

# Touchstone

International Ladies' Club of Macau

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## President's Corner

Dear Members,

This month has seen the arrival of new members who will contribute to the changing face of the ILCM. New faces bring new interests, and that brings fresh life and energy into the club. This is beneficial to all of us and the committee is working to address the increased needs of our growing membership.

Last week the community services committee visited many of the charities we support in order to ascertain their needs for the year. The picture remains grim for many of the homes for abandoned babies and children, and for the frail and dying elderly. The carers are stressed and struggling under the heavy burden. It reminds us that we still have much to do. One of the benefits of a larger club is that it enables us to assist these vulnerable members of our society in a more effective and tangible way.

The ILCM is also committed to education of the young and particularly to education of women. It was with pleasure that I presented a cheque for MOPI0,000 on behalf of the ILCM members, at the University of Macau's commencement ceremony, to a third year Humanities student, to assist her in her studies.

To new members, please ring any committee member if you have any queries as you settle into your new environment.

I look forward to seeing you in the month ahead.

Warm wishes

Fran Thomas



**ILCM President, Fran Thomas**



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Hotline 665 2241

## ILCM Welcome Ambassadors

We invite all our members to become Welcome Ambassadors—to introduce our organization to newcomers, friends and neighbors in Macau—and to help us to expand our membership base.

By doing this, we accomplish many things, but simply put—more members means more

events and activities, which in turn increases our capabilities to help others.

Enclosed you might find a Membership Brochure (if ready at printing time). If so, please put on your welcome hat and pass it on. Alternately, please contact us and we will email it to you.

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## Community Services Report

**Missionaries of Charity  
birthday party for  
children in crèche will  
be on Friday the 28th  
of October at 3pm.**

This month we made our usual donations to Penha Home for Handicapped Children, Cradle of Hope Orphanage, and Spring of Light Association.

With the children starting back at school for the Autumn Term, we have received many requests for volunteers to help with English homework. Many of the centers we support have groups of children who attend after school to study, and all have asked if anyone could volunteer a few hours a week to help. If anyone would like to help, either

in a small group, or by providing one-on-one tuition, please contact Melanie or Dora.

The Missionaries of Charity Birthday party takes place on Friday 30 September at 3pm. Ana-Maria Wong very generously donated the cake.

The birthday party for October will take place on Friday 28 October at 3pm and Monita Au has generously donated the cake. If you have time to attend these birthday parties, which last approximately 45 minutes, all the children and staff will warmly welcome you.

## Monthly Charity Highlight—Peace and Hope Center

*Our focus this month is on the Peace and Hope Center, a service offered by the Hope Clinic for terminally ill patients and their families. Their report is as follows.*

### Report for ILCM: Current Position at Peace and Hope Center, August 2005

#### Clients:

- At present, there are 35 patients, and within these families are 60 children.
- In the bereavement network are 35 families with 66 children. Some of these families are seen as often as weekly, some monthly, and a few only participate in one-off or occasional special events.

#### Staff:

- At present, Candy (in her 7<sup>th</sup> month of pregnancy) continues to head up the service.
- She is complemented by a part-time, second nurse (Loretta), who previously lost a husband to cancer. She leads some of the bereavement groups.
- Last year the center accepted a Social Worker (Cheok-Wan) trainee for a placement. She has since graduated and has returned full-time, replacing the previous office assistant, but with a far greater role. She will replace Candy during maternity leave.
- Around 30 volunteers have completed the PHC volunteer training program and assist with both patient follow-up and clerical duties. Several more have made enquiries as to when the next training will be offered.

#### Programs:

- Besides patient care and family education, and bereavement follow-up, the PHC has offered several other opportunities.
- The bereavement support group meets monthly at the clinic with adults upstairs and a new program for children downstairs.
  - 160 people from the community attended a morning seminar on grief counseling held at the Bosco school auditorium. Of those, around 60 enrolled in afternoon workshops.
  - 86 teenagers attended a life and death seminar put on by their high school with the speakers being Candy and Cheok Wan.
  - A ladies' English group has met throughout the year, led by one of Hope's doctor's wives, and has led to some significant relationships between the women.

- Over the summer a crafts and sharing time was held weekly for 8 weeks for teenagers, either in families of a cancer victim or from the bereavement group with 2-8 teens attending.
- Also over the summer, US volunteers held an English club with some art therapy for children included.
- Volunteers continuing training offered a course on massage therapy that was well attended. The volunteers continue to meet regularly for support and feedback.

#### Upcoming events:

- New volunteers' weekly training will take place in September-October.
- November is targeted for support raising – they are hoping to host a sponsored walk, and the PHC team will be sharing at various churches in Macau.
- There will be a patient outing in November.
- December is the annual Christmas party with people from all the various activities and groups invited, but especially for the families with cancer or the bereaved families.

#### Needs:

Funding continues to be the greatest need. Candy's salary is provided by Hope Clinic, and the other two staff salaries are provided by the Macau Medical Mission, through voluntary donations. Some, but very limited, funding is provided by the Social welfare department; a small amount of costs are covered by donations. They could really do with a part-time office assistant but at present, there are no funds available for this.

#### Gifts or contributions they would appreciate:

- A private donation has been given for the past two years for gifts for the Christmas party – this is not available this year. (They usually give a small gift of \$10-20 to each person attending. With around 100 children, this is a reasonable expense.)
- They would really like a digital camera - for use at events for publicity, and for patients to have a record of their participation etc.
- A special funeral fund for initial costs for those that cannot afford it and as an interim until Government funding comes through.
- A fund for special needs for families – e.g. school supplies; blankets, etc.

*If you would like to  
contribute to Peace and  
Hope Center's needs,  
please contact:  
Melanie 684 1718  
Dora 682 7017  
ilcm@hotmail.com*

## Social Events—Charity Fundraisers



Last Call for QUIZ NIGHT

► It's that time again.....time for our fabulous and totally entertaining annual QUIZ NIGHT with lots of prizes and laughs.

This has historically (hysterically) been one of our most enjoyable fun-fundraising events. Tables of 6 or individual seats are available on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Space is limited and bookings are recommended. Please contact:

Susie Mob 656 3344 SusanHeise@aol.com  
Melanie Mob 684 1718 melie@macau.ctm.net

Date: Friday — 7th October  
Buffet: 7:00pm  
Quiz: 8:00pm sharp  
Cost: MOP 900 per table  
MOP 150 per person

At: **NORMAN'S**  
Restaurante Parque Hac Sa  
Hac Sa Beach, Coloane



If I book a table of 6, how many friends do I need to invite?

## Dinner at Grappa's

Wednesday 19 October at 7:30 pm

Ana Bela Serafim has very generously offered to sponsor a fund raising dinner at her recently opened restaurant—Grappa's.

We hope you will bring your husbands to what will be a fun night of great food and good conversation. The price per head is \$300 (inclusive of red and white wine and water).



All proceeds will go directly to the charities supported by ILCM. Numbers are limited, so please book early.....

Thank you Ana Bela.



Avenida Kwong Tong, No. 11  
Edificio Triumph IV, R/C (G), Taipa  
Opposite the Macau Jockey Club

Please RSVP to Rosemary Bowie  
before 17 October

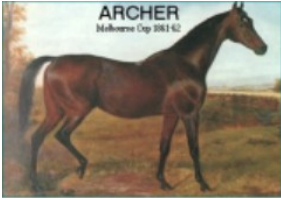
Tel 318188 Mobile 652 2038  
Email rosemarybowie@msn.com



All events & activities are open to members, their spouses, and to friends and visitors.

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## Social Events—Charity Fundraisers



**Winner of the 1st Melbourne Cup**



**Probably another famous creature**



Melbourne Cup  
Lunch at the  
Macau Golf &  
Country Club

Tuesday | November  
11:00am sharp—Race starts at 1:00pm

Cost is \$290 per head.....change will be available of course, but if you want to give us \$300, even better because it all goes to charity !!!

For bookings, please call:  
Rosemary Bowie (318188 or 652 2038) or  
Lyndal Voller (832214 or 666 2045)

## The Race that Stops a Nation

There will be sweeps, a tote, prizes for best outfit, best hat, best tie and a lucky door prize. Each table will have limited wine and beer, and a



cash bar will be available. Bookings are essential, so get in early.....tables of ten or individual tickets.....it's up to you.

## Social Events & Activities

*Please don't hesitate to attend activities if you're on your own or new in town. Just let us know and we'll be sure to introduce you to new friends.*

**A special COFFEE MORNING..... Thursday— 6th October 10:30 till noon-ish will be held at Mary Wright's home**

We are happy to announce that Christina from **Nirvana Spa** will be there to chat to us ladies about ski care and beauty treatments. Please bring newcomers and friends, and a plate to share is always welcome. Consult your directory or call Mary at 6297010 for her address.



**BOOK CLUB MEETING Monday—10 October at 2pm At Val Moore's place**

October: Cloudstreet: a novel by Tim Winton. November: The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini. December: The Line of Beauty by Alan Hollinghurst. These are casual discussion sessions where reading the book is not essential though all books so far have been really worth reading. Please call Val at 881262 or 6919740 if you would like to join us.



## Social Events & Activities

### RUSTY BRIDGE PLAYERS.....

Please join us for Friday afternoon sessions, starting at 2:00pm on October 7 at Barbara Baldwin's.

This is not a forum for absolute beginners, though Barbara has ideas for that in the future.....

If you would like to attend, please contact Barbara at Tel 715901 or Email [hk\\_beau@yahoo.com](mailto:hk_beau@yahoo.com)



### Girls' Night Out

**Friday October 28th**  
**Time & Place to be Announced**

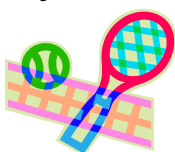
An informal gathering just to let your hair down.....stay for one drink or relax and have a few more.....

Plan for the last Friday of every month at selected venues .....that is, until our bar liaison discovers the perfect location for our escapades.

Contact Heather Clarke for details  
 Mobile 683 3044  
 Email [hclarke\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:hclarke_@hotmail.com)



### Tuesdays & Fridays



#### TENNIS MORNINGS

Members are welcome to join social tennis mornings at the Hyatt on Tuesdays and Fridays—9:00 to 11:00am. The Hyatt tennis coach kindly oversees our sessions and offers advice to help improve our game. The cost is MOP50 for non-Hyatt members and includes a drink after the game. This is generous of the Hyatt and we are very grateful to them. If you would like to join, please contact Fran Thomas Mob 684 1497 Francine@macau.ctm.net

### Wednesdays



#### MAHJONG AFTERNOON

Meets every Wednesday at Rhonda Simmons' house from 12:30 to about 4:30pm. The cost is MOP 20 and experience is not necessary. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. You can obtain further information by contacting Rhonda Simmons Mob 663 4585

### Wednesdays & Fridays



#### MOMS & TOTS

Meet other mothers, babies and toddlers, and share your experiences.

- ILCM Mums & Tots group meets on Wednesday mornings
- Art & Craft group for toddlers meets on Friday mornings

Join the fun at the Sheng Kung Hui School, 5th floor, Room 518, on Taipa.

For more information, please contact:

Juliet Risdon Mob 680-9804 Email [jml@macau.ctm.net](mailto:jml@macau.ctm.net)

*There will be a shopping trip to Guangzhou on Thursday November 10th. We will go to the wholesale market for household goods in time for Xmas shopping. More details in the next newsletter.*

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## Social Calendar & Other Important Dates

# October 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4 <b>Tennis</b>	5 <b>Mahjong</b> <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b>	6 <b>Coffee Morn</b>	7 <b>QUIZ NITE</b> <b>Tennis</b> <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b> <b>Bridge</b>	8
9	10 <b>Book Club</b>	11 <b>Tennis</b>	12 <b>Mahjong</b> <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b>	13	14 <b>Tennis</b> <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b> <b>Bridge</b>	15
16	17	18 <b>Tennis</b>	19 <b>GRAPPA'S</b> <b>Mahjong</b> <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b>	20	21 <b>Tennis</b> <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b> <b>Bridge</b>	22
	24	25 <b>Tennis</b>	26 <b>Mahjong</b> <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b>	27	28 <b>Tennis</b> <b>Moms &amp; Tots</b> <b>Bridge</b> <b>Girls Night</b>	29
	31	1 Nov <b>MELB'N CUP</b>				



- Melbourne Cup Tuesday November 1
- Coffee Morning Thursday November 3 at Rhonda Simmond's place
- Guangzhou shopping trip Thursday November 10
- Shanghai Luncheon November 17
- Afternoon Tea at Anna Maria's home in November
- Christmas Dinner in early December
- Sunday Roast at Norman's every 3rd Sunday

### October Birthdays

- |                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Karren Smith (1)         | Debby Dillon (15)             |
| Lyn Troy (1)             | Eileen Stow (15)              |
| Helen Galloway (3)       | Priscilla Cheong Gibbons (19) |
| Vicky Lesquoy (4)        | Allina Astill (19)            |
| Sue Lambert (7)          | Maria Manuela Ferreira (20)   |
| Joyce Siu Hing Choi (10) | Joanna Chang (23)             |
| Kim Johnson (12)         | Tess Crabtree (23)            |
| Regina Paz (12)          | Monita Au (26)                |
| Mary Wright (13)         | Louise Kewley (26)            |

## New Members & Changes

### Commercial Advertisements

Promote your business to a **captive audience** that is **highly** interested in learning about local businesses and services.

**Readers include:**

- **Newcomers to Macau**
- **Men & women**
- **Prospective customers with buying power**
- **Members with families**

To advertise, please:

- Provide A4 size copies of your advert to be inserted in newsletter
- Payment of MOP 300 per advert/ month (MOP 250 for members)
- Deadline: 24th of each month

For details, please contact:  
Emiko Pinto Marques  
Mob 680 7095  
emiko@wavefrontbiz.com.hk

## Classifieds & Personals

### AUSTRADE in Macau

The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) has set up an office in Macau to help Australian companies to export their products and services to Macau.

For details, please contact Robert Wong—Macau Manager  
Tel 757928  
Email Robert.wong@austrade.gov.au



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### Non-Commercial & Member Notices

We are always pleased to include personal, community, and charitable notices in the newsletter if space allows.

- Please provide clear information and details of up to 50 words
- Deadline: 24th of each month

Please email Georgie  
cird@macau.ctm.net

### Volunteers Needed

Many of the centers who are caring for children report that the children have difficulties with homework. They are in desperate need of volunteers to supervise and help small groups.

Can you help during late afternoons, even just once a week?  
If so, please call Melie at 684 1718

### FRENCH KINDERGARTEN

There is now 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:  
Mrs Maud Wind  
Tel +853 655 2286  
Email jouan-jan@wanadoo.fr

### FURNITURE FOR CHARITY

Do you have large items of furniture that you would like to donate to charity? If so, Stephanie Smock will arrange this for you. Please call Stephanie at 629 3511



A non-profit organization supporting local charities

## Tap Classes to Begin October 13 in Taipa

If you attended the Cradle of Hope Charity dinner last June, you may recall seeing ILCM member Kim Hughes Wilhelm's two sons, Devin and Kelsey, "On Tap" performance. They have been studying tap dance for nearly 10 years and have had several performances in Macau.

They are now offering an 8-class session of tap dance lessons, beginning October 13 – tentatively schedule to be held at the Taipa Youth Center (dance room). If enough people are interested, they would like to have separate classes for children ages 8 to 13, for teens, and for adults, with the schedule as follows:

Children age 8 or above: Thursdays, 4-4:45

Teens: Thursdays, 5-5:45

Adults: to be decided

Fees for the 8-week session are 500 MOP for one person or 800 MOP for two people.

Please register by sending name(s), age(s) and contact information to email [tap\\_macau@hotmail.com](mailto:tap_macau@hotmail.com) or sms 630-1291.



Kelsey and Devin "On Tap"

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## British Community Hoists Signal for Trafalgar Bicentennial

*Text and tale provided by Mike Armstrong, local journalist and editor of Macau Talk*

Some stories can never be re-told too many times; and with each passing year, the power of the Trafalgar engagement – in which Nelson's 27-ship fleet met the combined 33 fighting ships of France and Spain on October 21, 1805 – tightens rather than loosens its grip on the British imagination. And while the maimed Viscount's popularity never waned while he was alive, the occasion of the historic victory's bicentennial has generated an almost incalculable fever surrounding Britain's lion of the seas.

It's probably apt, then, to remember that he was in essence a humane and humble man whose attributes are recalled even today in the phrase 'the Nelson touch'. Nelson's last dispatch, written on the eve of the battle, read:

'At daylight saw the Enemy's Combined Fleet from East to E.S.E.; bore away; made the signal for Order of Sailing, and to Prepare for Battle; the Enemy with their heads to the Southward: at seven the Enemy wearing in succession. May the Great God, whom I worship, grant to my Country, and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious Victory; and may no misconduct in any one tarnish it; and may humanity after Victory be the predominant feature in the British Fleet. For myself, individually, I commit my life to Him who made me, and

may his blessing light upon my endeavours for serving my Country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend. Amen. Amen.'

If you're British and that leaves a lump in your throat, here's what to do: Another flotilla is slowly gathering in the swirling eddies of the Delta to honour not just Nelson but all the brave souls who fought under him at Trafalgar two hundred years ago. The British community in Macau is convening at the Hyatt Regency on October

21, 2005 for the Trafalgar Bicentennial Gala Dinner, and expectations are high for an appropriately large turnout. The organizers are promising a black tie evening to remember as well as a choir, bagpiper, Address, speeches and no doubt the odd riposte . . .

After the battle was won, the Victory was

towed to Gibraltar with Nelson's body on board preserved in a barrel of wine. Upon his body's arrival in London, Nelson was given a state funeral and entombed in St. Paul's Cathedral where he was laid to rest in a wooden coffin made from the mast of L'Orient, salvaged from the Battle of the Nile. The sarcophagus in which he is entombed was originally built for Cardinal Wolsey but when that worthy fell from favour it was confiscated by Henry VIII - to be occupied, finally, by the man who won the Battle of Trafalgar.

### TRAFALGAR BICENTENNIAL GALA DINNER

*Ballroom of Hyatt Regency Macau*

*Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2005 at 7:30 pm*

*Black Tie Dinner – Evening Dress for Ladies*

*Red Sea Rig optional for Gentlemen*

*(White Dress Shirt—Bow Tie/Cummerbund)*

*Choir & Piper - Free-Flowing Wine - VJP Address & Toasts*

*MOP550 per person*

*For tickets & information, call Rainbow Williams*

*(853) 6604245 or email [raibowwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:raibowwilliams@gmail.com)*