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What's New

FOR THE MEMBERS

TO THE MEMBERS

BY THE MEMBERS

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1.0 Significance of this year, the year of the Dragon

Kung Hai Fat Choy - happy and a prosperous Chinese New year. On February 5, 2000, the new year of the dragon began. It was the 4,698th years for China. This year, besides being the year of the dragon, one of the best regarded years of the 12 animals, it is also the year of the Golden Dragon which occurs only once every 3,000 years. Did you know that governments in some Asian countries are putting extra staff on duty throughout the year to prepare for the expected increases in child births. The Chinese community in Edmonton celebrated the coming of the year on February 5, 2000 on the street at the Avenue of Nations and at the Shaw conference centre. ECES was at both locations.

2.0 Renewal

You are reminded to renew your membership for year 2000. The society will only progress with your continuous support. Send in your renewal fees (\$30 for P. Eng.s, EITs and \$15 for other professionals) to the above postal address.

3.0 1999 in reflection

1999 was a busy year for the executive members. The following is a recap of the events. More details on the events could be found in previous newsletters.

Technical Dinner meeting

ECES held six technical dinner meetings with invited speakers. They were:

January 11, 1999, "Polymers, here, there and everywhere" by Phillip Choi, P. Eng., Ph.D., U of A.

March 8, 1999, "Advances of North American Trenchless Technology in sewer application" by Ken Chua, P. Eng., City of Edmonton

April 12, 1999, "Electricity: The unseen danger" by Ron Chamberland, Pyramid Corp.

May 10, 1999, "Exploring the solar energy" by Gordon Howell, P. Eng.

June 14, 1999, "Effects of federal environmental regulations to the pulp and paper and petroleum refining sectors" by Daniel Woo, P. Eng., Environment Canada

September 13, 1999, "Intelligent Transportation System" by Allan Lo, P. Eng., AT&U

Other meetings:

July 17, 1999 Saturday, members and guests/ sponsors' BBQ - this free BBQ was again held at Victoria Park, near the Royal Glenora. Weather was good and all had a good time.

October 23, 1999, 6th Anniversary Banquet and Dance - feature speaker for the event was Mr. Wayne Cao, MLA and engineer on the topic of ““Lifelong Learning: Why, What & How”. Over 200 members/ guests and representatives from APEGGA, other Edmonton Chinese societies/ associations attended the event. Greetings from three levels of government were also received.

November 8, 1999, election of 2000 executive, Strategic Planning section and Y2K preparedness – election was conducted by Phillip Choi, P. Eng., Ph.D.; a Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Trend (SWOT) exercise was carried out by Allan Kwan, P.Eng.; all members exchanged opinions and experience on Y2K preparedness.

December 13, 1999, Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Xmas Banquet - Chairman for the AGM was Chris Chan, P. Eng. and coordinator for the Xmas gift exchange was Celina Duong, EIT. Menu for the Xmas banquet, a nine-course Peking Duck dinner, was arranged by Daniel Woo, P. Eng. All had a good time.

Executive Committee meetings: held monthly on the 3rd or 4th Sunday at Alberta Kaiping District Association who throughout the years has generously provided the facility free of charge to the society.

ECES participation in technical events: members of ECES participated in APEGGA-sponsored events such as the graduating engineering students/ P.Eng.'s mixers and the calling of the ritual of an engineer/ iron ring ceremonies.

ECES participation in Edmonton's Chinese community events: ECES participated in the fund raising events for the Edmonton Chinese Seniors Lodge and the Taiwan Earthquake. ECES member (Daniel Woo) was a member of the organizing committee for the Chinese New Year celebration and the Edmonton Chinese Community float entry to Edmonton's 1999 Klondike Parade. ECES also contributed to U of A's Chinese Students Association's China Week/ Fashion Show.

ECES has a good mission and worthwhile objectives. It is worthy of all the members' support. Without members' support, ECES would not progress further and may begin to fade. Members are urged to renew their membership and whenever possible, come out to support the events.

4.0 Previous Meeting

February 7, 2000, Planning and Construction of the new Hong Kong Airport by Francis Wu, P. Eng. – Before Francis spoke on the massive project, we were shown videos that summarized the challenges engineers faced for the project. The project, at a total cost of \$300 billion (\$60 billion Cdn), took 4 years (1993 –1997). The project included the world's longest rail & car suspension bridge. It was said that most of the world's dredging machines were at work in Hong Kong at that period. Did you know that another major project is coming in Hong Kong, the Disney World project shortly. It would be adjacent to the new Hong Kong Airport.

5.0 Upcoming Meetings

April 10, 2000 technical dinner meeting

Speaker will be Nick Tywoniuk, P. Eng., Ph.D. on “Alternatives to Dispute Resolution”. Dr. Tywoniuk, prior to setting up his own consulting firm, was regional director with Environment Canada in Edmonton and was involved with the Toastmasters in Edmonton. It promises to be an informative and educational talk.

June 12, 2000 technical dinner meeting

Date is confirmed. The technical speaker is being confirmed. Mark this date on your calendar.

Note: All technical dinner meetings are held at Mirama Restaurant, 2nd floor, 9431 – Jasper Avenue starting at 6:00 PM. Cost including 9 course Chinese dinner is \$15/person, \$10 /student, \$20/non-member. Hours attending ECES' technical dinner meetings qualify for APEGGA's professional development hours. Our meetings are also listed in APEGGA's newspaper, the PEGG's society listing page. Take a look and if you use internet, look it up at <http://www.apegga.com/societielisting.htm>

6.0 MEMBERSHIP NEWS

-Raymond Kwong, P. Eng. noted that the Taiwan High Speed Rail is now in the construction stage. The Rail is connecting Taiwan from north to south. Raymond has been in Taiwan since summer of 1999.

7.0 Other news:

Community events:

Edmonton Chinese Community New Lunar Year celebration Feb. 12, 2000 Saturday – the New Year banquet held at Mirama had 63 tables with over 600 people including guests from the three levels of government. The event was organized annually by the over 34 Chinese non-profit societies in Edmonton. ECES members participated in the planning and attended the celebrations.

Edmonton Chinese Dramatic Club 83rd anniversary and Board of Director installation, March 12, 2000 Sunday – a long history in Edmonton, contact Dan Woo if you wish to take in this event.

Edmonton Chinese Lions Club 20th anniversary charter night and benefit concert (by Edmonton Symphony Orchestra) for CNIB – March 19, 2000 Sunday at Winspear Centre. \$50/person concert and reception (concert only \$25/person). Contact Michael Nam of the Lions Club at 488-3579 or call or e-mail Daniel Woo. It is for a good cause.

Alberta Kaiping District Association Spring Banquet, April 16, 2000 Sunday – this association has provided free of charge to ECES a location to the executives for their monthly meeting. ECES should show our support.

APEGGA-sponsored activities:

Graduating students/ P. Eng. Mixer – March 8, 2000 Wednesday, 5:30 to 7:00 pm at U of A Students Union Building. It is a chance for students to meet practicing engineers. Call APEGGA office to confirm your attendance if you could spare a couple of hours

Iron ring ceremony - April 1, 2000 Saturday at Westin Hotel. Professional members are asked to volunteer to provide guidance to graduating students in their exercises in preparation for their iron ring ceremony. The April ceremony is by far the largest of the year. Give APEGGA office a call if you can volunteer the morning on April 1st. It is a good experience.

8.0 CAREER CORNER

Opportunities available:

The following web sites contain opportunities. It is worthy to check them out periodically. (*Tips* for internet: instead of typing in the web sites, highlight and copy the web site then paste it to the site location.)

Federal summer student program: <http://www.psc-cfp.gc.ca/recruit/fssep1e.htm>
National Energy Board <http://www.neb.gc.ca/>
Public Service Commission: http://publiservice.srv.gc.ca/hr/hr_e.html
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>

Members looking for opportunities /community looking for volunteers

- Graduating and experienced engineers (chemical, mechanical disciplines) - let any of the executives know if you are aware of any opportunity.
- Volunteer landscape architect/ engineer or members with experience in major oriental garden designs required. The Chinese community is building a Chinese Garden in the space below the Shaw Centre. It is a major project to coincide with the City’s 5-10 years upgrade of a Park. Let Daniel Woo know if you wish to get involved.

9.0 DO YOU KNOW THAT.....

(We are using this space to share noteworthy information/ quotations, especially news items dealing with engineering and Asia Pacific commerce.)

- (a) “When I started my journey on Dec. 31, 1964, leaving India at the age of 17, little did I know, think or imagine that I would be standing here before you today being called premier of the province.” - Mr. Ujjal Dosanih told the 400 people who gave him a standing ovation in a stately ballroom at Government House. – Globe & Mail
Mr. Dosanih’s success exemplifies what one person can accomplish with hard work.
- (b) Telephone deal rocks Asia – Edmonton Journal 2000-03-01
Entrepreneur Richard Li, 33, was elated Tuesday when his company acquired Cable & Wireless for \$38.1 billion. --- The 33-year-old entrepreneur Richard Li, son of Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-Shing, scored a stunning victory as his Internet company snatched Cable & Wireless HKT away from its first bidder, Singapore Telecommunications Ltd.

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