



SIEN LOK NEWSLETTER

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Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our supporters, members and volunteers!

2002 is wrapping up as a very busy and successful year for the Sien Lok Society of Calgary. We had a successful casino fundraiser in July of this year and again thank all the volunteers for their participation and time and again special thanks to Annie & Hugh Louis for their organization of this event.

Our Picnic in the Park was very successful in light of it being scheduled at the same time as other high profile events such as the Terry Fox Run and we are pleased to report that we served in excess of 1,100 people in the Sien Lok Park on September 22, 2002. Families with their children enjoyed a great day of weather, games and activities including entertainment from a trick "whip artist" and the Calgary fire department mascot.

Current programs the Sien Lok Society of Calgary is contemplating is involvement in a digitization of Chinese Canadian History along with partners such as the University of Calgary, Simon Fraser University and the University of Toronto. We will keep you further updated as details of this possible program become available.

We know Christmas and the New Year are coming but I will add four more words "Gung Hay Fat Choy". It is coming time for the Sien Lok Society of Calgary's Chinese New Year's Banquet, which this year will usher in the year of the ram or goat. Please be sure that you order your tickets for this event early as tickets were

Elected Sien Lok Society of Calgary
Executive for 2001 / 2002

President & Legal	Allen Wong
Vice President	Edmond Lee
Past President	Ray Lee
Secretary	Pam Fearon
Treasurer	Philip Slen
Membership	Kevin Wong
Social Club	William Mah
New Years Banquet	Cori Louis-Smith
Parks	Windchill Ha
Directors	Peter Fung
	Sharon To
	Rosina Ye
	Wendy Kit Tsui

sold out early last year and unfortunately many supporters were disappointed. The New Year's banquet committee has been hard at work to make this year's event even better than the past so it is sure to be an event not to be missed.

Finally, we will ask you keep posted to our newsletter for our General Meeting of Members in 2003 when members will get to vote in a new executive for a two-year term. As space is now running short, we again wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2003!

Allen Wong
President

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A zookeeper approaches three boys standing near the lions' cage and asks them their names and what they're up to.

The first boy says, "My name's Tommy and I was trying to feed peanuts to the lions."

The second boy says, "My name's Billy and I was trying to feed peanuts to the lions."

The third boy says, "My name is Peanuts."

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Sien Lok Society of Calgary

34th Annual Fund Raising
New Year's Banquet and Dance
Regency Palace
328 Centre Street SE
Calgary

Tickets \$60 per person

Book your tickets early as they were sold out last year.

Also, we welcome volunteers. We need around 25 volunteers to help run the day's event.

Spring 2003

General Meeting coming up! More information to come later. We'll be saying good bye to some hard working directors and welcoming in the new. Also, it'll be time to elect the executive committee.

MESSAGE FROM SIEN LOK ON BEHALF OF WING KEI NURSING HOME

better the lives of seniors in the community.

The Wing Kei Nursing Home Association has made excellent progress towards the construction of a 113-bed nursing home in the Calgary Health Region. The plan to build the nursing home has been in place since 1998, conceived as an equal partnership of the community, the province and the federal governments. The cost of the project is \$13.5 million, with the community-based funding component of \$4.5 million. Since the capital fundraising campaign was launched a year ago, \$3.1 million in pledges/donations have been accumulated. We thank you for the contributions.

The nursing home site has been purchased at 1212 Centre Street North. Once the \$4.5 million goal is attained, the provincial and federal funds become available to initiate the building process. The nursing home will be operated as a non-profit facility with admission governed by the Calgary Health Region.

We need your support by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Wing Kei Care Centre. We are proposing a "\$1-A-Day" contribution for 30 months, for a total pledge of \$900. We have developed several options to assist you in providing your donation. These include:

1. A one-time \$900 donation, or
2. \$300/year for three years,
3. \$30/month for 30 months, or
4. Any amount that you wish to make.

A charitable donation tax receipt will be issued.

We would like to invite you to be part of the \$1-A-Day campaign. **Premier Ralph Klein** is hosting a 10-course Chinese cuisine banquet in recognition of the donors to the \$1-A-Day Fundraising campaign on February 19, 2003 at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre. The evening with the Premier will start with a tour of the Cultural Centre Museum at 4:30 p.m., followed by a photo session at 5:00 p.m., and the banquet at 6:00 p.m. Other generous sponsors have donated the recognition banquet.

Donations are welcome anytime. However, if you want to get an invitation to the Premier's Dinner, please join the \$1-A-Day Campaign before December 31, 2002. For more information, visit our website www.wingkeicarecentre.org or call the office at (403) 262-9211. Thank you.