



From the Communications Team.....

Dear Members,

The Communications team would like to wish all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we would also like to wish our new members who joined this month, Christine Steward, Marjanne Harinck, Caroline Claveland, Marita Miikkulainen, Meredith Tomkovitch & Kim Ritchie Selamat Datang.

In the New year the Events Planning team have arranged two great events, the Thaipusam Festival Tour and the Taste of Chinese New Year event. Both these events are limited number events and are always very popular. If you wish to attend either of these events please make sure to book as soon as you receive your invitation.

Michelle Pease

Coming up...

Documentary on MCG Member Judyth Gregory-Smith's Myanmar project "Gifts of Sight", Wednesday, 6th December, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#)

Excursion : Thaipusam Festival Tour Tuesday, 30th January, 8.15 for a 8.30 start, please register via your personal invitation which will be sent out shortly.

Special Event: A Taste of Chinese New Year Wednesday, 7th February, 10.00 for a 10.30 start. Please register via your personal invitation which will be sent out shortly.

Reviews...

Excursion - Newcomers' Visit to the IAMM

Bindhya Preistner

Excursion - Nine Emperor Gods Festival tour

Michelle Dye

Lecture - Lee Su Kim - Author

Margaret Cheng

Enak! - Banana Leaf at University Malaya Academic Club

Geraldine Stahls & Desiree den Ouden

Enak! Extra - Kyoko's New Japanese Kitchen

Anjeeta Nayar

Enak! - Songket

Nazia Yusuf Hussain

Explorers Out & About - Visit to an Orang Asli Village in Gombak

Dina Robinson

Explorers Out & About Extra - Visit to the Istana Alam Shah

Jeanie Kennedy

Book Group 1 - The Sympathizer

Rose Gan

Book Group 2 - A Feast of Roses

Nabila Ahman

President's Message

Dear MCG members,



What a great month for our MCG group! So many exciting outings undertaken, loved seeing all the great pictures shared on our Facebook page.

At our last committee meeting we realised that there may be some information about MCG and its subgroups that may be unclear. So, I'd just like to clarify a few things. Firstly, if you are a member of MCG, you are automatically invited to all of our "Events" Lectures & Excursions. If you want to be a member of any of the subgroups Enak!, Explorers Out & About or Book Club, you need to sign up separately with those groups. You will then receive invitations to attend those outings, but only if you are signed up with the groups. Next, it is very important, for planning purposes, to respond to any and all invitations. If something comes up and you can't make the event, we understand. Please just let the group know as soon as possible. That way if there are people on a waiting list, they can be invited and the group won't have to absorb any extra fees. Thank you for your help in this matter, we are just trying to get our system flowing more efficiently.

On another note, this will be my last month as MCG president. I will be moving back to the US in December. I have thoroughly enjoyed this short time as acting president and am confident that our committee members will find an enthusiastic replacement. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to lead such a fantastic group. Jumpa lagi!

Melissa Loring

A request for Events Planning team Volunteers:

As you all know the MCG has a very fluid membership with members leaving quite often as their postings come to an end. This has left the Events Planning Team with very low numbers at the moment.

The Events Planning Team is very important to the MCG, they organize all the events that are open to all members of our group separately from Explorers', Enak! & Book Group.

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed members of the MCG to join our team. We all work well as a team when we hold an event with each of us taking a task such as tech support, catering, registration etc. but we are also looking for people who are self starters who could organize events as well. You wouldn't be expected to organize an event from scratch, members of the team such as Marianne Khor and Michelle Pease have the contacts but do not always have the time to organise every event.

If you are interested in joining our team please contact our Events Planning Convenor Marianne Khor at events@mcgkl.org. Anyone is welcome, Newcomers to Kuala Lumpur, members who have lived here for many years or anyone in between.

Marianne Khor - Convenor, Events Planning Team

Did you know that the Malaysian Culture Group has a Facebook page? Click [here](#) to visit the MCG page.

If you are planning to attend the showing of the documentary on Judyth Gregory- Smith's Myanmar project "Gifts of Sight" on the 6th December we would very much appreciate it if you could bring with you any used spectacles that you are no longer using to donate to this excellent and worth while cause.

Events Planning Team

Meet your MCG Committee.



Jeanne Greer Vice President

Hello Everyone!

My name is Jeanne and I'm the newest Vice President for MCG!

I was born and raised in the Golden State of the US--California--and I'm proud to say that my children are 5th generation Californian! With that said, I've moved around quite a bit over the years. After marrying a retired Navy pilot, Briand, we settled in Arizona for 8 years, where my son and daughter spent their early formative years. In 2011 we began our expat experience by moving to Shanghai, China. Wow, what a change! It certainly had its ups and downs, but we have grown as a family and I have a new outlook on life. We came to KL in August 2016. We are enjoying the tropical lifestyle and the diversity of cultures, as well as the ease of traveling in the region. We still have so much to see and do!

Prior to children, I was an employee benefits consultant working with small businesses. Although I have been "unemployed" for 20 years, I have managed to stay busy in many ways. I have

always been involved with my children's schools, organizing events and running PTA's. I've also organized charity functions in both the US and Shanghai. My favorite, being a program called Giving Tree. Through the international school in Shanghai we collectively filled 1000 bags with gifts, and delivered them to migrant school children in the area. The smiles on their faces were priceless. Currently, I'm part of the booster group at the International School of Kuala Lumpur, where my daughter, Anna, is in 11th grade. Both of my kids have been active in school programs, so I enjoy supporting the athletics and fine arts. My son, Grant, graduated from ISKL last year and is in his first year of University in Colorado. I feel so lucky that we get to visit him in such a beautiful place!

Outside of volunteering, I enjoy exercise, hiking, tennis, and traveling. Living a global lifestyle, I particularly like to take cooking classes from around the world. The kitchen is definitely my favourite room in our home!

Jeanne Greer

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!