



## ECCCA MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER

### President's Message

Summer is slowly coming. Please take time to enjoy the good weather with your family and friends as well as to participate in the association activities as much as you can.

The association is doing well in the past four months with a lot of social activities. Several New Year celebration activities as well as programs for the seniors were carried out and well participated by members and community at large. The first ever "Chinese New Year at the Mall" event was so well received by the public and we have been asked by the Mall management to return next year.

In order to meet the widely internet usage, the association has launched a Facebook page to provide the membership of most updated news and activities about the association. Details are described in this newsletter.

Thanks to the government funding received in 2014, the back portion of the association building has been transferred into a working kitchen with new countertop, cabinets, stove, etc.

Here are the highlights of upcoming events:

- Social activities and Evergreen Centre program in May
- Chinese Village on June 27 & 28 as part of the Carrousel of the Nations celebration
- Canada Day parade is being organized – volunteers are needed
- Cooking Class is being organized – watch for the announcement
- Family Picnic on Sunday, August 16
- Annual golf tournament in September if there are sufficient golfers to participate
- Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration on September 27
- Volunteers Appreciation Day to be held in September or October

The Association has received government funding for hiring two summer students. If your sons and daughters are interested to work with children and assist the association in conducting its programs, please contact the office for application details.

Once again the City of Windsor is hosting the World Diving Championship in May (22 to 24). Please come out to cheer for the Canadian and Chinese Teams when you have a chance to watch the competition.

I like to take this opportunity to thank the board members, various committees and many members who have volunteered many hours of their valuable time to make the association a lively place for people to learn, socialize and entertain.

Sincerely,

Stephen Tsui  
President

### **Annual General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party**

The annual general meeting (AGM) was held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the association hall with approximate seventy members in attendance. Highlights of the meeting agenda are described as follows:

- 2013 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 2014. Copy of this report (in both Chinese and English) has been sent to members with email address subsequent to the meeting. It is also available for review at the association.
- Accountant's Report – Accountants from Roth Mosey & Partners presented a draft financial statement of 2014 for discussion. It was reported that the association is in reasonably good financial position thanks to the income generated from the fundraising events such as New Year gala, golf tournament, bingo, user fees and donations. The financial statement was approved by the membership. Roth Mosey & Partners is re-appointed as the accountant for the association.
- Nomination of board members – Due to their personal schedule, both Geoff and Maggie Yip will not able to complete their two year term as board members. However they will continue to assist the board in many functions. A Certificate of Appreciation was subsequently presented to them at a membership gathering. Two new board members, Patrick Lam and Shirley Juen were elected. Ten existing board members including Stephen Tsui, Allen Liu, Ralph Wong, Catherine Fung, Betty Lee-Daigle, Chris Leung, Sungee John, Ron Lam Mena and Lap Ng were re-elected to serve the association for another year.
- Proposed amendment to association By-Law including delivery of additional programs and class instructions as well as expanding the community outreach events was approved by the membership.
- General discussion included Computer Class and association hall use policy. Mrs. Katherine Chan submitted a written list of 7 items related to association affairs for the Board's consideration. These items were subsequently discussed at the January and February board meetings and appropriate actions are being undertaken.

A dinner party to celebrate the Christmas and Holiday season was held subsequent to the AGM with approximate 90 people in attendance. Dancing, mah-jong and karaoke were part of the celebration.

### **Chinese New Year Celebration at the Devonshire Mall**

A community event was held on Sunday, February 22 at the Devonshire Mall. The cultural activities including dragon dance, lucky couplets, zodiac, dance performances and Kung Fu demonstrations have attracted many members and mall goers to join the celebration of the Year of the Sheep. There was also a children's corner with guided activities. Many thanks go to the organizer, Catherine Fung as well as many volunteers from the association to make the event a big success.

## **Annual Chinese New Year Fundraising Gala**

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual Chinese New Year Fundraising Gala was held on Saturday, February 28th, 2015 at the Ciociaro Club of Windsor. This is our largest fundraising event of the year and the preparation work commenced six months prior to the event. Money raised will be used to fund the association's operations and Evergreen Centre activities.

Thanks to the hard work of the New Year Gala Committee members and many volunteers, the gala event was a big success with 400 plus guests including representatives from Federal and Provincial Governments as well as the City of Windsor. The lion dancers kick started the celebration and MP Joe Co-martin and Jeff Watson picked the "Green". President Tsui welcomed the guests and the government representatives delivered greetings. The evening was packed with wonderful dance and musical performances. Our sincere appreciation goes to our Saturday dance group for their excellent presentation and the volunteers who managed the reception, raffle, silent auction, video projection and photography.

President Tsui acknowledged and thanked the sponsors, patrons, performers, volunteers and the Gala Committee. A floral arrangement was presented to Mrs. Micheline Liwanpo in appreciation of her significant contributions to the gala event in the past many years.

Members of the New Year Gala Committee include Micheline Liwanpo, Stephen Tsui, Mena Ng , Maggie Yip, Jacqueline Lai, Ron Lam , Sungee John, Catherine Fung & Betty Lee-Daigle.

## **New Year Celebration Banquet for Members & Seniors**

A banquet was held at the Jade Restaurant on March 8th, 2015 to celebrate the Chinese New Year. 127 guests including 88 seniors attended this function. Our senior members were also honoured at this event with a free meal and red packet. Beside the good foods, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and karaoke singing were also programs for the evening. President Tsui introduced the 2015 board members and a brief message regarding the upcoming association events.

Our sincere thanks go to the organizers, Ralph Wong, Catherine Fung and Allen Liu for an enjoyable celebration.

## **Evergreen Centre Activities**

The association's on-going research on the needs of Chinese seniors who reside in Windsor and Essex County is at its half way mark. The Advisory Board met on May 20 to review the progress and provide guidance. The Advisory Board includes representatives from community agencies, hospitals, the University of Windsor and members of the association. It is our sincere hope that the recommendations generated from this research will assist the government in dealing with the needs of Chinese seniors.

The monthly Evergreen Centre events will be held on the last Saturday of the month (except February, June and December). The Committee is actively looking for topics for presentation which are interested to seniors. If you have a particular topic in mind, please let the committee members know.

In conjunction with the nursing students from the University of Windsor, the health monitoring program conducted at the Ka Wah Building was welcomed by the residents. This program will resume when the students return to

school in the fall. We also provided this service to members of the Chinese Benevolent Association. The continuing hard work by members of our Seniors Committee is much appreciated.

### **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 27 and Sunday, June 28. Planning for this activity is underway and we need volunteers to assist in various functions. Tentative programs include Lion Dance, Song and Dance Performance by our members and other community groups, Kung Fu and Cooking demonstrations, etc. The organizers are Catherine Fung and Ralph Wong. We look forward to your suggestions and participation to make the Chinese Village a success.

### **Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration**

A youth and children's talent show will be part of this year's Mid-Autumn Festival celebration. The event will take place on Sunday, September 27 at Caboto Club. Registration for the talent show will commence shortly. We encourage all members to engage their children, grandchildren, teenagers as well as their friends to take part of this celebration. In addition, many of the association classes will also be prepared to perform for this festival. Please save a date for this upcoming event.

Since the government funding for the Evergreen Centre has been exhausted, we plan to raise some money from this event. Your participation and volunteer of your time would be appreciated. More details to follow. The organizers are Catherine Fung, Maggie Yip and Betty Lee-Daigle.

### **Summer Student Positions**

We have just received government approval for hiring two summer students to assist in various association activities. Positions are open to senior high school and university students. Applications should be sent to the association to the attention of Ms. Sungee John, Vice-President, External. A Committee will interview the qualified applicants in May.

### **Family Picnic**

Please mark your calendar for a family picnic to be held on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Details will be available at a later date.

### **Golf Day**

The annual fundraising golf tournament will be held in September. Details will be available at a later date. We need your support in terms of attendance of the tournament, soliciting golfers, donation of door and raffle prizes. Without your help, we may not be able to continue this fundraising activity.

### **Volunteers Appreciation Day**

The successful operation of this association is largely depending on its volunteers. Many of them have spent countless of their personal time to plan, organize and run the association activities. The Board of Directors recognizes that we could never say enough "Thanks" to the volunteers. It is decided an Appreciation Day will be held either in September or October to thank our volunteers in person. Details of the event will follow.

## Emails and Facebook Page

In order to keep membership informed of the association activities and outreach programs, we encourage members to provide the association with email address for internal use only. In addition, a Facebook page for the association has been launched. If you have a Facebook account, please take a little time to give the ECCCA page a “like” and share our status with your FB friends. The FB link is : <https://www.facebook.com/eccca.windsor>.

## Membership Programs

Monday	7:30 to 8:30 pm	Line dancing
	8:30 to 9:30 pm	Ballroom Dancing Class
Tuesday	7:00 to 10:00 pm	Cooking Class (Twice monthly). Class to begin on June 30
Thursday	7:30 to 9:30 pm	International Ballroom Dance Class
Friday	7:30 to 9:30 pm	Chinese Traditional Dance Class
Saturday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Fitness Dance Class
Sunday	9:30 to 11:30 am	Tai Chi Class
	1:00 to 3:00 pm	Choir

## 2015 Board of Directors

President	Stephen Tsui
Vice President – Internal	Allen Liu
Vice President - External	Sungee John
Treasurer	Christopher Leung
Chinese Secretary	Ralph Wong
Secretary	Betty Lee-Daigle
Director – Social & Cultural	Catherine Fung
Director – Evergreen Centre	Ron Lam
Director – Evergreen Centre	Shirley Juen
Director – Social & Youth Program	Patrick Lam
Director – Social & Youth Program	Lap Ng
Director – Social & Youth Program	Mena Ng

## Membership Dues

Please remit your 2015 membership due at your earliest convenience. The fee is \$20 for Family Member and \$10 for Single. Senior membership is \$10. The membership fee is a significant income for the association’s operation.

## List of Donors:

Please check on the attached sheet.

