



ECCCA MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

I am pleased to report that the association is doing well in the past 3 months with a lot of social activities. I like to take this opportunity to thank the board members, various committee members and many members who have volunteered hours of their valuable time to make the association a lively place for people to learn, socialize and entertain. Here is my brief report on various past and future activities:

Annual General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party

The annual general meeting (AGM) was held on Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the association hall with approximate sixty members in attendance. Highlights of the meeting agenda are described as follows:

- 2010 AGM meeting minutes was accepted and approved by the membership.
- President's Report - President Stephen Tsui presented a summary report on various activities and programs occurred in 2011. Copy of this report (in Chinese and English) is available for review at the association.
- Accountant's Report – Accountants from Roth Mosey & Partners presented a draft financial statement of 2010 for discussion. It was reported that the association is in reasonably good financial positions thanks to the income generated from the fundraising events, bingo, user fees and donations. However, it was pointed that there was a reduction in membership due revenue and suggested the Board to follow up on membership due collection. The financial statement was approved by the membership. Roth Mosey & Partners is re-appointed as the accountant for the association.
- Nomination of board members – No new nomination was presented at the AGM. All 8 board members were elected to serve the association for another year. Two board member nominations were received after the conclusion of the AGM. These nominations were subsequently reviewed and approved by the Board at a board meeting in January. Thomas Wong and Mable Cheung are elected by the Board as the new board members for 2012-13.
- There were discussions regarding the association's mandates including getting younger generation involves in association affairs, senior programs and future activities, etc.

A dinner party to celebrate the Christmas and Holiday season was held subsequent to the AGM with approximate 85 people in attendance. Dancing, mah-jong and karaoke were part of the celebration.

Financial and Investment Presentation by TD Waterhouse

Senior financial planning and investment advisors from TD Waterhouse Toronto and Windsor offices were on hand to make a presentation on October 29, 2011 regarding retirement planning, investment as well as on-line investment know-how. The presentation was conducted in Cantonese. Forty members attended this presentation and many of them have requested follow-up presentation on similar topics. It appears that financial planning in a difficult economic time is an important knowledge to the participants. We sincerely thank to Mr. Victor Chan of TD Waterhouse for sponsoring refreshment for this event.

Year of the Dragon Celebration Banquet

A banquet was held at the Jade Restaurant on January 28, 2012 to celebrate the Chinese New Year. Approximate 180 members including 90 seniors and guests attended this function. Our senior members were also honoured at this event. Beside the good foods, entertainment including karaoke and dancing were also made available. Our sincerely thanks go to the organizers, Ralph Wong, Catherine Fung and Allen Liu for an enjoyable celebration.

2012 Annual Chinese New Year Fundraising Gala

The annual Chinese New Year Fundraising Gala was held on Saturday, February 25th, 2012 at the Ciociaro Club of Windsor. This is our largest fundraising event of the year. Money raised will be used to fund the association's operations and community activities.

Thanks to the hard work of the New Year Gala Committee members and many volunteers, the gala event was a big success. Close to 500 people attended this event with 420 dinner guests. President Tsui welcomed the guests and a minute of silence was observed in memory of Dr. Francis Wong, a long-time member and teacher of the Ballroom Dance Class for the past ten years. The dragon dance was executed beautifully and the parade of BBQ pig was also new to the guests. The Fan Dance presented by the Tai Chi Class and Taiwan Tango performed by the International Ballroom Dance Group received a lot of applause for their elegant performances. Our sincere appreciation goes to all participants and teachers for their hard work to showcase our culture. We also acknowledge and thank the performances conducted by groups from Chinese Association of Greater Windsor, Ivy's Dance World and Shihui Dance School. The "Retired Dragon" was also on display in the banquet hall and attracted many admirers. Our appreciation goes to Mr. & Mrs. Chun-Kay Kam, Mrs. Wandy Lam and Mrs. Shirley Jeun for restoring the dragon.

Service Awards were presented to late Dr. Francis Wong, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel and Dora Law for their dedicated services to association affairs. President Tsui acknowledged and thanked the sponsors, performers, volunteers and the Gala Committee. Members of the Board were also introduced to the audience.

The New Year Gala Committee members are:

Co-Chairs	- Micheline Liwanpo & Stephen Tsui
Entertainment & Prizes	- Mena Ng & Micheline Liwanpo
Advertisement & Program Booklet	- Jacqueline Lai & Micheline Liwanpo
Audio/Video/Dragon Dance	- Ron Lam & Allen Liu
Master of Ceremony	- Catherine Fung & Betty Lee-Daigle
Reception & Raffle	- Susanna Tsui , Ming Chen and ECCCA Ladies

Details of gala finance will be reported at a later date once all revenue and expenses are finalized.

Community Outreach

On Tuesday, March 6th, Catherine Fung performed her guzheng at Tecumseh Vista Academy School followed by Lily Ng and some of her Tai Chi group to do Tai Chi, Fan and Sword Dance at the new school's first Multicultural Assembly. It was a great success!

Stephen Tsui was invited to attend the 4th Conference for Internationally trained professionals at the Caboto Club on March 6th as one of the advisors to internationally trained engineers. He provided advice on Canadian engineering practice, licencing and experience requirements, advanced education and employment opportunities, etc.

Chinese Village and the Carrousel of the Nations

In conjunction with the celebration of the Carrousel of the Nations, the Chinese village will be held on Saturday, June 23rd and Sunday, June 24th. Planning for this activity is underway and we need volunteers to assist in various functions. The organizers are Ralph Wong and Catherine Fung. We look forward to your suggestions and participation to make the Chinese Village a success.

Canada Day Parade

Planning to attend this year's Canada Day Parade is underway. Our Dragon Dance team will lead the parade with the Lion Dancers. We definitely need volunteers to perform the dragon and lion dances. Discussion with other Chinese associations will be under taken to make sure a uniform presentation by the Chinese community is achieved. The organizers are Jian Li and Thomas Wong.

Family Day

A family day at a local winery is being planned for the summer. Details will be posted at a later date.

Moon Festival Celebration

Tentatively, a community celebration of the Moon Festival is to be held on Sunday, August 26 (Depending on the availability of hall and participant groups). There will be presentations by various dance schools/groups in the city followed by a dinner dance. The organizer is Ron Lam. We are seeking volunteers to assist Ron in this meaningful community outreach event.

Summer Students Application

We have just completed an application for government funded summer students. If we are successful, two students will be hired to assist the association in various activities. Thanks to Jian Li for filing the application.

Membership Programs

Monday Ballroom Dance Class is temporarily suspended until details to resume the class are finalized.

Mah-jong Club is soliciting new players.

Tuesday	6:30 to 8:30 pm	Mandarin Class
Thursday	7:30 to 10:30 pm	International Ballroom Dance Class
Friday	7:00 to 11:00 pm	Bridge Club
	7:30 to 9:30 pm	Chinese Literature & Calligraphy Class
Saturday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Adult Fitness Dance Class
Sunday	9:30 to 11:30 am	Tai Chi Class
	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Choir
	3:30 to 5:00 pm	Yoga

2012 Board of Directors

President	Stephen Tsui
1 st Vice President	Wayne Chan
2 nd Vice President	Jian Guo Li
Treasurer	Christopher Leung
Secretary	Betty Lee-Daigle
Director	Catherine Fung
Director	Allen Liu
Director	Ralph Wong
Director	Mable Cheung
Director	Thomas Wong

Membership Dues

Please remit your 2012 membership due at your earliest convenience. The fee is \$20 for Family Member and \$10 for Single. Senior membership is \$10 (voluntarily). Membership income contributes significantly to the association's operation.

List of Donors : Please refer to the attached copy.

