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What's New

FOR THE MEMBERS

TO THE MEMBERS

BY THE MEMBERS

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The Executives of the ECES wish you and your family a happy and prosperous Year of the Tiger. As the New Year begins, it is time to rekindle your support to the Society and renew your membership.

MEETING NOTES

December 12, 1998, Fourth Annual Meeting and Dinner with APEGGA:

About 150 members and their guests attended the 4th annual meeting and Xmas celebration with APEGGA. During the annual meeting, President Daniel Woo, P. Eng. provided a recap of the society's activities in (such as monthly technical dinner meeting with topics ranging from cutting edge corrosion detection technology by Russell Technology to Implications of Feng Siu to Engineers and related professional members, BBQ in the summer and the 4th anniversary with Mr. Henry Yip, P. Eng., Vice President of TELUS as featured speaker). Guests from APEGGA for the Annual Meeting included APEGGA's President, Dennis Lindberg, P. Eng., Executive Director, Neil Windsor, P. Eng., Special Project Director, Stuart McIntosh, P. Eng. During Mr. Lindberg's speech, he noted the various activities in APEGGA during 1997 and stated APEGGA's support to the Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society. It should be noted that attending our society's technical dinner meetings or presenting talks qualifies as Professional Development Hours (PDHs).

January 12, 1998 technical dinner meeting

Though it was a very cold night, members braved the cold to hear our member Kelvin Tan of Digital Equipment of Canada discuss the in's and out's of computers and the problems year 2000 may bring to us. Did you know that no credit card companies have yet successfully issue cards past year 2000? Do you know that existing bank(s) may not be year 2000 (Y2K) compliant?

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9, 1998, Technical Dinner Meeting

Daniel Woo, P. Eng. of Environment Canada will give a talk on "Federal environmental legislation and Fuels Regulations". Environmental controls are gaining attention throughout the world. Come out to learn what Canada's major environmental legislation are and their accompanying regulations. Do you know that regulatory controls have been recently imposed on gasoline (benzene) and diesels (sulphur). Come to learn what these numbers are and how the refineries can produce the products to meet them.

March 9, 1998 Technical Dinner Meeting

Featured speaker for the evening will be Allan Kwan, P. Eng. of Alberta Transportation and Utilities.

The 5th Anniversary Dinner

The 5th Anniversary celebration of the Society has been set for Saturday, April 25, 1998. Circle that date on your calendar. More information to come.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Scholarship

ECES will be awarding a scholarship this year to a first year student (member or non-member) enrolled in the University of Alberta's Faculty of Engineering. To apply, write to the society's address above or e-mail to Scholarship Selection Committee chairman, Chris Chan, P. Eng. including in your letter:

- Your average in the 1st semester, from September to December, 1997.
- Your extracurricular and community activities.
- Your name, phone and address (a resume will be welcome).
- Apply before March 31, 1998.

Any questions, call or e-mail one of the executives.

Welcome new members:

Victor Lin, P. Eng.. - Victor is with Biomira and was past President of U of A's Chinese Students Association.
Patrick Chan - Patrick is an engineering student at the U of A.

These two young members bring new strength to our society. We expect their active participation.

Congratulations to:

David Yue, P. Eng. - and his wife on their new baby boy.

Other news:

Edmonton Chinese Community New Year Banquet - Sidney Lam and Daniel Woo, on behalf of ECES, participated on the planning of this year's Chinese New Year banquet. Chinese New Year (year of the Tiger) is on January 28, 1998 and the banquet will be on January 31, 1998. It is hoped that ECES members will take at least one table. The Banquet is sponsored by over 30 Chinese societies in Edmonton.

Edmonton Chinese Lions Club Charter Night Banquet - this year's charter night will be held on February 14, 1998, Saturday, Valentine Day. Members of this club has supported our society throughout the years. Come out and celebrate with them. Let Daniel Woo or Geoffrey Ho know if you need tickets.

VIP Cards for Marco Polo Restaurant: ECES members can receive the cards for \$15. It will qualify for a 10% discount on all meals (dim sum or dinner). By submitting the receipts later (after accumulating over \$400) will entitle you to a 5% of total receipt value in gift certificates. In effect, that is a 15% discount in total. Most of all, the VIP cards carry ECES designations which will identify you as a value customer. Give Ron Lau or Daniel Woo a call if you are interested in obtaining one.

If you have any news you want to share with other members, or if you have changed your address or fax number or recently acquired e-mail capability, advise the executives when they call you.

CAREER CORNER

Opportunities available:

- We are aware of an opportunity for a chemical engineer. E-mail or call Phillip Choi at the end of newsletter.
- A 6 month part-time position in Calgary for an engineer with electrical contracting experience. E-mail or call Daniel Woo at end of newsletter.

The following web sites contain opportunities. It is worthy to check them out periodically.

Public Service Commission: <http://www.psc-cfp.gc.ca/recruit/cfp1e.htm>
Federal summer student program: <http://www.psc-cfp.gc.ca/recruit/fswepl1e.htm>
Canada Employment Weekly: <http://www.mediacorp2.com/>
Nortel Employment <http://www.careermosaic.com/cm/nortel/>
Hong Kong Standard technical / engineering <http://jobmarket.hkstandard.com/online/job/english/post/eptechn.htm>

DO YOU KNOW THAT.....

(We are using this space to share noteworthy information, especially news items dealing with engineering and Asia Pacific commerce. Let the Executives know via phone or e-mail if you catch any news in newspapers or technical journals)

(a) Toxic clean up at Kai Tak expected to cost \$60m (Hong Kong Standard, January 16, 1998 via Internet)
The government will carry out a \$60 million decontamination project at Kai Tak airport after its closure in July. Experts say it will take two to three years to get rid of pollutants before the land can be released for development.

(b) \$6 billion Syncrude expansion means jobs for 2,000 (Edmonton Journal November 26, 1997 section B)
At least 2,000 workers will be needed to construct Syncrude Canada's \$6 billion expansion projects, the company's chief executive officer said Tuesday. - - - Each year, 75 graduates from the University of Alberta find employment at the site 35 km north of Fort McMurray.

(c) Eulogizing the inventor of disposable diapers - (Chemical Engineering / December 1997, page 48)
With the heralded birth of the McCaughey septuplets in Iowa last month, Procter and Gamble Co.(Cincinnati, Ohio) began delivering on its promise to keep the babies diapered in disposable Pampers - .” Even though Mills retired 36 years ago, his name was still a household word among the company's engineering staff” says a P&G spokesman. (another way engineers help our daily life)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society wants to thank **Laurentian Bank** for their corporate membership. Please call any executive if you or your firm is interested to support our society and become a corporate member. Corporate membership includes Acknowledgments/ Ads on all newsletters, annual and anniversary programs, and tickets to annual and anniversary banquets.

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