

MCG The Malaysian Culture Group

From the Communications Team.....

Dear Members,

As I prepare this Newsletter I am amazed as to how quickly this year has gone. 2019 has been a great year for the MCG, lots of interesting events, and lots of new members since our Open House in September. If you are new to the MCG please consider how you can help, we are a totally a volunteer run organisation so are always looking for volunteers to do things like join the Committee or the Events Planning Team. Another simple way you can help its to do the Newsletter/Website write up for one of the events you attend.

Wishing all MCG members and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2020 if not before.

Michelle Pease

Coming up...

Excursion: Guided tour of Rimba Ilmu, the Botanical Gardens at the University of Malaya. Tuesday, 10th December, 2019, 10.00 for a 10.30 start. This event is now fully booked, please contact us at mcgklevents@gmail.com to be put on the waiting list.

After Hours Group: Chinatown Twilight Temple and Food Tour. Saturday 4th January, 2020, 3.45 pm for a 4.00 pm start. Please register via your Paperless Post invitation which will be sent closer to the event.

Excursion: Chinese New Year guided walking tour of Chinatown. Wednesday 22nd January, 2020, 9.30 for a 10.00 start. Please register via your Paperless Post invitation which will be sent closer to the event.

Excursion: Thaipusam Festival Tour with Cheryl Hoffmann. Friday 7th February, 2020, 8.15 a.m for a 8.30 start. Please register via your Paperless Post invitation which will be sent closer to the event.

Reviews...

Lecture: Traditions of Kuda Kepang
Caroline Tan



Enak!: Flavours of Diwali



Excursion: A Celebration of Deepavali
Pam Currie



Explorers: Visit to artist Abdullah Razak's home
Pamela de Lange



President's Message

Dear Culture Lovers:

Our latest Special Interest group "After Hours" is off to a strong start with a full group of evening walkers exploring Kampong Bharu. We even had a waiting list.



This list of waiting husbands has inspired me to to share a terrific idea for a holiday or New Years gift for your partner or dear friend: A gift membership to The Malaysian Culture Group! Yes! An MCG gift membership is the gift that keeps on giving. Throughout the year you and your partner or friend can participate in activities together. They can be confirmed to join you rather than waiting to see if there is room for guests.

Here is the link to the membership form.

Questions can be directed to our Membership Secretary Vivin Sjamsir via this link: membership@mcgkl.org.

Just a reminder that if you did not join the Malaysian Culture Group at this year's Open House or later your membership fees are due in December. Don't forget to renew so that you continue to receive the Paperless Post invitations to all our great events.

Hoping to see you at many upcoming events.

Wishing all culture lovers a Happy Holidays and Wonderful New Year!

Diana Daymond
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Book Group 1: The Secret Daughter by Shilpi Somaya Gowda
Leong Ket Ti

Book Group 2: First They Killed My Father by Luong Ung
Barbara Angell

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

A Guide to the Paperless Post Invite System

As the Anyvite invite website that the MCG has been using for the last few years has now shut down we are now using the Paperless Post (PP) invite system. A few PP invites have been sent out in the last couple of months so we would like to go through the steps required to register with PP.



1. For each general member event organised by the Events Planning Team you will receive a personal invitation as per the one to the left from PP.

2. You can reply to the invitation directly from this page by either clicking the "will attend" or "will not attend", which I have circled, at the top of the page.

3. If you would like more details of the event please click on the "view the card" link at the bottom of the page, also circled. This page will have general details of the event plus a map. Scroll down the newly opened page to "Note", this is where you will find full details of the event, including special instructions, if necessary.

4. You may also rsvp from this page by clicking "Will Attend" or "Will not Attend" links under the title of the event.

5. It is important that you both open and rsvp to each of the PP invitations that you receive. PP is set up to send out reminders weekly to those that haven't opened or rsvped to a specific event. If you don't want to receive these constant reminders the best thing to do is just "open & rsvp" to the various PP invitations.

6. PP sends out individual personalised invites to all on the MCG address list so unfortunately you can no longer forward an invite link to friends to enable them to register on their own behalf. If you would like to bring a friend to one of our events please send us a message or comment in the comment section letting us know your guest's name/names via PP. If you have any queries about a specific event please also send us a message via PP.

7. Please ensure that you add paperlesspost@paperlesspost.com to your contact list to make sure you receive all MCG invitations.

Michelle Pease
On behalf of the Events Planning Team