



**\*NEWSFLASH\***

*~ Quotable quotes ~*

"Good advice is always certain to be ignored,  
but that's no reason not to give it."

*Agatha Christie (1890-1976),  
British author of mystery novels and short stories*

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**HAPPENINGS @ UTES**



**UTES 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER & DANCE**  
**A Night Of Glitz, Glamour And Gala**  
**like in the old Shanghai back in the 1950s...**



More than 700 guests and members celebrated UTES 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Dance at the SUNTEC Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Centre Ballroom 1-3 on 1 December 2006. We were proud to have Mr Lim Swee Say, Deputy Secretary-General, NTUC (current title from 1 January 2007: Secretary-General, NTUC) to grace the occasion as our Guest-of-Honour.

There were professional palm reader giving insights into personality and future, polaroid shots to capture stunning pictures of guests dressed up like 'Suzie Wong', 'Master Wong Fei Hong'... and not to mention lucky draws prizes were won. Read more about it @ [http://www.utes.org.sg/spec\\_focus.htm](http://www.utes.org.sg/spec_focus.htm)

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### SingTel Charity Carnival

A volunteer team comprising of YUTES and friends from Young FDAWU and Young SISEU, brought children from Haven Children's Home to the SingTel Charity carnival on 2 December 2006 at Comcentre.

YUTES with the help of Union Officials, managed to raise a total of S\$1,000 worth of funfair coupons for the children. With so much to do, see and eat at the Carnival, the children had enjoyed themselves.

### Voluntary Gracehaven Children's Home Outing

YUTES organised a Voluntary Children's Home Outing for Gracehaven Children's Home on the 3 December 2006. The children were treated to KFC dinner and ice-cream after the 'Hello Kitty Fantastical Adventure' show at The Marquee, Downtown East.



### Young UTES Teambuilding Workshop

This event successfully concluded on 11 November 2006 at OTC Institution.

During this workshop, Union Officials and the younger members gained knowledge of UTES, appreciate the labor movement better and got involved in the planning of youth activities. They also had interaction opportunities with the executive councilors who played mentor roles to the younger members. Additionally, they also met representatives from Young NTUC, who shared their inspirational experiences and directions for the entire youth labor movement in Singapore.

### UTES Recreational Benefit

**EXTENDED!!!**

Get cash back return for each night of stay @ 

Have you stayed at any of the 3 Costa Sands Resorts (Downtown East, Pasir Ris, Sentosa) recently?

If your answer is **YES**, you would be pleased to know that the UTES Recreation Benefit is extended for year 2007.

Members are able to get \$10.00 for every night of stay (up to a maximum of 3 nights) at any of the 3 Costa Sands Resorts at Downtown East, Pasir Ris and Sentosa.

Forms are available from the website [http://www.utes.org.sg/memb\\_forms.htm](http://www.utes.org.sg/memb_forms.htm).

## NTUC UPDATES

### Enhancements to the NTUC SEP Programme

Union members who are interested to upgrade their skills without the support of their employers could approach NTUC under the NTUC Surrogate Employer Programme. By acting as a Surrogate Employer, NTUC is assisting employed union members to secure training assistance from Skills Development Fund (SDF) and training awards from Education & Training Fund (N-ETF).

In order to assist more Union members and especially the lower income members who have traditionally fewer training opportunities, new enhancements are added to the NTUC Surrogate Employer Programme:

- Upward revision of overall quantum for training awards
- Revised qualifying criteria
- Addition training allowance for lower income union members
- Shorter qualifying length of membership for lower income union members to be eligible for the programme



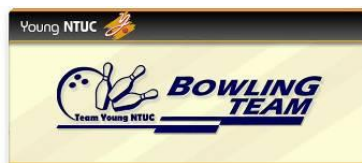
**\$30 DISCOUNT VOUCHER\***

**REDEEMABLE AT NIKE AND CELIO CONCEPT STORES**

*\* Valid with a minimum purchase of \$100 Nike and Celio products*

Details of this promotion are available at

[http://www.ntuc.org.sg/members/member\\_benefits\\_nike\\_and\\_celio\\_vouchers.asp](http://www.ntuc.org.sg/members/member_benefits_nike_and_celio_vouchers.asp)



### Bowling Interest Group

Young NTUC's Bowling Interest Group is scouting for young talents! You will get a chance to be trained by the former National Coach and to represent Team Young NTUC at competitions.

So sign up today at this link: <http://www.youngntuc.org.sg/bowling/form.asp>

For novice player who wants to enjoy special bowling rates for Young Union Members!

Simply email Jeslyn at [jeslynzheng@utes.org.sg](mailto:jeslynzheng@utes.org.sg) with your Full Name, I/C number, Email address and Contact Numbers & you will get a special identification that allows you to play at subsidized rates. Membership is **FREE!**

**Bowling Alley locations are display at [http://www.utes.org.sg/spec\\_focus.htm](http://www.utes.org.sg/spec_focus.htm)**

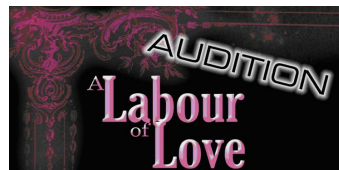
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### Learn 2 Salsa! (By Union Salsa)

Exclusive to Young Union members, JJ, the dance school, the best in Singapore is giving 20% discount for their classes- not offered to any other groups of students! If you are interested, just register at <http://www.youngntuc.org.sg/salsa/email.htm>

Also.... Union Square, being the hottest and best Salsa Club in Singapore, is offering free entries, drinks, discounts to tickets etc. just for being Union Salsa member (Young NTUC's Salsa Club).



### Audition Opportunity - A Labour of Love

Highly recommend those interested in performing (namely singing, dancing, acting) to take part! Great exposure and chance to work with some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry...

Audition dates are on 19 and 20 January 2007.

More details can be found at: <http://www.youngntuc.org.sg/play/play.htm>

### SBS Transit Season Pass

SBS Transit is now offering *SeasonPass Welcome Pack vouchers worth more than \$50 (while stocks last) and a waiver of \$3 application fee* for every signup.

Exclusively for all union members, you will receive a SeasonPass \$10 voucher for every stamp purchase, which can be used to offset the next purchase. Alternatively, when you purchase the 3 consecutive months stamp, a special rate of \$80 per month will be offered to union members.

For more information with regards to this promotion for members, kindly visit: [http://www.ntuc.org.sg/members/member\\_benefits\\_seasonpass.asp](http://www.ntuc.org.sg/members/member_benefits_seasonpass.asp).

### NTUC Fairprice's Online E-Coupons is now called Must Buy



Great News! You no longer need to flash coupons at all NTUC Fairprice outlets to enjoy the weekly discounts. Simply head down to the **MUST BUY** shelves to pick up the items at fantastic discounts.

Check out the great offers available at <http://www.ntuc.org.sg/printnsave/fairprice/start.asp> or The Straits Times every Thursday for the list of the items up for discount this week.

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### U TRAVEL SPECIALS:

**Regional Resorts & Hotels at Special NTUC Members Rates!**

Play golf, go for a short getaway and enjoy Spa during the festive season?

U Travel is offering all union members attractive rates for Getaway packages in Malaysia and Indonesia.

Check out the various attractive packages at

<http://www.utravel.com.sg/?intCategoryID=4&intPostID=11>

### U MOVIES SPECIALS

**Play and win free movie passes!!!**

Answer a question correctly and you stand a chance to win **BABEL Movie Passes & Posters**

Hurry!! Closing Date: **25 January 2007**

Contest and more information available at <http://www.umovies.com.sg/>

### **GENTLE REMINDER to those who have not collected your vouchers**

1. Family Recreation FUNd Vouchers 2006
2. NTUC 'Care & Share' Vouchers
3. UTES Souvenir

Kindly bring along original copy of notification letter personally, together with your NRIC or Company ID Pass for collection at UTES HQ from **Monday to Friday between 9.00am to 5.30pm** and **Saturday between 9.00am to 1.00pm**.

### MONTHLY UPDATE ON UTES MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

For the month of December 2006, the following membership benefits were given out to assist members:-

Type of Membership Benefit	Amount (\$)
Benevolent Grant	700.00
Beverage Basket	720.00
Hospitalization Reimbursement	3,000.00
Medical Assistance	1,400.00
Recreational	250.00
NTUC Gift	5,500.00
SLF Hardship Grant	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,570.00</b>

For more information on membership benefits, please visit

[http://www.utes.org.sg/memb\\_elig\\_bene.htm](http://www.utes.org.sg/memb_elig_bene.htm)

## **Issue 31-1/2007 - A Monthly Update For UTES Members**

### **CONVERT YOUR NTUC GENERAL BRANCH TO UTES MEMBERSHIP NOW!**

If you have recently joined SingTel, SingPost, NCS, NCS CE, Radiance Communications, G3 Worldwide ASPAC or any of SingTel's subsidiaries and are already an existing NTUC Card Holder, MAKE the conversion to become a UTES member now! By being a member of the UTES family, you will enjoy benefits that are exclusively for UTES members besides the benefits provided by NTUC.

For more details, please visit [http://www.utes.org.sg/memb\\_elig.htm](http://www.utes.org.sg/memb_elig.htm) or speak to our friendly staff @ 6337 1122.

### **CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR CONTACT NUMBER?**

Update UTES on any changes of the above by visiting [http://www.utes.org.sg/change\\_add.php](http://www.utes.org.sg/change_add.php)

## **UTES**

### **Our Members Our Strength**

<http://www.utes.org.sg>

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To provide any feedback or make enquiry, please visit <http://www.utes.org.sg/contact.htm>

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	-	Ms Janis Wee, 6337 1122 x 35 <a href="mailto:janiswee@utes.org.sg">janiswee@utes.org.sg</a>

#### Other Useful Nos:-

APIC Admin Hotline	-	62803932
HR Medical Enquiry	-	6838 3932 (SingTel)
	-	6845 6577 (SingPost)
	-	6556 5442 (NCS CE)