



NZ China Friendship Society

Dunedin Branch

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Our next branch meeting:

OCTOBER - Friday 12 October NO

**POSTPONED to
FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 7.00pm**

Venue: Home of Dr Haixin Jiang
55 Glendining Ave, North East Valley

ODT Agribusiness reporter Sally Rae recently visited Beijing as part of an NZCFS Media Tour. She will share her insights.

She writes:

From a farming background in North Otago, I have been a journalist for the Otago Daily Times for the past 18 years - 16 of those covering general news and the past two years as farming editor, and business reporter. Travelled to China for a week in May (Shanghai and Beijing) at the invitation of the NZCFS, along with four other senior journalists and a

photographer (I was the only South Islander), and our delegation leader George Andrews, with the objective of discussing topics of our choice with key policy makers in the Chinese Government. My chosen subject was dairying - particularly the expansion of Fonterra in China, and also Chinese investment in NZ. It was my first trip to China.

In the meantime, look for her articles in the ODT LINK: <http://www.odt.co.nz/history/105>

Normally Sally is behind the camera taking photos of her interviewees, but here she is on the NZCFS Media Tour of China earlier this year.



The media team get their first sight of Shanghai streets. L to R; Sally Rae Agriculture Editor, Otago Daily Times; Liam Dann, Business Editor, NZ Herald; Heather McCarron, Reporter Radio Live; and David White, photographer for the Herald and the NZ Listener.

This meeting will be of interest to members, travelers, farmers, ODT readers, those with Chinese business links, and those who buy milk!

Recently: Branch members Colin and Viv were part of a NZCFS delegation to Shanghai.

Shanghai has an important sister city relationship with Dunedin.

You can find out more about this here: [Dunedin City Council](#)

<http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/your-council/sister-cities/shanghai-china>

and here: The Dunedin Shanghai Association



<http://www.dunedinshanghai.com/1.htm>

Our hosts were the wonderful Scott Wu Fei and Jiang Jiang (Maggie) from Shanghai Youxie (People's Assoc for Friendship with Foreign Countries)

Four notes from their trip:

1. For travelers: It's easy to get to Shanghai

Air New Zealand - arriving 7.30am.
Easy change on to the metro(\$5), or go half the way by 300kph Maglev then easy change on to the metro(\$10+\$3) .



Viv Shanghai airport

From Travel China Guide:

<http://www.travelchinaguide.com/cityguides/shanghai/getting-around.htm>

Shanghai - a booming metropolis in east China - is the first stop of many people when they travel to China. Want to feel the pulse of the city immediately? It is recommended to take the maglev train if you are just arriving at Pudong International Airport of the city. You will be impressed by the amazingly fast speed of the train and have an exciting first experience in the city.

Shanghai Maglev Train (SMT) has been operating since the end of 2002. It was the world's first and only commercialized maglev train line in operation. It runs from Pudong International Airport to Longyang Rd. The whole journey takes only eight minutes.



2. An unexpected highlight for Colin, a pianist and piano teacher:

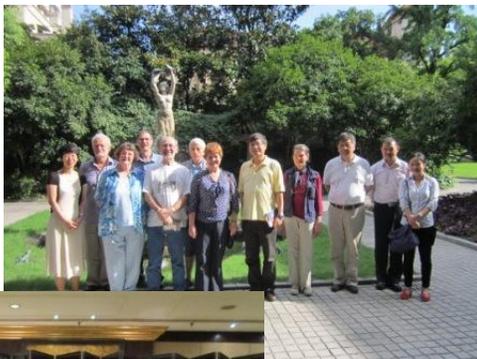
We went to Zhu Jiaiao, an ancient water village in the Chingpu district of Shanghai. The houses are built on canals. I expected to see an erhu, pipa or guzheng (traditional Chinese musical instruments) but instead I came across a girl on an old pedal organ practising Beethoven's 'Fur Elise'. I didn't have time to give her a lesson, but what a pleasant surprise.



3. Writers Exchange: Members of the delegation from Auckland were able to sign a Memorandum of Intent between the Shanghai Writers Association and the Michael King Writers Residency in Auckland for a writers



exchange. Dunedin Writers will be able to participate also!



Delegation at Shanghai Writers Association

4. More Music -

We attended a pipa (Chinese lute) concert . Even for those with us not into music so much, this was a highlight. A virtuoso performance by Tang Xiao Feng and 60 piece traditional Chinese orchestra.

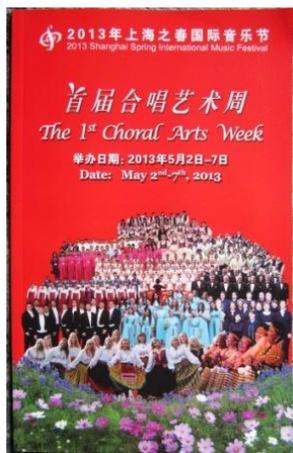


Shanghai hosts the Shanghai Spring International Music Festival in May each year.

<http://www.ssimf.org/>

And we may well have a Dunedin choir participating in the Shanghai Choral Arts Week in the future.

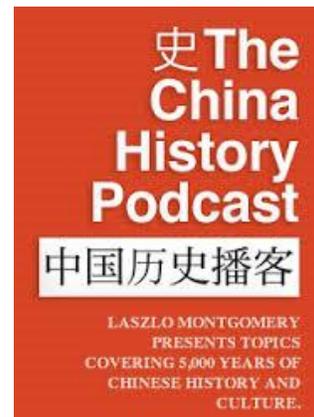
Interested in finding out more? Contact the branch secretary.



On the NZCFS website you can read the reports on the Writers Exchange and Setting up Musical links. Go to <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/news/news-and-events/>

Interested in Chinese History?

Branch member Dr LAWRENCE LAU recommends this website **China History Podcast**



“it is the relationship between people that builds bridges”

<http://chinahistorypodcast.com/>

Here is a review

<http://www.chinalawblog.com/2013/08/china-history-podcast-it-is-that-good.html>



Recently: Zhu Yi was one of our guests at our August meeting. Here she writes of her New Zealand experience.

Teaching Mandarin in Dunedin

15 hours' flights - near 10000 kilometers, that's the distance between China and New Zealand. It's a far distance on the map, but so close on the heart.

I think I am lucky that I can be one of the Mandarin assistants of Confucius Institute to come to New Zealand, come to Dunedin to teach Mandarin and share Chinese culture while learning New Zealand culture, and what the

important is I can witness the friendship between china and New Zealand. It has been 41 years since China and New Zealand established diplomatic relations, let alone that Shanghai and Dunedin are sister cities, so we have a Chinese Garden here, which is so lovely, and I do study in Shanghai, and now I am teaching in three schools in Dunedin. What an amazing coincidence, isn't it?

Time flies, the day that my homestay family picked me up in the airport seems happened yesterday, I can't believe I have been here for about 7 months. I really had a good time in Dunedin, which as beautiful and peaceful like a garden. I've been to Auckland, Queenstown Tekapo, Wanaka and Christchurch, so amazing sceneries!

I really enjoying my teaching. I am teaching nearly 1400 kids, so lovely and lively children. We learn basic dialogues and sing Chinese songs together, cut Chinese paper-cut, do the calligraphy, play dramas, learn lots of interest things of China and Chinese culture. The popular activity is a game called "touch the word", - who touches the word we learned first will win; and they like Chinese art as well, such as making Chinese craft like a lantern. We do lots of interesting things together.



When I walk on street and heard the kids say loudly "nǐ hǎo, zhū lǎo shī!" to me(which means hello, Miss Zhu),I think that's the happiest time! They do enjoy Mandarin and are happy to participate in it. We also have different dance groups, and even played on moon festival celebration show in Chinese garden.

Except we have Chinese Garden in Dunedin, the other thing I feel warm is I saw the "window of Shanghai" in Dunedin library. There are lots of Chinese books there, both have Chinese version and English version, introduce lots of aspects of China, like the customs, the festival, the buildings and clothing, food, really become a window of China. Maybe we have a window of Dunedin in Shanghai, what a great idea to communicate culture of each other!

Did I mention that Dunedin people are so nice and warm? They helped me a lot. China is a state of ceremonies since ancient times. I think New Zealand is also a very kind and attractive country, gorgeous scenery, peaceful life, and sincere people, that's the reason why I like New Zealand. China and New Zealand have different culture(different customs, food, education system, the way how we think and so on),but that's why we need to communicate, communicate and then know each other ,respect each other, and keep the friendship forever.

I will come back to China at the end of this year. I hope I can do my best in the last 3 months, and I will cherish my special experience here, and I really appreciate it.

by Zhu YI

Zhu Yi and students cutting "double happiness"

SCHOOLS WORKING TOGETHER.

Look at this delightful article from George Street Normal School M2A – when the class visited Columba College who hosted them for Autumn Moon Festival



<http://gsnsm2a.blogspot.co.nz/2013/09/moon-festival-at-columba-college.html>

Trying some tea



Success with the chopsticks

NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

Learn more about the aims of NZCFS, its history, its current projects

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/>

SPRING OFFER OF MEMBERSHIP

There are advantages in membership of the branch – so if you are receiving the newsletter and would like to join, consider the Spring offer. Join now and your first annual membership fee will run until the end of 2014. Contact the branch treasurer “membership enquiry”

Also on at the moment...

School Holiday Activities at the Chinese Garden - The China Challenge



<http://www.dunedinchinesegarden.com/events/chinese-garden/school-holiday-activities-at-the-chinese-garden-the-china-challenge>

REMINDER. NEXT MEETING

You are welcome to hear...

Sally Rae – NZCFS Media Tour

FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 7.00pm

55 Glendining Ave, North East Valley

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