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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At the end of last year, many Exco members, subgroups leaders and subgroup committee members attended the "thank You Dinner" held at the CAV Centre on the 4th December 2011. The school council members, the

school principal, teachers and staff attended the function too. Many of the spouses came along. This once a year gathering of CAV volunteers was held to celebrate the year of hard work, to enable members who normally do not see each other to get know one another and to share information on how each subgroup is doing and the plans for the future. It was a very successful evening.

CAV has involved in a number of Chinese New Year celebrations to welcome the Year of Dragon. Many subgroups took part in the China Town celebration and the Glen Waverley festival. Some of Exco members and CAV members attended the Chinese New Year charity gala ball held at the Crown Paladium. At CAV, we celebrated the year of the dragon at CAV Centre on 12th Feb 2012. There were performances by the school children, games and competitions, food for the children and parents, "red packets" and lollies bags for the children and of course the lion dance. Children and adults had a wonderful time. It was indeed a successful event. I would like to thank the organising committee for a job well done.

We are going to hold the AGM this year on Sunday 25th March 2012 at 2:00 pm at CAV Centre. All members are invited to attend. The 2012 membership subscription is now due and payable. Please download the renewal form, complete the necessary details and send it to us with your cheque.

Rex Lai

President

From the Editor

By the time this newsletter is published, 2 months of Year 2012 have already past. Hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas and New Year holidays. My family and I have a 5 ½ weeks holidays in Europe and Malaysia, we were extremely lucky to have escaped the Italian cruise ship – Costa Concordia disaster. We disembarked at 9:30 am after completing our 7-nights cruise; the ship sank at 9:40 pm that day. Despite this, we have a wonderful trip. Europe has its own unique culture, history and architecture; it is worthwhile to pay a visit there.

This year CAV will be celebrating its 30th birthday, there will be celebration throughout the year and make sure you check the website or notice board for the dates of various events.

In this issue, you will find articles on the Chinese New Year celebrations to welcome the year of Dragon and I would like to thank the following members for their contribution:

- Eric Yee for providing the photos for the front cover and CAV Chinese New Year
- Eng Seong Tan's Culturally Inappropriate
- Dr Ka Sing Chua and Millie Ko for the Chinese translation.

Please send your comments and contribution to <u>km_saw@hotmail.com</u>. See you all in the next issue!





Mai Saw

CAV's Cultural Corner at Glen Waverley Chinese New Year Festival



NOTICE is hereby given that the 30th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on SUNDAY, 25th March 2012 at 2pm at CAV CENTRE, 8 Ashley Street, Wantirna

Please arrive earlier before 2pm to complete Registration of Attendance

A G E N D A

- 1. Receive and adopt Minutes of the previous AGM
- 2. President's address Rex Lai
- 3. Receive and adopt the Treasurer's report and the Audited Financial Statement for the year ending 31st December 2011 S. G. Lai
- 4. Appointment of Independent Auditor
- 5. Report from School Council chairperson Dr Ka Sing Chua
- 6. Report from School Building Fund chairperson Dr Frank Chew
- 7. Report on CAV building projects Rex Lai
- 8. Election of incoming Executive Committee by the Returning Officer

Please note: The following members are not eligible to vote in the AGM:

- i. New members who joined after 25-12-2011 (3 months qualifying period).
- ii. Members whose subscriptions have lapsed (that is, did not pay the 2011 subscription and earlier years), unless the members pay the current and all arrears.
- iii. Any old members who re-join as new members, Rule (1) applies.

Chinese Association of Victoria Inc. 能多利亚省中华协会

Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday 25th March 2012 at 2pm for the 2012-2013 Executive Committee

Nominations are invited for the following positions:

President		Treasurer
First Vice Pres	sident	Public Relations Officer
Second Vice	President	Assistant Secretary
Third Vice Pre	sident	Assistant Treasurer
Secretary		Ordinary Committee Members (6 positions)

Nominee please accept the nomination by signing below:

Position nominated	
Name of Nominee	
Signature of Nominee	Date
Name of Proposer	Name of Seconder
Signature of Proposer	Signature of Seconder
Date	Date

It can be hand delivered or posted to: The Secretary CAV CENTRE 8 Ashley Street, Wantirna, Vic 3152

Please Note:

- 1. Only financial ordinary members who have paid the current and all arrear subscriptions and have joined CAV at least three months before the date of AGM are eligible to stand for election.
- 2. Life ordinary members are eligible to stand for election
- 3 If the eligible member is registered on family basis, both member and spouse are enttiled to one vote each.
- 4 An eligible member may be nominated for more than one position, but shall be elected to only one position. Use one form for each nomination.
- 5. Proposer and Seconder must be financial ordinary members
- 6. Nominees may distribute curriculum vitae of not more than 200 words at the AGM.
- 7. CAV is not responsible to postal delay of the Nomination Form reaching the Secretary



Chinese School Chinese New Year Celebration

Reported by Mrs E Han CAV Executive Committee Member



CAV Chinese School, celebrated the Chinese New Year on 12th February 2012 with about 170 children, families, friends and CAV members attending this event





The Chinese calendar year has a 12 year cycle and each year is named after a Chinese zodiac animal. According to the Chinese Lunar calendar, the date for Chinese New Year changes from year to year. This year we celebrate the year of the Dragon which is the 5th zodiac animal. During the celebration, we introduced the 12 Chinese zodiac animals to the students from a cultural perspective.

The children Cultural Dance Group gave an excellent performance called "Huan Tian Xi Ti" which means "Happiness throughout the world". The costumes' vibrant colours were wonderful and befitting to the dance. It was a pleasure to see the children performing so well in front of their peers, families, friends and CAV members.



Students from Prep to Grade 6 sang a couple of songs, titled "Long Dong Qiang" and "Gong Xi, Gong Xi". Grade 3 to 6 students greeted and relayed Chinese blessing words to the students, friends and family, wishing them all great health, lots of happiness, good luck and success in the coming year



We held a colouring competition and the winner for Prep to Grade 2 was Ella Blindley(Grade 2).

In turn, we entertained the children with a game of "pass the parcel", with lots of gifts in the parcel to surprise them. When the music stopped the person who had the parcel, had to peel off a layer of paper and see if he or she was lucky enough to receive a gift.





CAV organised the performance of a couple of lions to entertain the children and families which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. To see their smiling faces was well worth the effort. They were having so much fun you could hear their laughter echoing across the hall, as some even managed to grab some of the lollies from the lions' bucket, as the lions danced.

John Yap, our moderator, storytelling was based on one of the legends that the Jade Emperor wanted a way to measure time. So the Emperor told the animals that he would hold a swimming race where they have to swim cross the fast flowing river. The winners would have a year named after them and that is how the 12 years cycle for the Chinese New Year began. Sneaky Rat came first and the greedy Pig was last. The angry Cat was pushed into the water by the Rat, he finished the race too late to have a year named after him and from then on they are never friends.



To finish off an exciting day all the children were given a traditional "Ang Pow" and a gift bag for them to take home.

John's reflection to sum up the day's event: "It was very rewarding to see so many young kids gathering around to enjoy and participate in the activities on a common theme on Chinese New Year celebration. The little exposure to the Chinese cultural activities either in participating or enjoying the Chinese New Year songs, Chinese Cultural Dance, Chinese legend on the 12 zodiac animals' story, Lion dance and receiving the gifts of Ang Pows and lollies would do some lasting impression of Chinese cultural values and practices to the young minds. It is priceless in their education process!"



Finally, we would like to share Confucius thought on education:

'If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed,'

If you think in terms of 10 years, plant trees,'

'If you think in terms of 100 years, teach (educate) the people.'



Last but not least, I would like to express my acknowledgements of thanks to the:

CAV, Children cultural dance performers and Shalin Tan.

CAV, Chinese School: Yuan Laoshi (Principal), Zhiming (Deputy Principal) and the teachers.

Moderator: John Yap and Music: Kenny Lau; Lion Dance – Lillian Lai; Tea & coffee – Karaoke group.

Food caterers: Shirley Teh, Lillie Giang, Nicholas Yong, Cliff Chu, Wei-Ning Yong and 2 helpful ladies.

WIN ladies: Grace Chan, Helen Wong, Jocelyn Yap, Sherilyn Yong and Khim Chow.

Decorators and general team members: Elizabeth Tan, Linda Xue, Raymond Wong, Danny Yong, Clement Chan, Leon and Samantha Han.

Ang Pow and gifts presenters: Mrs Hun Yin Ng, Rex and Lillian Lai, Ka Sing and Ramona Chua.

It was a great day for all present, many thanks for participating in this event, especially the children

2012 Membership Renewal

CAV membership renewal is due on the 1st January 2012. Renewal Forms can be downloaded from the website <u>http://www.cavinc.com.au</u> or copies are available in the foyer of CAV Centre.

CAV AGM is to be held on the 25-3- 2012. To ensure you are eligible to vote at the AGM, please make sure your 2012 membership subscription is paid up before 25-3-2012. Sub-Group leaders please collect membership fees from your members.

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(3) Any old members who re-join as new members, Rule (1) applies

Membership cards will be duly sent out once they are printed. Please allow a couple of months for this to happen. Any enquiries please write to <u>cavmembership@gmail.com</u>

Chinese New Year Yee Sang Dinner 2012



No Chinese New Year feast is complete without the *Yee Sang* which is basically a raw fish salad that has become the centre of a fun Chinese New Year tradition for many Chinese families. For those who are unfamiliar with this dish, it is an Asian-style salad with various shredded vegetables and served with assorted toppings, a sweet plum sauce and slices of raw fish (usually salmon).

Eating Yee Sang is a cultural activity for the Chinese living in Malaysia and Singapore during the 15 days of CNY. This is becoming very popular in Australia too.



The tossing of Yee Sang symbolises the wishing of one another a great year ahead filled with abundant good health, great prosperity and happiness.

This year I organised the CNY Yee Sang Dinner on Friday 27th January. For many years I had been organising the same dinner at the Shangrila-Inn Restaurant at Forrest Hill at the Brentford Shopping Centre. It was a full house dinner attended by 117 CAV members and friends. The banquet dinner was superb. All who attended had an enjoyable time in tossing the Yee Sang which is the entree dish.

The main attraction of the dinner was a Lion Dance performance of 3 Lions by Kelvin Kan Lion Dance Group. Kelvin was invited by Mary, the proprietor of Shangrila-La. All of us were captivated by the skilful and entertaining performance of the Lions for 45 minutes.

I am glad that from the balance of the cost of this dinner collected, I have donated all the proceeds to the CAV Chinese Cultural Dance Group, a substantial amount for the group to buy more dance costumes.





Lillian Lai Organiser CNY Yee Sang Dinner



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Building Project ny years chairing the Building Projects Commi

After many years chairing the Building Projects Committee, Dr Frank Chew had retired from this position. Dr Chew, with the support of his committee, has spent many years overseeing the CAV building projects. The completed projects included the construction of the present CAV Centre, the Chinese school buildings; and most recently the construction of the new courtyard.

All members of CAV would like to thank Dr Chew for a job well done. The future generation of CAV members will appreciate what he has accomplished. We wish Dr Chew all the best in his retirement. May he have joy and happiness in pursue of his other passions, golf and fishing.

The Building Project Committee has appointed Rex Lai to be the new Chairperson.

Rex Lai Building Projects Committee



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CAV CHINESE SCHOOL 中文学校

Principal's Report from Dr RuiLan Yuan



Term 1 of 2012 school year started on 5th February with 12 classes and 108 students, and the number continues to increase. It was fantastic to see our Prep classroom packed with new parents and students. Our lovely little boys and girls were up

to a big challenge by staying at school for three hours. Well done, our new Prep kids. We warmly welcome all new students and their families and trust that they will enjoy CAV School.

We are pleased to welcome our new Staff: Mrs Aviva Gu Brindley (Teacher Assistant), Miss Shiwei Chen (Year 10 & 11), Miss Helen Chau (Office Assistant), Mrs Yi Li (Year 5) and Miss Jenny Zhang

(Year 9). I am sure they will enjoy working at CAV School.

We held our first school assembly at 12:15pm at which all school staff were introduced, some changes in textbooks, school calendar, school rules were announced, and both staff and students were informed of the classroom renovation project.

The second week, 12th

February was a big day for our school. CAV members kindly organised a wonderful Chinese New Year celebration which included free sausage sizzles for students and staff, lion dance and many interesting activities. Every student received a gift bag with *Hongbao*, lollies and some other goodies in it. I'd like to extend my gratitude to all those who worked hard to make this event happen.

We have added to our school calendar once-amonth school assembly so that students and parents can be informed of what is happening at school, and

we also use this opportunity to award those students who work hard, make achievements or improvements, or good behaviour, etc., in order to encourage all the students to strive for their excellence. Parents are most welcome to join us at the assembly. Please see School Calendar for assembly dates.

Considering the requirements of our students and the criteria of the VCE Chinese Study Design, from this year, we are going to gradually change the text books to some more suitable materials. Year 9 class has started using Learn Chinese with Me. We'll try other textbooks for both Junior and Middle years and will decide the books by the end of Term 2.

We have decided to set up scholarships in order to get more advanced students to study in our school.

> With appreciation, I want to say Thank You to CAV, EXCO and School Council members for their generosity, care and support to our school. I also want to give my thanks to all the school Staff for their hard work and care for our students, and help and support to me.

> > Apart from the regular

school newsletters, I'll try to take every opportunity to listen to any suggestions and advice, and talk to our students so that I can help to improve and enhance our teaching and learning outcomes.

I'm looking forward to the exciting but challenging year of 2012!

Dr. Ruilan Yuan Principal of CAV Chinese School

CAV SCHOOL COUNCIL 学校校委



Report from Chairman of School Council, Dr Ka Sing Chua

First of all, I would like to extend a big warm welcome to all students, parents and teachers for joining us in 2012. A special welcome to our newly appointed Principal Dr Ruilan Yuan and Vice-principal Zhiming

Bai. In this auspicious Year of Dragon, I extend my

best wishes to all of you. May you have a wonderful year with success and good health. Good health is so important; it underwrites all your successes in life. So be healthy, have regular check up and be active and eat well.

Our School is a boutique school. It is different from many other Chinese schools that apart from teaching your kids Chinese language and culture, we celebrate major Chinese traditional festivals namely Chinese New Year, Zhongqiu (MooncakeFestival) and Duanwu (Zong) Festival every year as part of our School curriculum.

On Sunday 12th February, the School and the Association celebrated the Year of Dragon. The Hall was packed. Students and parents and members of CAV participated in various activities. Two colourful lions danced around the Hall ushering in the New Year. All children received a red packet and a bag of goodies from the elders of CAV. The whole Hall was full of laughter and joy. Seeing the happiness and smiles on the faces of our students and parents made the hard work and effort that we put in worthwhile.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a big thank you to our organisers and helpers: from School: principals Ruilan Yuan, Zhiming Bai and teaching staff; canteen management under Lillie Giang, Nicholas Yong, Cleve Chu and the team; from the EXCO: Rex Lai, Lillian Lai, Shirley Teh and CNY organising Committee Evelyn and Leon Han, Elizabeth Tan and the team; from WIN group: Grace and Clement; Helen and Raymond, Soon Heng and the team and my School Council members Fui Keong Yong and Suan Khoo. Last but not least, our master of ceremony John Yap. He has done a marvellous job to keep a packed Hall alive. Please forgive me if I have missed anyone.

"All work and no play make Jack a dull boy". The School encourages students and parents to participate in other activities outside school hours conducted by our Association. We are different from many other Chinese schools is that we own our premises. Being a member of the Association, you own part of the School and the Association. CAV offers table tennis, tai chi, ballroom dancing, sequence dancing, line dancing, karaoke and singing lessons, children and adult Chinese cultural dancing and many other social activities like golfing and fellowship dinners and get-together.

Finally as Chairman of School Council, it is my duty to recruit new School Council members every year. For new parents' information, the School Council is a voluntary committee to assist the development of the School in various ways such as assisting our principals and teaching staff to improve their teaching facilities; providing Canteen management, helping EXCO and CAV School Building Trust Fund to maintain the facilities of the School. If you are interested to assist in any way, please contact me to have a chat or call me at office hours 98735050 or email me at kasingchua@hotmail.com . Thank you

Best regards Ka Sing Chua

CAV SCHOOL CANTEEN 学校餐所

A e s a f g f

A very warm welcome to everyone for the 2012 school year, especially to all the new students, and families. We hope that you have all had a fantastic summer break and are excited for a

brand new year ahead.

To all newcomers, allow us to take this opportunity to introduce to you the CAV School Canteen, its role and the people behind it. Located at the CAV main building, the canteen is run by a small group of dedicated parents who voluntarily devote their free time on Sunday's school time to prepare canteen meals for the school's students during their recess time at 11am. Apart from sales during recess times, the canteen also sometime extends its operation to school's special events or functions for everyone's benefit and enjoyment.

A significant part of the Canteen team's role is also fund raising, and this is done by channelling back all proceeds from the sale of the food to the school to purchase much needed facilities such as laptops, projectors, speakers and books. So far, the combined effort has been successful in 2011 and we hope to accomplish more in 2012.

This year 2012 the canteen will be headed by Nicolas Yong and supported by previous Canteen Manager Lillie Giang.

So we urge parents to join Nicolas and Lillie as a volunteer and have some fun contributing to the success of the school and the children's education at



Lillie helping with the BBQ during the CAV Chinese New Year Celebration Feb 2012

CAV. It will be a truly fulfilling and meaningful experience. Please drop by and speak to any members of the Canteen team or school staff to express your interest. We will be more than happy to welcome you and your culinary expertise. Cheers and have a pleasant year ahead!

Regards,

The CAV Canteen team Nicolas Yong and Lillie Gian

Subgroup News

Chinese Cultural Dance 民族舞



Hello everyone! The CAV Cultural Dance Group has been busy performing at various venues throughout the Chinese New Year. The

children group performed a dance called 'Huan Tian Xi Di' at Chinatown, Glen Waverley and the CAV Chinese School Chinese New Year celebration. All



performances went smoothly and were extremely successful, and the children are to be highly commended for their efforts. Meanwhile, the adults have also been quite busy. They performed

the

at the Glen Waverley Chinese New Year festival, along with performing at the Doncaster East Hall for Chinese New Year celebrations for a charity program. All the members are looking forward to a year full of excitements and more performance opportunities.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year and may the year of the dragon bring everybody prosperity, good health and happiness! Anyone



interested in joining us please contact me on 0430 019 915.

Class times are as follows: Children: Sunday, 12:30 to 2pm Adults: Monday, 10 to 11:30am

A memorable trip to Shenzhen

With the letter of recommendation by the CAV President, Rex Lai and the invitation of the Chinese Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Melbourne, I represented the CAV Cultural Dance Group to attend the 18th Overseas Chinese Cultural Dance development training. This development training was organised by the Department of Culture and Education, China Overseas Exchanges Association.

The development training was carried out at Huaxia Art Centre in Shenzhen from the 20/12/11 to 6/01/12. I flew in to Shenzhen via Singapore on the 19/12/11. On my first day, I met other

participants from all over the world. They came from various nations such as England, Spain, Malaysia,



Portugal, Germany, Italy, Brazil, Canada, Japan, USA and Burma. We introduced ourselves and got to know each other. We all became good friends at the end of the trip.

The schedule for the next 18 days was quite hectic. Every morning from 9am to 12 noon, we had dance sessions. We were taught a dance every two days by a professional dance teacher and an assistant. We learnt a total of 5 different classic

forms of Chinese Cultural Dance, each depicting the unique features of a region or nationality. I learnt dances



from the Han, Xinjiang, Tibetan, Mongolian and Yi Xi provinces.

The afternoon sessions were allocated for cultural workshops. We got to learn the Chinese brush writing, Tai Chi, stage props, makeup and clay handicraft. Through these handon sessions, it helped me to appreciate the richness of Chinese





Culture. The program included a visit to the China Folk Culture Village and the Window of the World in Shenzhen. We watched the cultural performances at both venues, they were spectacular. The beautiful costumes of performers, the colourful dances, the professional stage lighting and settings; made the shows more spectacular.

A day trip was organised to HuiZhou West Lake and Luohu Mountain. In both venues, the sceneries were beautiful and we were introduced to their cultural and historical backgrounds.

On the last 3 days of the training, we spent nearly 6 hours practising and rehearsing for the final performances. I lost 3 kilos through this tough training as we needed to use almost every muscle of our body.

On the last day, we had a graduation ceremony,

followed by our performances. We performed the dances with bright colourful costumes, and they

looked beautiful. The deputy director general of Beijing, Wang Shi Tong, the principal, the organisers and the teachers congratulated us for our fine performances. We were proud of our achievements as we have put in a lot of effort for the



performances. Attending this development training was indeed a memorable experience in my lifetime and I will continue to fulfil the objective of promoting the Chinese Cultural Dance to wider communities.

The organisers of this development training did a great job, everything flowed smoothly and we were well taken care of throughout this training.

I would like to thank the CAV; particularly the president Rex Lai, parent of cultural dance group, Zhiming Lay, Chinese Consulate official, Zhang Xiaotao for assisting and encouraging me to seize the opportunity to attend this development training workshop. It was an unforgettable experience indeed!

Shalin Tan Chairperson of the CAV Cultural Dance Group

Table Tennis 兵乓



The past year was a great one for the 98 CAVTT members, with members enjoying their time both playing and socializing, and with all of the tables full of action packed playing and at times, significant excitement. We have already achieved a membership of 84, and hope to significantly increase this as the year progresses.



Table Tennis Resident Coach

Francis Li, our CAVTT member, an excellent player, draws on his vast experience in China as a coach has agreed to be our CAVTT resident coach for this year. He is offering reasonable fees to any player wanting to improve his skill. Francis has also offered to provide two free one-hour training sessions per month for CAVTT members.

011 Pennant Results

The pennant series kicked into gear on the 16th of October and aside from a Christmas break, continued on until the final event on January 8, 2012.

Runner-up:

Singles Runner-up: Fatt Lee

Doubles Runner-up: They NG/Aviva Brindley

They Ng/Aviva Brindley

Team Champion: Fatt Lee/ Raymond Lui Singles Champion: Zhonghua Zhang Doubles Champion: Fatt Lee/ Raymond Lui



Exciting Games planned for 2012

Plans for this year include an In-house Pennant, In-house Open, over 65-year-old Open, as well as 'friendlies' with other groups.

Committee Members

Chairperson: Martin Chiew Acting Secretary: Aviva Brindley Treasurer: Ky Wong Game Captain: Herman Chan Members: George Liew, Jonathan Au, Charlie Chai

Membership Fees

Annual membership fee for 2012 is \$130. A casual fee of \$5 per session applies to all non-members. Opening hours: Tuesday, Friday and Saturday: 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Sunday: 10.15 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Any further enquiries, please call Martin 0417176688

Karaoke 卡拉 OK



Committee Members 2012

Chairperson:Kenny LauSecretary:Mimi LeungTreasurer:Candy HanPRO:Kathy LiuCommittee:Vincent Chow, Siu So, Thomas Foo, Melvin Poh, Jennifer XuContact Kenny Lau:Email: kennylau642@yahoo.com.auTel:0405 019 223

Karaoke Session

When? 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday of every month 7.00pm to 10.30pm

Where? CAV Hall, 8 Ashley Street, off Wantirna Road, Wantirna

What is available?

You can choose songs of various languages from two karaoke systems, Malata & Modix that contain about 25,000 songs each. Languages include English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Hokkien, Japanese, Indonesian, Vietnamese and Indian song etc.

You can bring your own DVD or VCD and sing along with your favorite songs. We have a huge projector screen mounted on the stage that that allows good view from the entire hall.

Who to contact?

You can contact us through the email below:

Kenny Lau Tel: 0405 019 223 / email: kennylau642@yahoo.com.au

How much?

CAV Members pay \$4 each person each session or \$60 a year

Non-members pay \$6 each person each session or \$120 a year

GOLF 高尔夫球



The CAV golf group will be holding the CAV Annual golf tournament on the 18th March 2012 at Sandhurst Golf club. The event will be held in the afternoon and followed by a prize giving dinner at the club house. This competition is open to all golfers, but only CAV financial members will be eligible for the CAV trophies.

This is the major event for CAV golf group calendar and we hope as many CAV members as possible will take part. Any CAV members wishing to take part in this event or other golfing events can contact my committee members

or me.

The Valentines Shield was held at the Heritage golf course on 12/2/12. The event had 32 participants and was won by Cliff and May Wong. A dinner and prize presentation was held at the Heritage golf club after the event.

Our committee members are

Captain: Chee Mun LeongVice Captain: Chen Woo ChinSecretary: Yung ChaiCommittee:Frank Chew, Richard Ong, Susan Woon, Chong Ooi, Hock Lye Khaw, Frank Wong(just retired)

Chee Mun Leong CAV golf Captain. cmunleong@gmail.com.





LINE DANCING 排排舞



A new subgroup is introduced in January 2012 --- CAV Line Dancing. If you enjoy dancing and cannot find a partner or want to do some exercises to get fit or just want to have fun and get to know more people; come and try out Line Dancing. There is no pressure of getting the right steps and you can learn at your own pace.

CAV Line Dancing lessons every Monday 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Fees: \$5.00 for CAV members, \$8.00 for non CAV members.

Teacher – Elaine Kong 0433 366 182 Contact – Lillian Lai 0403 383 773



Ballroom Dancing 交谊舞

Year 2012 CAV Ballroom Dance Group Committee members are Elizabeth Tan [Chairperson], Brian Tyedin [Secretary], Lip Chye Tan [Treasurer], Wilson Li, Sue Ngam, Julita Cheong and Carol Chong.

On the 28th January 2012, we welcomed the Year of the Water Dragon with a very successful Chinese New Year Dinner Dance at the CAV centre with about 147 people attended. Everyone had an enjoyable night with delicious food, great music, floor show and good company.

Ballroom classes run on every Thursday night from 8pm till 10.15pm.The first two lessons are free, so come and try it out. We cater for all levels, even if you have two left feet. It is a friendly and no fuss environment. We have 2 professional teachers who teach Waltz, Foxtrot, Tango, Quickstep, Latin (Cha Cha, Jive, Paso Doble, Rumba, Samba and others) and New Vogue.

For all enquires please feel free to ring Elizabeth Tan 0413840303

Elizabeth Tan Ballroom Chairperson.





2011 has been an eventful year for the CAV Sequence Dancing Group (SDG). Under the guidance of our teacher Ken & Terry, we have learnt many new sequence dances. This includes Aruba Cha Cha, Tanzanite Slow Foxtrot, Eclipse Tango, Myrtle Mambo, Mexicana Salsa, Supreme NVW and Caribbean Samba. Our Christmas in July 2011 fund raising event was a great success with 124 dancers attending. Our buffet dinner from Che' Kabin complemented with additional cooked prawns received many favourable comments.

In November 2011, we learnt a beautiful new vogue waltz called The President's Daughter Waltz. The dance was taught over two weeks by the choreographer of the dance himself, Mr

Russ Hesketh. This dance was name in honour of his partner, Alice Clark, who is the daughter of the former president of Singapore Mr Wee Kim Wee. We are proud to be the first sequence dancing group to dance this dance in Australia after its launch in Singapore. The President's Daughter Waltz is now part of our monthly dance programme.

SEQUENCE DANCING 序列舞

In the first two months of 2012, we have introduced a number of initiatives. Firstly we have engaged Ms Jennifer Blum to conduct a beginner's class every Wednesday from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Jennifer will be teaching the beginners some of the simple sequence dances. Secondly, Ken & Terry will be introducing some exciting new sequence dances and also be revising some dances. Ken and Terry's class is held every Wednesday from 7:30pm to 8:00pm. Social dancing for SDG commence at 8:00pm every Wednesdays and finishes around 10:30pm officially.

In 2012, we have arranged for a monthly social dance to be held at the CAV Centre on the fourth Sunday of each month.

The weekly dance programme for 2012 has been set.

More information from all the above can be obtained from the committee members or on our notice board.

CAV SDG is open to all CAV and non CAV members. Its activities for this year are:

<u>Days</u> Every Wednesday Lessons (Teachers) Beginners (Jennifer Blum): 7:00pm to 8:00pm New Dance / Revision (Ken & Terry): 7:30pm to 8:00pm Social Dance 8:00pm to 10:30pm

7:30pm to 10:30pm 6:30pm to 11:30pm

Every 4th Sunday 14 July 2012 – Christmas in July

We would like to invite you to come and join us on Wednesdays or on our social dancing nights.

The committee members for 2012 consists of S.G. Lai (Chairperson), Hazel Astley (Secretary), Eliza Yu (Treasurer), Bob Astley (Venue), Neil Deer, Lillian Lai, Lilly Ong and Sunny Yee. For more information, please call S.G. Lai on 0407 245648 or Eliza Yu on 0403 389866





Saturday Workshop

In December last year, we have our last Saturday workshop of the year. Master Lun went through the first two parts of the Chen Style Tai Chi form with us. We all enjoyed the opportunity to learn a different style of Tai Chi forms and to understand their strength. We have a scrumptious end of year break out lunch, with delicious food prepared by the members.

Four Saturday workshops have been planned this year.

Glen Waverley Chinese New Year Festival

We have an 8 weeks Christmas and New Year holidays and the first weekend we resumed classes, we were invited to perform at the Glen Waverley Chinese New Year festival. We were a bit concerned that we might not be able to remember the steps as we have insufficient time to rehearse the routines. It was a great relief that the sequence of steps all came back after a couple of hours of practice. We all did well for putting up a wonderful performance. Thanks to the following members for taking time to perform the Single Sword and Part 2 of Yang Style 108 Tai Chi form at the festival, they are: Beng Law, Amy Liu, George and Jeannie Chan, YY Tsoi, Sue Ngam, Rebecca Yu and me,

Classes for Year 2012

This year, for Sunday class (9:30 am – 12:30 pm) Master Lun is starting a beginner group. The group is now learning the Yang Style single broadsword routine. Meanwhile, senior members will continue to practice their various weaponry routines i.e. single and double swords, single broadsword, double sticks and fan. Both groups will be doing the standing forms and Yang Style Tai Chi forms together.

For Tuesday evening class (7:30 pm – 9:30 pm), members will continue to focus on stretching and breathing exercises. They are currently learning Yang Style Tai Chi.

Please contact Mai Saw 0413 128 890 km_saw@hotmail,com for further information.



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Windows on Chinese

The *Thirty-Six Stratagems* was a collection of 36 proverbs used to illustrate a series of stratagems used in politics, war, as well as in civil interaction, often through unorthodox or deceptive means.

第十一计 李代桃疆

Eleventh Stratagem: Sacrifice the Plum Tree In Place of the Peach

三十六计

势必有损,损阴以益阳。



原指桃、李共患 难。比喻兄弟相 爱相助。后用来 指互相顶撞或代 人受过。本意是 指兄弟要象桃李 共患难一样相互

帮助,相互友爱。此计用在军事上,指在敌我 双方势均力敌,或者敌优我劣的情况下,用小 的代价,换取大的胜利的谋略。很象大家在象 棋比赛中的"舍车保帅"的战术。

[典故]:孙膑赛马的故事为大家的熟知,他在 田忌的马总体上不如对方的情况下,使他仍以 二比一获胜。春秋时齐魏桂陵之战,魏军左军 最强,中军次之,右军最弱。齐将田忌准备按 孙膑赛马之计如法泡制,孙膑却认为不可。他 说,这次作战不是争个二胜一负,而应大量消 灭敌人。于是用下军对敌人最强的左军,以中 军对势均力敌的中军,以力量最强的部队迅速 消灭敌人最弱的右军。齐军虽有局部失利,但 敌方左军、中军已被钳制住,右军很快败退。 田忌迅即指挥已方上军乘胜与中军合力,力克 敌方中军,得手后,三军合击,一起攻破敌方 最强的左军。这样,齐军在全局上形成了优势, 终于取胜。

There are circumstances in which you must sacrifice short-term objectives in order to gain the long-term goal. This is the scapegoat strategy whereby someone else suffers the consequences so that the rest do not.

【 Story 】 In the Warring States period, Qi commander Tian Ji always lost in his horse races

with one of the princes. Sun Bin suggested that he pit his weakest horse against the prince strongest horse, and his strongest horse against the prince's average horse, and his average horse against the prince's weakest horse. As a result, Tian Ji lost one race but won two.

In the year 353 BC, Sun Bin's use of the "besiege Wei to save Zhao" strategy sent the Wei troops rushing back to defend their state. The Wei troops split into three columns of left, centre and right in their return journey. Its left column was strongest and right column weakest. Tian Ji decided to adopt the same strategy as in the horse race so that he could defeat two columns and suffer only one setback.

Sun Bin said, "It's not enough to win by matching the strength of forces. We can make use of our total numerical strength to annihilate the enemy. We can send our weakest column to fight Wei's strongest. Our average can fight with Wei's average column. With the advantage of terrain we can win if we know how to stall for time."

When Tian Ji asked how they could win, Sun bin said, "Send our best column to quickly destroy their weakest column. Then our best can join our average column to annihilate their average column. Finally,



our best and average columns can join our weakest column to wipe out their strongest column."

成语故事之十一 CHENGYU-CHINESE IDIOM STORIES - PART 11



hài qún zhī mǎ **害群之马** - The horse that does harm to the Herd dàyuē sìqiān nián qián, huángdì chuánshuō zhōng Zhōngguó de dìyīgè 大约 四千年前, 黄帝-传说 中 中国 的第一个 dìwáng, dàizhe suícóng qù Xiāngcūn kànwàng tā de yígè péngyou. 帝王, 带着 随从去 乡村 看望 他的一个朋友。 Lùshàng, tāmen yùdào yígè kānshǒu mǎ qún de xiǎonánhái 路上, 他们 遇到一个看守 马群 的 小男孩。

yóuyú qù péngyou de cūnzhuāng lùtú yáoyuǎn, huángdìjiù wèn xiǎonánhái: nǐzhībùzhīdào cūnzhuāng de lù? nàer zhùzhe wǒ de 由于 去 朋友 的 村庄 路途遥远, 黄帝就 问 小男孩:你知不知道 村庄 的路? 那儿住着我的 yígè péngyou 一个朋友。

nánhái shuō zhīdào huángdì yòu wèn nánhái: rènbúrènshíwǒ de péngyou nánhái huídá rènshi 男孩 说 知道, 黄帝又问 男孩: 认不认识我的 朋友? 男孩 回答 认识。 huángdì xiǎng zhè xiǎohái dǒng zhèmeduō, yúshì wèn tā: nǐ zhī dào gāi zěnme zhì lǐ guójiā ma 黄帝 想 这 小孩 懂 这 么多, 于是问他: 你 知道该 怎么 治理 国家 吗? nánhái shuō: zhìlǐ guójiā de fāngfǎ hé kānshǒu yìqún mǎ chàbùduō。 zhǐyào bǎ yěmǎ cóng mǎ qún lǐ gǎn chūqù jiù xíngle。 男孩说: 治理国家的方法和 看守 一群马 差不多。只要 把野马 从 马群里 赶 出去就行了。 huángdì líkāi shí yìzhí xiǎngzhe xiǎonánhái de huà。 黄帝 离开时一直 想着 小男孩 的话。

成语害群之马出自于这个小男孩的话,用来形容给集体带来坏影响的人。

It was about four thousand years ago. Huangdi (Yellow Emperor)-the first legendary ruler in China went to the countryside to visit an old friend with his entourage. They met a boy keeping watch over a herd of horses on their way.

Huangdi asked the boy, "Do you know the way to my friend's village far away from here?" The boy said yes. Then the emperor asked, "Do you know my friend?" The answer was yes again. Huangdi thought the boy was broad-minded. So he asked him, "Do you know how to rule a country?" The boy said, "There is little difference between ruling a country and watching over a herd of horses. You simply have to drive the wild horses out of the herd."

The emperor left, brooding over the boy's words.

The idiom "The horse which does harm to the herd - A black sheep" is taken from what the boy said and is used to describe anyone who has a bad influence on his peers.

CAV School Orchestra at Knox Festival



On Saturday 3rd March, CAV School Orchestra performed at the Knox Festival. Although it was a cool, rainy day, the weather has not dampened the standard of their performance.

If you are playing a musical instrument and would like to join the orchestra, please inquire at the school office on Sunday morning or email admin@cavinc.com.au

Culturally Inappropriate

by

Eng-Seong Tan

The Chinese have moved to live in many "Western" countries including Australia, but they still retain the attitudes and behaviour which they had in their old environment and which are quite inappropriate in their new settings. These are some of the observations I have made of inappropriate behaviour of some of the Chinese migrants.

The scene: A fruit store at Box Hill Central.

A male Chinese aged about 40 approached a Greek shop-keeper in the 50's. From his manner of dress and his accent, he is Malaysian. He said to the Greek man saying, "Uncle, uncle, is this orange sweet?"

Comment: He thinks he still in Malaysia and he is trying to be polite. Addressing a stranger by an honorific such as "Uncle" or "Auntie" is just not done in Australia, except among adherents of an Evangelical church.

Many Chinese from Malaysia living in Australia carpet the floor in their home with white woollen carpets. They then expect visitors to their homes to take off their shoes when entering. This is may be proper in the warm Malaysian setting but is most inappropriate in the Melbourne winter when the floor is very cold. This results in a sea of shoes at the threshold or hallway which you can easily trip over. In that way you can easily identify a Chinese house by the clump of shoes left outside. Sometimes there is even a shoe rack and a stool for people to sit on taking off or putting on their shoes.

There is inappropriate behaviour on the other side as well.

Watch Caucasians trying to eat with chopsticks in a Chinese restaurant! They hold the chopstick too close to the eating end. Holding them further away would give better control. They try to pick up rice with chopsticks from a bowl. They feel that it is incorrect to bring the bowl to the lips, and sweep the rice into their mouths, which is what all Chinese and Japanese do!!

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会长的话



大家新年快乐。

去年底,2011 年12月4日在中 华协会大厅举办的 感谢宴,许多执委 会成员,小组组长, 小组委员会成员都 参加了,校委会成 员行政人员也参加 了这个晚宴,还有 许多人的另一半也

来了,这个一年一度的聚餐给志愿者们一个互相 认识的机会,肯定大家一年的辛劳工作,此外各 小组可以分享资讯和来年的计划,可以说是很成 功的晚宴聚餐。

中华协会参与了好几个中国新年庆祝会迎接 龙年的到来,许多小组参加了唐人街庆祝活动和 Glen Waverley Festival,有些执委会成员和 中华协会会员也参加了在皇冠赌场 Palladium 举办的新年慈善晚会。中华协会 在 2012 年 2 月 12 日在大厅庆祝了龙年, 有学校小朋友的表演,游戏及兢赛,免费 餐点,红包、糖果袋,当然免不了舞狮喽。 小朋友和大人们都尽欢而归,真的是一次 很成功的活动,十分感谢主办委员会。

今年的会员年度会议将于 2012 年 3 月 25 日星期天下午在大厅举行,欢迎所有会 员参加,会员费又到期了,敬请下载更新 表格,填好资料,连同支票一同寄给我们。

感谢大家的支持。

Rex Lai/黎德安 中华协会会长

当这期的会讯出版时,2012年的头两个月 已经过去了,真是时间不留人。希望大家有个 愉快的圣诞和新年假期。在这假期中,我和家 人到 欧洲和马来西旅游了五个半星期。我们非 常幸运,逃过了意大利游轮"科斯塔·康科迪 亚"号的大难。一月十三日我们完成了七天地 中海之游,早上九点半下船,当天晚上九点半, 游轮就触礁失事。不谈游轮事件,欧洲的风景、 历史、文化和古老建筑物有它独特的风格,和 东方的风格大有不同, 真的很值得去看一看。

今年中华协会将庆祝三十周年,协会将有 很多庆祝会, 敬请大家化多点时间上网 www.cavinc.com.au 探访,查看各项庆祝活动 的日期。

编者的话

这一期会讯,您将可读到许多有关春节 新年,迎接龙年庆祝会的报告。在此,我要 感谢以下会员的贡献,协助我顺利的完成了 这会讯。

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苏潘美坊

校长的話

袁瑞兰校长报告



2012 学年第一 学期 12 个班级于二 月五号正式开课了! 第一周有 108 个注册 学生,接下来的几周, 人数在不断增长。 非常高兴看到新学前 班教室第一天座无虚

席,可爱的小朋友们通过了第一个三个小时 学习的挑战。学前班的小朋友们,你们真棒! 我们热烈欢迎所有入读我校的新同学和家长 们,相信你们一定会喜欢 CAV 学校的。

我们热烈欢迎我们的几位新教职员工: 谷春花 (教师助手);陈诗玮(十和十一年 级);Helen 周(办公室助理);李轶 (五年 级);张建扬 (九年级)。我相信,他们一 定会喜欢在 CAV 学校工作的。

我们在下午 12: 15 分举行了本学年的第一次 校会。在会上,介绍了学校的老师,并宣布 了今年的一些变化,包括正在扩建的两间教 室。

二月十二号是轰轰烈烈的一天! CAV 的会员们组织安排了龙年庆祝会,每个学生都享受了免费的烤香肠和饮料,并且参加了多种多样

的游戏活动,还获得了一个大礼包呢。在此, 我要感谢组织这次活动的每一位成员!

在学校校历中我们增加了每月一次的校 会,以便及时介绍学校的新动向以及奖励品 学兼优、刻苦学习的学生,并鼓励全体学生 努力学习,不断进步。我们由衷地欢迎家长 们参加我们的校会。

在教材使用方面,我们将逐渐增加、更 换教材,以更加适应学生的学习情况和维省 汉语教学大纲的要求和标准。九年级从今年 开始使用"跟我学汉语",其他年级的教材 将于年中决定。

我们已经决定设立奖学金制度,以吸引 更多的高水平学生入读我校。

协会的执委会和校委会的成员对学校非 常关心和支持,不惜花费资金来扩大、装修 教室。在此,我要说声:"谢谢你们"!同 时,我也要谢谢各位老师对我工作的帮助和 支持。

除了校讯以外,我将听从各方面的建议 和意见,尽力把我们的教学工作搞好。

维省中华协会中文学校校长 袁瑞兰 博士 二零一二年二月

中文学校校委会主席 — 蔡家声医生报告

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首先,我想向所有 的学生、家长和老师致 以热烈的欢迎,欢迎你 们在 2012 参加我们的行 列,特别向我们新任命 的校长袁瑞兰 Ruilan Yuan 博士和副校长白智 明 Zhiming Bai 致以热 烈的欢迎。在这吉祥的

龙年,我向你们大家致以最良好的祝愿,祝愿

你们龙年万事如意、身体健康。健康是至 关重要的,它为你一生的成功奠定基础。

我们的学校是独特的学校,与许多其 它中文学校不同,除了教你们的孩子中文 和中华文化外,我们每年还和学生、家长 和维省中华协会(CAV)的会员一起庆祝中 国主要的传统节日,例如, 春节、中秋节 和端午节等,把这些庆祝活动作为我们学 校课程的一部分。

2月12日星期日维省中华协会和学校成功地 庆祝了龙年。大厅挤满人群。学生、家长和 CAV 会员参加了丰富多彩的活动。两头彩狮在 礼堂献舞迎来了龙年。所有儿童都得到 CAV 长 者发的红包和一袋糖果。大厅充满欢笑。看到 我们学生和家长等脸上展现的快乐和笑容令我 们感到我们付出的辛劳是值得的。我要籍此机 会多谢我们的组织者和帮助者:学校校长袁瑞 兰博士 Ruilan Yuan, 白智明副校长 Zhiming Bai 和老师们, Lillian Giang, Nicholas Yong, Cleve Chu 和他们小组的餐厅管理部门, Rex Lai, Lillian Lai, Shirley Teh 的协会执委会以及春节新 年组委会 Evelyn 和 Leon Han, Elizabeth Tan 和她 的小组等; 妇女组 Grace 和她的丈夫 Clement; Helen 和她的丈夫 Raymond, Shirley 的丈夫以 及我校校委会成员 Fui Keong Yong 和 Suan Khoo 等。最后但并非最不重要,我们的主持人 John Yap 干得很出色, 使挤满人群的大厅充满活跃和 人人投入的气氛。如果因疏忽,我忘了提及你 的名字,请原谅我。

"只会用功不玩耍,聪明孩子也变傻"。学校鼓励学生和家长参加由我们协会组织的其他



课余活动。我们与其它中文学校不同,我 们拥有我们自己的场地,你是协会的会员 便拥有学校和协会的一部分。我们提供兵 乓球、太极、交际舞、序列跳舞、排舞、 卡拉 OK 和唱歌课、儿童和成人文化舞和其 它社会活动诸如打高尔夫球、友谊聚餐和 聚会等,请自行参加我们的活动。

最后,作为校委会主席,我有责任每 年招收新的校委会成员。下面是提供新来 家长的信息:校委会是自愿的委员会旨在 帮助学校在多方面的发展。例如帮助校长 和老师改进其教学,提供餐厅管理,帮助 协会执委会和 CAV 的学校建筑信用基金以 供学校设施的维修等,如果你有时间和有 兴趣在任何方面帮助我们,请与我联系, 如果我在学校,可与我谈谈,或在办公时 间打电话给我,电话是 98735050 或发电函 给我,函址是 kasingchua@hotmail.com,谢 谢。

致最良好的祝愿



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