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### ANNUAL MID-WINTER LUNCHEON

Sunday 21 July 11.30am to 2pm at Parent's Place, 87 Boundary Road (back room).

This year we are having a dumpling making demonstration, then we cook them, then we eat them. Guest demonstrators will cover several different styles of Chinese dumplings. Hands on training and experience, and a lot of good taste, and fun

We would appreciate a donation of \$2-00 per attendee to help defray cost of ingredients for the lunch. To assist with the catering, an idea of how many may come should be advised to Branch secretary phone 07 855 9431 or email [ian@howat.net.nz](mailto:ian@howat.net.nz) .



### **WELCOME to NZCFS NATIONAL PRESIDENT Dave Bromwich– 26 June 2013.**



A good crowd of members and friends turned out for the meal and meeting with Dave. Dave updated us on the National Executive – two further members co-opted – John Hodgson and Sylvia Yang. The set up and work of our two funding committees was explained. Dave elaborated on the Projects work of the Society, and reported that more applicants were needed for the NZCFS Diverse China Tour in October (details in our branch June newsletter and on NZCFS website [www.nzchinasociety.org.nz](http://www.nzchinasociety.org.nz) .

### **Waikato Branch of NZ Chinese Association (WCA) Woman's Group Meeting – 13 July 2013.**



Guest speaker David Wong Hop from Auckland gave us a very interesting account of the history of the early Chinese in Auckland up to 1939 when the NZ Government allowed 400 Chinese refugee families to settle in New Zealand. Although records show that there were 10-20 Chinese living in Auckland by 1850, migration of Chinese into New Zealand was very restricted until 1985. The discovery of and subsequent mining of gold

in New Zealand allowed the entry of some 5000 Chinese males (mostly from Australia)

as miners. The NZ Government severely restricted entry of Chinese by imposition of a heavy poll tax, and limiting entry of one Chinese male to each 10 ton of cargo carried (100 tons in 1888, and 200 tons in 1891). Chinese were further penalized by imposition of a rice tax and an opium tax (until 1901). David gave details of some of the "Founding Families" in Auckland and noted that there are currently 30,000 descendants of the early Chinese living in Auckland, and about 100,000 recent migrants. Congratulations to David for all his careful research and recording.



## WANDERING CLOUDS AND TRAVELLING WATERS CONCERT June 30, 2013.



This concert by renowned Pipa (four stringed traditional Chinese instrument) master Dr Marjorie (MU-Tzu) HSU was hosted by The Chinese Sunshine Society at the Hamilton Mandarin Church on the Sunday afternoon. Marjorie's sister Constance (Shu-Wen) narrated the concert in English to explain the imagery and background of the pieces. Marjorie holds her Doctorate in Pipa Musicology from the National Taiwan Normal University. This was a stunning concert by a solo artist who played superbly to a very appreciative, large audience. Thank you to The Sunshine Society for arranging and hosting this concert.

## Floods threaten quake ruins in SW China

Xinhua, July 13, 2013

While floods and landslides have killed 30 people and left over 160 people missing in southwest China's Sichuan Province, heavy rainfall over the past week has threatened the ruins of a major earthquake that razed the same region five years ago. The ruins of the 2008 earthquake-devastated old town of Beichuan in a ravine between two mountains have been partially submerged, said Han Guijun, an official in charge of the preservation projects of the old town of Beichuan Qiang Autonomous County. The recent severe rainfall caused the old town to become waterlogged with some areas under seven meters of water. Sites, including a cemetery for earthquake victims, have been submerged due to the overflowing Jianjiang River that runs through the old town, Han said.

Some people questioned the preservation of the ruins, arguing that hundreds of millions of yuan were wasted and could have been spent on other things, such as hospitals. But local authorities insisted that preserving the

earthquake ruins is necessary, despite the recent flooding. Han said investment for an earthquake memorial hall and other preservation projects cost 470 million yuan (76.26 million U.S dollars). "Thanks to a series of protection measures adopted in and nearby the old town, the ruins of Beichuan have largely survived the rain-triggered flood," said Han. The preservation project included dams in an attempt to protect against mud-rock flows, landslides and flooding, which frequently occurred in the town after the quake.

About 20,000 Beichuan residents were declared dead or missing after the 8.0-magnitude Wenchuan earthquake in May 2008 and thousands of victims were buried in the ruins. Rather than rebuilding the town, central and local governments relocated earthquake survivors and built a new Beichuan town, preserving the old town as quake relics as a lasting memorial for quake survivors to mourn the deceased. Since May 2010, the old town has been open to the public

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