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Rub a Dub Tub

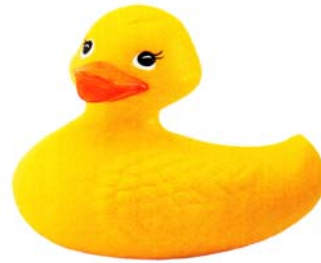
Victoria BC (October 2011)

The Victoria Chinatown Community Care Foundation (VCCCF) will host a special fundraiser for a much needed recumbent tub for the Victoria Chinatown Care Center. This initiative is to help the elderly residents of the care center, most of whom are not fully ambulatory. While most of us take normal hygiene for granted, it is difficult and stressful for residents and staff.

The cost is estimated for the hardware alone to be over \$60,000.00 and this does not take into account the costs of any structural work that maybe required.

Unfortunately the normal operating budget does not cover these costs and VCCCF has taken on the task of fundraising towards the costs.

This is why the *RUB A DUB TUB* dinner came to be. The dinner will be a fun event with a fabulous menu of Chinese Cuisine prepared by the chefs at Golden City Restaurant on Fisgard Street, in Victoria BC. You won't want to miss this feast.



The evening will feature a new exciting event for the participants. The inaugural "VCCCF Rubber Duckie Challenge". Each participant will be racing rubber duckies on the newly constructed Challenge Course with a chance to win a coveted prize.

In addition, perennial auctioneers, and real estate personalities Tony Joe and Kevin Sing will be sure to make the evening an event to remember.

Look forward to fabulous auction items, prize for the fastest duckies, and raffles from traditional Chinese Lai See.

Event Chair, Amanda Mills, advises "There is limited seating and tickets are moving fast. If you wish to donate, sponsor or advertise in the program, these are additional ways to show your support of the Victoria Chinatown Care Center and the good work it does for the community and the elderly residents."

Join the VCCCF in a fun event. For tickets, sponsorship or advertising contact: Gayle Chong at gaylechong@earthlink.net or call Chair Amanda Mills @ 250-727-0222

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FEATURE ARTICLE

People Who Made the Care Center Happen

The Victoria Chinatown Care Center has had a long history to bring it to its present status. It began with a “dream” by certain individuals who were instrumental to the birth of the Victoria Chinatown Care Center.

While much of the records have been stored away and some information may have been lost, we did discover some very interesting, dedicated and hardworking individuals. To that end we may not have found everyone that had a “hand in it” and if so we would love to hear from them or from others of their story.

The story goes that a group of likeminded individuals confirmed there was a need in Chinatown around a coffee table. It just

happened that some of those individuals had the connections and knowhow to get the project going and succeed.

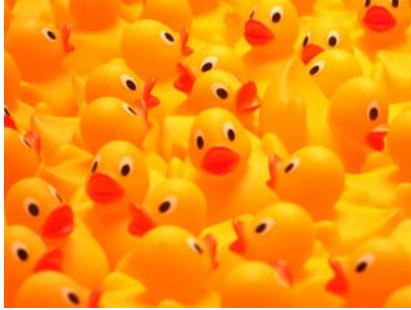
That need was supported by a study by Dr. David Lai, which was used to present the case of “need” to the various levels of government. He had used a research grant from the University of Victoria to fund this research.

The coffee table crew, who were all already well respected community leaders in their own right, garnered support from various levels of government.

They included the likes of Mel Cooper, Edward Lum (deceased) and Willie Eng. Bob Wright (at that time a City of Victoria Councillor) also provided instrumental support to this process and group. Other members of this visionary group and who eventually created the Victoria Chinatown Care Society as the original directors were, Vivian Eng, Dr. David Liang (President), Anderson Ku, Rose Lum, Peter Lou-Poy (deceased), Augustine Low (deceased), Peter Wong (deceased) and Ronald George Chan. Mel Cooper, Edward Lum and Willie Eng also formed part of the originating board when the formal society was incorporated.

Once the facility was built its first administrator was Mrs. Laura Meyer who served the Care Center for many years, guiding it in its formative years. An interesting fact discovered in our review of materials provided to us, was that Laura Meyer was the daughter of a nurse, Jean Kovich that served with Dr. Bethune in China.

We are sure there are many stories and likely other individuals that have helped with and supported the project from its early inception. We would however, like to recognize the individuals above that were instrumental in the birth of the Victoria Chinatown Care Center.



Join in filling our tub with duckies !

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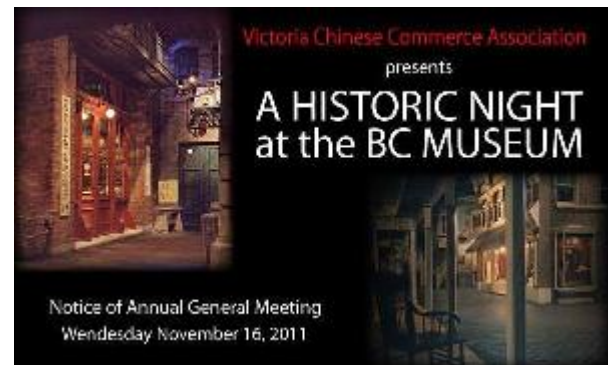
November 9, 2011 Victoria Chinatown Community Care Foundation Rub A Tub Dub at Golden City Restaurant

Join VCCCF in its Rubber Duckie races and a fabulous Chinese Banquet.

Tickets: \$60.00 (includes a \$33.00 tax receipt if requested).

Proceeds to support the capital costs of a recumbent tub for the care center.

November 16, 2011 Victoria Chinese Commerce Association AGM



Time: 5:30 pm Sharp
Place: Royal BC Museum, entrance to Modern History Gallery

We have a unique setting for this years AGM, the vestibule of the Modern

History Gallery of the Royal BC Museum. The meeting will elect this year's Board of Directors, review the Financial Statements, approve a new Budget, and reveal the Events planned for 2012. The meeting is open to everyone but you must be a paid member to be eligible to vote. . . and don't be late . . . as we have a full evening planned, we must begin on time!

Everyone is Welcome - Bring your friends.

Tickets:

VCCA members \$40.00

Non-members \$60.00* (free VCCA membership included)

Tickets available from:

Mills Appraisals - Amanda Mills
Industrial Plastics & Paints - Ron Sherring

Royal Bank, Shelbourne Branch - Frank Low

* This price is based on the actual cost of catering per plate, it is not a surcharge. Member ticket price is being subsidized by the VCCA.



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