



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 Edmond Lee, President

I cannot believe that summer has come and gone—what a hectic time for all Sien Lok members and directors.

Two major events took place this summer—the 13th Annual Dragon Boat races and the annual Picnic in Our Park. We cannot say thank you often enough to all the volunteers who helped make these events a success.

On Tuesday, September 28, several directors of the Sien Lok Society were present at the banquet hosted by the Consul General of the People's Republic of China to celebrate the 55 anniversary of the People's Republic of China. It was a grand affair with some excellent entertainment—in fact, we may try to secure some of the performers for the upcoming New Year Banquet.

The Chinese community was well represented and several groups expressed an interest in working with Sien Lok or getting Sien Lok's support for a number of upcoming events/projects. One of the upcoming events is Asian Heritage Month that is celebrated in May.

As a member, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the directors with respect to fund raising activities and/or community projects, please do not hesitate to contact any one of the directors.

Annual General Meeting

by Sandy Kwong



Sien Lok Society Annual General Meeting & Dinner

The Sien Lok Society of Calgary is hosting its
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER:

DATE/TIME: October 27, 2004 @ 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Central Grand Restaurant

ADDRESS: 295-1623 Centre Street NW

COST: \$25 (includes dinner and an annual Sien Lok membership)

- Agenda:
- Brief report for the current Sien Lok Society
 - Presentation of past Directors
 - Traditional 10-course Chinese Dinner
 - Entertainment

All members of the public are welcome! For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact: 403-874-SLSC(7572) email: info@sienlok.org

Social Club Update

by Lisa Woo

It is a shame that the Calgary Stampeders chose not to win a game until going head-to-head with the number one team in the west—the BC Lions. If only they were performing better we might have had a sellout for the Labour Day Classic. Historically the Labour Day Classic is one of the most competitive games of the year—not so in 2004.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

An eating extravaganza is up and coming in the fall.

A movie for kids and all ages in Winter 2004.

Watch for more details in the next NEWSLETTER!!!!

Picnic in Our Park

by Wendy Kit Tsui

One week before the Picnic in Our Park the weather forecast was for a high of 3 degrees. But, the rain held off and the day was pleasant. No raindrops fell until the picnic was over and all the equipment was packed up.

We estimate 1,000 took in the event. A number of dignitaries were present:

- Hon. Gary Mar, Minister of Health and Wellness
- Wayne Cao, MLA
- Harvey Cenaiko, MLA
- Alderman Druh Farrell
- Alderman Gord Lowe

The children's games were well organized by **Janice** who is with the Calgary Chinese Community Services Association (CCCSA), and Sien Lok volunteers.

As with any event, we experienced a few hiccups but nothing that could not be overcome with cooperation and flexibility by all involved.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with all facets of the Picnic in Our Park. It is great to see so many members come out to participate and to help with the event. It is an event that truly showcases the Park and Sien Lok's presence in the community.

New Year Banquet

by Cori Louis-Smith

Plans are well in hand for the 36th Annual Chinese New Year Banquet. Mark your calendar and get your order for tickets in early. This year promises to be a sell out once again!

The banquet will be held at the Regency Palace Seafood Restaurant on Saturday, **February 19, 2005.**

For more information, please call Sien Lok @ (403) 874-SLSC (7572) or email info@sienlok.org.

Join us to ring in the YEAR OF THE ROOSTER!

Chinese Music Night Concert

by Pamela Fearon

The Chinese Orchestra has requested Sien Lok's support of the 7th Chinese Music Night Concert 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm on Saturday, October 9 at the Rosza Centre of University of Calgary. If you attended the Picnic in Our Park, you heard some of the young performers playing traditional instruments.

A special guest from Mainland China will perform that evening—**Ms Du Cui-Yun**—a concert Flutist. We hope that it will be a very interesting night.

We encourage any members interested in attending to contact 277-7253 for tickets.

The Chinese Orchestra is a Non-Profit Organization and promotes Chinese Culture through preserving Chinese traditional folk music.

Sien Lok Monkey Kings at Dragon Boat Races

by Pamela Fearon

Sien Lok elected to enter a team in order to preserve the event that is so closely tied to the Chinese culture. Several young new volunteers joined our ranks and learned about the work of Sien Lok Society. I believe this comment from one of the participants sums up the event:

“Thanks everyone for a wet, cold, yet fun weekend. Given the fact that we didn't practice much, we did very well. I am looking forward to kicking A-channel's behind next year.
Brian Ng “

We wish to extend special thanks to William Mah, former Director, who led the team. He did everything from recruiting paddlers, organizing practices, and post-practice refreshments, to, of

course, paddling in the outstanding Sien Lok Dragon Monkey team.

Our Newlyweds—Ka-Yee Wong and Kenneth Kwan

by Sharon To

A joint wedding shower was hosted at Sharon and Thomas To's residence with the help of Pamela Fearon. It was well attended by the Directors and family of Sien Lok Society. Kenneth was taught by our Chef (Rob Simpson) how to BBQ bison burgers. The first lesson was to have a beer in his hand before starting. The bison burgers were delicious

On September 11, 2004, Ka-Yee and Kenneth had tied the knot. The weather was just perfect for them. The wedding reception was held at Central Grand Restaurant. Two tables were filled with the Directors and spouses. We had a great time! Ka-Yee looked gorgeous in her three outfits that she had changed throughout the evening, her hair and make-up looked gorgeous. Kenneth looked smart in his tux.

To our amazement, there were many games to be played (we were advised by Ka-Yee that there will be no games at the shower as Kenneth is very shy). The Ladies went up to Ka-Yee to give her our cheers as well as the Gentlemen went up to Kenneth to give him a bottoms-up.

The Directors were surprised that both Ka-Yee and Kenneth can handle so much liquor and were still standing at the end of the night.

Ka-Yee and Kenneth went to Mayan Riviera (one hour south of Cancun) for their honeymoon.

Congratulations to Ka-Yee and Kenneth!

A Little Humour

from Golf Jokes.com

An American went to Scotland and played golf with a newly acquainted Scottish golfer.

After a bad tee shot, he played a "Mulligan" which was an extremely good one.

He then asked the Scottish, "What do you call a Mulligan in Scotland?"

"We call it 3."

Call for Suggestions

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

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