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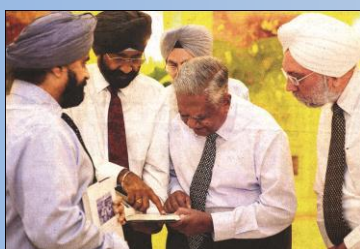
Welcome to yet another issue of our SIWEC newsletter!

The primary goal of our newsletter is to engage and share with you SIWEC's recent & forthcoming events. We look forward to hearing from you on how you may want to volunteer and get involved in our activities. While 2010 was a busy year for SIWEC with the various fund raising and community services which included the Flag Day, charity Fashion Show and having a booth at the very successful Naam Ras event for 4 days, this trend is continuing in 2011. All these would not have been possible without the support of all the donors and volunteers whose numbers have been increasing. SIWEC hosted the Annual Appreciation Tea in March 2011 to show our appreciation and thank the donors, volunteers and institutions for their support.

Highlights of this Issue



Appreciation Tea



S R Nathan Book Signing



Fashion Show

What We Do: *The Sikh Welfare Council (SIWEC) is a charity with an IPC status ("Institutions of Public Character"), which formulates overall policies in respect of welfare services in Singapore.*

SIWEC OBJECTIVES & INITIATIVES:

- To carry out and manage welfare schemes in the form of relief, financial assistance, health, education and housing.

These objectives are achieved via these initiatives:

- Formulating and implementing welfare policies
- Working with government and non government agencies on welfare related matters.

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SUPPORT SERVICES:

- Family Support, Financial Assistance & Counseling
- Hospital Visits Programme
- Family Bereavement Assistance
- Prison & Drug Addicts Counseling and Rehabilitation

RECENT ACTIVITIES



Annual Appreciation Tea



The Annual Appreciation Tea was organized for all our SIWEC donors, volunteers and those who have contributed in any way (small or big) to show appreciation for their invaluable help and contributions. The event was held on 26 March 2011 at L4, SKA.

Mr Inderjit Singh, Member of Parliament for Ang Mo Kio GRC, graced the event as Guest-of-Honour. A photo taking event was organized and Certificates & Plaques were presented to all donors for their immense support.

Evening By The Sea – Dinner & Dance

The Charity Dinner & Dance event was held on 9th April 2011 at Gurame Restaurant Changi Coast Walk. The event was attended by more than 300 guests who helped in the good cause to raise about \$12,000 for SIWEC. Special thanks go to all the volunteers who helped make the event a resounding success.



SR Nathan Book Signing

President S R Nathan presented autographed copies of his book “Winning Against The Odds” to 17 members of the Sikh Welfare Council at the Istana on 18 April 2011. The 17 members had each bought a copy of the book for \$10,000 which helped raise \$170,000 to support the SIWEC’s programs for the needy. About 30 Sikh and non-Sikh families are getting help and support from these programs.

Some, maybe riddled with admiration, asked how we have managed to pull off this feat. The answer is simple – we care for our community and we are here to serve them.



Vesakhi Mela



Marking its' 80th Anniversary, Singapore Khalsa Association (SKA) proudly celebrated Vesakhi Mela 2011 on 24th April 2011 at SKA premises. Vesakhi is the most important occasion for the Sikh community. Mr George Yeo, Minister of Foreign Affairs graced the event as Guest of Honor. The Mela started at 8a.m with field games and continued with a variety of stage performances, family events and cultural events.

SIWEC had 2 stalls throughout the day selling cold Drinks and mitaai, which was donated by Khalsa Dharmak Sabha's sewadaras. The stalls were manned by Volunteers, Management Committee members and SIWEC Secretariat. Funds collected: S\$3,052.

Welfare Days

Two Welfare Days were held at Silat Road Sikh Gurdwara on Saturday, 9 July 2011 and Sri Guru Nanak Sat Sang, Katong Gurdwara on Sunday, 10 July 2011, to enable the Sikh Welfare Council (SIWEC) to brief the Sangat on our programmes and activities. It was an opportunity for Sangat to make a commitment for monthly contributions to be made to SIWEC through Bank deductions through the GIRO system, or to make cash donations. Donations collected: \$4,482. A Basic Health Screening, Blood Pressure and Sugar level checks was also held at Katong Gurdwara as part of the event.



Flag Day



Sikh Welfare Council was allotted a Flag Day on Saturday, 20th August 2011 by the National Council of Social Services. This year we saw an increase in total participation with over 760 volunteers going island wide and conducting the collection. We had more volunteers from outside the Sikh Community and this is an encouraging development. Donations collected: \$50,835.

Special thanks goes to Greendale Secondary School, Cedar Girl's Secondary School, Monfort Secondary School, Fuchun Secondary School, Young Sikh Association Singapore, Singapore Sikh Education Foundation, Silat Road Sikh Temple, Yishun Gurdwara, Khalsa Dharmak Sabha, Central Sikh Temple and Khalsa Kindergarten for their generous support.

Fashion Show

The Sikh Welfare Council held a fund raising event on 14th August 2011 at Shangri La to raise funds for the charitable activities. The high tea event was titled Aa Phir Dekehn Zaraa (Come let's see, once again) and raised S\$ 25,000.

Around 350 guests attended the show which included music, dance and a fashion and jewellery show by PureEarth and the Jewel Box – and donated wholeheartedly at an auction which followed. Member of Parliament from Holland- Bukit Timah GRC, Ms Sim Ann was the guest of honor at the event.



Ms Sim Ann holds a mock cheque for S\$20,000(S\$5000 more was raised)



How You Can Help

The Sikh Welfare Council is a Volunteer Welfare Organisation (VWO) that depends on the community for volunteers as well as the funds necessary to carry out its various assistance programmes.

We are presently assisting more than 30 deserving families on a regular basis so that they can tide over difficult times. Obviously, this requires a great deal of resources on the part of SIWEC. We would therefore like to appeal to the community at large to help us by

- **Giving a one-off donation.** (e.g. cheques, bank drafts, etc)
- **Making a GIRO application to provide a monthly (recurring) donation.** Please contact us for a GIRO Form.
- **Making a Bequest. (Will)**
- **Giving a Memorial Donation - *a thoughtful way to remember a loved one while giving support to others.***
- **Volunteering your time and participating in our activities.**



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