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2006 SLP Members' Night celebrated with a Chinese Dumpling Festival theme

Every year our Members' Night gets better. This was the case for 2006.

On 27th May 2006, Saturday, at 2.00 PM at Jurong Country Club, a group of enthusiastic organizing committee members started to decorate the Albizia Room -- red curtains on stage, miniature Prosperity red lanterns galore --to give it a Chinese feel. Members' Night 2006 was to have a Chinese Dumpling Festival theme.

When evening came, well-dressed and charming ladies and smart and happy gentlemen began to arrive, The atmosphere was ideal for chatting with friends and business associates. There were joyous sounds everywhere. In keeping with the theme, we could describe it as *hen re nao*. Fresh and hot *dian xin* and delicious Italian dips were served by lovely waitresses and waiters. The atmosphere was enhanced by the sound of a live traditional 3-piece Chinese ensemble consisting of the *Yangqin*, *Erhu* and *Dizi*. Other than Chinese music, the musicians demonstrated their versatility by playing western tunes as well. Guest were entertained to popular tunes like Always on my mind, Eternal Flame and Queen of Hearts. How's that for an experience?

The ladies were especially interested in a demonstration of how Chinese opera actresses put on their make-up. Guests

had a close-up look at the many stages of the process -- hair-do, facial make-up, colorful lip-sticks and fragrant facial powders.

All these were only the introduction.

Guests were seated by 7.15 PM. Teng Chong Seng, Chairman of the Organizing Committee, then began the event proper. He acknowledged and thanked the sponsors of the event (see the sponsor list at the end of this article), the organizing committee, musicians, opera artistes and our guests. Ngiam Tong Yuen, Honorary Secretary, welcomed the guests on behalf of Richard Gillis, our President, who was on a business trip.

Dinner was then served. Apart from other delicacies, guests enjoyed the traditional *zong* (glutinous rice dumpling). Dinner was topped off with a cake from the Fullerton Hotel.

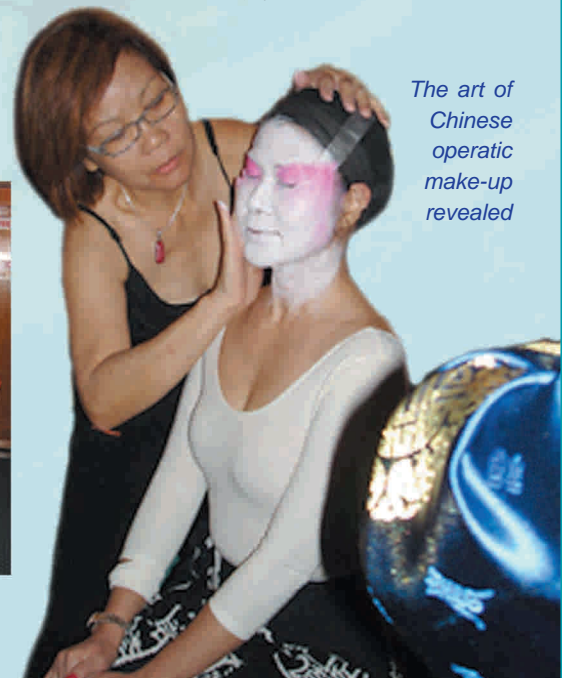
More entertainment was provided during dinner by the performance of episodes from two famous Cantonese operas. Dennis Tay provided a synopsis of each episode before they were performed. This added to the enjoyment.



Lylian hard at work registering guests as they arrive



A night to remember for Mr and Mrs Tong Kam Fei



The art of Chinese operatic make-up revealed



What's a party for if it is not to be with friends

Still more Chinese culture. Mr Simon Wee, an expert *Taichi* practitioner, explained the benefits of taichi and demonstrated some taichi moves to the accompaniment of soothing music.

The evening would not be complete without party games. A tall story contest on the origin of the dumpling festival provided many laughs. Whoever said that SHE professionals are not creative and cannot think out of the box? Pity the box makers. They should have been present during this contest and be permanently disabused of this idea. Prof. Liew Ah Choy was the best story teller of all.

For creativeness and originality, the next game even topped the one on story telling. The organizers had participants on stage to wrap as many dumplings as they could in the time allowed. But what about the props? We could use real bamboo leaves and plastic strings for tying the finished dumpling. And the rice? We used plastic pellets. There was no house-keeping problem if the participants spilled the pellets and there was no wastage of rice. Tay Cheng Pheng was the champion. He beat a number of ladies to the title. His secret – he had learnt how to wrap dumplings as a child from his mother. SLP members have many hidden talents.

The best dressed lady and gentleman were Mrs Khoo and Mr John Lockwood (more about him later). Guest were asked wear Chinese costumes for the evening. Mrs Khoo won with a *qipao*. John wore a traditional Chinese suit.

*Right picture:
Who will Jason
choose?*

*Below picture:
SLP members and
guests enjoying
Chinese opera*



SLP took advantage of this happy occasion to present Mr John Lockwood with an Honorary Fellowship. In accepting this award, John joined only three other people who have been so honored – Professors Trevor Kletz, Dan Crowl and Ching Chi Ban. See the separate article on this award for more details.

All good things must come to an end. It came all too soon for the guests that evening. To help them remember the occasion, each couple were given a cloth bag and other gifts from the sponsors. These sponsors were BS&B Safety System, Dow Chemicals Pacific, Pfizer Asia Pacific, Singapore Refinery Company and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. Thank you all very much.

A special thanks must be given to Mr Simon Wee for the taichi demonstration.

Everyone went home happy and looking forward to the next party !

(Editor's note: As was said at the beginning, each Members' Night gets better. What will the Organizing Committee for the event in 2007 do? We must heartily thank the Organizing Committee for 2006 for such an enjoyable event. They were: Teng Chong Seng (Chairman), Jacob Soh, Dennis Tay, Johnny Tng, James Samuel, Hor Nam Chook, Tong Kam Fei, Jason Oh and Lylian Law. Once again, thank you all very much.)

By: Teng Chong Seng



Jacob impressing his guests with his silk jacket