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On Johns mind



Winter is here ! To me I can feel the difference in the temperature so I am not as thick skin as I make out to be. Since the last write up I mentioned about community and being involved. Do you know that NZCA Ak.is once again presenting the Banana Conference -30 May – 1 June 2014 'DIVERSE BANANA, GLOBAL DRAGONS' Definitely the last ! You may ask "Why the last ? " If you have not attended one of the previous 4 Banana Conferences then you must register for this –ie. If you are lucky - late registrations may be accepted.

Our 2nd,3rd 4th generation and more have assimilated and intergrated into a multi cultural society. Many of our neighbours are maori,hungarian,tongan,brittish, srilankan, samoan, Korean, Iranian, scottish, and many other nationalities that can be included on this list. Yes – especially here in Auckland – just one big rainbow melting pot of a city ! But are we mature enough to accept it ?

As a different ethnic group we must try to retain our culture. I emphasized in the last newsletter that as Kiwi- Chinese we are fortunate that we can learn and embrace more of our traditional culture from new migrants from our ancestral land !

What topics and who are invited to speak is varied giving inspiring and sometimes controversial insights into achieving success and sharing knowledge by integrating and dealing with well known tall poppy syndromes that can make ones success a giant hurdle to negotiate ,learn from their challenges, you can be inspired and step out of the square ! Curious ?? - checkout - www.goingbananas.org.nz

So much for assimilation and intergration, but have you ever given a thought that some of your mothers and grandmothers were actually refugees ?

July 7, 1937 – September 9, 1945 – Japan - China war ! !

My mother and many of my friend's mothers arrived in New Zealand during the 1938 / 1939 period as refugees to join their husbands. Can you imagine how most of the women were shocked on arriving on such foreign shores and to find their menfolks enduring the hardship of making a living and their work conditions. This was not the ' gumsarn ' they pictured in their minds. What hardship and sufferings to be sending their meagre savings in supporting them and their families / relatives in War torn Canton (Guangzhou) China.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING REFUGEE WOMEN LATER THIS YEAR

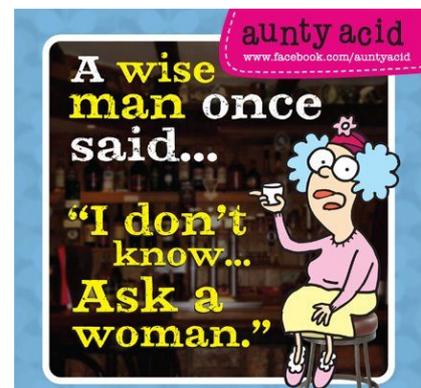
- So watch this SPACE for further information !

We are hoping for a massive turn out by descendants and extended families. Get ready and hunt out all your relevant old photos !

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Did you attend the NZCA annual Seniors Yumcha held at 928 Dominion Rd. ? Well I did .Again ! It takes quite some time to organize for nearly 100 seniors. – where do they come from ? We had to have set places for them to sit - can you imagine they ALL want to sit together – Yes – 20 together-no way ! – that's why set seats on each table - with some luck they ended up on the same table as their chummy friends -

Another year and another year **OLDER** - and yes - the year of the **HORSE** and they dined like one !



Chairmans message



Over 200 Aucklanders made their way to Wellington this year in April for the 64th annual Easter Tournament- competitors aged from 4 years up to 60 years plus represented Auckland. We entered teams in every sport and in most grades of those sports.

Basketball once again made up the largest part of the

contingent with teams represented in all grades that were played. Pleasing was the strength of playing numbers in the grades below Under 17. All teams played exceptionally well with some outstanding games in particular the Intermediate A team who played 2 thrilling games against Wellington- unfortunately they resulted in 1 point losses in both games. The two games drew the biggest crowds of the tournament.

We did have success in Mini ball which bodes well for the future.

Volleyball was our most successful sport this year with wins in the Women's and the Mixed grades and making the Men's final also- teams from Vortas and Wang Fang once again formed the nucleus of the teams.

We made many finals but fell short at the final hurdle- all good learning experiences for those teams that were involved and will hold them in good stead in the coming Easter tournaments.

The Presentation Ball was held at Shed 5 on the Wellington water front and was attended by 25 Aucklanders were the theme was "A day at the races". Paige Young did the honours and accepted the Mixed Volleyball trophy and the Women's Volleyball Trophy on behalf of the Vortas Volleyball teams that represented Auckland.

In a tight race for the Overall Tournament Trophy Wellington won over Otago Southland Branch.

On the social side of the tournament, dances for the Over 18's were held each night and were well attended. A program of dancing was also organised for those who enjoy a waltz or two. Cecil Wong led the Friday night dance workshop and dinner and dances held on Saturday and Sunday nights also.

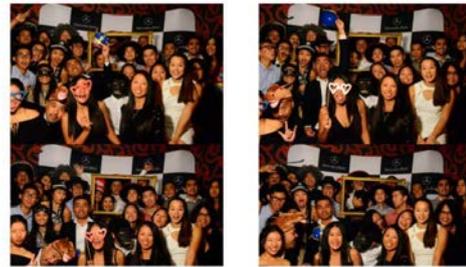
On Easter Sunday 144 Aucklanders were part of a group of over 300 diners that attended a family dinner at the James Cook Hotel that had been organised by the Wellington Easter Committee- we all left with a full belly and a smile on our faces.

Unfortunately we did have a mishap with one of our players/coaches- Marie Lee suffering concussion during a game of basketball resulting in her spending a couple of weeks in both Wellington and Auckland hospital- she is now

back at home recovering and we all wish her our best and a speedy recovery.

Next year Easter Tournament will be held in Dunedin- traditionally Auckland are not good travellers but we should make an attempt to support our Southern most Branch by sending as many teams as we can.

I would like to finish off by thanking all those who participated and supported the Auckland Contingent to Wellington; it was good to see the team spirit amongst all the team.



WGTN THE NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION (INC) -EASTER- THE 64TH ANNUAL SPORTS TOURNAMENT
wellington photo booth hire



Paige Young receiving the Mixed Volleyball Trophy from Gerald Wong, Vice President of New Zealand Chinese Association Head Office.

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Proud to be born a Chinese.

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Each and every race has their own Pride and so long as they do not infringe into others' right, I don't see any problem of them taking their own PRIDE, wonder why the Malaysian politicians are so taboo about this?

Why do Chinese people work so hard to succeed in life? Here is the plain truth.

#1. There are over 1 billion of us on this earth. We are like photostat copies of each other. You get rid of one, 5 magically appears (like ballot boxes). Yes, it is scary, especially for us. We acknowledge that we are replaceable, thus we are not particularly 'special'. If you think you are smart, there are a few thousand more people smarter than you. If you think you are strong, there are a few thousand people stronger than you.

#2. We have been crawling all over this earth for far more centuries than most civilizations. Our DNA is designed for survival. We are like cockroaches. Put us anywhere on earth and we will make a colony and thrive. We survive on anything around us and make the best of it. Some keep migrating but others will stay and multiply.

#3. NOBODY cares if we succeed as individuals or not. But our families take pride in knowing we have succeeded. Yes, some will fail. We take nothing for granted. We don't expect privileges to fall on our laps. No one owes us anything.

#4. We know we have nothing to lose if we try to succeed. Thus, we have no fear trying. That is why Chinese are addicted to gambling. We thrive on taking risks. All or nothing.

#5. From young we are taught to count every cent. What we take for granted like money management, I have found out recently, is not something other cultures practice at home with their children. It surprised me. But truth is not all societies or cultures teach their young this set of skills because it is rude to them. Yes, most of us can count because we are forced to and the logic of money is pounded into us from the beginning of time (when mama tells us how much she has spent on our milk and diapers)

#6. We acknowledge life cycles. We accept that wealth in a family stays for three generations (urban myth?). Thus, every 4th generation will have to work from scratch. I.e. first generation earns the money from scratch, second generation spends the money on education, third generation gets spoiled and wastes all the inheritance. Then we are back to square one. Some families hang on to their wealth a little longer than most.

#7. It is our culture to push our next generation to do better than the last. Be smarter. Be stronger. Be faster. Be more righteous. Be more pious. Be more innovative. Be more creative. Be richer. Be everything that you can be in this lifetime.

#8. Our society judges us by our achievements... and we have no choice but to do something worthwhile because Chinese New Year comes around every year and Chinese relatives have no qualms about asking you straight in your face - how much are you making? When was your last promotion? How big is your office? What car do you drive?

Where do you stay? You have boyfriend? You have girlfriend? When are you getting married? When are you having children? When is the next child? When you getting a boy? Got maid yet? Does your company send you overseas? etc etc etc. It NEVER ENDS... so, we can't stop chasing the illusive train - we are damned to a materialistic society. If you are not Chinese, consider yourself lucky!

#9. We have been taught from young — if you have two hands, two feet, two eyes, and a mouth, what are you doing with it? People with no hands can do better than you (and the OKU artists do put us to shame)

#10. Ironically, the Chinese also believe in giving back to save their wretched materialistic souls. Balance is needed. The more their children succeed in life, the more our parents will give back to society (not for profit) as gratitude for the good fortune bestowed on their children. Yes. That is true. And that is why our society progresses forward in all conditions.

Nobody pities us. We accept that.

No one owes us anything. We know that.

There are too many of us for charity to reach all of us.

We acknowledge that. But that does not stop us from making a better life.

This lifetime.

Opportunity is as we make of it. So, pardon us if we feel obliged to make a better place for ourselves in this country we call home.

It is in our DNA to progress forward for a more comfortable life.

But if history were to be our teacher, look around this globe.

Every country has a Chinatown (seriously) but how many government/countries are 'taken' over by the Chinese people.

Don't be afraid of us overwhelming your majority, we are not looking to conquer.

If we have moved away from China and Chinese governed countries, we are NOT looking for another country to administer.

Our representatives are only there to look after our collective welfare. They are duty bound.

We prefer to blend in and enjoy the fruits of our labor.

We enjoy the company of like minded people of all races. After all, we are only passing through a small period in the history of time... so, use our skills and we can all progress forward together



Dentistry as a Career pt 3

This is the last of my three articles on Dentistry. I hope you have obtained some information in my previous articles. This article will cover a wide range of subjects all related to Dentistry and career opportunities. Unfortunately it will not be possible to cover every aspect in detail. For further information I suggest you "Google" or ask someone in the Dental Profession for guidance and help.

Dentists

To become a dentist in New Zealand, the University of Otago Dental School [Dental School] is the only place to qualify after a minimum of five years full-time study. In your first year at the University of Otago you must study the "Health Sciences first year course together with students wanting to become doctors. This is a very competitive course and you must obtain high marks to obtain entry. You must also sit the "UMAT" examination [Undergraduate Medical and Health Science Test], and undergo a "Structured Interview". I am not going to discuss that examination and interview here except to say get advice from Dental School or the University of Otago and read the Otago University Calendar. This year over 700 students applied for the 60 places available in 2nd year classes at Dental School. Once you have completed the Bachelor of Dental Surgery [B.D.S.] degree you are able to practise Dentistry in New Zealand on registering with the Dental Council of New Zealand. After about 5 years as a dentist you may apply to do post-graduate studies at Dental School or at an overseas university of your choice. There are a number of disciplines you can study to become a Dental Specialist. I will list these briefly. Orthodontics [The straightening of Crooked or crowded teeth, Endodontics [root fillings], Periodontics [the treatment and health of the supporting structures of the teeth and the placement of dental implants], Prosthodontics [a higher level of dental treatment relating to the replacement of missing teeth], Paediatric Dentistry [the dental treatment of children's teeth], Public Health Dentistry [Dentistry of the public's dental health and it is largely an administrative role], Oral Maxillofacial Surgery [Removal of teeth [especially wisdom teeth], treatment of fractured jaws, surgery of growths and lesions around the oral environment, and the placement of dental implants], Oral Medicine [treatment of oral diseases and growths around the oral environment], Oral Pathology [Diagnosing oral diseases and their causes], Forensic Dentistry [Dentistry related to "Legal" matters, eg identification of the dead, using dental means from bite marks and other dental disciplines' to help solve legal or criminal matters not always relating to deceased persons], and other dental specialities especially relating to Dental Research in subjects like Biochemistry, Anthropology Dental Anatomy, Nutrition, Oral maxillofacial Pain and Bruxism, and Temporomandibular Joint Dysfunctions.

Dental Technicians

This is a 3 year full time course at Dental School. On graduation these people work in their own or someone else's dental laboratory, making crowns and bridges from

dentists impressions. Implant superstructures, fabricating full and partial denture on dentist's instructions, do denture repairs, make mouth guards, pour dental models and trim them, make special trays, dental splints, orthodontic appliances and any other appliances a dentist may want made.

If these dental technicians wish to become clinical dental technicians, they need to do a "Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Dental Technology" at Dental School. This is a one year full time or two years part-time course. This enables them to consult directly with the public making full and partial dentures. Competition in this field is difficult as dentists are able to do these treatments and less and less people require these services, as people retain their natural teeth longer.

Dental Therapist and Hygienists

You can study as a Dental Therapist and Hygienist at the Dental School or The Auckland University of Technology [North Shore Auckland]. The courses are similar at both institutions and is a 3 year full time course. The degree you receive on graduation is a "Bachelor of Oral Health". On graduation you may work in school dental clinics, hospital dental departments, private practice under the guidance of a registered dentist or dental specialist, armed forces dental department, dental trade companies, or in the Health Department as non-clinical staff. You can dentally treat patients under 18 years of age under Health Department regulations and do dental hygiene treatment on patients of all ages.

Dental Receptionists and Dental Assistants

There is no formal qualification to do any of these tasks. Anybody can apply and try to obtain these positions. Over the last 40 years I employed many untrained people into these positions and trained them in house and on the job. I took great pleasure in the transitions of the many staff I employed from China and Hong Kong who started knowing little about Dentistry and became valued members of the dental profession. Good English language skills help, but are not absolutely essential, especially for dental assistants. Many dental surgeries are now computerised and so computer skills are an added bonus. There is a one year course conducted by the New Zealand Dental Association on line. You must be employed by a dental practice to enrol, and you do the dental modules on line, together with your employer supervising various tasks. You do have to go to some formal lectures after hours and do a CPR course during the year. There is an examination at the end of the year and on successful completion you are awarded the NZ Dental Association Dental Assisting Certificate and badge.

Other Dental Positions

There are positions available in the dental supply and equipment industry, Health Department, dental representatives and various other dental related industries. I do not intend to detail these as they are specialised and not plentiful.

Dr. Phillip Lowe B.D.S. Dip. Clin. Dent. [Otago] March 2014



Women's Group

Our first meeting for 2014 was a picnic BBQ at Cornwall Park on Sunday 16th February 2013. This is becoming a regular event and an opportunity to mix and mingle, on a nice summer's day. A great start to the New Year programme.



Originally planned for 15 March 2015 was our bus trip North. However the weather that weekend threw a spanner in the works, and it was postponed to 22 March 2014



First up was the Honey Centre for free sample tasting.



Then on to a Puhoi welcomed by the village community, giving an introduction to the Puhoi village history. There was an opportunity to visit the Puhoi Museum, before the Bohemian dancers performance. A highlight was the group dance, where we joined in and had a ball.



Following lunch, we travelled on to Warkworth Museum. Some went into the museum, and enjoyed the heritage collection; while others went for a shot bush walk to see the 800 year old Mckinney tree at the Kauri Forest in Parry Kauri Park.



Then back to the cheese cellar in Puhoi for cheese, ice cream and a cuppa.



The first indoor meeting was held on 12th April 2014 was a presentation by Lily Lee and Ruth Lam, Co-Authors for a book called "Sons of the Soil". They covered aspects of their 6 year journey around New Zealand, of interviews, research, writing and putting the book together. Their presentation and photos from the books, and Market Garden Stories was well received by the group.

Ruth Lam announced the forthcoming research on the New Zealand Chinese Fruit Shops.



For further information and a questionnaire, please contact the Chinese Fruit Shop Research Group, (CFSRG) headed by Ruth Lam (ruth2trees@gmail.com), and her team of other noted researchers: Mike Wong, Carolyn King, Bev Lowe and Helen Wong (helen.familytree@gmail.com)



The next meeting at Meadowbank will be a talk by Brian Young Re his travels into Moscow.

Other photos are available on <http://aucklandwomensgroup.blogspot.co.nz/>



Pancetta (Dry cured Belly pork)

With the price of pancetta in supermarkets these days this recipe is relatively cheap and easy to make.

Ingredients:

4kg belly pork (skin removed, bone out, trim any loose pieces)
2 whole nutmegs
Leaves from bunch of fresh sage
1 or 2 sprigs fresh rosemary
1 tbsp black peppercorn
Plenty of sea salt (preferably without coking agent).
Nb: Chinese version of pancetta – lupyook – use Chinese flavors.
Star anise, thick and thin soy sauce.

Method:

Smash nutmeg, sage, rosemary and peppercorns in mortar and pestle until coarse mixture results - adding 1 tbsp salt to help it grind.
Sprinkle some salt over non-re-active container to about 1cm deep where you will lay the meat, press half of herb mix, lay fat side on salt.
Cover container allow meat to cure for 2 days-temp 15c
Remove meat and wash off excess salt
Pat dry, sprinkle meat side with remaining herb mix
Roll up with fat side out and tie tightly
Hang in cool dark, dry area for about 6 weeks.
When ready scrub or slice off any mould and slice off thinly as required
If using slowly, cut off chunks, wrap in greaseproof paper, put in plastic bags and store in fridge. Cut off any errant mould.

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Skinless pork sausages

Ingredients

1kg fatty pork mince
1tsp sugar
1tsp salt
Freshly ground pepper
75gm pancetta- finely diced
7 cloves garlic – finely chopped
1 tbsp rosemary – finely chopped

Method:

Mix together, then cover and leave in fridge overnight or at least a couple of hours
Take small handful and make into 20 – 8cm X 3cm log shape 'sausages'
Fry over moderate heat until cooked through.
Dressing:
75mls Blitz olive oil
2 tbsp white wine vinegar
2tbsp Dijon mustard

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Har GeeChans

in New Zealand

The history of the Chans from Har Gee in New Zealand began with the arrival of the first men from the village in the 1890s. The men represented several families, a large proportion of the village community, all determined to make money to improve their living standards back in China. Their intention was always to live in China but a series of unfortunate historical incidents in the 1930s-1940s meant that that decision was taken out of their hands.

Since then there have been several generations of Chans who now call New Zealand home and can proudly trace their ancestry back to a little village called Har Gee in Guangdong, China.

Published by the Har Gee Chans Reunion Committee 2014, this book celebrates the 75th year of arrival of our Har Gee womenfolk and children in 1939.

Initial enquiries to

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Dragon 100 (龍匯 100) 2014.

The Dragon Foundation is pleased to announce the *Dragon 100 (龍匯 100) 2014*. It will take place from **11-18 October 2014** in Hong Kong and Pearl River Delta Region, focusing on the theme of "**Entrepreneurship & Social Innovation**". Worldwide outstanding Chinese leaders aged 18-35 with demonstrated leadership skills, an excellent academic record, talent in non-academic areas and a commitment to serve the community are welcome to join. The closing date for nominations to the NZCA Auckland Branch is **30 June 2014**.

The annual Dragon 100 Young Chinese Leaders Forum was initiated by the Dragon Foundation in 2002. Since then it has brought together 100 youth leaders of Chinese origin from around the world every year. Intended as a platform for sharing views and generating synergy, it provides stimulus for innovation, enthusiasm and commitment.

All applications are to be sent to Richard Leung, NZCA Auckland, C/- 61 Namata Road, One Tree Hill, Auckland 1061 by Monday 30 June 2014.

GUIDELINES – FACTSHEETS AND APPLICATION Forms ARE Uploaded on NZCA Website;

Further information will also be obtained at the NZCA website: www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz



China trip

By pkafong

Although I had no intention of travelling overseas again, Happened to mention in front of no.2 son when an article came on T.V. one night, and- this particular spot was one I had not visited during my travels in years gone by, and before I could say Guilin, our trip was booked , and we were departing on 27th of March for a four day trip to Guilin & Yangshuo, and on our return to Guangzhou, stayed and visit the sights that No.2 son had not seen on previous occasions as well as visit our relations in Dad's village of Hargee.

Arrived in Guangzhou direct from Auckland, and after a couple of hour's break, boarded another plane to Guilin .

My thoughtful son decided that the normal guided tour would be too arduous for an old guy like me, so he had arranged for a private tour guide to take us to our destinations, as well as a private van to transport us to wherever we were scheduled to go. This proved to be the ideal set up as far as I was concerned and it made our stay in Guilin & Yangshuo so much more relaxed & enjoyable.

Even so, there was a lot of walking to do at each place we visited, but my trusty walking stick stood me in great stead.

Guilin is known as the "Pearl of China's Tourist Industry", and it is easy to see why. Elephant Trunk Hill resembles a huge elephant standing in the river quenching its thirst, with its trunk sucking up the water from the river.



The Reed Flute Cave, is known as "The Art Gallery of Mother Nature" and the colourful fluorescent lighting casts shadows of the stalactites and stalagmites resembling imaginary fruits, vegetables as well as animals, and legend has it that the reeds at the mouth of the cave could be made into flutes.

I had always believed that our own Waitomo Caves were pretty fantastic, but the Reed Flute Cave in Guilin was really outstanding.

That afternoon, we were taken to the ancient town of Daxu [pronounced Dar Shoe] which dates back over

1,000 years, and its small timber buildings are reminiscent of the architectural style of the Ming Dynasty.

The following day, we were taken to a place called the Dragon's backbone which is a series of terraces which construction began in the Yuan Dynasty { 1271 to 1368} and continued until the early Qing Dynasty {1644 to 1911 } when construction was completed.

These terraces are used to grow rice , and the purpose of the terracing was to be able to use the steep slopes of the mountain which would otherwise be unusable To grow their crops. We were taken to the summit of the Longji Mountain where we had lunch in a quaint little restaurant where we had a bird's eye view of the surrounding terraces from our dining room window.



Perhaps the most spectacular performance we saw whilst in Yangshuo, was the nighttime "Impression Liu Sanjie which was reminiscent of the Cecil B De Mille movies of old, but was a live performance with a cast of hundreds performed under ever changing coloured lighting of folk musicals and folk songs of the Zhuang ethnic group.

This 70 minute show set against a backdrop of limestone karsts of Guilin , which are world renowned for their weird and wonderful hump like shapes.

Going on a night trip along the Yulong River to a spot where the local fishermen use cormorants to catch fish and it really has to be seen to be believed.,

And for the brave or foolhardy, a bamboo raft journey along this river is a must, as is the taste of the famous local delicacy "Beer Fish" !

Altogether a most enjoyable and enlightening trip.



Celebrating the arrival of refugee women and children from Guangdong 75 years ago-

Written by Ruth Lam

Seventy-five years ago Chinese women and children arrived in New Zealand as refugees from a war-torn homeland. By the end of 1937, Beijing, Shanghai and a large part of the north of China were occupied by the Japanese. In 1938, the Japanese forces moved into the Pearl River Delta region, home to the Chinese in New Zealand, and began invading the villages and torturing the villagers.

The New Zealand Chinese Association and the Chinese Consulate appealed to the New Zealand government to allow Chinese men to bring their families here during this time of crisis. In February 1939, the government agreed, and as a humanitarian gesture allowed the wives and children to join their husbands in New Zealand, on a temporary permit, for a period of two years.

There were various conditions including the payment of a £500 bond to ensure that wives and children returned to China at the end of the two years and took with them any children born during their time in New Zealand. In addition, £200 was payable for the maintenance of the family and possible repatriation after the war. It was a huge financial burden but the leaving your loved ones to the mercy of the Japanese was unthinkable.

Between August 1939 and 1941, a total of 249 wives and 244 children came to New Zealand. Many walked for several days from their village along the Kowloon-Canton railway line down to Hong Kong. The journey was dangerous and having reached Hong Kong there was no guarantee of a passage; some had to make the journey back to the village and certain misery.

The situation in China only worsened and World War Two was in full swing. It was impossible to send families back to their villages in Guangdong. Again, the Chinese Consulate and the New Zealand Chinese Association, with support from the New Zealand Presbyterian Church and the Inter-Church Council, urged the government to allow the families to stay.

In late 1947, the refugee wives and children, the other children born in New Zealand to refugee wives, 93 Chinese men who had been admitted on the business replacement scheme and Chinese students and a few others – 1408 in all who had been in New Zealand for five years or more – were all granted permanent residency.

The arrival of the refugee families was a watershed in Chinese New Zealand history. With a stable family structure, Chinese businesses thrived and expanded. Market gardeners increased the size of their gardens and the amount of crops grown. Fruiterers had instantly their increased labour force and were able to provide better service at keener prices. The Chinese were well-placed to take advantage of the post-war economic boom.

As families grew and businesses prospered, the younger generation took advantage of the opportunities living in New

Zealand offered them. They received a good education from an early age and many chose to pursue professional careers instead of traditional Chinese occupations. Seventy-five years have now passed since the government's decision to allow families to be reunited, and two or three generations have now reaped the benefit. As we reflect on this, we realise that New Zealand, in return, has also benefitted – it has gained high-achieving, well-respected and valued members of its society.

Dublin– Ireland

What can we say about Dublin? Not the best place to visit in the middle of their winter! We happened to be there for family reasons – the birth of our latest grandchild – and we were there for 7 weeks. For the first 6 weeks the outside temperature ranged from 3 – 7 degrees and it rained nearly every day, not all day mind you but usually when we wanted to go shopping or to collect the grandchildren from pre-school and school.

Not exactly conducive to go sightseeing or visiting the tourist attractions. This was our third visit to Dublin so fortunately we had already visited many of the sights. The houses are well insulated and have central heating so while inside you are cosy and warm but outside required coats, gloves scarves and a warm hat!

On our last week there the temperature rose to 10 – 12 degrees, slightly warmer but still quite chilly.



One place we did manage to go to was Belvedere House, which was a good hour's drive out of Dublin. This is where one of the most celebrated and spectacular follies in Ireland was built and is known as The Jealous Wall. Belvedere House was a smallish mansion built around 1740 by Robert Rochfort who spent considerable time and effort improving the landscape around his property.

Some years later his younger brother built a larger mansion less than ½ a mile from Belvedere House in one of their best views.

To add insult to injury the back of the house faced Belvedere House. So Robert commissioned the building of the Jealous

Wall, to block out the view of his brother's house.



The wall is about 55 metres in length and a height of about 20 metres but is not built as a straight wall. It is quite imposing as the photos show and it looks rather like the ruins of a house than a wall. An interesting place with lovely grounds.

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The Mooncake and the Kumara

The Oryza Foundation for Asian Performing Arts and Auckland Arts Festival in collaboration with Auckland Council and Auckland Live is proud to present three FREE* rehearsed readings of *The Mooncake and the Kumara* at the Auckland Matariki Festival 2014.



The Mooncake and the Kumara, a new award-winning play by Maori-Chinese playwright Mei-Lin TePuea Hansen, is a cross cultural love story.

Set in an NZ market garden in mid-summer 1929, *The Mooncake and the Kumara* tells of a chance encounter between Yee from Long Gai, Southern China, and Elsie, a Maori girl with Tainui heritage, which leads to a blossoming romance. But things are not as simple as they seem, as cross-cultural clashes, duty, and family secrets threaten to keep Yee and Elsie apart.

Told with a mix of languages – English, Māori, and Cantonese, and with a rich inter-cultural dialogue of music and culture *The Mooncake and the Kumara* will be a world first.

We invite you to attend any of the three FREE* public rehearsed readings below:

- Saturday 12 July 2014, 3pm @ Auckland Chinese Community Centre Hall, 99 Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge
- Sunday 13 July 2014, 3pm @ NgaHau E Wha O Marae, 88 Beatty Road, Pukekohe
- Monday 14 July 2014, 6.30pm @ Herald Theatre, Aotea Centre, 50 Mayoral Drive, Auckland CBD

The Development Workshop and Readings are funded by Creative NZ, Asia: NZ Foundation and ASB Community Trust.

The Mooncake and the Kumara is co-produced by Auckland Arts Festival and The Oryza Foundation for Asian Performing Arts.

We look forward to sharing *The Mooncake and the Kumara* with you. For further details and booking information please visit www.themooncakeandthekumara.co.nz.



* FREE but ticketed events; see website for booking information.

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Rotary Harbourside visits Taiwan – what better way to enjoy the Easter break

With over 25 District 9920 Rotarians and friends from NZ Chinese Association Auckland – we were assured of an Asian cultural and culinary experience not to be forgotten. We all made the connecting flight from Sydney to Taipei. Collecting our bags we literally jumped onto the ultra-fast bullet train down to Kaohsiung, a city of 1.5 million people and 1million scooters. David Wong left behind his satchel with passport, credit cards and cash outside the Kaohsiung railway stationthe bus turned around and miraculously it was still on the pavement – time to buy a Taiwanese lotto ticket. The culinary delights were first class with pig's trotters, fish and duck soups and exquisite noodles on the menu. The view from our hotel 85 Sky Tower Hotel overlooked the picturesque Cheng Ching Lake.

Walking the Night markets (the fish, crayfish and mudcrabs looked very fresh....no concerns with the hygiene certificates) following a harbour cruise we all soon appreciated the natural beauty of Kaohsiung. The following morning we prepared for the Rotary Club of Kaohsiung hosting us over a generous lunch. President Minna a former GSE team member (sponsored by Taipei club) gave us all a warm welcome with a German GSE team leader Petra NiemannHessler sharing her current experiences in Taiwan. We all found the local Taiwan clubs had a quirk of allocating nick names to their members – and the sergeant of Kaohsiung club had a background in sea navigation – hence the name "Pilot".

We visited the Paper Dome in Nantou designed by Japanese architect Shigeru Ban famous for his design of the Christchurch cardboard cathedral. An interesting structure which got us all thinking about sustainability and the ability to adapt to nature (with the risk of earthquakes).

The bus ride to Sun Moon Lake took us through many long dark tunnels cut through a mountainous range. Sun Moon Lake was the equivalent of Queenstown but with aura and mystery of low fog creeping across the waters.

Our final destination was Taipei (pop:2.6m) itself – a thriving hub of history and culture. The National Palace Museum (8000 visitors per day), Freedom Square and the Sun Yat-Sen memorial were crowded with local and mainland Chinese tourists. Our visit to Rotary Taipei – home club of RIPE Gary Huang was an experience to cherish. Taipei club member Bruce Yang thought he knew the Maori haka...he didn't – so David Wong supported him from the kamatekamate first lines to the final celebratory jump!

We thank Harbourside President Ronald Chen for coordinating this visit back to his homeland and appreciate all the hospitality of the Taiwan clubs –I can still taste the soft skin of the pigs trotters.



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NZCA Cantonese Music School ---

Connie Kum - Cantonese Music School Coordinator

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.

Its never 'too early' (preschooler) or 'too late' (senior citizens) to learn. The adult class are learning Chinese etiquette, culture, customs as well as conversational language. Chinese poetry sings and is very beautiful. Costs only \$10 per lesson when in attendance if every week is too difficult a commitment.

Enquiries for booking a place ring Connie on 6258 611 or email cojay@xtra.co.nz

Classes held at **Oranga Primary School Hall**, cnr Maroa and Rangipawa Road, Oranga.

Preschool 9.30am to 11.15 am
Primary & Adult class 11.30 to 1.30 pm

Fees for Term 2 are \$72 for Term (9 weeks) and \$36 each for any additional pupil in the family (ie \$108 for two pupils). On a casual basis \$10 per student.

Our very enthusiastic teachers:
Mr Tat Ming Tsui taught in Hong Kong and is bilingual with a vast knowledge of Chinese culture and does beautiful calligraphy.

Ms Irene Ho has a degree in Counselling and is bilingual and is very successful in building up the children's confidence and self-esteem in their ability to learn the Cantonese language.

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

NZCA WINTER CAMP

Departing 23 November – 22 December 2014
Optional return dates
Itinerary & cost TBA
dependent on numbers and final itinerary

This year is the 30th anniversary of the Winter Camp. A reunion trip for past attendees combined with new participants is proposed. Unfortunately this will be the last NZCA tour to be led by Janet Joe

All interested persons aged 18 years and over are eligible.

China has experienced many changes over the past three decades.

This is your chance to renew friendships and see the "new" China.

Please register your interest ASAP
For further information contact :

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AUCKLAND CHINESE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
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SAT 18 OCTOBER 2014
9:00AM – 2:00PM

FOOD STALLS – FRUIT - VEGIES
– HOME BAKE CAKES - CHUTNEYS – POT
PLANTS – BOOKS – TOYS – CLOTHES -
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES
– BRIC-A-BRAC

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All contributions will be much appreciated,
proceeds to upkeep of Mangere Hall

PLEASE ! We don't want Unsaleable Rubbish ! !
**NO Analogue TVs – All Electrical Appliances must be
working and Sellable**

****Volunteer Help required.****

Contact: Connie - P: 625 8 611 E: cojay@xtra.co.nz





Annual Golf Tournament 2014

This is the eleventh year that this popular event has been held.

42 keen and eager golfers turned up at the Akarana Golf Club in central Auckland on Sunday 18th May, ready to enjoy a leisurely day at the golf course, as well as taking the opportunity to renew friendships and mingle with others in the wider golfing community.

We were pleased to welcome some familiar faces, as well as the new players who played for the first time in our tournament. We hope that you will join us next year.

Golf on the day, according to most players, was pretty average, but the course was in excellent condition. Weather was fine and sunny.

Congratulations to the winners - trophies and prizes were awarded to the following players:

Best Gross	Anthony Tam	79
Best Nett	Stuart Chong	40 pts
Best Stableford	Lyn Lum	40 pts
Stableford 2nd	Stephen Lim	39 pts
Stableford 3rd	Tony Lum	39 pts
Stableford 4th	Philip Houg Lee	38 pts
Stableford 5th	Peter Ying	38 pts
Ladies Best Nett	Lena Houg Lee	31 pts
Ladies Best Stableford	Liya Chitty	31 pts
Longest Drive	Clem Wu	
	Lena Houg Lee	
Closest to the pin	Anthony Tam	



Lena Houg Lee

The winners of the NZCA Auckland Inter-branch Golf Challenge Trophy is Auckland 4 – Stephen Lim, Anthony Tam, Clem Wu and Stuart Chong (absent)

Our heartiest congratulations to all prizewinners.

NZ Chinese Association Auckland Inc., as the organiser, acknowledges its supporters and thanks them for their generosity and continuing support:

Barfoot & Thompson Mt Eden and Doug Lum for the highly sought after spot prizes

Philip Chong for the donation of dental product in the goodie bag.



My sincere thanks to Jack Chong and Peter Lee for the wonderful job they do in checking the score cards – a thankless task, but always carried out with good humour and diligence.

I am grateful for the computer skills of my husband Philip, who has drawn up a program that sorts the scores and calculates the winners with a tap of a key – making my job so much easier.

Our thanks also to the Akarana Golf Club management and catering staff for their hospitality

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2014 ANNUAL BOWLS TOURNAMENT (ANY COMBINATION PAIRS)

EPSOM BOWLING CLUB - 77 THE DRIVE, EPSOM
SUNDAY 24th AUGUST 2014
ENTRY FORM

	First Name	Surname	Phone	Club
Lead				
Skip				

Email Address for each player:

Lead _____

Skip _____

Format: Pairs (3 bowls) of any combination - Carpet Green
Duration: 4 games of 1 hour 10 minutes each
Registration: 9.00am
Starting Time: 9:30am
Prizes: Winners Trophy. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Spot prizes
Cost: \$30 per team Please bring own lunches. Hot soup and bread available
Dress Code: Mufti
Cancellation: Broadcast on Newstalk ZB Cancellation Service.

Individual entries are welcome. If you are unable to make up a team, please state your preferred place and we will try to place you accordingly.

All participants should be current financial members of NZCA Auckland. Annual subscription is \$10pa

NZCA Auckland reserves the right to alter the format and duration of games should the need arise.

Entries To: Virginia Chong Ph: 09 630-6641 or 021-982-726mb
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Epsom, Auckland 1023

Entries Close: Sunday 18th August 2014

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Membership Form

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Membership Type Please tick (✓)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal : Mem. No. [] [m] [f]		
* Applicant	*Surname	First Names	*DOB
Spouse/Partner			
Dependent children under 18years			
* Address	* Street No.	* Street Name	
	* Suburb	* City	* Postcode
* Contact Details Please print clearly	* Home #		
	Work #		
	* Mobile #		
	* Email #		
Annual Membership Fee Please tick (✓)	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$ 10	Payment Methods Please tick (✓) <input type="checkbox"/> Make cheques payable to NZCA Auckland Inc. and post to NZ Chinese Assn Auckland Inc, PO Box 484, Shortland St, Auckland 1140. <input type="checkbox"/> Direct credit to ANZ account # 06 0287 0016463 00 with reference to Applicant surname and initials and date of application in particulars.	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Donations Are kindly accepted and contribute to funding our events and initiatives	\$ _____	
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Volunteer Please tick (✓)	I / we volunteer to help NZCA Auckland Inc. in the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese School <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities/Events <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Translation <input type="checkbox"/> Other please specify _____		

Declaration: I apply to become an Ordinary/Family (delete one) Member of the New Zealand Chinese Association Auckland Inc. I declare that I am of Chinese descent, a spouse of a Chinese person, or child of a Chinese person, over 18 years of age and agree to abide by the Rules of the Association on acceptance as a Member.

*** Signed:** _____ **Date:** _____ / _____ / _____

