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President's Message

I am pleased to report that several successful activities were held in the past 3 months and other events are being planned for the fall season. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons, I sincerely thank the membership for supporting and participation of these activities. Special thanks and appreciation go to the volunteers who have helped the association in many different ways.

Renovations to the Library/Lounge and rear portion of the association building have been completed. It added finished space for our operations. The work was done by Artisan Home Improvements and Victor Mechanical Contractors under the direction of the Building Committee. The cost of renovation is \$12,500.00. Special thanks to Peter Lui for coordinating the renovation work and a group of volunteers (Ricky Chan, Katherine Chan, Wandy Lam, Rachel Kim, Ralph Wong, Ron Lam, Dale Chen and Bill Cheng) for a nice paint job. If you have not seen the new look of association facilities, please visit the association. A plan is also underway to retrofit the front window to include the name of the association with lighting.

In order to further understand the federal government's plan with multiculturalism, several members of the Windsor Chinese community including presidents from ECCCA, CAGW and CBA, Ralph Wong, Ron Lam, Peter Lui and Henry Lau attended a meeting with Mr. Chungsen Leung, MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Multiculturalism on August 1, 2012. We raised the concerns regarding the needs for seniors housing and a long term care facility for Chinese seniors who resides in Windsor and the Essex County. Mr. Leung has taken notes and will respond.

A meeting was held with the representatives of the Cultural Institute of Greater Windsor (CCIGW) regarding an article published in the September issue of the Windsor Chinese Press for the August 26 association event. This article misled the readers that CCIGW co-organized this important community activity. In fact, they had only participated in the ceremony and performed cultural dances. Subsequent to the meeting, an official letter of apology was issued to our association by CCIGW. We have written an article for the Chinese newspaper about our event on the Chinese War Veterans.

Members of the association and their friends participated in two Walk-A-Thons in September to raise money for health care research and local hospital. We have raised more money than expected. EverGreen Centre has held two events in September. They were well attended by the membership and people from other associations. Please refer to the attached EverGreen Centre News for additional 2012 programs.

Please take note that a Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held on December 1st to celebrate volunteerism from our membership and the Annual General Meeting and Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 16th. Your attendance is encouraged.

Sincerely,

Stephen Tsui, President

Chinese Village and the Carrousel of the Nations

The Chinese village was opened to public on Saturday, June 23rd and Sunday, June 24th. Lion Dance and parade of the dragon kick started the celebration on each day. Many members and visitors have visited the Village and enjoyed the cultural performances including Tai Chi, Chinese traditional dances, Chinese instruments and songs, kung-fu demonstrations, etc. Children were treated with various designs of face masks. Foods were catered by Red Sail Restaurant. Thanks go to the organizers, Ralph Wong, Catherine Fung and many volunteers for a successful event.

Canada Day Parade

Under the banner of the Chinese Community of Windsor, three Chinese associations including Chinese Benevolent Association (CBA), Chinese Association of Greater Windsor (CAGW) and our association have participated in this year's Canada Day Parade on Sunday, July 1st. Our Dragon Dance team and CAGW Waist Drum Dance Group lead the parade together with CBA's "drum and gong" group. A luncheon was held at the association after the parade. Assistance provided by Jian Li and members of the EverGreen Centre committee is much appreciated.

August Community Event

In order to commemorating 65 years of inclusion and also honour the six Chinese Canadian veterans from Windsor, a social evening was held on Sunday, August 26th at the Giovanni Caboto Club. Close to 300 people attended this meaningful event including the Honourable Brian Masse, MP, Ms Nadine Ubene from Veterans Affairs Canada, families of the Chinese Canadian veterans and representatives from Chinese Benevolent Association, Chinese Association of Greater Windsor and the Chinese Cultural Institute of Greater Windsor. A buffet dinner commenced at 5:30 p.m. and followed by an official ceremony in honour of the six Chinese Canadian veterans. They were Benny, Peter and Edward Lee brothers, George and Joseph Hong brothers and Eric Lee. Their family members received the Certificate of Recognition from MP Brian Masse and Ms Ubene, representative from VAC. President Tsui presented a welcoming remark and MP Masse also congratulated the association for holding a formal ceremony in recognizing Chinese veterans' contribution to Canada. After the ceremony, the audiences enjoyed a series of cultural performances conducted by members of various community groups. The success of this event was the joint effort of the committee members and many volunteers. Special thanks goes to Ron Lam, Catherine Fung, Sungee John, Betty Lee-Daigle and Micheline Li-Wan-Po.

Subsequent to the event, we also received an official acknowledgement and financial support from the Veterans Affairs Canada for organizing this significant community program and we thank them for their generous support. A tree will also be planted in the fall in memory of the Chinese Canadian veterans.

EverGreen Centre for the Seniors Program

The Centre held its first program at the association on Saturday, September 8 with than 80 persons in attendance. Retired Dr. W.K. Siu chaired a round table discussion on health care issues. Judging from the reaction received from the audiences, similar sessions would be required in the near future. Dinner was served around 6:00 p.m. and followed by an entertainment program around 7:30 p.m.

A celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival was held at the association on Sunday, September 30 with approximately 60 people in attendance. We have had another fun-filled evening.

The committee has done an excellent job in planning and arranging this event. Please refer to the attached flyer for future programs.

Student Summer Work Program

Two summer students were hired under the government funding program. Ran (Michael) Chen, a computer engineering student undertook the task to make the association website more user friendly. He also set up a computer backup system for the office computer. A demonstration of the improved website was held to collect other ideas for further improvements. Allison Li, a recent high school graduate and a first year nursing student, assisted Janny Chow in performing several office duties including updating data base, business and professional directory and computer work, etc. We have found both students' performance satisfactory and met the government guidelines. More importantly, they have learned valuable experience in a workplace. Janny Chow has spent her own time to coach and mentor the students. We like to say "Thanks".

Annual Golf Tournament

The annual fundraising golf tournament was held on Wednesday, August 22nd at the Sutton Creek Golf Club. A total of 81 golfers including 15 association members attended this fun filled function. We are fortunate enough to have people returning to this event year after year. Dinner was held at the Red sail Restaurant after the tournament. As usual, Danny and Dora provided an excellent meal. A raffle was held during the dinner time.

We like to express our sincere appreciation of the following sponsors:

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Our thanks also goes to many prize contributors for this event and the volunteers, Stephen Tsui, Danny Law, Sam Lau, Eddie Chan, Thomas Wong, Susanna Tsui, Catherine Fung, Dale Chen and George Hong.

We have raised approximately **\$6,500** from this event. Final amount will be available after auditing by the accountant.

CIBC Run for the Cure & Dr. Michael Li Walk-A-Thon

Members of the association and their friends have participated in two health-related fundraising activities. CIBC Run for the Cure (Fundraising for Breast Cancer research) was held on Sunday, September 30th and Dr. Michael Li Walk-A-Thon (Fundraising for the Windsor Regional Hospital) was held a day earlier on September 29. It is with great pleasure to report that we have raised **\$3,198 and \$370** for these two events respectively. Our sincere thanks go to all donors. Our "Care" to the community is much appreciated by the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Betty-Lee Daigle, Team Captain for the CIBC event has done a marvellous job in organizing the event and we thank our 14 team members: Stephen and Susanna Tsui, Betty Lee-Daigle and her son Sebastien, Thomas Wong and wife, Siu Ling Le, Mable Cheung and dog, Mia, Judy and Carly Butler, Ming Hui, Kwan Sam Fung, Nadine Ubene and brother Michael Adams, and Chris Leung.

Volunteer Appreciation Day – Saturday, December 1

Many members have volunteered their valuable time to assist the association in various ways and capacity. They are cordially invited to attend a Volunteer Appreciation Day on Saturday, December 1 at the association. Program will commence at 1:00 p.m. with dinner to be served at 6:00 p.m. Entertainment includes dancing, Mah-jong and Karaoke. There is no charge for the volunteers. Non-volunteers are welcome to join the fun for a cost of \$10.00.

Volunteers who have assisted in 2012 association events including but not limited to Chinese New Year Gala, Members and Seniors New Year banquet, Bingo, Carrousel Chinese Village, Canada Day Parade, Golf Day, August 26 community event, building renovations and EverGreen Centre programs, etc., please register your names with Janny Chow before November 15. We also require volunteers for volunteers to help out of this event. Please let Allen Liu know if you can help.

Annual General Meeting & Christmas Party – Sunday, December 16

Please plan to attend the annual general meeting on December 16. Your presence is vital important to the success of the association. It is the time again to nominate and vote for the 2013 board members. Some of the current board members have served their 2 year term (even double 2 year term) and need to be re-elected if they have agreed to stay on with the board. The board would also like to hear from the membership about the current and future affairs/direction of the association. A tentative program is as follows:

- 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Social hours
- 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. - Membership meeting including President's report, nomination of board members, presentation of financial statements and general discussion.
- 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. - Dinner
- 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. - Entertainment

Membership Programs

Monday	7:30 to 9:30 pm	Ballroom Dance Class (Line Dancing & Ball Room Dancing)
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 (Temporary suspended)
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

List of Donors :

We thank the following individuals for their generous donation towards the association's building renovation fund and operation income:

For Building Renovation (from July – Sept 2012)

Albert Lam	\$200.00	Ralph Wong	\$200.00	Bob Edwards	\$ 80.00
Betty Lee-Daigle	\$200.00	Henry Lau	\$200.00		
Chi Wai Yip	\$200.00	Catherine Fung	\$200.00		

For General Donation (from July – Sept 2012)

Alice Louie	\$111.00	Christopher Leung	\$100.00	Chan Nin Ku	\$20.00
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