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Date/Day	Events	Venue	Time
SUNDAYS	OSCA MINIBALL & BASKETBALL PRACTICES	EDGAR or OBHS	MORNING
TUESDAYS	OSCA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES	EDGAR	EVENING
SATURDAYS	OSCA MEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES	EDGAR	AFTERNOON
1 ST MAY	NZCA WINTER CAMP APPLICATION DUE		
15 TH MAY	NZCA EDUCATIONAL AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE		
25 TH MAY	HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS MOVIE	OSCA ROOMS	2.00PM -4.30PM
12 TH JULY	OSCA CHINESE COOKING DEMONSTRATION	OSCA ROOMS	2.00PM -4.30PM
22 ND - 24 TH AUGUST	OSCA ANNUAL WEEKEND CAMP	BERWICK	
27 TH - 28 TH SEPTEMBER	SOUTH ISLAND CHINESE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT	CHRISTCHURCH	
OCTOBER	OSCA GARDEN TOUR	OTAGO	
23 RD NOV - 24 TH DEC	NZCA WINTER CAMP	CHINA	

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a busy time in the last few months especially with the Chinese New Year celebrations in February. We had our usual events including a dinner and a New Year picnic at Brighton Domain. The dinner provided a good opportunity for members of our Easter Tournament contingent to raise funds for their trip. They worked hard and were well rewarded for their efforts.

Our Lion Dance Team as usual performed at the Chinese New Year Celebrations at the Octagon in Dunedin on the eve of Chinese New Year. All members of the team put in over 40 hours of training and practice and their performances were well received by the Dunedin public as well as the Dunedin Casino where they performed at 1 o'clock the following morning. The Lion Dancer leaders were inspired by the training workshop they went to last year and came up with five different performances for the evening.

The Lion Dancers also travelled down to Invercargill to perform at the Chinese New Year Celebrations of our Invercargill Sub-Branch. A few of us travelled down also. We were moved and inspired by the warm

welcome put on by the Invercargill Sub-Branch, even though it was a little bit windy and cold on the day. The Committee in Invercargill put on a huge feast for everyone and we all participated in the tug o war afterwards between Otago and Southland.

The 6 young members from Dunedin and Invercargill who went to the NZCA Leadership Conference came back hugely inspired and have been active in applying what they learned at the Conference ever since. It was certainly a worthwhile investment for us to have made in supporting our younger people in attending these events organised by NZCA. Our applause goes to NZCA for organising this Conference.

Our Children's Subcommittee organised a Double Decker Egg Hunt at Kaikorai Valley College at the end of March. The children and adults who attended all had a great time. Great effort on the part of the



organisers!

As Branch President, I attended my first NZCA Executive meeting in Wellington on 5 April 2008. I was pleased to hear that NZCA will launch its new logo in the next few months - keep an eye out for it on www.nzchinese.org.nz. NZCA has also voted to support the gift to the NZ Olympic team for 2008 Beijing Games and NZCA and all branches will have their names inscribed on the gift. This gift will sit outside the NZ team compound at Beijing and be presented to the Chinese Olympic Committee at the end of the games.

Our younger members had a great time at the Easter Tournament in Auckland. They made us proud by winning the Goodwill and Friendship Award again this year. I attended their last training session at the Edgar Centre before they went up and all of them were working hard. The most inspiring thing was to see the community and team spirit amongst them. It is certainly a good reminder to us that this is what our Association is all about.

Teresa Chan
President

会长报告

在過去的幾個月中，協會工作相當繁忙，二月份舉行的中國新年的慶祝活動還讓我們記憶猶新。同以往的每一年一樣，我們舉辦了新年會餐以及在 Brighton Domain 的新年野餐活動。在會餐過程中，協會的復活節運動會參加者們趁此良機為他們參加運動會的旅行費用進行募捐活動。由於他們的積極努力，收穫不少。

舞獅隊在但尼丁八角廣場迎中國新年的除夕晚會上進行了表演。隊員們為了訓練，排練和表演總計花費了40多小時，他們精彩的表現得到了但尼丁大眾的認可，同時他們第二天凌晨在但尼丁賭場的表演也獲得了大家的好評。舞獅隊的隊員們在去年參加培訓班後產生不少的靈感，獨自編排出五種形式各異的節目在晚會上表演。

我們的舞獅隊還南下 Invercargill，為 Invercargill 的支委會新年慶祝活動進行舞獅表演。我們幾個也一同前往，儘管那天天冷風大，但我們內心被 Invercargill 支委會熱情款待而深深感動，倍覺溫暖。支委會委員們為大家準備了豐盛的午宴。在午宴後我們都參加了奧塔哥對南部地區的拔河比賽。

六位來自但尼丁和 Invercargill 的青年委員們，在參加紐西蘭華人聯合會舉辦的 NZCA 領導者大會後，興致高昂，並積極地將他們在會議中所學到的知識學以致用於日常的工作中。我們也感受到支援年輕人參加 NZCA 組織的這些活動很值得，我們對 NZCA 組織這個大會鼓掌贊同。

我們的兒童支委會在三月底組織了雙層客車遊覽和在 Kaikorai Valley College 找雞蛋活動。參加的兒童和大人們都度過了美好有趣的一天。感謝組織者付出的辛勤努力！

我於2008年4月5日作為本會會長首次參加在惠靈頓舉行的 NZCA 執委會的會議。我很高興地獲知 NZCA 在幾個月後將啟用新的會徽，請大家多多關注網站相關內容 www.nzchinese.org.nz。在會上，NZCA 也表決同意將給參加2008年北京奧運會的新西蘭代表團贈送一份禮物，並會將每個分會的名字鐫刻在該禮物上。該禮物將矗立在北京奧運村新西蘭體育代表團住處外，並將在奧運會結束後轉贈給中國奧林匹克委員會。

我們的青年會員們在奧克蘭舉行的復活節運動會上表現出色，他們再次贏得了我們為之驕傲的公平友誼獎。我在他們出發之前去 Edgar Centre 觀看了他們訓練。我不但看到了他們刻苦的訓練情形，更重要的是，我從他們身上看到了我們華人的精神風貌，看到了團隊的合作精神，所有這些折射的就是我們協會的精神和風貌。

陳慕詩 Teresa Chan
會長
紐西蘭華聯會歐他咭修付崙分會

NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

The New Zealand Chinese Association offers many activities to every member of any of their branches. These activities, trips, competitions and awards are all available for you to read about on their website www.nzchinese.org.nz. Make sure you check this website regularly so that you do not miss out on any of these. Deadlines usually apply to these.

Information on the following is available online:

- Guangdong Winter Camp & China Tour 2008

- NZCA March Newsletter
 - 2008 Easter
 - NZCA China Tour October 2008
 - 2008 NZCA Leadership Development Conference
 - Listener/NZCA Short Story competition winner - "The Stove" by Renee Liang
 - Make Way for The New Mainstream
- Our own Otago & Southland Chinese Association Newsletters are also available online on this website.

BASKETBALL 2008

Basketball practices have continued since our return from Easter Tournament. Players have come back with an increased determination to improve their game.

The younger players continue to learn and practice their skills under the expert coaching of a number of volunteer coaches. Thank you to all these coaches who forgo their Sunday morning sleep-in to come early to train the younger players.

COACHES

Tiniball & Miniball Jason Wong, Richard Wong, Patrick Truong

Intermediate & High School Girls Howard Hsia, Jono Wu

High School Boys Nigel Sew Hoy

University Girls Albert Yen, Janis Cheng

University Boys Henry Kuo

Coaching supervisors Henry Kuo, Conrad Wong

Our University players have entered teams into the local Dunedin Basketball competitions. One men's team and one women's team will play weekly games for the entire 2008 basketball season. We wish them luck in their games. Thank you to Henry Kuo for coaching the OSCA Men's team and to Albert Yen for coaching the OSCA women's team for these games. Thank you to OSCA for providing uniforms and covering these teams' entry fees.

Basketball practices are open to anyone who is interested in playing. **Our focus is now the South Island Basketball Tournament which is being held in Christchurch on 27th & 28th September this year.** Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player you are all welcome. Come along on Sunday mornings to our practices and join in. Our practice timetable and costs are printed on Page 4 of this newsletter.

CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER 2008

By Sin Phua

A year passes, a new one begins
Another Lunar New Year Dinner!

The olds shuffle along, the very youngs totter in
The rest in-betweens head to Palace Nanking.

Greetings and wishes, introductions and catch-ups
All chaos and laughter, what a Rat Year it will be.

Gong drum and three-lion dances, welcome the Chin'ese
Enthuse and impress all that seen.

The dishes good, the company great
Well-fed and content, with good raffle-money made.

An extra white hair, another deep line
Blink, and it'll be Ox Year Dinner in 2009.



OSCA ANNUAL WEEKEND CAMP

Mark this date in your 2008 diaries!!!

Date: Friday 22nd August (late afternoon) – Sunday 24th August (late afternoon) 2008
(First weekend of the Otago University Mid-Semester Break)

Venue: Berwick Camp (40 mins south of Dunedin)

Cost: only \$30 (this is being heavily subsidised by OSCA)

What is provided: Accommodation, food and lots of new activities.

What to bring: sleeping bag, pillow, warm clothes and swimming togs.

*****To be able to attend this camp you must be 15 years or over***

and

a member of the OSCA. **

- Meet new friends, spend time with old friends, learn some new skills and have lots of fun.
- Day and night activities organized for the whole weekend include canoeing, campfire (with marshmallows to toast), confidence course, team building initiatives, day and night bush walks, dodge ball tournament, themed dinner, competing for the OSCA Lip-sync Cup (great prizes!).....and lots more!
- Registrations are being taken now. Places are limited so you must ensure you have paid \$30 to reserve your bunk and to obtain your registration forms.
- Transport will be arranged for anyone who does not have their own vehicle.

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NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

2008 AWARDS BASED ON 2007 EXAMINATION RESULTS

AWARD CATEGORY 1:

NATIONAL CERTIFICATE of EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT Awards (Level 1)

or

CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL EXAMINATION (IGCSE)

Each Award for the above will have a value of \$250. Up to five awards will be given out annually, one award to each of five students provided each student has attained a satisfactory standard of NCEA Level 1 or IGCSE equivalent examinations in the previous year.

AWARD CATEGORY 2:

NCEA (Level 3 or 4) CHINESE AWARD

The main objective of the National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA Level 3 or 4) Chinese award is to promote the Chinese language.

This Chinese Award has a value of \$250 and is awarded annually to a student who sat the NCEA Level 3 or 4 Examination in Chinese in the previous year and obtained the highest level, grade and number of credits.

AWARD CATEGORY 3:

NZCA TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP

There will be up to three NZCA (NCEA Level 4) Tertiary scholarships awarded annually, each having a value of \$750, to students who have completed their secondary education to University Entrance level, in order to assist with their tertiary education.

Criteria considered in awarding the scholarships are:

- a) Academic excellence
- b) Leadership qualities
- c) Outstanding sporting achievements
- d) Cultural achievements
- e) Community involvement.

Applicants will have sat any or all of the following examinations:-

NCEA (Level 4) Scholarship examinations
(Note: NCEA Level 3 papers do not qualify for this award).

Cambridge International Examinations
International Baccalaureate Examinations

Two referee reports to support your application are to be submitted. Enter your name and address on the two referee forms and give one to each referee. These referee reports and your completed application form must be sent directly to the Secretary of your local Branch Association by 15th May 2008 who will verify and forward them to the New Zealand Chinese Association by 20th May 2008.

RULES

1. Applicants of the three categories of awards will:

- a) Have studied in a New Zealand secondary school for at least three years.
- b) Be of Chinese descent.
- c) Be a permanent resident of New Zealand.
- d) Be under the age of 17 years at the time of application. (Category 1)
Be under the age of 20 years at the time of application. (Category 2)
Be under 20 years of age on 1 January of the year following the completion of their secondary school education. (Category 3)
- e) Have been a member of, or the daughter or son of a person who has been a member of a branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association for more than twelve months at the time of application closing date.

- 2. Applications must be made on the official forms obtainable from your local Branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association.
- 3. Candidates must complete and fill in all the details as requested in the form.
- 4. Candidates must submit certified copies by the Senior Dean, Principal or the Justice of the Peace the following: (i) the result notice and (ii) the Record of Learning.
- 5. The application must be accompanied by a testimonial from your school Principal or a Senior Dean, who has access to your academic record.
- 6. Your completed application form and the necessary documentation must reach your local branch by **15th May 2008**, who will forward it after verification, to the New Zealand Chinese Association by **20th May 2008. (New revised dates)**
- 7. Selection of winners of the awards will be made by the Education/Cultural Sub-Committee of NZCA. This Committee will base their decision on the applicant's academic achievements as shown by the results. However, in the event of a close tie between applicants, consideration will be given to attainment of school performance during the year.

Successful applicants will be notified via the Branches. Any queries should be made to the Secretary of your local branch.

NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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12 April 2008

Re: Gift from the NZ Chinese Community to the 2008 NZ Olympic Team

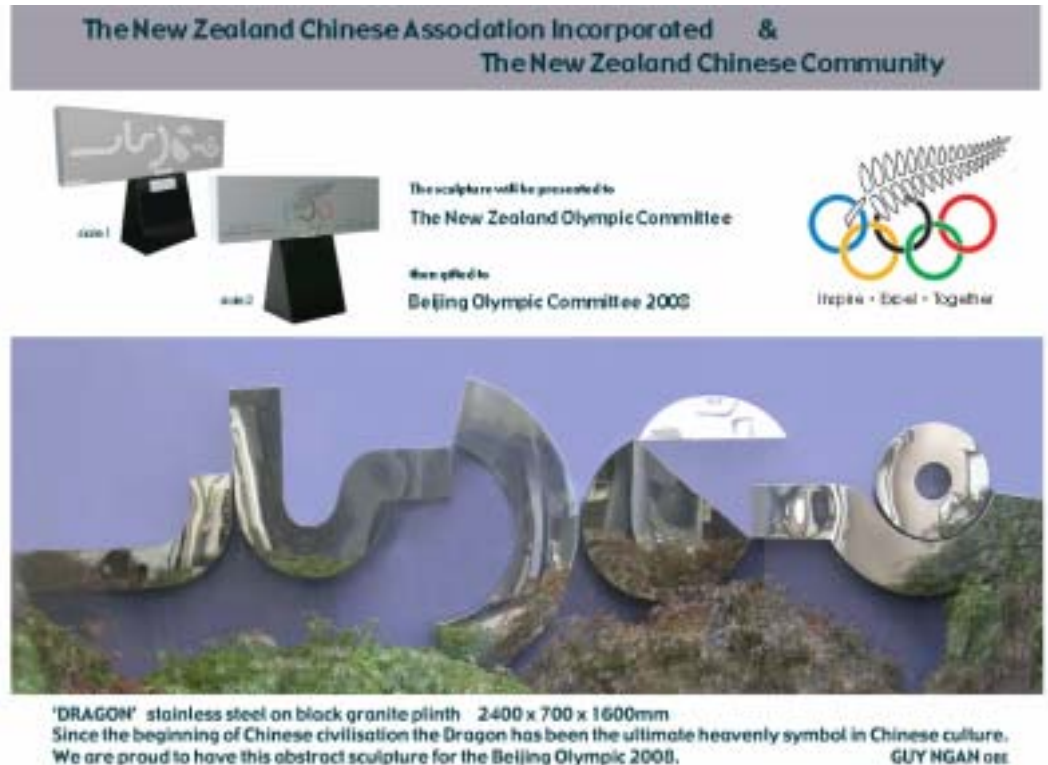
Our Association has been asked to organise a gift of a symbolic sculpture from Chinese New Zealanders to the NZ Olympic Team going to the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, and we cordially invite you as notable members of the Chinese community to make a donation for this gift. It is proposed that the gift will sit outside the NZ Team living compound in the Olympic village and be presented to the Chinese Olympic Committee at the end of the games for re-location to the main foyer of their new multi-story building in Beijing.

This is a unique opportunity which may not re-occur in our lifetime to demonstrate to all NZers that NZ Chinese feel an integral part of our adopted country and that we greatly appreciate the opportunities to settle here and enjoy the lifestyle of Aotearoa. And to China, our former home country, the gift signifies that New Zealand has fully accepted Chinese as worthy citizens who have made immense contributions to their new home country.

Messrs Ron Sang and Guy Ngan have organised an appropriate design for the sculpture (overall size 2.4 m wide x 1.6m high) consisting of a modern stylized dragon (symbolising Chinese) with a greenstone pearl on its tongue (symbolising Aotearoa) on a granite base at a total estimated cost of about \$40,000. On the rear of the stainless steel rectangular box frame will be the NZ Olympic logo and on the two ends the names of donors giving \$1,000 or more written in English and Chinese for all to see. We also plan to have a special book presented to the NZ Olympic Team with names of all donors of \$50 or more. The sculpture will be impressive.

The sculpture will need to be completed by the end of April at the very latest so that the granite base can be shipped by sea to China with other equipment. The Olympic Team management is planning to have the

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lighter top stainless steel sculpture displayed with a temporary base at Dunedin Airport, Wellington Airport & Auckland Airport to attract interest and support for the NZ Team until air freighted at the end of June to Beijing.

All donations made by individuals or organisations for this gift are tax deductible. We look forward to receiving your confirmation of financial support for this special gift urgently but before Friday, 18 April 2008 at the latest to enable us to complete the inscription of the major donor names in English and Chinese for the official presentation on 30 April 2008 at Villa Maria Estate in Mangere.

If you wish to discuss this proposal further, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, or Mr. Ron Sang on 09 638 6898, or Mr. Arthur Loo on 09 520 3866.

Yours Sincerely

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P.S. Late donations are still being accepted. Please contact any of the above.

THE DUNEDIN CHINESE GARDEN

Twenty three Shanghai artisans arrived in Dunedin in early March to build the Pai Lau in the entrance courtyard and to complete the final touches to the new Dunedin Chinese Garden. Excellent progress has been made to date.

When the Garden is complete the Dunedin Chinese Garden Trust, who have raised all the money and built the Garden, will gift this very special authentic Chinese Scholar's Garden to the people of Dunedin. The Dunedin City Council will operate and maintain the Garden with the help of our sister Chinese Garden in Shanghai, the Yu Garden. The Garden will be open to the public later in May.

There will be an official opening later in the year when we expect the Prime Minister Helen Clark, the Mayor of Shanghai and others with close involvement to the project to attend.

The Garden will be complete with 2 large stone lions which will sit on either side of the walkway leading up to the Entrance Hall. These were generously donated by the Shanghai Municipal Government. Many beautiful pieces of Ming Dynasty reproduction furniture made from rosewood have also arrived to furnish the various buildings. The donor's boards in the form of stone tablets have been inscribed in Shanghai and are currently on their way to Dunedin. They will be on display when the Garden opens.

The Chinese of Dunedin and Otago will be immensely proud of our Chinese Garden. It will permanently represent our past (pioneer ancestors), our present and our future. The Garden will also be a great asset to the city of Dunedin.

Dr Peter Sew Hoy

Deputy Chairman of the Dunedin Chinese Garden Trust



但尼丁中国花园项目

3月初, 23位来自上海的工匠们来到但尼丁, 开始牌楼的建造工作, 并完成花园项目的收尾工作。目前花园项目进展顺利。

等到花园建造完毕, 中国花园基金会 ---- 花园项目的资金筹集者和建造者 --- 将把整个花园赠送给但尼丁人民。

花园将于5月末对外营业。在今年年尾, 将会有个正式的开园仪式。届时, 我们期待总理海伦 克拉克和上海市市长一同亲临现场。

花园开放时, 在正厅进门左右两侧各卧立一个大型的石狮, 这对石狮是由上海市人民政府慷慨赠送。仿制的明代家具也已经运抵这里, 并将陆续陈放在各自的房间内。捐赠者的碑文石板已在上海镌刻完毕并已经在运往

但尼丁的途中, 在开园的同时会展示出来。

在奥塔哥和但尼丁的华人对中国花园的即将落成感到非常自豪, 因为她将永恒地见证着我们华人的过去、现在和将来。她是但尼丁市的宝贵财富。

上海豫园 --- 中国花园的姐妹园 --- 将协助但尼丁市政府管理、维护并营运这个花园。由于花园的营业只有少数几个人在运作, 因此有人建议招募一些志愿人士协助处理日常事宜。中国花园基金会将组建一个团体组织, 取名为“中国花园的朋友们”, 该团体组织由志愿人士组成, 他们将承担迎宾、导游和特别庆典活动协助的职责。如您想成为“中国花园的朋友们”中的一员或者仅作为一名志愿者的话, 请填写下页表并将其邮寄到表格最下面所列的地址。

THE DUNEDIN CHINESE GARDEN

Friends of the Garden and Volunteers

Our Garden

The Dunedin Chinese Garden is an example of a late Ming, early Ching Dynasty Scholar's Garden, surrounded by a four-metre perimeter wall.

The Dunedin Chinese Garden uses authentic Chinese materials crafted by a team of artisans/craftsmen from Dunedin's sister city of Shanghai.

In addition to the hand-made wooden buildings the Garden features 380,000 hand-made tiles, bricks and latticework and granite paving stones, which have been hand-finished. In particular the use of "lake stone"- 900 tonnes of it – represents an essential element of Chinese art from since the Tang Dynasty (600 -900 AD).

History

The Dunedin Chinese Garden was first proposed at the time of the city's sesqui-centennial celebrations in 1998.

The Chinese community established the Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust, which has since guided this project.

A significant aspect in delivering this facility has been the partnership with the Shanghai Municipal Government and the Shanghai Museum.

Present

The Dunedin Chinese Garden, while currently under construction, is due for completion in May 2008. The Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust is building the Garden which upon completion



will be handed over to the Dunedin City Council. Its operation will then become a partnership between the Trust and the Dunedin City Council. To this end a Friends of the Chinese Garden group under the Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust is being formed.

The Friends will foster a greater enjoyment by those who wish to be associated with and help the Garden and to provide support in advice and volunteer help.

Friends and Volunteers

The Trust is proposing to develop a Friends of the Chinese Garden group to assist in the Garden's ongoing future.

This will provide people with an opportunity to show an interest in this authentic Chinese garden and to assist by way of practical volunteer help.

There will be a small staff to manage and operate the Garden but it is proposed they will be assisted by volunteers.

Volunteers will be used as greeters, tour guides and special



events hosts. Training will be provided for these roles as well as free car-parking while engaged in Garden activities.

The extra benefits of being a Friend of the Garden and/or a volunteer have yet to be finalized.

At this stage we are seeking people interested in offering themselves for such roles.

Friends of the Chinese Garden

Application Form

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Other

Name _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Phone Contact _____

Interested in being a:

Friend of the Garden

and/or

Volunteer to assist in some way

Please post to:

Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust

PO Box 867

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Ph 03 479 0669

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NEW ZEALAND CHINESE ASSOCIATION (INC.)

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GUANGDONG WINTER CAMP AND CHINA TOUR 2008

The 2008 Guangdong Winter Camp and China tour will depart from Auckland on Sunday, 23 November 2008 and return to Auckland on Wednesday, 24 December 2008.

The Guangdong Winter Camp is organised with the assistance of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the Guangdong Provincial People's Government and will be similar to previous years.

The activities at this Winter Camp include:

- Cultural classes and activities which may include language studies, Chinese history, calligraphy, arts, singing, dancing and martial arts
- Visits to participants' ancestral village
- Sightseeing and visiting other learning institutions
- Meeting with local young Chinese youth

Following the Camp there will be a tour of China including Hangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing and then 4 nights in Hong Kong before returning to New Zealand. Because of the difficulties in booking airline seats at the holiday peak period, there will be no optional extra nights available in Hong Kong this year.

The Winter Camp and China tour is limited to youth aged from 18 to 26 years old. Its price has been based on minimum of 20 people plus the tour manager (Janet Joe).

If participants wish to visit their ancestral village, they must complete the separate Ancestral Village Information Form as soon as possible after submitting the Application Form and \$500 deposit.

The expected itinerary is:

SUN 23 NOV 08:55 AM

Depart Auckland on Cathay Pacific flight to Guangzhou via Hong Kong

Itinerary to be arranged with the Guangdong Chinese Overseas Affairs Office

Includes Kungfu at Foshan, Chinese Cultural Classes & Activities and visits to your Ancestral Villages in the Guangdong region

From 23 November to 06 December 08 (13 Days)

SAT 06 DEC Depart Guangzhou to Hangzhou by air 3 nights

SUN 07 DEC Lingyin Temple, Dragonwell Tea village

MON 08 DEC Westlake cruise, Yue Fei Memorial & Hefang Street

TUE 09 DEC Hangzhou to Shanghai via Xitang Watertown by bus 4 nights

WED 10 DEC Shanghai History Museum in the Pudong area, The Bund, Silk Factory Huangpo River night cruise

THU 11 DEC Jade Buddha Temple, Yu Gardens, Old Shanghai Town & Shanghai Acrobatic show

FRI 12 DEC Free Day with Breakfast only

SAT 13 DEC Free Day with Breakfast only

Take Overnight Express Train from Shanghai to Beijing

SUN 14 DEC AM Arrive Beijing for 5 nights

PM Temple of Heaven and Hongqiao markets,

MON 15 DEC Tiananmen Square, Mao's Mausoleum, Forbidden City, Hutong Tour, Kungfu Show

TUE 16 DEC Summer Palace, China Tea tasting, Ya Show markets, Peking Duck dinner

WED 17 DEC Great Wall and Ming Tombs & Sacred Way, Jade Factory

THU 18 DEC Free Day in Beijing with Breakfast only

FRI 19 DEC Depart Beijing to Hong Kong for 4 nights

SAT 20 DEC Hong Kong

SUN 21 DEC Hong Kong

MON 22 DEC Hong Kong

TUE 23 DEC Depart Hong Kong

WED 24 DEC Arrive Auckland

All participants are required to travel with the group for the entire trip from Auckland back to Auckland.

The cost of the trip is approximately **\$6,700** per person on a twin-share basis. **This price is subject to currency and airline surcharge fluctuations.** This price is based on 20 paying adults travelling together as a group plus the tour manager (Janet Joe).

Tour price includes:

- Airfares from Auckland to Hong Kong and return (Frequent Flyer points not allowed to be used).
- All transportation and domestic airfares within China.
- All 3 to 4 star accommodation in China.
- Accommodation in Hong Kong for four nights with return airport to hotel transfers.
- All organised sightseeing, entrance fees, and airport taxes in China.
- All meals in China except for lunch and dinners on free days in Beijing and Shanghai.
- English speaking guides and portage.
- NZ departure & security taxes.
- Hong Kong and China departure and security taxes.
- Comprehensive Travel insurance with no excess.

Excluded from the Tour price:

- Spending money and items of personal nature.
- All lunch, dinners and tours in Hong Kong.
- All lunches and dinners on free days in Shanghai and Beijing.

The closing date for application is **1 May 2008**.

A \$500 deposit shall be paid with any application. This deposit will only be refunded if the application is not unsuccessful.

**** (Please contact Kai Luey or Janet Joe urgently if you are interested in this trip and have missed this deadline) ****

The balance of the cost (\$6,200 approx) must be paid before 01 September 2008.

CONDITIONS OF WINTER CAMP TOUR:

Applicants must:

- Be a member of one of the Branches of the NZ Chinese Association (requires confirmation from the Branch that you are a member).
- Be between 18 and 26 years of age.
- Not have been to a previous camp.
- Have a current New Zealand passport, valid to at least the end of June 2009.
- Submit a written report within one month of their return to NZCA. We need this information to help plan future tours and may be used for promotional purposes.

Application forms can be obtained from your local Branch Association or the NZCA website www.nzchinese.org.nz.

Please send in completed Winter camp application forms with a photocopy of the details page of your Passport and \$500 Deposit made out to the NZCA before 01 May 2008 to your local NZCA branches or to NZCA Winter camp 2008, P O Box 484, Auckland.

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Some comments from the Otago & Southland participants of the 2007 Winter Camp Trip:

"The first few days were spent in the Huang Fei Hung Academy in Foshan where we were taught a beginners course in Kung Fu by some amazing Shefu's, who were all tremendously patient in teaching us a routine which we were to perform on the third day! I personally found it very tiring each day, but at the end it was definitely worth the effort knowing that we knew the basics of the art. Looking back at the short video clips which were taken during these few days, it was great to see how we improved. We were even able to perform the routine to the passing tourists! Getting applause at the end of it seemed very rewarding. We were very lucky to be able to end our Kung Fu lessons with a night out at a Karaoke bar where the main Shefu came as well. By this time we knew him quite well, so at the end of the night it was very sad to say goodbye to him and know that we would probably never see him again."
Karena Sew Hoy

"A day was also spent at the Guangzhou Technical College. Here, we got the opportunity to meet and interact with the students there and also learn some Chinese calligraphy. I thoroughly enjoyed this part although my



paintings did not turn out as well as I wanted. In the evening, a fun game of basketball was played against the students. The boys' team dressed in their impressive uniform (just purchased the day before) came out strong and was leading during the first quarter, however, despite their stunning efforts; the boys were unfortunately defeated in the end. The girls' team on the other hand played brilliantly and won their game with ease." Sharyn Young

"My most memorable part of China that towers high above everything else, was visiting the villages where our ancestors came from. I still don't fully understand why I would choose the villages as my favourite part of the trip. However I believe it was a mix of the emotional feelings that could really be felt as we were able to experience and cherish where our grandparents were born. It was also really interesting to see the distinctive differences in standards of living to what we have in New Zealand and to appreciate the shift to New Zealand our grandparents once made. I also believe that traveling with a group was a real bonus as we were able to experience other villages. During these times we were able to branch off from the group and explore the surroundings around us and to see what we would find with our limited Chinese language. Experiencing farmlands and scenic views, to chasing kids around a school, we could conclude that the people in the villages were really happy to see us, whether they were young or old, they were grateful where they were and the life they were living....."

.....This report could not be complete without talking about the food. Every day I looked forward to the wonderful meals as I had never experienced such excellent food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The food looked delightful, it smelt remarkable and most importantly it tasted divine. We were given generous quantities of food every meal, so much that we would be too full to walk, however we did not complain about this! It was just good to be able to try new things that we had never tasted before and to get the variety of food that changed as we traveled further north. To pick out the best restaurant that we went to is hard to choose as there was just something different and good about every one. However what comes to mind was our Yum Cha in Guangzhou, which is definitely the best Yum Cha I had ever had in my life." Jason Wong

"Once we started the touring part of the trip in northern China we visited places such as the Great Wall which was a wonderful sight, conquering it was another story. The treacherous climb was worth it once we saw the marvelous view of the forever stretching wall across the beautiful landscape and the countryside of Beijing. In the evenings we marveled at the artistic and unique Chinese performances where the performers seemed to do the impossible and with such ease." Rhys Wong

CHINESE NEW YEAR PICNIC

By Hector Wong



This year's Chinese New Year picnic was held on Sunday 10 February 2008 at the Brighton Domain starting at 12.00pm with a BBQ. We had a very good turnout with many younger members coming along after their normal Sunday morning basketball practice. There were also some new faces there which is always good to see. We welcomed them and hope they will continue to come along to support our Association functions in the future and also to become members.



The weather was warm and sunny and everyone enjoyed their meat patties and sausages before the games, starting at around 2.00pm. We started with the usual age group sprint races, gumboot throwing and tug of war, however the weather was not very co operative, and it started to rain before we could get into the more fun activities such as the egg throwing.

Even though the picnic was cut short by the rain, everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.



2008 LION DANCE TEAM

By Karena Sew Hoy

The 2008 Lion Dance Team consists of 14 enthusiastic members who are always up for a challenge. We practise twice a week, putting the hard yards in to make each and every one of our performances a pleasure for the audience to watch. We also have a lot of fun being able to perform such a traditional Chinese art.

Our Lion Dance Team works really well together as everyone is able to put all their ideas in so that we can present the best performance that we are capable of. We have been able to make each successive lion dance routine look more and more spectacular, learning from each performance that we have done. It is great that each member of the team is continually motivated, turning up to work hard at each practice to make the most out of this traditional Chinese Lion dance.

Nigel and Mike from the team travelled up to Christchurch late last year to attend a lion dance workshop and we have been using their knowledge to improve our techniques in both the dance and the instrumental aspects. We have included a lot of these new dance techniques and instrumental beats and it has made a big difference to our performances.

Each lion dance routine takes us hours to put together as we need to try and get each footstep in sync with each other. As well as this we combine the head movements to make the lions look more lifelike. The performance is fully choreographed as the lions also work with the percussionists to work out the type of music/beat which is needed for each different type of step that they are doing.



about the origins of the Chinese Lion dance. Not many of our Lion Dance team knew this story therefore it was good for us to learn about the origin of what we were performing as well as being able to present it to our audience. Many other special moments were performed by our lion dance team in the Octagon: the unrolling of the red good luck scroll, the eating of the cabbage and we also had the honour of having Mayor Peter Chin dotting the eyes of the lions with red paint and waking them. Our fifth performance was done as the countdown to the impressive fireworks display that was let off from the clock tower.

After performing in the Octagon we walked down to the Dunedin Casino to perform to a whole new crowd of people who were eager to watch and to touch the lions so that they could receive a lot of good luck.

A little over a week later our crew travelled down to Invercargill where we performed two lion dances. We also involved the crowd teaching them a few basics under the lion and then allowed them to try for themselves. After the performances we were invited to join the Invercargill sub-branch to an impressive Chinese banquet lunch which would have taken them hours to prepare. We were all very appreciative of the lunch that they provided us! On the way back to Dunedin we also stopped briefly to perform for a Balclutha Takeaway shop to give them a year's worth of good luck. We are all suitably rewarded with a huge meal of fish and chips.

We have many more performances scheduled on our 2008 calendar. The most recent performance was at the Taiwanese Cultural Night in mid April. After two months of practice we were able to present to them another new innovative routine!

I'd like to thank all the Lion Dance crew for putting so much time, effort and commitment into everything! Not only is it obvious that each and every one of you are enjoying yourselves whilst learning such a traditional dance, but you are also doing an amazing job of representing the Otago & Southland Chinese Association!

We welcome anyone: young or older, who is interested in learning this amazing skill. Please contact any of us to find out when our next practice is scheduled.



This year we have already taken part in the DCC Chinese New Year Festival in the Octagon, Dunedin Casino Chinese New Year celebrations and also both the Dunedin Branch and the Invercargill Sub-branch Chinese New Year functions. Our performances were the culmination of more than 50 hours practice to come up with new polished routines.

For the Dunedin Chinese New Year Festival in the Octagon we presented 5 different performances, performed every hour up to the stroke of midnight. One of our performances this year was a short story which we performed as a play so that we could inform the audience

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OSCA DOUBLE DECKER / EGG HUNT

Held Sunday 30th March 2008

By Gordon Wong

On Sunday 30th March, the newly formed OSCA Children's Sub-Committee held its first event, a double decker bus ride culminating in a fun picnic and games session including an Easter Egg hunt in the grounds of Kaikorai Valley College.

The event was dreamed up over several meetings during Sunday morning miniball practices by the sub-committee and a core group of enthusiastic parents.

The kids were really excited and well behaved on the bus, the majority sitting in groups on the upper deck seeing places like the Octagon from an elevated perspective. George Street Normal School's junior playground proved to be a really fun stop, with the kids trying out all the play equipment before being very orderly waiting for the lollies to be launched.

The bus chugged over the hill to KVC where the kids decorated their own noodle boxes for carrying Easter Eggs. The Easter Egg hunt was a little adventure in the garden area outside the school hall that contains many shrubs, trees, grass and pipes in which to "hide" eggs. This was followed by huddles, balloon volleyball, sack races, and an egg and spoon race.

All went well and we all had a great time, even the weather held up, in spite of a massive downpour the day before the event. But don't just take our word for it. Here's a sample of comments from the kids:

"The miniball kids had a great outing this weekend (Sunday 30th March 08). We went on the double decker bus to George St Normal School for a lolly scramble and a play. We got back on the bus and drove to KVC. There we had an Easter egg hunt, sack races, egg and spoon races and we decorated little noodle boxes to hold all our Easter eggs. We also played balloon volleyball and had a picnic lunch. There were lots of prizes and goodies and we all had a great time! Thanks very much to Gordon, Glenda, Catharine, Julie, Neville, Davina and others, for organising the day and helping us with miniball."

Liberty Thein-Pye age 9



"It was exciting and fantastic. We went on an Easter Hunt and played games. My favourite one was the balloons. I met a new friend, his name is Matthew. I talked to him on the double decker bus."

Tobias Brennan age 5

"I liked the bus and the egg and spoon race. I was really good at hitting the balloons with my fly swat. I liked making the Easter box".

Amelia Hall age 4

"I liked the Easter Egg hunt because I found a special ball."

Sam Barrow age 8

"My favourite part was the lolly scramble and I won 2 races and got prizes."

Josh Stoddard age 7

"I loved the Easter Egg hunt the best, especially trying to find them in the bushes and trees."

Anton Stoddard age 4

It was fun going on the bus. Most of the children sat up the top. The lolly scramble was fun. We all found heaps of chocolate Easter Eggs."

Levi Cockroft age 8

"I think the bus and Easter Egg hunt was cool!"

Matthew Wong age 6

"I liked sitting in the back of the bus on the top (deck)!"

Katie Wong age 4

We had great help from Neville and Julie Hall, Adrian Thein-Pye. Audrey Barrow, Andrina Sleeman and Glenda's Mum who provided the colourful boiled eggs.

The Children's Sub-Committee remit is to get together all kids of Chinese heritage. If your kids missed out on this event, feel free to contact anyone in the sub committee:

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Amelia, Alice, Liberty, Harper, Josh, Sam, Jaydon



Anton, Katie, Matthew and Tobias



Easter Bunnies – Davina, Catharine, Glenda and Bronwyn at KVC with Matthew, Anton and Tobias



Sam, Levi, Jaydon, Benjamin, Sam with Anton and Josh in front at George St Normal.



Noodle box decoration



Hunting for eggs



We've got the eggs!



Rice sacks!

OSCA ACTIVITIES QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all the people who sent in responses. Your

suggestions have been collated and the

OSCA subcommittees have great new ideas

to work on for all age groups: children,

youth and adults. We welcome any new

suggestions and assistance at any time.

Just contact any committee member at any time.

Every completed questionnaire went into the lucky draw.

Lucky winners of a bottle of wine each were:

Lillian Woung

&

Lee Phua

2008 NZCA LEADERSHIP & DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE



This year, the NZCA Leadership & Development Conference was held from 20th to 25th of January. The delegates from all over New Zealand, aged between 18 to 28, gathered at the Wellesley Country Club, Upper Hutt, Wellington, for a week of making new friendships, listening to and learning from respectable Chinese New Zealanders at the top of their fields.

Six delegates representing the Otago & Southland Chinese Association attended the conference. The representatives from Dunedin were Henry Kuo, Patrick Truong, Richard Wong, and Karena Sew Hoy. The representatives from Invercargill were Xing Dong and Lin Zhuo. All of these representatives are involved with organising and participating in the activities of OSCA.

Speakers:

The underlying theme of the camp was identity. Various speakers talked about their difficulties through adolescence.

The very first speaker for the camp was our very own representative from Dunedin, Mayor Peter Chin. His main message for us young delegates was “Do it your way.” This was very applicable for us as we were going to be listening to a number of different speakers with different backgrounds and strategies to succeed but at the end of the day, we were all individuals with different personalities. Mayor Chin told us that we needed to listen to the speakers and take out what we were interested in and use it in our own way to seek out success. He also gave us insight into his own personal experiences growing up, and being Dunedin’s first Chinese mayor. He was noticed as everyone in his own local Chinese community looked up to him, and from there he became known by the wider Dunedin community. Mayor Chin told us that it is important that if you want to become a leader, you firstly need to gain confidence in yourself through public speaking.

Professor James Liu was another very remarkable speaker who came to talk to us. He has a PHD in social psychology, is an author to more than 85 academic articles, and he is a Chinese American New Zealander. Professor James started

his speech with an activity for us to define ‘who’s hot and who’s not.’ This activity was pointing out to us, what the ideal accepted and perfect looking face was, but from this we were to learn not to judge people by their appearance, but instead get to know someone before you judge them. Professor James Liu had four main areas which he talked about, listed below:

1. Personal trait and situation.

-Who you are is what people think of you and what opportunities they give you.

-Our behaviour is influenced by our personality and the people around us. For example, in front of some people we are comfortable and in front of others we are not.

2. Culture and inheritance.

-Family inheritance is passed down to you. This creates your basic social identity; your ethnicity, gender, nationality and age. These things could help connect you with groups of people who are the same as you. For example, Chinese connecting with Chinese.

3. Social capital.

-He emphasized that the value of people and friends can help you get somewhere. There are two types of capital, firstly the bonding capital. These are your best friends; people you are closest to. The second type is of capital is bridging, which is the most important out of the two types. This contains the group of people which help you to get somewhere, and these people are generally introduced to you by friends in the first group (bonding capital). There is a higher chance of people from the second group helping you out in getting somewhere as opposed to your best friends (bonding capital).

From this, we learnt that networking is very important, as unlike trait and cultural heritage, you need social capital if you want to become a leader. “Leadership is often about the bridging of two groups.” For example, trying to bridge the gap between overseas/mainland Chinese and New Zealand born Chinese, to raise our social capital.

4. Organization structure.

-Every organization has an ideal leader which is embedded in the organization’s culture. It is important that if you want to be a leader that it is important getting along with and working interdependently with other members of the leadership team.

One speaker which we found very inspiration in the choice of his profession was Andrew Young, being the CEO of the Starship Foundation. He was previously the communications manager where he worked on media and public relations. He told us many stories about the patients and their families who he had got to know from working at Starship, and we found them all very touching; especially the one about Keegan after there was a documentary filmed on him, and who Andrew became very close to.

He also spent a lot of his time talking to us about how he previously did not want to be associated with Chinese, and wanted to be just like his other European friends.

It was not until he went on the Guangdong Winter Camp, where he realized how important it really was to accept himself as being Chinese. After the trip he was more appreciative of the efforts that his family made coming to New Zealand as he realized how lucky he was being able to grow up in New Zealand.

Monica Mercury was a very interesting speaker to listen to as she had a bright and bubbly personality. She was also quite different from the rest of the speakers as she is a New Zealand Chinese Maori who likes to call herself a “Chaori.” She was the captain of the Wellington NBL team in 1992, and was also a part of the 2001 WNBL champions. In her younger days she participated in the NZCA annual Easter sports tournament. Because of her mix of ethnicities, it was difficult for her to become accepted into both ethnic groups. When she was younger, it was difficult for her as she physically looked different and was a lot bigger than her Chinese cousins. Like the other speakers, she spoke a lot about her identity issues. Her main message to us was “to take the best from both worlds”. Monica joked that because she was part Chinese, she was hard working and good at maths, and since she was part Maori she can sing and have a good sense of humor.

Another speaker was Gilbert Wong, who leads the communication team at the Human Rights Commission. He excels as a contributing writer and theatre reviewer for Metro where he was an associate editor and the arts editor. His talk was about the past and recent media attacks on increasing Asian immigration to New Zealand. He talked about how in 1993, the mainstream media presented biased views and titled the story as “Asian Invasion”. This took a while to get to the press council and was difficult for Chinese to fight back. In 2006, an almost identical article was released by North and South Magazine titled “Asian Angst”. However this article sparked negative reviews by the public. This proved a change in perceptions of Chinese in New Zealand. Today there is a lot of cultural diversity within the media such as Melissa Davies, a European Chinese New Zealander reporting for 3 News, who was also a speaker at the conference.

Nigel Murphy gave an overview of the history of the Chinese immigration within New Zealand starting from the gold rush of the 1880s where many of us delegates’ ancestors were miners of the Otago gold rush. Nigel identified two movements. The majority of New Zealand Chinese came from the Gum Sarn (Gold Mountain) movement where Chinese men left their homes to obtain gold for the family in China. He also talked about the various acts in Parliament that were used to exclude Chinese from the majority group of New Zealander’s such as the Poll Tax, exclusions from social benefits, the exclusion of Chinese women to prevent families from starting up in New Zealand and reading tests designed to reject those who were English illiterate. This historical overview provided us with a general understanding and appreciation for the Chinese settlers who provided us with a better life in New Zealand.

Activities:

Before attending the conference the delegates were

required to complete an online test by Myers-Briggs to determine what personality formula we belonged to. The theory behind the test was that human behaviour is predictable and everyone belonged to one of sixteen styles. However these are only our “preferred mode of operation” and we can step out of these modes at times, much like stepping out of our comfort zone. Caroline Lineham was the lady who came in to take this session with us. She taught us that as leaders we should be mindful of the other personalities that we work with and to find the best way to get them to contribute in any situation.

We were placed in groups that were theoretically perfect as different personalities were able to compliment each other. Our first group activity was competing against one another to design a wearable art outfit. In our chosen groups, we were able to experience problems which we would come across in a real organization, and we learnt how to use each other’s strengths and weaknesses to create wearable art that was showcased at the end of the activity.

Afterwards we were introduced straight into our main task to be completed by the end of the camp. Each group was to come up with, and organize the event based around a new national day for New Zealand. This proved the most demanding as at the end of the Conference each group had to present their idea, including a skit, to a panel of judges in “Dragons’ Den” style. We found that because of the many different personalities within each group, many teams experienced a lot of conflict similar to a real working situation. It also gave us the chance to interact with the different personalities and styles classed by the Myers-Briggs system.

Throughout the week, each of the teams completed many tasks which helped bond and build better team relationships for the main task. One activity, which definitely strengthened each team, was the confidence course where we were able to have another chance to think about each group member’s Myers-Briggs combination, and to work the whole group’s combinations together to make sure the group was able to complete the confidence course in quick time.

On the Thursday night, we were lucky enough to be invited to the Chinese Embassy for dinner. We were greeted by the Ambassador and other important figureheads within the Embassy. The dinner was a very authentic Northern Chinese meal and all of us were surprised with the interesting dishes prepared. Afterwards the Ambassador was kind enough to give a speech and answer some of our questions.

Delegate’s Personal Thoughts:

The NZCA LDC was a great experience for me. The gathering of delegates from all over New Zealand made this a very special event. It was an awesome opportunity to meet people my age who had similar experiences and issues about our identity during adolescence. The friendships that were made are now an important network for the future New Zealand Chinese community.

The organisers and facilitators were a great bunch of people, always positive and happy to help. It created a very friendly atmosphere. Most of them were delegates from the LDC in the previous year, so the facilitators were also involved in the same experience as us.

The speakers were diverse and some had conflicting views but all were very inspirational, showing us paths we are able to take for success. The variety of speakers showed me that there is not one correct way for doing things, but numerous. I need to find and decide which path is best for me.

Henry Kuo

The New Zealand Chinese Association Leadership & Development Conference was straight up awesome. Listening to all the speakers made me realise that to become a leader you must believe in yourself so you can believe in others. The speakers, activities and the delegates who also attended the conference all helped me become a better leader.

The thing I liked the most at LDC was the new friendships I have made and the speeches from the successful New Zealand Chinese people. The delegates and the coordinators that attended LDC were amazing and glad that their friendships will be everlasting, even if they are from different provinces in the country.

Since attending the LDC I have brought back to Dunedin with me many memories, skills, knowledge and most importantly friends that I would cherish forever. The camp helped me utilise the skills I have and put them towards helping our next generation of New Zealand Chinese kids and help them grow and become our next generation leaders.

Patrick Truong

As a New Zealand born Chinese I have had very little contact with many Chinese who have immigrated to New Zealand. This is because there are many barriers which create a large void between me and my own heritage. I was brought up speaking English and even though I learned of the hardships my ancestors endured to give me the life I have now, I was still disinterested in closing this void. This NZCA Youth Leadership Camp helped me realise the responsibility I have, as a NZ Chinese, to bridge the gap between 3rd/4th generation Chinese, like myself and 1st generation Chinese. During my time at the camp I developed a better perception of both cultures. I was also able to create new friends and establish a network with all of the delegates of the camp. I value the time I spent with all the delegates and am confident that we will all become life long friends. We all have frequent correspondence with each other through email and Facebook. Those who attended the Easter Sports Tournament in Auckland this year also had a great reunion.

The Camp also inspired me to develop my leadership skills. Successful leaders from all over New Zealand shared their stories on leadership and how they battled with identity issues throughout their lives. We also learned how to optimise our personality strengths, improve on our weaknesses and understand how to work well with other types of personalities through the Myers-Briggs assessment. Practical application of this was critical throughout the camp when we were divided into different teams to work on

various projects and games.

Overall the camp was a great place to gain a better understanding of who I am today. We must capitalise on our unique cultural background that can relate to both English and Chinese people and, being raised in such a culturally diverse country, I feel that this is a crucial factor which will give us superior opportunities in the future.

Richard Wong

I was thrilled to be able to take part in this years Leadership conference. I found it quite moving, sitting and listening to the speakers who were chosen from a wide range of professions, and who had done extremely well in life, with one thing in common; they were either of full or part Chinese descent.

Every speaker had their own personal story to share with us of how they became the people that they are today. Most of them talked about their struggles growing up as a Chinese living in New Zealand, and it made me feel some sort of comfort knowing that it was not only me that dealt with these issues while I was growing up.

During the week I wrote down many success, and motivating quotes from the speakers, with my favourite being "what you can perceive, you can achieve" as I feel that this quote can be applied to many aspects of life.

Mayor Peter Chin was the only South Island speaker, but I felt that he definitely represented us well as he was asked to be the very first speaker for the conference. His speech was all about 'doing it your way' and one thing he told us, was that throughout the week we would be listening to a lot of speakers, and not everything will apply to each and every one of us, so we were to take out all the things which we felt were important and try and apply these things to our own lives.

One big thing which I took away from the conference was being able to feel more proud than ever to be a Chinese New Zealander, and that we should not see ourselves as having a disadvantage from the average kiwi, but having an advantage in life, as we are able to experience the best of both worlds.

Karena Sew Hoy

We would like to end with a big thank you to OSCA for



financially helping us out with our registrations. We want to make use of the many things which we took away from the Conference; therefore we hope to take up the many opportunities in the present and future to become leaders in activities through OSCA.

INVERCARGILL SUB-BRANCH REPORT

Greetings from the Invercargill Sub-Branch.

It has been a year now since the new Committee has been operating without Terence and Sue Wong. Their departure from the positions of Sub-Branch Chairman and Secretary left a huge gap.

Nevertheless we have continued functioning and were pleased to welcome Dorothy Tan onto the Committee and more recently Xing Dong Yan and Lin Zhuo.

We were delighted that Xin Dong and Lin were able to attend the NZCA Youth Leadership Conference this January. We're sure that their youthful enthusiasm will add a lively new dimension to our Committee and our Community.

Membership for this past year totaled 146 people (46 Families and 15 Single Members)

In mid August the Sub-Branch Committee was invited to a private preview of Te Hikoi, the new Riverton Museum which is scheduled to be opened late this year. Members of the museum committee were keen for us to see the collection of artifacts left from the settlement of Chinese gold miners who were in the Round Hill area in the late 1800s.

Our September Spring Lunch fundraiser (in conjunction with Southland Multi-Nations) was a huge success. 117 tickets were sold – full house at Ocean Seafood Restaurant. The event raised money for St John Ambulance and Southland Food Bank.

In spite of the cool weather on the day of our New Year Lunch we had a good turn out of people to celebrate the Year of the Rat – about 130 people enjoyed the friendship, food and the much anticipated Lion Dance from Dunedin.

Chinese Language classes for the children have now been running for a term. Thanks to Penny Chan and helpers who are teaching a new and innovative course, sourced from Hong Kong, the young students are enjoying the lessons.



On the last Saturday in March the Long Hilly Track at Round Hill was officially opened and a group of us attended the opening and had the opportunity to walk it. Of special significance was the fact that this track runs through the old gold diggings of the Chinese miners who worked in the area in late 1800s. Dr James Ng was one of the guest speakers and he was able to give us a history of the large Chinese settlement of miners. It was an amazing experience to see first hand the reinforcing stone walls which were built by the Chinese as they dug deeper into the ground for the soils suitable for sluicing and extracting the elusive gold dust.

Coming events and activities planned for the next few months include:

- Security in Business Workshops (the Sub-Branch in conjunction with other community organizations) for Chinese Takeaway and Dairy workers (April)



- Bus trip to visit the Chinese Garden – hopefully in June
- Resumption of Basketball practices for the children

EASTER 2008

An account of Auckland Easter by Richard Wong and Darren Joe

Easter Tournament, the biggest social event for the NZCA calendar, was held in Auckland this year and did not disappoint. Even though Otago & Southland sent one of the smaller contingents we were definitely a force to be reckoned with. We were involved in nearly all the sports on offer and were the only contingent to fully dress up for the socials. It was this attitude towards Easter Tournament that earned us the Goodwill & Friendship Trophy (the most important one of all).

The tournament started with athletics and Otago & Southland paid the price for not practising baton changes. The rubber track destroyed many of our star athletes. Special mention goes to Karena for not wearing any shoes in her relay, and Craig and myself for falling over on separate occasions. I would like to thank Rhys for injuring his toe and giving me my first (and only) appearance as a relay runner. In my first ever relay race I managed to face



plant just after offloading the baton to Conrad. My efforts were not in vain and my team managed to overtake last place on the second to last leg and came in at 4th place out of 5 teams. Lee was our only event winner, coming first in the mile. I guess the caffeine pills and short shorts did the job once again.

The tennis team had disappointing results but managed to come away with the mixed doubles trophies. Congratulations to the 'Golden Pair': Conrad and Brittany for winning that grade but the 'Silver Pair' of Nicole and I were the real winners that night when we took home the giant easter eggs for runners up. That's the most important prize after all.

Basketball was Otago & Southland's main sport and all four teams practiced hard in preparation for the many games we had to play throughout the Easter weekend.

The Women's U21 had a tough tournament. Despite not winning a game, credit must be due for the girls' determination, tenacity and for reaching double digits even

when they reeked of alcohol from the night before.

The Women's U17 also found tough competition in their grade. The group of social girls gained valuable experience after each match and looked like they were having fun on court. ☺



In stark contrast the Men's U21 were very competitive in their grade. They had prepared well with wins against their Men's Overs compatriots during practice and felt confident going into this Easter tournament. Their first two games were comfortably won against Wellington B and Auckland C but their winning formula could not be emulated against Auckland A. It appeared that the team suffered from nerves after the parents had promised them bacon and eggs for breakfast if they had won. The team eventually lost by 3 points but noticeable performances included Pat Truong who managed to body slam the point guard in an attempt to slow the clock down and Jono Wu for trying to pick a fight with a player who was a head taller than him. The team's run ended in a comprehensive defeat against Wellington A in the semi finals. Jason

was the only one to feel the full wrath of Wellington A when he thought he had hit a brick wall whilst trying to drive into one of the Wellington players. Even though we did not make the finals, we

were the only team not to get dunked on by Wellington A so we were able to hold our heads high.

The Men's Overs team had a tough draw and unfortunately did not qualify for the semifinals but their good sportsmanship and fair play helped Otago & Southland win the Goodwill & Friendship Trophy☺.



The other sports that Otago & Southland competed in were touch, indoor netball, netball, indoor soccer, golf and hockey. There were no memorable games that come to mind but we enjoyed competing in sports that were unfamiliar to some of us. I recall that it took me two full games of indoor netball to understand most of the rules.

Overall Otago & Southland had a very successful Easter Tournament. Although we did not win many trophies we all had a great time together, making new friends and taking away all the funny and embarrassing

memories that will sure to be brought up on countless occasions throughout the year.

The pictures Darren drew on page 20 are excellent examples. These moments were not captured on any camera but with his talented drawing skills we were able to recapture the magic. Enjoy!

Below are also some of our many photos from Easter 2008.



POST EASTER PARTY



The OSCA contingent held a Post Easter Party at the OSCA rooms on Saturday 12th April. The contingent regrouped to enjoy a lovely buffet Chinese meal.

We were then treated to Easter re-enactments, viewed Easter photos and also had to jog the backs of our memories to be able to answer the “Easter Quiz.” For those teams who were not doing well in the quiz they were given a second chance to add points to their tallies by undertaking challenges: wall sit, bridge hold and also “fluffy bunny” (stuffing marshmallows in their mouths.) Teresa Chan our President was very impressive in this one with her attempts at pushing even more marshmallows into her already very

overfull mouth!

Gifts of appreciation were given to our coaches, airport shuttle drivers and also to the parents who escorted the contingent to Auckland. The efforts of the t shirt logo designers and also our hard working team who supplied all the OSCA Easter Magazine write-ups were recognised. Then individual awards were given to those members of the contingent who excelled in certain fields e.g. Provocative Award, BK Volunteer Award, Most Disturbingly Dressed Award, Under-age Drinker Award etc

A delicious dessert of apple & boysenberry crumble, lime cheesecake and ice cream was served.

To finish off the evening there was a dance-off where Chee Chang showed that age is no barrier!





Gwa Leng (Gualing) Family Publication.

In 2006 there was a successful launch of the Tung Jung Association of NZ publication, Zengcheng NZer's, which profiled the various Jungseng villages and families that originated from there. However a number of Gwa Leng family profiles were not able to be included due to the limitations on content on the book.

Consequently the Gwa Leng New Zealand Family History Group was established with the following aims:

- to produce a contemporary historical record of Chinese New Zealanders tracing their roots back to Gwa Leng

- to promote and encourage families to develop their own family histories and family trees as a record for future generations.

A number of family profiles and family trees have already been submitted and this is a request to target those families from Gwa Leng that we are not aware of and have not been contacted.

If you have family roots from Gwa Leng, have an interest in your genealogy, have a story to tell and are comfortable to have it published along with other Gwa Leng families, please urgently contact Mike Wong at mike.wong@transit.govt.nz or Ph 06 8775085.

This project is supported by the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust.



The Olympic Games will be held in Beijing from August 8th to 24th 2008. This is the third of a series of articles which will inform readers of the preparations that are happening in Beijing leading up to this huge event:

Janice Sew Hoy

The NATIONAL AQUATICS CENTRE – THE WATER CUBE

The blue-coloured National Aquatics Centre (NAC) is nicknamed the "Water Cube." On December 24, 2003, the NAC broke ground and began earthworks. It took over four years to construct the Olympic venue, which is a new landmark in Beijing. It was inaugurated and delivered for use on the morning of January 28, 2008.

The NAC contains 17,000 standard seats, including 6,000 permanent seats and 11,000 temporary ones. During the 2008 Olympic Games, it will produce 42 gold medals in swimming, diving and synchronized swimming. After the Olympics, it will be converted into a multi-functional facility for sports, culture and recreation, featuring a "water setting."

The "Water Cube" was built in accordance with a water-saving design concept to be a gigantic "green" architectural wonder. In addition, it was designed with environmental protection efforts. According to statistics, the outer surface and roof facade can "collect" 10,000 tons of rain water, 70,000 tons of clean water and 60,000 tons of swimming pool water annually. And the venue can also save 140,000 tons of recycled water a year.

As a completely enclosed swimming gymnasium, a potential problem with high humidity was taken into consideration in the design. The NAC maintains spring-like warm temperatures with a comfortable level of humidity amid the city's chilly outdoor circumstances. Even in the city's humid August, the venue will be fully dew prevented. The strict temperature and humidity control system was built with recycled hot water to supply an air-conditioning system in the living area and the swimming pool. This successfully maintains comfortable temperatures and stable



humidity of between 50 and 60 percent in the venue. Eight fans which discharge the air naturally are set on the roof and the body of the "Water Cube." After fresh air enters the building, it can be discharged through the cavum in the roof. This is how the heating within the building is released.

The "Water Cube" is an architectural building that literally embodies the water theme. The design feature of the "Water



Cube" is the "bubbles." The 3000 irregular blue "bubbles" which form the outer wall of the "Water Cube" fully showcase the grace and sensitivity of water. These 3000 pneumatic die cushions have a coverage area of 110,000 square meters and form the largest building of this type in the world. The "Water Cube" is also the only public building that is fully made of a membrane structure.

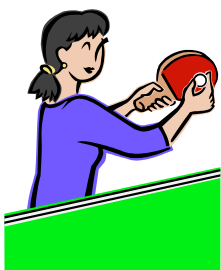
The membrane structure of the "Water Cube" uses a special material called ETFE (Ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene). This material was first used in the aviation industry and honoured as the "king of plastics." The project's ETFE air cushion structures are the first of their kind to be used in China and the largest and most complicated membrane system in any single project in the world. In the past 20-30 years, ETFE was used in 600 to 800 architectural structures in Europe. The transmission of light and strength of the ETFE membrane in the past 20 years have not deteriorated at all. So since the "Water Cube" is designed to last 100 years, the performance of ETFE membrane in the past 30 years boosts the designers' confidence. Tests have demonstrated the strength of the membrane structure of the National Aquatic Centre, even in bad weather conditions such as hailstones.

The ETFE membrane has many features/advantages:

- The blue-coloured "hubble-bubble" material is much lighter than conventional glazing structures with the same lighting effects, so the cost of its supporting steel structure was reduced considerably.
- Each of the 3000 bubbles can resist the weight of a car. It also has good resistance against fire and intense heat.
- The ETFE membrane is self-cleaning in nature. Even if dust does collect on it, as long as it rains, the surface is washed by rain water.

A moat was constructed around the "Water Cube" and the interior membrane structure also maintains a certain distance from the public area. Such a design makes sure that the spectators cannot touch the "bubbles," which greatly reduces the possibility of harming the structure.

According to the law of biology, birds do not like to stray upon semitransparent things. The only place atop the "Water Cube" that birds might land on is the rain water collection system. The designers set up metal wires on the collection system particularly to let the birds rest and make sure they do not step on the "bubbles."



Otago Table Tennis
Association

Want to play Table Tennis ?

When: Most Sundays
Time: :30am—12:00pm
Location: Edgar Stadium.

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A membership fee will be payable.

Contacts: Robin (ph 4770020 or 0274 335 803) Email: robinsh@clear.net.nz
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地點：Edgar Stadium

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CHINESE COOKING DEMONSTRATION

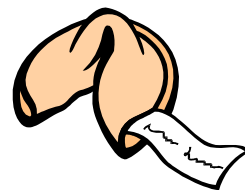
“MUM’S OLD FAVOURITES”

WHEN: 12TH JULY

WHERE: CHINESE ASSOCIATION ROOMS ON

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TIME: 2.00PM - 4.30PM



A SMALL CHARGE APPLIES TO COVER FOOD COSTS

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GARDEN TOUR PLANNED FOR END OF OCTOBER - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

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Dear Member/Intending Member,

Memberships for 2008 are now due. We encourage every member of the Chinese Community, your family and friends to join the Otago & Southland Chinese Association.

Benefits you will get from being a member are: Chinese New Year picnic, Chinese New Year dinner, August Moon dinner, certification service, translation service (at a discounted rate), newsletters, use of the club rooms, NZCA Annual Easter Sports Tournament, Annual South Island Chinese Miniball & Basketball Tournament, NCEA academic awards, NZCA Guangdong Youth Winter Camp, NZCA Youth Leadership Camp, NZCA Adult China Tour, organized trips and many more.

Weekly miniball and basketball practices are held on Sundays in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The Chinese School and dance classes also run every Sunday.

Each year we hold a number of events for the Chinese Community. Your membership will ensure that you will be able to participate fully in these community events and meet other members of your Chinese Community.

Your membership will allow you to participate in many of our functions at a discounted rate. Many of our activities are only available to members of the Association.

To ensure that you remain on our mailing list and continue to receive our newsletters and information on community events we encourage you to enter your details on the subscription form and return it to us with your payment. In order to facilitate our communication with you, particularly on upcoming events we ask that you include your email address.

The OSCA needs your input and ideas to further the community spirit.

Otago & Southland Chinese Association Committee.

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Please include names of other Chinese who maybe interested in becoming members of our Association: 如你知道其他華人有興趣成為華聯會會員的話,請填寫他們的資料:		
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