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NZCFS National Conference: Dare to ask where to from here!

Friday 24 May – Sunday 26 May 2019

The New Zealand China Friendship Society National Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 24 May to Sunday 26 May 2019, at Connolly Hall, Thorndon. The theme of the Conference is “敢问路在何方 (Gǎn wèn lù zài hé fāng): Dare to ask where to from here!”.



We welcome special guests including Her Excellency Ms Wu Xi, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China, Ray Wallace, Hutt City Council Mayor, Mike Tana, Porirua City Mayor and Celia Wade-Brown, along with presentations from the Confucius Institute, Sister Cities NZ and the People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

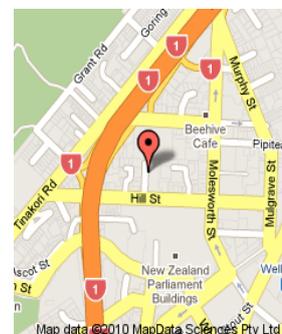
Registrations are still open, and can be found at: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/nzcfs-2019-national-conference-registration/> or by filling out the form at the end of the newsletter.

As a result of the National Conference, there will not be a Branch meeting held in May. The next Branch meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 June 2019, at Connolly Hall.

Connolly Hall

Guildford Terrace, off Hill Street, Thorndon, Wellington (see map)

(Car park up Guildford Tce beside Hall)



SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL REMINDER

Please remember that 2019 membership subscriptions renewals are now due. Please renew if you have not already done so (form attached at end of newsletter).

MEETING DATES FOR 2019 – CONNOLLY HALL

The dates Connolly Hall has been booked for monthly meetings this year are Wednesdays 19 June, 17 July, 21 August, 18 September, 16 October and 20 November 2019.

BRANCH MEETING 10 APRIL 2019 - MEETING REPORT

At our April branch meeting, Steven Young spoke on the topic of “Chinese Migrants: From the 1860s to Present Day”. Steven took us on a journey of the history of Chinese immigration from the very first Chinese arrival in New Zealand in 1842 through to his thoughts on the present Chinese immigration patterns and demographics in New Zealand. The topic was one of particular interest to meeting attendees, which led to a number of audience members contributing some of their own family stories and other anecdotes and insights.



For those who do not know, Steven Young is the Immediate Past-President of the Wellington Chinese Association and former National President of the New Zealand Chinese Association. Steven was born in China and arrived in New Zealand 1951. His father arrived in 1926, while his grandfather arrived in 1899. Steven has had a long-time involvement in Chinese community affairs since 1975, and has worked on the Poll Tax consultation and delivered the community's response at Parliament. He is a former member of the Advisory Board – Centre for Applied Cross-cultural Research, and works as a Consulting Engineer in Wellington.

For those who were unable to attend the April meeting, Steven will be giving a presentation of this topic at the NZCFS National Conference in May.

AN EVENING WITH ORIENTXPRESS

At the invitation of Wellington Chinese Association, ORIENTXPRESS will present a public soiree where band members share their musical journeys, demonstrate a rehearsal scene and perform a few sing-along and dance-along numbers. The evening will finish with the voting for a “Best Dressed Prize”, awarded to an audience member who embodies the best vintage Shanghai style. So be sure to show up in your most selfie-worthy finery. All are welcome!



Time: 7pm-8:30pm Friday 17 May 2019

Venue: Chinese Anglican Church, 30 Glenmore St, Northland, Wellington

Dress code: traditional, retro, Shanghai vintage

ORIENTXPRESS is a Wellington-based niche band playing a cross-cultural mix of Chinese and Western jazz. Its repertoire of Old Shanghai Jazz and Chinese songs has proved to be very popular with old and young in the Chinese community and its inclusion of a Western jazz repertoire has widened its appeal. Since it was formed in 2007, the Band has been in demand for both public and private functions in the diverse cultural communities. Highlights include performances at Te Papa, the annual Chinese New Year Festival, the 2017 New Zealand China Mayor Forum, and the 2018 Asia Aotearoa Arts Hui

MANDARIN CORNER 汉语角 SATURDAYS 3.15-5PM

Room 101, at KP24 Kelburn Parade, Victoria University of Wellington.

Mandarin Corner (Wellington), established in 1995 by NZCFS, is a weekly event where students learning Chinese meet with native speakers of Chinese for conversation and cultural activities in a friendly, relaxed setting, and is open to all level. Come along if you are interested, and attendance is free. Mandarin corner does not run during school holidays. For more information contact Xiaosheng Zhou at xiaosheng.zhou@vuw.ac.nz.

WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST – AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!

In this Year of the Pig, the Winston Churchill NZ China Friendship Society partnered Fellowship is again offered for travel and study in China.

The Fellowship helps people travel to China to learn from others and study topics that will:

1. Advance their industry/sector and
2. Benefit NZ and Chinese understandings and relationships

The synergies that benefit both countries depend on the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust and NZCFS working together to promote information about the Fellowship and its recognition and esteem in our communities. Whilst the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust provides the infrastructure of a selection process that is robust, regulated by law and has official recognition and esteem, we ask our NZCFS members to assist by using your large networks for promotion and publicity of our partnership.

Applications open on May 1st and close 31st July 2019, with decisions made in September, 2019. Travel must be undertaken in 2020. [Please click here HERE for more information.](#)

OUR FIRST HE MING QING SCHOLAR, BY DAVE BROMWICH IN CHINA

Kathleen Hall was a New Zealand missionary nurse in China who worked in poor rural areas under extremely difficult conditions, and trained local nurses to work alongside her. She was also swept up in the war against Japan. Time and time again she smuggled medical supplies through the Japanese lines to Dr. Norman Bethune, the Canadian surgeon who was in charge of medical services for the Chinese 8th Route Army. In the 1930s she was appointed Sister-in-Charge in Anguo Hospital in Hebei Province.

Rewi Alley, New Zealand's most famous old China hand, said, "If Kathleen Hall was a man, she'd be a hero". She was a small modest woman, very determined and intrepid. The people called her He Ming Qing.

The He Ming Qing (Kathleen Hall) Memorial Scholarship was established by our society in 2006, in her honour, in recognition of the work she did. The scholarship provides three year scholarships for young Chinese women from poor rural areas, enabling them to complete nursing training at a medical training college, in order to return to their villages and work for improved health standards.

This programme was the brainchild of long-serving society member Di Madgin of our Christchurch branch, who was instrumental in setting it up and administered it for many years. To achieve it, she and Dave Bromwich worked with the Chinese Women's Federation, which has a presence in all schools. The programme met with the old Confucian idea that if you can have a scholar from a poor family, it raises the whole family's kudos.

The first recipient, in 2006, was Wei Yunjie. She was from Chuangshang village, of Jinchengjiang city, NW Guangxi. She studied at Guangxi Medical University with the support of a HMQ scholarship. Her father died of liver disease, and her mother was very unwell; a very poor family. We have had no contact with Wei Yunjie for eight years, the last being when Bill Willmott and Di Madgin met her in Yangshuo with a tour group, some years ago.



At last year's national conference, Miao Fan, president of the Hamilton branch, was elected chair of the He Ming Qing committee. She is working on bringing all our HMQ scholars together into a Wechat group, so that we can have updates on a regular basis.

Miao mentioned her to me, as I am in China at the moment. I happened to still have her



mobile number, so I put it in to Wechat search, and within three minutes she was there! We were delighted to be reconnected, and have had several video chats. I detoured on my travels and dropped into her city to see her. She married her boyfriend from middle school, Lu Jiakun, in 2012 and they have a nine month old son. They met me off the train at 9.00pm, but we only spent an hour together, as she started work the following

department of the People's Hospital of Hechi city. Her husband works in environmental protection.

The HMQ Scholarship has proven to be a big success, and this story about Wei Yunjie is an example of that. We are now onto our 9th scholar. A copy of Tom Newnham's book on Kathleen Hall, translated into Chinese, is given to each student.

This programme is a tangible example of the good work our society (and a big Thank You to the branches supporting the programme!) is doing in supporting people in the villages. Kathleen and Rewi would be very pleased!

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Honorary Advisors: Luke Qin and Michael Powles

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

I/We would like to renew/commence membership of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand China Friendship Society Inc. for 2019 (the financial year is January to December):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (full time) | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Single | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional | \$40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family | \$32 | | |

Name:
(Surname) (Given names)

Spouse's/Partner's Name:
(Surname) (Given names)

Address
(Postal Code)

Phone Email

Contact Person for Organisations:

Payment total is as follows:

Membership Subscription \$

Payment method:

- Payment by Direct Credit to New Zealand Donation
China Friendship Society Bank **Total**
Account No 117200 0080836 11 ANZ Bank.

Please quote your name and "Subscription" and be sure to email details to wgtncfs@gmail.com

- Please tick if receipt is required.

Note: Donations over \$5 are tax-deductible. Registration No: CC27242

NZCFS 2019 National Conference Registration Form

Event Timing: Friday 24th - Sunday 26 May 2019

Event Address: Connolly Hall, 10 Guildford Terrace, Thorndon, Wellington 6011

Contact us at wgtncfs@gmail.com

Please fill out the following, and send a copy with proof of payment to wgtncfs@gmail.com:

Name (as to appear on name tag): _____

Contact address: _____

City: _____

NZCFS Branch (if applicable): _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Registration Fee

* Registration Fee: \$100 per person (paid by 10th May)

* Registration Fee: \$140 per person (paid on or after 10th May)

* Registration Fee (University student or under): \$50 per student

* Conference Banquet Saturday 25th May: \$40 per person.

Number of attendees: _____

Name of all attendees (as to appear on name tag): _____

Any dietary or special requirements (if so, please give details)?: _____

Number of seats reserved at banquet (Saturday night): _____

Payment

If making a direct credit/online banking payment, please quote your "NAME" and the word "CONF" as the reference.

Please choose one of the following payment methods:

Direct deposit to NZCFS Wellington branch ANZ account 11-7200-0080836-11

Post a cheque to NZCFS Conference Treasurer, PO Box 5423, Wellington