

Denmark Singapore Club

Committee's Message

Dear members,

Happy New Year to everyone and hope that you had a wonderful holiday. We also like to thank everyone for a wonderful time which we had last year and hope that this year will be another fantastic and prosperous year all together.

Now is the time for us to send you our first newsletter and the committee have already decided on the following events for this year 2009.

Before we go on to that, we like to recapture the last two events which was held in 2008. Those were the Hari Raya and Deepavali celebration as well as the Annual General Meeting.

Hari Raya / Deepavali Celebration

This was held at a private location on the 26th of October 2008 at Dronningensvej 4. We had great local dishes which were prepared by the committee and Effa.

We sincerely hope that the members had a great time both eating and mingling. There were large turnout both of adults and children, about 35 people altogether.

These are some of the pictures taken during the events.



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Nora, Meng Foo, Poo Chu, Susanne and Steve



Annual General Meeting

This year general meeting was held at Gildesalen on 28th November 2008 and the committee members prepared a 3 course menu with wines and drinks. This time after dinner we decided to proceed to Wallmans Discoteque. The committee hope that everyone had a great time without too heavy hangovers and tired feet after the dancing.

There was also a great turnout for this event and we really had a great discussion regarding the development and situation of the club. For those whom did not attend, you will get the latest information later on in this newsletter under news and updates section.



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News and Updates

❖ **Election of the new committee**

Doris Christensen has decided to withdraw after a year as secretary for our club. We will like to thank her for her contribution to the club in 2008.

At the AGM party, Rozita and Tina would like to continue another year as a committee member and Jillian volunteered to replace Doris. Therefore the committee members for the year 2009 are now as follows:

- Rozita Buang Andersen, President
- Tina Ravn, Secretary, and
- Jillian Lange, Treasurer



Tina, Rozita and Jillian

❖ **Denmark Singapore Club Website**

Our website has proved to be effective as we receive many enquiries and interest from not only Singaporean but also from other nationalities. If you have notice we have also forward some information or enquiries from those people whom are trying to get in touch with us or asking for help in terms of work or advice.

Apart from that we also receive many new members through the website. We hope that our club will grow and thus making it possible to continue running it both economically and socially.

The website will continuously be updated with the latest information.

❖ **How do I become a member of the Denmark Singapore Club?**

Send e-mail to denmark-singapore.club@hotmail.com or call one of the committee members. The fee for a calendar year is DKK 150 for individual members and the double for family members. Enrolment fee is DKK 50.

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❖ SIF sponsorship

For many years our club has been sponsored by SIF. This sponsorship has ensured that we could function as a good club with activities and help to many of the Singaporeans living in Denmark. Unfortunately SIF has decided no longer to support the overseas clubs and we will therefore have to do without their financial support in the future. With this change we hope for your understanding and support for future activities. For your information please see the mail from the Singapore International Foundation:

Dear SIF Friends,

Warm greetings from all of us at the Singapore International Foundation (SIF). We trust that your club/association has had a fruitful 2008 thus far.

It's been a busy year indeed, for Singaporeans across the globe and the SIF. 2008 kicked off with festive Lunar New Year celebrations by Singapore clubs and student associations around the world. The SIF also supported a variety of activities from a fundraising dinner in Beijing (China) and a Cultural Garden Party in Cambridge (UK), to a Dragon Boat Race in Eglisau (Switzerland), and a Spring Gathering in Seoul (Korea). Back home, Camp Singapore just ended its 11th run, with 58 children from various countries (please view photos at www.sif.org.sg). They were also treated to a special preview of the National Day Parade.

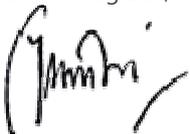
It has been our pleasure to support your many activities and celebrations. However, as a hectic 2008 draws to a close, our grant scheme will also come to an end. We regret to inform you that the SIF will no longer be the agency to provide funding support to Overseas Singaporeans after December 2008. Until then, if you have activities planned for the rest of the year, kindly ensure your funding applications reach us no later than 15 December 2008.

The Overseas Singaporean Unit (OSU) will be the new primary point of contact for all Overseas Singaporeans and will act as the coordinating agency for all Overseas Singaporean engagement efforts. Overseas Singaporeans can stay connected with home and each other via the Overseas Singaporean Portal at www.overseasingaporean.sg. They can also contact the OSU at nps_osu@nps.gov.sg or visit www.nps.gov.sg to find out more about their initiatives.

All of us at the Foundation sincerely hope that the partnerships we've formed with you over the years will continue to remain strong. This year marks 17 years of friendship between the SIF and diverse groups of Overseas Singaporean communities we serve. We want to thank you for your support and friendship – without which our programmes would not have succeeded. Although we can no longer give funding support, we plan to stay in touch, informing you regularly about the Foundation's developments and activities; and to keep you connected to home through our quarterly *SINGAPORE* magazine. Watch out also for our new and interactive website and Facebook entry.

Once again, thank you for your support of the SIF Overseas Singaporeans programme and for being such an important part of the Foundation. We wish the very best and we look forward to your continued friendship.

Warmest regards,



Jean Tan
Executive Director
Singapore International Foundation

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❖ **New membership fee**

At the AGM we all decided to increase the fee for the year 2009. This will make up for part of the lost sponsorship from SIF.

Therefore the new fees will be 150 DKK for individual member and 300 DKK for family members. The enrolment fee for new member is still the same 50 DKK.

The membership fees will be in your PBS statements for February 2009 instead of the usual January statements. This is to make sure that we had time to inform the increase out to all members prior to payments deducted.

❖ **The Singapore Consulate**

For the new members we like to inform you that we have Singapore Consulate in Copenhagen.

It is open weekdays from 10.00 to 12.00. We would here give you the address and contact details for your future reference:

Singapore Consulate
Snorregade 20
2300 Copenhagen S
General Consul: Arne Simonsen
Telephone: 32 54 83 60
E-mail: sincon@scan-group.dk



❖ **Upcoming Events in 2009**

As usual we like to inform you of what is coming up for the year 2009. Thereby we hope you will put a cross in your calendar and keep the day free from other activities. We would be happy to see as many of you as possible for all the events.

The venues and time will be announced when we get closer to the date of each event, like the information on the Chinese New Year is in this newsletter.

Events	Dates and Days
Chinese New Year	31 st January, Saturday
Summer Picnic	14 th June, Sunday
National Day	9 th August, Sunday
Lantern and Hari Raya	27 th September, Sunday
Deepavali and AGM	7 th November, Saturday

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❖ Chinese New Year Celebration

After a long and hectic programme last December we hope that the member can make some time to meet up again for another occasion.

The first event of the year is to celebrate the Chinese New Year. We will be celebrating the year of ox and therefore we like to invite all the members to join at another Chinese restaurant which will be serving dim sum.

Please do join us at the following date, time and address, as indicated below.

Date: Saturday 31st of January 2009

Time: 12:00 - 16:00 (Please be punctual as a courtesy to others)

Venue: Fu Hao
Colbjørnsensgade 15
1652 København V

Tel: 33 31 89 85

Food: Members pay their own soft drinks or beer if needed.

Non members: Are welcome but will be charged DKK 100 each

RSVP: 16th of January to e-mail: denmark-singapore.club@hotmail.com
attention to Jillian

❖ New Executive committee contacts details and telephone numbers

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