



NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION WAIKATO BRANCH INC
紐西蘭華僑聯合會懷咭吐區分會



2016/2017 Waikato Chinese Association Committee

Acknowledging Patron, Donald Kwok in his 90th year

Front row from left to right

Fee Ching Tan (Vice President), Donald Kwok (Patron), Paul Chin (President)

Middle row

Linda Tai (VP Catering), Gillian Joe (VP Website), Janet Young-Chin (VP Administration/Secretary,
Helen Sam (VP Women/Chinese Language Secretary)

Back row

Kewwa Low (VP Finances/Treasurer), Johnathan Tan (VP Youth)

Absent -May Low (VP Membership)

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Supporters of W C A

Many thanks to Golden Dragon Restaurant, 5 x Roads, Hamilton for their continued generous servings on our ordered catered food

Many thanks to Bunnings Warehouse, Te Rapa for allowing us to fundraise for Youth activities

Many thanks to Fullon fishing Hamilton for their discount on fishing gear for the WCA Big Fish Competition



Many thanks also to our financial members for your continued support of our Association. The committee is constantly reviewing activities and welcomes your feedback and suggestions.

2017 Calendar of Events



- 5-10 Feb NZCA Leadership Development Conference
- 11 Feb WCA Chinese New Year Celebration
- 11 March WCA Family Picnic and Walk
- 14-17 April NZCA Sports and Cultural Tournament, Christchurch
- 28 May tbc AGM Light Lunch
- Women's Group monthly meeting, 2nd Saturday of each month

WCA NEWS AND UPDATE:

NZCA national body has set up a new website. Each branch has an allocated section. The Waikato branch address is <http://waikato.nzchinese.org.nz>. This replaces our former kete site and will include our newsletter and updates.

NZCA ACADEMIC AWARDS FOR NCEA LEVEL 1,2 OR 3,, IB AND CAMBRIDGE EXAMS

Applications are open for Youth to apply for these monetary awards, please email waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com to obtain more details

Upcoming Events

WCA CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCH - HOSTING TALENTED PERFORMERS FROM CHENGDU, PRC

Date: Saturday 11 February 2017

Time: 1pm Pot luck Lunch

Followed by food demonstrations and family activities-mahjong, table tennis dodge ball -WCA will provide, rice, fresh fruit and some catered food –

MEMBERSHIP CAN BE PAID/RENEWED ON THIS DAY

Venue: WCA Centre - 47 Lewis Road, Glenview, Hamilton

Cost: Members: FREE if you bring a “plate “, otherwise \$10
Non-members: \$12 if you bring a “plate “, otherwise \$22

RSVP: by 8 February 2017 waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com, Janet 0272161888, Helen 8434691 or any committee member

Please bring:

- A generous plate of savory food sufficient for your family
- Your own plates and eating utensils
- Cash to purchase raffles – to support youth activities



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO USUAL TIME FOR OUR CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION. THIS IS ENABLE MEMBERS TO SUPPORT AND ATTEND THE CHINESE NEW YEAR OF THE ROOSTER CONCERT IN THE EVENING-

Date: Saturday 11 February 2017

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Clarence Street Theatre

Hamilton’s sister city Chengdu will be sending a team of performing artists (all teachers from the Chengdu Children’s Palace Tutors Group) to feature a this concert. .Performers have been invited to the WCA Chinese New Year Lunch.

重要通告

華聯會慶祝新年

恭喜發財, 送舊迎新, 祝大家鷄年好運, 如意吉祥.

華聯會慶祝新年午餐, 歡迎闔府及你的朋友同來參加這歡樂盛會.

日期:2017年2月11日(星期六)

時間: 下午1時開始午餐, 午餐結束後有各項活動如烹飪示範, 耍麻雀, 乒乓球和閃球等等.

地點: 華聯會所47Lewis Street, Glenview, Hamilton

入場費: 會員帶備食物者費用全免, 否則\$10. 非會員帶備食物者\$12, 否則\$22.

新/舊會員可在當天辦理2017年加入/續會手續.

席位有限請在2017年2月8日前和下列各理事預定席位. 電郵:
:waikatochineseassociation@gmail.com 秘書陳楊麗新手提:0272161888 或 會員沈
譚秀芳電話07 8434691 或其他會員.

請帶備美味的正餐食物(足夠你的家人) 和自用餐具. 零錢買抽籤票.

華聯會供應白飯, 水果和一些買來的食物和大家分享.

請注意華聯會慶祝新年時間和去年不同這是因為會員同時可以支持慶祝鷄年歌唱晚會.

日期:2017年2月11日(星期六)

時間: 晚上6時30分

地點:Clearance Street Theatre Clearance Street, Hamilton

表演者是中國成都Children Palace Tutors Group 的老師. 華聯會邀請這些演員和我們一起午餐.



WCA FAMILY PICNIC & WALK

Date: Saturday 11 March 2017

Venue: Little Waipa Reserve 873/875 Horahora Road, Arapuni

Time: 10.30am to socialize or stroll/walk/bike along Waikato River Trail – Karapiro section

12.30pm Shared Picnic lunch

Bring:

- Walking shoes/Bike/Scooter
- Own drinks, Eating and drinking utensil
- Picnic food to share – BBQ will be available to cook/heat food
- Your family and friends

華聯會野餐和步行

日期:2017年3月11日(星期六)

時間: 早上10時30分可步行, 腳踏車或群體談話. 下午12時30分共享野餐.

地點:Little Waipa Reserve 873/875 Horahora Road, Arapuni

自備: 步行鞋/單車/機器腳踏車, 飲品, 餐具, 野餐食物一起分享, 家人和朋友.

有燒烤爐給一大家燒烤或返熱.

請穿著適合當天天氣的衣服.



NZCA SPORTS AND CULTURAL TOURNAMENT

Date: 14-17 April 2017

Venue: Christchurch

Easter is just around the corner; get your interest into me, Johnathan via Facebook or John28426@hotmail.com as soon as possible. At this stage there may be a small contingent going to participate in touch, indoor soccer and indoor netball.

It will be a good chance to see the South Island and make some good friends.

Past Events

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS FUNCTION



THE WCA BIG FISH TOURNAMENT

Held at Coromandel on 18 December 2016.

The weather was relatively favorable and we had fine weather with a bit of a breeze in the late afternoon that provided some chop on the water. There was only had a small bout of seasickness from a few of the Waikato competitors but they were good sports about it and didn't assist the other side to any extra extent with any extra burley. (being sick)

A big congratulations to Cecil Wong and the Auckland (23 snapper) team that narrowly defeated the Waikato (21 snapper) Team by 2 snapper and took the Best Team trophy home for 2016. It was a close thing but the best team won on the day.

Individual Prizes went to Auckland's Cecil Wong for the largest Snapper trophy of a 54cm beauty. Waikato's Jason Wang one of the younger anglers won the biggest Kahawai Trophy and Auckland's Sam Gin won the Biggest other species trophy.

Spot prizes of chocolate fish went to Philip Chong of Auckland and Sid Lim of Waikato who were the biggest triers of the day (resulting in no fish caught), our youngest fisherman Richard Chin (Waikato), the best condition (most colourful) snapper -Jonathan Tan (Waikato), person that tangled up the opposition team the most- Billy Chong (Auckland), and the best last minute fisherman (a fill in on the morning) - .Quin Cho (Waikato)

As part of our prize giving ritual, the Waikato losing team was presented with branch coffee mugs handed over by the Auckland winning team individually in a mock gesture that implied "you should have stayed home and drank coffee today."

Once again Congratulations to the victorious Auckland team and thank you for being such an enthusiastic, keen bunch of fishos. Waikato looks forward to competing with you again in 2017.

Report by Paul Chin



NZCA WAIKATO BRANCH (WCA) HOST THE AUCKLAND BRANCH WOMENS GROUP TO LUNCH ON 19 NOVEMBER 2017 AT OUR CENTRE



MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATION AND MIX N MINGLE WITH MAYORAL CANDIDATES Held on 17 SEPTEMBER

WCA were grateful for the time and support all the mayoral candidates were able to share with our Association at the Mid-Autumn Festival. Along with the opportunity talk with mayoral candidates, members also participated in the making of mooncakes and played table tennis.



CHRISTOPHER MAYO GAINS A NZCA ACADEMIC AWARD- NCEA LEVEL 3

At the Mid-Autumn Festival, Christopher was officially presented a NZCA Academic Award for his outstanding NCEA Level 3 results. These were Overall Excellence for NCEA Level 3 which comprised of Biology endorsed with Merit, Chemistry endorsed with Excellence, Calculus endorsed with Excellence, Statistics endorsed with Excellence. Of note is that Christopher was a Year 12 students and sat additional exams in this year, where he gained 94% in Cambridge A level Physics, a NZQA Scholarship in Biology, NZQA Scholarship in Calculus, NZQA Outstanding Scholarship in Statistics and NZQA Outstanding Scholarship in Chemistry. Congratulations, Christopher.



WOMENS GROUP- GUEST SPEAKER CONSTABLE PERE PAEA

Report by Fee Ching Tan

On 9 July, our Women Group meeting was opened to all to have a shared lunch and to listen to the talk by Pere Paea- who is currently the Waikato District Police Ethnic and Pasifika Liaison Officer in the New Zealand Police Force.

The shared lunch was lovely and yummy.

We enjoyed the talk by Pere who has been in the police force for 24 years and mostly based in Hamilton. He is married with 3 children.

In 2004, New Zealand Police Ethnic Strategy came about and thus the police force recruited a number of Ethnic Liaison Officers throughout the country.

All attendees at this meeting enjoyed a great social time and an informative session by Pere. "



WCA AND NZ CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY –Waikato enjoy an afternoon of Mahjong -



AGM AND LIGHT LUNCH 28 MAY 2016

Trialing a different format this year for our AGM proved popular. The AGM acknowledged the contribution of our Immediate Past President, Sid Lim to WCA in presenting him a Life Membership Award. Light lunch was served to financial members following the meeting.





SID POON LIM

Sid has been on the Waikato Chinese Association (WCA) Committee as a Past President for many years. He held positions as a Treasurer, Vice-President and President and carried out the duties of the respective roles with dedicated commitments.

Besides his dedicated commitments at WCA and other community involvements, Sid had a busy work life running a fruit shop in Te Awamutu.

In 1988, after 35 years or so Sid sold Lims Fruit Shop and retired!

After a year or so after taking holidays and enjoying leisure time, he became a successful Real Estate Agent. He has been a member of Rotary Club Te Awamutu for many years and is still involved

He is a regular member of Te Awamutu Golf Club and was recently appointed as Convenor of Pennants Tournaments.

What are Sid's future plans?

He still has a keen interest in property! These days, he and Isabel enjoy their regular travels- to China and to America to visit their grandchildren and other destinations. He has more time to play golf and go fishing!

He and Isabel are still active members participating in WCA activities when they are not too busy or out of the country!

OBITUARY

PHAT TA THANH

(22/03/1926 to 8 /7/2016)



On 8 July 2016, Phat (commonly known by many in Hamilton), Waikato Chinese Association Life Member passed away peacefully at the West Garden Rest Home in Hobsonville, at a golden age of 90.

Phat was born in Vietnam. Although Chinese, his name was pronounced and written in Vietnamese. In 1953 and 1959 he went to France and America respectively to study radio

communication.

Through the help of his younger sister and her family (who immigrated to New Zealand three years before him), Phat immigrated to New Zealand in 1982 and reunited with his sister and her family in Hamilton.

Phat worked for Gallagher Holdings until he retired. He then worked for Forlongs only on Saturdays attending to Chinese customers.

Phat joined Waikato Chinese Association (WCA) in the 1980s. He was a dedicated committee member for many years – involving in lion - dance activities, newsletter translation, fund-raising for the Chinese Gardens, Chinese Community Hall, to name a few.

In 1989, Phat became a committee member of the Waikato Chinese Heritage Group. He taught Cantonese to Chinese children and undertook other cultural activities in that Group for a few years.

Phat also devoted his time in the service of others, particularly the migrant community. Phat was a Justice of Peace, an interpreter at the Migrant resource Centre and President of the Vietnamese Association in Hamilton. He undertook many education and community work certificates; one of them is for food handling to help interpret in that area for many people in the Asian community taking the Course. (Source: Scoop, Waikato Institute of Technology, Issue 1 2008).

Phat is fluent in five languages (English, Vietnamese, French, Mandarin and Cantonese)

In 2001 Pat received a Civic Award for being one of Hamilton's 'unsung heroes'.

Many may not know, when he was younger, Phat enjoyed ballroom dancing and won a medal in one of the ballroom dancing competition

His health slowly deteriorated in his late 80s and he lived at West Garden Rest Home in Hobsonville, Auckland to be close to his sister and her family.

2017 MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE SOON

WCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

APPLICANT:			
NAME:			DOB:
SPOUSE/PARTNER:			
NAME:			DOB:
DEPENDANT CHILDREN UNDER 18yrs old			
NAME:			DOB:
NAME:			DOB:
NAME:			DOB:
ADDRESS:			
No:		Street Name:	
SUBURB:		CITY:	POST CODE:
CONTACT DETAILS:			
HOME:		WORK:	MOBILE:
E-MAIL:			
MEMBERSHIP (Put a 'Y' next to the type of membership):			
Family: \$25		COUPLES: \$20	INDIVIDUAL: \$12
Donations would be appreciated: \$			TOTAL PAYABLE: \$

PAYMENT METHODS (Put 'Y' in between Brackets): () Make cheques Payable to NZCA Waikato Branch Inc. And post to P.O. Box 9294, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240

() Direct Credit to Acct# 03-1560-0056023-00, NZCA Waikato Branch. Put first name and initial of last as reference please