HEALTH EDUCATIONAL SESSION

Chung Wah Senior’s Group shall be getting together and invites other Senior members to come along on Friday 14th May 2010 Chung Wah Hall 10.30am for 11.00am sharp start

For an Educational Sessions on important health information about:
The Safe and Wise Use Of Medicines 2)Sleep And Ageing

This have been funded by the National Prescribing Service (NPS) in partnership with the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia (FECCA).

For further information please contact Melanie Chin 0412903980.

CONGRATULATIONS

David & Marie-Louise Pearson 25th Wedding anniversary

Stephen and Shaun Pearson 21st Birthday
FROM THE BOARDROOM

Re-alignment of Woods St Driveway
A proposal put to the Committee by the Darwin City Council to modify the entrance driveway from Woods Street by realigning the driveway to enter Woods Street at 90 degrees (see accompanying sketch) instead of an angle, was rejected by the Committee.

The Committee felt that this design would exacerbate the problem of vehicles entering and exiting the premises, especially buses and heavy trucks. The Council also intended to install another car park at the entrance plus the fact it requested Chung Wah Society to contribute $15,000 on a $ for $ basis to carry out the whole project.

It was decided by the Committee that, while the existing entrance way is not the most satisfactory, it is much better than the one suggested by the Council and therefore decided to reject the plan.

Review of Membership Structure and Annual Fees
At its April 2010 meeting, the Management Committee approved the re-structuring of the membership base and fee structure which will, as from 1 July 2010, be:

Family (includes Main member, spouse/partner and dependent children < 18 years) $50
Couple (includes Main member and spouse/partner residing at the same address) $40
Single (Applicant 18 years and over without dependents) $25
Concession Couple (where the Main member is 60 & over) $30
Concession Single (Persons >18 who are full time students; Senior Citizens 60 and over) $15
Junior Single (single persons <18 without Family Membership cover) $7.50

All the above categories and fees apply in both Full and Associate Membership status. Life, Guest and Sponsor Memberships are not affected as they pay no fees.

In addition, the Committee approved the commencement of multiple year memberships as from 1 July 2010 to a maximum of three (3) years. No discounts are being offered but members who take out the multiple year memberships will avoid any increases that may occur in the intervening period.

The above will be reflected in the Membership Renewal Notices which will be sent out to members in May 2010.

Renovation of Kitchen
By the time you read this, the kitchen’s renovation will be underway and nearing completion. The sinks bench has been repaired and raised, new cupboards have been installed. A new hot water urn is to be installed and a new turbo gas burner, recently purchased from China, will be installed next to the existing oven. The existing wok burners will be “retired” from service until a mobile frame can be manufactured and the gas supply upgraded to the required Worksafe standards. All renovations need to be completed by mid-June to allow the Department of Health and Families to re-register Chung Wah as a Food Business under the Food Act. This requirement was imposed on us after the last Show on the basis that we manufacture food (sartees) for resale to the general public. We are treated in the same way as market stall proprietors who also have to undergo the same process.

New Members
The following new members were approved by the Committee:-
Benjamin Lu; Brandon Santos; Clifford Young; Brandon Chuah; Angela Lui. Welcome one and all.

Anzac Day Dawn Service
As has been the tradition now for many years, the Chung Wah Society attended the Dawn Service to lay its wreath at the Cenotaph. This year, the Society was represented by our Patron, Mr Dick Griffiths.
Ching Ming Festival and Chinese Cemetery
The Temple Officer Dennis Low reported that the festival went as planned. In respect of the Chinese Cemetery, the President reported that he has authorised the Darwin City Council to remove a dead acacia tree on the cemetery’s boundary line. The Council had reported the tree’s state of decay and asked if the tree has any significance from our viewpoint. Having ascertained there was none, including the fact it was not on the heritage listing, approval was given to the Council have the tree removed.

The President also raised the desirability of having a sign installed to indicate this site as the Chinese Cemetery. Many enquiries were being received from visitors to the Chinese Museum as to the cemetery’s whereabouts. The General Secretary is to raise the matter with the Darwin City Council.

Senior Citizens
The Seniors Co-ordinator Melanie Chin, reported that the Council of the Ageing has received a grant from the Commonwealth to undertake workshops with ethnic organisations on the safe use of medicines by the aged. The workshop with the Chung Wah Society will be held on 14 May 2010 and will be held by professional staff assisted by interpreters.

The Senior Citizen’s Group has decided to again participate in the Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea (ABMT) on Friday 28 May 2010 at 10.00am during a normal senior citizen’s fortnightly get together.

Life Memberships
Under the Constitution, all nominations for life memberships are to be in writing and are to be lodged with the Management Committee no later than the July meeting of the Committee to allow discussion and consideration of the merits of the nomination before the Annual General Meeting in September. Verbal nominations will no longer be accepted at any time. This is being reiterated because of recent verbal request to consider a member for the award. In the past, nominations were taken verbally but unfortunately this was not accompanied by any written documentation of the recipient’s contribution and hence it is not possible for future members to determine and appreciate the recipient’s valued contribution to the Society.

Special Children’s Christmas Party (SCCP)
The President spoke to a request for sponsorship by the SCCP for its 2010 party. The Society has supported this event for six years. The SCCP is a party organised each year for children with disabilities at the Palmerston Shopping Centre. The value of the approved package is $220.00 incl GST.

Scholarship Proposal
Earlier this year, the Management Committee considered a proposal from a member to institute a scholarship for local Chinese students hoping to enter university. The Committee at that time decided not to undertake the proposal at that stage because of the amount of work required to raise the necessary funds ($50,000) to make the scheme a viable one together with the inexperienc of the Society in such matters. The Committee has decided to revisit its position following a suggestion from another member for the Society to sponsor a scholarship for local Chinese students. The Committee is examining the latest proposal to ascertain the viability of the suggestion.

Darwin Festival
The Society has been approached by the organisers of the Darwin Festival for the use of the Chung Wah Society’s premises between 26-28 August 2010 for the staging of a Buddhist Dance Group performance. The organisers think that the CWS site is most suitable because of setting with the Temple as part of the background. The Committee has agreed in principle to the proposal and has advised that a payment of a $2500 fee (plus $20 per hour for air conditioning) is appropriate to compensate the Society for the use of the hall for 3 days and night, the closure of the car park for part of the time and the opening of the Temple after normal closing hours. The Committee is still awaiting the Darwin Festival’s response at the time of writing.

Tennis Court
The Committee is examining further suggestions that will render the court safer to use by undertaking spot repairs rather than a total re-surface costing tens of thousands of dollars.

Temple Caretaker
The Temple Caretaker, James Kho, will be on leave between 13 May and the end of June 2010. Temporary relief arrangements are being arranged for the period of his absence.
IT'S MORNING TEATIME!
MAY 2010

COME AND HAVE A CUPPA TO HELP TIP THE BALANCE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER.

Host: Chung Wah Senior's Group
Date: 28 May 2010
Time: 9.30am-2.00pm
Where: Chung Wah Hall
Tel: Melanie Chin on 0412903980
RSVP by:
Hope to see you there!
Details: Donations of cakes, cookies, slices, scones, muffins, etc will be greatly appreciated to make this a successful event to fund raise in the fight against cancer.
CWS FAMILY CAMP

Depart Darwin Saturday 31 July at 9am
Camp Saturday and Sunday Night
Return Monday 2nd August (Picnic Day Public Holiday)

Destination to be Finalised, the following sites being considered
• Batchelor / Litchfield National Park
• Douglas Daly Hot Springs
• Gunlom Falls / Kakadu National Park
  Edith Falls / Katherine Gorge

Numbers will be limited so if you are interested please contact
Austin Chin 89857142 / 0413998082 / austin.chin@powerwater.com.au
Melanie Chin 0412903980

Expressions of interest to be registered before
Thursday 1st July 2010 to allow for bookings.

CHUNG WAH SOCIETY DRAGON & LION DANCE TROUPE

As the Chinese New Year festivities came to an end in late February the lion dance troupe only had a short time to rest and recover before training resumed again. This led into the numerous performances carried out in the month of March. Some of these performances included various birthday celebrations, Dragonboat Harmony Day race blessing, the blessing of new play equipment at a childcare in Palmerston, and most recently, a performance at the International Food Fair held by the Buddhist Society of the Northern Territory.

The troupe will also be performing at the official opening of the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets on Thursday 29th April.

Training continues to be held every Saturday afternoon from 2pm-4pm at the Chung Wah Hall. For further information in regards training or booking to a performance you can email the troupe at: londance@chungwahnt.asn.au

Lion Dance Troupe at the International Food Fair, Buddhist Society NT
picture courtesy of Jeannie Devitt- BSNT
AUSTRALIAN CENTRAL COMMUNITY LOTTERY

See your closest Committee member to buy one or more of these tickets. You will not only give yourself a chance to win one of the 165 prizes on offer but also help the Chung Wah Society which receives 100% of the value of all the tickets it sells. Better still, contact Roland Chin (0412 288 396) and buy a book of 10 tickets (ONLY $20) or take a few to sell to your friends and rellies.

MAH JONG TOURNAMENT

Back: Catherine Ngai (Wooden Spoon), Jennifer Sullivan (2nd Runner Up), Nick Wong (3rd Runner Up), Antony Leung (1st Runner Up)

Front: Alice Leong (Champion), Winnie Wong (4th Runner Up)
MEMBERS’ SERVICE DIRECTORY
If you have a service or skill that may be useful to other members of Chung Wah, please email your details to jade@chungwahnt.asn.au

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CONDOLENCES

We offer our sincerest condolences to the family of Helen Forday (nee Chin) who died in Rockhampton on 29 April 2010.

Helen was the eldest of the Chin Mook Sang/Lowe Sue Chook family which includes current CWS members Joan Chiu, Barbara Chin, and Mervyn Chin. Helen was also the sister in law of Tim Forday, having married the late Bobby Forday, Tim’s elder brother.

Helen had been a strong supporter of the Chung Wah Society and although she lived all her married life in Rockhampton, never forgot her Darwin roots and visited here as often as she could.

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