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## 2025 SMESA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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12  
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2:00 - 3:30PM



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- SMESA Members' Zumba – 29 March
- SMESA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – 12 April
- Legal Awareness Talk (Medical / Health Insurance) – 19 July. Details to be released later.

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## **NEW MEMBER(S)**

We welcome aboard the following new member(s) :-

		<b>SMPS</b>	<b>SMSS</b>
1.	Bianca Cobankia Coyuco	None	2013
2.	Dara Ang Ke Shan	2015	None
3.	Joyce Teo Kheng Boon	None	2007
4.	Jannelle Leong	2007	2011
5.	Regina Teh	None	2002
6.	Wong Sau Leng	None	1974

### **SMESA MEMBERSHIPS**

**We offer both Life membership and Youth membership.**

**For further details, please visit our website: <http://www.smesa.org.sg/membership>**

## **SMESA AGM**

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Time sure flies and it is at that time of the year again we will conduct our Annual General Meeting. We have been very blessed throughout 2024, so please come and join us to hear what SMESA has done in the last year.

The AGM will be held on 12 April 2025 at 2pm at St. Margaret's School (Secondary) Learning Lab. For a change this year, we will have a hybrid meeting where you can also attend via virtual meeting. According to our constitution, **we will need at least 99 Life Members to convene our meeting** on time, thus we would really appreciate your attendance and support. We would like to receive your feedback and suggestions on programs and activities you and your family would like us to consider.

Please reply to us using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SMESA2025AGM>

Alternatively, you may scan the QR Code in the hardcopy attached **by 6pm on Saturday, 5 April 2025.**

If you did not receive the email or have enquiries regarding the event, please contact us via (email) [smesa.sg@gmail.com](mailto:smesa.sg@gmail.com) or (WhatsApp) 8825 4620.



*Message from  
Ms. Chew Siew Kheng,  
SMESA President*



## SMESA Visit to St. Andrew's Cathedral Home 23 January 2025



We arrived at SACH on the morning of Wednesday, 23rd January, with lots of CNY goodies and crafts for the residents. They were visibly excited when we trooped in. We sang simple CNY songs and familiar tunes, which they enjoyed, shaking their bells and shakers along.

After that, they made a paper snake, as it was the Year of the Snake according to the Chinese Zodiac calendar, and a small wreath, which they carefully rolled and stuck with pre-cut flowers. They took great pride in the crafts they created themselves.

We left with our hearts full, knowing that everyone enjoyed themselves as much as we did.







## SMESA Social: Brews & Banter @ Yeastside 15 February 2025

By Melissa Lee



Honestly, I was a little skeptical about attending such an event. I told the ladies that night that I clicked "yes" to attend because the venue was just opposite my home :) I thought I probably wouldn't fit in, and in my husband's words, "Don't scare the people there!"

Little did I—and most of the ladies—realize that time passes so quickly when you're having fun (and with some beers).

Attending the alumni event for the first time was actually an interesting experience. It was a blend of nostalgia and excitement, seeing ex-schoolmates who graduated between 1975 and 2022. Yes! 2022. The two "kids" asked me, "Oh, when did you graduate?" I said, "2001." And they responded... "Oh! I wasn't even born yet!" o.O And then I thought, this is my karma, haha—I've said the same thing to quite a few people at work.

The conversations were filled with memories—from the school hall to which teachers were still around—and stories of how everyone's paths had evolved since graduation. There was a sense of pride in being part of the oldest girls' school in Singapore.

Would I attend SMESA's event again? Of course!

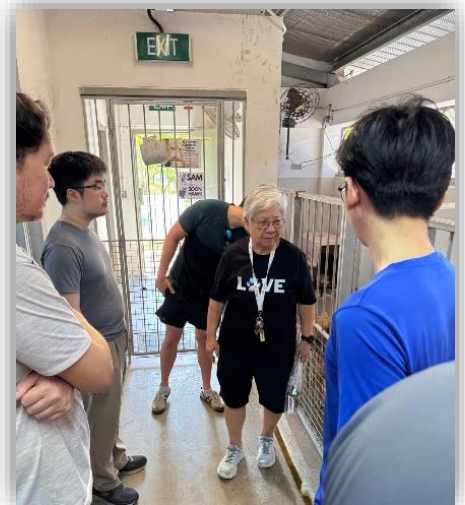


## Support our SMESA member, Mary Soo Help Give Oasis Second Chance Animal Shelter a Second Chance!



At 78 years old, Mary Soo is redefining what retirement looks like. Instead of relaxing and enjoying a leisurely life, she dedicates her days to running Oasis Second Chance Animal Shelter (OSCAS), a sanctuary for over 70 rescued dogs. Nestled in Sungei Tengah, this two-storey shelter is more than just a temporary home—it's a place where abandoned and injured dogs find love, care, and a second chance at life.

Mary's passion for animal welfare started when she was a student volunteering with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Even after a successful career in banking, she continued her mission, co-founding OSCAS in 2006 after rescuing stray dogs from a forested area in Changi. For nearly 20 years, she has poured her heart, time, and even her personal savings into keeping OSCAS running. She has downsized her own home to fund the shelter, ensuring that every dog receives the love and medical attention they need.



At OSCAS, no dog is turned away. Injured, abandoned, elderly—every furry friend who arrives is given the best possible care. Over 40% of the shelter's residents are senior dogs, many of whom struggle to find forever homes despite being capable of living well into their twenties with proper care. Mary runs OSCAS like a home, ensuring each dog is treated with dignity, love, and respect.

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## Help Give Oasis Second Chance Animal Shelter a Second Chance!

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However, running an animal shelter is an immense financial challenge. Last year alone, OSCAS spent over \$300,000 on veterinary bills — not to mention the ongoing costs of food, rent, and utilities. While charitable donations and fundraising cover part of the expenses, Mary often has to use her own savings to bridge the gap. The need for support has never been greater!

**How You Can Help:**

**Donate** Every dollar goes a long way in providing food, medical care, and shelter for these dogs. Your generosity ensures they continue to receive the care they deserve.

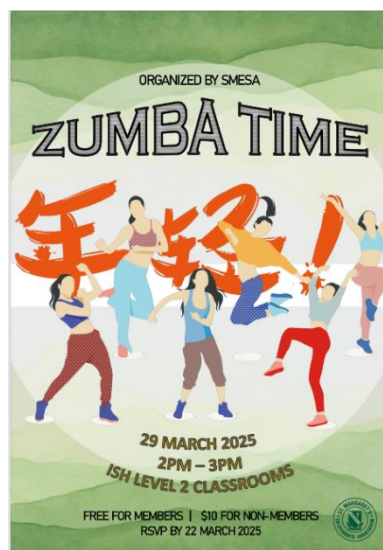
**Volunteer** Whether it's helping with daily chores, walking the dogs, or assisting in fundraising efforts, your time and skills can make a world of difference.

**Spread the Word** Share Mary's story and OSCAS's mission with your friends and family. Awareness is key to securing more help for these deserving animals.

To donate, volunteer, or learn more, visit

<https://www.oscas.sg/>

## SMESA Members' Zumba Time 29 March 2025, 2 – 3pm, ISH L2 Classrooms



Registration Link:  
[https://tinyurl.com/SMESA\\_ZUMBA](https://tinyurl.com/SMESA_ZUMBA)

More information will be provided upon confirmation of register