

# THE NEW EURASIAN

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## Education - Key to Future Well Being



- Eurasian Community Fund Education Awards
- New Education Incentives for Students in 2009
- National Day Awards
- Dialogue with Minister George Yeo

*Adrienne Marguerite De Souza*

## Mission:

**To Enrich the legacy of our Cohesive and Vibrant Eurasian Community that is integrated with and Contributing to a Multi-ethnic, Multi-religious and Multi-cultural Singapore.**

## Core Values:

**Our core values for the Association - Pride, Humility, Integrity, and Excellence.**

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

## Our Goals for 2008-2010

Short Term Goals (3 months):

- To formulate and put in place an organisational structure that will provide for a broader representation of Eurasians from the Community, and for the Community.
- To formulate and put in place the Terms of Reference for each position in the Association's organizational structure.
- To adopt the Practices of Corporate Governance and Self-regulation for the Association as spelt out by the Ministry of Community, Youth and Sports.

Mid-Term Goals (1 year):

- To Increase Resources for the Promotion of Education in the Community.
- To Further Improve the Family Support Services for the Elderly, Families at Risk and Those in Need of Welfare.
- To increase our EA membership.
- To engage more Members to participate in projects and programmes beneficial for the Community and Society.

Long Term Goals (2 years and beyond)

- To strengthen the Association's and Community's presence in Society.
- To initiate a Continuing Leadership Renewal Process, encouraging and nurturing Eurasians to take on leadership roles in the Association.

Specific Projects (2008-2010)

- To form a working committee to plan for a decade of activities in a run up to the 100th Anniversary of the Eurasian Association, beginning in 2009 (90th Anniversary) up to 2019 (100th Anniversary).
- To set an annual fund-raising target of \$300,000 to support Education, Family Support Services and Community Bonding Activities and Programmes under the Association.

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## About Us

The Eurasian Association is the umbrella organization for all Eurasians in Singapore. Founded in 1919, it had its ups and downs over the past nine decades, with membership falling to below one hundred in 1986. Today it is a vibrant body and proudly counts a membership in excess of 7,800, and still growing.

It has two energetic units, the Silver Circle and the Women's Wing, both producing wonderfully fun activities for its members, as well as doing great community work which we are all very proud of. The Eurasian Association moved into its present premises, at 139 Ceylon Road, when our new building was officially opened by President S.R. Nathan in 2003.

## The New Eurasian

Our quarterly magazine reaches out to all our members in the first week of January / April / July and October. If you are Eurasian and have a story and images to share with us, we welcome your contributions. We also welcome advertisements, and you can contact us at [members@eurasians.org](mailto:members@eurasians.org). Or simply visit us at [www.eurasians.org](http://www.eurasians.org). For Advertising rates, please contact KC Yuen at 9835 0712.



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# At the Helm



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## Dear Friends,

My colleagues on the Management Committee and I have now finished the first 200 days in office. We have worked hard to re-structure, establish our work priorities, as well as planning our strategies of the Eurasian Association and setting clear goals that we want to achieve in the coming months and years.

As we work on exciting plans for the Celebration of our 90th anniversary next July 2009, we want to invite you to come forward and work together with us. Do participate in our Eurasian-organised community events, for we want our Association to be inclusive.

You will notice that in many of our activities, we Eurasians in Singapore are also playing our part to make this our multi-cultural multi-religious Society harmonious and vibrant. We especially want to reach out to all, and also take up our leadership and participatory roles. We hope many of you will be able to join us.

Last month, when we recognized our students who received the Eurasian Community Fund (ECF) Education Awards, we were thrilled to see so many happy faces, both parents and students, at the event. Allow me to repeat what I said at the ceremony:

“We have placed Education as one of the key pillars that we must build strongly on over the next few years. The vitality and sparkle of the future Eurasian community rests with our Youth and it is only right that we must invest in uplifting the educational aspirations of our students.”

“The Chairman of the Education sub-committee, Mr. Geoffrey da Silva has constantly reminded me and the committee that we must seek for excellence at all levels of our Eurasian student community. While we acknowledge the brightest among us who have excelled in the top 5% of the national examinations, I also want to remind the community that we must rally strongly to help those who are not so fortunate and are wedged in the middle and lower tiers of the education strata. Yet at these levels we must recognize those who strive to excel against many challenges to be the best they can be.”

“I would like to use this occasion to happily announce that with effect from 2009, the Eurasian Association will introduce a new scheme which we call the “Merit Bursary Award” which will involve fully paid scholarships to deserving Eurasian students to pursue courses of study at the ITE and the Polytechnics. We will start awarding 3 full merit bursary awards for ITE and 2 full merit bursary awards for the Polytechnics. We urge all students undertaking their final course of study at the GCE O and N Levels to seriously consider competing for these prestigious awards. Only those who excel in the national examinations at the GCE N and O levels will be short-listed and be considered based on merit, CCA and community involvement and family income levels.”

“This is only one of the many steps our education arm is working on to ensure that no student is left behind. There will be several more initiatives in the pipeline and we will keep all posted through our magazine and website.”

I hope you find that the news coverage in our quarterly magazine is giving you a sense of the vibrant and exciting new atmosphere. We are buoyed by the buzz, and are encouraged to do more. The mentoring programs for the younger members, the building up of the Young Professional Adults group and the potential for networking, not to mention the friendships and the camaraderie, excite us to achieve greater heights. Come journey with us.

While it might be a tad too early to talk about Christmas and year-end activities, I do want to end this message by sending to you, on behalf of the Staff and the Management Committee, our warmest greetings and best wishes of the Season! Looking forward to connecting with you again in the next issue of the New Eurasian, in January 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward D'Silva', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Edward D'Silva**  
President, Eurasian Association

17 September 2008





Top awards recipients.



Guest-of-Honour Mr Christopher de Souza.

## Record 234 Students Receive ECF Education Awards This Year

This year is a bumper year for education awards; our students did very well. At a ceremony on Saturday 6 September, they were recognized, in the presence of proud parents and friends. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Christopher de Souza, Member of Parliament for Holland-Bukit Timah GRC, who spoke of the importance of education and the relevance of being Eurasian in Singapore.

Mr de Souza told his audience: "Because each student here has someone who believes in him or her, because of supportive parents,

loved ones, or friends, or a supportive community, the Singaporean Eurasian continues to be relevant in our Nation, and an integral part of what Singapore stands for – multi-racialism. This is because we not only speak of multi-racialism and all its strength but we, in our very beings, embody it. We are walking and living ambassadors of multi-racial Singapore. The continuing relevance of that Eurasian will never fade away. The relevance, in fact, can and will get stronger."  
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Bursary Primary recipients.



Bursary Secondary and Tertiary recipients.



Excellence Award recipients.



Study Grant recipients.

# Top Education Award Winners Announced

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The Relevant Singaporean Eurasian is proud of his past and is also equally excited and passionate about his future in modern Singapore. It is no coincidence that the 1992 book produced and published for the Eurasian Association includes in its title not just "Singapore Eurasians" but Singapore Eurasians Memories & Hopes. The memory of the past, our heritage, grounds what we seek in future – our hopes. The consequence of memories and hope is relevance to the Nation that we belong.

"But to keep ahead and relevant we must also welcome into our community the very offspring of globalisation – the children of parents from East and West. Often when I visit my constituents in their homes, European husbands introduce their Singaporean wives, or Singaporean husbands introduce their European wives, and their children study and grow up in Singapore. We should publicise our community to them. This way, the community opens its arms to a whole collection and permutation of global cultures while being anchored in Singapore."

## THE EDUCATION OF OUR YOUNG

"Today we see the hopes of the future Eurasian community; You are here because of your hard work, and also because of the support your parents and teachers have given you. (Stay in touch with your teachers). Of the 234 awards 50 are excellence awards. The excellence awards recognize those students who are selected from the top graduating cohorts of the national examinations of the GCE A, GCE O, GCE N (Normal and Technical) as well as the PSLE examinations."

"Every one of you here has made your parents proud, your friends and schools proud. Certainly the community is very proud of you.

"I would like to mention four award winners because they reflect the effort and resolve which each student here has invested in their schooling years."

## "THE CONSEQUENCE OF MEMORIES AND HOPE IS RELEVANCE TO THE NATION THAT WE BELONG."

### The 'Peter H. Fernandez Award'

Top Eurasian PSLE Student 2007  
*Priscilla Nicole Santa Maria*  
Sponsored by Mr Lawrence da Silva

### The 'Colonel R. J. Minjoot Award'

Top Eurasian 'N' - Normal Academic Level Student 2007  
*Cassandra Fenella Joseph*  
Sponsored by Mr Gerald Minjoot

### The 'Colonel R. J. Minjoot Award'

Top Eurasian 'N' - Normal Technical Level Student 2007  
*Samantha Ann C Chong*  
Sponsored by Mr Gerald Minjoot

### The 'Evelyn Rodrigues Award'

Top Eurasian 'O' Level Student 2007  
*Olivia Elizabeth Conceicao*  
Sponsored by Mrs Evelyn Rodrigues

### The 'Peggy Wai Chee Leong Award'

Top Eurasian 'A' Level Student 2007  
*Chloe Samantha Kaili Nott*  
Sponsored by Mr Herman Hochstadt

### The 'Colonel R. J. Minjoot Award'

Outstanding Eurasian ITE Student 2007  
*Victoria Marilyn Apps*  
Sponsored by Mr Gerald Minjoot

### The 'Oscar G. da Silva Award'

Top Eurasian Polytechnic Student 2007  
*Jeffrey Holmberg*  
Sponsored by Mr Lawrence da Silva

### The 'Henry David Hochstadt Award'

Top Eurasian University Student 2007  
*Adrienne Marguerite De Souza*  
Sponsored by Mr Herman Hochstadt

### ADRIENNE MARGUERITE DE SOUZA

Adrienne was a former student of St Andrews Junior College and won a scholarship from the Ministry of Education. She was sent to Imperial College, University of London- and graduated in Biology with First Class Honours. She is now at the NIE and will be joining the teaching fraternity. Well done Adrienne and we hope you inspire the next generation of students under your charge.



### DAVID MONKMAN

David was a former student from St Patrick's and came from the Normal Academic stream. He worked doubly hard for his O levels and today he is one of the selected few in the pioneer batch of students studying Psychology at the School of Humanities and Social Studies at Temasek Polytechnic. This course is so selective that students in the pioneer cohort are all single pointers (9 points and below). Well done David and keep the Eurasian flag flying high at Temasek.



### VICTORIA MARILYN APPS

Victoria is currently studying Accountancy at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. What is remarkable is that Victoria is one of a rare group of ITE students who scored a perfect GPA of 4.0 for her studies at the ITE – which means she scored straight As and distinctions in EVERY subject she studied. She hopes to be a qualified accountant one day and I am sure she will succeed. Well done Victoria.



### JEFFREY HOLMBERG

Jeffrey is currently doing his NS; he studied Engineering at the Singapore Polytechnic and scored a near perfect GPA of 3.99 for his studies at SP (we forgive you for not getting perfect 4!!). Jeffrey has been offered direct admission to 2nd year Mechanical Engineering in Nanyang Technological University (so he skips a year). Well done Jeffrey!



### The 'Claude & Marie da Silva Award'

Most Improved Eurasian Student 2007  
*David Monkman*  
Sponsored by Mr Geoffrey da Silva

### Outstanding Eurasian 'Sport Student' 2007

*Sonia Elicia D'Silva*  
Sponsored by Mr Harry Elias

### Meritorious Eurasian 'Sport Student' 2007

*Noah Anthony Gregory*  
Sponsored by Mr Oscar Oliveiro

### Special Awards

*Stephanie Fawcet Overee*  
Sponsored by Mr Gerald Minjoot

### Special Awards

*Thea Ann Van Wieringen*  
Sponsored by Mr Gerald Minjoot



# Eleven Eurasian Students among Joint Tuition Awards Recipients

The 5th Self-Help Group's Joint Tuition Awards ceremony was held at the Singapore Polytechnic Convention Centre on 5 July 2008. The Guest-of-Honour was the Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts, RADM (NS) Lui Tuck Yew.

A total of 373 students received the SHG's awards this year, and among them were 11 Eurasian students. Special honours went to Tiffany Natasha de Conceicao of St Anthony's Canossian Primary School, who also received an award for the Best Overall Academic Performance. She had an aggregate score of 223 for her PSLE – straight A's for English, Mathematics, Science and Malay. Well done, Tiffany!

In his speech, RADM Lui reminded his audience that "education is the springboard by which our communities can progress towards a better future." He added that Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have an important role to play, to ensure that every Singaporean can keep pace with the changes in our environment and benefit from the economic progress of the country. Some of the SHG's programmes also help the low-income families to uplift themselves and attain self-sufficiency.

A total of 11 Eurasian students who received the awards in the following categories were:

## PSLE in 2007

- Mohammad Baharudin s/o Baseer Ahmad, Monfort Junior School
- Joash Donovan Conceicao, St. Gabriel's Primary School
- Tiffany Natasha de Conceicao, St. Anthony's Canossian Primary School
- Naomi Anne Ho, St. Anthony's Canossian Primary School

## GCE N-LEVEL in 2007

- Kuna Segaran s/o Badivel, Yio Chu Kang Secondary School
- Ian Mitchell Fletcher, Bartley Secondary School
- Alfie Redzwan Lange, Bedok Town Secondary School
- Vijaya Letchumi d/o Badivel, Deyi Secondary School

## GCE O-LEVEL in 2007

- Melissa Rachel Nathan, Northbrooks Secondary School
- Conrad Gabriel Ho, St. Patrick's School
- Deborah Fernando, CHIJ Toa Payoh



Mr D' Silva, RADM (NS) Lui Tuck Yew, Mr and Mrs Humphrey De Conceicao and some award recipients.

# Mentoring Young Leaders Network (MYLN) Launched

The Mentoring Young Leaders Network (MYLN) was officially launched by Member of Parliament, Holland-Bukit Timah GRC, Mr. Christopher de Souza at the ECF Award Ceremony on 6 September 2008. The Network aims to guide aspiring Eurasian young adults and engage young Eurasian professionals.

"We hope that MYLN will create a new buzz in the EA" said MYLN Chairperson, Sybil Rocha, at the launch ceremony.

In the coming months, MYLN hopes to attract young Eurasian professionals and young adults to be part of the network.

This will be a valuable opportunity for young Eurasian professionals to network with fellow promising young Eurasians and make a difference by being a source of inspiration for Eurasian young adults.

As for the young adults, you will be able to enhance your potential by interacting with and learning from an interesting group of young Eurasian professionals and have fun making new friends at the same time.

To learn more about MYLN, log-on to our Facebook group Eurasian Association Mentoring Young Leaders Network or email [coelhoz@gmail.com](mailto:coelhoz@gmail.com).



MYLN chairperson Sybil Rocha (second left) with some of the networkers and the Guest-of-Honour.



Learning to network with mentor Chris Gordon.

The next 'chill out' get-together of MYLN people is tentatively scheduled for Saturday 25 October. Do join us if you can.

## EA Officials Invited to Istana Party

This year's National Day Reception at the Istana was something special for some Eurasian Association officials who were invited to the glittering event on 10 August. The annual event drew a huge turnout of the "who's who" in Singapore society, and civic and community leaders, meeting Cabinet ministers.

Photos below show Zaf Coelho, Christine Clunies-Ross and Harry Pereira posing with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Madam Ho Ching, and with Finance Minister and Mrs Tharman Shanmugaratnam, and with Speaker Abdullah Tarmugi.



Our President Mr Edward D'Silva.

## EA President Named to Religious Harmony Council

Just as we're about to go to press, we received the wonderful news that our president, Mr Edward D'Silva, has been appointed by President S.R. Nathan to the Presidential Council for Religious Harmony. The nine-member council is chaired by Mr Goh Joon Seng, a member of the Council of Presidential Advisers. Mr D'Silva's appointment is for a period of three years. Congratulations, Edward!

## National Day Awards 2008

We would like to congratulate the following members of our community for their valuable contributions to Nation-building over the years, and their recognition by the Government in this year's National Day Awards list:

### **The Public Administration Medal (Silver)**

Mr Michael Scully (Ministry of Home Affairs)

### **The Commendation Medal**

Mr Patrick Basil Bernard D'Rozario (Ministry of Defence)  
Mr Michael Peacock, Mr Kenny Raphael Reyes, Ms Karen Clare Bryer, Mr Christopher Thomas & Mr Darren Anthonio Marino Nonis (Ministry of Education)

### **The Commendation Medal (Military)**

LTC (NS) John Celio Francisco

### **The Public Service Medal**

Mr Rene Shephardson Jr (CDC Central Singapore)  
Mrs Joan Pereira nee Joan Grosse (SMC Joo Chiat)

### **The Efficiency Medal**

Mr Gerard Ivan Stewart (Ministry of Defence)  
Ms Geraldine Judy Ree (Ministry of Trade & Industry)  
Mr Christopher Roland Gomez & Mr Roy Nicholas Pavia (Ministry of Health)

### **The Efficiency Medal (Military)**

1WO Francis Joseph Mathias, PBS

### **The Long Service Medal**

Miss Jill Olive Van Huizen, Mr Bernard Jimmy Farrel Fernando & Mr Patrick Basil Bernard D'Rozario (Ministry of Defence)  
Mr Guy Hilary Royston Consigliere & Mr Peter Martin D'Souza (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

### **The Long Service Medal (Military)**

COL Keith Anthony Rodrigues, LTC (NS) Kevin Francis Rodrigues, MAJ Luke Neubronner, 1WO Philip Erasmus Arriola, MSG Joseph Luis Conceicao, 2WO Joseph Leslie Wilson, LTC (NS) Andrew De Silva, PP; MAJ (NS) Anthony Michael Rodrigues, MAJ (NS) William James Francis, 1WO Clarence John Lange, PB; CPT (NS) Jeremy Martin Gerard Aeria & 1WO Gerald Charles D'Cotta.



# Silver Circle Organised National Day Celebrations



Sunday 31 August saw 150 members and guests, many in red and white, arriving at the Eurasian Community House to celebrate Singapore's 43rd birthday. It was organised by the Silver Circle and what a celebration it was! We feasted on delicious Eurasian and other Asian dishes.

Music was provided by the talented 'one-man band' Cedric Sahetapy. Others, who had come to enjoy the lunch only, gamely took to the stage to belt out popular hits. Singapore's Elvis, Romito Mendoza, complete with gravity-defying hairstyle, rocked the crowd with songs made famous by the 'King'. Robert Fernando, had us all misty-eyed with his rendition of 'Misty' and Jude Paul who claimed to be just a bathroom singer, did a mean 'Route 66'. Unable to resist the lively music, many got on the dance floor and showed off their fancy footwork.

Babas and nonyas from the Peranakan Association's Peranakan Voices, who entertained us last year, were back again in their colourful outfits. They charmed us with songs like Di Tanjong Katong, Geylang Si Paku Geylang and Rasa Sayang. We were delighted with the baba version of 'Tea for Two' because many of us are familiar with the baba patois.

Not to be outdone, members of the Silver Circle, together with the Kristang Cultural Troupe, took to the stage. Waving Singapore flags, they led the whole hall in singing, 'One people, one nation, one Singapore.' The chorus was sung in Kristang.

The table game was a cross between tombola and a scavenger hunt. Instead of numbers in a grid, there were names of objects e.g. three grey hairs, a red bra strap.

We could choose to get the objects listed horizontally or vertically. There was lots of noise and laughter as we tried to assemble the objects and one table managed to do so in a remarkably short time. You won't believe it; two tables actually managed to produce a pair of clean "panties"!

The title of "best-dressed couple" went to Mrs. Doris Minjoot and Mr. George Zuzarte. Many were lucky to win attractive prizes, like wine and suggee cake, generously donated by well-wishers and members of the Silver Circle. It was a birthday celebrated with much cheer, thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of the Silver Circle. We look forward to next year's!







## Where Are We Heading?

Editor's Note: Following a rare dialogue session with Minister George Yeo on 13 June 2008 at the Eurasian Community House, a forum discussion was held on 11 July 2008 at ECH, with Dr Antonio Rappa as moderator. The objective of the forum was to discuss some of the salient points raised by the Minister's thought-provoking speech. We would like to share these points with EA members, as reported by Christine Clunies-Ross.

Dr Rappa informed participants that the objective of the dialogue is to take away some form of understanding of what Minister was trying to convey in his speech.

The main points of discussion were:

- The racial harmony that exists within the community in terms of mixed marriages, our openness, fun-loving ways and making people feel welcome, could be our Gift to the Nation.
- With the increase in marriages between Asians and Westerners in Singapore, their children may be considered the New Eurasians and the challenge was to encourage them to be identified as Eurasians even if they are not officially identified as Eurasians in their Singapore citizenship documents.
- Fewer Singapore Eurasians are migrating. Today, we are more Asian than European in our cuisine, cultural practices, habits, mindset and lifestyle.

- We should start from within our own community and focus on how best to attract Eurasians who are not EA members to sign up and be part of our Association which represents the Eurasians in Singapore. The EA is a barometer of the Singapore Eurasian community.
- To elevate the status of the Eurasian community in Singapore through intelligent, positive and dedicated efforts to raise the awareness of the community in mainstream society.
- To shoulder greater national and social responsibility by serving in more proactive, definitive and Singapore-centric establishment leadership roles as the Eurasian contribution to nation building.
- To identify and persuade more qualified and prominent Eurasians to come forward and serve the community.
- In social science studies, the barometer of a country's success in its management of ethnic and social issues and challenges can be said to be measured by the way it treats its minorities.
- To focus on the future and not dwell on the past.
- A forum should be planned to engage young Eurasian professionals and adults to brainstorm pertinent contemporary issues and challenges facing the EA and the community in the 21st Century with a view to chart the way ahead for the EA and the community.



Participants with Forum moderator, Dr. Antonio Rappa.



Participants in an active discussion.



## Rene Shepherdson Jr, PBM

Having served 14 years in the grassroots and seven in the EA as committee member, Rene Shepherdson Jr has recently been awarded the Public Service Medal this National Day and we celebrate with him on his achievement.

During an informal interview over lunch in Katong, Rene shared more of his deep passions to serve the community and how gaining strength from his humble beginnings (knowing what it was like to tough it out) and coming from a family of seven, he now makes distinctive choices to go out of his way to assist other families in need so as to break out of the poverty cycle.

Apart from running a busy security firm, he has to juggle three kids 17, 13 and 4 with all his other

meetings at the Central Singapore CDC and Citizens Consultative Committee in Pasir Ris East District. Rene says he gained his strength from his faith and supportive family and is a big advocate of family unity and support. Hence his last appointment in the EA as FSS chairman. He started the volunteer programme in 2006 under the direction of the then EA President Gerry de Silva and has never looked back. He hopes to continue using his experience and gifts to benefit the public by serving his community.

Congratulations Rene!

## Mrs Joan Pereira, PBM

For the past 38 years, Joan has served at the Siglap South CC where she sits on the CCMC as chairperson. Since a young girl in Katong Convent, Joan has always been actively volunteering in old folks' homes and hospitals. Married to a loving and understanding husband, Austin Pereira, they have four lovely children and 14 grand-children.

She is an active volunteer with the EA and has been delivering food rations to the needy since Mr Brian Davenport's days when the Family Social Services (FSS) had just started. She described her first delivery experience to a highly-reserved elderly client who only after a few months of leaving the groceries by the door through her warmth and sincere smile earned his trust to open his door,

welcoming her into his home to chat. It was only after she made those inroads that healing could take place. She still contacts her clients and is ever ready to provide a listening ear.

Being one of the recipients of this year's Public Service Medal has encouraged her family and peers and will be a constant reminder for her children (and grandchildren) to never lose hope in all circumstances but continue striving with determination and hope towards their goals. She feels that after all that's done to be rewarded with a simple thank you and smile is sufficient for her.

Congratulations and thank you for your life example for all of us Eurasians to look up to!



## Fiona Anne Jeremiah

Fiona Anne Jeremiah is one very determined young lady. When she sets her mind to do something, she pursues it to the end to achieve it. Recently she made it: achieved her long-cherished ambition to get her Diploma in Education from the National Institute of Education, some 14 years after obtaining her diploma in Environmental Engineering from the Ngee Ann Polytechnic in 1994. So now she's a qualified teacher! Congratulations, Fiona, we're proud of you.

Ms Jeremiah's story shows guts and determination. Her Portuguese Peranakan father was an orphan at a young age, so her relatives are mostly from her mother's side, like four aunties and an uncle,

and some 25 cousins. Fiona's mother is Spanish Filipino, and she was brought up in the Filipino culture. The pretty teacher has this advice for youngsters aiming for self-improvement: "Work hard, relax, enjoy life and don't take anything for granted!"

What inspired her to become a teacher? "Well, all I can say is that I want to impart my knowledge and skills to the next generation." And what's her next big goal? "To finally be studying for a degree. I've always wanted to go to the university, but didn't have the chance to do so." We wish you all the best, Fiona.





## Oktoberfest 19 October 2008

Oktoberfest - the world's most famous beer festival is here again! This is the 3rd time that the Eurasian Association and the Women's Wing will be hosting the fest, from 11.30am to 3.30pm on Sunday 19 October at the Eurasian Community House. Get your tickets at \$15 per person NOW!

Look out for beer drinking competition, lucky draw and raffle draw, games and lots more! For more details, please contact Sugiman at 6447 1578 or email members@eurasians.org.

## Crime Prevention and Artful Ageing Seminar

The Silver Circle is organizing two talks on Saturday 18 October from 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm at the Eurasian Community House. The talks will be on "Crime Prevention" by Lionel de Souza and "Artful Ageing" by Donald Wyatt. There will be a \$10 charge inclusive of refreshments and prior registration is required. For more information, please contact Ms Cecilia Sim at 6447 1578.

## "Sixties" Sunday Brunch Promotion on 30 November 2008

The Sunday Brunch on 30 November is planned around the era of the sixties, the movie which featured this innocent era was Grease which featured Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta. The best dressed couple of this genre will walk away with the top prize. The songs and the clothes will be easy to emulate and the music "Hand Jive" will be the highlight of the lunch. Another exciting feature of the afternoon will be a showcase of 'Grease' songs performed by students of ITE-Simei under the tutelage of Ms Irene Jansen.

Please come dressed in your best sweater and skin tight jeans or voluminous skirts. Power to the 60's! See you then!  
Go Grease Lightning!!!

## Family Christmas Carnival with SRC on 13 December 2008

The Christmas Treat held at The Eurasian Community House for the last two years is back again. The Carnival is a chance to bring the families together and not drop off the kids and come back later to pick them up as was done previously. This way the whole family is entertained. Christmas goodies and gifts for sale, sumptuous food sold by our enterprising ladies, most of which are donated.

Throughout the afternoon there will be lucky draws, raffle draws and tombola to keep the grandparents and parents entertained. Guest dee-jay Fabian and Friends will entertain with Christmas Carols and requests taken.

The best is saved for last, our children who look forward to the many treats and entertainment planned for them. There will be game stalls for them to try their luck at winning prizes, live guppy fishing, the mechanical bull, bouncy castle, an emcee to keep them on their toes with guessing games and the piece de resistance our very own Eurasian Children's Choir.

Of course a Christmas Party will not be complete without the arrival of Santa. The joy on the children's faces when Santa gives them their surprise is priceless and this year we are looking forward to an even better one with SRC joining forces with EA.

## EA / SRC Sports 12 October 2008

### Balut

An invitation to all EA members to represent the Eurasian Association in a game of Balut at the forthcoming EA/SRC Games on Sunday, 12 October 2008, at 3.00 pm at the Singapore Recreation Club.

### Tennis

An invitation to all EA members to represent the Eurasian Association in a game of Tennis at the forthcoming EA/SRC Games on Sunday, 12 October 2008, at 4.00 pm at the Singapore Recreation Club.

**For registration and enquiries, contact us at 64471578 or members@eurasians.org**

## Regular Happenings

ACTIVITIES AT THE EURASIAN COMMUNITY HOUSE	DATE	TIME
Body Toning Classes	Every Tue	8.00 - 9.00pm
Pilates	Every Monday	8.00 - 9.00pm
Guitar and Drum Classes (Dixie Ferdinands)	Weekly	Evenings
European Swordsmanship	Every Wed/Sun	7.00 - 9.00pm
Tuition Classes (Primary & Secondary)	Every Sat	3.00 - 5.00pm
Eurasian Dance (Performing Arts Chapter)	Every Sat	11.00am - 4.00pm
EA Soccer School/Training (6-12 years old) at Tampines Secondary School, Bedok North Road	Every Sun	4.00 - 6.00pm

# Inter-Racial Inter-Religious Harmony Nite 2008

Towards the end of this year's racial harmony month, a closing ceremony was held on 26 July at the Singapore Expo Hall 1. The event was graced by the presence of President and Mrs. S.R. Nathan, who were the guests of honor. Also present were the religious leaders of the 10 main faiths, who offered prayers and blessing upon the five thousand strong audience and Nation.

During the evening's entertainment programme, the Eurasian community was well represented by Valarie Scully and the Kristang Community

Cultural Dance Troupe from the South East CDC. The dances showcased the rich heritage of the Eurasian culture derived from the early influences from the Portuguese/Macau ancestry.

Meanwhile, Maurice Lin and Enrico Garcia represented EA's PAC in the grand finale, singing with representatives from the other 3 major racial groups. They were later joined by members of our EA MC, who accompanied President Nathan for the final song. The fellowship shared by all races and religions truly made this a night to remember.



Mr Humphrey De Conceicao, Edward D' Silva, Valarie Scully and the Cultural Dance Troupe from the South East CDC



Singing the grand finale song.



A colourful show by the Kristang dancers.



Mr Humphrey De Conceicao with other representatives.

# Orange Ribbon Harmony Walk

The National Orange Ribbon Celebrations was officially launched by Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports, on 6 July 2008, at Clarke Quay. Organized by Central Singapore CDC, it celebrated ethnic and cultural diversity and harmony in the district.

Our Eurasians did us proud in showing a strong representation at the three different stations that launched the celebrations. Harry Pereira led our intrepid Eurasians in a 2km street parade style Harmony Walk that was flagged off at 8.00 am. The 5,000 participants were then treated to a showcase of Ethnic culture from the five SHGs.

Lanette and our PAC dance group kept their pulse rates up with our updated rendition of the Jingkli Nona Dance. Many participants were seen tapping and moving to the familiar, albeit modern version.

To tease the taste buds of the 5,000, our very own Quentin Pereira was on hand with the Eurasian sugree (the king of cakes), curried eggs and prawn sandwiches.

The organizers were most interested in these foods, leading to the taping of an impromptu interview of Quentin and Lanette's recipe and method of making the Sugree, for a spot on the Suria Channel TV.

**The EA invites you to step forward and join us as we bring Eurasian delights (music, dance, food, stories and sports) onto the national level.**



EA's very own PAC dance group letting their hair down.



Mrs Lanette De Conceicao sharing her recipe for sugree cake with Suria TV.



A group photo at our food booth.



# Another Successful Racial Harmony Soccer Event For The Bryan Davenport and Fredrick Fox Cups

It was another great for kids' soccer and racial harmony at NorthEast Racial Harmony Soccer Tournament 2008. The tournament organized by the Eurasian Association and North East Community Development Council (CDC) saw a total of 27 teams with close to 250 children taking part in the one-day tournament held on 26 July 2008 at the soccer pitches located at the junction of Tampines Street 83 and Tampines Ave 5.

There were three age groups for the tournament. The Under-13's playing a seven a side format, vied for the Bryan Davenport Cup while the Under-11's played a similar format for Fredrick Fox Cup. There was even a five a side Under-9 tournament on a modified pitch. This is the third year that the Eurasian Association co-organised this tournament with the North East CDC with the theme of Racial Harmony. This year saw the largest number of teams participating and based on the positive feedback from the teams' parents, coaches and kids, this tournament will probably get bigger next year.

Besides the exciting football matches, all the participants were given a sports shoe bag and treated to a McDonald's meal. And not forgetting the suguee cake, which was served as dessert to give the meal a Eurasian flavour. The suguee cake went faster than the McDonald's apple pie!!

The teams from the Eurasian Association Soccer School did well in the tournament. The Under-13's team, made it to the final but unfortunately lost to Putra FC, 4-1 in a keenly contested game. Our Under-11's lifted the Fredrick Fox Cup for the first time when they beat St Stephen's School on penalties in a very exciting final. The Under-9 age group tournament was won by JSSL – Arsenal.

The tournament was graced by Guest-of-Honour, Mr. Sim Boon Ann, Member of Parliament for Tampines GRC and Adviser to the Tampines Grassroot Organisations. Mr Sim gave away the Bryan Davenport

Trophy, while Mr. Azman Bin Hisham, Council Member NECDC, gave away the trophy and prizes for the Under 9 Age Group.

In a very poignant moment, Mrs. Jennifer Fox, wife of the late Mr. Fredrick Fox, the founder of the Eurasian Association Soccer School, presented the Fredrick Fox Cup to the Eurasian Association's Under-11 Boys team. It was a very proud moment for all the coaches and parents of the boys and girls of the Eurasian Association Soccer School.

The North East Racial Harmony Soccer Tournament, Bryan Davenport and Fredrick Fox Cups, has become a regular fixture of the North East CDC's calendar of events. This tournament has made a name for itself among the soccer academies around the island for its broad-based participation, excitement and fun for the children and parents, and most of all, a great demonstration of racial harmony through sports.

All this would not have been possible without the support and effort of the many parent volunteers from the Eurasian Association Soccer School who are themselves a multi-racial group. To all the boys, girls and parents, well done!!



*Our own under - 11's team.*



*Harry and Mr Azman engaging Mr Sim in soccer conversation.*



*Fredrick Fox Cup presented by Mrs Jennifer Fox.*



*Mr Harry Pereira, Mr. Sim Boon Ann, Mr Azman Bin Hisham and Mrs Jennifer Fox sharing a cheerful moment*

## 900kg Rice Gift for FSS

The Eurasian Association recently was among a number of organizations that participated in a community event when the Lotus Light Charity Society donated 900 kg of rice. A Buddhist-initiated event, it took place at the Teck Ghee Community Club at Ang Mo Kio Avenue 10 on 28 June 2008.

The Guest-of-Honour, Senior Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr Balaji Sadasivan, handed out the parcels of rice. Our Director of Operations Lester Low and Family Support Services Executive Florence Adriano received the gift on behalf of EA. Other participants included the Head of Chancery, Pakistan High Commission Dr Israr Hussain; Bhante Dr Gunaratana of the Mahakaruna Buddhist Society, and Mr Vincent Tan, president of the Lotus Light Charity Society.



*Lester Low receiving the gift from Dr Balaji Sadasivan.*

## EA in Active Ageing Carnival

For the second year running, EA participated in the Active Ageing Carnival that was held this year at the Civic Plaza at Orchard Road on 23 and 24 August 2008.

EA was represented by Quentin Pereira, taking the opportunity to show and sell traditional Eurasian curry devil, sugree cake, prawn bostador sandwiches and pang sisi.

The other representation was in collaboration with the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPCC) and Immigration Checkpoints Authority (ICA). This "Crime Prevention" booth was manned by Lionel de Souza, Chong Teng Kok and their volunteers. EA's Silver Circle members were there as well.

It was a pleasure indeed to see our Guest-of-Honour, Minister Lim Boon Heng, with Mr Gerard Ee, Chairman of the Council for Third Age (C3A), and their colleagues savouring Quentin's special Eurasian culinary offerings.



Participants of the Active Ageing Carnival.



Mr Lionel de Souza giving a talk.

## Women's Wing Celebrates Racial Harmony Month in July



Women's Wing volunteers dressed in different ethnic costumes.

The ladies of the Women's Wing wore beautiful ethnic costumes as did some of our guests who followed suit creating a colourful and lively atmosphere within the multi purpose hall held on 27 July 2008.

The decorations also echoed the traditional heritage of each ethnic group in Singapore as well as the food which featured delicious nasi briyani, shepherd's pie, satay, kueh pie tee, apom bokwa, wadek and teh tarik. The satay and the 'teh tarik' sellers were a hit with the crowds with Quentin's, providing the main course and best seller. "The briyani is one of the best I've ever had" so said one of our regular guests and fellow MC member Mrs. Yvonne Pereira.

The afternoon festivities started off with a bang! The Kohinoor Bhangra Troupe performed two hearts thumping numbers to the delight of our guests. This was followed by a fashion parade of the different ethnic costumes donned by our very own volunteers.

Romito Mendoza crooned his way into our hearts again and is always a hit with the ladies, the guests were treated to a surprise guest performer who flew in from Japan to perform a duet with Romito.

Apart from the tombola, the guests were treated to traditional games like 'five stones' and 'chaptch', competition was tough but we eventually ended up with a 'five stone' queen and 'chaptch' king who will return to defend their crown next year!

It was another successful lunch with a capacity crowd which made our hard work seem so worth it when our guests left the event feeling satisfied and happy and looking forward to the next lunch. Till we meet again in September. Mutu merseh!



Some of our volunteers and participants enjoying themselves. Nice Kodak moment!



Mr Joe Conceicao and friends captivated by performances.



Mr and Mrs Lionel de Souza smiling for the camera.



Participants of playwriting competition at ECH.

## ECH Hosts Playwriting Workshop

A 24-hour playwriting competition was held at the Eurasian Community House during the weekend of 2 and 3 August 2008. It was organised by the TheatreWorks Writers Laboratory, in partnership with the South East CDC, and attracted 70 participants. This year, the event was launched by the Mayor Mr Matthias Yao.

Now in its 11th year, the event focuses on the lighter and fun side to playwriting. Holding it at ECH enabled the participants to get to know more about the Joo Chiat area and its colours, history and heritage, as well as the Eurasian community. It's hoped that some Eurasian members will come forward to participate in this fun event next year.



## Speaker Abdullah Tarmugi Visits ECH

Patron Mr Herman Hochstadt, Trustees Mr Joe Conceicao, Mr Oscar Oliveiro and members of the Management Committee met up with the Speaker of Parliament, Mr Abdullah Tarmugi, on 25 July 2008 at the Eurasian Community House for an authentic Eurasian dinner.

Before dinner, Mr. Abdullah was briefed on the direction taken by the new Management Committee and the progress made within the community. Mr Abdullah also shared some ideas to raise the profile of the Eurasian within society. This was followed by dinner at Quentin's Eurasian Restaurant.

We look forward to a long-term, close relationship with Mr Abdullah Tarmugi.



*Our President with Speaker Abdullah Tarmugi and Patron Herman Hochstadt.*

## Mayor Matthias Yao Visits ECH

The Mayor of South East District and Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Mr Matthias Yao, was our distinguished guest at the Eurasian Community House on 30 June 2008, where a luncheon was organized at Quentin's.

Mayor Yao shared with the MC members and volunteers some insights into the workings of the South East Community Development Council and agreed to assist the Eurasian Association on various pilot

projects. Mr Edward D'Silva felt that the training of our staff would benefit us and mayor agreed that that could be arranged sometime soon.

Mayor also stressed on the importance of maintaining our cultural heritage and suggested that we consider having a Eurasian Museum in the museum belt to further enhance the Eurasian profile.



*Christine presents token of appreciation to Mayor Matthias Yao.*



*Mayor sharing his thoughts with MC members before tucking in.*

## SRC, EA Executives Meet Again

The presidents, management committee members and secretariats from the Eurasian Association and Singapore Recreation Club met for an informal dinner at Quentin's on 8 July 2008.

After an in-depth exchange of past memories, current in-house activities, and a wonderful Eurasian dinner, both EA and SRC decided that for a start, SRC will host the revival of the "Sports Challenge" and EA will host the "Family Christmas Carnival."

With these two events in the pipeline for the year, both organizations will endeavour to further strengthen ties via future collaborations. The evening ended with an exchange of token gifts.



*SRC and EA committee members.*



*So much to catch up on....*

## New Members Intro Nite

Fourteen new members came to our first-ever Introduction Nite held on 1 August 2008 at the Eurasian Community House. They met with Management Committee members, EA staff and some old members, in a pleasant "getting-to-know-you" session, exchanging views and sharing perceptions, over snacks and drinks.

### New members who attended the introduction night

Florence Monica Adriano  
 Frances Da Silva  
 Emile Mads Arthur Lange  
 Juniper Lhu  
 Emeleen Soh  
 Edwin Clement Tessensohn  
 Augustine Hendricks  
 Dudley Stewart  
 Jennet Rodrigues  
 Constance Maxted  
 Alexandra Nur Aisyah  
 (Wim Wesseling)  
 Stanley Aloysius  
 Burt Stephen  
 Salleh Lange

### Other new members who joined this year are:

Veronica Michelle Ann  
 Jennifer Cecilia De Cruz  
 Petronella Francis  
 Luis Miguel Zavaleta Ahane  
 Margarethe Denise Makasiar  
 Michelle Ee  
 Tara Jean D'Souza  
 Robin Tessensohn  
 Lionel De Souza  
 Audrey Van Houten  
 Margaret Pennefather  
 Marie Paula Bredemeyer  
 Marion Neubronner  
 Michelle Frances Oh  
 Muhammad Hanis Bin Mhd. Hale

Pinnavanam Anthony  
 Crispin Cyril-Wardley Rodrigues  
 Rosie Thriase Daniel  
 Hugo Archibals (John) Savage  
 Sebastian Jacek Rodrigues Szymczyk  
 Suresh Kumar Menon  
 Suwonnee Neamho Carroll  
 Veron Ann Lincoln  
 Patrick Graham Zehnder  
 Matilda Evangeline Zehnder  
 Alexander Lim  
 Urshula Karina Monteiro Szymczyk  
 Scott Aloysius  
 Samantha Aloysius  
 Catherine Lee Aloysius



Members were impressed by short presentation by Barry Pereira.



New members listening attentively to the briefing by Barry Pereira.



Dr Barry Pereira explaining about our heritage to the new members during their museum tour.

## Inaugural Movie Screening at ECH

The Women's Wing launched the 1st ever Saturday Matinee movie screening at The Eurasian Community House on Saturday, 13 September 2008 to bring families to the EA to spend an afternoon of good entertainment and fun the old fashioned way. The movie "August Rush" a family themed movie appealed to the masses who turned up and some even went away teary eyed over the happy ending.

It appealed to the mums, dads, grandparents and of course the kids! With the ladies selling coney dogs, cheese hotdogs, nachos and cheese and an authentic 'Kachang Puteh'

man selling a wide array of nuts it was indeed an ideal way to spend the afternoon with your family. Judging from the response and the enthusiasm shown by our patrons who attended the movie screening and queries on when the next movie will be shown it looks like this will be a permanent fixture at the ECH with more family oriented themed events planned for our community. As satisfied mum, Ms Suzette Petersen, said, "I'm glad I brought my family to the movies and will definitely be back for the next one". Kudos to all who made this event a successful and fun afternoon and see you in November!



Free popcorns, Hooray!



Christine with Women's Wing members.

## Dinner with CEOs of Self-Help Groups

A dinner was planned in July at The Eurasian Community House to meet the various CEO's of the SHG's ie SINDA, Mendaki, AMP and CDAC. Mr Sam Tan, Mr Manogaran, Mdm Zuraidah Abdullah and Mr Anuar attended an informal get-together with Mr Edward D'Silva and fellow MC members. It was a good meeting of minds to share with each other the various challenges facing their respective ethnic

groups. Ideas were shared on how some of the ways the challenges were handled and each CEO was in turn impressed with each other's achievements. After which a wonderful dinner was served at Quentin's, the Eurasian Restaurant, to the delight of our guests. What we have learnt from this shared experience, with more to come, is that we can tap on each others resources and move ahead together.



# Befrienders Get Together Day

Each month a group of dedicated volunteers reach out to our clients under our Family Support Service. It is through them that we disperse our financial assistance, food ration and vouchers.

Apart from this role, these volunteers or befrienders also are our eyes and ears, ever-ready with a smile and a warm outstretched hand. More than a third of our clients are the elderly, or families looking after the elderly. To the clients, they are the face of EA, someone to talk to or just be with for that hour or two. We at the FSS are thankful to our pool of volunteers.

On 13 September 2008, a lunch meeting was held for our volunteers to get together and share some of their experiences with each other. It also gave us the opportunity to thank them as well as to give them an update on the new directions and programmes planned. This meeting was also for them to bring someone who they thought could also join the pool of volunteers and befrienders. Some new faces were present, and that was very encouraging. Thanks again for making the get together a success!



*New volunteer getting tips from Ms Charlotte Collars (right).*



*Mrs Joan Pereira (left) sharing her views with Ms Christine Clunies-Ross.*



*Ignatius Shepherdson and Dr Barry Pereira.*

## Spread of Clients (July 2008)



Total Number of Households = 108  
Total Number of Clients = 275

## Big Hearts Please!

Family Support Services (FSS) needs volunteers to visit needy families and deliver rations. We are also putting out a plea for primary and secondary tuition teachers to assist our weak Eurasian students stand a chance in our increasing pace we face today. Please call Florence or Therese @ 6447 1578 to sign up today! Thank you so much!

# Update in Health Screening



While prostate cancer is the 6th most common cancer in Singaporean men, it is the most rapidly increasing cancer in Singapore. Recently the PSA test which is intended to screen healthy men for prostate cancer has come under scrutiny. Lets review why.

Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) testing has been widely used to look for early prostate cancer in men since the early 1990's but did you know that many organizations don't support its wide spread use and consider it unproven? Recently an influential group, the US Preventive Health Task Force changed their guidelines to recommend that the PSA test NOT be done in men age 75 or older. Their rationale – while the benefits of this screening test are still unproven, the potential harms in older men is well documented. This group also makes no recommendation for PSA screening in men under the age of 75 citing a lack of evidence from randomized trials showing the test makes men live longer.

Actually many groups, including the Singapore Urological Association do not advise general testing with PSA, but

do advise selective testing in “high risk” individuals. This often includes men who have a first degree relative with prostate cancer before the age of 60. The key issue in this debate is that the major studies looking at the PSA test are completed but still “maturing”. This is a condition that affects men as they age and the studies take decades to show a benefit. The studies are ongoing and may be reported as soon as next year, but for now it is true that we have no evidence from clinical trials.

And why the fuss over a simple blood test anyway? Well, various studies suggest that prostate cancer is “over-diagnosed” — that is, detected at a point when the disease most likely would not affect life expectancy — in 29 percent to 44 percent of cases. Prostate cancer often progresses very slowly, and a large number of these cancers discovered through screening will probably never cause symptoms during the patient's lifetime, particularly for men in their 70s and 80s. At the same time, aggressive treatment of prostate cancer can greatly reduce a patient's quality of life, resulting in complications like impotency and incontinence.

Regardless of the academic debate regarding PSA screening, men with complaints about

urination or men who go to the doctor with symptoms of prostate cancer, like frequent or painful urination or blood in the urine or the semen should be screened with a PSA test and a digital rectal examination. Men with anxiety about developing prostate cancer should consult with a doctor who has expertise in explaining the potential harms and benefits of PSA testing. Good physicians will never let controversy like this substitute for common sense and compassion.

Steven Tucker, MD (USA), FACP (USA)

### About Dr. Steven Tucker

Dr Steven Tucker is a US Board certified medical oncologist with expertise in treatment of breast cancer and prostate cancer. An American, Dr. Tucker trained at the UCLA Medical Center and was in private practice in Los Angeles since 1999. Dr Tucker and his family permanently moved to Singapore in 2006 and was recently appointed by Pacific Healthcare to develop a private cancer centre in Singapore at their Paragon location as well as oversee development of comprehensive cancer services regionally. Of note, Dr Tucker's wife is a Chinese-American and they have two beautiful Eurasian daughters.

## Beauty and Wellness



*New technique of face toning.*

Women's Wing and Dalton organized a beauty and wellness seminar at the Eurasian Community House on Saturday 16 August. It was an intimate group of 25 ladies who were treated to a wealth of beautiful scents and potions and we learned the importance of proper cleansing, toning and moisturizing from the experts.

The ladies were treated to a sumptuous hi-tea catered by Quentin's as well as contributions from WW. The highlight of the afternoon was a beauty regime demonstration gamely volunteered by our very own Ms Charlotte Collars who was treated to a full facial.

Prizes for the lucky draw and door gifts were generously donated by Gina Tan of Dalton, Mary Gomes, and the WW ladies. It was a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon, and from feedback obtained, it looks like more such sessions would be organized, with the help of more publicity to reach out to the community.

## NKF Health Screening



*Participants doing their health check-up.*

EA/WW and NKF organised our third health screening for the year with NKF running a series of health checks that included a blood test, urine test, blood pressure test and cholesterol, weight and height check. Participants were required to fast 10 hours before the test to ensure good results and most who came were very keen to follow instructions from the medical personnel who were very patient in answering questions and quelling fears especially for those who were afraid of needles. Participants came as early as 7.45am and most of those who were ferried to the Eurasian Community House were our Family Support Services clients who appreciated the efforts put in by the committee to ensure good healthcare within the community.

Refreshments were served immediate after and a hearty breakfast of freshly cooked nasi lemak was catered by our in house caterer Quentin's. The whole exercise was over by 10.30am and most who came were keen to have more of such health screenings at the Association.

### Are you between 40 to 65 years old?

Come on down for a mammogram screening for a reasonable price of \$25 on Wednesday, 29 October 2008 from 9am to 2pm. A free health talk and lunch will be provided. For registration and more information, contact us at 64471578 or e-mail [members@eurasians.org](mailto:members@eurasians.org)



# All Eurasians have the potential

I would like to congratulate the Committee and you especially, on taking up the responsibility as navigators of the Eurasian Association to calmer and pleasant seas for the whole Eurasian community, you being the "man" at EA's helm. I sincerely wish you and your committee every success at this task.

My name is Geoffrey and I'm a member of the EA. I keep a very tight schedule at my place of employment which in turn, has kept me away from the EA. However I recently read your message in "the New Eurasian" July issue and am happy with what you had written of the ambitious plans in store. I have not been a close follower of the EA in recent years for many reasons. Now that there is a new committee, new blood, and with what was said in your message, I feel there is hope for the EA. Her mark in the limelight she once had, and treasured with pride, can be regained. Not all is lost.

I've always felt the Eurasians had not played the game in the manner they can and be excellent in the game. This is because of several reasons, that they have not made the mark in the past, to stand out in society among the giants. All Eurasians have the potential, most definitely, but proper guidance was very sadly lacking. I agree with the fact that the Eurasians have been fading in the dark, and for too long. It's now time to turn on the lights to see better and walk taller.

Geoffrey Gomes

## For the greater good of all

Mr Edward D'Silva & New Team at EA,

Wishing you the very best for your term of office. Looks like you have a solid team on board. Very dedicated and hard-working members. I can relate well to our Mission and Values. "For the greater good of all."

Lesley Goonting & Family

## Final Announcements

### IPC STATUS

The Eurasian Association, being awarded the IPC (Institute of Public Character) status and being a Community Self-Help Group working for the public benefit, has given much emphasis on transparency and good corporate governance. This has also become an increasingly important criteria for any potential donor who wishes to donate to the Association. This is done through improving organizational effectiveness in areas of processes and documentation to maintain accountability and public trust.

The Management Committee of The Eurasian Association understood the importance of such accountability and have since formed the respective Mandatory and non-Mandatory Committees as recommended under the IPC. The most important Mandatory Committee that has been formed is the Audit Committee.

The next Mandatory Committee to be finalized is the Fund-Raising Committee, whilst the other Non-Mandatory Advisory Panels that have been formed are Finance and Corporate Communications.

The following new committees have been formed:

#### Mandatory Audit Committee

Mr Po'ad Mattar, Mr Kevin Scully, Mr Chad Olsen and Mr Daryl Pereira

#### Finance Advisory Panel

Mr Colin Meyer, Ms Jean Pereira and Mr Burton Westerhout

#### Corporate Communications Advisory Panel

Mr Warren Fernandez, Ms Dawn Westerhout and Ms Angelina Fernandez-Khoo

### NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL

It's that time of the year again when everyone starts to make plans for the New Year's Eve Ball. For the past two years, EA and the Women's Wing have been hosting the Ball and this year the committee will be pulling out all the stops.

The theme is 'Movie Star Glamour' and you're encouraged to come dressed as your favourite movie star. Marina Mandarin is the venue and the ballroom will be decorated to suit the theme with a red carpet, and stars glittering.

Gary Aviet will be our emcee extraordinaire and the band for this year's bash is still under wraps. Book early to get your early bird special, tickets are priced at \$130 nett, early birds get a bottle of single malt whiskey and special reserve red wine.

### EA FUND RAISING

The Eurasian Association recently printed 5,000 limited edition pens with the EA name, to sell among friends and members for a minimum of \$5 each with the hope to raise funds for charity. The cost of producing the pens was defrayed by a generous donation from Ms Carla Barker and friends. The internal fund raising was to help victims of Cyclone Nargis which devastated large coastal areas of Myanmar last May and the victims of the recent Sichuan earthquake. We sincerely thank all the donors for their compassion and kindness.

### NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Finally, just a reminder on the new Merit Bursary Awards, which will be introduced in 2009. These fully-paid scholarships are for deserving Eurasian students to pursue courses of study at the ITE and the Polytechnics. Do contact Therese at 6447 1578 for more information on how to apply.

**The party of the year is here again...**

# **New Year's Eve Gala Dinner**

Theme **Movie Star Glamour**  
Venue **Marina Mandarin Hotel**  
Date **31 December 2008**  
Time **6.30pm till late**

**\$130.00 per pax**

Please book early by calling 6447 1578 for reservations.

The Committee, Management & Staff of  
The Eurasian Association wish all  
Members and their families

A Blessed Christmas &  
A Happy New Year!

