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John Kum - Editor



HELLO ALL - Since the last issue we have had a large influx of membership renewals and new members coming on board NZCA Auckland. Whoopee! greetings and a warm WELCOME to you all. I don't think you will be disappointed but if you are then you are not being

proactive enough! Join in the fun!

You, are the people that we want to interact with. You, are the people that play a big part of our community. You, are the people that make up the organization. So without you, we as an organization would be defunct - redundant. Non-existent! Hey, am I here?

I had to think twice about the year - ie. Chinese year - TIGER year. And to have suddenly being reminded that 1/3 of 2010 has passed me by! blink blink - what have I done to date? Where did all those hours, days and time disappear to? In cyberspace? Maybe but in this techno age one would love to rewind the events back to say Christmas 2009 - well lets not even think of rewinding it back further than Xmas 2010.

From the middle of January it has been one hectic two month! So what's new? "You always live on the fast lane" says who? Well, since early last year - 2009, when my wife heard that the WSCC Dragon Dance Contingent were representing New Zealand to compete in the World Luminous Dragon Dance Championships in Hong Kong she began to connive with her whanau to assemble a Dragon Dance Supporters group! So the brainstorming started.

The D-Day was 23 January 2010! What eventuated was a group of over 30 Kiwi / Chinese cheering on the WSCC New Zealand entry on that historical night at the Hong Kong Coliseum at Hung Hom, Kowloon which has the capacity of holding 12,000 spectators. Check out the performances on youtube:

Part 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qooDxIaHxd4>
Part 2: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cl-NB3SQMns>

The Kiwi team came a credible 8th out of 11 international entries. They were up against much younger and cultural oriented teams from Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia, Japan, Guangzhou and Hong Kong to name some. It was such an awesome spectacle! Go go! The Kiwis! All this fuss about only one night? Heck no - we had to spend a week in HK before the event to climatise with the weather and cuisine and not to mention the street-pounding before the bargain hunting. How HK has changed for the better. I still enjoy the trams and ferries

- but now the metro and the skywalks can mobilize the multitude of human bodies at a comfortable pace to get from A to B without having to be sardine-nised on the bustling stall-lined crowded streets!

Well to come this far - we had to make a visit back to my ancestral village - Tien Sum - the family home still stands tall but pretty soon most of Tien Sum and surrounding area will be flattened to make way for a proposed 20 kilometre radius Commercial / industrialized City! What a loss and a shame that our roots and connection to the area will disappear. I have floated the idea of an Overseas Memorial Park with adjacent (cemetery) monument and maybe a block of timeshare apartments as a concerted compensation drive amongst all overseas citizens! Just a thought - but we will have to act fast!

Our son Quentin resides in Kagoshima, Japan. Was Connie going to miss the chance to see her beautiful grand daughter? No way! So after Xintang and Guangzhou it was Japan here we come! I have forgot to mention that during all of the time we were away the weather was at its best behaviour. Unbelievable but we thank the above for treating us with the glorious climate! For those that have not been to Japan - it is the most clean and secure place I have visited. Especially in Kagoshima which is in the southern part of Kyushu. We spent a week bonding with Reina - our grand daughter before heading back home to NZ.

Once home - Chinese New Years Festival - did you attend? Maybe I saw you there! For those who once again attended the NZCA Chinese New Year of the Tiger Dinner at the Imperial Garden - A great turnout and I trust that you enjoyed the evening!

March was full on for processing 2010 memberships for participants attending and competing at the NZCA Easter Tournament down in Windy Wellington. It so happened that we also spent a week in Wellington over Easter! Senior Lifestyle Group! Getting closer to Geriatric Group for me at this rate!

The Editorial Team



Raymond Kwok



Adrian Gin

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From the Vice Chairman

Richard Leung



I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. The past few days has shown that winter is well on its way with the night time temperatures dropping below double digits. Since our last newsletter we have had a large number of activities organised by your

busy committee.

The largest team of to represent Auckland at an out of town Easter Tournament travelled to Wellington for the annual NZCA Easter Tournament held this year in Wellington. The team had over 300 participants plus supporters. A good time was had by old and young with some excellent results in Volleyball and Basketball. The tournament was the largest held in Wellington.

In April around 80 senior members of the Branch attended the annual Seniors Yum Cha held at Sun World Millennium in Newmarket enjoyed by all who attended. This is a very popular event on the Auckland Branch calendar.

An exciting new Auckland Branch initiative was launched in April, the Future Dragonz group which is a network of Auckland Chinese in their 20s and 30s who enjoy a mix of social networking and learning opportunities. The launch event was held at the St Paul Street Gallery. Over 400 young and old attended and were entertained by a series of speakers. We now have a great initiative to cater for our younger members. The Future Dragonz sub

committee are now busy organizing their next event- keep an eye out for details soon.

As summer drew to an end we had a bus load of eager members travel to Miranda for the day to the Miranda Shorebird Centre to see the amazing wader birds and hear the story of the world famous godwits also stopping off at the Clevedon Farmers market on the way. If you missed out on this wonderful trip look out for our next day trip and pencil it in to your diaries.

The annual Auckland Branch Golf tournament was held on Sunday 18 April at Pukekohe golf course. It was good to see many out of towners come along to participate also.

In February 2011 Auckland Branch will be hosting and running the 5th Edition of the NZCA Leadership and Development Conference where our future young leaders of the community will come together for a week of culture, self identity and being inspired by Chinese leaders from all different fields of endeavour. If you are interested in attending or know of someone who is please see details later in this newsletter.

In the next few months we have a number of events planned so I hope to see you all at some of these.

Richard Leung
Vice Chairman
NZCA Auckland Inc

Membership renewal 2010

Your continued support is an important factor to our NZCA organisation, funding for activities for you as members and publishing the newsletters. Show your support in renewing your membership fees for 2010.

Visit our website <http://www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz> to download our latest membership form.



Cantonese Music School

Connie Kum

The NZCA Cantonese Music School started in August 2005 with a vision of teaching children to speak Cantonese. The Cantonese language is a large part of our heritage – as it is for those that have come from the Guangdong province of China or Hong Kong. Many have since learned Mandarin at school and then become fluent in both Mandarin and Cantonese.



NZCA Auckland gives you the opportunity to take your child to a school where the focus on learning is "The Fun Way". The Music School focuses on oral language/conversation, role play, recognition and writing of simple characters. It is a fact that the best time for learning languages and music is between the ages of three to seven. It is amazing how quickly the preschoolers learn and absorb through play and music and movement. Parents can then continue this learning process by reinforcement at home and through the use of CDs.

Chinese culture and learning the art of Chinese cooking for the senior class is a part of the curriculum that the children find most enjoyable.

Its never "too early" (preschooler) or "too late" (senior citizens) to learn. The adults are learning Chinese etiquette, culture, customs as well as conversational language. Costs only \$5 per lesson when in attendance if every week is too difficult a commitment.

Term Dates and Fees

Term 2	24 Apr – 3 Jul (no class Queen's Birthday weekend)	\$50 per child; \$35 per person for 2 or more per family
Term 3	24 Jul – 25 Sep	\$50 per child; \$35 per person for 2 or more per family
Term 4	16 Oct – 11 Dec	\$50 per child; \$35 per person for 2 or more per family

Classes held at Oranga Primary School hall, Rangipawa Road, One Tree Hill.

Preschool (3-5yrs)	9.30am to 11am
Primary 1 (6-10yrs)	11.15am to 12.45pm
Primary 2 / Adult (separate)	1pm to 2.30pm

Our very enthusiastic teachers: Mr Tat Ming Tsui is an experienced Primary teacher who has taught for a number of years in Hong Kong. Tat is bilingual with a vast knowledge of Chinese culture and the children pay particular attention to the Chinese stories. Ms Irene Ho (Tat's wife) has a degree in Counselling and has three grown up sons. She is very gentle with the children and is very successful in building up their confidence and self-esteem in their ability to learn the Cantonese language.

Both are very passionate that Cantonese children should know their heritage language. I urge you to give your three year olds this opportunity. My four year old grandson looks forward to this class every Saturday morning – he's been for a term and knows four songs!

Come along and learn Cantonese - your heritage language!

Enquiries for booking a place ring Connie on 625 8611, cojay@xtra.co.nz or Debbie on 634 1817 / 021 271 6010, qbee@ihug.co.nz

Special thanks to the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust for the grant received in support of Language, Cultural and Heritage education within the community.

Celebrating the Year of the Tiger

David Wong

The Chinese New Year celebration marked the beginning of a year which recognises the traits of the Tiger being courage, power, passion and royalty. It was also an opportune time to reflect on the year passed - where NZCA Auckland achieved many community based events - where each and every member of the NZCA Committee contributed with zealous enthusiasm.



In January 2009 the NZCA Auckland Leadership and Development Conference was hosted at Willow Park, Eastern Beach where over 40 young NZ Chinese participants traced their roots, culture and their potential to go further afield in their careers. July 2009 saw the Rising Dragons -Soaring Banana's International Conference take place at the Owen Glen Building, University of Auckland Business School with over 300 attendees - a great success with several overseas academics from San Francisco and South Africa attending.

In December 2009 the ever hard working Janet Joe took over 30 young NZ Chinese to China for the Winter camp experience. The opportunity for these young Chinese adults to venture back to where their grandparents were born and

breathe in the village life - is an experience that will stay with them forever.

With over 200 enjoying the banquet dinner - it was an evening of celebration. The theme was acknowledgement of youth and success - with Thomas Ding awarded the Youth Award (Deputy Head Boy at St Kentigern College 2009) and Kristy Leong recognised for her taekwondo World Championship final medals - the next generation of NZ Chinese are starting to make their mark.

Raymond Kwok promoted the initiative of Future Dragonz - which intends to bring together Chinese youth with a wider network of business, cultural and artistic influences - was welcomed with eager anticipation.

The evening closed with the many generous raffle gifts being won by all the Chinese guests (/gamblers) who bought 3 or more tickets. It was a wonderful night which raised funds for the April Easter Tournament to be attended by a contingent of over 300 Auckland participants heading to Wellington.



Sifu Khoo's Lion Dance Performers accepting Lai Sees from happy guests during dinner.

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NZCA Auckland Inc Annual Golf Tournament 2010

Virginia Chong

This is the seventh year that the annual golf tournament has been held.

38 golfers turned out at Pukekohe Golf Club – weather was cloudy and rain threatened, but it held off and the weather eventually turned fine, with a gentle breeze – a change from the cold wet miserable days of previous years. All the more reason to hold it at this time of year when the weather is still settled and predictable.

We were pleased to welcome some new faces, including four players from the Waikato.

Golf, on the day, according to some players, was pretty average but the course was in very good condition, despite a lack of rain over the summer months.

Trophies and prizes were awarded to the following players and team:

Best Nett	Doug Lum
Ladies Best Nett	Marilyn Kwok
Best Stableford	Phillip Lowe
Stableford 2nd	Trevor Young
Stableford 3rd	Bill Ming
Stableford 4th	Lyn Lum
Stableford 5th	David Lu
Longest Drive	Richard Fong Leanna Shum
Closest to the Pin	Doug Lum Peter Ying Marilyn Kwok Lena Houg Lee

The winners of the Inter-Branch Golf Challenge Trophy is Auckland 3 (Doug Lum, Lena Houg Lee, Philip Houg Lee and Bill Ming).

The winner of the Colgate prize was Francis Wong.

Our warmest congratulations to all prize winners. We hope the winners will come back next year to defend their titles.

NZ Chinese Association Auckland Inc, as the major sponsor, acknowledges its supporters and thanks them for their generosity:

- Doug Lum and Barfoot & Thompson Mt Eden for the spot prizes of wine carriers, entertainment books, gear holdalls and road map books of Auckland City.
- Colgate NZ for their special prize and the floss and mini travel tubes of toothpaste in the goodie bags which were supplied to each player by NZCA Auckland.

My deepest gratitude and thanks to Peter Lee and Jack Chong for the wonderful job they do checking all the score cards – a thankless task, but done with good humour.

Our thanks also to the Pukekohe Golf Club for their hospitality and superbly maintained golf course – makes a frustrating game so much more enjoyable when the course is in tip top condition.

We hope that other NZCA branches will join us next year to compete for the Inter- Branch Golf Challenge trophy.



Winners of the Inter-Branch Golf Challenge Trophy.

Enter the Dragonz – the launch of Future Dragonz

Raymond Kwok

Wednesday 14 April saw the birth of New Zealand's first Chinese young professionals' network, Future Dragonz. An initiative of NZCA Auckland, Future Dragonz was kicked off by a ceremonial and lively lion dance at the network's launch event entitled Enter the Dragonz, which welcomed a crowd of more than 400 invited guests to St Paul St Gallery, AUT University. Against the backdrop of art, music, drinks and noodle boxes, The Edge's radio producer Chang Hung MC'd the evening and introduced the event's guest speakers.



Don Ha shared his rags to riches story and his path to becoming one of New Zealand's most prominent real estate entrepreneurs. In imparting his life experiences, the crowd took in Don's journey – one fascinating vignette being that he has contributed back to his local community in Manukau.

Ariel Zhang, PR Manager at Skykiwi, Chinese Digital Media Partner of Future Dragonz, showcased a visual feast of photos from her life in sports marketing.



The key message of her presentation was illustrated with powerful images that reinforced one of Future Dragonz' core values: passion for life.

Future Dragonz has been a culmination of over a year's work by a team of past NZCA LDC delegates, passionate to build a sustainable organisation that enjoys a mix of networking and learning opportunities.

There are exciting things happening with the network with the team continually searching out the best deals for its members. Already Future Dragonz has a core set of partners: 2Degrees mobile, SkyKiwi, Wagamama, Unlimited, 3A Copy and more recently Pack entertainment group.

Collaborating with their partners, Future Dragonz will create quality, innovative events – Enter the Dragonz being the first of a series that enables Future Dragonz' members to make connections outside of their existing networks, exposing them to new people, bright ideas and opportunities that will help them grow socially, personally and professionally.

For more information regarding membership and our upcoming events, please visit www.futuredragonz.org.nz



The Future Dragonz team (plus Chang): Back row L-R: Michael Wong, Helen Cheng, Sandy Ling, Raymond Kwok, Alistair Kwun, Yik Kun Heng, Chang Hung. Front L-R: Richard Wong, Vikki Cheng, Stanley Tung, Natalie Sew Hoy, Melissa Wong.



Women's Group News

Gillian Young

The year is going fast with the Women's Group continuing to enjoy regular monthly meetings on the third Saturday of each month.

It has been a brilliant summer with many fine sunny days. Many enthusiastic people took part in our walk in February at Cornwall Park. Both men and women came along to keep fit, walking around the park and up to the summit of One Tree Hill. After the walk, many of the group stayed on for a social picnic lunch.

In March we took an all day bus trip to the North Shore and West Auckland, driven by our friendly bus driver, Bill Houghton, once again. Our first stop was at the popular Silverdale markets, where many bargains were found in the outlet shops, street stalls and indoor craft stalls in the local community hall. Following that we visited Old Knox Cottage Garden nearby. It is a tranquil garden with a large water lily pond. After that we drove to Kumeu to Willows Reach Lodge, a large rural property with llamas and donkeys in the farmyard. There is also a unit for rent to couples for overnight stays. On the way back we stopped at Huapai to browse in a beautiful gift shop there.



The following month, April, we returned to Meadowbank Community Centre for our first autumn meeting. We invited Fiona Carruthers to demonstrate Kete Art to our group. It is a traditional Maori art decorating flax woven bags. Fiona sourced all the materials for us to try this

craft. It was a fun afternoon seeing some artistic results of flax bags decorated by our members.



Coming Up:

15th May: Pam Gillies-Browning, a co-ordinator of the Adult Stem Cell Foundation will be speaking about this amazing new medical development. It is a treatment that may help delay the progression of degenerative diseases in older adults. A nurse and nutritionist, Julie Wilson, will also speak about Women's Health.

19th June: Patricia Woodley, vice-president of the National Council of Women, will speak about her work with the council and about women influencing policy. It will be an interesting interactive session.

Meeting Place: Meadowbank Community Centre, 29 St Johns Rd, Meadowbank, (just along from Foodtown of Meadowbank Shopping Centre.)

Meeting Time : 1.30pm

Cost: NZCA members \$2, non-members \$3. Proceeds to cover the cost of afternoon tea and hall hire. We hope you will be able to join us soon. New members always welcome.

Our mid-winter Yum Char lunch will be held on **July 17th** this year. Restaurant to be decided.

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NZCA Leadership and Development Conference 2011



Eastern Beach, Auckland
Sunday 6th to Friday 11th February 2011
Expressions of Interest to:
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Year of the Tiger 2010

Kai Luey

"The celebration of Chinese New Year has increasingly become a vital part of the summer festivities in Auckland, and this year there were many events to welcome the Year of the Tiger that provided great excitement for the 100,000 ethnic Chinese and many other citizens in this cosmopolitan multi-cultural metropolis".

Up until the mid – 1980's, there were not any large public celebrations of Chinese New Year in New Zealand. There were many historical reasons for this, including the Poll Tax and other anti-Chinese legislation which were imposed to strictly limit the number of Chinese entering Aotearoa. These discriminatory policies were very successful in keeping the NZ Chinese to about 0.5% of the total NZ population in 1980 before the changes in the immigration laws from a race basis to a skill basis. Today, there are about 150,000 ethnic Chinese in NZ or 3.4% of the total population.

In common with the great majority of the early Chinese settlers, my parents migrated from the Guangzhou area of China in the early 1900's and because we were unwanted aliens they operated a family fruit shop business in various locations. Other traditional Chinese occupations were market gardening and laundries which were further vocations shunned by the general white citizens. The Chinese took on these self-employment businesses because they found it difficult to get jobs, and they could utilize the whole family for working long hours to eke out a living.

The only day that we closed the shop other than the compulsory NZ Public Holidays was on 10th October each year for the Double Tenth Anniversary of the Founding of the Republic of China in 1911. This was the day that the very small Chinese community organised the annual national sports tournament and held local picnics for all the Chinese families in the area. In addition, the Chinese followed the mainstream communities in celebrating Christmas in the typical European manner with gifts and family get-togethers.

Private family celebrations of Chinese New Year

were carried out to a greater or lesser extent by NZ Chinese families depending on the extent of the integration into the mainstream communities compared to the desire to comply with the ingrained traditions and superstitions. The giving of red packets with money to the younger generation and following behavioural traditions (like not cutting your hair) could continue without restrictions but the special ingredients to cook customary Chinese New Year dishes were not available because of tight import controls and high costs, and other cultural activities could not be arranged because of a lack of time and resources.

Fast forward to the early 21st century and the situation has changed completely. The relatively large influx of recent Chinese migrants from many other parts of China and many other parts of Asia, the unlimited availability of imported goods and the influence of advanced electronics and communications technology has created tremendous opportunities to have fabulous and exciting celebrations of Chinese New Year, both public and private.



The following were the main Auckland events in 2010 to celebrate the Year of the Tiger:-

Auckland Chinese Community Centre, which was incorporated in 1960, has been holding its



Chinese New Year Festivals for over 20 years for its mainly locally born members and the growing Chinese migrant community. The celebration started as a very small event in the city premises of Turners & Growers Limited and was shifted to its Mt Wellington complex when the produce market operations were re-located there. In 2002, the venue was shifted to the ASB Showgrounds and this year we held our ninth consecutive event at this location.

The 2010 Festival & Market Day from 9.30am to 4.00pm on 13 February featured a spectacular 20 person Dragon Dance for the Official Opening by the Governor General and Prime Minister, a four hour Chinese cultural concert featuring an acrobatic troupe from Hunan, China, outdoor entertainment of local bands, martial arts & hip hop dancers with a "kiwi" flavour, children activities and over 200 stalls selling Asian food, crafts and a variety of goods and services.

The ACCC Festival was for many years the largest Chinese New Year celebration in the Auckland region, but now there are many other events during this festive period for the burgeoning Chinese population to enjoy and to share their culture and traditions with non-Chinese. However, the ACCC event is organised by community volunteers and continues to thrive from the support and goodwill of sponsors and stallholders, with over 20,000 persons attending the 2010 Festival.



World Television Ltd, held its ASB LunarFest 2010 The Year of the Tiger at the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre in Manukau from 3.00pm to 10.00pm on Saturday, 13 February 2010. This was the third year for this WTV celebration, with cultural dance and performances, traditional/modern music, arts and crafts, Asian food as well as games organised indoors and outdoors within the venue. NZ Chinese Idols winners and Chinese New Zealand Beauty Queens appeared

on the stage during the evening, and the event concluded with a spectacular fireworks display. The event attendance was estimated to be about 20,000 persons.

New Zealand Chinese Youth Trust in conjunction with Northcote Main Street organised the Chinese & Korean New Year Festival 2010 in the Northcote Shopping Centre on 19-20 February. 2010 is the eleventh year that the event has been staged on the North Shore and was designed to provide European people with a "taste of foreign culture", and the local Asian community with a "taste of home". The event was attended by over 10,000 persons who enjoyed performances from a variety of cultures including Chinese, Taiwanese, Korean and Japanese, the 60 food & craft stalls and the activities for children.



Auckland City Council & Asia New Zealand Foundation jointly organised the Lantern Festival which lit up Albert Park & Princes Street in the Auckland CBD for the eleventh year on three evenings, 26 - 28 February 2010. This festival marked the end of Chinese New Year celebrations, farewelled the Year of the Ox and welcomed the Year of the Tiger. Highlights of the festival this year included the Moon Musical Ensemble from Shanghai, the Hanggai Mongolian folk group, the Yuhang Rolling Lantern Group from Zhejiang and an assortment of new lanterns including a fabulous tiger lantern. With an extensive range of food & craft stalls, Chinese lanterns, martial arts demonstrations and stage performances topped off with the largest fireworks display in the CBD it is no wonder that the 2010 Auckland Lantern Festival attracted an audience of over 200,000 people.

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organised its "Culture of China, Festival of Spring" concert to celebrate Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival at the ASB Theatre of Aotea Centre on Sunday, 28 February 2010. The concert featured 25 young dancers from Yunnan Song & Dance Assemble, together with famous singing stars from other parts of China. Minority ethnic group dances with traditional costume and music were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience of over 2,000 persons.

All the organisers of these various celebrations do appreciate the support of the People's

Republic of China Government in sponsoring the international fares for the special performers from China. The rich talents and highly trained skills of these performers added another dimension to our events and tremendously supplemented the acts of our local artists.

The Chinese New Year celebrations have become iconic events in the culturally diverse Auckland region and are eagerly anticipated by both Chinese and non-Chinese. All the events are free of charge and provide the opportunity for everyone to share and appreciate Chinese culture and traditions.

The Yellow Beanie

Rose Luey

With a lot of encouragement, I decided to follow my sisters down to the river, in the middle of a New Zealand winter to Turangi. I had to be up and ready for my trout fishing experience at 5am. We had to be on the river by 5.30 am to get the best spot. It was damp, icy, and frosty and I was still tired.

Geared out with 4 layers of t-shirts, woolly jumper, a pair of rubber waders, a water proof raincoat, a scarf, a pair of fishing glasses, a pair of woolly gloves, and my yellow striped beanie. My memories wandered back to the time when I stayed with Kung Ting in Pukaki Road, Mangere. It felt just the same, trudging down to the back of the garden in the dark. My steps, striding to keep up with the grown-ups. The chilly morning, so silent.

Back in the river, we waded through tracks that were muddy, rutted by vehicles, flooded with inches of water. It was cold, very cold. What was I doing this for? Oh well, why not enjoy myself! Slosh and splash, as much as you like! Oh, this was fun! After 20 minutes of brisk walking (I had to keep up with the others and not be the last straggler). We arrived at our chosen spot. It was still darkish. Very, very, icy.

Aileen had given me a quick lesson the previous night on how to tie the knots for the fishing hooks. Now she gave me a quick lesson on how to cast. With a fishing rod that was long and

flexible I had to cast a long line that would reach 8 meters, and then float back gently to you, whilst you lightly pulled in the line. The nymph at the end was supposed to entice the trout to bite. If you had no luck you kept casting and trawling your line again and again.



Pearl Cheung, Aileen Luey, June Chong, Rose Luey

My arm action was not bad, with practice. You could easily get RSI doing this. There was this deep moving river of water in the dawn light. Blasts of cold wind in your face. I cast, and the line seem to freeze before it hit the water. Then the line relaxed. My thoughts were, gee, that's cold! After about 30 casts I heard Michael say, there are not many fish here, let's go to another spot. We collected our gear and after another 15 minute hike to find our next favourite spot.

It was time for refreshments so I took my apple out and munched. That was great, more energy.

We found another of Michael's favourite spots. A wide, shallow area with gently flowing water. Aileen was my spotter. "Cast over there." she says. I busied myself casting energetically. Aileen, June and Pearl picked other positions nearby. Whilst Michael took off further down the river.

So there we were all patiently casting or taking a break for refreshments or just plain taking a break. Suddenly I felt a gentle tug. "I got one!" I yelled. Everyone got excited. Instructions were thrown at me. "Back out, back out!" yelled Michael. I had been standing in 2 feet of water. "Don't pull too hard! Wind it in! Back out! I can see it now. Hold your line up! Hold your line up or it will get away! It's in the shallow water. I'll get it in the net. Wow, that's a good fish Rose!"

We were all laughing hilariously and overjoyed. I couldn't believe my luck. I'd caught a trout on

my first fishing trip. Some people don't catch their first trout for many years (gloat, gloat). As we walked back out of the bush I could hear Pearl say. "It must have been the yellow beanie. The fish thought it was food!"



Rose Luey with her first trout and catch of the day.

NZCA Auckland

75th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday 10 July 2010 from 6.30pm

Sichuan in Remuera Restaurant

333 Remuera Road, Remuera, Auckland

Come celebrate with us 75 years of the New Zealand Chinese Association with a special crayfish menu.

Price: Adults \$35; Children 12 and under \$25. **BYO.**
Tables of 12 bookings available. Contact our committee members for reservations.



NZCA Wintercamp

21 November to 24 December 2010

Application deadline extended to 30 May 2010

\$7000 per person twin share plus applicable taxes ex Auckland.

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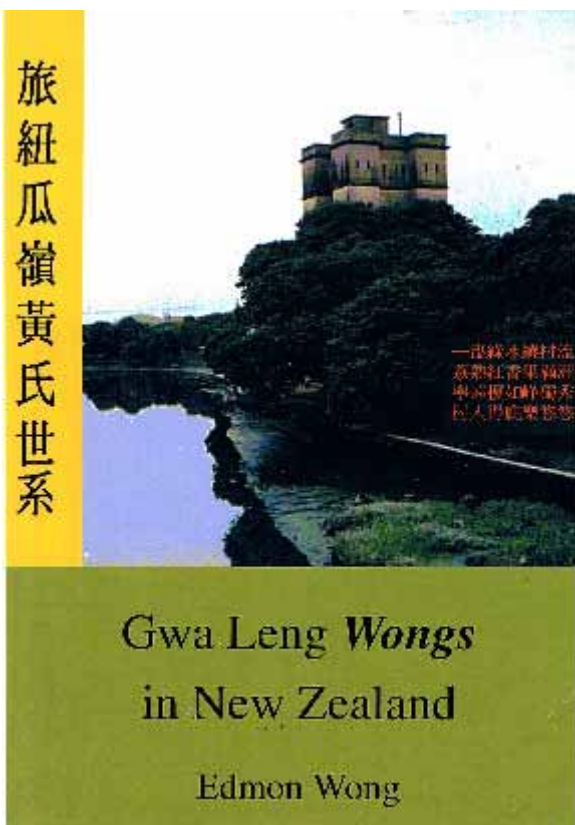


Gwa Leng Wongs in New Zealand

Group, founded by Michael Wong, is delighted to advise that the book *Gwa Leng Wongs in New Zealand* is now available for purchase.

'It takes a village to raise a child', says the proverb. Gwa Leng, in the southern province of Guangdong, China, is a special village for many in NZ; and some of its children – now elders themselves in a faraway land – have contributed to this special book to tell the history and the stories of the village and its people.

Authored by ex-villager Dr Edmon Wong, an eminent former scientist, the book is centred on his translation of the only known copy of Gwa Leng's original genealogical record. From material collated from disparate sources, he also writes about origins; about places and events; and about families long ago and today. This is a friendly elder's guide for younger generations interested in their historical roots.



With sincerity and goodwill, and mostly in their own words and pictures, many of these later generation NZ Gwa Leng families share their own recent day stories with the three contributing authors in a latter part of the book. For historical accuracy, the book uses written Chinese characters (not just romanised transliterations) for original proper names. For readers of Chinese, it also includes an appendix of a collection of Essays on Gwa Leng by the former administrative head of Gwa Leng. This unique bilingual book is a legacy that both honours those past, and serves those present and still to come.

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The Jade Princess - *First Runner-up in the NZ Post –NZCA Short Story Competition 2009*

By Sandy Angela Harman

Lili's mother was attractive; her long jet-black hair flowed down to the base of her spine, and her smile was demure and sincere. She was an excellent match for Lili's father, Han, who was tall, slim and good-looking, and had a cheekiness about him that made him all the more appealing. There was no love between Han and Mei when they married, but as their family grew so did their feelings for one another. As a little girl, Lili imagined herself being swept off her feet by a handsome Chinese chevalier, who

would take her to his castle in the Jade City. There was no place for matchmaking in Lili's fantasy. Just love, happiness, and riches.

The year 1996 was a watershed in Lili's life. She had expected to feel excited on her very first flight; instead Lili felt anxious and even a little frightened. Ian leaned over her to take a photograph of the airport, dazzling in the morning sunshine. The plane had been circling the runway, but now the air hostesses were

preparing for take-off, and Lili's heart seemed to beat harder and faster with each safety demonstration gesture they made. Her hands gripped the armrests, signalling her unease. Ian smiled warmly at her, and placed his hand on hers reassuringly. The plane lurched into the air, and the din from the engine drummed against Lili's ears while her stomach turned somersaults. The view from the aeroplane was dizzying; clouds swam beneath her like a thick, smoky haze. She tore her gaze from the window.

Ian was already asleep, his head awkwardly cushioned in the small gap between the top half of their seats. He was a good man, Lili thought to herself; a New Zealand soldier was not quite the match her parents had hoped for, but he loved her and said he would give her anything her heart desired. She closed her eyes and imagined the opal blue of the ocean meeting the emerald green hills. New Zealand was her promised land.

"You are too slow!" Lili's mother screeched in her dialect, giving her daughter a sharp slap on the back of the head. "You will make us late again. Why must I have a daughter who always disobeys me? Hurry up! Walk faster!"

Lili bit her lip to stop the sound of her sobbing from reaching her mother's ears. She was almost running now, with her mother right on her heels, prodding her now and then as if she were a sheep being herded into a pen. As the market came into view, the young girl breathed a sigh of relief.

The marketplace was brimming with tanned faces, wet with perspiration. Lili was glad to be lost in the crowds and the clamour, leaving her mother's shrill voice adrift amid the bedlam of the People's Market. She didn't mind the bony elbows that jabbed her carelessly, the clumsy bare feet that trampled on hers, the assorted fragrances that combined beneath her nose to form one foul, pungent odour. Nothing mattered, because this was the only place where she felt free.

Lili stood dejectedly at the door of the food court. Her nose screwed up at the overwhelming stench of hybrid foods; this was Western dining? While Ian cleared the trays and wrappers off a small tabletop, Lili pulled her coat more tightly

around her chest, feeling the wintry breeze flitting in every few seconds from the automatic glass door. Ian had a ridiculous grin on his face. He grabbed her arm and invited her to sit on the awkward red stool that looked about the same height as their table.

"I was thinking how homesick you would be", Ian began, "so I thought we'd have your food for tea tonight." He was clearly proud of himself, but Lili met him with a confused look. Seeing his disappointment, she quickly nodded and flashed him a fabricated smile. Ian strutted towards the nearest counter, where a Chinese family were bustling about amidst steam and flying noodles.

Tall buildings lined the street where Lili lived. Some had eight storeys, some had eighteen, and some, Lili once thought, reached all the way up to the sky. Children laughed and ran up and down stairs, dogs whined and barked, and blaring television shows merged into an incomprehensible clamour. The muddled noise of late-night traffic rushed in through the open window and often kept Lili awake, but she dared not close it since it was the only means of ventilation in the apartment. At the foot of her building, an old man sold coconuts, rice and noodle meals and red bean buns; from the afternoon until the early hours of the morning there were people crowded around his stall, eating, talking and making jokes. There was never peace and quiet, only liveliness and sound. Lili's seven brothers and two sisters never once complained about living in the sweltering heat of the two-room apartment, or feeling hungry after just a small bowl of rice and fish for dinner, or being caned for having holes in their worn-out sandals. But Lili was not obedient like her brothers and sisters; she longed for money and comforts, and told her mother that one day she would marry someone who would take her far away from the turmoil of her poor, chaotic neighbourhood.

The drive from Auckland was long and straight. It was too dark to take in any of the stunning scenery Ian had described to her on those humid, restless nights back home. So Lili slept, her head propped up against the vibrating window of the tiny hatchback, which juddered menacingly as it cleaved through the night wind and down the



lonely road.

It was almost dawn by the time the little car swerved into the army camp. Bits of snow speckled the windscreen, and Lili's neck was sore from the cutting edge of the seatbelt. "We here?" Lili asked, sleepily.

"We're here!" said Ian in a triumphant voice. "We're home."

Lili stepped cautiously out onto the icy path and glanced around her. The houses were all

identical; together they formed a drab dark green fortress, cold and ominous. Ian took her gloved hand and led her to the door of the small green house in front of them. "Your palace awaits," he said dryly as he ushered her inside. Lili took the words literally, and felt her heart drop as she looked once more at the army houses around her. This was not what she had pictured, nor what Ian had described. This was not the Jade City, it was a jaded army camp with no escape. She closed the door behind her.

Mission Impossible

Estella Lee

Since Miranda Naturalists' Trust set up the sister relationship with Yalu Jiang National Nature Reserve in 2004, people from Miranda have been going to Yalu Jiang to do shore bird survey almost every year. After all these years of survey, the Miranda people saw changes in Yalu Jiang region and understood well that the wetland was under enormous development pressure. They don't want to see another version of Samanguem in Korea. They want to do something. They want to convince the Chinese Government to save the wetland for the birds. It is very much contradictory with the Chinese Government's thinking. It is an impossible target to achieve. Anyway, they still want to try. They planned to carry out the "Mission Impossible" in April 2010. They needed a Chinese to help. They invited me. Though the chance of success was very minimal, I still committed myself because the work they are doing is necessary and meaningful.

Five of us, our Chairman David, Adrian, Gillian, Keith and I, flew to Shenyang, China via Seoul, South Korea on 16th April, 2010. I was told the temperature at this time of the year should be above 10 °C but when we got to Seoul, it was 7 °C. By the time we arrived at Shenyang, it was 3 °C. The mountain was still covered with snow. I was not warned that it could be that cold or warned about the tough living condition either.

There was no heating in the building where we



stayed. Our rooms were on the 1st floor. The only "sit down" toilet was on the ground floor. There were 2 more toilets in the building. Both of them were for people who could squat. Fatty like me will not be able to stand up again after doing my business. So, when I needed to relieve myself in the middle of the cold nights, I had no choice but to go downstairs for the sit down toilet. Every time after I finished, I was wide awake and needed some time before I could get back to sleep.

The shower had no shower curtain. There was no way to dry my feet after the shower as everywhere was wet. So, with my cold and wet feet, I had to rush back to the cold room and dry my feet quickly so that I could warm myself under the duvet in my bed.

I was not warned that I had to stand at the water front in the cold wind for 3 to 5 hours everyday for over a week to do bird counting AND there was NO TOILET! There was no bush to hide. Everywhere were farming ponds. We would be lucky to find a meter high hiding place for a toilet! In some days there were no lunch or a

very late lunch and the departure time could be as early as 4 o'clock in the morning.

It was freezing cold with strong wind and rain on the first two days and the last day of bird counting. I had 5 layers of clothing, plus one polar fleece jacket, one good wind proof jacket, 2 long johns, 2 layers of socks, 2 pairs of gloves, etc. I had more clothes on than my Antarctic trip. I was still shaking with cold. It was not only a "Mission Impossible". It was a "Mission Indescribable". Well, I told myself, I did not come here for a vacation. I came for a mission. The Miranda people can sacrifice their own leisure time, pay their own airfare and expenses to come so many times. Why shouldn't I?

I just can't imagine how the Miranda people can survive these kinds of conditions for so many years and still want to come again and again !!! I want to salute them!

Anyway, to talk to the Chinese government officials was our dream. We were very lucky to have the chance to meet some of the high ranking government officials on the 2nd day we arrived. Their sudden visit, gave us surprise and joy. Though we could only talk to them briefly about the birds and the wetland, we had passed the message of how important Yalu Jiang wetland was.

We also had a lunch meeting with the head of the Dandong Conservation Department. Mr. Hall is new to the post. New people normally have more enthusiasm and drive. He agreed that China should save the wetland for the shore birds. He told us he wanted to do that too. However, according to China's government working system, the leaders from the central government are the people in charge. If we can convince the head of the central government to give an order, the wetland will be saved. He suggested us to get the international NGO like WWF to lobby the central government. We decided to send our survey reports to the Chinese Government through the international NGOs.

The climax of our operation was to give a presentation at the Wetland International

Conference while the influential people were still there. Adrian, Gillian, David & Keith had prepared the presentation and I had translated it into Chinese before we started our journey. We used almost a week's time to polish it while we were in Yalu Jiang. I, as the presenter felt a lot of pressure. There would be approx 80 people listening to me. Among them, there would be government officials, staff from other national nature reserves, bird experts and professors. Would I be like teaching a fish to swim? Mandarin is not my mother tongue. Would I be able to talk freely with this 2nd language of mine? There were a number of key messages I must present well in the presentation. They were not written on the slides. I need to memorize them by heart.

It was the only chance we had. I had to do it. I had to give my best shot. I had to hit the bulls eye too. I practised the presentation more than 20 times. I was not able to sleep well the night before and had all sorts of nightmare.

The tactic we used was the positive approach. We wanted to raise the national pride of the audience and to impress them that Yalu Jiang is of paramount importance.



Miranda wetlands, North Island NZ

It feeds the migrant birds from a lot of countries. It is treasured by people all over the world. It is the most precious jewel of the crown. China should be proud of it and protect it.

The message was well received. When I talked, there was absolute silence. Everybody paid close



attention. Nobody moved or talked. There were applause two or three times during the talk and another big applause at the end of the talk too.

The presentation was touching and well written. Well done, folks! The message should have gone through. Whether the audiences are the decision makers or not, at least we would have more supporters and we had empowered them to talk to the Chinese government and the general public. All the hardship we had endured was worth while. Our team effort had not been in vain. Yalu Jiang wetland is really a great place for

the birds. Each day we saw thousands and thousands of birds. A lot of times we could see more than thirty thousand birds roosting together. When they took flight together, it was just fabulous! This year we have counted over 175,000 birds in the week long survey.

Yalu Jiang wetland is very important for the birds. We must do our best to protect it. Miranda will send a survey report to the Chinese Central Government through an international NGO after we come back to Auckland. We have done our best. May God help us.

Hong Kong Yip's Children's Choir Concert Selwyn Theatre Tuesday 20 July 2010



NZCA Auckland have been invited to host a special concert performance by the world famous Yip's Children's Choir from Hong Kong. The Choir has performed in many international music festivals and conferences to critical acclaim and is proudly regarded as a cultural ambassador of Hong Kong.

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We have arranged to hold the concert at Selwyn Theatre, Kohimarama Road, Auckland at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 20 July 2010.

The concert will be preceded by a buffet Chinese dinner at 6pm so that the choir members can meet with members of the local Chinese Community.

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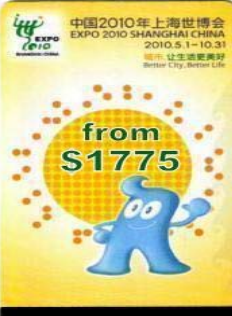
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Fees per session

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For more information

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62nd NZCA Easter Sports & Cultural Tournament 2010

Mike Ng

This year's NZCA Annual Easter Tournament brought us down to the windy city of Wellington. With over 350 participants representing Auckland, this was the largest contingent we have sent to an Easter Tournament. Some of highlights of the tournament this year were the Men's Mixed Volley Ball Final and Auckland vs Wellington Rugby exhibition match. Both games receiving a large amount support from the sideline. Thank you to all that participated and brought back trophies from the following sports:

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