

SMA's Ballroom Dancing Special Interest Group

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The SMA's Ballroom Dancing Special Interest Group was inaugurated on 22 March 2008, and the first dance was held at the Alumni Association's auditorium. Our enthusiastic doctors Dr Wong Wee Nam, Dr Ng May Mei and Dr Jovian Soong spearheaded the subsequent social events, and were supported by Dr and Mrs Wong Sze Tai and Dr and Mrs Wong Kai Peng, stalwarts of Ballroom Dancing at the Alumni Association.

Since then, we have held several themed events, including a Red and White event and Agogo Nite. However, nothing beats the success of Bollywood Night held on 17 April 2010, following the great global interest in anything and everything Bollywood! This was the first time we had a main sponsor, the National Australian Bank. SMA has continued to support all Ballroom Dancing events by generously sponsoring the professional DJ, and door fees for all its members. This was a phenomenal success with a record number of attendees. The dancers all came dressed in their Bollywood finest, and some of the dancers even put up a delightful dance, Jai Ho, and performed a Bollywood cabaret!

Following that was Wild Wild West Night on 14 August 2010, another themed event with overwhelming response. Professor Arthur Lim was our Guest Of Honour.

Our last social event for 2010 was the Christmas Masquerade Dance on 11 December 2010. This was yet another social dance and the hall was packed. Prizes were given to the best masquerade couple, the best masked lady and the best costumed gentleman. For the first time, we had a lucky draw! Two exciting prizes were sponsored by The Experts Group Pte Ltd. The first prize was a multi-award winning Zeppelin iPod/iPhone speaker by Bowers & Wilkins. The lucky winner was Dr Tan Hung Chai. The second prize was a 32-inch Samsung LED TV, won by Ms Corine Kong, one of our regular guests. We would like to thank The Experts Group Pte Ltd, sole distributor for B&W loudspeakers, Classe Components, Arcam Components and Xantech Multi-room Systems for their generous sponsorship.

We would like to thank Prof Arthur Lim and Dr Euan Murugasu for donating wines as the prizes for the best costumed and best masked participants. We would also like to thank Dr Wong Wee Nam for being the hard working and committed emcee for the evening, and our caterer, Ka-Soh. Lastly, we are grateful to all the doctors, their spouses and guests for their loyal support, without which the themed nights would not have been so successful.

We have more Social and Ballroom dancing events this year. I hope more doctors from the Alumni Association and the Singapore Medical Association will come forward and join in the fun. Look out for our next social dance event in February 2011.

See you! **SMA**



I'm a 62 year old GP who has rediscovered the beauty and the joy of General Practice and I'm very happy working as a locum doctor - just as much as I'm enjoying my ballroom dancing.