



NEWSLETTER

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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2012

Members present: : Ambo Dhaliwal, Ray Dhaliwal, Louise Malahoff, Wendy Reddman, Okgyo Lee, Bona Jeong Ahn, Amit Goel, Bikram Bathh, Paul Lagacé, Ted Wawm, Joe Leong, Del Turner, Elsie and George Cheung, Gloria Perreault and Nandi Spolia.

Joe Leong reported on the status of our accounts, and told of applications of monies for Canada Day noting a request for an additional \$1000 for the city fireworks.

Del told of enquiries and mail he had received since our last meeting noting, for example, a request from a Korean moving to town and a Ukrainian recent resident homesick for contact over the Ukrainian Christmas. Service contacts were usually referred to Kamloops Immigration Services, he said.

He also told of attempts to help an International Muslim organization find a Buddhist and a Jewish representative to a multi-faith conference being held at TRU on February 11.

An invitation from the federal government to join the Minister of Immigration and Multiculturalism at TRU on Friday, January 27 (1:45 pm) was circulated.

Two Chinese New Years events were announced (January 28 at the Lotus and February 4 at the Beijing Restaurants). Tickets \$30.00 reduced to \$15 if you join the KMS table. Joe and Elsie have tickets.

A TRU student representative told of a purchase of new costumes for their banga dance group and asked if we would consider a donation toward the acquisition, noting that they will perform for us at our banquet. The request was referred to our executive.

The idea of moving the charity purposes of our banquet into the outer Kamloops community was discussed, of developing an International disaster fund for quicker response to overseas needs led to invitations to take our message to the Rotary Clubs through the efforts of Paul and Nandi.

Two surveys concerning banquet commitments are to be sent out with the newsletter and should be handed in at our next (February 9) meeting: your food and entertainment contributions!

NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 PM

**UKRAINIAN CENTRE
425 YORK STREET**

TABLE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Del Turner

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Ray Dhaliwal

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Remy Lucerni

TREASURER

Joe Leong

SECRETARY

Liz Lyne

DIRECTORS

Dilip Maurya, Nandi Spolia,
Carmelita Chatelaine, George Cheung,
and Wendy Reddeman

FINAL BANQUET PREPARATIONS

The Thursday, February 9th meeting at the Ukrainian Centre will have us finalize preparations for the February 18 banquet. We will familiarize ourselves with the kitchen facilities and set the food and entertainment, as well as firming up our ticket sales. The survey forms attached to this newsletter should be handed in at this meeting.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE

There is a squabble in Richmond whereby a group wants all signs to be in English: Chinese alone not wanted.

There is a matrilineal state in India where a group of men are now petitioning for equal rights with women. Oh the terror of being downtrodden and oppressed!



BOOK REVIEW

The Man Who Loved China by Simon Winchester (Harper-Collins, 2008) The story of Joseph Needham, a British academic, who decides to explore China and its history, particularly the

history of science and technology that was filled with discoveries long before they were part of Western knowledge. He went to China during WW II to serve as an advisor to Chinese academics, and travelled extensively always researching the historical documents for knowledge not hitherto reported in the West, and, strangely lost to the memory of the Chinese themselves. His contributions to China and the world has been recognized by both China and the West, in China being named along with Canada's Norman Bethune as one of China's great foreign friends.



COMING EVENTS

YEAR OF THE DRAGON

CHINESE BANQUETS

JANUARY 28 (LOTUS)

Tickets from Joe Leong

FEBRUARY 4 (BEIJING)

Tickets from Elsie Cheung



TRU INTERNATIONAL DAYS

GLOBAL CONCERNS

(February 6 through February 10)

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Kamloops Multicultural Society is to promote and cultivate understanding and friendship between Canadian Ethnic groups; to organize and support the interchange of cultural and traditional activities of all ethno-cultural groups; to encourage the retention of all cultures; to share cultures with other Canadians; and to assist and encourage new immigrants in their endeavors to become fully participating citizens in Canadian society.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Full membership in KMS is open to cultural organizations having a democratically elected executive and objectives similar to KMS. Associate memberships are available to individuals holding interests similar to KMS with all membership applications subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors.

MULTICULTURAL CHARITY BANQUET

Saturday, February 18: 6:00 pm
at the Ukrainian Centre

(425 York Street, North Kamloops)

Foods and entertainment from
around the world

**PROCEEDS FOR
INTERNATIONAL DISASTER
RELIEF**



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Affiliation of Multicultural Societies
and Service Agencies of BC