



SIEN LOK NEWSLETTER

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The New Board of Directors

President	Edmond Lee
Past-President	Allen Wong
Vice-President	Pamella Fearon
Treasurer	Ka-Yee Wong
Secretary	Sharon To
Communications	Sandy Kwong
Director	Peter Fung
Director Emeritus	Ray Lee
Fundraising	Philip Slen
Legal Counsel	Allen Wong
	Kevin Wong
Membership/Volunteers	Wendy Kit Tsui
New Year Banquet	Cori Louis-Smith
Projects	Robert Jim
	Thomas To
Parks	Jason Luan
Social Club	Lisa Woo
Webmaster	Kevin Wong

President's Message

by Edmond Lee, President

As the newly elected President for the term 2003-2005, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the past directors and the newly elected directors. Thank you Allen Wong, Past President, for your super dedication to the Society.

On behalf of the current Board of Directors, we thank our devoted past directors including Jerry Chong, Windchill Ha, Jan Mah, and William Mah for their ongoing support of Sien Lok. We look forward to your continued help with events.

Welcome to our newly elected directors: Robert Jim, Sandy Kwong, Jason Luan, Thomas To, and Ka-Yee Wong. They have participated in an orientation session with our incumbent directors.

The upcoming years will certainly be an exciting and challenging time. Sien Lok Society will be celebrating its own 35th Anniversary and in 2005 will celebrate Alberta's centennial. We will continue to act as a bridge between the Chinese communities and the mainstream.

As we all know, communications plays a vital role in the success of any endeavour, and the Sien Lok Society is no exception. In this time of information overload, effective communication is achieved by sharing the right information, at the right time, in the right format, so we can carry out our director roles or volunteer assignments effectively. We hope that we can utilize our website and newsletter to allow our members and volunteers to provide input as to how we

can maintain the communication methods that are working well, and improve on areas that need a boost.

I look forward to your input and hope that you will experience the positive impact that being a member of Sien Lok Society of Calgary can have on our ongoing development.

And now, . . . we all deserve a bit of a rest to recharge, contemplate, and enjoy the holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I hope to see you all at the Sien Lok 35th Annual Chinese New Year Banquet on Saturday, January 31, 2004. It promises to be more fun than a barrel of monkeys! Let's enjoy our "*Monkey Business*" on that night.

Past President's Term in Review

by Allen Wong, Past-President

The last two and one-half years were productive and challenging years in the Sien Lok Society of Calgary. Not only was the past directorship diligent in expanding the "Sien Lok Park Experience" with the addition of the "Wall of Names" sculpture, but they have molded a template for the future direction of the Sien Lok Society of Calgary as well. In working with the Centre for Non-Profit Management, the directors have forged a new vision statement for the Sien Lok Society of Calgary being:

"Through a legacy of cooperation, advancing and preserving Chinese Canadian heritage by creating bridges between generations and cultures."

The directorship was also hard at work creating a strategic plan for the Sien Lok Society of Calgary for almost every aspect of its operation dealing with bettering communications and exposure of the Sien Lok Society of Calgary which will be evidenced by our new logo that was officially unveiled at the Annual General

Meeting on October 17, 2003, and on the website www.sienlok.org.

The Sien Lok Society of Calgary also created a process for evaluating future projects, such as the Chinese Canadian Digitization project, in cooperation with the University of Calgary, Simon Fraser University, and the Ontario Multicultural Society.

The Sien Lok Society of Calgary also redefined roles of the directorship itself along with updating of the bylaws for the Sien Lok Society of Calgary.

I believe this hard work will pay rich dividends in the future as the Sien Lok Society of Calgary is well positioned to be a creative and beneficial force in our community and achieving the new vision statement.

At this point, I wish to thank all the past directors: Mr. Ray Lee, Mr. Edmond Lee, Ms Pamella Fearon, Mrs. Cori Louis-Smith, Mr. Philip Slen, Mrs. Windchill Ha, Mr. William Mah, Mrs. Wendy Kit Tsui, Mr. Kevin Wong, Mrs. Sharon To, Mr. Peter Fung, Ms Lisa Woo, Mrs. Rosina Ye, Ms Jan Mah, and Mr. Jerry Chong. These directors have again showed the leadership and planted the seeds so that future members and directors of Sien Lok Society of Calgary will be able to enjoy the shade of this hard work.

Finally, we thank our members and volunteers for their support throughout this term. Their loyal support allows the Sien Lok Society of Calgary to continue to be a force of benefit for our community at large.

It is my hope that all the membership, directors, and volunteers will continue to support Sien Lok Society of Calgary in the exciting projects planned during the upcoming term.

Social Club Update

by William Mah

Saturday November 8th - Movie Afternoon -
Disney's Brother Bear

Something is magical about spending an afternoon filled with kids and watching a Disney cartoon. 65 persons (mostly young, but some old) came out to see the latest release from Walt Disney studios. The movie follows the life learning of a young man who is magically transformed into the animal he hates the most, namely a bear. He gradually learns to understand bears and grows and understands himself. Typical of Disney movies, it is interjected with humour that most of the younger members did not understand, but for us old guys, it was a definite flashback to the 80's. There is a hilarious spoof of the old Bob and Doug MacKenzie skit from the SCTV network as they are portrayed by what else? Canadian Moose. Funny stuff.

Thanks to all the members for bringing out their kids and spending the afternoon with us.

Upcoming New Year Banquet

by Cori Louis-Smith

Don't forget to mark **Saturday, JANUARY 31, 2004**, on your calendars!!

The Sien Lok Society will be hosting its 35th Annual Chinese New Year's Celebration, The Year of The Monkey. This promises to be a memorable event. Our returning Masters of Ceremony are Audrey Kwan and Mike Lee--both Monkeys!

Cocktails 6:30 pm, Dinner 7:30 pm with a dance to follow, held at the Regency Seafood Restaurant. Tickets are only \$65/person.

Don't be disappointed, call for your tickets today; Cori Louis-Smith at 256-5687 or 218-5156 and leave a message.

Call for Volunteers

by Wendy Kit Tsui

Dear Honorary Members/Members/
Directors/Past Volunteers/Future Volunteers:

We are currently in the process of recruiting volunteers for the following upcoming events: The Sien Lok Society - 35th Chinese New Year Banquet on Saturday, January 31, 2004, and the fundraising casino Tuesday and Wednesday February 24 and 25, 2004. If you or your neighbours and friends want to be involved, please let me know via this email address: kit.tsui@rbc.com or call 266-9604.

From previous experiences, our volunteers come for the excitement of being part of our events; for the networking, socializing, the food, and last but not least to have fun. It's also another way to give back to the community as well. We are a non-profit organization and our mission statement is: "Through a legacy of co-operation, advancing and preserving Chinese Canadian heritage by creating bridges between generations and cultures."

1. Chinese New Year Banquet
Regency Palace Seafood Restaurant
328 Centre Street SE, Calgary
Saturday, January 31, 2004

This upcoming year will be the 35th anniversary for the Sien Lok Society of Calgary. It is going to be a lot of fun to live up to the reputation of the "Year of the Monkey". Definitely, there will be some monkey business. We need between 35 and 40 volunteers for the coat check, ushering, the photo booth, selling pull tickets, and taking care of events in general.

2. Casino Days
Tuesday and Wednesday,
February 24 and 25, 2004.

This upcoming event will take place over two days. The volunteers will act as runners or bankers for the casino. Annie Louie will be organizing and co-ordinating all the volunteers.

There will be two shifts per day with 10 volunteers per shift with a total of 40 volunteers if they take the full shift.

Bylaws Update

by Kevin Wong, Webmaster/Legal Counsel

As presented at our General Meeting, the Board has completed a thorough revision of the Society's Bylaws. Prior to this, the Society's bylaws had been untouched since the Society's inception.

Some highlights of the changes include:

- 1) The size of the Board can now be between five and 25 members.
- 2) Board and Executive powers are separate, but a Board member can also be an Executive.
- 3) Executive and staff can be remunerated, but a Board member in their capacity as a Director cannot.
- 4) There is no limit to the number of terms a Director may serve.
- 5) Directorship terms are two (2) years in length.
- 6) Provision for electronic communications such as e-mail, for all Board and Member communications.
- 7) A Quorum of the Membership is 5% of all members entitled to vote.

There are many other sweeping changes, and you are very much encouraged to read the new bylaws included with this edition of the newsletter.

These bylaws must now be passed by way special resolution, by you, the Sien Lok Members. In the interests of time and simplicity, this vote will be done only by regular mail, rather than in-person or by other means.

Included with this newsletter is a copy of the new bylaws, and a Proxy Form (voting form) for each member to fill-out and return by mail. The completed proxy is to be delivered to Sien Lok

Society of Calgary, PO Box 20150, RPO Bow Valley, Calgary, AB, T2P 4H3, not less than 24 hours before the meeting (4:00 pm, January 31, 2004). Alternatively, the Member may deliver the completed proxy to any director of the Society for presentment at the Meeting.

If there are any questions regarding the new bylaws or the special resolution process, please contact Kevin Wong by e-mail at kwong@sienlok.org, or by phone at 397-1778.

Watch for these interesting articles in the next newsletter:

- 1) Report on Sien Lok's dinner with the Consul General of the People's Republic of China
- 2) Report on the executive meeting with RBC Financial Group.
- 3) Upcoming Social Committee events.
- 4) Report on the 35th Annual Sien Lok New Year Banquet.
- 5) Results of the vote on the updated Bylaws.

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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