

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings of the Season and a Merry Christmas to our members who are celebrating.

2019 has been a very busy year at The Sarawak Club as the renovations, that have been planned for some time, got underway.

I would like to thank all our members for your patience despite the inconvenience caused by the renovations as well as to our staff who had to work extra hard to ensure that the renovations were completed on time and that the clubhouse remained functional, clean and safe.

At the time of writing this message, the renovations are almost completed save for some remedial works and finishing touches to the Badger Bar, Members' Lounge, Kids' Playroom as well as installation of the saunas in the changing rooms.

Members have welcomed the added conveniences of the newly renovated facilities which have ensured a more effective use of space and updated the aesthetics of our clubhouse.

With the completion of the renovations, the Management Committee and our staff have organised a series of events in the last few weeks. The notable events that have seen active participation from all segments of our membership include the Latin and Jazz Nights as well as the live rock band at the Eagle Arms and numerous activities for the children culminating in the bouncy castle at the swimming pool.

Christmas is a time of giving and in this spirit we have handed the generous contributions by way of monetary contributions from our members to the 3 charities adopted by the Club namely Sarawak AIDS Concern Society (SACS), Kuching Parkinson's Society (KPS) and Society for Cancer Awareness and Advocacy Kuching (SCAN), and Christmas gifts contributed by our members through the "Christmas Giving Tree" to beneficiaries nominated by the said organisations. (coverage in our local dailies the Borneo Post (<https://www.theborneopost.com/.../swak-club-presents-donatio.../>) and the New Sarawak Tribune (<https://www.newsarawaktribune.com.my/sarawak-club-lends-he.../>))

The year end's celebration will climax with the New Year's Eve Gala Dinner themed "Glitterati". This event has been highly anticipated and sold out many months prior.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I would like to wish all our members and our staff a Happy New Year 2020.