



Dear fellow BU alumni,

It has been a while since we published a newsletter, as most of the committee members have been busy with personal and work commitments. However in the last 12 months, the Boston University Alumni Association of Singapore (BUAAS) organized two special events that brought together

alumni and friends at the Esplanade recital hall and at the Tower Club. The former event in November 2004 featured Anthony di Bonaventura, a world acclaimed pianist and the Chair of the Piano Department at the College of Fine Arts at BU, who performed select pieces from Beethoven, Chopin and Schumann to a full house audience. The most recent event was held in honor of the Dean Stamas, of the School of Hospitality, who made a visit to Singapore in August 2005. BUAAS organized a reception for both alumni and incoming students to hear about the latest developments at our alma mater. It also served as a good platform for alumni to network and catch up with each other. See the coverage of the event on the next page.

Going forward, the committee of BUAAS will shift its focus to organizing activities that features our own alumni instead of events that are anchored by a visitor from Boston University.

We have received feedback from alums asking for more BUAAS activities; but you would realize that this is not possible if we are solely reliant on visitors from Boston University to host the events. As such, we need to create interesting local events that will capture the interest of the alumni body in Singapore. The committee is looking into organizing talks and events featuring members of the alumni such as the upcoming Spanish wine tasting event in December 2005, which will showcase one of our alumni who is in the wine distribution industry. In addition, we will put in more effort to publish our newsletter on a quarterly basis to keep everyone abreast of the latest news.

BUAAS is a fledging entity that has only been around for the last four years. Although we have over 400 alumni in Singapore, the local events are organized by a small group of volunteers who form the Committee. It is our wish to create a vibrant BU alumni community that is fuelled by regular interactions and communication. Whether we will succeed depends very much on the level of participation from all of you reading this newsletter. It is our sincere hope that we will see many of you at our upcoming events and for some of you to lend a hand in planning and organizing our future activities. To ensure that you continue to receive invitations to events and our newsletter, which will be distributed electronically in the future, please update your email address and other particulars at <http://www.bu.edu/alumni/interests/clubs/singapore/connect/index.html>



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## Spanish Wine Tasting exclusively for BUAAS

SPEAKER

Bruno Vaillant

In recent years Spain has proven its ability to stand as one of the best wine producing countries, with its solid tradition and innovation. Indeed it has the most land under vine in the world. Come and learn at the same time enjoy an evening of discerning Spanish wine talk and memorable wine tasting after hour. Wines from some of the most famous region in Spain, such as Catalunya, Yecla, Ribera Del Duero and Jerez-Xérès-Sherry, will be served along with some delightful finger food that goes well with these Spanish wines to bring out the best in its flavors.

### About the Speaker

A personal dedication to wines gives rise to Bruno Vaillant journey into his professional pursuit to the food and wine businesses. About 8 years ago, in 1997, he landed in Singapore and had since been a local residence, continuously expanding his involvement within the wine industry. His latest project is a full on-line wine merchandising portal launched in early December 2004, called 'www.Ewineasia.com'. Aside from these wines related activities, under his careful selections of products, Bruno represents a number of renowned wineries from France, Spain, Portugal and Australia.

### WINES

Parxet Brut Nature N.V  
Heula Negre Castano 2003  
Cantaburras 2001  
La Guita Manzanilla

Cocktail snacks will be served



DATE  
TIME  
VENUE  
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9 Dec 2005  
6.30pm – 8.30 pm  
Flavors & Aromas  
S\$25 inc. GST /pax  
Wine talk, wine tasting & networking opportunity  
#01-02 Craig Place, 20 Craig Road, Singapore 089 692  
[buasingapore@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:buasingapore@yahoo.com.sg) by 5 Dec 2005



## Skin Food

*Dr Patricia Yuen Offer Perfect Skin and Delicious Meals*

By Gilbert Cheah



She received part of her medical training at a gritty inner city hospital in Boston where gunshot and stabbing wounds were common, but today as a dermatologist in private practice in Singapore, Boston University Medical School alumnus Dr Patricia Yuen deals more with Botox than bullets. But she hasn't forgotten the tough environment of Boston City Hospital and is grateful for the exceptional experience of her medical school training.

“One of the most appealing factors of Boston University Medical School was that it offered two teaching hospitals for students – Boston City, which was located in a tough part of town, and University Hospital, in the suburbs. This allowed us to experience both an inner city hospital and a top research hospital and was an invaluable rich training ground.”

Patricia had received her undergraduate degree from Brown University before opting for medical school at Boston University. “I wanted to be in Boston and experience the collegiate city life, and of course BU’s Medical School offered rigorous training, excellent faculty and a very well-rounded programme.”

She then moved to another city by the Bay, San Francisco, where she completed her residency in Internal Medicine before moving back to Singapore and obtaining her fellowship in Dermatology from the National University of Singapore. But she still thinks back of her four happy years in Boston, where she lived on Beacon Hill and the Back Bay. An avid runner, she fondly recalls running by the Charles River in all kinds of weather.

Today Patricia is a well-known regional speaker on aesthetic dermatology, and is a specialist in the non-invasive facial rejuvenation techniques that have become increasingly popular, such as radiofrequency (Polaris, Thermage), lasers, Botox, fillers, as well as mesotherapy for body contouring. In addition, she has developed a medical grade skin care line for the treatment of pigmentation and acne, as well as for rejuvenation of sensitive skin types.

In addition to her aesthetic skin practice, Patricia is experienced in dermatosurgery for moles and skin cancers, and treats both adult and paediatric general dermatology. She has given over 20 media interviews and public presentations on cosmetic dermatology. She is currently the spokesperson for the anti-smoking campaign in Singapore.

Apart from her dermatological work, Patricia is a founding partner and Executive Director of the Marmalade Group, a highly successful restaurant, café and catering businesses, which includes Marmalade Pantry in Palais Renaissance, Pierside Kitchen & Bar at One Fullerton, and Toast at Ngee Ann City and Raffles Place.

Anthony di Bonaventura Concert at the Esplanade



Reception at the Tower Club for Dean Stamas,  
BU School of Hospitality.



Boston, 2005

