



3rd Anniversary Dinner – November 1st, 2014

Aloha Luau Hula, our dinner theme, was another memorable night of glamour with members, guests, family and friends to enjoy a delicious 13-course banquet, plenty of good music and great entertainment and for the lucky ones, taking home their winning raffle prizes.

This was the 3rd Anniversary Dinner for the Peranakan Association Australia NSW Inc (PAANSW) and this time round, it's a 'sell-out' that exceeded our expectation.

The evening started off when everyone was settled-in having excitedly greeted one another. The Master of Ceremony, Baba John Khoo then officially opened the evening and greeted everyone, acknowledged country and proceeded with the National Anthem followed by the Royal toast. Our President Nyonya Evelyn Tian delivered the President's address, acknowledging everyone for their participation in making this a memorable evening. Her address, for the benefit of new members, touched on a little history of how PAANSW was founded, its past performance and in moving forward, to take PAANSW to another level.

President then thanked the many sponsors – A. Clouet for its Ayam Brand hamper, Harry's Singapore Chilli Crab, the Bank of Queensland, Benbon Business Improvement, MacSense Australia, IT Mobile Remedy, CBA Financial Planners, and The Eight Modern Chinese Restaurant.

The President's address completed, it was time for the dinner to commence. The food was served and the members and guests all enjoyed the first few courses. It was soon time for 'Suara Merdu', PAANSW's resident band to begin its opening numbers. Band leader, maestro Baba Jerry took the band through its opening numbers with a mixture of Cantonese, Malay and English songs. That didn't take long and the dinner then resumed as the many different dishes began to appear at the tables.

Service was prompt and friendly, with all the diners enjoying a variety of dishes. While dinner continued, 'Suara Merdu' returned to the stage to assist our guest artiste Baba Albert to perform some Hawaiian numbers, in line with our Hawaiian theme, Aloha Luau Hula. Albert was wonderfully assisted by the 'Happy Four' dancers -- Nyonyas Eliza, Rena, Monica and Elizabeth. Baba Albert performed 'Pearly Shells' accompanied by the ladies of the 'Happy Four' now dressed in grass tops and skirts, dancing the hula to the music. Albert continued to perform while the ladies retired to change into different outfits for a different dance performance while he belted out the Doc Pomus/Mort Shuman composed 'Save The Last Dance For Me'. Talk about the number attracting plenty of attention with so many moving towards the front to photograph the performance – truly a great entertainment.

The next event was something that was certainly heart-warming by a 'young at heart' group rendering an item on a very Hawaiian instrument – the ukulele. Dr Patrick and Ooi Lin Lee, Judy Wong, Dr Tony and Nancy Lee, our President, Evelyn Tian, Tracy Holden and Su Cagnes going a strummin' and struttin' along to 'The Saints Go marching In' and 'The Whole World In His Hands'. It was truly an encouraging performance by the young at heart group!!!

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This was then followed by 'The Nyonyas' performance -- Nyonyas Rose, Evelyn, Tracy and Su. It was traditional and great to see the ladies dressed so smartly in their colourful sarong kebayas, gracefully performing their traditional joget.

And our next highlight item was having all the ladies parade in their colorful sarong kebayas as the band played on – then followed by the men showing off their Hawaiian shirts, again parading around the floor to the tune of the band. Good to see so many people getting into the spirit of the evening while they strutted happily, smilingly and singing along around the floor.

Soon, it was time for Raffle Master Baba Elvan Tong to host the raffle prize giving. This time around, the response was very good - tickets were placed on each table at just \$1.00 per ticket and the draw was well subscribed - which wasn't surprising as there were many prizes to win from home appliances to dinner (for two) courtesy of Harry's Singapore Chillie Crab and also dinner at the Eight Modern Chinese Restaurant. As you'd expect, attention was focussed up front with prizes quickly claimed and many beaming, smiling faces a testimony to their delight at winning a prize or in some cases two even three.

Draw completed, the band was now able to provide the music to the many who just wanted to dance away the evening from doing the joget to the much-liked Latin American numbers. Of course the evening had to end, even if many still on the floor wanted to carry one.

In all, the third anniversary dinner was extremely successful, those who attended certainly enjoyed themselves. The food was good, service was good and the evening's entertainment included good music, singing and entertaining performances. Roll on 2014 and don't forget that our first event in 2016 will be the Chinese New Year dinner at the Rose Hill Bowling Club, slated for 28th of February. Bookings are necessary as the room we reserve can hold around 120 people max.

Then come our 4th Anniversary Dinner, planned for September 2015. Please remember to book early once the notice (of the dinner) is broadcast.

Your association will be taking a short break (from planning and hosting events) but things will be back to normal in January 2015 for the first Saturday 'social' on the fourth Saturday of the month. Enjoy your holidays and see you in 2015.

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