



Canadian Chinese Association (S.A.)

2012 End of the Year Report

by

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The four events held this year have over the years proven to be the most popular. The first, the Spring Golf saw 53 golfers in friendly competition. We tried a new venue for the annual Family Picnic at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. What a lovely park. Although we were assigned an ideal spot, a large nice secluded area and had lovely weather, only 30 people ventured out. In spite of this we had a good time with great camaraderie and laughter. The Fall Weekend Golf saw 20 golfers enjoy lovely weather.

To celebrate our 25th anniversary, two special events were held. The first was the Photographic Contest. This was truly a successful event. There were 26 participants with our youngest photographer being 6 years old. 88 entries were received. Thanks to all the photographers who made this a great success. Thanks also to our judges from the Barrie Photo Club who had a difficult time deciding on the top 3 winning entries. The other event was a cruise on beautiful Lake Ontario on the River Gambler with lunch and dancing in September. We were forced to cancel. Only 36 patrons committed by deadline date. I was very disappointed.

Participation over the past ten years has been in steady decline. This year the support from the community was the lowest for all four events. Our core group of supporters are those who immigrated to the Toronto area in the 60s and 70s. Not only is participation poor, there is not enough members on the Executive to carry out the necessary work attached to events. There are 7 positions, but in the last two years and this year there are only 5 members on the Executive. We have been short handed for three years now. We need you to step up and be elected onto the Executive. Every year we have the same devoted dedicated individuals. There are 5 vacancies on the Executive Committee for 2013 and new ideas and energy is needed.

I wish to thank our sponsors and volunteers. ShoppersKey, Steven Quan for sponsoring our website since 2003. Volunteers – Frank Germana, Geoff Leong, Pearly Leong, Gordon Lock, David Ming-Sun, Rosemarie Ming-Sun and Geraldine Quan for their continued support at various times throughout this year. Thanks also to the patrons of the golf days and family picnic who pitched in and helped out.

I wish to thank the core group of supporters who come out each and every year to the picnic, golf events and the dinner. The success of CCASA depends not only on this core group but on all members of CCASA. I encourage everyone to participate in 2013.

In conclusion, thanks to members of the Executive, especially, Ivan Leong and Denise War for their hard work not only this year but for all the past years. Let's hope that 2013 will be a better year for CCASA.

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