



## THE VICTORIA CHINESE MESSENGER

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### THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MONTH



### CELEBRATING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

June 2012 Victoria

The traditional day for celebration of the Dragon Boat Festival “Duan Wu Jie” is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month on the Chinese lunar calendar.

This year on our calendar this falls on June 23, 2012. Today the celebration is one of community and had its roots in folklore and beliefs of people in China.

The Dragon Boat Festival maintains many fascinating theories as to its origins. One theory

is that the festival originated as a ritual response to tabooed “evil days,” as the 5th month of the Chinese lunar calendar is traditionally considered an evil month, with the 5th day being particularly bad.

Another theory, according to legend, is that the festival commemorates the death of the legendary poet and statesman, Qu Yuan. During the Warring States period (475-222 B.C.), Qu

Yuan served for the court of Emperor Huai. Qu Yuan was a wise man, but his struggle against corruption and greed angered court officials, and eventually led to his exile from his home state of Chu. The strain of exile drove Qu Yuan to dark despair. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month of the lunar calendar, when Qu Yuan heard that his mother country had been defeated by the Qin State, he decided to end his life in the Miluo River.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> day of 5<sup>th</sup> Month Cont'd....

After hearing Qu Yuan had drowned, local fishermen raced into the river in search of his body. Unable to find him, people threw zongzi (a wrapped glutinous rice dumpling), eggs, and other food into the river to keep the fish away from his body. In the centuries since his suicide, people have commemorated the death Qu Yuan by recreating the circumstances of that day. They race dragon boats and eat zongzi every year on the anniversary of his death.

The Dragon Boat Festival is also thought to signal the change from spring to summer, and is now held worldwide. Through the festival's many activities, people are reminded of the importance of loyalty and commitment to community.

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## First Night Market Will Feature Dragon Boating on June 20, 2012

June, 2012 Victoria

On June 20, 2012 come to Chinatown and look for crafts for kids, dragon boat displays, a place to take your picture dragon boating, lots vendors and cultural entertainment. This year's night market is part of the Victoria's 150 celebrations.

## Looking For Karaoke Stars - Night Market on July 18, 2012

Win great recognition and prizes. The coveted karaoke trophy can be yours.

Join the other revelers in showing world your singing talents. Just upload your video on youtube and register your entry at:

<http://www.chinatownnightmarket.ca/>

From the entries, 10 will be selected for the finals to be performed on July 18, 2012 on stage live in Chinatown.



**Chinatown NIGHT MARKET** Victoria Chinese Messenger 中華聯會

### Festival of the Karaoke Stars CONTEST

- ▶ Choose your song
- ▶ Choose your music
- ▶ Video your performance
- ▶ Up load it to **You Tube**
- ▶ Complete the on-line entry form and send us the **You Tube** link.

More Information and Entry at [www.ChinatownNightMarket.ca](http://www.ChinatownNightMarket.ca)

The Chinatown Night Market judges will choose 10 finalist to compete for over \$1,000 in prizes, live on stage, at the July 18 Chinatown Night Market in Victoria's Historic Chinatown.

Hurry contest entry closes June 30, 2012.

YouTube QR code

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**Enter to win a dinner for two by subscribing to receive the Victoria Chinese Messenger!**

### Monthly draws

(Prize: \$50.00 Restaurant Certificate)

To subscribe register by email at:

[info@victoriachinesemessenger.com](mailto:info@victoriachinesemessenger.com)\*

Please include your name and email

**If you are the winner of the dinner for two additional information will be required to arrange for delivery of the prize. Information is subject to our privacy policy.**

Previous Winners: D. Bratzer, A. Blainey, J. Ngai, for certificates to Ming's Restaurant and Dynasty Restaurant.

## 90,000 Students Bringing Different Cultures to our Schools

Did you know that more than 90,000 students come to study in Canada every year and even more come to Canada to learn English or French. On the other side of the coin, they bring a rich culture to our educational environments.

In most cases, you must obtain a study permit if you want to study in Canada. To be eligible:

- You must have been accepted by a school, college, university or other educational institution in Canada.
- You must prove that you have enough money to pay for your:
  - tuition fees
  - living expenses for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada and
  - return transportation for yourself and any family members who come with you to Canada.
- You must be a law-abiding citizen with no criminal record and not be a risk to the security of Canada. You may have to provide a police certificate.
- You must be in good health and willing to complete a medical examination, if necessary.
- You must satisfy an immigration officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your authorized stay.

There are some exceptions, for example, if you wish to study in a short term program. You do not need a study permit if you plan to take a course or program in Canada that lasts six months or less. You must complete the course or program within the period authorized for your stay in Canada.

However, even if you do not need a study permit, it is a good idea to apply for a permit before you come to Canada. If you decide that you want to continue your studies in another program after you complete your short-term course or program, you must apply through a Canadian visa office outside Canada for a study

permit if you do not already have one.

*(This information is provided by Sarina Hoi, BA, MA, RCIC, of Ocean Pacific Immigration Associates Ltd. additional information may be found on the CIC website)*



*Harbourview of Hotel Grand Pacific*

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## When the Church Marks 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

submitted by the Rev. Gwendolin S.L. Lam,  
on behalf of the Chinese Presbyterian Church,  
Victoria, BC

Call it an adventure, call it a project. No matter how you put it, it is truly a dream come true. A calling responded, a mission completed! The name Chinese Presbyterian Church might seem so surreal and yet exciting, when Rev. A.B. Winchester officiated the very first Sabbath service inside a rental flat in Victoria, B.C. on June 25, 1892.

But the combination of Gospel calling and care for Chinese people in the community of Victoria, B.C. was perfectly natural. There was an obvious need and growing concern about “Christian influence and teaching” to the eager group of 6000 Chinese workers in B.C. back in 1882.

Today we're celebrating the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church, with the same calling and hope that made us connect with people and community from the very start.

The more blessed outcome is that our mission and ministries are not just limited to the Chinese population, but also extended to the many different areas in our western society and to the

partnership with charitable and Christian groups all over the world.

Besides regular Bible Study, Women's Group, Gym Night, Sunday School, fellowships, visitation and worship services, the Chinese Presbyterian Church also actively responds to the needs of community and emergency relief work through prayers, financial support, and projects. It is truly a blessing when we reach out to the community and the less fortunate.

Throughout these 120 years, over twenty ministers have served in this community of faith. With the tireless help of numerous interim moderators, deaconesses, elders, board managers and faithful Christian brothers and sisters, the Gospel torch is being passed from generation to generation. It is also a humble experience for me as the very first female minister of the church.

Our goal is to bring people to God and His church family through evangelism in our community, to build them up by instruction and fellowship for ministry in the church in order to magnify God. This is our ongoing prayer and encouragement throughout our faith journey. We are a small congregation, and by God's grace and mercy, we stand firm on our belief, to strive on in the face of today's economic downturn, social instability and spiritual lethargy.

We are also praying for a vision for our near future. As Presbyterians, we are constantly reforming. We are asking ourselves questions such as, what other programs can our church be involved in? Which neighborhood will be the ideal place for us to reach out? Are we growing spiritually and ready for changes? There are and will be a lot of questions and challenges laid before us, but we trust God that He will continue to bless us as we faithfully do His ministries and shine His light throughout the city of Victoria, the whole province and every corner of the world! To God be the glory!

We extend our sincere invitation to you for this special occasion.

(See Happenings Below for details on Celebration)

## 教會一百廿週年堂慶

域多利中華基督教長老會林牧師代筆

是勇敢嘗試，  
或是事工計劃；不管你怎樣形容，  
這確實是夢境成真。呼召得回應，  
差傳得完成。當 A.B. Winchester  
牧師於一八九二年六月廿五日，  
域多利市一所租用的樓宇內舉行第一次主  
日崇拜開始；中華基督教長老會這名稱，  
起來仍不太真實似的，  
卻又是十分令人興奮。

在當時而言，  
音的信息及對市內中國人士的關顧；  
兩者是自然的組合。遠在一八八二年，  
已有明顯的需要，及得到不斷的關注；  
是要為那大約六千名在卑詩省工作的中國  
華工提供「基督化的教導」。

今天我們慶祝教會一百廿週年紀念，  
我們懷著同一個呼召及盼望，  
與當初建堂時一樣，要教會與社區相接連。  
過去的差傳及事工，帶來了蒙福的果效，  
超越了中國文化，  
延伸到本市西方社會不同的角落，  
並與世界各慈善及基督教群體同工，成為  
伙伴。

除恆常的查經班、婦女會、運動夜、主日學  
、團契、探訪及崇拜聚會，  
中華基督教長老會也積極地響應參與社區  
需要，及各種緊急救援工作。藉著祈禱、經  
濟上支持和各種事工，將工作  
拓展到社區及有需要人士當中，  
這真是我們的祝福。

過去一百廿年來，  
有廿多位牧者先後牧會。又藉著暫會證、

女傳道、長老、執事、各部門同工和忠心的弟兄姊妹，福音的火炬得以接代相傳。能作為本教會第一位女牧師，這給我一個謙遜的經歷。

我們教會的目標是傳福音，愛護社群，領人歸主，加入教會；藉教導和相交扶持建立他們，讓他們投入教會事奉，榮耀上帝。這也是我們在信仰歷程上不斷的祈求及勉勵。我們雖是細小的屬靈團體，但藉著上帝的恩典及憐憫；我們堅守信仰，努力以赴；正視今日經濟的低落，社會的不安及靈性的衰微。

同時我們亦為教會未來方向祈禱，尋求異象。作為長老會宗派成員，我們要不斷更新改善。我們時刻反思：教會要參與那些活動項目呢？那個社區是我們理想的向外傳福音的工場？我們是否在屬靈上有成長，作好準備去迎接更新改變？我們知道前面仍有很多問題和挑戰。但我們信靠上帝，祂會繼續賜福我們；只要我們忠心為祂作工，在域多利市，在全省及全球每一角落散發祂的恩光！願榮耀歸於真神！

**Happenings:** (Happenings are regularly updated online at [www.victoriachinesemessenger.com](http://www.victoriachinesemessenger.com))

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Chinese Presbyterian Church at 816 North Park St.,  
Victoria BC, Canada V8W 1T1  
will celebrate its 120th anniversary on

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Sunday)

2 p.m. ~ Thanksgiving Worship Service  
Tea Fellowship Follows at Church Ruth Hall

5:30 p.m. ~ Celebration Banquet at Golden City Restaurant

*ticket: adult \$25; age10 & under \$15*

*Come, share with us a celebration of God's blessings!*

**RSVP by June 30, 2012**

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**June 20, 2012**

**Victoria Chinese Commerce Association**

Chinatown Night Market – located on the 500 block of Fisgard Street. Join in the festivities and entertainment

**Coming Soon.....**



**Find out more about submitting your youtube karaoke video at:**

<http://www.chinatownnightmarket.ca/>

**The Night of the Sevens**

The Night of the Sevens is the theme of the Summer's third Market Night, this is Chinese Valentine's Day a day for lovers and best friends. The festival has its origin in Chinese folklore dating back more than 1,500 years. The legend features a weaver maid (with six older sisters), who led a lonely life working at her loom throughout the year. Her father, the Heavenly Emperor, felt sorry for her and allowed her to marry a cowherd from across the Milky Way. During this Market couples and families will be able to create and display their Chinese Valentine's. Stay tuned for contest entry details as well as more information about this exciting event.

七夕节  
Qixi Festival

Wednesday  
August 22, 2012

**The Autumn Moon Lantern Festival**

The theme of the Summer's final Night Market is the Autumn Moon Lantern Festival. Victoria's Chinatown will be ablaze with Lanterns hung for this enchanting festival. Visit our website to get details about entering our Lantern Making Contest or just come to the market and visit the Lantern Craft table to create a Lantern to hang in the public lantern display area. Look for the ever popular Chinese Moon Cakes to be prominent at this festival.

Wednesday  
September 12, 2012

***HAPPENINGS AND EVENT ALERT:***

*Look for the Second Annual Rub a Tub Dub Duck Races. You can enter by buying a duck and finding pledges to help you win the "2012 Slippy Duck Trophy"*



**CITY OF VICTORIA IS CELEBRATING ITS 150TH IN 2012 - WATCH FOR MANY EVENTS TO COME AT**

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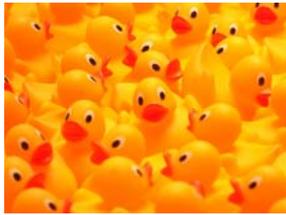


## “My Chinese Connection”

If you are in business in oldtowne or serve the greater Victoria Chinese and Asian markets you need to be listed. Are you listed yet? Check out “The Chinese Connection” tab on [www.victoriachinesemessenger.com](http://www.victoriachinesemessenger.com) to find out if you are listed yet.



### VICTORIA CHINATOWN CARE FOUNDATION PRESENTS THE



## Second Annual “Rub a Dub Tub” Duck Races

Enter today and win fabulous mini-prizes and maybe the title of “Slippy Duck 2012”. Bring Home the Trophy and Display it for all to know about your Duckie prowess. Support the Centre by obtaining pledges for your duckie (the most pledges in dollars will receive the Supporter of 2012 certificate).

It’s easy,

1. Buy a Duck (\$5.00)
2. Take your pledge form(s)
3. Register by email, fax or at the booth at the Chinatown Night Market (4 nights over the summer – see details online)
4. Bring in your pledges and money pledged and join us at the races. (Tax

receipts will be issued if you request it, for any amount over \$25.00).

5. Name your duck (please be creative, first come first serve with names).

Consider forming your own Duck Race Team. If you form your own team, you can cheer each other on at the dinner or send your team rep. to win team prizes. Corporate Teams are welcome and sponsorships of a corporate team can be incorporated with a table purchase.

Races will be held at the annual fundraising dinner at Golden City Restaurant on September 26, 2012. A duck with your name will be raced that evening and if you are present and win, your prizes will be awarded to you that night. If not attending, prizes will still be awarded following the event. That means you will not miss out on the festivities while your duck represents you. Lanes will be assigned at the races to each duck in random order.

You can also support and pledge the “Celebrity Duck Race”. Support your local celebrity, by pledging any denomination to your favourite celebrity. Names of celebrities will be announced as they join the races. Details to follow.

Printout and complete the online pdf registration form. Then fax to (250) 383-8935 or email (scanned completed form) to [info@chinatowncarefoundation.com](mailto:info@chinatowncarefoundation.com). Be sure to name your duck and complete your information.

Once you have collected all your pledges, mail to c/o 555 Herald Street, Victoria, BC V8X 1S5

**Join the races - all proceeds will be donated to support the VCCF drive to raise funds for a newly renovated tub room with new recumbent tub and lift.**

## ROVING REPORTERS

**Do you want to try your hand at being a Roving Reporter?**

**Tell us about yourself and the topic that you think would be of interest for you to report on.**

**If we accept your write-ups for publication we will give you credit as a freelance VCM Roving Reporter. All write-ups must be verifiable and accurate. VCM has sole discretion on publication.**

## Call for Volunteers:

### Victoria Chinese Commerce Association's Chinatown Night Market 2012

Now the news is out, the VCCA's Night Markets for 2012 will be expanded to include Festival Themes in celebration of the City of Victoria's 150 Anniversary!

In addition to the usual Vendor Stalls these Markets will have Cultural Entertainment, Contests and Activities for the public and visual decorations that reflect the Festival Theme of the event. Each of these Events will require volunteers and committee members to plan and execute the evening's activities and make sure that the event happens as planned.

To assist us in making these events a great experience for Victorians and Tourists attending the Markets we will need the participation of many Volunteers in many facets of the Markets. If you or anyone you know would like to help please submit the names to

[volunteers@ChinatownNightMarket.ca](mailto:volunteers@ChinatownNightMarket.ca)

*Also VCCA is looking for Sponsors for the 4 Day Chinatown Night Market !*



## Foodies

Our online version is regularly updated with a "Foodie" comments section. Look forward to more online content and "news" as we grow our service to community events.

Here are some snippets for your "digestion"

*"... best salt & pepper squid.... Forum Seafood Restaurant at 612 Fisgard.."*

*"... looking for a nice atmosphere with excellent sushi?.... try Shima Sushi on Wharf Street.."*

*"...how about some bbq duck?...give Ming's on Quadra a try...."*

*"...try Dynasty on Fisgard for some good lunch combo deals...."*

*"...looking for authentic Thai...try My Thai on Cook Street near Rockland..."*

*"... good casual food at casual prices... at JJ Morgan's... well satisfied before a movie at University Heights...."*

## Victoria Chinese Messenger Advisory Board and Panel

**VCM Community Affairs Advisory Board:** These are appointments to provide advice and suggestions on community affairs and of interest to the Chinese/Asian communities in Victoria and Vancouver Island. We are pleased to announce the inaugural members are:

**Alan Lowe,** Former and longest serving Mayor of the City of Victoria, Architect, and a very public service record

**Tony Joe,** Former President of Victoria Real Estate Board, Realtor, Consummate Community Volunteer

**Wayne Lee,** Chartered Accountant and CGA, Community Volunteer for over 25 years

**Charlayne Thornton-Joe,** City of Victoria Councilor, Lioness and Consummate Community Volunteer.

**Cultural and Historical Advisory Panel:** These are appointments to provide advice and suggest information to VCM on cultural and historical matters of community interest. All appointees are volunteers.

**Tzu-i Chung, Ph.D. , Curator RBCM**

**David C. Lai, Ph. D., Professor Emeritus UVic.**

**Hua Lin, Ph. D., Professor UVic.**

**Charlayne Thornton-Joe, Councilor City of Victoria**

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Our goal is to bring the community closer and to pass on social happenings and community service events. Join us as we work with you to make our community a better place. Help us use social media to help make for better communities, grow our community, help others, and bring people together for common purposes.

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*Hotel Grand Pacific*

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**Victoria International Jazz Festival is just around the corner:**

**<http://jazzvictoria.ca/jazz-fest>**

**One of the Venues will be at our founding sponsor the Hotel Grand Pacific which is always a treat for dinner and great Jazz entertainment.**