



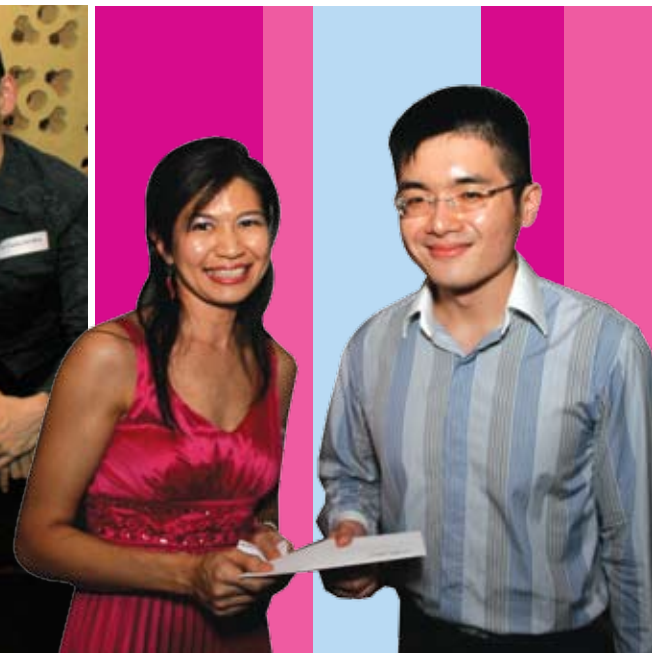
FOR THE FINER THINGS IN LIFE

By Gracia Ong

“From the time of Aesop and Shakespeare, *Cakes and Ale*, also the title of a book by Somerset Maugham, have been long-lasting emblems of the good life.”

And a good life indeed – charmingly tucked away in a lush enclave, House @ Dempsey evokes a stately old world charm of days gone by, where friends, both old and newly made, gathered for a night of delectable food, drinks and champagne. Organised by Mr Alex Toh Angyan and Ms Smitha Menon from the Young Lawyers Committee of the Law Society of Singapore (LSS), Dr Bertha Woon from the Singapore Medical Association (SMA), and Dr June Goh





and Dr Irshini Chua from the Association of Women Doctors Singapore (AWDS) among others, the inaugural Cakes & Ale networking night took place on 29 January 2010, and provided a welcome break from both professions' hectic schedules to unwind and mingle.

An opportunity to hang out at one of Singapore's hottest nightspots and to flit with beautiful people is not an offer easily declined. The response garnered was overwhelming, with approximately 170 attendees turning up to enjoy their food and drinks with gusto. Nursing their glasses, many spilled out onto the patio to seek respite from the crowding throngs, and continued their conversations in the cool night air. "I met so many new people, and many asked me to set up a Facebook account for SMA!" laughs Dr Chong Yeh Woei, President of the SMA. More lawyers than doctors were present, leading a young lawyer to joke,

"I wanted to meet more doctors, not more of my 'own kind'." Many doctors expressed their regret that they were not able to be present, given that their workweek does not end on a typical Friday like most other professions. But no matter, there's always next time. And from the interest demonstrated in bankers and accountants thus far, next time might actually arrive pretty soon!

Goodie bags containing a shirt from TM Lewin, Solitaire magazine, Tian Po Jewellery voucher, and assorted gifts from Royal Selangor were quickly snapped up by all present. Five lucky winners were also presented with prizes including a two-year subscription to Solitaire magazine, as well as Tian Po diamonds.

Many attendees were delighted by the inter-profession mixer, and expressed their wish for similar sessions in the near future. We certainly look forward to the next opportunity to collaborate with LSS and AWDS, if not other professions. **SMA**