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A celebration of sporting and academic achievements at the NZCA 75th Anniversary Dinner

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John Kum – Editor



Winter is nearly over, by the time this issue reaches you it will surely have passed us and not return for another 10 or so months time! Now talking about time, 2010 has been a very hectic year for some of you and for me. We have been affected by many Weddings and Birthdays! Three score plus – the baby boomers and lets not forget the funerals! The sad thing is that we are all getting there – so we must all be careful of our lifestyle and health issues.

I have attended a few of these events and you will agree that the Birthday gatherings are the most lively! In the months (years) following there will undoubtedly be more!

Keep yourself busy, exercising (both physical and mental) will keep your mind and body in a better shape – warding off ol' creaky bones and not allowing depression to set in! Join in some community activities (Senior Lifestyle Group) or

contact old friends and take in a show or movie together. Companionship can be and is FUN!

How many of you have visited the Chinese Digital Community site www.chinesecomunity.org.nz? This site was set up by the Auckland City Library/NZCA Auckland for the benefit of all Chinese who have a story to tell or to research items of interest about Auckland Chinese and other relevant articles.

The Editorial Team



Raymond Kwok



Alistair Kwun

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Are you here?

Group photo of Auckland Chinese School students 1969, Symond Street Chinese Hall.



From the Vice Chairman

Richard Leung



Well it's great to see the warm weather just around the corner and at the end of the month when day light saving begins.

Your committee has been hard at work over the winter months from organizing the annual Golf and Bowls tournaments to hosting the Yip Children's Choir from Hong Kong. It was our first attempt to produce a show for our community to enjoy and judging by the numbers that attended everyone had a great evening.

If members have any ideas for other productions that our community may enjoy please contact any committee member and we can investigate.

In the annual NZCA Academic awards presented at the dinner to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of NZCA, we had a number of members that won awards. We congratulate these young scholars and I encourage members to apply for these awards for 2011. Applications will be called for in February/March next year.

On Sunday 10 October we will be holding the inaugural NZCA Auckland mini ball tournament at the Dawn Jones sports centre at Diocesan School for Girls from 9am till 4pm. Come along and see the future Easter Tournament stars.

The Future Dragonz membership is growing strongly as they hold interesting events for their members. Don Ha multi millionaire real estate

agent held a workshop looking for 6 young professionals wanting to be mentored by him in the property industry. Future Dragonz hold monthly drinks at the Mac's Brew Bar in Nuffield Street if you are interested. Please see their website www.futuredragonz.org.nz for more information on their upcoming events and membership information.

Upcoming events include the day trip to the Kowhai Festival and Tawharanui Regional Park on Saturday 9 October – see the advert later in the newsletter for full details.

The ACCC Garage sale is on Saturday October 16 at the Mangere Hall, so if you have any thing you can contribute please keep it aside for that date. The money raised from this sale goes towards the up keep of the Mangere Hall.

If you have family members or know of young Chinese between the ages of 18 and 30 then let them know about the Leadership and Development Conference. It is being run by the Auckland branch next year from 6-11 February 2011. This is a very life changing and identity building conference for our young people.

On a final note we will be having our annual Xmas BBQ lunch on Saturday 4 December at the Mangere Hall. I hope to see many members and their families and just a reminder that subscriptions for 2011 can be paid on the day.

Richard Leung
Vice Chairman
NZCA Auckland Inc

Membership renewal 2011

Your continued support is an important factor to our NZCA organisation, funding for activities for you as members and publishing the newsletters. Show your support in renewing your membership fees for 2011.

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



Cantonese Music School

Connie Kum

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



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

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

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

Term Dates and Fees

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| Term 3 | 24Jul – 25Sep | \$50 per child; \$35 per person for 2 or more per family |
| Term 4 | 16Oct – 11Dec | \$50 per child; \$35 per person for 2 or more per family |

Classes held at Oranga Primary School hall, corner of Maroa and Rangipawa Road, One Tree Hill.

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

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

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

Come along and learn Cantonese - your heritage language!

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

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



Auckland branch celebrates the 75th Anniversary of NZCA

Robert Wong

NZCA Auckland celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the New Zealand Chinese Association with a dinner at Sichuan in Remuera Restaurant on 10 July 2010.

This was well patronized by over 250 members and friends who were treated to a special crayfish menu.



Past President Ron Hoy Fong presented a brief history of the New Zealand Chinese Association and the formation of the Auckland branch.



Life members Arthur Loo, Cecil Wong, Sui Lee and Gillian Young were acknowledged.

Academic Awards were presented for NCEA Level One and IGCSE to Merryn Ng-Wai Shing (first) and Matthew Chan (third).

NZCA Tertiary Scholarship Awards were presented to Lauren Ng (first) and Jonathan Choie (second).



Sports Awards for Easter Tournament 2010 went to the Lawn Bowls Triples of Norman Ng, Tim and Shirley Chan.

NZCA Golf Tournament awards for Mens Best Nett went to Doug Lum.

NZCA Annual Golf Club Inter-Branch Team Challenge was won by the Auckland team of Doug Lum, Billy Ming, Lena and Phillip Houng Lee.



Photos by Patric Seng & John Kum

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NZCA Annual Bowls Tournament 2010

Virginia Chong

On behalf of NZCA Auckland Inc I would like to express my thanks to all the bowls players who turned out to support our tournament – a warm welcome to you all, especially our friends from Wellington branch – Henry Yee and Joy Young

I hope that you all had an enjoyable day of 'friendly' competition and fellowship. Our first visit to Glendowie Bowling Club, playing on their new carpet greens was a new experience for many. Everyone found the new surface enhanced their skills playing the game!

A day of indifferent spring weather, with the occasional heavy rain showers did little to dampen the enthusiasm of all the players – hopefully the weather will improve and allow all these keen bowlers many successes in the competitions held over the summer season. A total of 16 pairs turned out on the day.

Congratulations to the prizewinners:

- 1st** Barclay Lee & Catherine Bien
- 2nd** Henry Yee & Joy Young
- 3rd** Bik Cheung & Florence Hing
- 4th** Patrick Ng & Alan Lam
- 5th** Sue Hing & George Lowe

Spot Prizewinners: 1st Toucher:

- Game 1** Lead - George Lowe
Skip - Norman Ng

- Game 2** Lead - Bet Lau
Skip - Sue Hing

- Game 3** Lead - Michael Wong
Skip - Danny Leung

Consolation Prize: Rosita Wong and Bing Hing

I would like to thank NZCA Auckland for their continuing support for this tournament – now in its seventh year. A special vote of thanks to Alan Lam for his constant and invaluable support and assistance in mustering a full field of players, and to Barclay Lee for doing the score sheets.

Thanks also to Rob Collins of the Glendowie Bowling Club for the use of their splendid facilities – we hope to be back there next year.



NZCA Auckland Xmas BBQ

Saturday 4 December from 12pm

ACCC Hall, 99 Taylor Rd, Mangere

All members and friends are welcome to enjoy a day of fun and entertainment and Santa will also be making a visit!

BBQ and sausage sizzle will be provided as well as a lolly scramble!

Cost: Members FREE – bring your membership card; Non-Members \$5



NZCA One Day Trip: Kowhai Festival & Tawharanui Regional Park

mark your diaries now!

The **Kowhai Festival** takes place every October in and around Warkworth and the beautiful Mahurangi Coast with lot of activities for two weeks.

9th October is the festival's **Huge Day Out**. It includes over 100 streets stalls, kiddies' rides, outdoor food court, street performers, wine & jazz on the wharf and more.

After spending half a day at the festival, we will visit the unique **Tawharanui Regional Park** which contains some of the Auckland region's most beautiful white sand beaches, rolling pastures, shingled bays native coastal forest and regenerating wetlands. This 588 hectare park is New Zealand's first integrated open sanctuary (mainland island) where farming, public recreation and conservation of native species combine.



The open sanctuary is where native plants and animals including kiwi can live and breed successfully without the threat of predators. How and why does NZ government create Mainland Islands like Tawharanui Regional Park? Estella, our guide will unfold the interesting stories about the park!

Please join us on our "Kowhai Festival & Tawharanui Regional Park One Day Trip"

Date: Saturday 9th October 2010

Gathering place: Greenlane McDonald's

Time: Bus will depart at 8:30am

We will be back in Auckland at around 6:45pm

Price including transportation and admission (excl lunch):

\$40/adult; \$30/child under 15yo

Contact: Connie 625 8611; cojay@xtra.co.nz or Virginia 630 6641; yhong@ihug.co.nz
to reserve your seat!

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NZCA Social Golf Tournament

Due to interest from several keen golfers, NZCA Auckland has decided to hold another Golf Day. The tournament will be held on Sunday 7 November 2010 at the Grange Golf Club, 2 Grange Road, Papatoetoe.

There will be competitions as follows:

1. Men's competition – Best Nett and Best Stableford
 2. Women's competition – Best Nett and Stableford
- Entry is on a first come first served basis (Limited number of places available)
 - Each competition player must have an Official NZ Golf Handicap. Participants must furnish their Club and Membership number.
 - Social golfers are not required to have an official handicap, but will not be eligible for the competitions.
 - Prizes for best nett, best stableford, longest drive, and closest to the pin as well as spot prizes.
 - All players must be current financial members of their local branch of NZCA.
 - There will be no team entries – all players will compete on an individual basis.
 - 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. Members of the Grange Golf Club will pay \$10.00
 - Tee off will commence from 12.15pm. Players must check in 30 minutes before their tee time.
 - Entries close on Saturday 30th October 2010. Payment must accompany entry forms.

NZCA Social Golf Tournament 2010

Name _____ Branch _____
Affiliated Club _____ Club Number _____
Membership Number _____ Handicap Index _____
Address _____

Contact Details: Home _____
Work _____
Mobile _____

Email Address _____

Entry Fee: **\$45.00** if current financial member of NZCA
\$55.00 if non member of NZCA
\$10.00 if current financial member of the Grange Golf Club

Entries close on **Saturday 30th October 2010.**

Cheques must be made payable to **NZCA Auckland Inc OR**
Direct Credit by internet to NZCA Auckland – National Bank 060287-0016463-00

Please post your entry form together with your remittance advice to:

Virginia Chong
29 Shiphards Avenue
Auckland 1023



Women's Group News

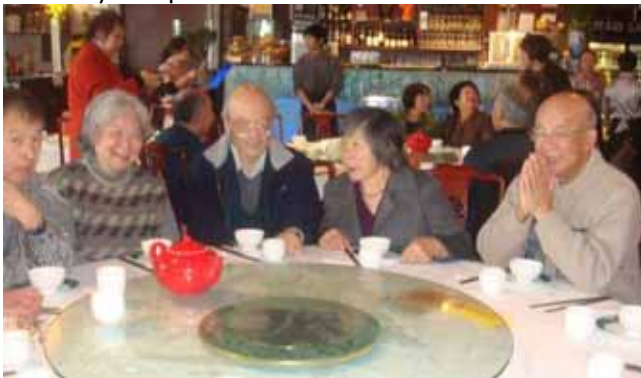
Gillian Young

The NZCA Women's Group continues to enjoy regular monthly meetings.

In May, Pam Gillies-Browning, co-ordinator of the NZ Adult Stem Cell Foundation, spoke about an amazing new medical development. She showed films of stem cell transplants, which are carried out in a medical centre in Cologne, Germany. This is a new treatment that may help delay the progression of degenerative diseases in older adults. It is hoped that the New Zealand government will allow this treatment here soon. Also on that day nutritionist Julie Wilson, spoke about ways for women to maintain good health.

In June, Patricia Woodley, Vice-President of the National Council of Women, spoke of her work with the Council and how women can influence government policies. She discussed many issues that affect women in this day and age. It was an interactive talk with members offering their views on many topics.

Our mid-winter yum char at Pearl Garden in Newmarket was held in July. It was an enjoyable get-together with over 50 people in attendance. Women's Group special awards were presented to Joyce Wong Ming, our treasurer for the past 5 years, who has recently stepped down, and to Myra Lowe who always assists the treasurer in managing the funds at social events. Helen Wong was welcomed as our new treasurer to take Joyce's place.



In August, Mr Chan Wan Yiu, a very experienced Chinese painting and calligraphy teacher, came to demonstrate Chinese painting and teach us this beautiful art. A very enjoyable session where he showed his amazing talent for painting

pictures quickly! He brought blank paper fans along for us to try our hand at creating a Chinese painting offering us his expert guidance.



Coming Up:

18th September: Anne Lai and Brenda Tsun will give floral art demonstrations. Anne will make a posy bowl and Brenda will make a corsage. We will then have time to make our own arrangements on a 'hands-on' class with their guidance. We hope you will be able to come.

In October this year there will be no Women's group meeting, as our usual meeting date clashes with the ACCC Garage sale on 16th October. Instead, everyone is encouraged to support the garage sale by helping on the stalls or coming along to the Mangere Hall to shop and bag some real bargains.

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

Meeting Time : 1.30pm

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

There will be a bus trip on Saturday **20th November** to 2 gardens in East Auckland, then to the Alpaca Farm in Pukekohe.

For further information please contact: Gillian Young, Ph. 528 9008, email youngz@ihug.co.nz





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NZCA Leadership and Development Conference 2011



Applications now open!
Form available to download from:

www.nzchinese.org.nz



NZCA LDC 2011

Eastern Beach, Auckland

Sunday 6th to Friday 11th February 2011

CALL FOR APPLICANTS

Now in its fifth year, the NZCA Leadership & Development Conference (LDC) is a national initiative which brings together the next generation of outstanding leaders between the ages of 18 and 30 to discover their unique identity as Chinese New Zealanders. Designed as a 'live-in' seminar, the LDC provides a fun, relevant and effective training experience that enables young people to explore the theme of 'Leadership. Identity. Community'.



High-profile local personalities from across New Zealand are invited to share their leadership journeys in the creative arts, media, academic, community and business sectors. These achievers will present valuable knowledge on how to gain the leadership edge in today's society. The power-packed programme will also feature a range of indoor/outdoor activities, group discussions and a team leadership project.

This year we are proud to confirm Albert King for the conference. Albert King is an action learning facilitator and personal development coach who delivers programmes to organisations on teamwork, leadership, communications and goal-setting. A certified Neuro-Linguistic Programming Practitioner, he is a member of International Association of Facilitators and Association of Experiential Education.



The conference is aimed at those who have an interest in making a positive impact in the local Chinese communities, now and in the future. It is an enriching experience that will deepen their personal and professional outlook on life, develop their leadership potential, provide insights into their heritage and equip them with practical life skills.

Applications close on Sunday 7 November, 2010. Successful applicants will be notified at latest by Wednesday 8 December.

KEY INFO:

Dates: Sunday 6 - Friday 11 February, 2011

Location: Willow Park Convention Centre, 1 Hostel Access Road, Eastern Beach, Auckland

Accommodation and meals: Provided for the duration of the conference

Attendance Fee: \$120 per person

Age: Applicants must be aged between 18 and 30 (as at 1st January 2011)

Email: nzca.ldc2011@gmail.com

Internet: <http://www.nzchinese.org.nz>



Memories of mooncakes

Percy Kai Fong

With the Mid Autumn Festival upon us, it brings back memories of my first experience of this Festival in China. The year was 1993, and I took to Guangzhou and enrolled in the Foreign Languages Department of Jinan University, with the aim of learning Mandarin. During the second week of classes, our teacher appointed a class monitor, and it was her job to collect 10 yuan from each of the pupils in the class and order a rice box for each of us from the small restaurant at the front of our school. It was explained to us that we were going to celebrate Mid Autumn Festival with pupils from surrounding schools and universities on our campus grounds that evening. Later in the afternoon, our class collected our rice boxes and headed off to the playing fields. There we were to meet up with the other classes at our school as well as students from Jinan University, South China Agricultural University, the Technical University and various high schools in the vicinity. During the time we were waiting for the other students to arrive the classes from our school had to introduce themselves and tell a little about the country from which we came, followed by a song from our country of origin. Needless to say, being from little ol' New Zealand, when it came to my turn, I gave forth a rousing rendition of "Pokarekare Ana" which I'm sure surprised a lot of the crowd who were puzzled at this foreign language coming from an English speaking Chinese from the "bottom of the world"! Our school was situated in Shahe, a bustling suburb of Guangzhou, and was only a short ride on my bicycle from the school where all the shops and a couple of department stores were situated. It seemed that every shop had big displays of mooncakes on display. At that time, I had an old Aunt living in Guangzhou, and she invited me for dinner each Sunday as it was her firm belief that I needed to partake of her special soup, so as to

keep in good health. After the first time she had to lay down a few ground rules after she told me the chewy meat in that night's soup was rabbit's head when I failed to guess! I digress. Whilst eating the evening meal the subject of mooncakes came up, and I told her that I wouldn't be buying any during the Festival, but would wait until the Festival was over when they were at half price. I presumed that it would be like home where Christmas cakes and Easter eggs were sold off at greatly reduced prices the day after the occasion. Imagine my dismay and disbelief when I saw not so much as a skerrick of mooncakes in any of the shops that had them piled high just the day before. My thoughts were that surely not every shop had managed to sell all of their stock overnight, and on asking my Aunt what happened to the leftover stock, I was told they were all withdrawn and re made into something else. The moral of this story is: "Never assume that what we do in our own country is going to happen in a foreign country!" Since then, I have tasted many different flavours of mooncakes in cities such as Beijing and Hangzhou, where they have their own versions of these famous cakes.



www.futuredragonz.org.nz

Join Future Dragonz to meet Chinese young professionals and enjoy a mix of social networking and learning opportunities! For news and the latest on our next event, sign up to our mailing list from our website.

Don't forget, Future Dragonz' monthly drinks at Nuffield St Mac's Brew Bar in Newmarket are held every last Thursday of the month.



Yip's Children's Choir entertain Aucklanders

David Wong

The Yip's Children's Choir is internationally renowned for its high standard of excellence and superb musical training for young voices. The Choir has performed in many international music festivals and conferences to critical acclaim and is proudly regarded as a cultural ambassador for Hong Kong.



NZCA Auckland hosted the talented team for a wonderful concert on July 20 2010 at the Selwyn College auditorium. Close to 250 guests attended the concert and some partaking in some great cooking from our local dedicated committee team pre concert.

The repertoire was interesting, varied and entertaining. The young choristers (around 50 in number) ranged from around 10 through to 18 years old and their voices commanded great training as they sang religious, art and folk music in the first half. A young student then played a solo with the traditional one string violin - an amazing display of note structure and haunting string melody.

Jazz, pop and Broadway musical selections came continuously - classic song after classic song. From some great torch songs of Frank Sinatra i.e. 'Come Fly with me' through to Les Miserables - 'I dreamed a dream' - each and every singer sang with passion and poise. Sincere, the daughter of Dr Yip, conducted the choir with finesse and the highlight was a beautiful rendition of Pokarekare Ana. Sincere's daughter was also a talented tap dancer in the sgroup - who mixed her contemporary dance with ballerina elegance.

NZCA Auckland was proud to host the show (thanks to the Committee members who helped out) and bring the choir to the Auckland Chinese and wider community. We look forward to the choir's return visit.



GARAGE SALE & FAIR

AUCKLAND CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE HALL
99 TAYLOR ROAD, MANGERE BRIDGE
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SAT 16 OCTOBER 2010
9:00AM - 2:00PM

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Lo Yun - Second Runner-up in the NZ Post –NZCA Short Story Competition 2009

By Wailin Wong

"Hello there, Lo Yun, sunning yourself in the back garden, mouth open and pale eyes watering as they gaze into space. Yesterday's stubble sprouting from your chin. Your old lady hasn't had time to shave you yet?"

What are you thinking, so limp and still that you could be a rag doll stuffed with sawdust? Are you thinking anything at all or are past memories flickering like old time cinematic screen images? Did you once think, Lo Yun as you went about your daily business, striding out so handsome and proud of your strong physique that one day you would end up like this – forgetful, acumen dulled – gently ending your days sitting in the sun? Can you recall youthful ideals, strength of purpose and your heightened sense of right or wrong, Lo Yun? Then there was your business ability. Folk viewed you out of the corners of their eyes. They whispered to each other behind their hands, "That's Mr Lee. Such a shrewd businessman. Made lots of money with good investments, don't you know." Eyes would follow you enviously.

And four daughters. Fearful of angering you they were obedient to your every demand. They had no choice. They were your children and owed you filial duty. And girls after all. What use were they? But at last you fathered a son. A son to carry on the family name and set at nought the string of daughters. Your 'for gee' shop workers were delighted for you. Together they paid for a wonderfully large red tricycle for your son's 'Moon Yuit' one month old birth present. You forbade your daughters to ride it. It was for your son when he was big enough. Old sheeting torn into strips was wound round and round the handlebars to protect and keep it pristine in readiness for the time when his legs would be long enough to reach the pedals. Oh the pride at last, of having a son. All your worldly goods, everything you've worked for to be passed on to him. This wonderful miracle, this son.

Do you remember your beloved first wife? Dead for more years than you can now recall. Do you remember the sorrow, the lonely evenings spent striking tinkling tunes on a dulcimer to assuage your grief. The notes

echoed through bedroom walls saddened your daughters listening in their bedroom as they drifted into sleep. Was having this longed for son with another wife worth losing the love of your life?

Do you recollect leaving your home country? The excitement of leaving the village for this great adventure threaded through with the sadness of parting with your parents. Elder brother was taking you from everything familiar into a country you heard was made of gold. A magical place for a village lad leaving behind his family and favourite sister. You promised yourself that one day you would make enough money to send home to support them all. But the war changed all that. Remittances could not get through and letters were returned. You never knew what happened did you. Now you've lived more years in this land than in your own home village. Oh, Lo Yun you could never bring yourself to speak about your youth in China to your daughters. You never told them about its beauty or the life you lived with your parents.

Perhaps you're remembering your start in this New Gold Mountain? Working so hard to make your way and determined that one day you would be wealthy and have people respect you rather than see a hawker with his horse and cart selling vegetables around the streets. The utter strangeness of the 'gwei lo'. The ridicule and sneers at your ancestry and ways. Can you recall it now? Do you remember your arrival in Fiji after weeks on board boat from Canton when you were just 14 years old? Strange land, stranger customs and the stern Marist Brothers at the school you were forced to attend in order to learn to read and write English. It was harsh and unfriendly though you had the comfort of the Chinese community who had already settled there. You frightened your daughters with the stories of your Catholic schooling, threatened to send them to the convent if they misbehaved. They had no idea of the suffering you underwent but the sound of the words sent a thrill of horror up their spines and made them tow the line till they realised it was a meaningless threat and you were just reliving your own fears.



Maybe you couldn't differentiate between myth and memory, truth and fantasy.

The years have flown by Lo Yun. No longer that teenage lad leaving home, no longer the distraught widower, harsh father of daughters, vigilant father to an only son, but an old man soon to leave this earth for another life. Farewell Lo Yun, my BaBa farewell.

BaBa - Father

For Gee – Shop employees

Gwei Lo – Old Ghost – or white ghost – used to describe foreigners

Lo Yun – Old Man

Moon Yuit – One month old birthday. When a baby is one month old, it is considered to be one year old and often a celebration is held.

Senior Lifestyle Group visit Bonsai collection

What a pleasant surprise!! Tucked away on a suburban section one would never dream of seeing the most amazing collection of bonsai. The area was small, but the collection was most comprehensive and the love and passion Tim has for them was most evident. He was most generous in sharing his knowledge on "HOW TO".

Large trees such as oak, pine, cypress, spruce, juniper, pohutukawa and kowhai, et al. are wired and reduced to fine forms of living art. You can tell some are very old by their gnarled and fascinating looking roots. Old Bonsai are very valuable and command a premium price as it takes years to get them looking mature.



Buddha's Hand in full bloom.

The exhibit which attracted and fascinated all of us was the **Buddha's Hand** which was in full flower and needless to say anyone who had a camera took the opportunity to take or be taken with that plant.

Last but not least many of us were recipients of the Tsun's generosity with a gift of a pot of rhubarb plant or orchid plant or a floral spray of orchids (you can see where Brenda's interest lies as she is a member of the orchid society). To top all that off was afternoon tea. A lovely way to spend a few hours on a winter's day. Thank you to Brenda and Tim!

Beef Jerky

- 1 ½ lean boneless beef (skirt steak, rump or sirloin)
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon worchestshire sauce
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon ground pepper
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder

- Vege oil to spray or grease cake cooler rack
- Marinate meat cut in strips for at least 6hrs or overnight
- Heat over 140 degrees and bake until dry



NZCA Auckland committee members standing in elections

Our executive committee is proud to have 2 members who will be standing in the upcoming local body elections – read more about them below.

David Wong –for Orakei Board

The Supercity and local body elections are an exciting time and I would never have contemplated to stand - if I didn't feel I had the community background and affiliation to give it a go. The Orakei ward is a Citizen's and Ratepayers stronghold - but having looked at the ARC population statistics for Orakei - around 15% of the 70,000 voting populace is of Asian ethnicity. But when I look at the incumbents - there is a lack of Asian (or any minority) representation.

I don't profess to be an expert on water rates (volume based or user pays), combining ARC & Auckland council rates at a fair and equitable level, determining height levels for new apartments in the Orakei basin or how many walkways or carparks should be developed in the next five years - but I hope to get inside and see how a board can work with the governing body and the CCO (council controlled organisation) and really get things done.

If you live in the Orakei Ward (Mission Bay, Remuera, St Heliers, Meadowbank, St Johns, Parnell) - please don't throw away your voting form; look down the list and you'll recognise the name & tick the box. Spread the word to your friends and colleagues.

This hasn't been a party political broadcast as I don't belong to one. But I'll evolve my thinking, policies and strategies and post on the Facebook page attached. And if I get enough money I'll hire a PA system and hook it to the roof of my Commodore and if that doesn't work - I'll sell ice creams from the car boot!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Vote-David-Wong-for-Orakei/146484738715740>



Virginia Chong –for Maungawhau Subdivision, Albert-Eden Board

Virginia Chong JP, Board Member, NZCA (National) Vice President

Virginia is a valued and experienced member of the current Board having served 12 years in total. She is a tireless worker involved in many community groups. She is committed to ensuring our heritage buildings and environments are protected and valued for the future.

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- Why do people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours?
- Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?
- Does pushing the elevator button more than once make it arrive faster?
- If corn oil is made from corn and vegetable oil from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
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