

NOVEMBER Summer Newsletter 2016

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on johns mind



hello there - Since the last issue nothing exciting has happened much!!? Subscription renewals had slowed down to a trickle but mind you we are still signing up new members who join in our activities and appreciate the fellowship and companionship.

The latest was the NZCA Organised trip to New

Plymouth-. Most enjoyable for the 40 odd who went! Read obout it on page 8-9. Talking of *memberships* - We are now sending out electronic memberships *ID-cards* so bear with us , there will most probably be some teething problems, you can help if your spouse or siblings have their individual email addresses please update these for the Database . You all know postal costs have increased tremendously to 80 cents a pop, (*to send Membership Cards* , *Newsletters X 4*, *Seniors Yumcha and Christmas BBQ* ,) we cannot sustain the costs forever seeing that our Annual subscription is levied at only \$10pp, which I have to mention that as a charitable organisation we depend solely on the support of our Members . Yet I find a large number of our younger members are quite slow to respond to reminders which are sent out when Renewals are due..

Yes , I get asked multiple times " what benefits do I get in joining or renewing"? We don't want to be exclusive by increasing fees to say \$25pp but you do realise that the \$10 subscription has not been increased for over 17 years - that's right 17 years! So surely for \$10 -support YOUR Organisation - become a financial member / continue renewing your subscriptions each year or donate \$10 to support NZCA (Auck.) So much for my gripe on Membership, but the organisation needs your support, pro active members and welcomes ideas and dialogue / suggestions for improvements.

Hey! can you believe? It is only about 5 more Mondays to Xmas! Don't forget Saturday 3rd Dec — Xmas
BBQ! at the ACCC Mangere Hall. Come along and check out the New Improvements and Renovations to the Centre.
For the many who had donated to the Renovation Fund come and see where your contributions have been used.

On the lighter side the wife reckoned that she needed some RnR so after talking to her Sis in Paraparaumu – blo' before you could say Jack Robinson it was PHUKET- here we come!! Travelling Cathay Airlines it was 5 days in Hong Kong, staying at Holiday Inn, Tsim Sha Tsui. Days routine was something like - breakfast at 8 am – 10 am. Ferry to HK side – find some where to lunch – back to Hotel for senior rest time, by 6 pm it was "where shall we have dinner?" What a life! It so happened we were in HK for the China National Day celebrations. The whole of Kowloon and HK was teaming with thousands of Chinese Mainlanders who were celebrating their Golden week away from home.. On the Sat. night of Oct 1 they closed off Nathan Road to

traffic from Jordan Road down to the Harbour. Everybody was treated to Half an hour of amazing Fireworks display which never seem to stop! Talk about burning money!

The new Airport in Phuket is about the size of Wellington Airport catering for a fraction of passengers. Connie's sister and husband had their flight delayed so we spent 5hrs instead of 2hrs at the Airport which opened 1 week earlier with only 2 small cafes. For most of those 5hrs we were the only foreigners there amongst the 100 overstaffed staff and workers!

Our 20 min trip to the JW Marriott Vacation Club in Mao Khao ended up to be nearly an hour due to a land slip which closed off the Main road.

We were guests of George and Shirley's friend who owns an apartment in this luxurious complex. To stroll around the complex takes 4hrs!! The main bedroom —had 2 queen size beds and ensuite that is large enough for a bedroom! We stayed in the other which had 2 double beds so plenty of room for stretching in. WOW! 5 days of bliss. Beds made up and breakfast dishes washed — no cooking, only Restaurant meals. Thai, Italian, Japanese or European. Your choice!

From Mao Khao Beach to Phuket City takes less than an hour, The main roads are rather wide (4 lanes) with a motorbike lane on either side ,these are used by unlawful riders and drivers who travel the opposite direction which can be quite scary!



The power lines which I noticed were like a jumble of tangled wool draped over the posts.. The City is rather a gathering of old and traditional old buildings many Asian (thai) food and craft stalls but still retains the appearance or a 3rd world country. We shopped in a 'Robinsons' Department / supermarket store – this was set up like most that we know. Thai people are very friendly and polite – they seem to spend a lot of time greeting one another with – Savadee Ka or Savadee Khap.!

Yes - I did have a Thai massage – everso relaxing, and the cost for over an hour--\$NZ14.

Who would go to Sydney for \$40? We managed to include a 3 day stopover for just that! The 3 Sisters! yes when the Gin girls get together that's it! Talking-talking-talking, shopping-shopping or eating-eating, hey gals - give us guys a break!

Chairmans message



Welcome to the Summer Edition of the Auckland Branch newsletter.

It is hard to believe that it is less than two months to Christmas- where has the year gone?

I would like to first congratulate our Deputy Chair David Wong on his election to the Orakei Community Board, a great achievement and I know that David will do an outstanding job in this new role representing his local Orakei community.

Congratulations also go to committee member Jennie Sew Hoy on her appointment as a Super Seniors Champion-Jennie and her husband, Donald are the first husband and wife Super Seniors Champion couple- a great honour and recognition from the Minister of Seniors-Maggie Barry.

Recently I had the pleasure to represent the branch at the 67th Anniversary of the Peoples Republic of China National Day celebrations held at the Auckland War Memorial and hosted by the Consul General of the Peoples Republic of China in Auckland, Madam Xu Erwen.

And on Friday 7 October I attended the 105th Double Ten celebrations held by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Auckland at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Next year is an election year for the Branch Executive positions and also the Branch committee- it is rewarding to be able to contribute back to the community and to meet people within our vibrant community. The opportunity to carry on the good work of the past committees of the past 80 years and to take our organisation into the future is a very exciting challenge- keeping our organisation relevant to all

generations and interested in their heritage and culture is not easy with so many other priorites.

We are looking for people that are not scared of hard-work and are able to bring their ideas to the committee table- if that sounds like you and would like to learn more then please contact me or any of the current committee members.

Looking forward to 2017, we are hosting the 9th edition of the NZCA Leadership Development Conference from 5 to 10 February at Willow Park in Eastern Beach- if you are 18 to 30 years old this is the place to be in February 2017, with many world class speakers on the program- see the advert in the newsletter. Places are still available.

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend our annual Christmas BBQ this year but I know that there will be plenty of members and their families attending to make this a great community event. I hope to see you all in the New Year at our Chinese New Year dinner on Saturday 11 February.

Finally I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

Richard Leung

Chairman

Our CONGRATULATIONS goes to our Deputy
Chairman David D Wong on his being elected
onto the 2016 Local Orakei Community Board

WELL DONE!

NZCA Womens Group

The meeting for September 17 2016 was regretfully cancelled, due to unforeseen circumstances. Guest speaker Joe Teo will now give his talk about Policing on another date next year.



On October 15 2016 guest speaker was Ken Chan, a winemaker with an extensive knowledge of the industry. Having grown up in the wine industry it became his life time career. Ken gave a talk on a range of topics, covering Wines, Natures gift of the grape vines; wines from ancient times; and suggested paring of wine with food. He also spoke of the health benefits of wines and Totara's contribution to NZ's Wine Industry.



The Ladies from the Waikato Women's Group have invited the Auckland Women's Group members for lunch on Saturday 19 November. We are taking a 48 seater bus to Hamilton.

The bus will leave Meadowbank **8.30am** SHARP **Cost** for bus trip: \$25.00 per person

This includes the return trip to Hamilton, visiting Frankton market, going to the Hamilton Women's Community Centre, 47 Lewis St, Glenview, Hamilton for lunch.

We will leave Hamilton at 3.30pm. The bus will make a stop at Pokeno for those interested in purchasing bacon and ice cream. There are still a few seats left.

Keep an eye out for the email advising of meetings for the New Year.

If you are not receiving your emails, let us know.

<u>nzca.womensgroup@mail.com</u> Check out the photos

http://aucklandwomensgroup.blogspot.co.nz/

Wishing you Seasons Greetings for Christmas and the New Year. And Happy Holidays to you all.

Lost years -Took Ning Gee

Kenda Gee has announced the sad news on 27 October 2016: - Took Ning Gee passed away peacefully in the early evening, yesterday, surrounded by his family, after a battle with cancer.

Described by one long-time friend and associate as "honest, as the day is old," he was not one for false modesty, just always modest.

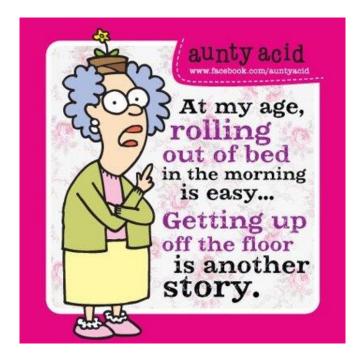
A firm believer in creating a just society, he remained a staunch and vocal proponent for the underdog and the vulnerable throughout his life, and in 2011, he helped to launch and seal what would become the awardwinning **Lost Years** epic covering 150 years of the Chinese diaspora.

"I learned of this very sad news on my way east to Manitoba this morning. I have already shared some of my thoughts with Kenda and Nyna of my time with Mr Gee while in China working on the Lost Years project. I'd like to share one of my memories with you all. When we arrived at Mr Gee's home village, we saw very few people. The streets of the village were quiet; we were getting guarded looks, unsure who these strangers were... Mr. Gee went to speak with a couple people who'd been watching us, the word started to spread rapidly that Mr Took Gee had returned to his village. Doors and windows were flung open, people started showing up, hugs, handshakes and great big smiles, voices raised in laughter and joy at his return.....

I have no doubt that the spirit of this gentle and humble man has been greeted with the same joy at his home coming now. It's been an honour and privilege Mr Gee to have walked your road for a short while. I will not forget." R.J Collins 28 October 2016

The Documentary starred Kenda & Took Gee, Hanson Lau, Gim Wong, Larry Kwong, Sean Gunn, Grant Din, Bettie Luke, Donnie Chin, Constance Backhouse, Emmy Mah, Norman & Mary Kwong, Arthur Loo, Esther & David Fung, Kirsten Wong, Loong Wong, William Dere, Walter Tom, Sid Tan, May Chiu, Rod Macdonald. Many of us will recall the showing in Auckland a few years ago.

http://www.lostyears.ca/





CHINESE WEDDING CEREMONY IN AUCKLAND

QUAINT RITUAL OBSERVED

The quaint ritual of the Cantonese was curiously intermingled with the procedure of the Presbyterian Church when a Chinese wedding took place yesterday in the church of the Auckland Chinese Presbyterian Mission, Cook Street. Intense interest was aroused by the ceremony, the small church being crowded, mostly by women, although in the front rows there was a representative assembly of Chinese. Everybody was welcome, however, and the Rev. Y. S. Chau, the officiating minister, made a point of expressing the appreciation of the Chinese community that such interest should be taken.

Conventional music was played by the organist when the bride, Miss Rona Gwendoline Sai Louie, was led to the altar, where the bridegroom, Mr. Ng Wai Poi, of Parnell, was waiting. The Rev. J. A. Thomson, of St. Luke's Church, Remuera, and the Rev. W. Mawson, missioner to the Chinese, were on the platform. At the instruction of the minister the congregation rose to bow before the Chinese national flag as a prelude to the actual ceremony, the order to stand for this observance being given both in English and Cantonese. Hymns were then sung, the books being in Chinese and English. It was noticeable that several Chinese especially well acquainted with English shared hymn books with European members of the congregation. Then followed the signing of the register, but it was not the end of the ceremony by any means. Mr. W. Choy, representing the Kuo Min Tang, offered the congratulations of that organisation, the Chinese Nationalist Party, and the father of the bridegroom, Mr. Ng Fong Kee, supported by the minister, addressed words of exhortation to the newlymarried couple. In the meantime the bride and bridegroom bowed with due courtesy to their parents, and also to the congregation. Lastly, they bowed to each other. NEW ZEALAND HERALD, VOLUME LXX, ISSUE 21412, 9 FEBRUARY 1

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2017 Chinese New Year Festival & Market

Our festival to welcome the **Year of the Rooster** is being held in Halls 3 & 4 of the ASB Showgrounds, 217 Greenlane Rd.West, Auckland 1023 on Saturday, 21 January 2017 between 9.30am and 4.00pm



Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc has been organising an annual Chinese New Year celebration for over 30 years. The Festival has grown in popularity over these years, and has now become a highlight of the Auckland summer events calendar with attendance by nearly 30,000 persons.

Our 2017 Chinese New Year Festival & Market Day to welcome the Year of the Rooster will feature the following activities:-

- Grand Opening at 10.00am with 11 person Dragon Dance
- Over 200 specialist stalls selling traditional & exotic Chinese hot delicacies, Chinese New Year foodstuffs, Chinese traditional arts & crafts, & promoting advisory services
- Indoor entertainment programme of Chinese acrobats, cultural songs, dances & musical items
- Outdoor entertainment programme of martial arts, tai chi and Chinese pop singers
- Other entertainment and games & rides for children

The event will be strongly promoted by our co-host Chinese NZ TV33 with extensive digital freeview advertising. In addition, we will have our usual Chinese & mainstream media promotion plus a new initiative with Chinese social platforms. Therefore, we are anticipating an even larger public attendance at this prestigious event, which has traditionally been the biggest celebration of Chinese New Year in the Auckland central region.

This is a free event (with ASB Showgrounds parking fees of \$5 per vehicle) and is eagerly anticipated by many thousands of recent migrants from China and other parts of Asia because they can again experience the sights, sounds, smells and pageantry of a traditional Chinese New Year celebration which they enjoyed each year in their previous home country.

The local mainstream Kiwis and NZ born Chinese also enjoy the event because of the great entertainment both indoor and outdoor, the exotic variety of Asian food available and the wide range of goods and services displayed in the market area.

NZCA Trip to Rhododendrum Festival, New Plymouth.

Day 1

On Friday 4th November forty six of us old timers, the bulk of us superannuitants set off by bus from Auckland on a trip to New Plymouth Rhododendrum festival organized by Connie Kum and Virginia Chong.

Our first stop was Otorohanga where we had morning tea and true to tradition a lot of us bought lotto tickets in a small town as 38 million dollars was up for grabs. Small towns always seem to win the big ones. Then onwards to Mokau for lunch to experience the "Nacky" whitebait



. After lunch we continued on to New Plymouth where we visited the TeRewaRewa bridge that spans the Waiwhakaiho River and the Tupare Gardens.



We arrived in New Plymouth township late afternoon and were dropped off at our places of accommodation. Because of the large number of us we were split up over three venues.



Day 2

The main theme of the trip was to visit gardens especially Pukueiti Gardens renown for its *Rhododendrons*. Truly very beautiful although the weather was not the best. Despite the fact that I am not a horticulturalist, even I was impressed! The colours of the rhododendrons was truly magnificent, especially the bright red ones. No wonder red is the lucky colour of the Chinese. Due to time restraints we were not able to explore to the fullest these world renown gardens.

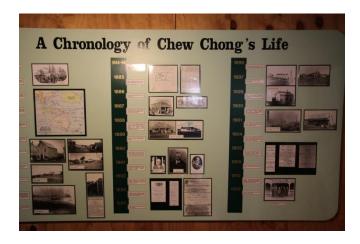
As there were such a large number of us we had one of the largest tourist buses available with all of us sitting very high and able to see our surroundings very clearly. Unfortunately for some motorists, although the road approaching and leaving the entrance to the gardens was a two way road, it was extremely narrow really only wide enough to fit the bus. To the horror of a couple of motorists who came the opposite way to us, they were confronted by a large coach face to face. As we were large and they were small they had to reverse up to find a small clearing to allow us through. There was barely an inch separating the vehicles as we passed each other!



Our next stop was to visit the Maui Gas field visitor centre.

Due to high security we were not allowed to see much of the operations but at the centre there are photographs and scale models of the operations of the gas field.

One of the highlights of day two was a visit to the Tawhiti Museum in Hawera. Very unassuming from the road but a treasure trove inside. The Tawhiti Museum is widely acclaimed as the best private museum in the country. The museum uses lifesize exhibits and scale models to capture the past in a series of super-realistic displays



It has the full story about Chew Chong who was a founding father of Taranaki whose business began marketing fungus in the region and had a good business relationship with Choie Sew Hoy. He was a key figure in helping to develop the region's dairy industry, especially in the making and refrigeration of butter. He is even responsible for producing one of New Zealand's most recognisable food items – the pound of butter.

In the late 1800s, a time when Chinese gold miners were being attacked in Otago, Chew Chong was a highly successful businessman in Taranaki. He had general stores, butcher shops, and fungus depots dotted around the mountain and even provided poverty-stricken farmers an easy way to earn cash. He truly deserves a place in TePapa in the history of prominent New Zealand Chinese people.



We ended the day by visiting the Glockenspiel Clock in Stratford where *Romeo and Juliet*, emerged for the balcony scene, reaffirming their vows of love, four times a day,

Day 3

A visit to the Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary's. New Zealand's oldest stone church. a church of cultural and historical significance. Unfortunately the cathedral was closed for viewing due to earthquake strengthening. However we located the Dean of Taranaki, The Reverend Peter Beck in a building opposite and a friend of Virginia who gave us a talk on the history of the church.



Last of all was a visit to the Len Lye Centre, a Contemporary Modern Art Centre.



Len Lye was an internationally renowned and inspirational film-maker and kinetic sculptor. After that we viewed another private garden and had lunch before our bus trip home.

I fully recommend if you have the opportunity to go on one of these trips you will find it most enjoyable. This is the second trip I have made with this group and have found these trips not only informative, the fellowship excellent but is a much welcome short break from your daily routine.

Philip Chong

The Auntie and Uncle / ISA programme was set up in 2014 by NZ. Police with support from the Auckland Council.

Presentation Night for the Auntie and Uncle Program supporting Asian Liaison Co-Ordinator Jessica Phuang's ISA Programme

NZCA Auckland Branch Representatives below:



Richard Leung and Debbie Sew Hoy

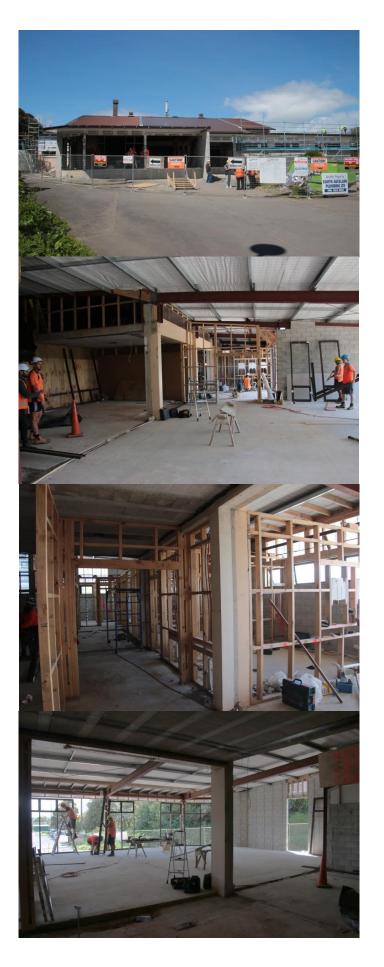


Connie and John Kum

Absent: Rose and Kai Luey, Myra Low.

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Uddate to ACCC Mangere Hall Renovations – Nov 8 2016

SENIOR LIFESTYLE GROUP

Want to know what goes on with this Group? Best way is to turn up at 99 Taylors Road Mangere on any Tuesday from 10.30 am. Won't say what time it finishes as Seniors most seem to forget where they are let alone the time! Lately there has been a reasonable attendance of between 30 to over 40 on fine days.



Tai Chi lessons by Sifu David Wong begins the morning exercises for about an hour and half then there is the serious business of morning tea





Mahjong for the nimble fingers is very popular for the addicted Blockheads!

What about trying out the Tai Chi Fan routine? This will keep your body trim and flexible –



Or maybe if you are a little musical then join in clear your tonsils and sing to your hearts delight to the music of the nUkelele strummers — what talent there is — you don't have to be a bird to sing — just a senior moment of your time !

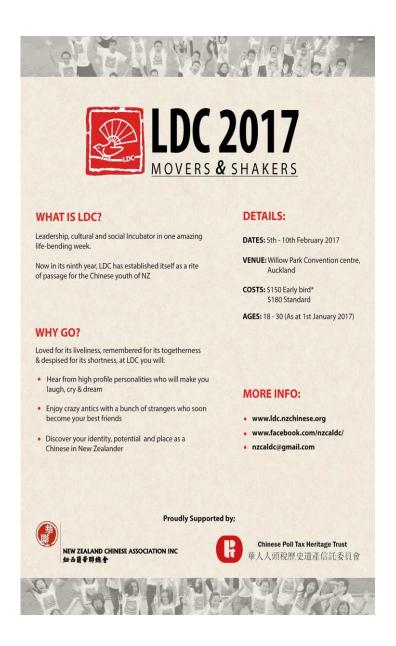


For the more active there is gossiping or whispering and if you feel physical there is table tennis.



When the renovations to the Hall is completed we can cater for Indoor Bowls , Badminton and even miniature billiards and snooker

The spacious New Store room at the back of premises when completed



On the 5th-10th of February 2017, the biannual *NZCA*Leadership and Development Conference (LDC) will be held in Willow Park, Auckland. Over 5 amazing days, LDC will play host to 50 aspiring delegates aged between 19-30 years of age.

LDC has been successfully run over the past nine years with over 280 young adults attending, and provides an opportunity for young Chinese New Zealanders to explore their culture, identity and communication skills in a safe forum, and to develop interpersonal and business skills with the aim of growing future leaders who can foster

social wellbeing within multicultural communities such as New Zealand.

The conference is developed to challenge each delegate with team bonding and leadership activities as well as helping each delegate identify more closely to their Chinese Heritage. **LDC** is unique with its cultural context, placing young Chinese adults in an environment where they can develop a greater appreciation and understanding of their culture, a positive attitude towards their own identity, and help to contribute towards a future that is confident, proud, and inclusive of all culture.

Speakers The delegates will also hear from speakers who have been successful in their various career fields and draw inspiration from their achievements. confirmed so far include Mai Chen (Partner of Chen Palmer), Meng Foon (Mayor of Gisborne), Adrian Leat (Commonwealth Games Silver Medalist) among others.

On top of the personal gain, participants should also look forward to expanding their network and interacting with other likeminded young Chinese professionals from around New Zealand and the world. The community that develops from **LDC** provides support to the delegates in their educational, professional and community endeavours, through mentorship and friendship.

Registrations are open and are filling up quickly. Delegates will be finalised on the 30th of November 2016 so time is running out.

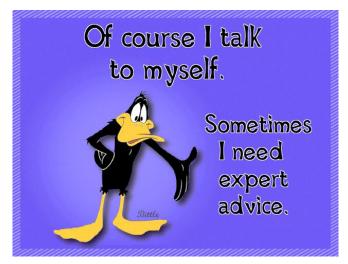
Register now at www.ldc.nzchinese.org and connect with us on Facebook (NZCA Leadership and Development Conference). Spaces are limited, so get in quick!

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MOOVEMBER Pin Up GAL



BIRTHDAY BELLE of the MONTH



RECIPE

I came across this recipe amongst my numerous cuttings and wondered what it would be like as it has no sugar! Made it and took it to Lifestyle last week and it all went .Give it a go as sugar is the "new poison" & although you get fructose from the fruit it's advantage is the fibre.

The refined sugarless cake.

1/1/2 cups flour

1/2 cup w/ meal flour or rice flour

2 tsp b/powder

1 tsp b/ soda

1/1/2 tsp cinnamon

1 tin crushed pineapple in juice well drained

1 cup grated carrot

3 ripe bananas mashed

1/4 cup oil

1/2 cup plain yoghurt

2 well beaten eggs

Pre heat oven 190deg.

Line a 20cm round tin with baking paper

Sift together flours, BP, baking soda & cinnamon

Stir in pineapple and carrot

In a separate bowl combine banana yoghurt eggs and oil

Add to flour mixture until just combined

Bake 45 min. or until skewer comes out clean.

Cool down before consumption.

EW

Congratulations to Peter Chan being elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Henderson-Massey Local Board



NZCA CANTONESE BILINGUAL MUSIC SCHOOL

We are now midway

through Term 4 (where has the time gone???) and the children are now busy practising Christmas songs in preparation for their performance at the NZCA annual Xmas BBQ luncheon on the 3rd December.

Special thanks to Penny Chan Loh Se for undertaking sole charge this term (with some help from daughter Susanne) as Irene Ho Loh Se has got a heavy workload this term so has taken leave for this term - but will be back for Term one 2017.



Penny has added another dimension to the morning Cantonese classes by having craft time. Interactive learning – whether by making objects or drawing objects on paper then writing the words to the object eg; the drawing of a train (fou che), with smoke (yein). Revision of shapes and colours (wheels are round, carriages are rectangular etc).

They play "Yum Char and Restaurant games" with little plastic food items. Grand daughter Amy thinks she's too old for that so instead she created a Menu – it had to be bilingual, written in Chinese, English and then a picture of the food item. It is hoped that at every lesson the children learn a word or two.

Learning the Cantonese Language at the NZCA Cantonese Music School is the "fun" way of learning a language – using Music as a tool for learning. It is amazing how quickly the pre-schoolers learn and absorb through play, music and movement.

Jayden is 8 and a new student but he prefers to be in a preschool class because he knows very little Chinese and with the younger children he has the opportunity to learn quicker. His Grandparents are very impressed with how quickly he is grasping the Cantonese language.



The children will be singing at the BBQ lunch on the 3rd December.

Classes are held at *Oranga Primary School Hall / Library*, cnr Rangipawa Road and Maroa Road but the entrance to the Hall / Library is in Maroa Road.

Pre school and beginners: 9.30 am - 11.15 am

Intermediate and Adults: 11.30am - 1.30 pm

Enquiries please ring Connie 09 6258611 or email - cojay@xtra.co.nz

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

Connie Kum MNZM Dip



Principal: NZCA Cantonese Music School

Teaching



Notice on behalf of ACCC;



GARAGE SALE & FAIR

AUCKLAND CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE

99 TAYLOR ROAD, MANGERE BRIDGE

SAT 26 NOVEMBER 2016 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

SUPER VALUE !! BARGAINS GALORE !!

All contributions will be much appreciated, proceeds for Renovations to Mangere Hall

Reminder - -NZCA 2016/17 renewal now!

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 2016. Application form on back page of Newsletter

Website http://www.nzchinese.org.nz/

to download our latest membership form

*NZCA ANNUAL BBQ *

Sat 3rd DECEMBER 2016

from 12.00 pm



NZCA Committee welcomes all members / families and friends to join in our XMAS BBQ

Food - Fun-and Friendship !! Lollie scramble – entertainment -games

and a visit by Santa Claus!

Chinese Community Centre.99 Taylors Road Mangere

- * Members free (bring your ID card)
- * non-members \$5

Ching Ming April 8, 9,10th 2017

Wandering with Ancestors



In 1902 the *SS Ventnor* sank 10 miles off the coast of the Hokianga Harbour. On board were at least 499 bone coffins boxes of men who had died in NZ, and were returning home. Imagine their wives and children who mourned for them. It is this tragedy that forms the foundation of a part of Chinese NZ history that we are recognising and celebrating on April 8,9,10th 2017.

I'm from a Chinese settler family, and it has always been clan focussed, but today in 2016, we need to move beyond that, for this story moves beyond the Poon Fah Assn, and Poon Yue clan, beyond the Tung Jung Assn to be meaningful to all NZ Chinese residing in NZ. Experience has told us, that those who have come on other trips to date, find that this trail has allowed the individual to develop a sense of the collective, of being Chinese in NZ. You could as well.... This is an occasion, never to be repeated. It is a National celebration. The Chinese were buried from Auckland to Riverton, and were on the ship destined to return home. After 10 years of negotiation, making networks and relationships we are now ready to launch **Wandering with Ancestors**, the first of the trails that will be launched by Northland Inc. (Tourism enterprise for the Far North).

Our Chinese community is indeed lucky, with so many people with so many skills. Virginia Chong and Connie Kum have taken on the organisation of this trip. Yes, you can come for one day, two days or the whole lot, being 3 days. Those of your who have an imagination will see that we have a task ahead. Who would be interested? Who wants 1,2,or 3 days. Who wants to be at the elaborate launch? Who wants to go out to Kawerua (special permission required) where we know coffins where floated into the harbour and then re-buried? Who wants to go to Mitimiti to see the exquisite RED gateway, and celebrate the Chinese/Maori connection of our story, and then give thanks for the history as we have found to date, in Rawene cemetery.

If you are not curious then this is not the trip for you, but if you want to understand more of Chinese New Zealand history, and support Chinese New Zealand history, then I suggest you stand up and celebrate who we are in this land, and come along and celebrate with us. This is your moment. Bring your family, bring your friends, get on our buses, let us help you with accommodation in a place where its off the radar of expedia, and become a part of who we are after all these generations. Become proud of our contribution and the history we have made in New Zealand. Let us turn a tragedy into a celebration that everyone can recognise, be there to witness, coz folks, if you are not there, nuffin' happenin'. It's next year or never.

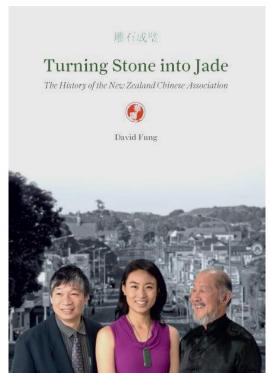
Contact Virginia; E. vchong@ihug.co.nz .or Connie; E: cojay@xtra.co.nz with expressions of interest.

See you up north. I am not kidding when I say, its like no other part of New Zealand.

Wong Liu Shueng

雕石成璧 Turning Stone into Jade

The History of the New Zealand Chinese Association by David Fung



Published with support from the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust, *Turning Stone into Jade* tells the story of one of New Zealand's oldest Chinese community organisations. In its early incarnations, the NZCA offered kinship and a united voice for an often marginalised and fragile minority.

As the New Zealand Chinese evolved into a community with a sure sense of place in the country's growing diverse population, the NZCA has had to adapt and change to reflect its current and future needs. *Turning Stone into Jade* is the story of how a community founded by sojourners and migrants has adapted to a new homeland, far from the place of their ancestors' birth.

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As stated in your letter, our two organisations have had a very long standing and amicable relationship which we trust will continue into the future with the ongoing use of the Mangere facilities by NZCA Auckland.

Thanks & Best Regards Kai Luey Chairman

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