



## **CSNS NEWSLETTER Vol:2**

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### **1. Christmas Party:**

Our Annual potluck party was held at the Canadian Martyrs Church, December 5, 2004. About 130 people were present at the party. Families from the "Family with Children from China" attended this social event. We celebrated Christmas party with hot food and delicious desserts. Santa came with gifts to children. Our evening ended with fun filled games. Everyone had something to take home for Christmas; they were Santa's presents, winning prizes, door prizes and warm memories.

### **2. 2005 New Year Party and Election of Board of Directors**

On January 2, 2005, the New Year Party and Election of Board of Directors were held at the Dragon Buffet King; fifty five members attended the meeting. Fred Lee chaired the meeting. Four candidates were nominated for the election: Spencer Lee nominated David Yung, Fred Lee nominated Oscar Wong, Zhongmin Dong nominated Paul Liu, and Ping Seto nominated Shawna Seto-Moore. Fifty five ballots were casted with one invalid ballot. Oscar Wong and David Yung had the largest number of votes, and they will serve as directors for three years. Shawna Seto-Moore, with the third most votes will serve as director for two years. Paul Liu will serve as director for one year.

During this meeting, Doreen Liew raised the idea that CSNS contribute and/or coordinate contributions from our members towards helping the people affected by the tsunami. Many members felt that although they had already made or will make donations individually, and/or through other organizations, the Society should still contribute to the relief fund. \$1000 from Society operation budget was donated to the Red Cross to tsunami victims.

### **3. Chinese New Year Banquet:**

On February 12, 2005, the Chinese New Year Banquet was held at the Casino Nova Scotia Hotel to celebrate arrival of the Year of Rooster. We had more than 380 attendants. Tickets were sold out a month prior to the event which had left many lingered over on the waiting list. This event was attended by the Honourable Mrs. Myra Freeman, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia and His Honour, Mr. Lawrence Freeman, the Honourable John Hamm, Premier of Nova Scotia, the Honourable Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Geoff Regan, MP Halifax West, and representatives from the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Our MC's for the evening were Angel Wong-Hong, and Raymond Wong. The performances were well received with many compliments from our guests. The program had everyone's favourites, including the Lion Dance, Peking Opera (Azalia Liu), and a Chinese Ethnic Groups Dance.

We had 51 door prizes. A raffle was held with all proceeds donated to the Halifax Metro Food Bank, with the prize being two return tickets to any Canadian CanJet destination, courtesy of CanJet airlines. A hearty thank you goes to Hong Kong Business Association for co-hosting this event. We wish to thank all the volunteers who helped in making this spectacular event a success.

### **4. Congratulation and welcome:**

Congratulation to Kim See Leong who married Joyce on Feb. 26, 2005. Welcome Joyce as our new member.

### **5. Friday Gym Schedule:**

The Fairview Junior High School (FJHS) gym (155 Rosedale Ave. Halifax) is available for members of the Society on most Fridays during the school year. Our regular gym hours are from 8:00pm to 10:00pm. The following schedules are subjected to cancellation on short notice by the Halifax Regional School Board due to special events, inclement weather, or in services. If the school was not in session on a particular Friday, its facilities would not be available to the Society on that day. Please note that if the School Board has notified the media that schools are closed on a particular day, this will imply the school will not be available for the Society to use. Notification from School Board will be passed on to members by email and via the web. The following is a schedule up to, and including June.

March 4 and 11, 2005.

April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2005.

May 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2005.

June 3 and 10, 2005.

## **6. Community Events:**

On Feb. 23, 2005, Glades Lodge (a senior home) invited the Society to introduce Chinese culture and celebrate Chinese New Year. Mei Wang, Min Huang, and Jing Yang performed two pieces of Chinese dance interspersed in a PowerPoint presentation about Chinese culture presented by Zhongmin Dong. The presentation and performances were well received, and appreciated.

## **7. Up coming Events:**

**Bowling:** We will contact all members on this event in April

**Asian Heritage Month:** May 2005 is Asian Heritage Month.

**Mother's Day Potluck Supper:** We will contact all members on this event in May

**Annual Multicultural Festival:** The annual Multicultural Festival will be on June 17-19, 2005 at Alderney Landing in Dartmouth. The Society will participate in this event, and welcome members to volunteer. More information will be given when it is available.

**Dragon Boat Festival:** The eighth annual Dragon Boat Festival will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005. We will have our team(s) participate this event. Paddlers are needed. Please contact Ping Seto (pingseto@hotmail.com).