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Annual General Meeting

Date : 30 May 2010, Sunday

Venue : Parkroyal on Kitchener Road

Lunch tickets will be on sale from 19 April 2010.

Lunch
Ticket
from
19 April '10



K2 Graduation cum Concert 2009

The Childcare Centre celebrated its 19th graduation ceremony with a concert on 12 Dec 2009. Mr Anand Menon, a parent, was the Guest of Honour. 22 children received their graduation scrolls. The resounding applause received by the participants was a testimony to a wonderful performance put up by them.

Below is the text of the Guest-of-Honour's address.

Good afternoon, Mr Richard Zaccheus; Chairman of the Singapore Teachers Co-operative Society and Childcare Sub-Committee, Committee members, Mdm Sylvia Lai; Child Care Centre Supervisor, teachers and staff, ladies and gentlemen.

Thank you for inviting me to be your Guest-of-Honour for today's K2 graduation ceremony cum concert with the theme of "Music Carnival".

The childcare centre has come a long way and now has about 80 students with expanded curriculum and services since its inception in 1991.

Mdm Sylvia and her qualified team of early childhood educators have planned a curriculum to not only enhance the children's physical and cognitive development; but also to develop their skills in creative phonics, music, speech and drama and computer, to prepare the children for the next level of education.

There are even excursions and outings 2 - 3 times a year to expose the children outside of the classroom. Personally, I feel that they have a sound curriculum.

My wife and I have been associated with the childcare centre for some 5 years now. Both our children were enrolled since playgroup to K2 and we are very happy with the experience. Our kids have grown with love and care, thanks partly to the centre.

With the successful graduation of one group of children today, the centre will be getting ready to welcome fresh faces or newbies in 2010. It will be challenging to the



>> Guest of Honour, Mr Anand Menon

children, parents and the centre, especially with the ongoing economic uncertainties. However, I am confident that the centre will pull through and continue to do what it does best, that is to provide quality education.

To the class of K2 2009, congratulations and best wishes. May all of you attain the highest level of education in the years to come and continue to do your parents and most importantly yourselves proud.

In closing, let me extend my deep and sincere appreciation to The Singapore Teachers' Co-operative Society, teachers and staff of the childcare centre for their kindness and co-operation. I wish you success and look forward to more good things ahead.

Thank you and please enjoy the show.

>> All looking good in their graduation robe

>> The lively performers



Farewell to Our Vice-President



The Singapore Teachers' Co-operative Society bid fond farewell to Bro. Paul Rogers, who was the Society's Vice-President from June 1994 to February 2010.

Bro. Paul Rogers would be leaving Singapore for Australia to head an educational institution there. In his own inimitable way he provided invaluable advice, guidance and support to the society during his tenure of service.

On behalf of the management committee, staff and members of the society, we wish to express our gratitude and deep appreciation for his contributions and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Student Welfare Grant



>> Pathlight School

The Management Committee decided to award 10 schools the Student Welfare Grant for 2009. A total of \$18,000 was disbursed. The schools were given the discretion to allocate the money to their needy students.

Officials and a staff visited the schools to present the cheques to the school principals or representatives.

The following schools received the grant: CHIJ Our Lady of the Nativity, Corporation Primary, Dunman Secondary, Greenridge Secondary, Griffiths Primary, Northlight, Pathlight, Peicai Secondary, Stamford Primary and Xishan Primary.



>> Peicai Secondary School



>> Xishan Primary School



>> Northlight School

Our Saving Plans

Direct Cash or Cheque Deposits into Our Bank Account

Please be reminded to inform the Society promptly of any cash or cheque deposits made directly into our bank account so that your account can be credited accordingly.

GIRO Deductions

Members on GIRO deduction, please check that your scheduled deductions are successful every month. Any lapse in GIRO deductions would result in the bonus component of your bonus savings to be forfeited.

Request for Retirement Letter

- Members who have retired from the teaching service are advised to submit a copy of their retirement letter to the Society.
- This is to facilitate the processing of the retirement grant eligible upon resignation from the Society.
- Retirement grants are paid out in February of the year following resignation from the Co-op.

Nomination Form

Please request for a new nomination form from the Society if you wish to change your beneficiaries.



9th SNCF Inter Co-operative Bowling Tournament 2009

We would like to thank the teams from **St. Hilda's Primary** and **Evergreen Primary**, who represented the Society at the Singapore National Co-operatives Federation Inter Co-operative Bowling Tournament 2009.

The tournament was held on 13 December 2009 at the Orchid Bowl @ Orchid Country Club. 148 co-operators from 28 co-operatives participated in the event.

Kudos to St. Hilda's Primary for obtaining the championship title. In addition, Daniel Ng also achieved the first runner-up position in the Youth category.

A big **"Thank You"** to all who represented the Society for a job well done!

Community Outreach by Ladies' Sub-Committee

Date : 12 March 2010 (Fri)

Venue : New Horizon Centre, Toa Payoh

The Alzheimer's Disease Association (ADA) was formed in 1990 as a result of growing concern for the needs of people with dementia and their families. It is a voluntary welfare organisation and is made up of caregivers, professionals and all who are interested in dementia.

The Society's Ladies' Sub-Committee visited the Alzheimer's Disease Association at the New Horizon Centre in Toa Payoh on Friday 12 March 2010.

This community outreach was organised to bring cheer as well as show our care and concern for the 60 elderly patients at the daycare centre.

The elderly patients were treated to a sumptuous lunch and each one of them also received a goodie bag containing some useful daily necessities, all generously sponsored by Spore Teachers' Co-operatives.

The Boy Scouts from Coral Primary School were roped in to help out in this meaningful event. The boys lit up the faces of the elderly folks when they entered the centre, all dressed in brightly-coloured T-shirts. These boisterous but caring boys sang and danced enthusiastically, much to the delight of the elderly audience who clapped, sang and joined in the action. These boys definitely brought them cheer as they went around interacting with them. Indeed, it was a meaningful



Co-op Got Talent

Hilarious, entertaining, enjoyable and scrumptious are all the words that can describe the **Singapore Teachers' Co-operative Christmas Party 2009** held at the Evans Lounge in Ministry of Education Sports and Recreation Club, on 26 December to celebrate Christmas and to welcome 2010.

The event, jointly organised by the Ladies and Youth Sub-committees, provided another opportunity for members of the Society's working committees to bond and to build comradeship. It was a night of fun as we learnt to laugh at ourselves and enjoyed the companionship of one another.

The 60 over guests also had the opportunity to participate in fun and exciting games where they won attractive prizes. The highlight of the evening was the singing performances by our very own talents from the Singapore Teachers' Co-operative!

The night ended with everyone feeling contented and rejuvenated as we look forward to the new exciting year with hope and optimism.



2009 XIAMEN RETREAT



The Society organised a retreat at Xiamen, Fujian, China from 14 Dec to 17 Dec 2009.

Twenty members from the Committee of Management, Supervisory Board, Youth Committee, Ladies Committee and staff participated in the retreat.

The theme for the retreat was **"Reinvent to Face Future Challenges with Greater Confidence"**. The participants were divided into 3 groups to brainstorm on the following areas of concern:

1. Loans
2. Future Direction in administrative re-organisation
3. Information Technology
4. Financial Control
5. Members' Communication
6. Meeting Capital Adequacy Ratio and Liquid Assets Ratio and
7. By-Law revisions to comply with the Amended Co-op Act

>>Chairman's address

SNCF KEY THRUSTS

At a new year reception, the Executive Chairman of the SNCF, Mr Chan Tee Seng, addressed some 200 fellow co-operators and set forth the key thrusts to strengthen the co-operative movement.

The Four Key Thrusts are:

- building affiliates' capacity to raise professionalism, improve governance and promote leadership succession;
- to strengthen relationship with

stakeholders, especially the affiliates of SNCF;

- to raise awareness and visibility of co-operative and co-operative principles, to form new co-operatives and to grow membership;
- to advocate and promote a dynamic, vibrant, innovative and Co-operative movement.

SNCF would be looking into launching IT shared services for credit co-operatives and an Accounting System for the smaller

co-operatives. It will help affiliates gain access to training programmes through exposure to other successful co-operatives and models in other countries. There will also be collaboration with world-renowned academic institutions like the INSEAD.

He said that SNCF will do more to embrace the youth by providing opportunities for co-operative scholars to participate in projects and generate creative ideas.

NEW RULES FOR MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS

With the introduction of prudential requirements, Credit co-ops are facing restrictions on how they invest their funds in stocks and bonds. Co-ops will not be permitted to make certain investments such as in shares, units trusts and corporate bonds that are considered as carrying higher risks. Co-op will be allowed to buy only Singapore government securities and statutory board bonds.

Hence, credit co-ops will have to focus on their core social role of encouraging thrift and providing loans to members. This will affect the co-ops that have relied on their investments.

Thus, members of credit co-ops who have been enjoying average returns of between 3 per cent and 4 per cent may have to lower their expectations when they deposit their money in co-ops.

Ladies' Sub-Com Presents :



Farm Tours - Saturday, 5th June

Come and experience the local farm tour by visiting 3 Farms, 1 Farm centre and an introduction to different types of farming. The tour will be conducted in an interesting and fun way by Uncle William Ho "The Quail Man of Lim Chu Kang" and STB 1st Farm Tour Guide.

Itinerary

- 0900 h Gather at S'pore Teachers' Co-op Office at Guthrie Bldg
Journey to Farmart Centre, Sungai Tengah Rd
- 1000 h Farmart Tour:
Hay Dairies
Wheat grass cum Mushroom Farm
Fish Farm
- 1300h Lunch at Farmart Centre (Non-halal)
- 1400h Journey back to S'pore Teachers' Co-op Office

Cost :
Members
\$30

Cost :
Non-Members
\$45

For registration, please call Arifah by 7th May 2010.

Primary School Tutors Wanted!



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is looking for primary school tutors.

Interested parties please contact Ms Jasmine Lee at 6735 6215.

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