



CALGARY CANADA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION AND SHOU LA SHOU PROGRAM

Newsletter

JANUARY 2014

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Newsletters are available at dinner meetings and via email (text only) and on the web site (with photos.)

2014 Year of the Horse

Horse people were born in 1918, 1930, 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002



WELCOME YEAR OF THE HORSE

The horse represents strength, beauty and power. Horse is a favorite Chinese animal. It provided transportation for people before automobiles. It can take someone to their destination, so is not only a symbol of traveling, but also a sign of speedy success.

Horses like to compete with others. They pursue freedom, passion and leadership. Horse is connected to heat, fire and red. Horses like social activities, to show themselves off.

Chinese wouldn't let horses do farm work, giving them instead to the ox. Horses helped humans to win battles. Sitting on horseback implies that person is from noble or higher ranking family. People born in the Horse year care about their dress, image and speech. Horses are intelligent animals and can be trained to be useful to humans who can make a horse famous.

2014 is the year of the Wooden Horse. Wood can help Fire to burn. So Fire can last longer. When Horse meets Tiger and Dog, they form even stronger Fire. But too much Fire implies hot temper and no patience!

CCCFA DINNER DECEMBER 9

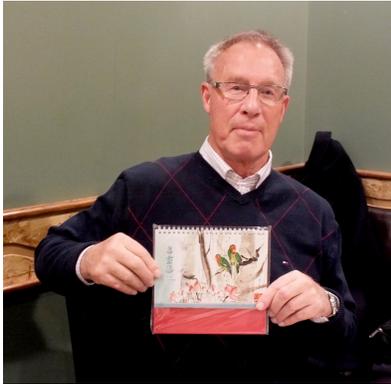
Members enjoyed a festive dinner Monday December 9 for a Show & Tell dinner, again at TaiPan restaurant. We asked everyone to bring along an object to share with other members after dinner. This item was meaningful to them in relation to their personal link to China. It was a fascinating evening, with varied items and stories from everyone present. There were some touching memories, especially from Len Chan who was born in China and has many colorful memories of his grandfather's swords!

Consul Bruce Deng proudly showed us photos of him entertaining our Prime Minister on his first visit to China, one of Bruce's first assignments to the North American area. He also presented us with many interesting books, mainly on Chinese culture, and beautiful calendars for distribution at our Chinese New Year dinner.



Above: Left: Consul Deng & Donna Lamb with her silk embroidery screen, Right: Kelly Wan with her own knotted necklace with family heirloom jades. (Photo credits: Len Chan)

Our draw prizes are always a highlight at dinners and we have Kelly to thank for the interesting gifts she finds, as well as the consulate general for their many contributions.



Photos above: Left: Tony Lamb with a papercut calendar of birds. Centre: Sheila Foster with her white silk Tibetan 'welcome' scarf and Tibetan necklace from Lhasa. Kelly with door prize Chinese wine.

MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

Please note membership dues are also due for the upcoming year. Please send membership renewals to Treasurer Ted Foster at 159 Oakmount Road SW, Calgary AB T2V 4X3 in the amount of \$15 for members and \$25 for families. Payment can also be made at the February 3 New Year dinner.

OCTOBER DINNER: AGM NOTES

A sumptuous 13 course dinner was held at this new venue, TaiPan restaurant. Thanks to Angela Chu for working with Donna to arrange this. A small private room and easy parking are pluses for this location.

Sheila thanked all the executive members for allowing their names to stand for re-election (see list below) and for the work they have all put in over the past year on behalf of us all. Reports were presented by President, Treasurer and ShouLaShou Director. Many good ideas emerged from the round-table discussion.

After many years servicing in various capacities, Hei-Ling Choi stepped down from the executive to remain a regular member. We thank her for all her hard work over the years in Canada and in China on our behalf.

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SHOU LA SHOU

China Heritage Tour for ShouLaShou families

Last year Morag and Joanna arranged a trip to China for families with adopted children age 10+ Families would only pay air fare to China, Chinese hosts paying their 9-day tour costs.

Unfortunately, we did not have sufficient response to send anyone, as most of our participant children were under age 10. We now have some interested families for the 2014 Heritage Tour. We will examine ways to encourage participation from Calgary families.

Summer 2014 SLS Summer Camp

We still hope to arrange a summer camp in Calgary for the SLS children. Let Morag know if you are interested.

CONSULAR NEWS

We sadly bid goodbye to Consul General Mme. Liu, who left Calgary in November to take up her new consular position in Beijing. We welcomed new Deputy Consul General Dr. Wan at the farewell reception held at the Hyatt Regency hotel on Nov 28th, when Sheila and Ted Foster and VP Morag MacLellan represented CCCFA.

FEDERATION NEWS

Check the federation web site for regular updates for all chapters. Our web site, sadly out of date, will be updated soon.

FCCFA AGM OCT 27: Sheila Foster and Morag McLellan represented Calgary at the October 27 AGM. Sheila was elected Federation president for a further year.

DINNERS AND SHOU LA SHOU EVENTS PLANNED FOR 2014

Dinners: Feb 3 (for Chinese New Year), May 12, Sep 8, Dec 1

ShouLa Shou events proposed March 9 and November

We host consular representatives and guest speakers to our dinners.

CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET

Look for a notice soon for our Chinese New Year dinner to be held at the Tai Pan restaurant Monday Feb 3 at 6pm.

Seating is limited to book early.

NEW DINNER PAYMENT POLICY REMINDER

We have been experiencing difficulty with bookings, no shows and payment requirements. We do not have the flexibility to confirm then pay for dinner for no-shows.

If your plans change please let us know so that we do not have to delay dinner waiting for registered attendees..

While we realize that last-minute problems arise, we must in future ask that once confirmed on the cutoff date, members honour the payment if required.

2014 Executive Committee Members

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