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Editor's Words:

As we are experiencing increasing numbers of English spoken members, I have decided to attempt to send out our newsletters in English, so that more members are informed of our Centre's activities, hopefully taking an interest to participate. If anybody has anything to say, please feel free to e-mail it to us and we will print it in our newsletter to share with other members. If you like to receive our newsletter via e-mail to save us a bit of expense and time, please send your e-mail address to us as above.

Activities:

- 1) 14/02/07 Centre's representatives participated in the Chinese Embassy's new year celebration held in London.
- 2) 19/02/07 our Centre celebrated our new year at the Lucky Star Chinese Restaurant. This year we are very fortunate to have the evening's food/drink sponsored by the restaurant, while the proceeds are donated to our community fund. There were over 220 members and guests. The evening commenced with a lion dance opening ceremony to welcome our members and guests from the Chinese Embassy, City Mayor, County Chairman, fire, police and other ethnic representatives. The Centre wished them all a very happy, prosperous and healthy new year, and may good fortune be with them.
Our women's group entertained us with their dancing, singing, er-hu playing, and other performances. In the mean time, delicious Chinese food was served which was a pleasure to the palate. Besides our special thanks to the generosity of Lucky Star Chinese Restaurant, the Centre would like to thank May Wong for her £150.00 cash donation; See Woo, Winfield Chinese Supermarket, Maggie Poon, Mr and Mrs W. Wan, Mr and Mrs Q.L. Yeung, Mr and Mrs P.Y.Hong, and Mr and Mrs Y. Lin for their raffle prize donations. An auction took place for a two-sided piece of embroidery brought to us by the Chinese Officials, and was followed by the raffle draw. We concluded our evening with a friendly round of dancing, happiness and hope.
- 3) Betty Ko (due to personal reasons) has resigned from the Centre. Our new Administrator is Stephen Lin.

- 4) Every Thursday, the Centre provides free lunch to our elderly. At the same time we help to measure their blood measure, pulse, sugar level and make them do some mild exercises. We hope to get some funding to find someone for this job. We are also planning to purchase a few pieces of keep fit equipment like a treadmill, exercise bike, foot massager for them. If anybody knows where to get hold of such equipment free or cheap, please let me know.
29/03/07, every last Thursday of the month we celebrated the elderly's birthday, with a few dishes and a birthday cake. This particular Thursday we had about 35 elderly, every one was given a little gift and we had a small raffle draw.
- 5) The pair of new lion heads and accessories from China has finally arrived at the Centre.
- 6) We have acquired from CVS their "R" registration 14-seat minibus.

Future Activities:

- 1) As from 01/01/06, a new food hygiene law named Safer Food Better Business came into force. Due to demand from catering members, a workshop is being organised at the Centre on 16/04/07, 9.30-3.30pm, Fees are £30.00 including lunch and refreshments. Anyone interested should contact the Centre and confirm whether the above literature was sent from the Environmental Health Dept. Otherwise the Centre needs to apply for you, as the diary has to be filled in as we go along.
- 2) 22/04/07 Meeting for women members to discuss your plans and how you would like the Centre to go forward for the women. Please come to support and give your views. We like to make the Centre more active and interesting, without your views and help we cannot achieve this. Meeting starts at 2.30pm at the Centre.