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2014 The Year of Horse

The Introduction of 2014 Year of Horse

The Year 2014 is considered as the Year of the Horse as per the Chinese Zodiac Calendar which begins on January 31, 2014, and ends on February 18, 2015. 2014 according to Chinese Astrology Calendar. it is the Year of Wood Horse. Wood is related to tree or green, so it is also called Year of Green Horse. 2014 is the jiǎwǔ (甲午) year. The Chinese zodiac calendar comprises 12 animal signs and horse is the seventh among all of them. In Chinese culture, the Horse is a symbol of nobility, class, speed and perseverance. People born in the Year of the Horse are smart, fabulous speakers who have a gift for getting through to other people. People bearing the horse sign strive towards seeking freedom and happiness. In general, 2014 would be a better year for those people who were born under The Year of the Horse.



The Common Personality of People Born in Horse Year

People born in the year of the horse are extremely animated, active and energetic. Horses love to be in a crowd and like entertainment, they have a deft sense of humor, they love to take center stage

and delight audiences everywhere. They are trustworthy, friendly and like to be surrounded by their relatives and friends. They usually have a large circle of acquaintances, but they never rely on their friends too much. Sometimes, the horse is a little self-centered, but it doesn't mean that he will not be interested in any problems except his own. However, a horse person is really more cunning than intelligent, that is probably due to the fact that most horse people lack confidence. Sometimes, they are very independent and rarely listen to advice

The Common Strengths and Weaknesses of the Year of the Horse Person

Strengths

The horse people are generally energetic, noble, free spirited and clever. They have ingenious communicating techniques and in their community they always want to be in the limelight, so they have good friends and are well liked by many people. Although they sometimes talk too much, they are cheerful, perceptive, talented, earthy but stubborn. They are able to come up with new ideas and active at work and refuse to be reconciled to failure, although their endeavor cannot last indefinitely. The Horse person is a sociable likeable person most of the time, they can take advantage of this by getting everybody to work together to achieve goals.

Weaknesses

The Horse person is patient up to a point, but they can be hot tempered. If you pushed too far, the Horse person can lose their temper. They cannot bear too much constraint. They then lash out (just like a horse) at others which can undo the good relationships they have built up with their good social skills. They can also be stubborn just like a horse. They are wasteful since they are not good with matters of finance due to a lack of budgetary efficiency. The Horse person has many followers but they are not always receptive to other points of view. They tend to interfere in many things and frequently fail to finish projects of their own.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of NZCFS HAMILTON BRANCH to be held Wednesday 26 February 2014

Our Branch AGM will be held at Parent's Place, 87 Boundary Road, Hamilton (in building behind the main house). Time: Meet and greet at 5.30pm. At 6.00pm we will provide a light Chinese meal, followed by our AGM Meeting at 7pm. Following the AGM we will view a DVD Chinese Swan (Review of this DVD is included in this Newsletter). All our members are cordially invited to attend this evening

function. Nominations for the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Committee members are sought and welcomed. Members please bring a plate towards supper. To assist with catering for the meal, please RSVP to Branch Secretary: ian@howat.net.nz or phone Ian 07 85594331.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CONFERENCE OF NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY INC. is to be held 23 – 25 May 2014 at the Havelock North Function Centre, 30 Te Mata Road, Havelock North.

All NZCFS members are invited to attend. About six Hamilton Branch members usually attend our National Conferences. Details of Conference and Registration Forms are expected to be available before the end of February 2014 - check our society website www.nzchinasociety.org.nz or contact a Branch Committee member.

BRANCH END OF YEAR FUNCTION – 1 December 2013.



We had a very enjoyable Yum Cha lunch at Master Kong Restaurant with three tables of members and friends. (Photo's Helena Wang)



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Michael Wang and his wife Hengfen XU (Michael is an investment adviser at Forsyth Barr. Shaofei Fu and his wife Huang Ranhui (Shaofei is the owner of Cullen's Restaurant).

STAN BOYLE

We noted in our November newsletter that Stan was still in Waikato Hospital. In late November Stan had an operation for amputation of his left leg. The operation was very successful – “first time for five years without pain” Stan says. Stan is progressing very well; he has just been discharged from hospital and is currently staying with his daughter in Hamilton.

LOCAL HERO JENEVERE FOREMAN.

We are very proud to record that our Branch Co President Jenevere Foreman was awarded a Local Heroes Medal in the Kiwibank Local Heroes Category of the 2014 New Zealander of the Year Awards. Jenevere was in India at the time of the Presentation of Awards Ceremony in Hamilton on 9 December 2013, so Jenevere's daughter Jo accepted the medal on Jenevere's behalf. Ian represented our Branch at the Ceremony



“DISCOVER JIANGSU” DELEGATION VISIT 18-19 December 2013. This large delegation was in Hamilton for two days to promote tourism and cultural exchange between Jiangsu Province and Hamilton. The delegation arrived in Hamilton on Wednesday morning and kindly invited our Branch Co Presidents Jenevere



Foreman and Miao Fan, and Secretary Ian Howat, together with Deputy Mayor Gordon Chesterman, Councillors Martin Gallagher & Phillip Yeung and Tracey Wood from Hamilton City Council to lunch at Silk Restaurant. We were also guests of honour, along with Auckland Consul-General Niu Qingbao, and members of the Jiangsu Association from Auckland, at the opening of the exhibition in the Pavilion at the Hamilton

Gardens at 4pm. Hamilton City Council hosted a dinner that evening for the delegation and Jenevere and Miao. The “Discover Jiangsu” Exhibition consisted of two parts, namely dynamic and static shows. The Dynamic shows included folk dances, drama, acrobatics, and instrumental music. The static shows included painting and calligraphy exhibition, arts exhibition, photo exhibition, and book fair. A large crowd attended the official opening which also promoted visiting Nanjing for the Youth Olympics to be held there in 2014. Nanjing is the capital of Jiangsu Province and Hamilton's sister city Wuxi is a major provincial city, so it was great to see some of the delegation members from Wuxi.

Si Jinquan (m) Director, Information Office of Jiangsu Provincial People's Government

Li Weiwei (m) Deputy Director General, Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu PPG

Zou Lizhen (f) Deputy Director, Division of American and Oceanian Affairs, Foreign Affairs Office of Jiangsu PPG

Chen Wei (m) Deputy Director, Nanjing International Culture Association

Yang Fuliang (m) Director, Information Office of Wuxi Municipal PG

Zhao Jing (f) Translator, Division of FAO of Jiangsu PPG

Xuan Yunfeng (f) Division Director, Information Office of Jiangsu PPG

Wang Ran (m) Assistant Minister, Propaganda department, Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee

Shen Yingwen (f) Section Chief, External Propaganda Department, Information Office of Jiangsu PPG

Yan Zhengwei (m) Section Chief, External Propaganda Department, Information Office of Nanjing Municipal People's Government

Mao Jiahong (m) Deputy Branch Head, Wuxi Beitang Cultural Tourism Industry Development Leading Group

Zhang Jizhou (m) Member Journalism & Communication Centre of Wuxi Binhu

Liao Xin, (f) Performer, Nanjing Cloud Brocade Research Institute

Gu Yeliang (m) Master of Qinhuai Lantern International, Successor of Qinhuai Lantern

Chen Jingyi (f) Master of Paper Cutting, Wuxi Yiyuan Fly Paper Patterns.



MECCA (YANG FAN) VISIT. Older members will recall our Changsha University Student Delegation (students Mecca and Ivy, and lecturer Zhi Wei) visit to Hamilton in 2006. All three have maintained contact with several of us by email and by several visits of Stan and Jenevere to Changsha, and by our Branch trip to Hunan Province in 2007. Mecca was distressed to hear that Stan was seriously ill in Waikato Hospital and advised



that she was coming to NZ for a brief visit to see Stan in early December. Unfortunately, delays in obtaining her NZ Visa meant that Mecca could not get here until 29 December. Sunday 29 December - Ian and Shirley met Mecca on her arrival at Auckland Airport, brought her down to Hamilton, took her to see Stan in Hospital, hosted her to dinner at South Indian Restaurant, and then took her around to Meryl's where she was to be staying for the first four days of her visit. Monday 30 December – Mecca was day hosted by Peter Vautier. Tuesday 31 December - Mecca was day hosted by Meryl and caught up with Anne Sayers and May Dean. Wednesday 1 January - Mecca was taken on a trip to Whangamata and Waihi Beach with Peter, Meryl and Ian. First, to visit Sue Wong Joe (where we also caught up with Wellington Branch members Ben and Eileen Fong) in Whangamata, and then to visit Peter's brother at Waihi Beach. Mecca was able to briefly visit both beaches – despite an awful weather forecast for the day; we managed to dodge most of the rain.



Thursday 2 January – Mecca joined Stan and his daughters Diane and Jane, Diane Lanting, Harry and Elles, and Ian and Shirley for a picnic lunch at the Hamilton Gardens. Mecca was hosted that evening by Jane. Friday 3 January – Jenevere picked up Mecca from Jane's home and hosted Mecca for that day and night. Mecca visited Raglan and Raglan Beach, and was able to visit Frank Smith on her return to Hamilton. A farewell dinner was held that evening at Victor's Place Restaurant with Jenevere, Ian and Shirley, and Harry and Elles. Saturday 4 January Jenevere, with an ice cream stop at Pokeno on the way, took Mecca up to Auckland to catch her return flight home. Mecca was able to visit Stan every day she was here, and we are sure that this assisted Stan's speedy recovery and discharge from hospital. (Photos Mecca & Harry)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

– the Editorial Sub-committee welcomes any such letters on matters pertaining to NZCFS and Branch policies and matters. Please email or post your letter to our Branch Secretary. Publication is subject to approval of Branch President/s.

Book Review – Por Por’s Cookbook published by Carolyn King in 2013 and printed by CPS Printing 2000 Ltd. ISBN 978-0-473-249373-3.

“Granny’s” Cookbook covers the history of fifteen Cantonese Grandmothers in New Zealand, and gives their favorite family recipes. These recipes were used by families at a time when many Chinese cooking ingredients and utensils were not readily available in New Zealand, so Chinese families had to “make do” with what they had available to feed their families and keep their Cantonese culinary heritage alive and thriving.

With the advent of a large number of Chinese restaurants in New Zealand, Chinese style butchers, roast meat shops, and prepared food counters in many Chinese markets and shops, we are now able to purchase many of the dishes for which recipes are provided in this book – a number of these dishes are now readily available in Yum Cha restaurants.

POR PORs
COOKBOOK



Carolyn King

Home cooking through the generations since Chinese Women settled in New Zealand over the last 100 years

Recipes for drying and preserving foods were commonly used in Granny’s younger times, because refrigeration was not then always available.

Apart from the “history” related in these stories, the recipes are invaluable for those who may have lost their Cantonese culinary heritage, but also for those who will always wish to delight their family with dishes made in the traditional way at home “according to their own family recipe”.

I have personally tried several of these recipes and found the recipes easy to follow, prepare and cook – and they did taste delicious.

Reviewed by Ian Howat.

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DVD Review – Chinese Swan (Dong fang tian'er)

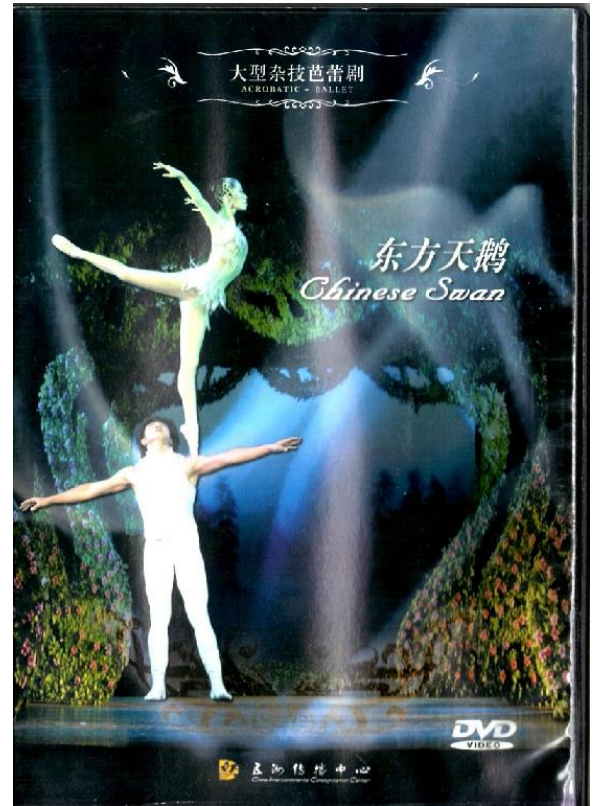
produced by Guangdong Acrobatic Troupe of China, China Intercontinental Communication Centre, and Shanghai City Dance Co. Ltd., is a stunning “Chinese” version of Tchaikovsky’s Swan Lake Ballet.

Incredible lavish costumes, music, dance, gymnastics, trampolining, trapeze work, juggling, tumbling, and tight rope, make an amazing combination of theatre, ballet, and circus. The strutting Black Eagle King appears to be straight out of Beijing Opera.

“Bolshoi in Disneyland” or “Swan Lake on Steroids” – take your pick!

This is non-stop, energetic, eye-popping enjoyable entertainment from beginning to end – a real extravaganza for the eye, ear, and mind.

This 90 minute DVD was very kindly presented to our Branch by Ms Long Yanping, Cultural Consul, Consulate-General, Auckland, NZ.



Reviewed by Ian Howat.

No casualties reported in Xinjiang quake

URUMQI- A 7.3-magnitude earthquake hit northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region on Wednesday, according to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC). No casualties have been reported.

The epicenter, with a depth of 12 km, is located at Yutian county in southwest Xinjiang, or about 36.1 degrees north latitude and 82.5 degrees east longitude. The quake was strongly felt by residents in Hotan, Yutian and Moyu. Sixty-seven houses were toppled and more than 1,000 ones damaged to varying degrees, local authorities said, adding that 185 livestock deaths were reported.

Sections of railways were temporarily suspended in Xinjiang after the earthquake.



Local armed police soldiers in nearby county rush to the quake-hit area after a 7.3-magnitude earthquake hit Yutian county in China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on Feb 12, 2014. [Photo/Xinhua]

The railway administration of Urumqi suspended a section from Hotan to Moyu on the Kahe Railway, which links Kashgar and Hotan, for safety reasons, with a total of 531 passengers being stranded at Moyu. Service resumed at 6:52 p.m. after safety and security checks. A total of 143 aftershocks had been monitored as of 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, with the biggest one measuring at 5.7-magnitude at 5:24 p.m. in the same area.

President [Xi Jinping](#) and Premier [Li Keqiang](#) ordered concerted effort to guarantee safety and property and issued instructions on relief work soon after the quake. Local authorities and departments were urged to check disaster situations, conduct emergency management and strengthen seismic monitoring.

The Ministry of Civil Affairs and the National Commission for Disaster Reduction also initiated an emergency disaster relief response and dispatched a work team to check the disaster situation and direct rescue work.

The epicenter is in a sparsely populated area with an average altitude of 5,000 meters. It is more than 50 km away from the nearest settlement, Aqqan village in Yutian County, and more than 900 km away from the regional capital of Urumq. Local residents said the houses near the epicenter are all quake-resistant and nomads are less likely in the mountainous areas, where the epicenter is located, during winter.

Xinjiang started a quake-resistant housing project i. The average altitude of the area within the scope of 30 km from the epicenter is about 5.1 km.

Experts from the CENC said that the area shares the same plate with Wenchuan in southwest China's Sichuan Province and Yushu in northwest China's Qinghai Province. Wenchuan was devastated by an 8.0-magnitude quake in 2008, and Yushu was hit by a 7.1-magnitude quake in 2010.


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NZCFS EXPLORE CHINA: The North-East
 May 28 - June 19 2014 21 Days in China

This compact tour is designed to better explore one region and reduce the requirement for long distance travel. It includes cities modern and old, sites of historical significance and international influences, breathtaking scenic wonderlands, local cultures and cuisine.


A new area for NZCFS tours, this will be a tour of discovery, of understanding of the relationship of the North East to China's history and economy; a region of extreme climate, of Russian influences and Japanese domination in the 'Manchuguo' period, with important social impact on China today.

The tour plans to visit the following locations, see over for detail.




Heilongjiang Province <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbin, Siberian Tigers
Jilin Province <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changchun: Puyi residence • Jilin City • Changbai Shan
Liaoning Province <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shenyang • Dandong, border with N Korea, where the godwits fly • Dalian
Shandong Province <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yantai • Jinan • Mt Tai, Qufu
Shanghai, modern and old

Fully escorted, 3 - star twin share accommodation. All inclusive price \$6950 (estimated, subject to currency exchange), includes domestic flights in NZ, all meals, etc, (excludes Chinese visa and insurances).



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