



NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

AUGUST 2011

HAMILTON BRANCH

GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST 2011 at Parents Place, 87 Boundary Road (opposite Migrant Centre) – Please note this meeting will be in the house at the front, rather than our usual venue of the room at the rear of the property. Guest speaker is Dr Miles Barker, Associate Professor in Science and Environmental Education at the University of Waikato. Miles will share some highlights of his recent New Zealand China Friendship Society trip, lead by national treasurer Royden Smith. Beginning in Beijing, with its memories of the end of the Qing dynasty and the founding of the People's Republic, the group seemed to travel back in time – first to the mountainous, mining Shanxi province; then to populous northern Henan province, where the Song dynasty made its home along the banks of the unstable Yellow River; and on to Shaanxi province, the land of gracious Huashan mountain and the great city of Xi'an, where the terracotta warriors are the fabulous evidence of the initial explosion of Qin dynastic power. Along the way were so many other observations to be made – China's stunning landscapes, its environmental concerns, and its diverse peoples. If you need a ride to this meeting, please ask a committee member.

BRANCH FUNDRAISING and MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION LUNCHEON on Sunday 31 July at Master Kong Chinese Restaurant. This was a very successful event. We had 53 persons who had booked, but about 60 actually turned up, so we had a bit of a squeeze fitting everyone in at the five large tables we had booked. Sincere thanks to our members and friends who turned up with enthusiastic support and donations. \$1240-00 worth of supermarket vouchers was collected and has been forwarded to Christchurch Branch for distribution to those of their members most in need. We already have a response from Christchurch Branch "They are amazing, please thank everyone concerned". So far, we have had two new members as a result of this promotion.

12 September 2011 – the 15th day of the eighth lunar month is the date of one of China's ancient festivals still celebrated today wherever there are Chinese people. **Zhongqiujie (Mid-Autumn Festival or Moon Festival)** has been recorded in Chinese history from the time of the Zhou Dynasty, when the Emperors followed the rite of making sacrifices to the moon when it reached its largest size (on the 15th day of the 8th month). Moon cakes are traditionally eaten on this day, while gazing at the full moon in the evening. Moon cake fillings have increased in flavor range over the years to suit local taste and modern ideas. In South East Asia you can find snowskin moon cakes called Ping Mei made from cooked glutinous rice flour. Haagen-Daz have even introduced a line of ice cream moon cakes in Asian markets.

**HE MING QING (KATHLEEN HALL)
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING
DINNER 6 p.m. on SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

2011 at Canton Hong Kong Restaurant, 32 Alexandra Street, Hamilton. For many years now the Hamilton Branch has been supporting this NZCFS National Project as our major annual fundraising event. NZCFS raises funds to be spent in China in training rural nurses to work in impoverished country areas – as a living memorial to commemorate the life of NZ missionary nurse Kathleen Hall who worked for a long time in China, and in particular, under the years of Japanese occupation. This scholarship provides three year scholarships for young Chinese from poor rural areas enabling them to complete nursing training in order to return to their villages and work for improved health standards in their community. The story of Kathleen Hall (who was one of the founders of NZCFS), her nursing work in China, and the scholarship, are featured on our website:

www.nzchinasociety.org.nz on the homepage under Major Ongoing Project Areas – He Ming Qing (Kathleen Hall) Memorial Scholarships.

Dinner menu: Complimentary soup, roast and BBQ pork, salty chilli squid, ma po doufu, sweet and sour pork, black pepper beef, choy sum, ginger and spring onion chicken, green beans with chicken and Chinese olives, soya chicken, and steamed rice .

Price: \$25-00 per head. Donations of raffle prizes (items of Chinese cultural origin are usually very popular) are requested. Winner of the first draw has first pick of the prizes, and so on, so the more prizes we have, the more people can win one. We particularly request support of members, families and friends for this occasion.

As soon as possible, but certainly **before Thursday 15 September**, please contact Meryl (ph 843 5260 email meryl.l@clear.net.nz) or Ian (ph 855 9431 email ian@howat.net.nz) with details of number attending and a note of any items to be donated for raffle prizes so that we can book enough tables at the restaurant – we are hoping to fill it!

Sunday 11 September 2011 at 12 noon at Canton Hong Kong Restaurant, 32 Alexandra Street, Hamilton. The Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Chinese Association are celebrating Mid Autumn Festival with a lunch.

Mid Autumn Festival lunch menu as follows:

Complimentary soup

1. Roast duck/ soya chicken combination
2. Sweet sour pork
3. “Gold/Silver tofu “(fried and steamed tofu with minced chicken?)
4. Spicy squid
5. Stir fry choy sum
6. Black bean steak with ginger and spring onion
7. Stir fry beans with Chinese olives and minced chicken

Served with steam rice (complimentary)

Tickets are \$13-00 per head for **Waikato Chinese Association members** and \$16-00 for **non-WCA members**. Bookings with payment by 4 September 2011: cheques to The NZCA Waikato Branch Inc, PO Box 9294, Hamilton North. **OR** For internet payment please transfer fund to 031560-0056023-000 (Waikato Chinese Association A/C) and include your name in the reference fields and email contan@tcs.co.nz for notification of internet payment.

Lend-a-book or Swap-a-book

. Some of us have books and novels on or about China. If you provide brief details of the book we can publish this in our newsletter - another member can then contact you to borrow the book. If we have sufficient interest we could include swap-a-book or lend-a-book as part of our monthly meeting. We would also love to have someone give a spoken précis of any interesting book on or about China that they have read. We also welcome any book reviews for publishing in our newsletter.

MANDARIN SEMINAR: With the increasing interest in the learning of Mandarin within our communities The New Zealand China Friendship Society will run a Mandarin Seminar on Saturday 27 August at Tauranga Intermediate School from 10am.

In recent years Rotorua area have been very fortunate with the development of very successful and cost effective programmes in a number of schools led by Ms Laytee George. Laytee is a dynamic speaker with HUGE enthusiasm for her topic, she will give us a presentation and lead discussion about developing a successful Mandarin programme in schools. Laytee is the National President of The New Zealand Chinese Language Association Though we are targeting schools, everyone will be welcome, scholars, students, parents, school administrators, etc

10am Meet and greet over morning tea. Warm up discussion on why we should be learning Mandarin in New Zealand.

10.30 PRESENTATION by Laytee George

11.00 Discussion groups lead by Laytee

12.00 To enable you to carry on talking, an optional Chinese buffet lunch, supplied by the Fraser Cove Chinatown Restaurant, will available following the seminar from 12 noon. Orders for the \$11.00 meal will be taken up till 10.15am. (please pay at the door). You may make your choice from **two different Chinese meals** when you make your order.

Saturday 27 August 11 10.00am
Tauranga Intermediate School 16th Avenue Tauranga
Gold coin donation please.

Interested native speakers of Chinese especially welcome.

特别欢迎中国有兴趣的母语。

For more information ring either Jenevere Foreman 07 850 1312
or me on 07 577 0583 (johnhodgson@xtra.co.nz)

Regards, John Hodgson, Tauranga Branch President.



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STUDY TOUR: "LEARNING MANDARIN, EXPERIENCING CHINA and ENJOYING CHINESE NEW YEAR – see home page www.nzchinasociety.org.nz

While this tour was originally aimed at senior high school, gap, or first year university students, Beijing Baillie University has confirmed that they would also consider any age group. If you are interested, know someone who may be interested, or require any further details, please contact Ian, Jenevere, or our North Island NZCFS vice-President Dave Bromwich Email dbchinz@xtra.co.nz

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Violet WU and LI Ma (Maggie).

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