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Facilitators and delegates celebrate with PD coach Albert King on the last day of the YLC weekend Camp at the YMCA Camp Adair - Dec 2011– Hunua



Visit to Zealong Tea Estate Hamilton 27 Nov 2011

photo. David Wong

on johns mind



GONG HE FAT CHOY !

The Rabbit has been up to its tricks again and even tho it had 40 winks it surely has passed with a flash.

Enter the DRAGON. How

many of you celebrated the change over-- were you ready ?

Since the last Newsletter I now have to rack my thoughts to remember where did the last 3 months go . As one gets a little older I am finding my memory span a somewhat questionable, especially all the chores I have readily forgotten so easily that I am constantly reminded verbally, ouch !. My wife doesn't know how to text me on my mobile and it is quite annoying with my ears having to put up with all that natter.

No excuses – she knows my hearing is not the problem as she was there when I had my hearing tested – drats, I should have left her at home.

Now that all the bamboo has been removed (earlier Newsletter) the flowering plants which replaced them have now blossomed into an embarrassing abundance of colors. Amazing ! Did I plant them ?

Goes to show what a lot of TLC and water can do.

Did you have a joyous and happy Christmas ? Did you have a visit from Santa Claus ? No ! then you must have been naughty leading up to Xmas. Tho it was great to see the smiles and excitement my grandkids displayed in receiving / handing out and opening their presents.

The weather treated us well- blessed again with glorious sunshine – plenty of drinks and food – who wants to complain ? The only complaint was –**TOO MUCH FOOD !**

New Years Eve was spent over a quiet dinner at mates Jack and Meilin's and saw the old year pass watching a DVD of the Two Ronnies ' By the Seaside ' So hilarious , and had us all in fits of laughter- then it happened – **2012**

– A New Year had dawned so we lit off some fireworks to celebrate the new beginning - and to all members - **Best Wishes , Happiness, Good Health, a Successful and a Prosperous year for 2012**

On a final note - 2012 Membership renewals were due on 1st January 2012 ! I would like to encourage all members, family and friends for their continued support. RENEW NOW if you have not done so.

Hope to see many of you at the year's first NZCA Dinner at Imperial Garden on the 18 th February 2012

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THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON, 2012

01/23/2012 - 02/09/2013 (Water)

According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year of 2012 is the **Year of the Dragon**, which begins on January 23, 2012 and ends on February 9, 2013. The Dragon is the fifth sign of the Chinese Zodiac, which consists of 12 Animal signs.



The Dragon is a creature of myth and legend. In ancient China, the celestial Dragon represents an emperor and power. Today, it is the ultimate auspicious symbol signifying success and happiness. May the celestial Dragon bring great good luck to everyone.

In Sung Dynasty (a Chinese imperial dynasty lasting from AD 960 - 1279) texts, the dragon is described as having the head of an ox, muzzle of a donkey, eyes of a shrimp, horns of a deer, body of a serpent covered with fish scales, and feet of a phoenix. The dragon usually clutches a pearl symbolic of its super-natural powers. Invariably accompanied by thunder and rain, dragons move like lightning and whirlwinds - - all powerful yet totally unpredictable.

People born in the **Year of the Dragon** share certain characteristics: Innovative, enterprising, self-assured, brave, passionate, conceited, and quick-tempered.

The Dragons are the free spirits of the Chinese Zodiac.

Restrictions blow out their creative spark that is ready to flame into life. So, they must be free and uninhibited. The Dragon is a beautiful creature, colorful and flamboyant.



An extroverted bundle of energy, gifted and irrepressible, everything Dragons do is on a grand scale - big ideas and extreme ambitions. However, this behavior is natural and isn't meant for show. Because they are confident, fearless in the face of challenge, they are almost inevitably successful.

Dragon Years:

02/19/1904 to
02/03/1905 (Wood),
02/03/1916 to
01/22/1917 (Fire),
01/23/1928 to
02/09/1929 (Earth),
02/08/1940 to
01/26/1941 (Metal),
01/27/1952 to
02/13/1953 (Water), 02/13/1964 to
02/01/1965 (Wood), 01/31/1976 to
02/17/1977 (Fire), 02/17/1988 to 02/05/1989 (Earth), 02/05/2000 to 01/23/2001 (Metal), 01/23/2012 to 02/09/2013 (Water).



chairmans message

Gung He Fat Choi, Happy New Year in the Year of the Dragon. I hope that everyone has had a great holiday season with family and friends.



The annual NZCA BBQ in early December it was a great way to kick off the Christmas festivities and it was great to see so many members and their families. We were entertained by the **NZCA Auckland Chinese School and the Senior Lifestyles Group**

did a performance of Tai Chi. I would like to thank the women's group's effort in organizing the raffles where they raised \$500 which has been donated to the Red Cross Christchurch Earthquake appeal. Well done ladies.

The weekend of the 9th December saw a group of young high school NZCA members from around New Zealand come together at Camp Adair to experience the inaugural NZCA Youth Leadership camp. The camp was lead by **Albert King** who is a fantastic facilitator. We are very grateful to have Albert who volunteered his time to make the camp such a success. The group all had a great time, not only meeting new friends but also learning a lot about themselves and appreciating their culture and heritage. Huge thanks goes to my Deputy Chairman David Wong who drove the project, the YLC committee, and all the volunteers who helped during the weekend to make it so enjoyable for the young leaders.

On Sunday 29 January 2012 the Chinese Associations of Auckland organized and sponsored the *Cultures of China, Festivals of Spring* Concerts performed by the Guangdong Acrobatic Troupe- the Overseas Affairs Office of State Council. NZCA Auckland, along with 5 other Chinese community organizations joined together for this magnificent event. Those of you who attended the two concerts were indeed treated to a world class show. The Overseas Affairs Office of State Council, The People's Republic of

China was the major supporter of the concert. I was in awe of the performers; their beauty, guile and strength was a sight to behold - the troupe had in previous weeks performed in front of President Hu Jintao and had also been in the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

The Year of the Dragon will be a busy year for Auckland Branch. We are hosting the 64th Annual NZCA Easter Sports and Cultural Tournament at the Trust Stadium. The organizing committee has been hard at work since mid 2011 to put everything in place to make it another successful Auckland Easter Tournament.

We'd love you to show us your true colours! Please help us make the upcoming NZCA Easter Tournament a big success by sponsoring an Auckland contingent team uniform. Get your name or business brand out there – loud and proud – with the bonus that the uniforms will be used by our Auckland teams for lots of future sporting events and tourneys.

Uniform Sponsorship just \$350+GST per team – or grab our Easter Combo Special and get a bonus half page ad in the Easter Tournament Programme for just \$450+GST all up. That's a bonus half page ad for just \$100 – a big \$80 saving to showcase your support.

See the advert in the newsletter for more information and contact details.

Please give us your support to continue the success of this vitally important sporting and cultural fixture – for Chinese communities all over New Zealand.

On **Saturday 18 February** we will be holding a dinner to celebrate the Year of the Dragon- this dinner will be a fundraiser for Easter 2012 and also we will celebrate the successes in our NZCA Auckland community with the presentation of the 2011 NZCA Auckland Achievement Awards- so get a group of family and friends together for our NZCA Auckland Year of the Dragon dinner. It will be a great night. See the advert later in the newsletter for details.

I hope I will see a lot of you at the dinner- Wishing you all a Happy Year of the Dragon.

Richard Leung
Chairman

NZCA Auckland Achievement Awards 2011

The Executive Committee of the NZCA Auckland wishes to advise members that Akld branch will be making two annual awards to encourage and recognise significant achievements by any member in the sporting, academic, cultural, community, charity or political arena.

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

Achievement Award (for persons under 21)
Members are invited to submit nominations of other NZCA Auckland members and the trophies will be presented at the annual NZCA Auckland Chinese New Year Dinner to be held at Imperial Garden

Restaurant on Saturday 18 February 2012.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The awardees must be current financial members of NZCA Auckland either through individual or family membership.
2. The qualifications and achievements for the awards can be gained in virtually any field of activity.
3. Nominations can be made by any two NZCA members and must be received by the Secretary at PO Box 484, Shortland St, Auckland by 5pm Thursday 29 December 2011.
4. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Do married people live longer than single ones or does it only seem longer?

Please pass this on to your children and grandchildren so they can understand your texts.

ATD:	At The Doctor's
BFF:	Best Friend Fainted
BTW:	Bring The Wheelchair
BYOT:	Bring Your Own Teeth
CBM:	Covered By Medicare
CGU:	Can't get up
CUATSC:	See You At The Senior Center
DWI:	Driving While Incontinent
FWB:	Friend With Beta Blockers
FWIW:	Forgot Where I Was
FYI:	Found Your Insulin
GGPBL:	Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low!
GHA:	Got Heartburn Again
HGBM:	Had Good Bowel Movement
IMHO:	Is My Hearing-Aid On?
LMDO:	Laughing My Dentures Out
LOL:	Living On Lipitor
LWO:	Lawrence Welk's On
OMMR:	On My Massage Recliner
OMSG:	Oh My! Sorry Gas.
ROFL...	Rolling On The Floor Laughing...
ACGU:	And Can't Get Up
TTYL:	Talk To You Louder
WAITT:	Who Am I Talking To?
WTFA:	Wet The Furniture Again
WTP:	Where's The Prunes?
WWNO:	Walker Wheels Need Oil
GGLKI:	(Gotta Go Laxative Kicking In)

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Easter Tournament 2012

Auckland

The **Annual NZCA Easter Tournament** is approaching fast, so get in quick and register your self before it's too late! With at least at a dozen sports on offer and an two months to Easter you better be fast, as registrations will close on the 22nd of February. The available sports on offer are Basketball, Volleyball, Touch, Indoor Soccer, Kids Soccer, Athletics, Badminton, Golf, Lawn Bowls, Outdoor and Indoor Netball, Hockey and Rugby League.

Register here even if your have already in a team:
<http://events.nzchinese.org/Home/Register/1>

Most of the sports will be held at the Trust Stadium in Waitakere with an exception of a few. If your not participating it would be worth visiting and supporting your local team. There will be six contingents from across the country participating, bring with at least thirty basketball teams from out town. As mention before there is plenty of sports on offer to participate and watch or support.

Website: <http://easter.nzchinese.org/>
Email: easter@auckland.nzchinese.org

NZCA Easter Auckland Contingent 2012

Sports Updates:

Indoor Soccer Trials

Venue: Tamaki Recreation Centre, Elstree Ave, Glen Innes, Auckland

Date, Time:

Saturday 11th February 2pm-4pm
Sunday 26th February 10am-12pm
Saturday 10th March 2pm-4pm

Trials will be held on the 11th February and 26th of February. The final session on the 10th March will be for practice. Players shall be split into "competitive" and "social" groups. The intention is to run trials on the basis of individuals, but team entries will also be considered on the day.

Please register you interest and whether you'd like to play social or competitive
toyoudaniel@gmail.com

Please don't hesitate to contact us (youdaniel@gmail.com) if you have any questions, or if you're interested in playing but can't make it to trials.

Touch

Anyone interested in playing touch at Auckland Easter 2012 for the Auckland contingent please send an email to Clinton at eastertouch2012@gmail.com.

If you have an existing team, that you are thinking of entering, it would be great to get rough team details and team member names. Individuals are also welcome to contact us and we can see about fitting people into teams.

Soccer Kids

This year we are going to run an unofficial Kids Soccer competition. The idea is to get kids involved who may not already be participating. Even if they are already playing basketball it shouldn't clash. We are planning on having it on the Friday afternoon, soon after the opening ceremony on an outdoors pitch at the stadium. The two groups will be organised according to whether they are attending Primary or Intermediate school and they will be mixed teams to keep it fun

If you are interested you can contact Anthony on ant.tam@xtra.co.nz

Hockey

Any one interested in participating in hockey please get in touch with Michael ngy.me.this@gmail.com.

We will be playing 7 a-side Summer Hockey rules, which is easier to pick up and much more fun. So if your new or haven't played in a long time it's easy to pick it up again.

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~ Michael Ng . 027 487 3132 .
ngy.me.this@gmail.com ~

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?

Trip to Zealong 's Gordonton Tea Estate

Nov 27th 20111



10 minutes north of Hamilton is the Zealong Tea Estate the only tea plantation in NZ. Pure oolong tea is organically grown here. It is hand-picked and spray free. Started by Mr Chen and his son Vincent who imported 1500 tea seedlings from Taiwan in 1996 but because of the strict NZ quarantine conditions only 130 plants survived. From these plants with careful propagation, has grown thousands of plants which today are planted over 50 hectares.



On the 27th November a full bus of NZCA members took a trip to the Zealong Tea Plantation and experienced a traditional tea ceremony of their oolong tea. We first had a tour through their gardens which had large bronze sculptures depicting the tea making process and various large ornamental teapots lined the path to the tea house. We were shown tea bushes of which we were able to pick a sample of tea leaves – best tea comes from the tips of the bushes of which you only pick the top 3 leaves. We were then ushered

into the Camellia Tea House where we were shown a video of the estate and the way tea was processed before enjoying the tea tasting ceremony. We tasted 3 types of oolong tea.



The first was Pure which is unroasted leaves, Aromatic where the leaves are briefly roasted, and Dark where the leaves are roasted longer. My pick was the Aromatic tea which had a mild and pleasant taste. After enjoying the surrounds of the estate we drove to Hamilton where we stopped for lunch.



The afternoon we spent at the garden of Temple View and then on to the Hamilton gardens before returning to Auckland. Our very obliging bus driver took us through Pokeno where we stopped for an ice cream and many of us also managed to buy some of the famous Pokeno sausages - the butcher opening up the shop especially for our group!! All in all it was a lovely days outing and our thanks go to Estella Lee who organised it for us.

Meilin Chong

FUNDRAISING NZCA DINNER

Invitation to join in celebrating
* Year of the Dragon *

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

Sat 18 February 2012 @ 6.30pm

Adults: ~ ~ ~ ~ \$35
Child: (under 12) \$25 **BYO**

PROCEEDS FOR EASTER TOURNAMENT

MENU

SOUP OF THE DAY

BBQ PORK, JELLY FISH, ROAST PORK, ROAST DUCK - entrée platter

CRISPY CHICKEN

STEAMED BLUE COD

BRAISED PORK HOCK

SEAFOOD IN BASKET

ABALONE MUSHROOM, SHITAKE MUSHROOM, BAMBOO SHOOT ON LETTUCE

ROUND BEANS WITH PORK MINCE

STEAMED TOFU WITH SEAFOOD

SHREDDED PORK WITH I MEIN

STEAMED RICE

**SAGO WITH COCONUT CREAM
FRESH FRUIT PLATTER**

HAVE YOU BOOKED OR SOLD A TABLE [12] \$420 ?

For bookings Contact: CONNIE ; P 625 8611

Notice :

FUTURE DRAGONZ

White or Wong? Unlocking the Bamboo Door

Date: Wednesday 28 March 2012

Time: Doors open 6:00pm for a 6:30pm start

Venue: OGGB5, Level 0, Owen G Glenn

Building, The University of Auckland

Business School, 12 Grafton Road, Auckland

CBD

Entry: \$10 (members); \$30 (event + 2012 membership); \$40 (non-members)

Dress: Smart business

Some say finding a job these days can be tough if you're Chinese...

The first instalment in our *Slanted* series tackles the hot topic of employee discrimination, cultural stereotyping and career competencies.

Panel members share their worklife experiences and discuss the myths and realities of workforce dynamics in contemporary New Zealand.

This lively event will offer practical tips to young professionals seeking career success in today's competitive work landscape. It will also appeal to those with an interest in diversity management and career development.

Facilitated by cross-cultural trainer, Wong Liu Shueng, the dynamic lineup of speakers includes: Jilnaught Wong, Yik Kun Heng, Shawn Tan and Lin Zhou.

Are you knocking on the right or wrong door? Come find out.

RSVP and pay to attend this event at www.futuredragonz.org.nz/events from early March.

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NATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

NCEA (Level 1) or
Cambridge International Examination (IGCSE)
(2012 AWARDS BASED ON 2011 EXAMINATION RESULTS)

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz

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NCEA (Level 3 or 4) CHINESE AWARD

(2012 Award based on 2011 Examination Results)

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NZCA TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

(2012 Awards Based on 2011 Examination Results)

Information for Applicants

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NZCA Auckland Volleyball Tournament – Tamaki Recreation Centre, 5-6 Nov 2011

This year's edition of the NZCA Auckland Volleyball Tournament was held at the Tamaki Recreation Centre, Glenn Innes, in the weekend of 5-6 November 2011.

This tournament has grown significantly to become an important fixture of the NZ Chinese volleyball scene, and this is year is no different, with 20 teams and players from all around NZ competing across three divisions: men's, mixed and women's.

The quality of competition has always been high, but even more so this year.

The Wellington contingent especially put a very strong showing, winning the mixed division and coming runner-up in the men's division. They also



fielded a very strong team in the women's



competition, and came close to winning that division, too. Well done to our Wellington friends!

Auckland Vortas continues to show their traditional mettle and grit, winning a hard-fought men's division final, and providing some exciting volleyball in the women's and mixed divisions.

Also well done to our NZCA Ladies for becoming the new winners of the women's division.

Honourable mentions go to the UMSA (University Malaysian Student Association) "Roti Bom" team for being the most entertaining team in the whole competition!



Congratulations to all winning, runner-up and participating teams. Can't wait to see you all at Easter 2012!

Remember, if you would to play volleyball, weekly training is held at the ACCC Hall, 99 Taylor Road in Mangere Bridge, every Saturday starting at 10am.

Everybody, at all skill levels, are welcome!

Tournament winners:

Men's - Vortas 2, Mixed - Wellington

Dragons,

Women's - NZCA Ladies

Tournament runner ups:

Men's - Wellington Dragons, Mixed -

NZCA Gold Mixed, Women's - (joint)

Wellington Dragons and Vortas

Women 1



Lowering Blood Pressure

In Asia Celery has been used for centuries as a folk remedy to lower blood pressure. In the [U.S.](#) it took one man with high blood pressure and persistence to persuade researchers at the University of Chicago Medical Centre to put this remedy to the scientific test. IT WORKED LIKE A CHARM !!

Within one week his blood pressure dropped from 158/96 to 118/82. Celery or celery seeds used was found to relax the muscles of the arteries that regulate B.P. allowing the arteries to dilate. A landmark study looked at more than 10.000 people from 32 countries and found that people with the highest amounts of this nutrient in their blood had the lowest BP and those with the lowest amount the highest BP.

Among people who took part in this research and eat this celery, 81% are able to cut their medication in half.

(I read this information in the Doctor Book of Remedies and the Googled Benefits Of Celery in your diet to check it out) E.W.



CHINESE REFUGEES ARRIVAL AT AUCKLAND

MUCH HARDSHIP ENDURED

(By Telegraph—Press Association.)

AUCKLAND, September 4, The first group of Chinese refugees brought to New Zealand from war zones by relatives in the Dominion has reached Auckland. The party comprises the wives of eight Chinese residents in New Zealand and several children. A larger party of 70 will reach Wellington shortly, and others are on the way.

Subject to certain conditions, wives of New Zealand-born Chinese are admitted to the country in ordinary times. The present arrivals have been brought to the Dominion by Chinese resident here but not born in New Zealand, under special permits. The refugees will be admitted for a period of two years, subject to the signing of a £500 bond and payment of a deposit of £200, to be forfeited if the conditions laid down are broken. Any children born to refugee wives while in New Zealand must leave at the expiry of the two-year term.

All the refugees in the group which has arrived are from Kwang Tung Province, the majority from the vicinity of Canton.

Many endured great hardship in reaching Hong Kong, whence they embarked for New Zealand via Australia. The journey from Canton to Kowloon, whence the ferry to Hong Kong leaves, normally takes about three hours by train. The refugees, however, had to travel on foot with their children and had to make a wide detour to avoid Japanese forces. Many took 10 days to reach Hong Kong. Even then difficulty was found in securing steamer accommodation, as all vessels leaving Hong Kong are crowded.

Several of the party on reaching New Zealand

still showed signs of the privations they had suffered. Only two families will remain in Auckland; the others will go to relatives in various parts of the North Island. (Evening Post, Volume CXXVIII, Issue 57, 5 September 1939, Page 16 - published on the arrival of Niagara Sydney to Auckland)

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"Large Party's Arrival.

The second group of Chinese Refugees brought to Auckland by relatives in New Zealand, has arrived here. The party, comprising 30 Chinese, is one of the largest to have land at Auckland in recent years and is composed of 10 families. Twenty of the group are women, 13 of whom are married.

On arrival the families were greeted by the secretary of the Auckland Chinese Association, Mr Andrew Chong, who has been a leading figure in the move to allow his fellow-countrymen to bring their wives and young children from war zones in China into New Zealand. All the refugees were from the Canton area in South China. The members of the party appeared cheerful and showed no signs of the privation which attended their departure from China shortly before the fall of Canton.

The refugees have been admitted for two years, subject to the signing of a 500 pound bond and the payment of a deposit of 200 pound, to be forfeited if conditions laid down are broken." (NZ Herald 11 October 1939: arrival of Westralia Sydney to Auckland)

For a list of Chinese Refugees/ passengers arriving Auckland January 1938 to 27 November 1939 – visit the Chinese Digital Community
<http://chinesecommunity.org.nz/site/topics/show/280-shipping-list-1938-1939>
(Passenger list collated and newspaper articles sourced by Helen Wong)

NZCA WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS



The Rainforest train trip on 12th November 2011 proved popular. The train was smaller than anticipated, and with firm instructions to keep head and other body parts inside, all squeezed into the carriages. Wending up the Waitakeres through the rain forest it was a thrill to see an abundance of cave wetas and glow worms. After a stop to take photos from the bridge, the train arrived at the Upper Nihoputu Dam, where some hardy souls climbed the stairs to the top of the Dam. After the train trip, it was off to Arataki Visitors centre for a picnic lunch and panoramic views; followed by a tour of 'EarthSong' in Ranui, to learn about the lifestyle of the self-sufficient community. The residents are very conscientious with recycling and limiting use of cars by walking, cycling or taking public transport whenever



possible. No electricity is used for cooking or heating, only natural gas.

The Annual NZCA BBQ was held on Saturday 3rd December 2011. Our Raffles are a popular fundraiser, with the proceeds of \$500.00 being donated to the Christchurch Earthquake fund.

A Yum Char was held at Sichuan Restaurant on 11 December 2011 to celebrate the

retirement of Gillian Young, after 10 years at the helm. Gillian was the convener and organiser of the NZCA Women's Group monthly meetings, outings, and bus trips.



The presentation of gifts, flowers, a collage of photos, cards signed by members and our Hamilton friends showed the appreciation of Gillian's popularity and success. Our best wishes go to Gillian and a happily retired Brian, for lots more travelling and visiting family overseas.

Myra Lowe has stepped up to take on the role vacated by Gillian. Myra was born and bred in Rotorua, before coming to Auckland. We welcome Myra and thank her for keeping the group active. We know that her term of office will be rewarding for all. A special thanks to all who have kindly put up their hand to assist.

Meetings are held at the Meadowbank Community Centre on the third Saturday of the month starting in March 2012. Outings and bus trips are being organised for 2012, including a visit to the Hamilton NZCA Women's Group in October 2012.

Come and participate: bring your friends, show your arts and crafts, hear speakers, see demonstrations, and enjoy our happy outings. Men are always welcome to share in our meetings.

To receive notices of our regular monthly activities, we welcome your telephone call to Myra Lowe, 09 444 0717 evenings, or email nzca.womensgroup@gmail.com .

On February 18, 2012 we will meet in midtown Auckland for an Auckland City Walk – time and meeting place to be advised shortly. Men and guests are welcome.

David Wong Hop, a prominent member of one of Auckland's founding Chinese families and a fourth generation New Zealander, will talk on the fascinating history of the Chinese in colonial Auckland. The talks cover the early period of Chinese who migrated north to Auckland.



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The next meeting of the Chinese Women's Group will be on Saturday 18th February 2012.

Event: City walk along Lorne Street with David Wong doing a talk about history of chinese businesses in the CBD, starting from Auckland Central Library. The walk will take between one to one and half hours.

Bring suitable walking shoes, depending on the weather either a hat and lotion or umbrella.

VENUE: Will meet outside Auckland central Library in Lorne street, at 11.30am behind the Old St James theatre, route will be from the library, Queen Street, Victoria Street, Hobson Street. A minimum of 20 people are required for this event to take place.

After the walk you are welcome to join us for lunch at the Atrium of Elliot food court at Elliot Street. If you wish after lunch visit the the Auckland Art Gallery on the corner of Wellesly and Kitchener Streets.

Please come along and also bring a friend to enjoy a fun and social afternoon.
New members always welcome.

If you are interested please Contact : Myra Lowe: Phone No. 444 0717 after 7.00pm
or e-mail: lowyee@xtra.co.nz. no later than Friday 10th February 2012.

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If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?

Obituary:

Joyce Wong Ming
13 September 1949 – 17 October 2011



Joyce Wong Ming (Nee Low) passed away suddenly on Monday 17 October 2011. Joyce was the dearly loved wife of Jack. Their children Katherina and Michael are both married and living overseas. Katherina has 2 daughters Isabella and Ashley. Joyce was a Mother-in-law to Ceri and Stine.

Joyce was born in China, and came to New Zealand at an early age. She was the daughter of Low Woo Lai and the late Low Yee Hang; and a beloved sister to Tom, Allan, Roy, Brenda and Helen.

As our past treasurer for five years her accounting skills and services were well appreciated. Joyce will be remembered as a very friendly person who had a lot of energy, taking part in social and dance groups.

Joyce's service was held on 25 October 2011 at Purewa Crematorium, All Saints Chapel, Meadowbank, followed by interment in the Lawn Cemetery. RIP

Chinese New Year in Cairns was celebrated in a similar fashion that we do in Auckland. Here are some excerpts from the Cairns Post describing the festival.



The thunderous roar of Chinese drums and crash of cymbals ushered in the colourful celebrations of the Cairns Chinese New Year street festival today. Thousands of locals and visitors packed Fogarty Park along the Cairns Esplanade to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New year .Entertainment included a street parade led by the lion dancers followed by a colourful dragon. On stage there were cultural dancers ,martial art performances. There were chinese food stalls, historical artifacts, postcard display, raffles, etc all run by a dedicated group Cadcai [Cairns and District Chinese Association]



Mary Low , the chief organiser of the CNF says the festival has grown from year to year its got bigger and better since she initiated the first festival in [2003](#). is quite an achievement for her to run the CNF for 9 years so much as it has become one of the main attractions on the cairns annual events list.

Mary was born and educated in Auckland and grew up in Mangere and is the younger sister of Lily Lee, Jack &Ray Chong.



Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Youth Leadership Camp [YLC]

"Over the weekend of 9-11 December over 40 young teenagers (aged between 14-17) from our NZ Chinese community branches attended the inaugural NZCA Auckland Youth

Leadership Camp (YLC). The YLC evolved from a great deal of planning over 9 months but also taking on board a vision that past NZCA President Kai Luey had seen with a similar Rotary initiative - to ensure our youth stay connected with their community and culture. The teenagers came from across the branches - Foxtown, Levin, Palmerston North, Waikato (5), Wellington (2) and even a keen young man from the Gold Coast. At least six campers were born outside of NZ including China and Malaysia, United Kingdom which was a great breakthrough - to widen our reach beyond the local born Chinese.



The organising committee worked well to pull together a comprehensive program involving high profile guest speakers (including Mayor of Gisborne Meng Foon, film director Roseanne Liang, and Global Marketing Manager Les Mills - Andrew Young), intensive physical outdoor activities and cultural insights with traditional Chinese dance and calligraphy. The core program was facilitated by Albert King who profiled the concepts of motivation, leadership and teamwork. Albert who is an inspiration and corporate consultant in Singapore had a real



connect with the campers and ensured they all came out of their comfort zone to step up, speak out and form new friendships and bonds. The program was intensive and the feedback was the participants wanted another day.



The physical activities proved popular with many participants overcoming their a fear of

heights and swinging from the trapeze pole, clambering up the cargo net or throwing themselves off the 25 foot pole. Following all the activities the campers were rewarded with some great catering by the supporters headed up by Connie Kum (and on Saturday night the kids were treated to ham off the bone).

The YLC sets the platform going forward for the younger college generation to stay in touch with what NZCA offers in terms of community spirit, culture and engagement.

This initiative is a stepping stone to the Leadership Development Conference, Winter Camp and FutureDragonz. We are in a good space now to offer a full coverage of initiatives from college, tertiary to post graduate and we hope that these young people take roles and responsibilities in NZCA to make it a stronger organisation. The next YLC is planned for 2013 and we will definitely hope our South Island cousins can come along as well.

Please check out the Facebook page:
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/nzcaylc2011>



Above - Happy faces over lunch
 Head kitchen honcho Connie Kum at work (b)



On the lighter side as a convener of the YLC I enjoyed the reactions and positive feedback from the young participants but to have to lose two nights sleep with fellow colleagues snoring in the cabinis a bit beyond the call of duty."



Deputy Consul General Li, PRC staff , NZCA National Pres. VirginiaChong and YLC organisers



Receiving instructions for the days activities (above)



YLC Camp Break-up afternoon luncheon

Cantonese Music School

Connie Kum – Cantonese Music School Coordinator

GUNG HEI FATT CHOY!!! Welcome to the Lunar Year of the Dragon. The School started in August 2005 with a vision of teaching children to speak Cantonese. The Cantonese Language is 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 Auck. 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.

Term Dates and Fees

Term 1 11 Feb – 31 March

\$40 per child, \$28 per child for 2 or more in family or \$5 a lesson, \$7 for two children a lesson

Term 2 28 April – 30 June

\$45 per child, \$63 for two children / \$94.50 for three (no classes Q birthday weekend)
\$10.50 (3) daily

Term 3 21 July - 29 Sept

\$55 per child, \$77 for two children / \$115.50 for three

Term 4 20 Oct - 24 Nov

\$30 per child, \$42 for two children / \$63 for three

Classes held at Oranga Primary School hall, Cnr Rangipawa and Maroa Road, One Tree Hill (entrance gate Maroa Road)

Preschool (3-5 yrs)	9.30am to 11.00 am
Primary (6 – 10 yrs)	11.15am to 12.45 pm
Primary 2 ./ Adult – to be confirmed	1.00 pm to 2.30 pm.

Depending on numbers there may be some alterations in numbers of classes and times for the Primary group.

Our very enthusiastic teachers; Mr Tat Tsui is an ex teacher who has taught for a number of years in Hong Kong and wife Ms Irene Ho has a degree in Counselling. 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.

Term One 2012 will include Chinese Dancing classes for girls from five (or near five) to ten years old. NZCA annual Easter Tournament is held in Auckland this year and always after the Opening Ceremony there is a Cultural Concert. There will be two dance items (or a blend)– primary age and adults. Dance classes will start on the 18th February at Oranga Primary School Hall at 11 am – provisional.

We are very fortunate to have the services of Lin Zhuo – a very qualified teacher of Chinese dancing . Lin did the dance choreography and danced at the Cultural Concert at the Dunedin Sports Tournament. She also has done the same at the Youth Leadership Camp last December and instructed at the LDC earlier this year. We are truly indebted to Lin for her willingness to help and serve our NZCA Auckland community.

Working with Lin is Monica Mu (NZCA Ak Branch’s secretary) a dance enthusiast who started as a ‘babe’. Has had no formal training but was in the winning team at the Viva Eclectika Inter-cultural dance competition. She also danced her way into theatre and performed in the “Bone Feeder” and helped out with dance choreography and instructed at the YLC in December 2011. In her ‘spare’ time she enjoys Zhumplus Fitness dance group and the team recently performed at the Northcote Chinese and Korean New Year Festival.

Enquiries for booking a place please ring Connie 6258 611 or ‘e’ cojay@xtra.co.nz

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

Cantonese Bilingual Music School

By Robert Wong

Adult Cantonese Class

The Adult Cantonese Class has been in recess since the end of the school year. But that doesn't mean we can't practice our Cantonese whenever we can.

It's good to be learning or improving a second language besides English. As New Zealand's Asian population has grown through immigration and the government maintains closer trading relations with China, Chinese languages are becoming more important. At the recent Chinese New Year Festival at the ASB Showgrounds in Greenlane, Auckland, Prime Minister John Key was taught to say Happy New Year in both Cantonese and Mandarin.

During the last year, we learned how to write calligraphy. That's writing Chinese characters using ink and brushes. We learned how to use thick and thin brush strokes and that characters needed to look balanced.

In fact, our Cantonese teachers, Tat and Irene, ran a popular calligraphy class at the NZCA Youth Leadership Camp at Camp Adair, Hunua near Papakura, Auckland in December. In high demand were T-shirts with students' Chinese names written in calligraphy style.

We also studied Hong Kong as my fellow student Nina and her daughters were visiting there in February 2012. We learned about signs on trains and colour codes on maps to help passengers plan their trips.

We continue to enjoy improving our Cantonese and learning more about Chinese culture. I fully recommend the class to anyone wanting to learn Cantonese as another language. We are fortunate to have our expert Cantonese teachers originally from Hong Kong, Tsui Lor Si (Tat) and Ho Lor Si (Irene). Is there someone who has completed many goals on their bucket list but learning Cantonese was one item still to be started? Make learning Cantonese a New Years resolution.

Classes are held every Saturday during the school term at Oranga Primary School, corner of Maroa Road and Rangipawa Road, One Tree Hill.

Preschool (3 -5 years) 9.30am to 11am

Primary 1 (6 -10 years) 11.15am to 12.45pm

Primary 2) Adult / (separate) 1pm – 2.30pm

Enquiries for booking a place ring Connie Kum on 625 8611, cojay@xtra.co.nz

**'OLD' IS WHEN....Your sweetie says,
'Let's go upstairs and make love,' and
you answer, 'Pick one; I can't do both!'**

A Train trip through the Rain Forest

Danny Chen

Before proceeding to describe the fantastic day I had, I'd like to first thank the Women's group for organising the event and for it being well planned. I'd like to make a personal thank you to Gillian and Bruce Young, and also Elsie Wong for their touching hospitality and making me feel like I was part of their group, not judging me and accepting a wandering child in their midst.

I had no idea what the day would be like when I signed up, and really wasn't expecting much except to see the two attractions that I had wanted, but never got, to see in the last year. Later on the morning 12th November, I hopped on to the bus, and we proceeded westward towards the Watercare rain forest express tour.

Having been welcomed onto the bus and casually assigned a seat next to Elsie on the back of bus, I began to relax and just ease in the tour. I had woken up only an hour before, after a late night and had rushed to the Meadowlands shopping centre to purchase my snacks for the day and a small contribution to the Annual Women's Group Raffle.

As the bus ride progressed, among the chatter of over 30 enthusiastic girls (and a couple of guys), there were some announcements made by Gillian about the organisation of the group and that this was her last trip she would be organising. Some printed newsletters were handed out and some

requests were made for volunteers to step up at some stage in the near future to help ensure the survival of the group by helping out with the organisation and planning of future events. I was amazed at how energetic the people were on the bus and the positive energy was brimming on my scales at 9/10. Even as the bus got stuck going up a narrow and tightly curved incline, there were jokes galore and people continuing with their happy conversations. Needless to say, the bus wasn't stuck for very long and continued unscathed along our merry way.



Arriving at the site after a required turn around at the Arataki visitor's centre, everyone got off the bus, headed to the entrance and patiently waited for the guides to get arranged. (The bus couldn't make the sharp left turn required and used the space at the visitors centre to come back in the opposite direction for a much easier right turn. The short drive down from the main road to the tour train area was quite a journey in itself, with the road being so narrow and the bus being so large, on the edge of rolling sideways into the bushes. Lucky there wasn't any cars to contend



with or they would definitely be the ones reversing out the way!)

After the tour guides finishing their safety and briefing speeches, the less able with canes and physical requirements were seated first and everyone else then got on board for the lovely scenic ride ahead. The tour announcements were well done with lots of facts and interaction for the passengers on board. The views were beautiful, helped by the fact that the 2 guides were very friendly and mingled quite casually with the entire group. This was some of the more great views: <insert photos>





Having enjoyed the best parts of the trip, the group were taken back along the same route and had the last chance to enjoy the breathtaking briefly passed scenery once more before leaving the site. The quick lunch at the Arataki visitors centre concluded the first section of the day and we proceeded to Earthsong for a quick exploration of the Eco Housing area in Ranui.



To truly appreciate this short tour, I would highly recommend anyone to book in for it and see the wonderful sights for themselves.

At the midpoint of the journey, we had the chance to climb the steep stairs of the Upper Nihotupu Dam and this was the view: <insert photos>





Parked as closely as a large bus could be, we walked a quick distance to the entrance where each of us were rushed to quickly sign in and sit down to begin the introductory presentation. The 30minute long boring presentation seemed to take forever and covered the main points about a Co-Housing environment that Earthsong was made to be, and how it was achieving the goals it envisioned. Some of the goals included not just power savings and environmentally friendly practices, but also getting back to the roots of a better community environment of friendly neighbours and a secure environment for children to grow up in. The walking tour around the compound was definitely much more interesting than the presentation and definitely portrayed an environmentally friendly atmosphere and more natural living space than the contemporary shoe boxed metro city apartments.

Finishing with a quick cuppa offered by the friendly residents, we headed back to the bus quickly for our journey home. The somewhat gloomy day had definitely not dampened any spirits and was never the talk of conversation. It was definitely more cheery and talkative than most school trips I remember. Never have I felt so old among people when most of them were possibly twice my age and was humbled to not have been looked down on by more experienced seniors, but rather to have experiences shared with and being involved in the conversations. I can definitely say many of the younger generation in my age group have much to learn about not being judgemental or shy, but just being open and genuine with the people around them. I'm definitely hoping that I will have more motivation to be more involved with this wonderful group of girl guides again. I pray that the group will hold its strength and continue to be the fun loving group I have experienced this special Saturday in my life.



LEGUME RECIPE ?

This recipe was given to me while working in a fruit shop by a customer who swore by it. She said that the gallbladder attack she had, even morphine did not alleviate the intense pain she suffered and when her husband brought home information telling her about this LEGUME RECIPE (crunchy bean combo which is readily available in supermarkets) her pain subsided within 10minutes not to return. She also had a friend who also suffered from the same complaint and was due to go into hospital for a gallstone removal operation and when given a container of this "crunchy bean combo" she laughed at her but did eat them and within 20minutes had fully recuperated and continues to use them.

(Too much decadent and high living???)

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Letters and Tips of Interest

Tip for what to do with 10 hrs in LA Airport.

As travellers, the thought of a 10 hr stop at LA Airport would have been tiring. But with a brief inquiry at the information counter, we found that an interesting time could be had. The alternatives were to hang around, or take a long ride out to the downtown area. And that could have been a wasted effort for the distance you had to go and to an area that was being rebuilt.

At the information centre we were advised to, take our backpacks with us (there are no lockers at the airport). Get on a free shuttle bus, to any airport hotel. Leave our bags with them. Ask for a free pass from at the concierge to get on a bus that will take you to a local shopping mall. This turned out to be a lovely ride past beautiful homes and the great Californian seacoast. It was an extensive shopping mall. We had a good look around. But before we got back on to the free bus for the hotel and then the airport, we tried out the food of a local Chinese restaurant. The flavours were interesting. We had now tasted Chinese food with a Cuban influence. The taste was different because, they used wines and ingredients available in Cuba. The Cuban Chinese owner explained this to us.

Kai and I had a very satisfying 10 hours at LA Airport.

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The Washington-based, independent Migration Policy Institute has published Manying's article in their Special Issue on 'Migration in the Modern Chinese World'

Subject: Your article has been published on the Migration Information Source

Dear Manying,

I am pleased to announce that your article has been published on the Migration Information Source as part of our Special Issue on Migration in the Modern Chinese World!

You can view your piece on the Source home page (<http://www.migrationinformation.org>) or by clicking on this direct link to the article:

<http://www.migrationinformation.org/Feature/display.cfm?id=878>

Please feel free to share these links among your networks, as well as on Facebook and Twitter.
It was truly a pleasure working with you on this piece – thank you for allowing us to publish it. It is a wonderful addition to the Special Issue, and I know our audience will find it truly fascinating.

Warmest regards,
Joyce Mathews



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* Signed: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____