



From the Communications Team.....

Dear Members,

By now you would have received your invitation to the Open House from our Vice President, Melissa Loring. The Open House, as well as being an opportunity to mingle with the Committee & other MCG members is also the day when we introduce the MCG group to Newcomers to Malaysia and also those who have been here for a while but still haven't heard about us as yet. If you know of someone who would be interested in our group please bring them along, the more the merrier.

Michelle Pease

Coming up...

-  **Lecture: THE MALAYAN EMERGENCY: Political And Social Aspects** - Wednesday, 6th September, 10.00 for a 10.30 start to register please click [here](#)
-  **MCG OPEN HOUSE** Wednesday, 13th September, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#)
-  **Lecture: Silat Melayu: An Immersive Journey** Wednesday, 20th September, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#)
-  **Lecture: Sin Sze Si Ya Temple** Wednesday, 4th October, 10.00 for a 10.30 start, to register please click [here](#)

Reviews...

 **Lecture - Creating Pentago House**

Bryan Morytko

 **Lecture - From the Origin to the Malay Manuscripts: a History of Paper**

Francien Lucas

 **Enak! - Kim Poh Charcoal Claypot Chicken Rice.**

Vicki Fennessy & Michelle Pease



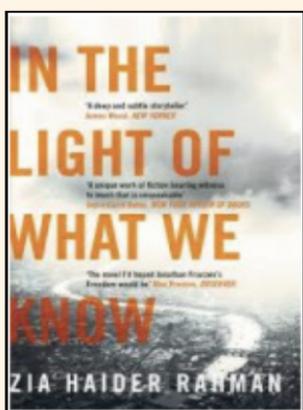
 **Explorers Out and About - International Rubber Productions Exhibition Centre**

Vivin Sjamir, Kyoko Rabbetts & Maryann Diakow



 **Book Group 2 - In the Light of what we know**

Zia Haider Rahman



Vice President's Message

Dear MCG Members,



If you had time to travel this summer, welcome back! Hope you have adjusted well and enjoyed your travels. If you were lucky enough to hunker down in KL for the summer, hope you had some time for rest and relaxation, while most expats cleared the streets for easier local travels.

As your new vice president, I am thrilled to host the MCG Open House on September 13th. This event is open to members and non-members as a way to meet the MCG Committee members, mingle with friends, make some new friends, or acquaint yourself with the programming events and interest groups of MCG. Please join in on the fun!!

Calling all leaders!! We need a President! If you or anyone you know has any interest in leading an amazing, diverse, and outgoing group of individuals, please contact myself at veepmkg@gmail.com or any of our committee members. We need you to help make this group a success—remember, it takes a village!

Recently joining this amazing organization has made me appreciate the volunteers that make MCG possible. Have you thanked your committee member lately? Please take the time to send a "thank you" to all those involved. As a new committee member, it is truly a remarkable thing to see the selfless acts of these leaders taking the time to entertain us all. From Michelle on the newsletter, Gabriela updating the Website, Terry drafting the minutes, Amy keeping tight control over our funds, Vivin updating our new memberships, Leslie organizing the book groups, Rosemary & Janine finding creative hosts for Enak!, Marianne and her team planning our events, Jeannie & Julia for taking us on Explorer adventures, Dori educating us with our library resources, and all the past leaders of MCG paving the road. Thank you! Also, a special thanks to all our MCG members for attending events and making all of this fun possible. We couldn't do it without our members!

Hope to see you all soon!
Melissa Loring



Former MCG Member Stuart Wakefield with Mohd. Nadzrin Wahab at our last Silat demonstration in September, 2011

Did you know that the Malaysian Culture Group has a Facebook page? Click [here](#) to visit the MCG page.

Meet your MCG Committee.



Amy Shaw
Treasurer

It feels great to be more involved with MCG! I'm Amy Shaw and I have accepted the role of Treasurer following the very organized Henry Gan. Chris, my husband of 25 years, and I moved here in late 2015 from Jakarta, Indonesia. Fearing repatriation to the US, we were thrilled to extend our expat life in Asia.

I was born and raised outside Boston, Massachusetts. After completing my Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Vermont, I moved to Colorado. I always wanted to live in

the mountains and the Rocky Mountains of Colorado are beautiful. In the mountains, I skied in the winter but my favorite activity is hiking in the summer. I enjoyed learning about the American Indian art and culture of the Southwestern U.S. Professionally, I worked there as a licensed Physical Therapist and specialized in adult neurological rehabilitation – working with people who have had a stroke and other brain/neurological diseases.

Chris and I met while he was finishing his final years of graduate school in geology. We moved to Houston, Texas after he accepted a job with a major oil and gas company. We thought we would stay 5 years but 20 years seemed to go by quickly! We both had good jobs, we made good friends, had a home and became part of a community. We were active in a triathlon club for swimming, bicycling and running. Houston is a very cosmopolitan city with a lot of culture and ethnic diversity – but also continues to have some warmth and American southern hospitality. It was a nice place to live and we enjoyed it. We were, however, ready for our next chapter.

ExxonMobil moved us to Jakarta in February 2012 and we spent 4 wonderful years there. We do not have any children and our primary interest was

and is travel. Every opportunity that came our way was taken – including going to remote and rustic areas of the archipelago. A local meet up group with expats and locals who enjoyed hiking became our young extended family. As much as possible we practiced the local language with taxi drivers, shopkeepers, and house helpers. I chose to get involved with a school for 3+ years helping teach English, fundraising and enjoying relating to the people there.

Chris and I have now been in Kuala Lumpur for about 1.5 years. Our passion for travel and exploring has continued and we are so grateful that life has taken us to Malaysia. I am spending one day a week teaching at the Home of Peace - a home for underprivileged Indian Malaysian girls. Additionally, I do a monthly program promoting non-academic activities like art and cooking. I am always looking for friends to join, so let me know if you are interested.

We are all so lucky to have this fantastic organization to enrich our lives. Thank you for contributing to help make MCG – it exists only because of our participation!

See you soon,

AMY

The MCG Committee remains steadfastly committed to ensuring that the MCG meets the needs of our members. If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact any of the Committee members by email. Yours in service of Malaysian culture!