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President's Message

I am pleased to report that several successful activities were held in the past few months including Chinese Village at the Carrousel of the Nations, Evergreen Centre programs, Family Picnic, Volunteers Appreciation Day, Golf Tournament, Mid-Autumn Festival celebration, CIBC “Run for the Cure” and Dancing Party, etc. Thanks for the support and sponsorship received from companies and friends, the annual fundraising golf tournament was successful despite of the number of golfers were down from last year. The association's first ever public celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival was a blast with more than 200 people gathering at the Caboto Club in September for the special occasion. We are delighted to see many children showcase their talent and the cultural performances were exceptional. On behalf of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons, I sincerely thank the membership for supporting and participating in these activities. Our sincere appreciation also goes to those volunteers who have helped the association in many different ways.

The association is continuing its collaboration with students from the University of Windsor through the Faculty of Nursing, School of Social Work, and the Volunteer Internship Program (VIP) to take part on various association assignments and programs. The students welcome the opportunities to practice their skills and to gain knowledge in administration, presentation and management. Our association is recognized by the University as a valuable community partner for providing training opportunities to their students.

The Evergreen Centre continues to hold its monthly program including knowledgeable guest speakers and dinner reception. In addition, a weekly health monitoring program is being carried at the Ka Wah Building for the Chinese seniors. For your information, a government funded research program to look into the needs of Chinese seniors in the area is being completed and a final report will be submitted to government agency in early 2016. The work is being guided by an Advisory Board consists with members from the community who have knowledge in health, social and senior needs.

The Cooking Class conducted its first class in July with more than 10 people in attendance. The teacher plans to introduce new recipes every month. We are also seeking a teacher for the Computer Class for Beginners and are hoping to commence the class in early January.

It is almost time again to nominate and re-elect members to the Board of Directors for 2016. For your information, four of the current board members have indicated they will not seek re-election. The success of association's operation needs strong support of its membership. Please consider contributing your ideas and energy to serve this “Big Family” and keep it healthy and strong. The Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2015 in conjunction with the Christmas celebration at the same time. I look forward to see everyone at this gathering.

I do like to take this opportunity to thank the membership and the Board of Directors for assisting and supporting my work in the past 12 months.

Sincerely,

Stephen Tsui, President

CURRENT EVENTS

Evergreen Centre Activities

The Evergreen Centre continues to hold its monthly gathering of the seniors (55 years and older). Its program is open to all Chinese in the community. The next two events will be held on Saturdays, October 24 and November 28 at the association. Representatives from the Health Unit will discuss "Fall Prevention" in October and an enjoyable "Food and Wine Tasting" will be held in November. Details will be posted.

Cooking Class

The next cooking class will be held on Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm. Please register with Janny Chow. Teacher is Mrs. Lo and the organizers are Patrick Lam and Mena Ng.

Dancing Party

A dancing party will be held at the association for the ballroom and line dance lovers. The date is Saturday, November 7 at 7:30 pm. The organizers are Lap and Mena Ng.

Annual General Meeting & Christmas Party – Sunday, December 13

Please plan to attend the annual general meeting of the membership on Sunday, December 13. Your presence is vital important to the success of the association. It is the time again to nominate and re-elect members to the 2016 Board of Directors. Nominations are open to all members and nomination forms are available from the office. Please consider and volunteer your time to serve the association. Four of the current board members have indicated they will not seek re-election for personal reasons. The board would also like to hear from the membership about the current and future direction of the association. Please note that the association will celebrate its 40 year anniversary next year. A tentative program is as follows:

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

2016 Chinese New Year Celebration and Fundraising Gala – Saturday, February 27, 2016

Please mark your calendar to attend our 41st anniversary of the Chinese New Year celebration at the Ciociaro Club on Saturday, February 27, 2016. The Gala Committee under the direction of Micheline Liwanpo has commenced the gala preparation work. Cultural performances are being engaged. We are also searching for sponsorship from the community. Support from our membership is sincerely requested.

PAST EVENTS

Carrousel of the Nations

The Chinese Village was held on June 27 and 28 at the association. Programs included many cultural performances conducted by our members and community groups, acupuncture and cooking demonstrations, Choir and Kung Fu, etc. We noted an increased number of visitors this year. Our sincere thanks go to the volunteers and the organizers (Ralph Wong, Catherine Fung and Ron Lam) who have worked so hard to make this event a success.

Family Picnic

A BBQ style family picnic was held on Sunday, August 16 at the Jackson Park and was well attended by more than 70 members. The weather was excellent and the location is well fitted for our purpose. Our thanks go to the organizers (Allen Liu, Patrick Lam and Lap Ng) and the volunteers for a successful event.

Annual Golf Tournament

The annual fundraising golf tournament was held on Thursday, September 24 at the Sutton Creek Golf Club. A total of 53 golfers including 14 association members attended this function. The weather was excellent and everyone had a good time. Dinner reception was held at the Garden Buffet Restaurant after golfing. Door prizes and winning prizes were presented to the golfers. The sponsors were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a bottle of wine. A 50/50 raffle draw was held during the dinner time.

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

Corporate Sponsors (\$500 Donation) – Circle 5 Tool & Mold, Gemite Products, Roth Mosey & Partners, Culmone Law Firm and an Anonymous donor.

Hole Sponsors (\$200 Donation) – Day and Tsui Professional Medical Services, Healthy Image, Monica Boon Financial Services, Price Waterhouse Cooper, Sika Canada Inc., RBC Dominion Securities and Toshiba Machine.

Our thanks also go to many prize contributors for this event and the Golf Committee members, Stephen Tsui, Geoff Yip, Richard Wong, Eddie Chan and Sam Lau as well as the volunteers, Susanna Tsui, Catherine Fung and Patrick Lam.

We have raised approximately **\$6,500** from this event.

Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

In order to introduce the second most celebrated Chinese tradition to our young generation as well as the general public, planning for the Mid-Autumn Festival was carried out in the past few months under the direction of Catherine Fung and her team of volunteers. We have commissioned the Ivy's Dance World to create a special play entitled, "Legend of the Moon Goddess of Immortality" for this special occasion. A talent show was also planned for the youth and children. A total of 15 young performers aged 4 to 13 participated. After dinner, the audiences were treated to 12 excellent performances.

The festivity was held at the Caboto Club on Sunday, September 27 with approximately 200 people in attendance. We sincerely thank our sponsors, The City of Windsor and Cenlix/Bell for their financial support. Special appreciation goes to all performers, dancers and volunteers. The Planning Committee members are

Stephen Tsui, Catherine Fung, Betty Lee-Daigle, Sungee John, Ron Lam, Patrick Lam, Allen Liu, Micheline Liwanpo and Maggie Yip.

CIBC Run for the Cure

Since 2011, many of our members have participated in this national fundraising event for breast cancer research. 14 members completed the 5 km “Walk” with no difficulty on Sunday, October 4. They were Stephen and Susanna Tsui, Allen and Lily Liu, Dale and Ming Chen, Sze Yiu and Pui Chu Lo, Josephine Wong, Janny Chow, Wandy Lam, Wai Chun Kam, Christopher Leung and Betty Lee-Daigle. Our team has raised \$ 2,360 for the Canada Breast Cancer Foundation and is one of the Top Ten Teams in Windsor. Once again, we thank Betty Lee-Daigle for coordinating the association’s entry to the event.

Membership Programs

Monday	7:30 to 9:30 pm	Ballroom Dance Class (Line Dancing & Ball Room Dancing)
Tuesday	6:30 to 8:30 pm	Monthly Cooking Class (Max. 10 students).
Wednesday	6:30 to 8:30 pm	No Class
Thursday	7:30 to 10:30 pm	International Ballroom Dance Class
Friday	7:30 to 9:30 pm	Chinese Folk Dance Class
Saturday	10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Adult Fitness Dance Class
Sunday	9:30 to 11:30 am 1:30 to 3:30 pm	Tai Chi Class Choir

List of Donors:

We thank the following individuals for their generous donation to the association (from May –September 2015):

Celia Lee	\$40.00
Cuu Lu	20.00
Betty Hong	50.00
Xing Yao Tan	100.00
Alice Louie	70.00
Danny Law	100.00
Dora Law	100.00
Yan Fat Man	50.00