



DECEMBER 2023 | S.E.A.S. CENTRE

# NEWSLETTER

Semi-annual Newsletter



## HOLIDAY MESSAGES

The Holiday Season evokes feelings of joy, love and hope. Let's not forget the less fortunate individuals we care about and extend a helping hand to them.



S.E.A.S. Centre is here year-around to provide **S**upport to community and vulnerable groups, **E**nhance family harmony and resiliency, **A**ccess opportunities and resources, and **S**ervice people of all background and needs of all ages.

## SENDING YOUR LOVE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Your small donation will help SEAS Centre to develop services and programs to support the most vulnerable in the community. A donation of \$20 or more will receive a tax-deductible charitable donation.

To donate, please visit  
<https://seascentre.org/01/donate.php>  
or scan the QR code on the right.

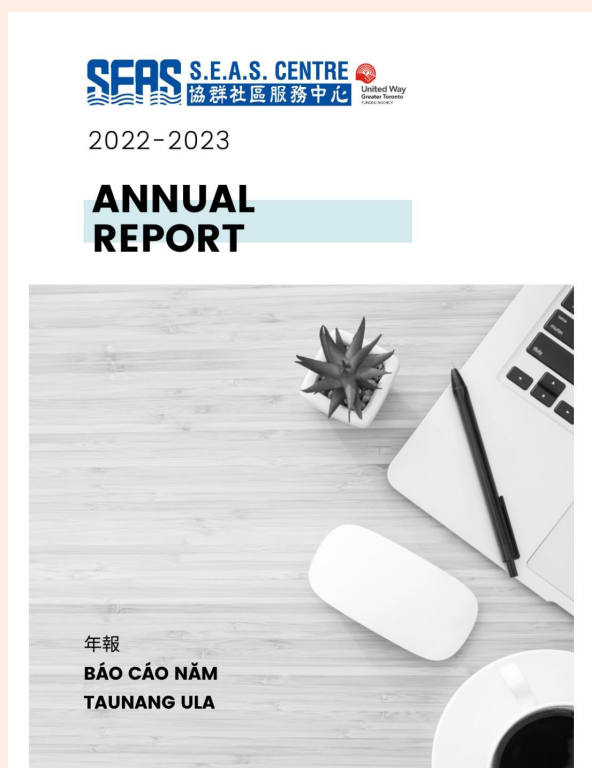




# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



S.E.A.S. Centre had its 2022-2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 21, 2023. Similarly to last year, the AGM was held in hybrid model. This year, there were more than 25 members who attended the AGM in-person and more than 50 members attended online, which passed the quorum. During the meeting, SEAS Centre service report and financial audited report were presented and board of directors of 2023-2024 were formed.



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## Service Board Directors 2023-2024:

Connie Lung, President  
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# FALL 2023 OUTING TRIPS

With the funding support from Senior Community Grant 2023-2024, S.E.A.S. Centre has organized a few outing trips and visits for older adults in the fall. The project targeted low-income ethnic Chinese population living in the City of Toronto and its objective is to increase access to services and programs for older adults.

## VISIT TO THE TORONTO ZOO

Date: Monday, October 31, 2023

Venue: Toronto Zoo

A group of 50 seniors have gathered together and spent a full day at the Toronto zoo to explore and take a walk into the home of animals.



## DAY TRIP TO HAMILTON

Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Venue: Albion Fall & Harbourfront in Hamilton

It was the first outing trip organized by SEAS Centre since the pandemic. Two buses were arranged and more than 80 seniors joined the trip.



## VISIT TO THE RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Venue: Ripley's Aquarium of Canada

For most seniors, it was their first time visiting the Aquarium. They were very excited about it and have shared a lot of videos from this visit on social media.







# SEAS CHARITY GALA 2023



SEAS Foundation hosted the annual charity gala at Hilton Suite Hotel on November 5, 2023 (Sunday). This year, the event was sponsored by Hildebrand Garden (Title Sponsor), Scott Au Solicitor & Barrister (Diamond Sponsor) and other Gold, Silver and table sponsors.

The event was kicked off by a children dance from Georgia's Dance & Arts Cultural Centre, followed by a march in of the board members of SEAS Foundation and the singing of National Anthem. During the event, there were multiple feature performances, including Tango dances, Slow Waltz dance, duet and solo singing. The dance floor was opened up for guests to dance and enjoy the night with background ballroom music performed by a live band.

There were more than 400 guests who enjoyed the night with us. Thank you to all who sponsored, donated and supported the event.

**SEAS FOUNDATION 協群基金會**

**SEAS CHARITY GALA 2023 朗逸群宴夜**

Title Sponsor: **hildebrand gardens**

Diamond Sponsors: **Scott Au SOLICITOR & BARRISTER**

Date: Sunday, November 5, 2023  
Time: 6 PM Reception | 7 PM Dinner

Venue: Hilton Suites Toronto/Markham  
8500 Warden Ave. Markham, L6G 1A5  
Information: 416-519-5320  
Charitable # 80868 0937 880001

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Ball Room Dance Performance

Harp Performance

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# SEAS CHARITY GALA 2023



## SEAS Foundation ---

### Service Board Directors 2023-2024:

Michelle Chu, Chair

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# SEAS 8KM WALKATHON 2023



On Saturday, October 21, 2023, S.E.A.S. Centre hosted a 8km walkathon to raise money for programs and services. It was supported by board directors, staffs, clients and volunteers. This year, the group started the 8km walk at the Edward Gardens and ended at the Wilket Creek Trail.

Although the weather forecast predicted a shower on that day, there were more than 30 participants at the event. Participants enjoyed the scene of autumn along the trail. Overall, we have raised over \$6000. Thank you for everyone who participated, supported and donated to the event.


**S.E.A.S. CENTRE**  
 協群社區服務中心

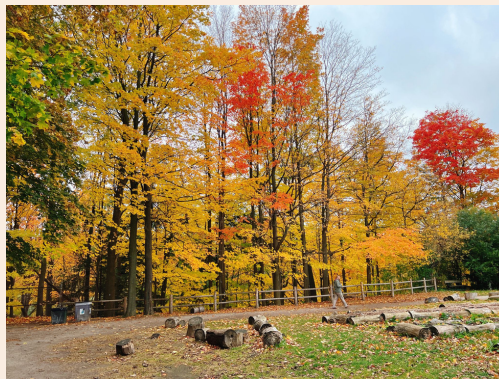
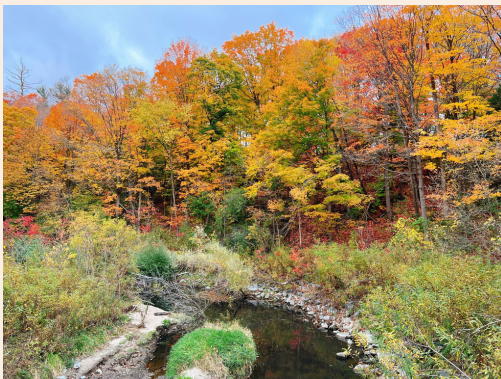


**JOIN US!**  
**2023 S.E.A.S**  
**8KM WALK-A-THON**  
 LET'S WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR S.E.A.S!  
 ALL AGES WELCOME!  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST 2023**

**START LINE: EDWARDS GARDEN TRAIL HEAD @ 10:00AM**  
**TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL S.E.A.S.**  
**CENTRE: 647-656-6984 OR**  
**EMAIL: DAMITA@SEASCENTRE.ORG**











# THE FILIPINO INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FORUM



The Filipino International Students Forum on December 16, 2023 at the Scarborough Civic Centre brought community members and organizations together to discuss the current situation and concerns of Filipino international students, and ways to advocate for their rights and welfare. Some of the issues participants raised were:

- The 20-hour-per-week limit for working int'l students,
- Discrimination and stigma against int'l students,
- Lack of supports for int'l students from the Philippine Consulate General in Toronto,
- High cost of living and low wages in Toronto.

We hope to address these issues and more via the Filipino International Students Network, a center of advocacy and information-sharing, that will launch in the new year. People power can change the world!

The event was co-organized by Migrante Ontario, Anakbayan Scarborough, and SEAS Centre. Thank you to everyone who participated, to City Councillor and Chair of TTC Jamaal Myers for sharing a message of solidarity, and to Paula Saraza of OMNI Filipino for covering the event.



*Photos c/o Shayne Hontiveros.*

# UPCOMING EVENT



**SEAS S.E.A.S. CENTRE**  
協群社區服務中心 x 香柏文化中文學校 合辦

**創意美術班**  
*Creative Arts Class*

**日期 Date:**  
2024年1月4日至2月8日, 逢星期四, 共6星期  
January 4 - February 8, 2024 Every Thursdays (6 weeks)

**時間 Time**  
1:00-2:30 PM

**地址 Location:**  
協群萬錦辦公室 Markham S.E.A.S. Centre  
32 South Unionville Ave, Unit 2036 and 2038

**免費 FREE**

**联系方式 Contact:**  
SEAS2021 905-305-1808  
647-768-1040 damita@seascentre.org

## Home & Personal Safety Campaign

January & February 2024

## SEAS Lunar New Year Celebration Lunch

February 28, 2024

Stay Tuned!

## ACTIVITY PHOTOS



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