

President's Report 2016

Organisation

As many organisations in 2016, the NCA was impacted by the departure of many volunteers from Singapore. Also, our President Lisette left midway the year due to a move to Kuala Lumpur. Despite the many moves we once again had a very active and successful year. During 2016 the composition of the board was as follows:

NCA Board:

President:	Lisette Davis (till August) Sheila Bouman (from August till Dec, on ad interim basis)
Vice President:	Sheila Bouman
Treasurer:	Willemijn Dorrepaal
Secretary:	Laura Weller
Members:	Pleun Brevet Kate Hanam Annette Kunst
Honorary member:	Soraya Werner-Mackertich

Next to the NCA Board there were about 50 volunteers that have supported our activities, of which 20 volunteers have been very active in multiple activities, while the others were more occasional supporters.

We would like to express our warm appreciation to all the people who have supported us and helped us in carrying out our activities in 2016. Your prodigious altruistic exertions have really made a difference in the lives of many of the people that the NCA supports directly or through supported charities.

Members

We had 75 members in 2016, which is a slight net increase versus 2015. We have changed the payments for members, making memberships count from 1 January till 31 December, and

everyone who had paid in the 2nd half of 2015 did not have to pay in 2016. Hence our income from membership payments was only 750 SGD due to this one-off impact due to the change in methodology.

Our business sponsors continued to sponsor in kind through prizes for lucky draws and publicity through their networks.

Activities

We had a very busy year with activities, with the following highlights:

- We participated in numerous fairs throughout the year.
- We launched a new version of the Singapore memory game.
- With the Garage Sale organized in May and October we not only raised a spectacular amount, but we also made other charities happy with the items. For instance, we got a large TV donated, which we passed on to H.O.M.E. We also gave away a lot of stuffed toys and baby clothing to the Ronald McDonald house to fill up some Tubs of Love. And about 35 girls from H.O.M.E. shopped for free.
- The Charity Christmas Fair was a big success, very well organized, with many tables, good proceeds from Lucky Draw. Our special recipe Christmas Puddings and X-mas CupCakes were sold out before the fair officially opened and we will need to find ways to increase the production and supplies of these fast movers next year.
- This year we doubled the number of Black & White tours compared to last year, and the tours were all very successful.
- We also introduced a guided tour through China town, which turned out to be very popular and will continue to be on the menu for next year.
- We collaborated more intensely with the Association of Dutch Business People (ADB) and the Hollandse Club (HC), with whom we amongst others held various lucky draws and fairs.

Charity events

Furthermore we organized charity events to connect more with the charities NCA supports (and vice versa).

- We had a number of Bingo game session with the Singapore Leprosy Association (SILRA) which are always very rewarding sessions for both the lepers as well as our volunteers.
- We also held a Christmas celebration at SILRA, which was clearly one of the highlights for them in 2016.
- We helped in Willing Hearts Soup Kitchen by cutting and washing vegetables, cooking the food, packing and distributing it.
- We participated in several Project Pari events. Project Pari is an ongoing service project that helps secondary schoolgirls by giving them a monthly pocket allowance, so they can have proper meals and transportation. The girls come from underprivileged families that cannot afford to give their daughters an allowance, and are chosen by the schools they attend. We have been supporting Project Pari since February 2016.
- Next to organizing two successful Picknick outings for the women of Good Shepherd, we also participated in their cooking contest in June.
- A photo project with the women of Good Shepherd Centre was also organized. We photographed only their hands symbolizing their dreams and wishes for the future. The photos have been used for postcards. This project was not only an enjoyable and gratifying event for the women, also the staff of the Good Shepherd Shelter experienced a morale boost by listening to the hopes and dreams of the ladies they support on a daily basis.

Revenue

In 2016 we had a total Revenue income of 51535,89 SGD, comprising of:

Memberships:	785 SGD
Merchandise sale:	18972,03 GSD
Garage sale:	6729,10 SGD
Workshops:	4635,00 SGD
Other Events:	17939 SGD
Donations:	2038,78 SGD
Fixed deposit interest:	166,48 SGD

This Revenue is 15% lower than the Revenue in 2015.

Charities

Despite the decline in Revenue, we have increased the amount that we provided to Charities from 46000 SGD in 2015 to 48600 SGD in 2016. The details can be found in our Financial Statements, and the main recipients of our donations were:

- Breadline
- Good Shepherd
- H.O.M.E.
- SILRA
- Project Pari

Outlook

Our events calendar is already very busy and there is a lot of enthusiasm in the Board and with our Volunteers to execute all the activities. We do not expect any radical changes in both the kind of activities that we carry out, nor in the charities that we support.

With the high turnover of expats and the relatively modest budget that the NCA works with, we will look for further opportunities to optimize our impact for the charities that we wish to support. Possibly a further cooperation with ADB or HC would be very beneficial for all parties involved.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead and hope to again make a real difference in many individual lives where it matters.