



SIEN LOK NEWSLETTER

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“Through a legacy of co-operation, advancing and preserving Chinese Canadian heritage by creating bridges between generations and cultures.”

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President's Message

by Thomas To, President

What a wonderful summer we have been having! I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather and taking a much-deserved holiday.

Since our last newsletter, the Sien Lok Society has had held two events. The Volunteer Appreciation and Fun Money Social in May was our way of showing our deep gratitude to all our hardworking and dedicated volunteers. It was well-organized, with good food, good company and great fun!

The Senior's Visitation was held in June. Both volunteers and seniors were excited about it, and like last year, everyone enjoyed themselves. Special thanks go to all those volunteers who have helped to make this event such a great success.

Please see the reports by Sharon To and Cori Louis-Smith for more details about each of these events.

Last month, the Board of Directors voted to sponsor the Calgary Chinese Community Services Association (CCCSA) for their 2007 Chinatown Safety Calendar. This project aims to increase access to safety information and raise awareness of crime prevention to the Chinese Community.

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been scheduled take place on October 25, 2006. Please see the AGM article for further details.

We hope that you enjoy the rest of the summer, and we look forward to seeing you again at our upcoming events!

Picnic in Our Park

By Sharon To and Lisa Woo

This year we will be hosting our Picnic in the Park event on **Sunday, September 10, 2006**, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Sien Lok Park, located on the corner of 1st Street and Riverfront Street, SW. Free of cost, the picnic is open to all the members of The Sien Lok Society, as well as to the general public. So bring your family and friends!

There will be hot dogs, drinks, entertainment, and games for the children as well as some surprises. In addition, there will be draw prizes for those in attendance (winners must be present to claim these prizes). You will also have an opportunity to view the various park projects:

- "In Search of Gold Mountain" by Chu Honsun
- "Wall of Names Monument" by Fred Spina
- Commemorative Benches (Name a Bench)
- Marble Lion Statues

Come and join in the fun!

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please phone 874-7572 or email us at info@sienlok.org

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

By Thomas To, President

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Wednesday, October 25, 2006**, 6:00 pm at The Regency Palace Seafood Restaurant, located at 328 Centre Street S.E.

There is never a dull moment at this event. The AGM is a great opportunity to get together to make new friends, and socialize with old ones.

Please remember that your Sien Lok Society annual membership is due for renewal on October 25, 2006. If you will not be attending the AGM, please complete the attached membership form (last page) and send it back to us with a cheque payment. We will be sure to mail you your new membership card.

If you are interested in attending our AGM, please contact Sharon To at 254-0118 or by email at sharon_to@shaw.ca. The cost is \$25.00/person, which includes the dinner and membership. Otherwise the membership fee will be \$5.00/person annually or \$15.00/family annually. We hope to see you there!

Volunteer Appreciation and Fun Money Social Event

by Sharon To

What a bash we had for the volunteers and members!

There were 106 people who attended the Volunteer Appreciation and Fun Money Social on May 28, 2006 at Canada Olympic Park. We had a great time mingling with old and new friends. Everyone was given fun money to use at the different gaming tables staffed by Cash Casino employees. You should have seen the way people were splurging their money!

We received numerous donations for the Silent Auction items that were biddable with the fun money. If bidders did not have enough, they could ask family and friends to help them out.

Special thanks must go out to the Donors of the Silent Auction.

The Board of Directors would like to thank each and every one of the volunteers who show great dedication and support at our functions. It is comforting to know that we have a great team of volunteers who are eager to help at all times. As a matter of fact, we have many volunteers who have been supporting us since the Sien Lok Society was created in 1968. Once again, thank you for making our events a great success!

In closing I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped organize this year's event.

Senior's Visitation

By Cori Louis-Smith

We would like to especially thank all our Volunteers and Directors for their support and assistance in the annual Senior's Visitation held on June 11, 2006. Also, special thanks to Thomas Fresh Inc. who donated the fruit for the fruit baskets to give to 80 Chinese residents in the nursing homes. In addition, we would like to extend our special thanks to Cohos Evamy for allowing us to use their office to set up. The Seniors look forward to us visiting them every year.

Builders and Patriots: Portraits of Chinese Canadians

by Robert Jim and Sharon To



Builders & Patriots: Portraits of Chinese Canadians consists of two companion exhibits: **Reflections: Images of Chinese Women in Canada: A Historical Photo Exhibit**, which was curated by the Multicultural History Society of Ontario (MHSO) and the **Southern Alberta Chinese Photo Exhibit**, curated by the Sien Lok Society of Calgary.

If you did not get a chance to view these exhibits when they were displayed at the Chinese Cultural Centre or the Southern Alberta Chinese Photo Exhibit during the 2006 Chinese New Year Banquet, this could well be your last chance to see them.

The Provincial Archives of Alberta, located in Edmonton, will be displaying **Builders & Patriots** until September 15, 2006. So, the next time you find yourself visiting the Capital region, take some time to drop in and view the exhibit!

The Provincial Archives of Alberta
8555 Roper Road

Edmonton, Alberta
 T6E 5W1
 Phone: (780) 427-1750
www.cd.gov.ab.ca/preserving/paa_2002/

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
 Wednesday evening 4:30 to 9:00 pm
 Closed Sundays, Mondays and all statutory holidays.

Photographs taken at the Gala Opening of the exhibit can be viewed on our website at www.sienlok.org. Click on the prompt: "View the Builders & Patriots: Portraits of Chinese Canadians photo gallery".

What's Happening in Sien Lok Park?

by Robert Jim, Parks Director

Hello everybody. I hope that everyone is having a great summer. During this season, the Parks Committee is taking the opportunity to get several construction and upgrade projects underway in the Park.

The Wall of Names Monument is currently undergoing renovations to replace the existing granite tile with new "Seaweed Green" granite. Alberta Marble and Tile with Ledcor Construction are contractors for the job. This work includes removal of the old tile, sandblasting off the old grout, aligning and chamfering new tile, inserting protective angle trim and installing dark grey grout between tiles. The work is extremely labour intensive and I believe it is closer to artwork than tile setting. The job will be completed by mid-August. By that time we should have a brand new looking monument!

The City of Calgary Parks Department will also be installing a new power outlet adjacent to the Pagoda. **Jason Luan** has been spearheading this work with the City and anticipates it to be completed by the end of August. He noted that

planning for this work was a unique experience: "I was with the crew supervisor when deciding the location. It was much more complicated than I had anticipated. You need to give consideration to underground utility lines, destruction of tree roots, visibility, tripping hazards, digging up the adjacent road and the total cost. It was an eye opening experience for me". Great job Jason!

We are currently soliciting quotations to repaint the existing Pagoda located on the south side of the park. **Carl Wu** is the manager for this project and has informed us that this work should be completed sometime in the fall. Stay tuned for more information on this project.

Beautiful new banners will be installed in the Park. **Jason Luan** and **Sandy Kwong** have been working with the City of Calgary Parks Department to complete this work by the fall. We are hopefully that they'll be up in time for the "Picnic in the Park" celebration.

The Board of Directors and the Parks Committee are also pleased to announce the engagement of **Peter Wiseman Landscape Architect**, who will be updating the old Master Plan for Sien Lok Park. Peter, as some of you may be aware, worked on the previous Master Plan. We are hoping to have this study completed by the end of this year.

Finally, we are pleased to announce the appointment of **Mary Yuen-Sears**, as secretary of the Parks Committee. Mary, as many of you already know, has been a tireless worker on several committees in the past. We welcome her enthusiasm and generous spirit to the committee. Welcome aboard, Mary!

Anthem Properties (Development of the Old Greyhound Bus Garage Next to Sien Lok Park)

By Thomas To and Robert Jim

Anthem Properties (AP) who own the former Greyhound bus garage located at 222 Riverfront Avenue S.E., have applied for zoning re-designation from C1 Commercial to Direct Control Residential/Commercial. This site is located immediately west of Sien Lok Park.

Anthem's proposal features:

- 900 new residences with approximately 1,500 new residents.
- Four Towers ranging from 15 to 27 storeys, on the west and south sides of the site with ground floor live-work units and retail space on 2nd Ave.
- A six storey, 100-room, boutique hotel.
- A low-rise residential building in the north and east sides of the property.

The Parks Committee has met with AP several times since September 2005 to give them our suggestions for their development. Anthem has stated that they will try to incorporate our suggestions into their designs where possible. They have set aside a budget of \$150,000.00 for upgrades and improvements to the west side of Sien Lok Park which includes trees, shrubs, hard landscaping and public furniture.

There were over 100 people who attended the July 17, 2006 Council meeting. Edmond Lee, Past President, spoke on behalf of the Sien Lok Society and offered our support to this project. However, there were objections from some within the Chinese Community about the hotel development. Just prior to the Council vote, the Developer removed the boutique hotel from their application. Following this movement, the Land Use Re-designation was passed. The Developer is currently working on Development Permit drawings that will be reviewed by the community, including the Sien Lok Society. We

will do our best to keep you informed on the progress of this development.

Upcoming Events

Be sure to join us at the following upcoming Sien Lok events:

Picnic In Our Park

- Sunday, September 10, 2006
- Sien Lok Park, on the corner of 1st Street and Riverfront Street, SW
- 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Free of Cost

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- Wednesday, October 25, 2006, 6:00 pm
- Regency Palace Seafood Restaurant, located at 328 Centre Street S.E.
- \$25.00/person, includes dinner and a single person membership fee

Chinese New Year Banquet (Year of the Pig)

- Saturday, February 24, 2007.
- Regency Palace Seafood Restaurant, located at 328 Centre Street S.E.
- Price to be determined
- Dress code: Formal

Please mark it on your calendar. This will be great party you do not want to miss!

Call for Suggestions

Please let us know if you would like something specific included in the Sien Lok's quarterly newsletter. This newsletter is intended to keep its members up-to-date on events and activities, and provide opportunities for involvement. Please contact us by phone, email, or regular post. Our address is:


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 PO Box 20150, RPO Bow Valley
 Calgary, AB, T2P 4K3
 Telephone: (403) 874-SLSC (7572)
 Email: info@sienlok.org
 Website: www.sienlok.org

Please advise us if you have a change of address, telephone number, or email address. This will ensure Sien Lok is able to maintain communication with its members.

\$1,500/bench

NAME A BENCH!

Send us your submission to sponsor a bench within the heart of Sien Lok Park.



A Plaque will be inscribed & placed on top of the bench in Sien Lok Park.
A Tax Deductible Receipt will be issued for this purpose.

INTERESTED APPLICANT *please fill in your submission -*

NAME: _____

PHONE (home): _____ **(work):** _____

Address: _____

Bench (how many): _____


Tax Deductible Receipt Required: Yes ____ **No** ____

The following are some samples for your review. The plaque is 12" x 3" and will be engraved in bronze lettering. Interested parties please phone 874-7572 or email to info@sienlok.org for more information.

12"

Dedicated to:
 Frank and Jenny Lung in recognition and appreciation
 of their support to the Chinese Community
 With Love from their Family

3"



Sien Lok Society



info@sienlok.org (403) 874-7572

Volunteer/Membership Sign-up (2006 – 2007)

Send form and cheque to:
Sien Lok Society
PO Box 20150
RPO Bow Valley
Calgary, AB T2P 4K3

\$5.00 Annual Single Membership
\$15.00 Annual Family Membership

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Business Tel _____

Home Tel _____

Cell Tel _____

E-mail _____

Method of Payment:

Cash _____ VISA _____ Cheque _____

This sign up is for a single member _____

Family members _____

Additional family members: _____

I would like to volunteer for:

Chinese New Year Banquet _____

Casino _____

Communications _____

Creative Writer _____

Seniors Visitation _____

Social Club _____

Park Beautification _____

Picnic in Our Park _____

Social Club _____

Special Projects _____

Comments: _____
