



# TOUCHSTONE

International Ladies' Club of Macau

澳門國際婦女會

Summer 2005

A non-profit organization supporting local charities

## President's Corner

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## Summer Message

*Dear Members,*

*Summer is now with us and for many members and their families, it means journeys to their homelands to spend time with family and friends. During this time, activity in Macau usually slows down as a holiday mood takes over the enclave. However, this year might be little different due to the high level of activity we are witnessing and experiencing.*



Our new President, Fran Thomas

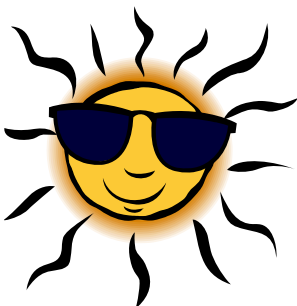
*The ILCM will maintain most of the regular activities during the summer, and the lunches, morning teas and social activities will get back into full swing by August. We would like to remind members, particularly new members, to always feel free to ring a committee member should you suddenly find yourself isolated. There is always someone around and we can easily arrange an impromptu get together to share a coffee or lunch. One of the main interests of the ILCM is to share friendships, and that only takes a phone call.*

*Many of the charities welcome visitors, so if you have the time, just contact one of the community service committee or myself.*

*May we all enjoy a relaxing and rejuvenating summer in preparation for the year ahead.*

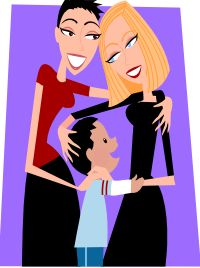
*Warm wishes,*

*Fran Thomas*



## Community Services

# Community Services Report



The start of the new committee year sees us with a new commitment for the year ahead. We have started the year by confirming that the ILCM will continue to provide monthly financial support to Cradle of Hope - home for abandoned children, Penha - home for handicapped children, Spring of Light - day center for disadvantaged children, and Missionaries of Charity crèche. We also acknowledge and thank the many members and friends of ILCM who take time to visit these centers. We are also making our annual donation to the Fatima Parish Education Fund. This fund enables students to buy the books that they need to attend school.

ILCM were pleased to fund a request from Sr. Juliana at the Good Shepherd Center for a photocopier, TV, and an overnight trip to China for a group of single parent families. The Good Shepherd Center is a refuge for women and their children, who are victims of domestic violence. The Center supports women by both providing emergency protection and then helping them rebuild their lives and the lives of their children.

## Missionaries of Charity

Saturday 25th June saw the graduation of the little children in the crèche at the Missionaries of Charity. ILCM provided t-shirts and shorts for the seventy children in the crèche. The crèche was set up so that parents who needed to work but could not afford childcare could use the free service. However, the government's recent announcement for free schooling from K1 means that many schools will now be offering free kindergarten places. This will relieve the pressure on charitable organizations to do so.

## Centro Pastoral Areia Preta

Centro Pastoral Areia Preta is a day center run by the Maryknoll Sisters. During the day, they run classes and entertainment for the elderly, and after school and at night time the center is used by students to do their homework and participate in other activities.

This year Sr. Susan Glass is taking a group of eighteen teenagers for a 2-night trip to Hong Kong, and this will be the first time many of these students have traveled outside of Macau. The Social Welfare Institute and the Youth Education Department are jointly funding the trip, and ILCM is pleased to donate MOP5,000. The participants are being asked to pay MOP300 per head, which for many will be very difficult. If anyone would like to sponsor one of the teenagers to take part in this educational trip, then please contact any member of the community services team.

**If you would like to know more about the charities that ILCM supports, or would like to visit, please contact Melanie at 684-1718 or Wendy at 664-5157**



## Community Services

### Spring of Light

Spring of Light cares for children at risk by providing after school care, special tutoring, parent effectiveness training, and summer activities. All the staff that assist these children with their studies and after school programs do so on a volunteer basis.

The Center urgently requires a van. This is needed to transport children and music equipment around Macau, to entertain the elderly in community centers and residential homes for the elderly. This teaches the children community responsibility and they gain the therapeutic benefit of playing music. The elderly thoroughly enjoy this entertainment by the children. Further information on this charity will be provided in the next newsletter.

### Asilo de Betania

Asilo de Betania, home for elderly men, celebrated Fathers' Day and staff and residents of the Home entertained ILCM members.

Please remember that despite language differences these homes for the elderly love visitors to come, shake hands and just say hello. Anyone interested in doing this please contact one of the committee.

### Julie Fernandes

Members will have been saddened to hear of the untimely death of Julie Fernandes. Her long fight against cancer was eventually lost, but her strength and bravery during this time was an inspiration to all who knew her.

Julie was one of the longest standing members of ILCM, and contributed so much during her years as a member. She was always ready with a helping hand, quietly giving to those less fortunate than herself. In an immensely busy life she always found time for others. She will be greatly missed.

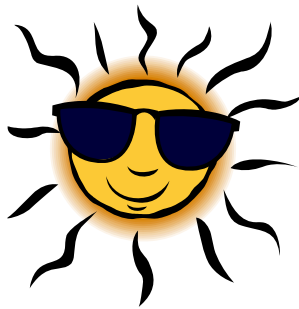
At her family's request, ILCM has given a donation in her name to the Missionaries of Charity towards their graduation ceremony. We have also given MOP5,000 to the Spring of Light, another charity close to Julie's heart. They will use the money to produce a book aimed at helping troubled teenagers. It is hoped that this book will be dedicated to Julie.



# Social Events & Activities

## Things to do in August

**Please don't hesitate to attend events if you're alone. Just let us know and we'll be sure to introduce you to new friends.**



### Beachside Lunch

Date: Thursday—August 4th

Time: 12:30 pm

At: La Gondola  
Praia de Cheoc Van, Coloane

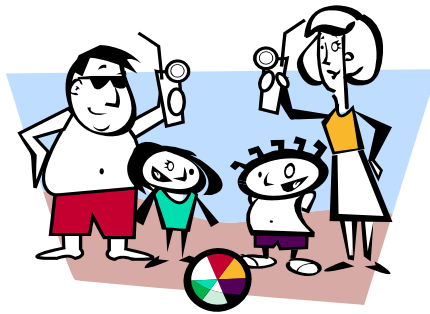
Enjoy a casual gathering and Italian cuisine at Macau's only beachside restaurant. We can order off the menu and the payment method is up to us.....they are happy to let us pay individually.



#### Contact: Rosemary Bowie

Phone: 318 188  
Mobile: 652 2038  
E-mail: rosemarybowie@msn.com

*Please let us know if you can join us before 1 Aug.*



### End of Summer Family Event



*For EVERYONE: grownups/kids, couples/singles, friends/relatives  
Tentatively at Hac Sa Beach Park  
On Sunday August 28th  
To be confirmed SOON.....*

It's time to start reading *Sea Glass* by Anita Shreve .....  
The next **BOOK CLUB MEETING** will be at  
2PM Sept 12 at Fran's house  
More details in the Sept newsletter



# Social Events & Activities

## Ongoing & Upcoming




<p><b>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays</b></p>		<p><b>TENNIS MORNINGS</b> Members are welcome to join the social tennis morning at the Hyatt on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to 11:00am. The Hyatt tennis coach kindly oversees the sessions and offers supervision and advice to enable us to improve our game. The cost is MOP50 if you are not a Hyatt member and includes a drink after the game. This is generous of the Hyatt and the ILCM are very grateful to them. Please contact Fran Thomas at 684-1497 if you would like to join us.</p>
<p><b>Wednesdays</b></p>		<p><b>MAHJONG AFTERNOON</b> Meets every Wednesday at Rhonda Simmons' house from 12:30 to about 4:30pm. The cost is MOP20 and please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. Experience is not necessary. Please call Rhonda at 663-4585 for details and her address.</p>
<p><b>Wednesdays &amp; (Fridays from early September)</b></p>		<p><b>MUMS &amp; TOTS GROUP</b> Meet other mothers, babies and toddlers, and share your experiences. Join the fun at the Sheng Kung Hui School, 5th floor, Room 518, on Taipa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ILCM Mums &amp; Tots group meets on Wednesday mornings</li> <li>• Art &amp; Craft group for toddlers will meet on Friday mornings from early September</li> </ul> <p>For more information, contact Juliet Risdon at 680-9804.</p>



**MORNING TEAS**  
in August & September  
*Date & Location to be announced SOON.....*



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**It's QUESTION TIME!!**



## Calendar & Notices

# August 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Tennis	3 Mahjong Mums&Tots	4 Beachside Lunch	5 Tennis	6
7	8	9 Tennis	10 Mahjong Mums&Tots	11	12 Tennis	13
14	15	16 Tennis	17 Mahjong Mums&Tots	18	19 Tennis	20
21	22	23 Tennis	24 Mahjong Mums&Tots	25	26 Tennis	27
28 tentative Family Event	29	30 Tennis	31 Mahjong Mums&Tots			

### ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY

If you would like to place a commercial advertisement in the newsletter please contact:

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### FURNITURE FOR CHARITY

**If anyone has large items of furniture that they wish to donate to charity, Stephanie**

**Smock will arrange this for you.**

**Please call Stephanie at 629-3511**



## Members' Page



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Annie Stocco (4)	Siobhan France (17)
Olivia Mak (5)	Sandy Black (18)
Paula Duncan (6)	Anne Godsey (18)
Mandy Chan (7)	Delia Evans (19)
Stephanie Smock (8)	Judie Wong Wahnon (24)
Michelle Krick (11)	Lily Shaikhzadeh (27)
Penny Barton (14)	Romy So (31)



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Louisa Marie Partridge(2)	Shirly Yip (23)
Angie Chui (4)	Emiko Pinto Marques (25)
Ana Maria Wong (4)	Kay Whitaker Jones (30)
Wendy Graham (15)	



## New Members & Changes

## Members' Page

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### **The International Ladies' Club of Macau**

welcomes English speaking women of all nationalities, backgrounds and interests to meet regularly to share social events, and to utilize their combined experiences to aid those in need in Macau. The group also assists newcomers to settle into their new environment, and organizes activities of interest to members, their families and friends, and to visitors.

Inaugurated in 1982, and formally registered as a charity in 1984, ILCM engages in fund-raising projects in support of deserving Macau charities. All activities are run by volunteers, so every dollar raised goes directly to the charities. ILCM currently supports twenty charities in Macau, and since its inception, the organization has donated over \$4 million to local charitable organizations.

With the continued support of members and the growing community, we look forward to the year ahead.

### **French Kindergarten Arrives in Macau**

Starting August 29th, there will be a French kindergarten in Macau with a qualified French teacher. All French speaking children from ages 3 to 6 (K1 to P1) are welcome. For more information, please contact:

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