

# Together.

FALL 2004

The Newsletter of the  
Edmonton Heritage Festival



## A Message From Jack ...

The 29<sup>th</sup> Festival is over and from all accounts it was a success! We had our first post-festival meeting August 16<sup>th</sup> with over 100 people attending. Comments and suggestions were recorded from the pavilion representatives attending and will be taken to the Board.

Ian Taylor reminded us that next year will be the province's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, as well as Edmonton Heritage Festival Association's 30<sup>th</sup>. Next year, we will again have a cross over with the Taste of Edmonton and in addition the World Masters Games will be held at the same time as the Festival.

Judging from the success of the 2004 Festival, we can assume there will be more pavilion applications for 2005. To accommodate this, we are in the early stages of developing three more sites (9A, 9B, and 9C). Once again, Director Josef Messmer (who else) is heading up the application.



Pray for sunshine!

*Jack Little*

Executive Director  
Edmonton Heritage Festival Association

## Priority For Pavilion Selection

First priority - the 11 original pavilion groups

Second priority - any pavilion that has participated for the past five consecutive years

If we have more than 52 pavilions, this could result in a draw. Although this has the potential to exclude Pavilions, we will work to attempt to avoid this.

## Governance Meeting

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Santa Maria Goretti Community Centre (11050 - 90 Street)

Three options will be presented:

Option 1 - The Directors of the Edmonton Heritage Festival will continue to be elected as set out in the current bylaws and policies of the Association. However, the Board of Directors would meet quarterly with pavilion representatives.

Option 2 - The Pavilions would elect one-third (1/3) of the Board of Directors.

Option 3 - The Pavilions would elect one-third (1/3) of the Board of Directors. Directors would be elected based on the size of the Pavilion (either large, medium or small, determined by the membership size of their cultural associations.)

## A Message From Tamisan...

Firstly, thank you to everyone who helped with media! Especially those of you who got up at 5:30 a.m. with Global Television. We could not have done this without your help. Special thanks to the Aboriginal, Arabic, Bangladeshi, Caribbean, Croatian, Dutch, Ethiopian, Filipino, Greek-Hellenic, German, Guatemalan, Hungarian, Ibero-American, Japanese, Laos, Mexican, Nepalese, Polynesian, Peruvian, Serbian, Thai, and Taiwanese Pavilions.

We are currently updating our website. Please review it and send me changes and alterations that need to be done until next year. We are also creating a "links" page to all, or as many cultural associations as possible. In return, a link to the Heritage Festival's web site is gratefully appreciated. Please email your links to [tamisanbencz@heritage-festival.com](mailto:tamisanbencz@heritage-festival.com)

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

*Tamisan Bencz*

Marketing &  
Communications  
Coordinator

## Tents

Thanks to Corrections for washing every tent liner and tent side for the Festival. About 1000 pieces were washed. It should be noted that all the marks did not come off; however, they do look better. We will also be repairing 24 damaged tents this winter.



## Volunteers

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all the Volunteers who generously donated their time and talents to insure the success of the 2004 Festival. The annual contribution to the Edmonton Heritage Festival by volunteers equates to approximately \$225,000 in labour costs.

This year's scholarship winners were:

Hrudey Memorial Bursary  
Saori Horiuchi - Japanese Pavilion  
Oil Capital Kiwanis Scholarships  
Linda Bui - EHF Info Kiosks; Carol Cheung - EHF Children's Corner; Angelika Piorkowska - Polish Pavilion; Shirley Quan - EHF Volunteer Hospitality; Kelvin Wong - Japanese Pavilion; Sufeng Zhang - Chinese Pavilion  
Coca Cola Scholarships  
Melissa Aytenfisu - Ethiopian Pavilion; Jay Percival - Lao Pavilion; Rana Shawar - Arab Pavilion

We extend our congratulations and best wishes in their continued studies to these well deserving volunteers.

## Alocalchoice.com

The Edmonton Heritage Festival Association has partnered with a group called, A Local Choice Inc. There is a community events calendar that the EHFA can update with upcoming events. We are able to post your upcoming events on this calendar to share with everyone. Events can be national celebrations, new year's parties, fundraisers, banquets, Annual General Meetings etc.

Please include event name, date(s), time(s), contact(s), and a brief description of the event to [tamisanbencz@heritage-festival.com](mailto:tamisanbencz@heritage-festival.com) Electronic photos are welcome; however, only JPEG (.jpg) format-images are accepted.

## Food Bank well-fed at this year's Heritage Festival

Edmonton's Food Bank has been an active member of the community for over 23 years. For 21 of those years, we have been lucky enough to join our friends in Hawrelak Park to collect donations during the Heritage Festival. And, though the event is consistently one of our best fundraisers and food drives, we have to admit that this year was one of the best we'd ever seen.



How lucky we are that the people of this city can come together year after year to celebrate and share each other's cultures at the Heritage Festival. It is this spirit of togetherness that has made Edmonton the World's Greatest City for 100 years. To the people and the pavilions of the Heritage Festival, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for sharing the weekend with us. We wish you the best in the following year and we can't wait to see you again next August!

Kindest Regards,

*Marjorie Bencz*

Executive Director, Edmonton's Food Bank

## Chinese Graduate Association of Alberta

Established in 1975, CGAA is a non-profit organization promoting the Chinese culture and introducing Chinese value to the Edmonton community. Since its inception, CGAA has strived to provide programs and events that help promote the growth and awareness of the Chinese community.

In 1980, CGAA piloted the "Chinese Horizon" TV program, a weekly one hour show broadcasted on Edmonton's Cable 10 Channel, featuring community news, educational programs, and entertainment. The Chinese Community Services Center (currently ASSIST Community Services Centre) was established in 1978 by CGAA, to assist the settlement of newcomers, immigrants and refugees. CGAA also championed Chinese language immersion education, pioneering the bilingual English-Mandarin education program currently offered at the Edmonton Public Schools.

CGAA continues to play an active role in the community through participation in the Heritage Festival, Chinese New Year Carnival, Dragon Boat racing and other activities. CGAA also provides scholarships at the University of Alberta and Chinese Bi-Lingual Schools.

Chinese Graduates Association of Alberta  
9653 - 105 A Ave  
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## Upcoming Events

Oct.1 & 2 – Oktoberfest at the German Cultural Centre (4115-97 Street) - Band: Premium Accord from Calgary  
 Oct. 2 – FUNDRAISING CONCERT, DANCE & SILENT AUCTION at the Marcus Garvey Centre for Unity (12526 126 Ave. – Edmonton). Tickets \$10.00 - For more information phone 423-5262 or 444-4145. Hurricane Ivan has destroyed homes, businesses, etc in Jamaica. Many people have been affected, some are homeless and cut off from water, electricity, and communication with the rest of the Island. We will be holding a fundraising event.

Oct 3 – Duvo Ensemble in Concert at the Jasper Place Grant MacEwan College (10045-155 Street) at 7pm. Tickets: call Susanna Biro @ 437-9624 or Joe Hegedus @ 428-5700 (\$15 adult/\$12 students-seniors)

Oct. 8 & 9 – Oktoberfest at the German Cultural Centre (4115-97 Street) - Band: Sound Flight - 8310 Roper Road, Tickets: 466-4000

Oct. 9 – Council & Banquet of the National Indo-Canadian Council at the Delta Edmonton South. Tickets: Ashok Sharma @ 462-0296; Sachin Katyal @ 504-1439; or Naresh Sharma @ 435-8074

Oct. 22 – Oktoberfest at the Convention Centre, Exhibition Grounds, Lloydminster presented by German Club of Lloydminster - Band: Emeralds, Tickets; Mo @ 780-875-7171.

Oct. 23 – Oktoberfest at the German Club Red Deer -  
 Oktoberfest at the Folks festival Hall, Red Deer - Band: Premium Accord, from Calgary - Tickets: Albert @ 403-346-0890

Oct. 24 – Icelandic Society of Edmonton's AGM and election of officers at the Dutch Canadian Centre (13312-142 Street) from 12-5pm.

Oct. 30 – The Mexican Cultural Society of Edmonton: Celebration of the Day of the Dead at Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Parish (11314 - 111 Ave). For more information: Beatriz 455-6537, Patty 463-7155, or Graciela 929-8981.

Nov. 5, 6, & 7 – L'Association la Girandole will be hosting a workshop in dance, music, and folklore. Register before Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. For more information please call 780-468-0057

Nov. 20 – Mexican Cultural Society of Edmonton:

Celebrates the 94<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mexican Revolution at the Hellenic Community Hall (10450 - 116 Street) from 7.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. - Performance of the Ballet Folklorico Mexico, music to dance and much more. Tickets: Beatriz 455-6537, Patty 463-7155, or Graciela 929-8981.

Nov. 26 – The Mexican Cultural Society of Edmonton: election of the new Executive Committee at Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Parish (11314 - 111 Ave) at 7:00 p.m. For more information : Beatriz 455-6537, Patty 463-7155, or Graciela 929-8981.

Nov. 28 – Icelandic Society of Edmonton's MASSIVE SALE at the Dutch Canadian Centre (13312-142 Street)



### Pavilion Application

By now you've received the 2005 Edmonton Heritage Festival application. If you require information, please contact our office.

### Volunteers Needed

The Edmonton Heritage Festival Association is currently seeking volunteers to work a casino December 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004. Please contact Marnie at 488-3378 if you are interested.