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NZCA Waitomo Trip. Oct.2008

Mr Wang Jian Zhou ,Andy Wong & family. Kai Luey
@ NZCA Olympic Presentation Dinner 2008



Meet and Greet Evening organized by NZCA
Leadership and Development Committee for2009



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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

HELLO !, The RAT year is slowly gathering momentum to be replaced by the Ox !. A typical RAT ~ elusive and very difficult to pin down ! Rats have no set routine - like the world in turmoil – if not one disaster, then two, or more thrown in for good measure.

Earth quakes in Burma and China Floods in South-East Asia and Americas. Disputes in Palestine, Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Tibet, Zimbabwe, Afghanistan ,Georgia and we can go on and on. Hunger and Starvation, Global warming and the most recent Wall Street meltdown effecting the World.. We all know how greedy the Banking systems are and I guess it is now payback time, only multitudes of innocent people have been caught up in this man-made catastrophe created by the Ruthless Leaders of the Western Economic Systems. **IS THE CURE Worse than the DISEASE?** Only time will tell.!

On the bright side – Fuel prices have dropped – Olympic Games have finished - will this be the beginning for better or a harbinger for more badtimes?

I still find it very difficult to have material to edit. Do you find the Newsletter informative? Do you have an opinion on what has been written or contributed? How do you find our Website ? www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz

I ,and NZCA Akld would appreciate muchly if some member who is IT literate can volunteer some pointers , suggestions or assistance to make improvements to our website .

On the local front, great to see many NZCA members pitching in with the ACCC Garage Sale on Saturday 18 October – the Fund raiser for the ACCC Hall Development Fund was an enormous success - Thank You all.

Ladies' Group gatherings have a strong following , NZCA organized Trip to Waitomo was a greatly patronized by a large contingent of 45 members, TenPin Bowling Event was most enjoyable by a wide mix of participants.

Ed. JK

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

With the euphoria and the late night TV viewing of the Beijing Olympic Games now over, life for us all is now settling down to a more normal routine. Let's hope that the weather improves and that the many cold wet and stormy days over the last few months are but a distant memory.

In June I completed the maximum term allowable of three years as National President of New Zealand Chinese Association Inc, and my final report was included in the 2008 Winter Newsletter. However, there are still many activities being organised on the local Auckland scene which are keeping myself and all the Branch Executive Committee members very busy.

We held our NZCA Olympic Celebration Dinner on Saturday, 9 August 2008 at the Sichuan Restaurant which was enjoyed by over 200 persons. Presentations were made at the dinner to the Auckland Branch members who won NZCA Academic Awards and to the gold, silver and bronze donors for the Dragon Sculpture gift (and replica) given to the 2008 NZ Olympic Team. Further details are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

John Kum has done an excellent job with recent newsletters being very informative and entertaining. However, we are in a new technological world and for the latest and constantly updated information on NZCA Auckland activities, please refer to our website www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz. In addition, we request you provide your email address (if you have one) to John & Connie, so that they can send you important information as soon as it is received.

Major upcoming events as shown on the website are :-

6 December 2008 **NZCA Xmas BBQ** at Mangere Hall at 12 noon. All welcome, members free, non-members \$5.00.

17 January 2009 **ACCC Chinese New Year Festival & Market Day** at the ASB Showgrounds between 9.30am and 3.30pm. Please support this celebration and help welcome the Year of the Ox in style.

1-6 Feb 2009 **"Future Dragons" Leadership & Development Conference** for persons aged 18 to 30 at Willow Park Camp, Eastern Beach as a follow-up to the very successful events held in 2007 (Auckland) & 2008 (Wellington).

17-19 July 2009 **"Rising Dragon, Soaring Bananas" International Conference** to be held in conjunction with the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO) at the University of Auckland

Another initiative currently being discussed is a Seniors' Lifestyle Group with the objective of providing stimulating and active activities for those NZCA members not in full-time employment. It is proposed to hold these activities during normal weekdays and we are planning to get this group going before the end of 2008. We invite expressions of interest and any suggestions from members and friends.

Kai Luey
Chairman

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

NZCA Auckland Lawn Bowls Tournament 2008

On behalf of NZCA Auckland Inc, I would like to express my thanks to all the bowlers who turned out and supported our tournament. I hope that you all had an enjoyable day of "friendly" competition and fellowship.

The rain managed to hold off until after the tournament ended, although the wind was chilly and brisk.

It was heartening to have competitors from outside Auckland participating – a warm welcome to Henry Yee from Wellington, Alex Fan from Hamilton and Norman Ng from Manawatu – we hope that you will join us again.

Congratulations to the prizewinners –

1 st -	Alan Lam & Patrick Ng
2 nd -	Virginia Leung & Danny Leung
3 rd -	Barclay Lee & Catherine Bien

Spot Prizewinners -

1 ST Toucher (am session) -	Connie Cheng
1 st Toucher (pm Session) -	Tim Chan
Lead – 1 st to Touch	Tim Chan
Skip – 1 st to Touch	Michael Wong

Bad Hair Day – Should have stayed in bed Award -
Leung Tony Chan & Raymond



I would like to express my sincere thanks to:

Alan Lam for his constant and invaluable support and assistance in mustering the entrants,
Florence Hing for her wonderful organisational skills and keeping time on the day,
George Lowe for assistance in setting up the boards and mats as well as doing the score sheets, and
last but not least, Winston Palmer, President of Mt Eden Bowling Club for the use of their facilities and generous hospitality

NZCA Auckland Inc is delighted to support this tournament and we look forward to seeing you next year.
I wish you a successful summer season of Bowls.

Virginia Chong JP
National Vice-President
NZ Chinese Association (NZCA)



John Kum presenting 1st Prize to Alan Lam & Patrick



John addressing competitors at Mt. Eden Bowling Club
19 August 2008

NZCA Auckland Inc Annual Golf Tournament 2008

This is the fifth year that the NZCA Annual Golf Tournament has been held

Of the 31 registrations received, 26 keen and hardy (or is it foolhardy!!!!) golfers turned out at Onewhero Golf Club ready to have a good round of golf, despite the very overcast sky and threatening rainclouds overhead.

We were delighted this year, to welcome some new participants, including four golfers from the Waikato. The rain held off long enough to enable everyone to tee off, but unfortunately it set in, and some players retreated to the clubrooms after 9 holes, wet, cold and miserable.

The hardy ones played the full 18 holes, but most did not recall making many memorable putts or drives. The course conditions were reflected in the high scores and a number of balls that were lost or sank on the extremely wet course.

Despite the weather, an enjoyable day of fellowship and friendship for all participants.

The last couple of tournaments have been blighted by the poor weather, so we have decided to hold the competition a little earlier next year, at the end of autumn instead.

Trophies and prizes were awarded to the following players:

Best Nett	Stephen Lim
Best Stableford	Doug Lum
Stableford 2 nd	Phillip Foo
Stableford 3 rd	Sean Khoo
Ladies Nett	Pam Joe
Longest Drive	Carlos Leewai Pam Joe
Closest to the Pin	Francis Wong Pam Joe



. Our warmest congratulations to all winners

NZ Chinese Association Auckland acknowledges the generosity of the following supporters:

- Stephen and Andrea Lim for their donation of apples and bananas, for the golfers to munch on their way around the course.
- Doug Lum and Barfoot & Thompson for the golf umbrellas for spot prizes – certainly would have been handy as the lucky winners made their way around the course.
- Colgate NZ Limited for the special prize of red wine and gifts of their products.

Thanks also to Peter Lee and Lyn Lum for checking and finalizing the score cards – a thankless task at the best of times.

All in all, an enjoyable day of fellowship, despite the weather.

Next year the NZCA Annual Golf tournament will be held on **10th May 2009**, at **Onewhero Golf Course**. Please mark your diaries.

Once again, our sincere thanks to NZCA Auckland for their continued support and sponsorship of this event.

Virginia Chong

WAITOMO DAY TRIP

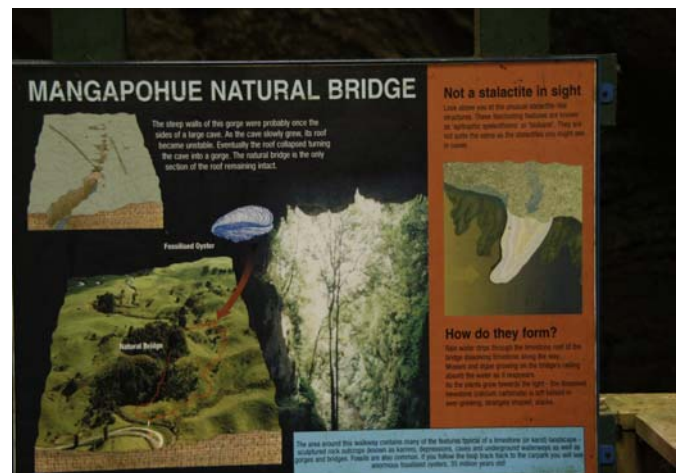
4 October 2008

Well, our day trip to the **Waitomo** area was a huge success. Humourously narrated by our illustrious committee member Estella Lee in English & Cantonese. All the information she gave came from her deep interest in New Zealand conservation. Yes, it was an early start but morning tea (muffins), stopped us missing our breakfast. The lunch of salad, cold meat, buns and fruit were organized by Virginia, Connie & Meilin. I call them the **Trio Cooks** because they have a group of supporters that produce food for whatever lunch, afternoon tea, is held, whether it be for fund raising or just plain getting together!

It was a beautiful temperate sky. We saw a lot. This was an expedition to places that most of us had never thought to wander through. There was nothing ordinary about the area. We started with the **Ruakuri Reserve** walk. That was tramped at a relaxed pace. For all those who can walk round two blocks in the suburbs, this would only be marginally more difficult. It was up and down and across well built conservation bridges, with underground rivers to catch a glimpse of. The rest was an invigorating bush walk. We all went wow when we saw the cavernous **Mangapohua Natural Bridge**! After lunch it was another wow, when after a short bus ride & walk we arrived at **Marokopa Falls**. This place was a show stopper. NZ bush at its best. The third stop, we saw rock formations that would have puzzled the Stonehenge experts. After viewing the huge fossilized oyster we gathered for a group photo. Everyone finished even the ones with walking sticks.

On the way home there was time to spend at **Otorohanga**. I nice little place set up for the tourists. Someone discovered the fresh bunches of watercress at the local shop. After word got out, half the bus was sporting bunches of that lovely vegetable & dreaming of watercress soup. By the way, if you happen to notice your friend wearing a fashionable waterproof jacket with a hood and lilac colored. That was another shopping scoop!

Rose Luey



NZCA Volleyball Tournament

The **2nd Annual NZCA Auckland Branch Volleyball Tournament** was held over 11-12 October with 5 Mens and 5 Mixed teams competing. And boy has the standard been raised! Wellington made the trip up to compete and the end of it all we have had interest from all teams to compete at Christchurch Easter Tournament next year, and as far as I've been playing Easters there has never been volleyball in Christchurch.

Tournament began from 9am in the morning and carried out through the day till 4pm with a round robin play, and for a social event we had dinner at Sunnyside Restaurant, and do what Chinese people do best. Eat!

Games began at 9am, with a few tired faces and a few surprising wins and losses, and at the end of the day saw ACCSC A play ACCSC B in the mixed final and ACCSC B vs Wangfang in the Men's final. ACCSC B and Wangfang took the trophies home. We rounded off the evening a BBQ before the Wellingtonians flew out and before people started seizing up and cramping! All in all a great tournament. A big thank you to the NZCA and ACCSC and to all those who competed!!

And thanks also to the ACCSC volleyball committee for arranging. We got great feedback and hopefully more interest in the sport

Koreen:

Men's Final 2008 Champs – Wangfang



Committee members at Volleyball tournament BBQ



NZCA Ten Pin Bowling Event Sunday 19 October

Sunday afternoon and 22 fit and enthusiastic bowlers met at **Superbowl Panmure** for an afternoon of social ten pin bowling.

There was a mix of novices and professionals (bowlers with their own shoes and ball) all ready for an afternoon of fun. Amongst the spares, strikes and gutter balls there were hi scores of 156 by Jack Chong.

A few balls didn't even make it down the alley shooting backwards endangering the spectators. After two games each all retired to **Hansan Vietnamese Restaurant** for some noodles and soup, reliving the funnier moments of the afternoon.



N Z C A Akld Branch Committee entertains Consul-General Mam.Liao Juhua and Mr & Mrs Wang Jian Zhou of the PRC Consulate of Akld.

NZCA Leadership and Development Conference - Information Evening

An information evening on the upcoming 2009 NZCA Leadership & Development Conference (LDC) was held on Monday 13 October where young Chinese from across Auckland gathered at the Auckland Chinese Community Centre to learn more about this exciting NZCA initiative.

The evening kicked off with a presentation from Kai Luey and Justin Yang who provided an overview of the NZCA and the LDC. This was followed by past delegates from the '07 and '08 LDC's sharing their stories – what they learnt, how they benefited and why other young aspiring Chinese leaders "Must Go". The Asia Downunder coverage of the '07 LDC was also played during the presentation and was enjoyed by the audience.

The 2009 LDC is definitely off to a good start with many expressions of interest coming through - so much so that NZCA memberships were also taken up on the night for eligibility. Past delegates were kept busy during the night answering queries from potential participants.

Overall, it was a great night where everyone had a good time. Special thanks to the fantastic catering crew and also the ACCC.

Applications will be opening in November, so keep your eyes peeled on the NZCA website www.nzchinese.org.nz under the leadership tab where the information on the 2009 LDC will be updated shortly. Those of you who have put in your expressions of interest will also be emailed directly.

For more information or expressions of interest, please email Justin Yang JustinYiYang@gmail.com or Michael Ng ngy.me.this@gmail.com

• UPCOMING EVENTS

New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Inc.

SENIOR LIFESTYLE GROUP

The Auckland Executive Committee has been discussing for some months the formation of a **Senior Lifestyle Group**, with a Sub – Committee Group consisting of Virginia Chong, Elsie Wong, Percy Kaifong, John Kum & myself.

The aims & objectives will be similar to those of the Aged Concern organisations which can attract some Government Funding for equipment, coordinators & instructors etc.

The target age group is 55 years old plus and is aimed primarily to women & men who are no longer working full-time but everyone is welcome.

NZCA Manawatu Branch has had its pilot Aged Concern project operating on a weekly basis for about two years and it has been very successful. Its starting attendance of about 20+ has grown to 60 to 80 persons regularly.

The concept was presented at the NZ Chinese Association's SGM on Sunday, 28 September 2008 and the consensus was that a meeting be held monthly initially, and increased frequency to fortnightly or weekly depending on the level of participation.

We will be holding a general get-together of interested persons at **10.00am on Tuesday, 14 November 2008** at **ACCC, 1 New North Road, Eden Terrace** followed by a light lunch. Please bring a plate of food to share !

There will be some activities such as board games, friendly mah jong , karaoke? but the main purpose of the meeting will be to have brainstorming discussions on the way forward with the proposal and suggestions on further activities and format.

Please RSVP to myself by email or phone by 14 November if you are attending

Kai Luey 14 October 2008

*** * ACCC. ANNUAL GUY FAWKES * ***

at Chinese Community Centre

**99 TAYLOR ROAD MANGERE
SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2008**

Dinner -- from 6.30 pm

BBQ & Sausage sizzle will be provided

Nb. Bring your own Steak, lamb, chicken, fish, etc

* Please bring a Salad to share and maybe a Cake for Supper would be much appreciated *

Fireworks Display from 8.30 pm

Tea and Coffee will be provided after the Fireworks Display

NZCA Ak. Inc.

*** * Xmas BBQ * ***

Saturday 6 Dec 2008 ** 12 o'clock

Once again we welcome members to join with the Committee for a joyous and Social pre-Xmas function

Fun ~ Food ~ Lolly scramble and a visit from SANTA for the kids !
held @ 99 Taylor Road Mangere

members free **** non-members \$5

CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

welcoming the

Year of the OX

at Imperial Garden Restaurant.
12-26 Swanson St. Auckland

Saturday 24 January 2009 @ 7pm ; Special New year Menu

Adults: \$35

Child:(under 12) \$25

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*** * Are you descended from goldminers ? * ***

If your ancestors were named

- Wah Yeong
- Ah Kin or Ah Hin
- Wong You
- Sudy Key

Or

- Ah Lem,

Queenstown Lakes District Council wants to hear from you.

These men have each been the registered proprietors of land in Cardrona Village, near Wanaka, since the late nineteenth 1970s, now classified abandoned.

Please contact the acting solicitor, Tanya Surrey of MACALISTER TODD PHILLIPS

tsurrey@mactodd.co.nz

PO Box 653, Queenstown

Mobile 027 437 6909

Direct dial 03 441 0215

Copies of titles are available. Who knows what the land is worth now? Or what rates are due?

What is the hardest thing to break?

Diamonds are hard to find but not hard to break. What is the hardest thing to break then ?

The answer is: **HABIT**

If you break the **H**, you still have **A BIT**. If you break the **A**, you still have **BIT**. If you break the **B**, you still have **IT!!!**

Hey, after you break the **T** in **IT**, there is still the **'I'**. The person at the end of the day, is the root of all the problems.

Now, I know why **HABIT** is so hard to break. Its destiny is in its name. The word itself.

My lecturer taught me never, never, never to **ASSUME** .

Because it makes an **'ASS'** out of **'U'** and **'ME'**...

- A Time To Remember, by Margaret Pemberton

Originally published under the title of *A Multitude of Sins*, this book would suit readers of light fiction with its touch of romance and armchair travel in Hong Kong.

You can escape for a few leisurely hours to discover what choice the main character, Elizabeth makes at the end of this story. No peeping now!

Hong Kong travellers will recognise the famous places and streets the author has based this story in. If you are yet to visit Hong Kong this book might motivate you to do so soon.

Happy reading!

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- The Painter from Shanghai, by Jennifer Cody Epstein.

Here is novel of interest to those who like to read a story with an historical Chinese setting reflecting the political climate of the years before the People's Republic of China was formed.

This book relates the story of Yuliang who rises from poor beginnings to become a painter famous for her western influenced art. Her art is not accepted by some in the art circles and there are both personal and professional hardships faced by the artist.

I found this interesting novel a page turner, and hope you do too.

Reviewed by Janice Lowe

NZCA AUCKLAND GOLDRUSH TOUR

21 -22 FEBRUARY 2009

NZCA Auckland are inviting firm applications on a " first come, first served" basis from members who wish to join a tour to **Dunedin and Central Otago** to visit attractions like the new **Dunedin Chinese Gardens**, and the old Chinese gold field sites in **Lawrence and Arrowsmith**.

Airfares and accommodation on a twin share basis have been booked with Air New Zealand Go Holidays for 20 persons as per the attached schedule. Two other NZCA members who wish to make their own travel arrangements and extending before or afterwards their trip to Otago are welcome to join in the planned weekend activities.

The planned tour includes a 22 seater bus to provide a transfer from the Dunedin Airport to the Quest Hotel on 21 February 2009 and one way travel from **Dunedin via Lawrence and Arrowsmith to Queenstown Airport** on 22 February 2009. Therefore, there is sufficient space for two independent travellers who wish to join the main group for the bus trip through Central Otago at a cost of \$90 per person. There may be a small cash refund to the group travellers if the two extra seats are taken.

Price per person including return airfares to Auckland, one night twin share accommodation & tour bus costs but excluding entry fees in Dunedin (because there are special pensioner rates) and meals is :

\$500.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is required with your application as NZCA needs to pay the full amount to Air NZ to confirm the flight bookings and to ensure there are no cost increases. We are not taking up the \$20.00 travel insurance as we are confident substitute persons can be found if there are any withdrawals.

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Saturday 21 Feb 09	7.20am	Fly Auckland to Dunedin direct on Flight NZ 631
	9.15am	Transfer by bus from Dunedin Airport to Quest Dunedin Serviced Apartments, 333 Cumberland Street with accommodation in twin share studio apartments.
	Morning	Tour Dunedin Chinese Garden
	Afternoon	Tour Otago Early Settlers Museum
	Afternoon	Tour Otago Museum- The Emperors Dragon Exhibition
	Evening	Free Time or Dinner with NZCA Otago / Southland Branch members (to be confirmed)
Sunday 22 Feb 09	After Breakfast	Depart for Central Otago by bus
		Visit Lawrence Heritage Site
	Lunch Time	Lunch at a Vineyard
	Early Afternoon	Visit Arrowsmith Heritage Village
	Late Afternoon	Queenstown- free time
	4.55pm	Depart for Auckland direct on Flight NZ 1648
	6.40pm	Arrive Auckland

For those NZCA members who have not already done so, please advise your application to participate in the Goldrush Tour by email or phone to Kai Luey asap. However, your place will only be confirmed when your deposit of \$100.00 is received. The balance of \$400.00 is payable by 20 January 2009 at the latest. The deposit may be transferred to a substitute person if required before the 20/1/09 payment close off date.

e-mail: kailuey@xtra.co.nz, Ph:522-1840, Fax 522 1842, Mob:021-333-125

Kai Luey
14 October 2008

“Rising Dragon, Soaring Bananas” International Conference

New Zealand Chinese Association (Auckland Branch) Inc. is very pleased to advise that planning has commenced for a further Banana event entitled “Rising Dragon, Soaring Bananas”. This conference is being organised in conjunction with the International Society for the Study of Chinese Overseas (ISSCO) and will again be held at the new University of Auckland Business School on 18 – 19 July 2009.

The programme will be a unique combination of personal experiences presentations by high profile achievers from the local Chinese community with expertise in a very wide range of endeavours and an analytical approach of trends and outcomes from Chinese academics who are mainly members of ISSCO from many parts of the world. Further details about ISSCO can be obtained from their website <http://issco.info:80/>

In addition, there will be two internationally renowned keynote speakers to start proceedings each day with themes of contemporary topical interest to all potential participants, plus a further Short Story Competition which attracted many entries at our 2007 Conference.

There will be a Call for Papers being issued shortly asking for abstracts to be submitted by the end of November 2007 based on the following themes :-

Chinese & Indigenous Interactions
China Under the International Spotlight
Free Trade Agreement – Dancing with the Dragon
Accidental Oriental – Exploration of Identity
What Place Chinese Language & Culture?
The Implications of China Rising
The Powers of Chinese International Philanthropic Organisations
Building Bridges Between Old & New Migrants
Creative Chinese – The New Cool

The conference partnership with ISSCO will help bring Chinese New Zealanders into the spotlight of a global stage with ISSCO members from throughout the world participating and presenting papers which will highlight the experiences of Chinese diaspora in many countries.

It will be an event not to be missed, so please mark your calendar with the conference dates and keep watching the website www.goingbananas.org.nz for further details.

Kai Luey
Chairman
New Zealand Chinese Association (Auckland Branch) Inc.

A Heart

A sharp tongue can cut my own throat.: If I want my dreams to come true, I mustn't oversleep
Of all the things I wear, my expression is the most important.
The best vitamin for making friends.... B1: . The happiness of my life depends on the quality of
my thoughts.: The heaviest thing I can carry is a grudge.

One thing I can give and still keep...is my word. I lie the loudest when I lie to myself.
If I lack the courage to start, I have already finished. One thing I can't recycle is wasted time.
Ideas won't work unless ' I ' do. My mind is like a parachute...it functions only when open.
The 10 commandments are not a multiple choice.
The pursuit of happiness is the chase of a lifetime! It is never too late to become what I might have
been.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right.
Forget about the one's who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason.
If you get a second chance, grab it with both hands. If it changes your life, let it.
Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it.

Friends are like balloons; once you let them go, you might not get
them back. Sometimes we get so busy with our own lives and problems
that we may not even notice that we've let them fly away. Sometimes
we are so caught up in who's right and who's wrong that we forget
what's right and wrong. Sometimes we just don't realize what real
friendship means until it is too late. I don't want to let that happen until its too late .

Anon.



WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

The year is going fast with the Women's Group continuing to have enjoyable monthly meetings. Our meetings are usually held at 1.30pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Meadowbank Community Centre, 29 St Johns Rd, Meadowbank, near the Meadowbank Shopping Centre.

New members always welcome, so please ask your friends and relatives to come along.

In July we met at Sichuan restaurant, Remuera for our annual Mid-winter lunch, an enjoyable Yum Char attended by a record number of 70 members, spouses and friends. A very sociable occasion.

Our August meeting was held in Papatoetoe at the home of one of our members Margaret Wong who kindly invited us all there. Margaret is a very experienced and able cook who showed us how to make baked Chinese sponge cakes and also deep fried savoury dumplings called Harm Soi Gok. Another big crowd of over 50 enthusiastic people attended that day!

In September, we returned to the Meadowbank Hall for our meeting. The speaker was Mirjana Arlov, a health professional, who spoke about Biopton Light Therapy, a proven medical technique for healing. She also spoke about Colour Therapy. It was interesting to learn about the effects of colour in our environment. A very informative and enjoyable session.

On 11th October, Maurice Chan who is an NZCA member gave an interesting talk about cruise holidays. He has been on many cruises over the years, so was able to give us good advice and essential information about these holidays. He showed us many photographs of his cruises using video and DVD media. A very enjoyable session attended by many.

For our November meeting we will be going on a day trip by bus with our regular bus driver Bill Houghton. This time we will go to 3 gardens in South Auckland.

- (1) Auckland Botanical Gardens, Manurewa
- (2) Atarangi Garden & Nursery, Papakura
- (3) Amesbury Park Gardens, Ramarama

If interested, or if you have any queries about our meetings, please contact Gillian or Florence. You will need to reply if you wish to go on the November bus trip.

Gillian Young Ph. 528 9008 email youngz@ihug.co.nz

Florence Hing Ph. 528 6920 email bfng@woosh.co.nz

On Saturday 6th December Women's Group members will join with all other NZCA members at the Annual Christmas BBQ lunch party at the Auckland Chinese Community Centre Hall, 99 Taylors Rd, Mangere. Please come along and bring your children and grandchildren. Santa will be there with a gift for each child. Barbeque meat will be provided but please bring a plate of food to share, e.g. salad, savoury dish or dessert which will be much appreciated.

Free entry for NZCA members, \$5 for non-members.



Busy people – Vege carving :



Inticate finished carvings:



NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION (AUCKLAND BRANCH) INC

2008 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Executive Committee of the NZCA Auckland Branch wishes to advise members that the Branch will be making two annual awards to encourage and recognise significant achievements by members in any field of activity, viz sporting, academic, cultural, community, charity or political etc.

The two categories will be **Significant Achievement Award** (for persons over 21)

Youth Achievement Award (for persons under 21)

Members will be invited to submit nominations of other NZCA Branch members and the trophies will be presented at the annual NZCA Auckland Chinese New Year Dinner to be held at Imperial Garden Restaurant on Saturday, 24 January 2009.

Terms & Conditions

1. The awardees must be current financial members of NZCA Auckland Branch either through individual or family membership
2. The qualifications and achievements for the awards can be gained in virtually any field of activity
3. Nominations can be made by any two NZCA members and must be received by the Secretary at PO Box 484, Auckland before 1 January 2009 at the latest.
4. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

Presentations at OLYMPIC 2008 Dinner



Action at the Lawn Bowls Tournament



Cojay Working Bee 2008



A Visit to the Dunedin Chinese Garden

Meilin Chong



I was privileged to attend the official opening of the Chinese Garden by the PM on the 16th Sept.2008. This is the only authentic Chinese Garden in NZ and in the Southern Hemisphere. The garden was assembled in Shanghai and then dismantled and transported to Dunedin where it was reconstructed on site using specialist workers from Shanghai.



Walking around the garden pathways, hidden corners, all the pavilions, and across the bridge to the rock mountain makes one feel one is back in old China. This is truly a garden of beauty, peace and tranquility...



This garden is an asset to Dunedin and is well worth a visit to.

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NZCA AUCK. INC. BILINGUAL LANGUAGE MUSIC SCHOOL

Term 3 has been a busy one with the focus on the Beijing Olympic Games and the August Moon festival. New songs learnt – "I'm a Little Teapot" and "Goodbye" (from the Sound of Music). The children thoroughly enjoy the action songs which makes for easy learning. Understanding of the words by action or visual images and then some formal writing from the songs learned.

School is structured but informal in that it is Bilingual Oral Language as the main focus – conversational skills learned by songs and games with some formal writing. It's a recipe that seems to be working well – the important thing is that its enjoyable and they participate with enthusiasm. Tsui Laow See's storytelling have the children spellbound especially the story of The Monkey King.

Numbers are growing in the Primary One class so we have engaged the services of Ms Becky So. Becky is a qualified Early Childhood teacher. Becky is also taking the Primary Two girls.

At the NZCA Xmas Barbeque on the 6 December the students will give a short musical performance and the Kung Fu students will give a short demonstration. Classes will finish on the 13 December with a Christmas party for the children. Parents, grandparents and committee members of NZCA are most welcome.

3 1/2 – 4 years of age is a good time to start developing Bilingual language skills. Do let your friends know about the NZCA Bilingual Language Music School. Would like to hear before the end of this year of any intending students so we can restructure the classes for next year. Several of the Pre school children will be moving up to the Primary One class. For more information contact –

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Classes are held at Oranga Primary School Hall, Rangipawa Road, One Tree Hill
Same as the Primary School Term - Term 1 2009 will start 31 January 2009

MURPHY'S Lesser known Laws !

1. Light travels faster than sound. This explains why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
3. Those who live by the sword usually get shot by those who don't.
4. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
5. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
6. If you lined up all the cars in the world end to end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them, five or six at a time, on a hill, in the fog.
7. The things that come to those who wait will most often be the junk left by those who got there first.
8. The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in a dark room.
9. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
10. When you go into court, you are putting yourself into the hands of 12 people who weren't smart enough to get themselves out of jury duty

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