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TROPHIES**

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On johns mind



Hi All,

I was led to believe that a dragon was a Fiery and a slow moving creature ! Since the last issue of the newsletter I have been inundated with thankless tasks-

1 . Membership – without

members we could not exist as a charitable Organization – without members I may as well close shop or get fired ? You may not know this but every time that Easter Tournament is held in Auckland (ie. Every 4 years) most members come out of hibernation to renew their memberships mostly the younger set, and many who have come out of Family memberships , This year over 80 had to be processed in the last week prior to the D-Day . Just to let you in on a secret –it takes me over 5 minutes to process 1 member ! Well that makes it approximately 12 entries in 1 hour – **WTH** (What the Heck) Yeah I know , but after receiving the renewal /application forms I have to check if the money has been deposited into the a/c. I then enter the data manually (I am still slow as - unless someone can come up with a programme that will increase my sleeping hours)

NAME, Date of birth, Postal address, Phone No. Email addresses ?? and so forth . After processing I usually like to send an acknowledgement Email to inform them that I am at the processing stage. I rate -1 / 10 trying to decipher email addresses that are illegible and usually bounce back but **more frustrating** are members who write neither email nor postal address on application forms ! At time of writing I have over 20 membership ID Cards in my possession that requires Postal addresses !

The **2nd thankless** task is being in charge of producing and editing this Newsletter. Much that I love / hate to produce a

newsletters for you as members, which informs you of happenings within the community / members ,only a meager contribution of that is collated and included in the publications. . You can just visualise this arduous task of trying to source information sitting on a couch with ears and eyes on the TV or phone ,it does restrict ones ability to maybe google sites to produce exciting or interesting tit-bits.

The request here is not only for HELP but to all members to be more considerate and co-operative in renewing annual subs and if you have any articles/photos of interest to be published send them in. What about a moan or complaint ? I am only an Email away and **you** can begin to motivate other members out of their mundane existence to try their skills leading onto **therapeutic** finger exercises on pen and paper or the keyboard - creating some necessary mental gymnastics exercises for the brain.

For these health tips from me - **NO CHARGE.**

Without the above two moans Life is still basically as wonderful as ever since now that I've attained the ripe age of 3 score +10

Editor JWK

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Reminder - -NZCA 2012 Membership renewal

Your continued support is an important factor to our NZCA charitable Organisation, Subsidies for events/activities for members and publishing the newsletters. Show your support in renewing your membership fees now for 2012. Application form on back page or website <http://www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz> to download the latest membership form.

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Chairmans Message



At the beginning of April our Auckland branch hosted 64th Annual New Zealand Chinese Association Annual Sports Tournament. This annual tournament is an iconic event in our Chinese Community. Generations have participated over the

years and at Easter we had many families involved. We saw parents playing against their own children or nieces and nephews in basketball, or participating in the same volleyball team. Grandparents were shouting words of encouragement from the side line whilst catching up with friends from all around NZ. Trust Stadium in Waitakere was a hub of reunions and making new friends.

To hold such a large tournament that encompasses 13 sports over 4 day's takes a massive effort by a dedicated team – all being volunteers. Now that the tournament is over, we can all look back proudly and realise that all the many meetings, emails and long hours were worth the effort!

Not only have participants and supporters given us terrific feedback, but **AUCKLAND WON THE OVERALL TOURNAMENT TROPHY!**

So on the sporting front; I would like to congratulate Jeremy Gin, as Auckland Contingent leader for bringing home the Cup! It's a feat that we have not done since 2008. Our next goal is to defend the trophy and plans are under way to send a competitive team to Christchurch for Easter 2013.

I am very proud of our community in the way that it has come together to plan and host the tournament. Auckland is a large city and everyone has busy lives. We often

forget the strength of our community and it was fantastic to see so many people come together to enjoy competition, participation - simply having a good time!

Food is always a big part of Chinese culture and at the tournament this was no exception with the army of canteen volunteers serving up yummy traditional fare- having a hot bowl of jook and char siu bao every morning was great.

The social side of the tournament has always been an important part of Easter – this year was no exception. We had events for all age groups. A highlight for me was the “Generations Dinner” held at the Waipuna Hotel on the Sunday night. The dinner was themed to bring together the generations that attend the Easter tournament and was based on a family dinner. It was a sell-out with over 320 people attending.

The tournament would not be able to be held without financial support. I would like to thank our generous tournament sponsors – Barfoot & Thompson, ANZ Bank, Glacier Investments Limited and Thomas Doo Trust. We acknowledge gratefully the support from the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, the Dragon Community Trust, Four Winds, the Infinity Trust, The Trusts Community Foundation, Pub Charity and the Community Organisation Grant Scheme. We have also been supported by many other companies and individuals through advertising and donations.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to once again thank the many volunteers - without you we would not be able to put on such a successful event.

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AUCKLAND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2011

At the Annual Chinese New Year Dinner held at the IMPERIAL GARDEN Restaurant Saturday 18th February 2012.

Two Achievement Awards were presented by NZCA National President Virginia Chong and Auckland Branch Chairman Richard Leung.

Many thanks to all of the 200 plus members, supporters and friends who turned out once again to join with us in celebrating the DRAGON year, marking yet another successful occasion.

Annual CNY Dinner (below)

Youth Award recipient – Tessa Kai Fong (below)



photos JWK

Top Achievement Award recipient– Renee Liang Right >

Jack's soya chicken recipe

2 cups dark soya sauce
2 cups light soya sauce
1 cup of water
1 cup rice wine or any white wine
250 grams rock sugar
2 tablespoons Chinese spice mixture
(13 herbs & spices)



1 whole chicken or chicken wings or legs.
my favorite is chicken thigh and leg bits together

Put ingredients in a stainless steel pot bring to the boil simmer for 10 mins until all the flavours have fused together.
add chicken boil slowly for 10 mins turn off heat leave for 20 mins.
Marinade can be used again and again store it in the refrigerator or if you want to keep it longer then put it in the deep freeze.



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NZCA 64th Easter Tournament –April 2012

Over 12 months of planning, many hours of meetings, bringing together sports coordinators, checking out venues and applying for Trust and sponsorship funds....the 64th Annual NZCA tournament finally took place in the first week of April. The purpose of NZCA Easter Tournament is to bring our community – country wide together. It is an opportunity for young and old to come together share in healthy competition but more importantly to connect as friends and share the social and family aspects of being one Chinese community.

There were thirteen sports on offer to all participants from indoor netball, badminton, table tennis and of course the two big draw cards touch rugby and basketball. Teams in basketball ranged from tiniballers, miniballers all the way up to veterans (with minds of 21 year olds but bodies much older). Again the organising committee

secured the Waitakere Trusts Stadium which fulfilled all our requirements to host volleyball, indoor netball, basketball and of course the all-important canteen facilities. With such a diverse range of sports we were supported by a young and enthusiastic group of volunteers to coordinate, plan and organise the events – ensuring that venues were available, draws scheduled and players proudly kitted out. With all events of this size there are hiccups along the way and the sports tournament controller **Raymond Young** was tearing his hair (the few strands left) out to find alternate touch rugby fields on the Thursday before the event. It is an opportune time to acknowledge Raymond and his sports coordinator team who facilitated practices from Mangere Hall to St Kentigerns and further afield to indoor netball stadia in West Auckland.

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The **Opening Ceremony** at midday on Good Friday was a great occasion with a variety of acts including EPAC Lion dance team, Tai chi display and kung fu presentation by a young team from a local Shaolin school. The ceremony was attended by **Hon Judith Collins** Minister of Ethnic Affairs and the Consul General of China, **Madam Liao Juhua**. With the Easter Tournament formally opened by National NZCA President **Virginia Chong** – it was straight onto the acts and some last minute choreography from **Monica Mu** who supported two traditional Chinese dances (primary school and teenagers).

Outside in the foyer sales of T shirts and magazines were flying out the door like the literal hot potato. It was great to see the diligent and fast hands of **Michelle Wai** and **Cathrine Ming** tally up the eftpos sales – as we sold out of the very popular T shirt. The design of the Easter tournament logo which also appeared on the magazine is credited to digital creative designer **Vikki Cheng**. Her poignant words were acknowledged by **Mark Ngan Kee** speaking on

behalf of the NZCA National Committee around..."creating friendship, a sense of pride in our Chinese heritage and united in our Easter story.."

It was great to see all the main centres - Wellington, Dunedin, Christchurch, Hawkes Bay and Hamilton come to Auckland and participate. From athletics, badminton through to volleyball – it was encouraging to see the on-going rivalry across cities and towns with the overall Tournament trophy coming down to a deciding result from the Men's Open basketball final between **Waikato** and **Auckland**. We are very encouraged to hear **Canterbury will host the 2013 65th Easter Tournament** and in spite of the turmoil's of the past 18 months every NZ Chinese community member will support and wish them all the best.

Aside from the sports activities planning was also required on the non-sports side which included the under 18 (10 pin bowling and rock climbing) and over **18 social events**, the various generational



dinners, the prize giving ball and the production of the Easter magazine.

There are too many people to thank in this note – but we know who you are and we hope that you enjoyed yourselves in your planning roles (Tui ad time...**yeah right !**) and we look forward to your support in 2016....gosh that seems so far away....but time catches up.

One activity that continues to put a big smile on the organizing committees face is the successful collaboration and operation of the **canteen**. Feeding over 800 participants, family, friends and supporters is no mean feat and we acknowledge the coordination efforts of **Rosalind Chin** – her planning skills were so attuned that there was a map site of the kitchen pinned on the wall and where people needed to be stationed.

An iconic event of this size cannot be undertaken without the support of generous Trusts and other corporate and community sponsors. The Trusts being – **Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, Community Organisation Grant Scheme, Dragon Community Trust, Pub Charities, Infinity Foundation Ltd, Trusts Community Foundation and Four Winds**. Our other major sponsors were **Barfoot and Thompson and ANZ Bank, Glacier Investments Ltd and Thomas Doo Trust**.

Every year we all gather some learning's on how to run a big and exciting tournament – but for

Richard Leung, Raymond Young and David Wong and the huge support teams- the stresses and strains all fade away when we see the young five year old soccer player racing to score a goal, a mini baller sinking a hoop from 2 metres or the young pre-schooler in traditional Chinese dance costume smiling in front of a packed audience, or the old veteran from **Wellington** catching up with a long-time friend from **Waikato** or just seeing a young family with the grandparents enjoying some dim sims and gook after watching their kids in an under 17 basketball game.

The icing on the proverbial pork bun – is winning the overall Tournament trophy – well done Auckland. It makes it all worth the effort!

Yes we have created friendships; a sense of pride in our Chinese heritage ...united ...and now we can close the 64th chapter of the 2012 NZCA Easter Tournament cordially and sucessfully hosted by Auckland

David D Wong

Pp NZCA Ak. Easter Tournament Organising Committee



EASTER TOURNAMENT - OPENING CEREMONY -WAITAKERE TRUST STADIUM – 6 APRIL 2012 photo JWK



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Annual Golf Tournament 2012

The annual NZCA Auckland Branch Inc. Golf Tournament will be held at the

Pukekohe Golf Club, 654 Karaka Road, Drury on Sunday 20th May 2012.

There will be competitions as follows:

1. Men's competition – Best Nett and Best Stableford
2. Women's competition – Best Nett and Stableford
3. Inter-Branch Challenge Cup – Team of four - Stableford

Entry is on a first come first served basis (Limited number of places available). Each player must have an Official NZ Golf Handicap. Participants must be able to furnish their Club number and Membership number.

Social golfers are not required to have an official handicap. They will not be eligible for the Branch competitions, or the Inter –Branch Challenge Cup.

Prizes for best nett, best stableford, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Spot prizes.

All players must be a member of their local branch of NZCA. The annual subscription for membership to the Auckland Branch is \$10.00.

NZCA Auckland Inc sponsors the **Inter-Branch Golf Challenge Cup**, open to all branches of NZCA.

Each team will consist of four players,(may comprise both men and women). A branch may enter more than one team. The team with the **highest aggregate stableford** points for the three best players will win the Challenge Cup. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the team with the **lowest aggregate handicap index** for the three counting players.

The Inter-Branch Challenge Cup will be held each year in Auckland in conjunction with the NZCA (Auckland) Inc Annual Golf Tournament.

Both competitions will be played concurrently over 18 holes. Players do not have to be part of a team.

The latest Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf and normal golf etiquette apply. For the enjoyment of all, please keep up with the group ahead. A time target for the round is 4.5 hours.

Entry fee for each player is **\$45.00** which entitles them to be part of a team entry.

Entries close on **Saturday 12th May 2012**. Payment **must** accompany entry forms.

Please post your entry form together with your remittance to: Virginia Chong
29 Shipherds Avenue
Epsom Auckland 1023

For all enquiries, please contact: Virginia Chong
Phone: 09-630-6641 (home)
Mobile: 021-982-726
Email: vchong@ihug.co.nz

Please feel free to copy the entry form for distribution



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Annual Golf Tournament 2012

Name _____

Affiliated Club _____ Club Number _____

Membership Number _____ Handicap Index _____

Address _____

Contact Details: Home _____

Work _____

Mobile _____

Email Address _____

Are you entering a team: Yes / No

- If yes, Branch represented: _____

Name of Player 1 _____ Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____ Player 4 _____

Separate entry form must be completed giving each player's details.

- If no, do you wish to be assigned to a team? (Every effort will be made to place you in a team, but this may not be possible)

Entry Fee: **\$45.00** if current financial member of any branch of NZCA

\$55.00 if non member of NZCA

Entries close on **Saturday 12th May 2012.**

Cheques must be made payable to **NZCA Auckland** .

Payment can be made by direct credit to NZCA Auckland – National Bank a/c 060287 0016463 00
Please identify payment with Name & golf

Please post your entry form together with your remittance to:

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UNEMPLOYED CHINESE POSITION IN AUCKLAND

(By Telegraph Press Association.) AUCKLAND

This Day. Attention was drawn to-day by one of the leaders of the Chinese community in Auckland Mr. Andrew Chong, to the plight of unemployed Chinese. He said that throughout New Zealand Chinese had paid thousands of pounds to the unemployment fund, yet, as far as he could ascertain, not one Chinese had been given relief work or relief rations. The situation became

acute last April, when owing to the low returns, from the market garden business many men had been thrown on their own resources. They were unable to obtain employment with Europeans, and they had been informed by the Labour Department that they were ineligible for work or sustenance. Yet Chinese in work continued to pay both the levy and the tax. He estimated that there were about 150 Chinese in Auckland practically destitute. Evening Post, Volume CXV, Issue 7, 10 January 1933, Page 9

POTATO PRICES CHARGES TOO HIGH

For selling potatoes at a greater price than that permitted by the price control regulations greengrocers were fined by Mr. A. M. Goulding, S.M., in the Magistrate's Court today. They were Poy Chew Young, of Moxham Avenue, Hataitai, Pond Young, of Lambton Quay, Raymond Lowe, of Moxham Avenue, and Tse Lai Hong, trading as Sam. Kee, Upland Road, Kelburn, who were each fined £7.10s and George Wong Pang, of Riddiford Street, Newtown, who was fined £4. The case for the prosecution, which was conducted by Mr. W. R. Birks, on behalf of the Price Investigation Tribunal, was that George Wong Pang sold Price Tribunal inspectors potatoes at two and a half pounds for 6d, and the others sold them at 3d a pound, at the end of June and the beginning of July when the maximum retail price permitted by the regulations was 2d a pound. The potatoes were bought by the defendants at 13s 6d and 14s a hundredweight. They were South Island potatoes. Mr. H. Mitchell entered pleas of not guilty, for all the defendants. He called no evidence, but submitted that there was no case to answer, because the prosecution had not proved what price "was paid per pound of potatoes and had not proved, in what area the potatoes had been bought by the inspectors. This should have been done as the regulations fixed different prices for different localities. The Magistrate said he would not heed such more or less technical objections and would convict. Mr. Mitchell, addressing the Court on the question of penalty, contended that the regulations were unreasonable and confusing. Evening Post, Volume CXXXIV, Issue 51, 28 August 1942, Page 3

Cantonese Bilingual Music School

By Robert Wong

Adult Cantonese Class

Well, we have just had a very successful NZCA Easter Chinese Sports Tournament held at the Waitakere Stadium in Henderson, Auckland. I understand it was the largest tournament in terms of numbers participating ever. With so many Chinese in one location at one time, it was a good opportunity to practise our Cantonese whenever the situation arose. I was helping to man the merchandise shop and a few greetings in Cantonese encouraged some people to hang around and buy some of our colourful NZCA T-shirts.

I get so many people telling that they would find Cantonese easier to speak if it wasn't for the 9 tones. Cantonese is a tonal language. English is not. For example, if you say the word "Hi" with a rising pitch or a lower sound, it makes no difference. It is not so with Cantonese words. One word people find difficult with the tonal differences is the word "mah." Depending on the tone, in Cantonese, mah can mean, horse, mother, grandmother or sock. My daughter is worried about getting the tone wrong and calling her grandmother a horse! I

tell her, grandmother won't mind if she makes the effort and the horse is not going to complain either!

It might be a good idea to put up a video on Youtube explaining the differences between the tones for the word "mah." Our expert Cantonese class teachers Choi Lou Si (Tat) and Hor Lou Si (Irene) might be able to help with some instruction for the video.

In our Cantonese classes, we have been learning some poems by classic Chinese poets and their meaning and practising to write some Chinese characters and learning their meaning. Cantonese movies are a good way to practice your Cantonese skills. I was watching Kungfu Panda 2, the Cantonese version and the phrases used are in simple conversational Cantonese. For example, in Cantonese, "Hey look" is "le tay hah la."

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, Choi Lor Si (Tat) and Ho Lor Si (Irene). Classes are held every Saturday during the school term at Oranga Primary School, corner of Maroa Road and Rangipawa Road, One Tree Hill.



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NZCA CANTONESE MUSIC SCHOOL

Classes held at **ORANGA PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL** -

Cnr Rangipawa and Maroa Road, One Tree Hill
(entrance gate Maroa Road)

Term 2 - 28 April to 30 June (no classes Queen's Birthday weekend)

Pre-school - 9.30 am - 11.15 am

Primary (6 -12 years old) - 11.30 – 1.30 pm

Adult - 1.00pm - 2.30 pm.

Instead of two Primary classes there is now only one and the class has been extended to two hours duration. Fees for Term 2 are \$45 per child, but \$63 for two children in family and \$95 for three children in family.

Casual rates - \$5 for one, \$7 for two in one family and \$10 for three in one family.



The focus is on Oral Language / Conversation, role play, games and recognition and writing of simple characters. Learning the Language is "FUN"

Several of the girls from the Cantonese Music School and Tini-ball basketballers (Lidia Fraser, Emma Ding, China Fitzpatrick, Emilie Young, Mackenzie Tan, Isabelle Chung, Caitlin Tan, Charlotte, Elyse and Saffron Tse, Olivia Hong, Taylor Lowe, Ellie and Josh Aitkenhead) performed a chirpy little dance routine for the 2012 Easter Tournament Cultural Concert at the Waitakere Trust Stadium .The dance routine was especially choreographed by Monica Mu to a song name " 'I.O.I.O', meaning - we like being hugged, we love

chocolate, we love having a lot of friends and can never get enough attention....don't you just love us ???" A Chinese Folk Dance was



performed by a combined group consisting of NZCA members, delegats of the 2011 YLC Camp, past students of the Music School, or were basketball participants in the Tournament – (Paige and Brittany Young, Holly and Giverny Hing, Alisha Chin, Annelise Chan Davina Wong, Rebecca and Megan Chan). Monica choreographed this folk dance to a song 'Song of Seasons'. Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter – the seasons of nature. They are so distinctive and beautiful in their own way. We cherish and welcome the alternation of seasons and express our love for mother earth".

<http://youtu.be/McvvJ9LW5as>

Very special thanks to Monica for giving of her time and effort spent in transforming these beautiful songs into beautiful dances and for her patience and energy and time spent in training the two groups of girls. She did an amazing job in a very short period of time with the older group (only two training sessions). She does indeed have great artistic talent in dance choreography

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

Connie Kum : Cantonese Music School Co-ordinator



Photos JWK



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Chairman's 2012 AGM Report

25 March 2012

As I sit here and write my first AGM Chairman's report, I reflect on what we have achieved in the past 12 months. You will see by the report that the many people that make up the main committee and the various sub committees have all had a busy year organising events and activities for our diverse membership that makes up our New Zealand Chinese community in Auckland.

I would like to recognise **Gillian Young**, for her commitment to leading the NZCA Auckland Women's group for over 10 years. With her leadership she has grown this group that meets regularly once a month. She left the group in a strong good position and under the guidance of Myra, Christine and Helen the women's group continue to enjoy monthly activates and fellowship. I wish you happy travels with Brian for the future.



Here are some highlights of the past 12 months

- Congratulations to **Virginia Chong** who at the June NZCA National AGM was elected as the New Zealand Chinese Association **National President**, the first women to hold the office in the 76 year history of the Association.
- The NZCA Auckland **women's group** held their annual Women's group Yum Cha on Saturday 16 July at Pearl Garden restaurant in Newmarket. All had a great time catching up and meeting new people along with a group from **NZCA Waikato Branch** as well as enjoying the great food.
- In July we had several of our younger Branch members representing Auckland at overseas conferences- Paige, Brittney, Jessica and Genevieve Young attended a Chinese government sponsored **Summer Camp** in Beijing for 12 to 18 year olds.
- Also in July Vikki Cheng, Jonathon Wong, Natalie Sew Hoy, Melissa Wong, Sandy Ling and Stephanie Young have attended the annual **Dragon Foundation 100** Young Leaders Forum in Taiwan- it is a reflection of the high esteem that our young NZCA Chinese leaders are held in that we have 6 attendees this year, when they select only 60 delegates from throughout the world to attend this prestigious programme.
- In August the Branch celebrated the August Moon Festival with a dinner at Sichuan Restaurant in Newmarket.

At the dinner we also celebrated the **young achievers** from Auckland who won NZCA Academic Awards - Hamish Chan, Calvin Sang, Paige Young and Amanda Ling. National President Virginia Chong presented the winners with their prizes.

- **National Day Celebration Saturday 1 October 2011**-Hosted a afternoon tea in conjunction with the Auckland Chinese Community Centre with many dignitaries and members in attendance including: **Consul General Madam Liao**, Deputy Consul General Li, Members of Parliament Nikki Kaye, Dr Jackie Blue and Raymond
- **4th Annual NZCA Auckland Volleyball Tournament**- was successfully held in the first weekend of November with 20 teams competing including teams from Wellington. The tournament has been successful since its inception and is growing year on year helping with building bridges with the new Chinese migrants.
- **Viva Electika**-A group of Auckland Branch members worked with members from the AUT dance school and participated in an ethnic dance festival called Viva Electika held in conjunction with the New Zealand Diversity forum. The dancers fused Chinese dragon with the Maori culture with a Chinese Princess- they were successful been awarded first place in the competition. Auckland Branch was also a sponsor of this Biennial event.
- Trip to **Zealong Tea Estate** in the Waikato attended by a bus load of members.
- Women's Group-Trip to the Waitakere ranges and enjoyed the scenic railway around the rain forest. Also celebrated the retirement of Gillian Young after 10 years leading the NZCA Auckland Women's group. She has built up a fine group that meet on a monthly basis.
- **NZCA Youth Leadership Camp**-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.



- **Annual Xmas BBQ-** 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. Madam Liao and consulate staff and families in attendance.

- **2012 Cultures of China, Festival of Spring Acrobatic Concert-** 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.



- **CNY Dinner-** Branch Achievement Awards- Renee Liang and Tess Kai Fong

On Saturday 18 February we held our CNY dinner along with our annual Branch Achievement awards. We had 2 very worthy winners

Tessa Kai Fong, winner of the NZCA Auckland Branch Junior Achievement Award for 2011.

She was Proxime Accessit as well a deputy Head Girl at Rangitoto College. In Year 13 she was one of a small band of students from her college to be selected to a "Leadership conference at the prestigious Harvard University.

In 2011 she joined the 269th NZ Police College intake in Porirua. After 19 weeks of intensive training she graduated as

the top cadet. Among the prizes she received were the Minister of Polices prize for top cadet in her intake, the Ericsson Practical Prize for overall winner in practical assessments, skills files and finger printing. She is believed to be the youngest recruit to pass through Police College at the tender age of 18.

Dr Renee Liang, winner of the NZCA Auckland Branch senior Achievement Award for 2011.

She is a consultant paediatrician whose research looks at human development trajectories from early life to adolescence. She is also a widely published poet, short story writer, blogger and playwright. For her activities in arts, medicine and science, she was named a Sir Peter Blake Emerging Leader in 2010."

We recognise her achievements in 2011 as a playwright and producer. In 2011 her plays Lantern, The First Asian AB and The Bone Feeder have played to sold-out audiences and toured to North Island venues with glowing reviews.

In 2 weeks time 7 Branches of the New Zealand Chinese Association will descend on Trust Stadium in Waitakere for the 64th Annual NZCA Easter Sports Tournament playing in 13 sports, competitors young and old. For the past 12 months I have worked with a committee of over 40 people in the planning and execution of this iconic event in our New Zealand Chinese community. It will be a weekend of

competition and also a chance for us all to catch up with family and friends. There have been many social events organised for the weekend and I urge you all to grab your family and friends and attend these social events.

I have enjoyed this new challenge having the opportunity to be involved in the community at all levels whether it has been attending the Women's group Yum Cha to presenting trophy's at our Annual Bowls tournament or meeting overseas dignitary's. It has reconfirmed my personal value of our diverse Chinese community and gives me motivation to promote our community for future generations.

In the next 12 months we have many more exciting events in the pipeline. We will hold the **NZCA Leadership Development Conference** in early 2013, another chapter of the **Banana Conference** is planned and another **Youth Leadership Conference** is also planned. These events cannot be held without volunteers- so if you have a passion for community service please contact me and I am sure we would be able to use your skills in some way.

Our Association is underpinned by voluntary support I welcome all your support in a big way or small way but do need committed volunteers.

Finally I want to thank my committee and executive committee for their dedication, tireless work and their support for me as Chairman in the past 12 months.

Richard Leung : Chairman



FICTION Lovers Enjoy

For a tour through the world of fiction written since 1950, an excellent resource you can consult is:

The Modern Library, by Carmen Callil and Colm Tobin.

The following titles with author details (Surname first) have been enjoyed by me. All the titles available from your Community Library.

An asterisk (*) indicates a movie has been made of the book.

The Other Hand Cleave, Chris

This contains a chapter with a horrific scene, but it's essential for the story, not just for sensationalism.

****Mr Pip*** Jones, Lloyd (NZer Bob Jones's brother)

****The Kite Runner*** Hosseini, Khaled

****The Secret Life of Bees*** Kidd, Sue Monk

Remember Me Hansen, Derek

You might recognise this novel's setting as Richmond Rd, Ponsonby, Auckland.

****Salmon Fishing in the Yemen***

Torday, Paul

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time

Haddon, Mark

Case Histories (TV series made)

Atkinson, Kate

****Water for Elephants***

Gruen, Sarah

****To Kill a Mockingbird*** Lee, Harper

I enjoyed all of the late Canadian author, Carol Shield's books, except for *The Stone Diaries*, which she won the Pulitzer Prize for! However, you might enjoy that book too.

Independent Saints
Presents
"Walking Is Progressive Falling"
09 May - 02 June 2012 Eight works by Jin Nan Deng

*As we walk what we are actually doing is falling.
Yet we walk, unaware of this fact.
Walking upright we are separated from the apes,
still as we walk we remain unconscious of the process*
(Paraphrased concept by Sorren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)
within 'Repetition and Philosophical Crumbs')

History marks the "walking of time" as we are unaware of falling as we are walking, we are also unaware of the subtle and subliminal influences of the past on our present.

Jin Nan Deng, with these works, looks toward the past within the present, in this he offers us solace and hope in the possibilities of the future.

Jin Nan Deng was born in Beijing, China in 1953. He is a member of CAA (Chinese Artist Association). He is co-director of Fine Art for East China Normal University. Deng gained his MFA at the university of Helsinki.

This is his first exhibition in the southern Hemisphere.
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LAWN BOWLS: Pairs Winner King Wong / Paul Lau

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Winning GOLF: Team: (below)



LAWN BOWLS: Triple Winners Danny Leung, Alan Cheng, Andy Leung

David Wong, (insert) Lena Houg-Lee, Peter Lee, Philip Houg-Lee



Above: GOLDEN OLDIES-Mangere : Below: WAIPUNA LODGE

Above: Dinner@ WAIPUNA LODGE: Below: CANTEN : Waitakere Stadium





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Deloitte Chinese Business Figures 2011 Award Ceremony.

Kai and I attended the first award ceremony at the Deloitte Centre in Queen Street, recently. It was rather a grand occasion. We were offered a beautifully presented three course meal and drinks. We spent the first part of the evening mixing and mingling. Then we were escorted to the dining room for the presentation of the awards.

Award winners were:

ENTREPRENEURSHIP- Yin-Sheng Hsieh, the Chairman of AIS St Helens Business Group.

-Quan Chun Wang, Noodle Canteen Ltd

-Richard Lee, Starplus Homes

COMMUNITY- Director of NZ Chinese Book Shop/My Kiwi Publishing House

-Shelly Huang, Business development manager- Asia of Destination Rotorua.

LEADERSHIP- Frank Cui, founder of BNZ Asian Banking.

-Grace Hong- AIA Financial Services Network Ltd

-Wayne Zeng, Westpac Botany & Highland Park Branch Manager

Marketing - Matty Ma, Senior Consultant Harcourts RE Group Ltd, Albany Branch

-Yong Wu, REINZ Accredited Business Broker of Affiliated Business Consultant Ltd

Innovation- MingWei Li, Matchi Motchi Lt

-Dr Fenf Gao, Vertex Energy Ltd

I was highly impressed with the calibre of the award winners.

Some of the achievements by these award winners were.

In a seven year period 62 stores, 300 jobs were created by Noodle Canteen.

A building & development company started in 2007 now turns over NZ\$50 million.

Their fashions are stocked in 30 stores.

A business, based on turning waste plastic to diesel fuel.

I am looking forward to the next Award Ceremony. We should be able to nominate some high achievers for this award. Yes, we can do it!

Rose Luey

Senior Lifestyle Group

We meets every Tuesday

1 New North Road

10am to 2pm

Regular Activities

Tai Chi (45 minutes with David Wong at 10am prompt)

Mah Jong, Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls, Basic Conversational Mandarin Chinese Library, DVD / film / photo screenings + anything else you want

Entry Fee \$3 pp (members)

\$4 non - members

Please bring your own lunch or plate Tea & Coffee provided

Since inception on 18 November 2008, this SLG group meets regularly each week (Tuesdays except for Xmas holiday break) with an attendance generally of 30 up to 40 persons.

Extra activities have included talks on various topics including First Aid, Diabetes and cooking demonstrations. Outings have included visits to the Zealong Tea Plantation (Hamilton), Sculptures @ Ak Botanical Garden & Helensville / Kaipara River Boat Cruise.



All persons not working fulltime are very welcome to join our weekly get-togethers and maybe willing to share your skills or hobbies with us. We look forward in seeing you. Suggestions about further activities and outings is always welcomed.



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Bay of Island Field Trip with CCET

What a lovely way to bridge the cultural gap between Chinese & Maori. We were off to see the Ruapekpeka Pa. That was the scene of the battles site between Maori and British in the 1840's. We were met by Tohe Ashby a direct descendant of Kawati, the fighting chief of Kawakawa (Bay of Islands). The site showed the ingenuity of the Maori warriors, in the fortification of their pa during the war. Tunnels, trenches, and even a water well (in case it was going to be a long battle).



The gateway to Ruapekpeka Pa site, Estella Lee, Tohe Ashby, Kai Luey

We were advised about the protocol of their welcome. At the Motatou Marae, we said, kia ora and either shook hands or did a hongi (nose greeting). I was impressed with the organized tidiness of the grounds and the beautiful valley views in front of us. This was a first for me to enter into a working Marae. There were ancestor photos and memorabilia hanging on the wall. Christianity featured greatly in the lives of the members of the Marae. Since women were not allowed to speak at formal occasions, Estella nominated Kai to speak for our group. The Marae had a lovely welcoming, homely feel. The facilities were impeccable.

That night we were treated to a generous helping of hangi style food with maori bread. The freshly smoked eel that was entrée, was really yummy. We finally hit the "sack" at about 11 pm. The foam mattress on the carpeted floor was very comfortable. The ancestors on the wall kept watch over us, as we slept peacefully. Next morning after a hearty breakfast, we waved goodbye, to complete the rest of our trip in the area. We visited the Waitangi Treaty grounds, we took the ferry to Russell,

gaspd at Rainbow Falls, remembered the chopping of the flag pole at Flag Staff Hill. Of course, we had to visit the internationally renown public toilet facilities at Kawakawa. Then headed off to Kerikeri to have our picnic lunch.



Inside Motatau Marae. Percy Kai Fong, Elsie Wong, Rose Luey. Our sleeping accommodation for marae visitors.



After breakfast, Elsie, Lilian James, Rose. The ta moko (tattoo) reflected Lillians status in her community.

Congratulation to Chinese Conservation Education Trust on their 10th Anniversary celebration. and a big thank you Estella Lee, for organizing this lovely visit. Estella has also led a number of field trips for NZCA with the central theme being conservation & education.

Rose Luey



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One Day Trippers

PKF



24th March was another "Red Letter Day" for the 50 members of N.Z.C.A. who got off their chuffs and sent their applications to join in on another of the "Senior's" weekend outings, this time, a cruise on the rivers & by-ways of Kaipara Harbour on a perfect Autumn afternoon. The whole dynamic of this outing was different from our usual bus trips, as we were able to wander fore & aft, port & starboard on the cruise launch thereby catch up with friends during the cruise which is quite difficult to achieve whilst confined to a bus seat for a great deal of the time.



We all had a picnic lunch packed, and it was just like a big happy family gathering on board, as we ate our lunch, enjoyed the conversation as we wended our way to the entrance to the Kaipara Harbour before cruising our way back to the township of Helensville where we were given a running commentary of the historic landmarks as seen from the river, by the captain of the launch. This was accompanied by hot tea or coffee served with cheese or tomato on cracker biscuits. After docking at the town's wharf, we made our way to



the local Pioneer Museum where a museum volunteer gave a talk on the history and famous people of the area, and we were able to inspect the different villas around the village green where life as it was lived in the "Good Old Days" was displayed in each of them.



Photos JWK

Afternoon tea was served at the end of the most interesting talk, after which we boarded our bus for a short "Tiki Tour" around the township with another of the Historical Society volunteers, who pointed out the different houses where the former sea captains used to live. These were invariably on the higher sections of the township, so that when the sailors returned from their journeys, the wives could see the ships entering the harbour, and rush down to the foreshore to greet their menfolk. All too soon, our day's outing was at an end, and we were heading back to Auckland once more after a most enjoyable day's outing.



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99 TAYLOR ROAD, MANGERE BRIDGE

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This poem is from a new collection of *Sixty Poems for the Year of The Water Dragon* which is being written now, aiming for publication during the Water Dragon year.

The Line

The Line jumped off the poem
Flew, on the hair of a bee
to fertilise a grain of sorghum
to become propolis in Saskatchewan
to sunbathe on a clothes line in Miami

The Line of the poem flew
fourteen miles on a horizontal plane
following barbed wire fences,
passing jersey cows in the Antipodes
from Manaia to Stratford
not-upon-Avon

Flew, drifted. A crystalline snowflake
in the mist of the Pyrenees
Became a river, then rain
and fell on a leaf and quenched
the thirst of a cicada
rebirthing after thirteen years

The Line swam in the Atlantic
with algae, kelp, krill
Clung to the spiny leg of a sea robin
Combined with crushed garlic, infused
iodine rich stew, became bouillabaisse

The Line of the poem
A train of thought
Jumped tracks
Escaped on the Southern berm
Changed form when the line ran out
Began a new life as E coli

The Line of the poem
Hijacks itself
Becomes a hostage
Pays the bounty
Rhymes pentamically
to keep the peace
Pace

The Line of the poem
Fractious, debated
Hysterical, pompous
Dies under the poet's
delete key

Tomorrow
The Line will resurrect
Go for a walk in the Russian birch forest
and leap ten feet in a single bound
to keep company with a
GSM tracked Siberian Tiger

By Suzanne Gee

**Reminder - -NZCA 2012
Membership renewal**

Your continued support is an important factor to our Organisation, funding for event/activities for members and publishing the newsletters. Show your support in renewing your membership fees now for 2011. Application form on back page of Newsletter
website <http://www.nzchinese-akld.org.nz>
to download our latest membership form



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NZCA Womens Group news

City Walk –

Sat 18th Feb 2012.

Starting from outside the Auckland Central Library, in Lorne Street, David Wong, a prominent member of one of Auckland's Chinese founding families, spoke of the early Chinese in the city, the Poll Tax and its impact on the early years. He shared stories on the fascinating history of the Auckland Chinese in colonial Auckland from 1840s and Chinatown in the city. We heard about the merchants, businesses and early restaurants, as we stopped at interesting locations.

The walk took us from Lorne Street, Queen Street, Victoria Street, and ending at the back of the Town Hall, and Greys Avenue area.



Photos Nancy Young



After the walk lunch was at the Atrium of Elliot food court at Elliot Street; followed by a visit to the new refurbished Auckland Art Gallery.

Museum Visit –

Saturday 17th March 2012.

An enthusiastic group met in the foyer of the Auckland Museum, and we welcomed several new women to the group. As this was a self guided tour we started from the top, we walked and talked our way down to the bottom level.

Photos Nancy Young

Of interest was the Millennium Tree created by Wellington Artist Guy Ngan, a gift to Auckland from the Chinese Community in 2005 as a token for their support to the city. Following lunch was more walking and talking, around the Winter Gardens and its two display glass houses.



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The Silk Road Route and Uzbekistan

Janice Chandler



Janice Chandler started the speaker session for the year. She spoke about her experience of The Silk Road Route and Uzbekistan, the history of the area, the people that live there and their way of life in ancient times as well as the modern day.

Janice spoke about the area's history of silk and felt, and showed textiles hand made by women, the silver

and gold jewellery and ethnic clothing. Her talk was well received by the women who attended.

This meeting we had well over 50 people, and we thank you for inviting your friends.

We welcome visitors and hope you will participate in future meetings.

In May our guest speaker will be Natalie Chan, and June will be a yum char.

All enquiries to Myra Lowe - lowyee@xtra.co.nz



GIN CLAN RE-UNION



photo JWK

7th April 2012

The Function was held at Mandarin Seafood Restaurant ;Highland Park. (above)

With the Easter Tournament as the back drop of this Gin re-union it was a overwhelming success according to Connie Kum MNZM nee Gin who was the main co-ordinator of the Gin gathering. With over 100 plus in attendance, many of whom were NZCA members their families and out of town relatives who were treated to a very interesting re-connecting and re visiting the Gin Family Tree.

There's no such thing as a free lunch unless you're over 70 and a financial member

NZCA ANNUAL SENIORS YUMCHA

Venue: HKD Seafood Restaurant
928 Dominion Road. Mt Roskill
Date & Time: Weds 27th June 2012 @ 11am.

For registration [name and members ID number]

Contact: Percy – 09 520 1860 ;
Elsie – 09 579 0838
John - E: cojay@xtra.co.nz

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Mangere Bridge**

Fundraising Dance

For Hall maintenance

Saturday 12 May 2012

7.30 pm – 11.15 pm

Band: Maya & Co

Entry fee: \$15

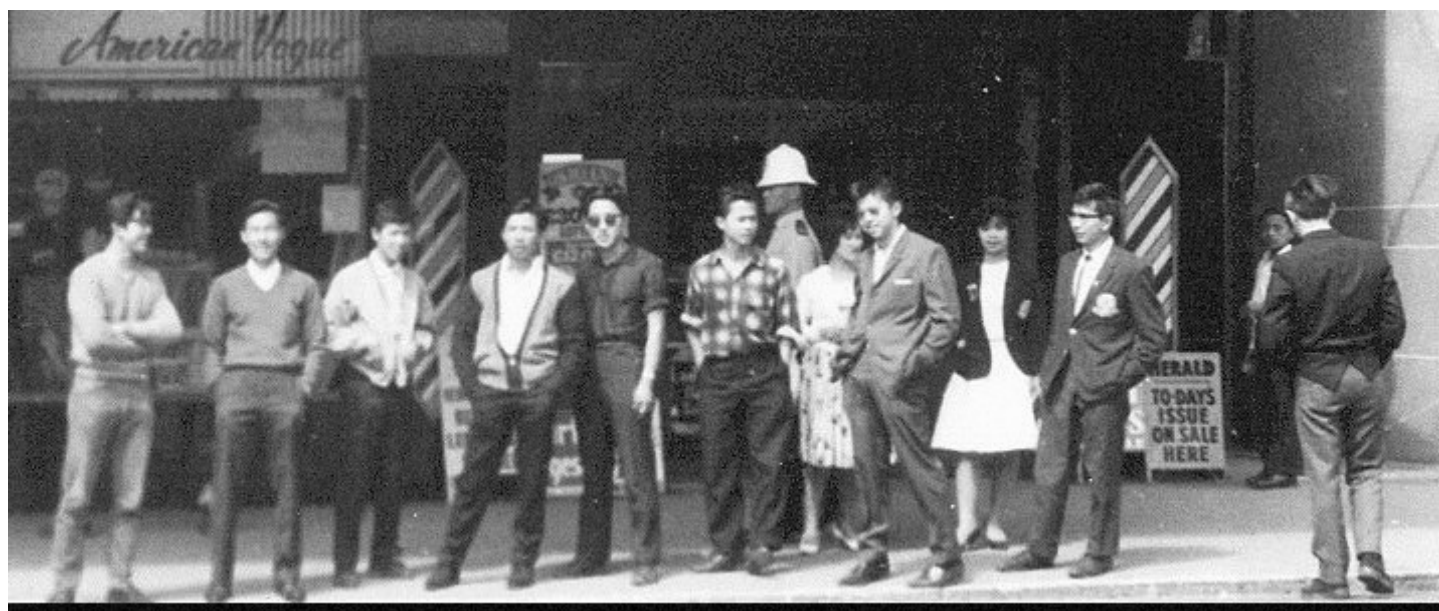
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* Signed: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / 2012