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FOR THE MEMBERS

TO THE MEMBERS

BY THE MEMBERS

Disclaimer: What's New is a newsletter written to inform members. Readers are cautioned to check the accuracy of contents themselves.

1.0 New members and Renewal:

If you are not a member yet, consider joining us or if you are a member but has not yet sent in your renewal fee, send application or renewal fees (\$30 for P.Eng., EIT and \$15 for other professions) to address above. Visit our web site above to find out more details of the benefits of joining our technical society and other items of interest.

2.0 Upcoming Meetings

July 10, 2004 Saturday - BBQ

In lieu of technical dinner meetings in July and August, a **free** BBQ for sponsors, members, their families and friends will be held from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM on Saturday, July 10, 2004 at site #1, Hawrelak Park. This year's BBQ is a joint event with CGAA (the Chinese Graduates Association of Alberta). So besides having a chance to meet members of ECES you also have a chance to meet members from CGAA, a charitable society in Edmonton.

August 28, 2004 Saturday, Golf Tournament

It is a fun golf tournament and will be held at Whitemud Creek Golf and RV Course at 41 Avenue SW and 165 St. It is a 9- hole course . The charge is \$40 including 9 –hole course golf, lunch at Beijing Beijing at Calgary Trail, 3-golf balls, water and prize as well as fun. Please register with Wing Choy as there is limited spaces available. His email address is wing.choy@gov.ab.ca.

3.0 Previous Meetings

June 12, 2004, Saturday, 11th Anniversary Banquet

Nearly 300 members and guests attended the 11th anniversary celebration event at the Mirama Restaurant. Besides greetings from federal (member of parliament, Mr. David Kilgour), municipal (councilor, Mr. Terry Cavanagh), we also heard encouraging words from APEGGA (executive director, Mr. Neil Windsor, P. Eng.). The keynote speaker for the 11th anniversary was Daniel Y. Kwok, Ph.D, professor in the faculty of mechanical engineering at the University of Alberta.. Dr. Kwok gave a leading edge

talk on a new finding on producing electricity. The topic of his speech was "A New Source of Electrical Power - Coupling between Hydrodynamics and Electrokinetics in Microchannels". Dr. Kwok's finding, published in October 2003 was highlighted by Canadian and Asian newspapers. During the anniversary celebration, a \$500 scholarship was awarded to James Park, a 2nd year engineering student enrolled at the University of Alberta. A plaque was also presented to a long time supporter of our society, the Honourable Judge Geoffrey Ho.

Technical dinner meeting

May 10, 2004, Chris Chan, P. Eng. gave an informative talk on Unconventional Energy. Many questions and answers followed Mr. Chan's presentation.

April 19th, 2004, this meeting was held at the Alberta Research Council (ARC). Prior to the technical talk by Mr. John McDougall, CEO of ARC on innovations, a tour was conducted for all attending members on ARC's facilities. Mr. McDougall is a long time supporter of ECES and has been our society's Honorary Director-at-Large since our society's formation. Mr. McDougall was also the keynote speaker during the society's 5th Anniversary.

March 8th, 2004, Blair Lowe, P.Eng. gave a talk on Internet Magic. Great interests were seen in the follow-up discussions. More details of the talk could be seen in ECES web site.

February 9, 2004, Tim Hawnt, P.Eng. on "P3 Strategy". Mr. Hawnt discussed the meaning of P3 and its values. See talk on web site for details.

January 13, 2004, Samuel Yeung, CA, CFA on "Recent Changes in Income Tax Law". Mr. Yeung's presentation is in the web site. Mr. Yeung is our society's Honorary Chartered Accountant.

In case you are not aware, below are some noteworthy items regarding ECES technical dinner meetings:

- ECES technical dinner meetings qualify for APEGGA professional development hours
- Place/Time: Mirama Restaurant, 2nd Floor, 9431 Jasper Ave, Edmonton, Alberta 18:00hr
- Cost: \$15/person, \$10/student, \$20/non-member
- More Info: visit our web site or watch our announcement in APEGGA's PEGG.

4.0 APEGGA and Community Activities

APEGGA:

March 4, 2004 Thursday, APEGGA Mixer for Professional Engineers and Students at U of A
-Past President, Dan Woo, P. Eng. represented ECES at the mixer.

March 13, 2004 Saturday, APEGGA iron ring study/ ceremony at Shaw Centre
-On behalf of ECES, President Wing Choy, P. Eng. and Past President Dan Woo, P. Eng. attended the iron ring study/ ceremony.

March 24, 2004 Wednesday APEGGA Townhall meeting on "Inclusivity" in Edmonton

-Dan Woo, P. Eng. attended the townhall meeting. For details regarding the subject Re: inclusivity, read the May 2004 PEGG.

Community:

Edmonton Chinatown Long Term Care Centre

-ECES raised over \$ **10,713** for this facility. Construction is being completed with official opening in September or October 2004. Watch the newsletter or community Chinese newspaper for more details on the opening. The facility is to cost \$12 million with 75 continuing care beds and 25 assisted beds. For a list of donors, see April 2003 newsletter (volume 11 issue 2) in our web site.

Fundraising for the ASSIST Centre

-President Choy is running a 1/2 marathon and raising funds for ASSIST. The marathon is to be held on August 22. Give Wing an e-mail if you wish to support his fund-raising. Please give generously. The Society has agreed to donate \$ 500.00 for the good cause. The more the better.

Fundraising for Chinese Library

- The Chinese library is being built on the Chinese Cultural Centre. It needs more funding for the books and computer and interior finishing. Our Society always helps out the Chinese community. We are looking for donations from our members. Our goal is to raise three thousands dollars. Please help us to reach our goals. The donations will be recognized in the next newsletter. Please give generously.

5.0 Career Corner

Job links can now be found on our website, check them out at www.eces.cc! Remember that, according to the University of Alberta Career and Placement Services statistics, 80% of job opportunities are NOT advertised. Therefore, **networking** is an important avenue for job hunters and the **ECES technical meetings** are an excellent opportunity to network in a casual environment. Also, for ECES members, the ECES web resume databank is a free service! Send us your resumes or job opportunities to include on the website.

6.0 Did You Know

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

-that according to the 2001 census, there were - - - over 1 million (3.5%) Chinese, making it the largest ethnic group. (Source Edmonton Journal Jan 22, 2003)

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