

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Timothy	NETO
4	Steven	VANO
8	Anastacia	TRONGCOSO
9	Hai	TRANG
10	Maria	MORGAN
11	Aneta	ALTON
12	Bettina	LAW
13	Philip	MILLER
13	Roi	SILVA
14	Amy	LAM
15	Jeannette	MOODY
15	Werner	SEIBT
17	Vincy	LEUNG
20	Brian	HORNER
24	Svetlana	STAVROVSKY
25	Ann	BOLLEFER
25	Bill	CHAN
27	Madalena	FILICI
28	Jennifer	AZZOPARDI
29	Peter	KACZMAREK
30	Lou	SENNEVILLE
30	Christopher	SOCHNACKI

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Diana	MARSHALL
Maria	MORGAN
Teresa	RICHARDSON
Hai	TRANG
Thuy	TRANG
Maselle	VIREY
Miguelita	VIREY

FROM THE EDITOR

The Mid-Autumn Festival, or Chinese Moon Festival, brings families together, to give thanks and celebrate under a full moon, nature's abundant harvest and for joyful reunions with our loved ones. The Mid-Autumn Festival in 2019 is on September 13, 2019. It takes place every year with the full moon on the 15th day of the 8th month on the lunar calendar. It is a three day vacation in some countries like China. Since ancient times the full moon symbolizes unity and the reunion with distant relatives and for the hope of a new romance. In the distant past when worship of the moon was observed by emperors, as far back as the Shang dynasty (1600BC to 1046 BC), girls would pray to moon deity Chang'e to help fulfill their romantic wishes. There might be match making and it was a good choice occasion to celebrate marriages. In some parts of China, dances were held for young men and women to find partners. "Stealing moon vegetables" on the evening of the Mid Autumn Festival, was an old custom popular in Dong villages in Hunan, where Dong girls with umbrellas will choose garden lands of their own lovers to pick melons and vegetables, then invite them over for tea and vegetables.

In Hong Kong, the festival has become an alternative Valentine's Day, when couples can spend a romantic evening together under the moonlight. They can also enjoy all the elaborately erected, colourfully illuminated displays of stick-framed lanterns with themes, that are only limited by the imagination. The round gauze red lantern is the symbol of booming life and prosperous business, so they are hung on important festivals like the Mid-Autumn Festival. Eating of mooncakes are as quintessential to Mid-Autumn Festival in China as the turkeys are to Thanksgiving. There are also new versions such: as ice cream mooncake from Häagen-dazs, coffee cake mooncake from Starbucks, Lava custard mooncakes from Singapore, cheesecake mooncake and crystal jelly mooncakes made from gelatin with embedded fruit. Lion and dragon dances are performed to celebrate the Chinese Mid Autumn Festival to bring luck. Other dances like Ballroom and line dances are commonly found performed by many people in public parks in the morning and also sometimes in the evening as an exercise. Many prefer waltz or tango but Latin styles have become popular,

For Mid-Autumn Festival fun and a festive party, dance at the 30-Up Mid-Autumn Festival theme dance.

Peter Lee

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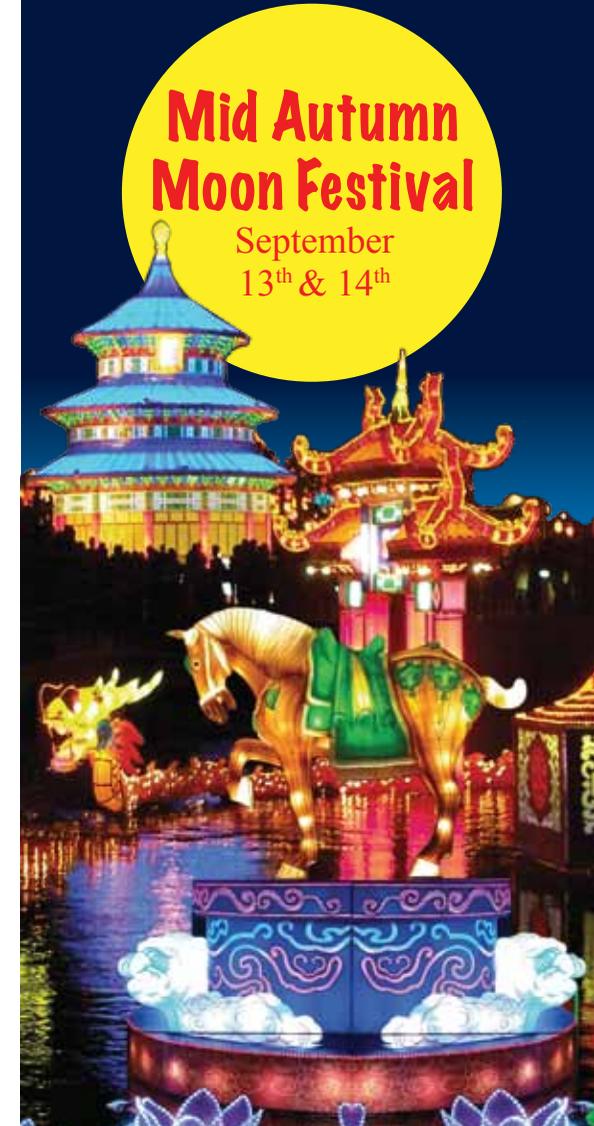
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Canada is culturally diverse. The Mid-Autumn Festival, is a lunar dated celebration. In some years it occasionally falls in October. To celebrate both a wheat harvest and a rice harvest we also try to play some Asian music. A recent big contributor to our ballroom play list is Korean and K-Pop music. Both girl and boy K-Pop Idol Groups are known as well trained dancers, singers and fabulous instrumental musicians, with songs that are very upbeat and groovy. The group Momoland has "Boom Boom" used for Cha Cha dansport competitions. For ballroom standards there are great new-age, pop classical Waltzes like "River Flows in You" and "Kiss the Rain" from Lee Ru-ma, a South Korean-British pianist and composer best known by his stage name Yiruma. There is also "Sad Romance" waltz by Ji Pyeong Kwon and "Between two loves" waltz by Kim Yoon. The music was used for weddings, movies and TV themes. We also have the option of playing ballroom music from Chinese, Vietnamese and Japanese sources as well.



**Mid Autumn
Moon Festival**
September
13th & 14th



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome Back!

Our long hot summer has seen many of our dancers disappear for several weekends, although attendance at our Tea Dance rose and our new Holiday Monday Dances are well attended. While not wishing this summer to end (ever), it will be good to see everyone together again. Our Fall is always busy, celebrating the Autumn Moon Festival in September, and then a special Thanksgiving Dinner on both the Friday and Saturday, with Hallowe'en not long after. We have already (gulp) had enquiries about tables at our Christmas Dances and the New Year's Eve Ball.

Keeping in touch with our Community

The Board has looked at how we communicate Member news, and we thank those Members who have provided their insights. We try to be a caring dance community and have many Members who wish to stay in touch, and to follow their friends' progress should they fall ill or have an injury that keeps them away from the Club. A phone call or hospital visit is often welcome, although alternatively it helps to know when someone prefers to be left to themselves for a while. Some years back, we used to have a Member News section in the Newsletter, but we felt that it was inappropriate in what is not just an information document but also part of the Club's marketing approach and read by a majority who do not yet know many people around the Club; and, we felt that sometimes a broad dissemination of someone's health status was intrusive to say the least.

Also, the Newsletter is monthly and a personal event is often not going to be at a time that corresponds to the Newsletter schedule. And the weekly e-blast, now reaching 800 people a week, is geared to advertising events to a broad group of people (if you aren't yet receiving this weekly shot in the arm, please e-mail tom.berend@cheeseandcrackers.ca).

We want to keep people informed should they wish. We do already have a so far a very small list of people who would like to be informed of the death of a Member, and we are going to expand the use of the list to notifying Members of other "health and welfare" issues. I urge you to add your name to the list by simply contacting jwhite@jobchart.com. Also, please e-mail Justin should you have information for dissemination to those on "the list".

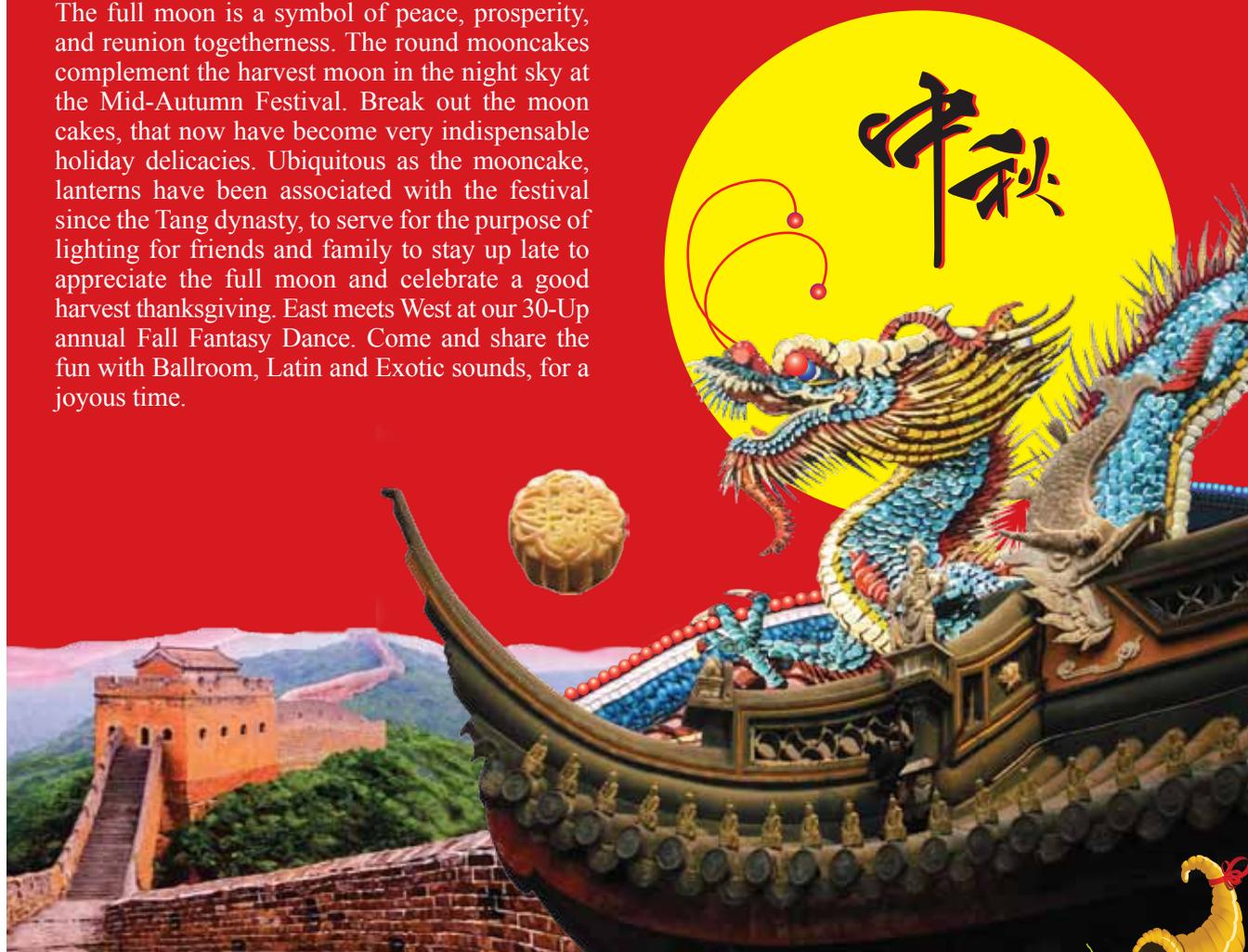
Marjorie White



Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

September 13th & 14th

The full moon is a symbol of peace, prosperity, and reunion togetherness. The round mooncakes complement the harvest moon in the night sky at the Mid-Autumn Festival. Break out the moon cakes, that now have become very indispensable holiday delicacies. Ubiquitous as the mooncake, lanterns have been associated with the festival since the Tang dynasty, to serve for the purpose of lighting for friends and family to stay up late to appreciate the full moon and celebrate a good harvest thanksgiving. East meets West at our 30-Up annual Fall Fantasy Dance. Come and share the fun with Ballroom, Latin and Exotic sounds, for a joyous time.



THANKSGIVING DINNER DANCE – October 11th and 12th



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Island Night?

Some people noticed that we did not hold an Island Night this summer, and asked if the theme was being rested. We had previously held the Night to coincide with Caribana, although even Larry and Haida were hard pressed to find much Caribbean Ballroom music - so we have decided to hold the night in the winter, when people start wishing they were in the tropics (no one has ever come dressed as a Greenlander, and few have wanted to buy it).

Thanksgiving

Looking ahead, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving by having our special Turkey Dinner on the Friday and Saturday night. The cost will be \$20 for Members, \$25 for groups of 10 or more non members, and \$30 for guests. In addition to the special dinner, there will be a draw for door prizes for all attending, as well as prizes for Members only.

There will, of course be a special Tea Dance from 1 to 5 on the holiday Monday as well as our regular Tuesday Tea Dance from 12 to 3.30 pm.

The Joys of Membership

In addition to saving \$10 on each of our Premium nights (New Year's Eve, the Black and White Ball, Thanksgiving and the two Christmas Parties) and \$5 at our regular dances, A member also saves \$2 at every Tea Dance. Members may reserve space at a table on an ongoing basis, attend one regular dance free in their Birthday month, and have a 10% discount on shoes from Dance Plus (next door). This means Members quickly make back their \$50 annual fee... even if they come regularly with a Group at a discount. No wonder our membership numbers are climbing.

SEPTEMBER D. J. SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Friday	Saturday
3 Peter	6 Haida	7 Orlando
10 Alex	13 Haida	14 Haida
17 Pat	20 Alex	21 Larry
24 Larry	27 Haida	28 Alex

Haida is the DJ for Monday Sept 2nd
Labour Day Holiday Tea Dance 1-5pm

