoys road cycling. Aidan started taking part in road cycling races in 2005. He has picked up medals in both road races held so far in 2008. Daryl said of them "Their shared love of sports has built a close bond between the two brothers. Their ability to work together – training together, looking out for each other, and most of all, encouraging each other – has given them both the extra special edge that allows them to perform at their best in every race".

Way to go Woodfords!

If you know of any young and aspiring Eurasians that you feel we could feature as good role models, please do write to us with your stories and send them to Ms. Therese Thompson (therese@eurasians.org).

Heritage

Do you know Jingkli-Nona?

Jingkli Nona (Jingli Nona) is a traditional folk song with links to a small community that has a long-standing history in Southeast Asia, known simply as the Eurasian community. This community can trace its history to the early colonial rulers of Malacca, beginning with the Portuguese from the 16th Century, the Dutch East Indies Company in the 18th Century and the British during the 18th and 19th Century.

The term "Eurasian" was a category in the population census of Singapore and Peninsula Malaya in the 1850s and it referred to a group of people the British distinguished as being neither European nor Asian. These people were earlier recorded in the census as either Native Christians (from Malacca), Indo-Britons (from the Indian Peninsula) and Burghers (Dutch Burghers from Batavia and Ceylon). Presumably through various social commonalities and associations, these families came together and became a definitive community known today in Singapore and the Malaysian Peninsula as the Eurasian Community.

Their legacy is a fusion of many cultures, traditions and heritage, not just of the Asian Diaspora, but with distinct European influences, many are of which are somewhat maintained in many Eurasian families today.

Papiá Kristang ("Christian language"), or just **Kristang**, is a creole language. It is spoken by the Kristang, a community of people of mixed Portuguese and Asian ancestry, chiefly in Malacca (Malaysia) and Singapore. The language is also called **Cristão** or **Cristan** ("Christian"), **Português de Malaca** ("Malacca Portuguese"), or simply **Papiá**.
Source: Wikipedia - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kristang_language

The lyric of the folk song Jingkli Nona is sung in a Creole language, Kristang, which has derivatives from the 16th-18th century Portuguese Language blended with several Asian languages.

The spoken language, Kristang, is itself a marker that implies a mixed community, descendants of both Europeans and Asians. The people

who spoke the language were also known as Kristang, Cristao (Christians) or Native Christians, given the likelihood that a native of the land was not a Christian, yet was different from Europeans who were Christians. To the Malays, they were also known as Seranis or Se-orang Nazarene (literally translated to a follower of Jesus of the Nazarene, an old synonym for Christians).

The song Jingkli Nona, (literal translation: Dancing Fair Maiden) is most often played at wedding receptions today. To many Eurasians, the legacy of their links to the Native Christians who many were of Portuguese descent is in the song. To most, this has become their anthem. Once the opening lines are played, most would jump out of their seats to begin the Jingkli Nona branyo (dance), declaring their Eurasian upbringing and identity.

The song, when translated from Kristang, is about a young man who courts a fair maiden. Even though he has nothing, no door to the house or money, he arrogantly tests his chances in asking the fair lady for her hand in marriage. He is, of course, denied. The song is sung in alternating fashion by a man and a woman, with the woman turning down each request the man puts forth. The chorus is sung by a "third party" who advises the young lady to love him despite his disposition. Folk-lore, perhaps? Some say the tussle between the young man and fair maiden, typifies the European suitor who desires the hand in marriage of a local bride, with the "third party being the village people" – i.e. the beginnings of the Eurasian.

The Branyo, or dance, is between a man and a woman, with the man with his forward attitude and the waving of a handkerchief, and the women being coy and playing "hard to get". The song itself is known in many cities throughout Asia with Portuguese influence, from Goa and Ceylon to Macao. It is said to be a Portuguese folk song, while some even attest a version is also found in Brazil. The version sung in Malaysia and Singapore, has a typical "krongchong" rhythm.

People

The Dynamic A-Team



Walter Pinto, 76,
Front Desk Assistant

There is no doubt that the work at the Association covers a wide area. This includes activities encouraging community bonding, heritage and culture, whilst being tasked to look after the needs of our community. Being very much a volunteer based organization, we do have a very dynamic team that helps to keep the business-end of things running smoothly. With a small critical mass they do have their work cut out for them and we are all ever appreciative of their efforts.

Mr. Lester Low, Director of Operation currently heads the Administration Team (i.e. the A-Team) and his work-rate has been note-worthy. On this note, we would like to introduce two new staff Sugiman b. Rahmat, and Cecilia Sim. Welcome aboard!

As we are now looking at encouraging active aging, we highlight our most senior staff, Mr. Walter Pinto. At 76, he is the ever-friendly face that greets you at the front desk of the House. If you didn't know much about Walter, stop by and talk to him about his younger days – his war time stories, the times when he played winger for the National Soccer Team.

Walter is as fit as a fiddle. He swims on weekends, as well as canoes on alternate weekends, and if given the chance would go deep sea diving. If you are wondering where he gets his genes, ask him about his mum, Mrs. Anne Juliet (Rodrigues) Pinto. At 94, she is still up and about doing the marketing on a good day.

More than 20-years Service



Gerry de Silva



Rene Shepherdson, Jr.

Two stalwarts of the Association stepped down from the Management Committee this April. They are Gerry De Silva and Rene Shepherdson Jr. Between them they have contributed more than 20-years of Service.

Gerry steps down as President having led several major projects, the more notable being 'One Voice', the 'WWII - The Eurasian Story Exhibition' and the IMF - World Bank Meeting in Singapore. A man filled with passion for wanting to give back to those in dire need, he has always pushed for programmes that would emphasize the importance of education. Gerry also brought

our Newsletter to new heights by revamping it to a jazzy New Eurasian format.

Rene steps down as Honorary Assistant Secretary, having lead and played a key role in the setting up of various committees including the Sports School, the Youth Committee and recently running the more challenging Family Support Services.

On behalf of all at the Association, we wish Gerry and Rene all the best. We know that they will still continue to contribute in their own way despite their very busy schedules, and we will welcome their gestures.

Classic Monteiro

John Monteiro, 35, Composer, Pianist, Teacher



We know very well Jeremy, Clarissa and Rodney all related in some familial way and involved in the local music scene. What about John Monteiro?

John is the youngest son of the late Emeritus Professor Ernest S. Monteiro and Mie Hien. He began his musical journey at 6, performing his first recital at the Victoria Memorial Hall, and by 15, completed his Grade 8 Music Examinations in both Piano and Theory.

His talents developed further after his NS-stint when he started composing and performing spontaneous music at functions and private events. Over the next 5-years, he tickled the ivories at several major hotels including Four Seasons, Shangri-La and the Ritz Carlton.

However, John is not your average Eurasian musician. He has an honours degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California as well as an M.B.A.

John said that his proudest moment and the start of as a concert pianist, was when he performed for then Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong. It was an instant success which led to another invitation to perform for then Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew, playing his original composition Four Seasons, accompanied by the Singapore Symphony Orchestra. Over the years, he has performed widely in Singapore, Mexico, USA, Hong Kong and Vietnam. All this whilst still climbing the corporate ladder.

John is a single parent of a 4 year old son, Christian. After several years in the corporate world, John wanted to spend more time with Christian, prompting him to quit his 9-5 job and opting for a more flexi-hours schedule as a music teacher. Being with young children as a piano teacher 6 days a week transformed him into a more compassionate and doting father. "I took a huge pay cut when I quit the corporate world. But seeing Christian more often makes it all worthwhile", a beaming Monteiro said.

Today, he imparts his 29 years of performing experience and skills teaching the ABRSM examinations and specializing in teaching music composition. His students come from a rich assortment of cultures, mostly expatriates originating from Europe, America and Asia.

"When God created me, I think he paid more attention to my fingers than my height", this small-sized Monteiro cheekily said. If you wish to know more about John's music lessons, do write to him at johnrlmonteiro@gmail.com or contact the Eurasian Association and we can assist in getting you in touch with him.

Young Mentor

Sybil Noelle Rocha, 24, Lawyer



Having lived in Hong Kong, Canada and Singapore, Sybil candidly describes herself as a "rather confused Hong Kong-born, Spanish-Portuguese-Chinese Eurasian Singaporean". This coincidentally spurred Sybil to immerse herself in EA activities which she hopes will allow her to learn more about her cultural identity.

Upon graduating from the National University of Singapore with a law degree, Sybil joined Allen & Gledhill as a litigation lawyer. Aside from advising clients, assisting her partners at court hearings and conducting research, Sybil had the opportunity to appear before judges and judicial officers in certain matters.

It was 8 years ago when Sybil first got her feet wet with EA activities. After receiving an EA Award for Academic Excellence, Sybil joined the EA Mentorship Programme which was led by Dr. Barry Pereira and she still recalls nostalgically meeting at the old EA House and discussing how to bring young aspiring Eurasians together and encourage them to contribute to the community.

Fast forward to 2008, Sybil is excited to revive the mentorship programme at EA and is currently chairing the Mentoring Young Leaders Network, which she hopes to engage aspiring young Eurasian adults who are keen on community leadership to help them realise their full potential.

Mentoring Young Leaders Network

Looking for a new circle of life? Well the Association has just activated a Mentoring Young Leaders Network. The objective is to bring together young Eurasian professionals and entrepreneurs to network whilst sharing their expertise and experience to younger Eurasians through a mentorship programme.

For more information about being a mentor, a resource person or to be part of this mentorship programme, please do contact: Mr. Zaf Coelho (coelhoz@gmail.com); or join us at our facebook Group – Eurasian Association Mentoring Young Leaders Network.

Retro-Sunday

Each month a group of party planners filled with exciting ideas, get together to plan our monthly Sunday lunches. This May saw our Multi-purpose Hall transformed back in time to a more innocent era. The late sixties and early seventies mirrored a change in the times and this helped us in our planning of the decor, games, food and music. Quentin's, our in-house caterer, served another sumptuous spread whereby simple food of the times was so unique. Debal curry, chicken wings, pot roast and lots more satisfied the hungry guests. Mr. Gary Aviet, our spin doctor, played that funky music and evoked sweet memories of Earth, Wind and Fire, Bob Marley and The Beatles. He also had a hand in getting the crowd to showcase their talents in playing "chateh", paper-ball and "tikam-tikam".

All in all, the crowd was treated to a walk down memory lane. The decor put up by the Women's Wing included vinyl covers plastered on the walls, psychedelic prints, lava lamps and beaded curtains completed the look of that era. Not forgetting some guests coming in their hippie gear.

A big thank you to our young band 'Avenue 6' for putting up a good, first-time performance at the EA. The four guys and one pretty Eurasian lady (Terry Daniel, 22, MJ Kuok, 20, Mohd Fadzil, 23, Raymond Hsiao, 22, Sarah Emmanuel, 20) certainly entertained the crowd with their varied repertoire. They were very enthusiastic about performing for such an appreciative crowd and would definitely want to have more gigs at the EA.

Life Member Mrs. Zoe Lazaroo, our regular patron to the Sunday lunches, said "The themed lunches are something I look forward to month after month and nothing beats the feeling of warmth I feel when I walk into the hall, the attention to detail and the efforts put in by the ladies are well worth the \$15, keep up the good work".



Our Party Planners: (top) Christine Cunies-Ross, Monica Leicester-Wong, Lorraine Sim, Majella Oliveiro, (bottom) Veronica Ann, Stephanie Holland, Peter Rodrigues and Philomena Nonis

Dragons with Medals

Taking part in only their third official Dragon Boat race, the EA Dragons have made it to the podium! The third weekend of April was a historic one as the EA Dragons competed in the People's Association Paddle Championship 2008 held at Bedok Reservoir. They were in the North East CDC Invitational Mix 10-Crew category which had 16 teams.

Pitted in Heat 1, the Dragons, defying all odds, storm home in a blistering pace to emerge first in their heats and qualifying for the "A"-Final. It was the first time the EA Dragons had won a race albeit a heat. If that wasn't enough cause for the supporters to go crazy, the Dragons were to bring more ecstasy the following day. Looking calm and focused, the Dragons paddled furiously to a historical bronze medal placing.

What a race! What a result! While the rowers and supporters basked in the euphoria, we caught up with the unique father-daughter combination, Tyrone Lopez and his daughter who is also the captain of the team, Stacey. Since the start, they have been training every Sunday, rain or shine and all the hard work finally materialized today. "We are appreciative of the support that EA has been given us, getting us new paddles and coming down to cheer us on. And its way cool to have my dad on this team too!", said Stacy Lopez.

It's not hard to see why it is worthwhile to be part of the EA Dragons. The team comprises of both the young and young at heart and they all have a blast of a time training and having fun together. The Dragons welcomes everyone to be part of this vibrant and passionate team!

The Team: Stacey Lopez (Captain), Ashley (Coach), Bianca Hoeden, Clifford Le Caine, Eugene Huang, Tyrone Lopez, Shaun-Paul Lopez, Angie Tan, Michelle Leong, Ng Yong Hua, Nigel Whitaker, Paul Tan, Peter Rodrigues, Geoff Morris, Calvin Christian.



Captain Stacy Lopez receiving the Medals from the Guest of Honour, Minister Teo Chee Hian

“Two Heads and One Foot”

‘I have two heads and one foot!’ You might have heard this if you were in the Platinum Lounge on the afternoon of Saturday 14th June.

No, aliens have not become members of the Eurasian Association. It was just someone saying that she had booked two head and shoulder massages and one foot reflexology session. The Silver Circle together with the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH) had organised the massage session. This is the third time they have run this charity event. A twenty minute session provided by visually handicapped masseurs cost twelve dollars. All monies raised went to the SAVH.



Enjoying a shoulder rub

There was a very pleasant relaxed atmosphere in the Platinum Lounge. A spa-like ambience was created with soft lighting and soothing background music. Everyone felt good not just because of the massage but because we had a chance to meet up with friends and help the visually handicapped masseurs to use their skills. Our sincere thanks to all members and guests for supporting the SAVH.

This is the first activity organised by the Silver Circle for this new term and we look forward to more such enjoyable functions. (For more information on up-coming activities for the young at heart, or if you have some ideas to bounce off us do contact Yvonne Pereira, Chair-person, Silver Circle: yvonnemarie29@gmail.com, or Sugiman, Events Executive sugiman@eurasians.org).

Health Screening

The Women’s Wing organised the second in the Health Screenings for the year. National Healthcare Group Diagnostics (NHGD) parked their Mammobus at The Eurasian Community House early on Saturday morning, 24th May 2008. There were 13 participants who registered for the mandatory health check for women in their 40’s to 60’s.

As part of our health series, Dr Janelle Dong from Spinetrends Pte Ltd, a Doctor of Chiropractic, engaged the crowd of 30 or so in a most enlightening talk on corrective and wellness chiropractic care. All present were given a spinal check for correct alignment and the results will be returned to the Secretariat for follow up treatment.

Following the talk the participants were treated to a sumptuous lunch catered by Mrs. Helen Joseph. Everyone was pleased with the health screening and talk and voiced their wish for more in the future.



Dr. Janelle Dong (right) explaining about spinal care to our participants

Next Screening: The NKF Health Screening: August 30th, 9am - 2 pm, Eurasian Community House. (For more information contact our Events Executive, Sugiman Rahmat, 64471578).

Volunteer Appreciation

It was the end of term for the 2006-2008 Management Committee, and it was a good time to thank the volunteers who came forth to run various committees, programmes and activities.

On the 5th April, we had a smart presentation of certificates to volunteers under the various committees. The Guest of Honour, out-going President, Mr. Gerry De Silva, wanted to personally thank each and every one who contributed and in no small way to the Association during his term.

Mr. De Silva delivered a heart-warming address, and explained how the Association depended on the time, effort and sincere community spirit of volunteers and supporters.

Our sincere thanks to all. We look forward to seeing you at our next event!



Guest of Honour, Mr. Gerry De Silva (third from left) with our Heritage and Learning Journeys group



Ms. Rose Marie Thompson receiving her Certificate of Appreciation



Members of the Eurasiana after receiving their Certificates. (L - R): Lanette De Conceicao, Tiffany De Conceicao, Mackenzie Schoon, Stephanie De Witt, Julian Schurmann, Maurice Lin, Gerry D’ Silva, PT Schoon, Brigitte Ow, Rachel Leong, Alexandria Schoon, Vienna D’ Cruz, Elizabeth Nair, Audrey Au

Pledging a Donation

The Eurasian Association relies solely on contributions from individuals, companies, foundations, and Government grants to help run welfare, education, heritage and social bonding programmes for the Community. Our mission is to build a vibrant community of Eurasian Singaporeans and to enhance the lives of all Eurasians. As a self-help group we are committed to serve the needy, those in need of help in the social, financial, educational and cultural issues. We are committed to preserving our heritage, and are fervent proponents of a multi racial and multi religious Singapore.

You too can help make a difference! An individual contribution to Eurasian Association would help us help our community and allow us to play a bigger part in fostering harmonious relations and understanding among all Singaporeans. All donations received are tax exempt. You can chose to direct your donations to either of the following:



<p>A) Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Programmes to Assist the Elderly and their caregivers - Health Screening Programmes - Special Needs for Families at Risk 	<p>B) Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scholarships – Institutions of Higher Learning (ITE, Polys, Univ) - Tuition Assistance Programme - Programmes for Students with Special Needs (e.g. Dyslexia)
<p>C) Heritage, Culture and Social Bonding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintaining our Heritage Centres - The 90th Anniversary Programmes 	<p>D) Other areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouraging Excellence in Sports - Publications - Book Projects

Donations Received

We would like to put on record our sincere thanks to those who have made kind donations to the Eurasian Association over the period from Jan to Jun 2008. The amount recorded in this table are contributions of \$100 and more.

Donors	Amount
Anonymous	\$10,000.00
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Francesca Regina Eber	\$5,000.00
Olivia Carole Stewart	\$1,000.00
Teo Hwa Kok	\$1,000.00
Toh Loo Heok	\$1,000.00
Prestige Lifestyle Collection Pte Ltd	\$1,000.00
Geraldine Lowe Ismail Ahmad	\$1,000.00
Charmian Jacqueline Chelvam	\$500.00
Gerard Clarke	\$500.00
Muriel Aurea Lewis	\$500.00
David Heskell Lange	\$150.00
Margaret McCall	\$100.00

Pasqual's Jewellery

In July last year, a special donation was made to the Eurasian Association. This came from the estate of the late Clarice Pasqual, through Clarice's brother, Maurice Pasqual and Margaret (Pereira) Mitchell, on behalf of the Pasqual family. They kindly donated as gifts, a set of jewellery and various personal items to the Association. Maurice (photo) had stated that if any of these items were to be sold or auctioned, the funds raised should go towards our Family Support Services.

Some items like an old watch, and exquisite bracelets and pendants were of heritage and cultural value and it was agreed that these will be put on display in our Eurasian Showcase in time to come, and used as show-pieces.

The Association would like to put on record our thanks to the Pasqual family.

Donation of Artifacts to our Heritage Centres

Our Heritage Sub-committee is always looking out for interesting items of heritage and cultural value that we could put on display or use for our Learning Journeys Programme. (Please contact Ms. Therese Thompson, 64471578)



Please do contact our office (Mr. Lester Low, 64471578) for more information on how you too can make a pledge.

The Eurasian Community Fund Education Awards 2008

The Association has been giving out bursaries, study grants and awards recognizing academic excellence and achievements since 1996. This year, the Eurasian Community Fund (ECF) Education Awards will be held on 6th September 2008, at the Eurasian Community House.

Applications are now open for the following categories. The eligibility for the Bursaries (Bursary, Merit Bursary and Study Grants) are based on a family per capita income not exceeding \$750.00. The criteria for the Awards are based on academic excellence and merit, and hence there is no household income criteria applied.

Bursaries

BURSARY	Given to students who have passed their school final examinations.
MERIT BURSARY	Given to students who are in the top 20% in the yearly school examination. (Recipients of a Government Edusave Merit Bursaries and Edusave Secondary Scholar hips are also eligible).
STUDY GRANTS	Given to students who have gained admission to a Junior College, an ITE, Polytechnic, or University or have been promoted to the next higher level in any of these institutions.

Awards

EXCELLENCE AWARDS	Given to students who have performed with high academic merit in the national examinations or in the graduating examination of the ITEs, Polytechnics and the Universities.
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DISTINCTION AWARDS - Top Eurasian Student Awards for 2007

In addition, nominations are also open to all Eurasian Students for the following top awards for achievements in the year 2007.

- Peter H Fernandez Award**
– Top PSLE Student
- Eveyln Rodrigues Award**
– Top O Level Student
- Peggy Wai Chee Leong Award**
– Top A Level Student
- Colonel R.J. Minjoot Award**
– Outstanding Eurasian Student (Institutes/ITE)
- Oscar G Da Silva Award**
– Outstanding Eurasian Student (Polytechnic)
- Henry David Hochstadt Award**
– Outstanding Eurasian Student (University)

There are also Distinction Awards for Achievements in Sports, Music and the Arts, and Special Awards for students who have overcome their physical handicap or health related issues. All Distinction Awards have been kindly donated by distinguished members of the Eurasian Community.

Contact our Education Executive, Ms. Therese Thompson today! Closing Date: 15th August 2008.

Computers for Needy Students

To ensure that every student has equal access to the internet and the infocomm world, the Government has a new PC Plus programme to provide computers to needy students. The new enhanced programme provides a brand new computer bundled with 3 years of free broadband access and software at an affordable price of \$285.

The Infocomm Development Authorities of Singapore (IDA) has set up an iNSPIRE Fund to help those who cannot afford to co-pay, to earn their computer, by doing some form of community service in the spirit of "paying it forward".

The Eurasian Association is one of the lead agencies assisting in this programme. If you know of someone who could benefit from this please contact our Education Executive, Ms. Therese Thompson – tel. 64471578, e-mail: therese@eurasians.org.

Buddhist Lodge Helps Eurasian Students

Each year since 1979, the Singapore Buddhist Lodge has disbursed bursaries to students in need of financial assistance. This is regardless of religion or ethnicity including Eurasian students. This year, over two ceremonies, 10 Eurasian students were awarded Bursaries. Of these, Jerald Justin Francisco, 12, also received the Endeavour Award for excelling in his academic studies and for good personal attributes. Recipients of the Bursary were, Jane Sophie Cubinar, P2, Junior Terrence Cubinar, P4, Ransley Teo Xuan Ming, P4, Jerald Justin Francisco, P6, Siti Nabilah Elyssa Garnell, P6, Naomi Anne Ho, S1, Mohammad Baharudin s/o Baseer Ahmad, S1, Siti Nadiyah Latrishah Binte Shahizan Garnell, S3, Venetia Rozario, S3, and Vanessa Rozario, S4. On behalf of the students and their families, The Association would like to put on record our sincere thanks to the Buddhist Lodge.



Front (L-R): J.T. Cubinar, J.J. Francisco, J.S. Cubinar, Ransley Teo, Siti N.E. Garnell. Back (L-R): Mr. Lee Bock Guan, Chairman, Singapore Buddhist Lodge Education Foundation, Mr. Abu Bakar Maidin, President, Jamiyah Singapore, Mr. Hong XiaoYong, Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Republic of Singapore, Mr. V R Nathan, Advisor, Hindu Endowments Board

The Next Sunday Brunch

**27th July 2008
28th Sep 2008**

Organized by the Women's Wing

Red and White Lunch 31st Aug 2008

Our National Day Lunch Celebration!

Do Come in Red and Whites!

Entertainment by Cedric,
our versatile one-man band
and the Peranakan Voices
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Early-Bird Announcement!

NEW YEAR'S EVE Gala Ball 2008

At the

**Marina Mandarin
31st Dec 2008**

(Call 6447 1578 now for
more information)

GST-offset for Eurasian Families

In an attempt to refine a number of safety nets for the elderly and the poor in the community the Government, set aside \$2 million over five years for Self-help groups (SHGs) to assist needy families to cope with the increase in the Good and Services Tax (GST). The increase in GST took effect from 1 July 2007. With a dollar-for-dollar match from the Association, we have about \$16,000 a year, for the next five years, for disbursement.

The Association hope to reach out to low income Eurasian families with school-going

children, and young infants; and elderly Eurasian (>55-years) singles and couples living alone.

If you know of someone in need, please do drop a line and our administrators will make the necessary contact.

For more information: contact our Family Support Service executive, Ms. Florence Adriano, or Ms. Therese Thompson – tel. 64471578, e-mail: fss@eurasians.org

Looking After Our Elderly

Once every month a group of dedicated volunteers go out to meet clients under our Family Support Service.

Our clients are mostly the elderly or families with old folks and they live all across the Island.

Over the last year the following have assisted us with home visits and delivery of rations and other assistance. They are Warren Consigliere, Charlotte Collars, Daniel Chow, Leonard De Souza, Melvyn De Souza, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Eber, Mervyn Eber, Mrs. Sheila Eber, Francesca Eber, Christina Francis, Elisabeth George, Brian Gutterston, Maureen Hill, Burton Koek, Monica Leicester-Wong, Michael Lewis, Pamela Menon, Malcolm Pereira, Alvin Pereira, Joan Pereira, Jean Phillips, Michele Rasanayagam, Vincent Schoon, Ignatius Shepherdson, Therese Shepherdson, Rene Shepherdson Jr., Carol Shepherdson, Antonio Mark Shepherdson, Daniel Carvalho, Kevin Tay and Elisabeth Fox-Schurmann.

We are looking for more volunteers who would like to assist in visiting our elderly and spending an afternoon with them, especially those living on their own. It could be just helping them with their groceries, taking a stroll or just offering a listening ear. Come volunteer as a family, it can become a heart-warming experience for all! Please do contact Florence Adriano – 64471578; e-mail: florence@eurasians.org)



Jean Phillips with her daughter, Rebecca, getting ready for their monthly home visit to our elderly clients

Black Angus

The Eurasian Association would like to put on record our deepest gratitude to Executive Chef Marty Von Gnechten, fellow Chef Francis Boey and the good folks at Black Angus for sponsoring their sumptuous, signature Prime Rib and mouth-watering chocolate fudge cake specially flown in from the US for the Sunday Lunch in the month of April.

Date	Activities at the House	Time
Every Tue	Body Toning Classes	8.00 – 9.00 pm
Weekly	Guitar and Drum Classes (Dixie Ferdinands)	Evenings
Every Wed/Sun	European Swordsmanship	7.00 – 9.00 pm
Every Fri	Yoga Classes	7.00 – 8.30 pm
Every Sat	Eurasian Dance (Performing Arts Chapter)	11.00 am – 4.00 pm
Every Sat	Tuition Classes for Primary & Secondary Levels	3.00 – 5.00 pm
Every Sun	EA Soccer School/Training (under 15s), at Tampines Sec School, Bedok North Road	4.00 – 6.00 pm

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