



From the Communications Team.....

Dear Members,

As I prepare this Newsletter the MCG's Annual General Meeting is coming up in a few days but by the time it is sent out it will be well and truly over. Hopefully some new and enthusiastic members have joined the MCG Committee, but, if there are still some Committee positions vacant, I encourage you to consider taking up one of them. The MCG is totally run by members and needs you all to keep us running. Marianne Khor, our Events Planning Team Convenor is also still looking for interested members to join our EP team, so there are many ways you can help in the running of the Malaysian Culture Group.

Michelle Pease

Coming up...

Excursion: The Visit to a Palm Oil Plantation
 Wednesday, 5th December, this event is fully booked, if you wish to be put on the waiting list please either make a comment on the relevant Anyvite invitation or contact the EP team at mcgklevents@gmail.com

Excursion: Guided Tour of the Thaipusam Festival, Sunday, 20th January, 2018, please register via your personal Anyvite invitation which will be sent shortly.

Reviews...

Excursion - Deepavali Festival Event

Lyndall Currie



Lecture - An Introduction to the Malaysian Parliamentary System

Jane Duxbury



Explorers Out & About - Visit to Kamdar

Vicki Palmer and Kyoko Rabbetts



Enak! - Kyra Restaurant

Ivy Goh



President's Message

Dear MCG Members



The Holiday Season for so many of us has arrived! One of the beautiful things about living in Kuala Lumpur is the diverse cultures and celebrations. Two weeks ago my daughter was welcomed to a friend's home for a Deepavali celebration. How heart-warming for her to be included in a special holiday for our Indian community. Now, Christmas decorations adorn our malls and, whether or not you celebrate the Christian holiday, many partake in the shopping festivities. Holiday bazaars are in full gear, with vendors displaying a variety of talent, from jewelry, hand-bags and clothing to food, art and home accessories. There is truly something for everyone! Personally, I have so much to be thankful for, not only at the upcoming American Thanksgiving celebration, but year round. I hope you, and your families, enjoy this time of year and be grateful for your health, happiness and community.

Happy Holidays,

Jeanne

Library news

Dear Members,

Please find below our recently registered library books. Due to donations we have now a substantial amount and wide array of books for sale, this will happen in instalments during lectures.

As a reminder; library is free for all members, with the limit of 5 book per member, reminders for returning are sent to borrowers every 3 month.

With any enquiry please contact mcgklibrarian@



Did you know that the Malaysian Culture Group has a Facebook page? Click here to visit the MCG page.

Meet your MCG Committee.



Caroline Amberg
 Vice President

In 2014, my husband got the offer to take on a new position in Malaysia, and all excited about the new things that would lie ahead, we agreed to go for it. However, since I had just started a new and challenging job in

our home country Germany, I decided to let my husband spearhead the mission and to follow after some time. The professional opportunity presented to me at the time was too tempting...

One long year passed, a hard time for both as each of us not only had to cope with a new professional environment but also with being without the the other, a challenge in itself. But finally the day had come, back home where everything was settled and I relocated to our lovely home in Kuala Lumpur.

Having worked full time nearly all my professional life in Consulting and HR management, I was soon looking for a meaningful pastime in KL which I found with the 'Riding for the Disabled Association', a voluntary, non-profit organization providing horse riding lessons as therapy for children with disabilities. A very touching experience!

Walking the streets of our neighborhood I soon came across many stray cats and dogs in their daily struggle for food, shelter and medication. So together with my husband and a few like-minded friends we are since regularly looking after a community of around 20 cats at the National Museum.

In 2017, I joined the museum volunteers at Muzium Negara as a volunteer guide. It was here where I learned about the Malaysian Culture Group and their events, lectures and excursions, which promised even more in-depth knowledge about this great country that we already called our second home. And the MCG did not disappoint!

So when at our Annual General Meeting this year the position of MCG Vice President was announced to be vacant, it was a rather quick decision to raise my hand and to apply. My first major task was to organize the 2017 Open House event, no piece of cake! But was reeky worth all the effort with a result of 42 new members joining MCG. Generally, I can say that working as a committee member is both rewarding and fun and I would like to encourage members to actively get involved, whether in the organization of our events or by taking over a committee role.

If you decide to get involved, all you need is a little time on your hands and the motivation to learn and get things moving. After all: it's a 'members for members', and adding that extra personal touch to our time with MCG will certainly be something to remember in the years to come...

Caro

The MCG Committee remains steadfastly committed to ensuring that the MCG meets the needs of our members. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members by email. Yours in service of Malaysian culture!