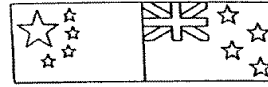




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NEXT MEETING:

You are invited to a

BANQUET

to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the
TIGER

on Friday 5th February at 7.00pm
at the Garden Restaurant (BYO)
Joll Road, Havelock North

Cost \$25 per person

**RSVP to Sally by email or phone 877 6027
by Wednesday 3rd February.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

春节快乐 (*chun jie yu kuai le*) means spring festival happy
如意吉祥 (*Yu Yi Ji Xiang*) means lucky, realize your wishes
恭喜发财 (*Gong Xi Fa Cai*)

Dates for Branch Monthly Meetings for 2010:

The Executive has agreed that meetings will not be held on Good Friday or the Friday before Queen's Birthday.

March 6 – International Cultures Day, Cornwall Park - all day event

April 9 - Jennifer Leaf, a Qi Gong teacher, will introduce this meditative practice.

May 7	September 3
June 11	October 1
July 2	November 5
August 6	December 3



**Please spare an hour to pour Chinese tea or sell our crafts items.
The NZCFS stall is a fun way to enjoy this action packed day.
Please phone Mike Earle on 877 6027 and tell him when you can help.**



The **Wellington Dragon Dance Group** with 15 performers will be a highlight. This group started as a community and family contribution to Wellington's Chinese New Year celebrations and have had trainers from Singapore come to help them hone their techniques.

They recently took part in the Hong Kong World Luminous Dragon Dance championships. It was the first time a non-Asian country has attended the cultural sports event, which was performed in the dark and involved a giant puppet and live percussion performance. The colourful and energetic dances are performed at festivals and ceremonies and are believed to bring good fortune and blessings.

Guangxi Women's Federation visit to Hawke's Bay

A Guangxi Women's Federation delegation visited Hawke's Bay on 29 and 30 November. Thank you **Rodney Green, Bluewater Motel**, for meeting the delegation in his stretch limo at Hawke's Bay airport and to Branch members who accompanied them to dinner. Thanks also to **Hastings District Councillor Kevin Watkins** and **Sister City Officer Christine Ennis** for meeting them in the Guilin Room to discuss Hawke's Bay and China connections, and to **Geraldine Travers, Principal, and staff and pupils of Hastings Girls' High School**, for hosting them. **Lou Klinkhamer** and Kevin showed them the Osmanthus Garden and Lou fitted in a trip to Te Mata Peak before he and **Janice** hosted them to a Kiwi style lunch.



Rodney Green and Branch members meet the delegation at Hawke's Bay Airport.

Delegation members were: **Ms Huang Ping**, Vice Chair of Guangxi Women's Federation, **Ms Pan Yuqing** from the General Office of the CPC Guangxi Committee, **Ms Huang Xiaodong** from the Guangxi Public Security Department, **Ms Wen Jiancheng** Chairwoman of Guilin Women's Federation, **Ms Zhang Lingzhen** Chairwoman of Wuzhou Woman's Federation and **Ms Huang Xiaoman**, Chairwoman of Hezhou Woman's Federation.

Ms Huang Ping wrote, "I would like to thank you for a most pleasant and rewarding visit. We will never forget the beautiful visit to New Zealand. Especially express sincere thanks on behalf of all the members of my group. We wish our two countries as well Chinese and New Zealand women, to be forever friends!"

2010 NZCFS Projects and Rural Communities Tour

After a very successful 2009 projects tour, the **2010 tour** is in the planning stage. This year, Dave Bromwich will lead the tour to **project partners in Hebei, Sichuan and Guangxi**, with connections to He Mingqing scholars, cooperatives, earthquake reconstruction, and agricultural technologies. A highlight is meeting NZCFS project partners, and the communities who have benefited.

We will travel the backblocks to visit **Tibetan communities** in a detour to **West Sichuan** through high mountains and grasslands, and in **East Guizhou** visit Miao and Dong communities. We will enjoy good quality local cuisine, and gain an understanding of history, culture and life as we go.

Planning is for around 20 days in China, 9-30 October, with a cost estimate of approximately \$6000 all up, excluding visa and insurances.

Please phone Dave Bromwich on 06 877 9930 or email him on dbchinz@xtra.co.nz to register your interest now.



Last year's Tour was welcomed by the Guangxi Women's Federation in Nanning

DVD Library for Members

Mike Earle has added over 30 DVDs, both documentaries and feature films, to the existing DVD library. These are available on loan at each meeting for members to sign for and return at the next meeting.

THE YEAR OF THE TIGER 14/2/2010 – 2/2/2011

The Tiger is one of the most beautiful creatures on the planet, and is feared and revered in equal measure. It features in many Asian cultures as a manifestation of courage, power, passion and royalty. The Tiger symbolizes the female **Yin** energy as opposed to the **Yang** male energy of the dragon. It is a sign of courage and is fearless and this fiery fighter is revered by the ancient Chinese as a sign that wards off the three main disasters of a household: fire, thieves and ghosts.



Ancient Chinese believe that the markings on the forehead of tigers resemble the Chinese character for "**Wang**", or King. In Imperial China, where the dragon is the insignia of the Emperors, the tiger is the military emblem of the highest supreme commanders of the army symbolizing fearlessness and victory. The Tiger also represents Earth, while the dragon represents Heaven. The powerful and stealth prowess of the Tiger inspires the martial art movements of many **Kung-Fu** masters.

Courageous, active, and self-assured. Optimistic, passionate and independent. Rebellious, dynamic, and unpredictable. Quick tempered but considerate. Affectionate but careless. The Tiger is a natural born leader and symbolizes power, passion and daring. People born in the Year of the Tiger are generally well liked because of their charming personalities.

Tigers are fond of competitions. They simply cannot pass up a challenge. They may appear cool and are unpredictable, and it would be unwise to underestimate their reactions. Natural leaders, they have a strong sense of their own dignity. They are intelligent, alert, and farsighted. Good strategists and tacticians, they often have a hidden agenda. As long as they do not risk their luck too often, and keep their restless nature under control, they will enjoy success and happiness.

People born in the Year of the Tiger are straightforward and uninhibited in nature. They will never give up no matter how frustrated they may become, but they are also full of suspicion and sometimes will take hasty action.

National News

from December 2009

REWI ALLEY MAKES TOP TEN - Over 56 million votes cast recently on an Internet survey organised by China Radio International to find the Top Ten Foreign Friends of China over the last 60 years, saw **Rewi Alley** recording millions of votes to be rated number seven.

The final Top Ten Foreign Friends are an amazing list of outstanding individuals headed by the Canadian **Doctor Norman Bethune**, for whom the New Zealand missionary nurse, Kathleen Hall smuggled medical supplies through the Japanese lines to keep his medical clinic operational. The list includes **John Rabe**, the revered German working in Nanjing, who saved thousands from slaughter in that city during the Massacre in 1937. Each of the Top Ten has made memorable efforts in aid of the Chinese people, many of whom were friends of Rewi Alley like **Edgar Snow of USA**, **Dr Joseph Needham** of the UK and **Israel Epstein** of Poland.

Philippa Reynolds, Rewi Alley's niece, goes to Beijing - An Award Ceremony was held in Beijing on December 8th where Philippa Reynolds of Nelson received the Award on Rewi's behalf in the Great Hall of the People. In 1997 Philippa, on behalf of the Christchurch Gansu Friendly Relations Committee, wrote a biography, "*Rewi Alley - From Canterbury To China*", to recognise the 100-year celebrations of Rewi Alley's birth, and visited many of his residences in China during the year.