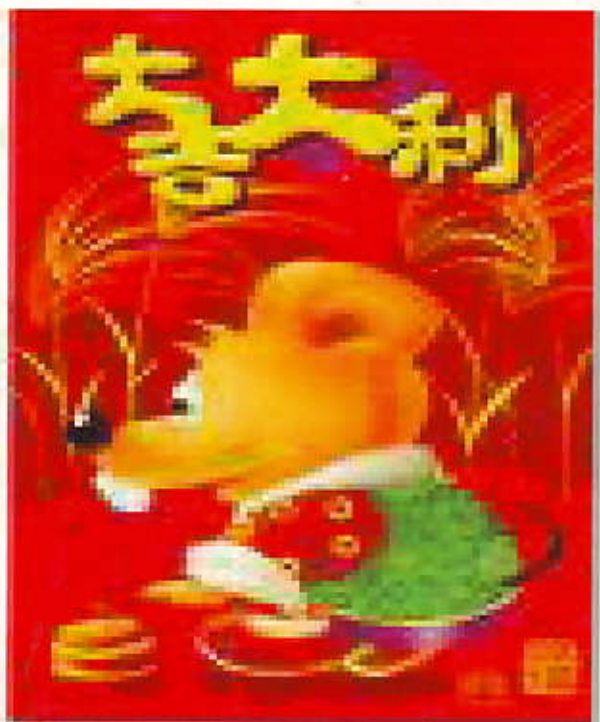




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Chinese Association of Victoria Inc.



Thank You For A Great 2007



Welcome 2008!



*Let's Welcome
The
Year of the Rat Together!*



*Make a Booking for the
CAV Chinese New Year Dinner*

Date: Sunday, 17th February 2008

*Venue: CAV Center,
320 Wantirna Road, Wantirna
(enter from Ashley Street)*

Cost: \$18 per adult; \$12 per child 3 - 12 yo

Enquiries: Mai Saw 0413 128 890

President's Message



The year has gone quickly and we are heading towards the end of 2007. The EXCO team has been in office since March and lots have happened in the last few months. We have experienced a successful Mid-year celebration dinner held at our own center, the completion and launch of the 25th year commemorative magazine, the huge Multicultural Festival and Open Day as well as the exciting Silver Jubilee Gala Ball at Hilton On the Park. All these events were organized while normal operational activities were still happening in the background.

The success of all these events is the result of the effort of many of our dedicated members, especially the chairperson of each of these events and the organizing committees. I am very proud and grateful to say that these CAV supporters made and are still making my job a lot easier than otherwise. What we have achieved in the last 7 months took a lot of time, effort and commitment from many individuals. For example, the Magazine committee working till 1pm one weeknight thinking that was a late night, found themselves working till 3am the next week and Helen Wong working through the entire night with no sleep to meet the printer's deadline; the Open Day committee bundling food vouchers till 1am knowing that they still need to go to work the next day; the newsletters working bees; Gala Ball working bees; CAV clean up working bees; the CRC review meetings and the list goes on and on. None of these achievements would have been made without great team effort and personal sacrifices by so many for which I am really appreciative.

In particular, I would also like to thank my three Vice Presidents, Evelyn Han, Mai Saw and Brian Tyedin who had displayed great management skills and dedication in organizing the Mid Year Dinner, Multicultural and Lantern Festival and Silver jubilee Ball respectively. I would also like to acknowledge the work done by the rest of my committee members and their allegiance. The same thanks need to go to the sub-group leaders and their committee; for their contribution in making CAV such a colorful and interesting association with so much to offer in terms of social and cultural activities as well as organized sub-group functions. Their effort adds to the valuable intangible asset that CAV possess.

There is one person who has spent many 'silent relentless hours' at CAV every week since April. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge this individual as her name is not in any committee list but she has been 'solid as a rock' and extremely reliable. EXCO and I wish to thank Sherilyn Yong for her contribution in performing the administrative role this year. Thank you Sherilyn!

It is therefore not a surprise when, in her speech to the guests at our Silver Jubilee Gala Ball, Madam Yang Yue-Ming, Deputy Consul General of the People's Republic of China Melbourne gave praise to CAV and its members. Her highly encouraging speech summed up the credential of our Association and its membership. She said that since coming to Melbourne 4 years ago she had come to know three CAV Presidents and many of their respective committee members. She noticed that "all the committees had a strong sense of duty and worked hard to build a highly creative and successful as well as one of the largest voluntary community organisations in Melbourne". She added that "all the activities held by CAV are well organized creative and with high quality, filled with an atmosphere of Chinese traditional culture, and are always broadly participated and enjoyed by people with or without Chinese background".

Besides team effort and hard work by many, CAV received generous donations from several supporters to our school building fund totaling \$48,450 and raised approximately \$40k at the Gala Ball function; and another \$15k from the other functions; activities and the production of the 25th year Commemorative Magazine. Thank you all for your generosity!

I am also pleased to announce that Central Equity has signed up a two year corporate sponsorship agreement taking up our partnership with them to 2009. Don't forget to take advantage of the special 'discount' available to all CAV members if you are to purchase any property from Central Equity. This benefit is extended to any referral to Central Equity by a CAV member!

The New Year is round the corner and there is much in store for the coming year. While many of us have year-end plans with the coming holiday and festive season, EXCO is already planning the first social and festive celebration for the new year.

Keep 17th February'08 night free in your diary. Come and join us welcome the 'Year of the Rat' with a 'bang'. I look forward to seeing you all at the celebration!

Khim Chow
President, CAV

2008 - Year of the Rat



The Rat



Rats are both charming and aggressive. They appear calm and well balanced on the surface, but underneath, they are restless and a little nervous. Rats are compatible, hard working, and they know how to hang on to a penny. They are never without admirers. They are very appealing. They have a bright and happy personality, and this keeps them busy socially. They love parties and other large gatherings. They like belonging to exclusive clubs and will often have a close circle of fellow conspirators. They like involvement and are very outgoing. Rats cherish friends and loved ones. For this reason, they often get entangled with others' problems and lives.

Rats love money and are quite shrewd where a buck is concerned. It is a hard task to separate Rats from their money. However, Rats can be very generous when their loved ones are concerned. Relatives are always welcome. Rats are definitely clannish and clever. With all these people around, Rats always find tasks for them to earn their keep. People will be put to work quickly in the Rat's house. Rats know how to keep a secret, if it's their own, but they are adept at finding out what others try to keep to themselves, and Rats wouldn't be above using the information if it were to their benefit.

One can always tell when Rats are upset. They become edgy, very nervous, and quite nagging. Rats are always taken by a bargain. They often buy things they don't need and tend to save everything. Souvenirs and sentimental odds and ends are found tucked away everywhere.

Since they make it a point to know everything about everybody, Rats are excellent writers. They have a good memory and are extremely inquisitive. Rats can be successful in almost everything they try to do. They easily adapt themselves to the situation at hand. They are at their best during any crisis and are great problem solvers. Rats are very level headed and are also very alert. Their intuition is strong and are always on the lookout for opportunities to better themselves. Rats seldom get into jams they can't escape since they cover themselves well in advance. They have a built in alarm system.

One of the Rat's biggest fault is that they try to do too much at once. They often scatter their energies and get nothing accomplished. Once they learn to finish what they have started, there is no stopping them from being successful. The Rat must also watch those fast deals and those great bargains. In these areas their judgment may fail them. They must not become too greedy, or they will suffer a financial blow or two.

Rats have great respect for their parents and dote on their own children. They love their home. Family life is very important to them. Rats born during the evening are tempted to a more hectic life than those born during the day.

Rats learn early, quickly, and are avid readers. They know how to express themselves well-both written and orally. Given the slightest chance, Rats can make a success of their lives.



Silver Jubilee Gala Ball 2007



This year the Gala Ball to celebrate 25 years of CAV was held at the luxurious Hilton on the Park Hotel. The event was well attended by close to 400 people. The evening started off with pre-dinner drinks with music provided by our pianist, the very talented, Alex Loh.

To open proceedings there was a dual screen audio visual presentation of "25 years of CAV" produced by Alan Chow. Next was the Cultural Dance Troupe featuring both the junior and the senior sections. They were organised by Lily Ong who is also the chairperson of the Cultural Dance Troupe.

The band for the night was the fabulous Fred Cheah and the Cabaret Cats.

Guest speakers were the Hon James Merlino, Mr. Ted Baillieu, Senator Penny Wong and the Deputy Consul General of the People's Republic of China, Madame Yang Yueming

President Khim Chow gave the Presidential address.

We also had performances from the Melbourne Chinese Gu Zheng School and the spectacular Formation Dance Team of the CAV Ballroom Dancing Group.

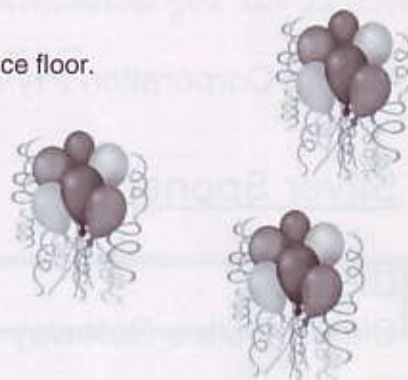
The CAV Fellowship was awarded to Lord Mayor John So with PP Chooi Hon Ho giving the citation and President Khim Chow presenting the Fellowship.

An auction and a raffle were also included to give the dancers a rest from the dance floor.

The auctioneer and MC was Brian Tyedin.

The Sponsors were:

1. Platinum – Central Equity and AMP
2. Gold – Royal Umbrella and Mering Corporation P/L
3. Silver – GIO, CMC Markets, Clarion Suites Gateway, and ANZ
4. Bronze- Balance and Hearing Aids, MAS
5. Other - NAB, Madgwicks Lawyers and Victorian Multicultural Commission.



Donors to the Raffle and the Auction were:

The Hour Glass, Chinatique, Lim Pharmacy, KST Partners, Amicus Financial & Lifestyle Planning, Riviana, Tan Hung Asian Groceries, Bank of Queensland, Imperial Kingdom Restaurant, San Choi Restaurant, Chinta Ria Restaurant, Sydney Wu, MAS, Hilton on the Park, Clarion Suite Gateway, Sue & Robbert Labberton, CAV Tai Chi, CAV Golf, CAV Table Tennis, CAV WIN, CAV Cultural Dance Troupe, CAV Karaoke, Teo & Partners, and Ka Sing Chua.

This was an occasion to celebrate CAV and to show how far CAV has progressed over 25 years.

Thank you to the many CAV members who worked hard and contributed towards the successful running of our Silver Jubilee Gala Ball.

We recognize that CAV members voluntarily contribute to the best of their ability and that the whole event was a team effort.

The Silver Jubilee Gala Ball Committee put in many hours of planning and preparation and I would like to thank them for the way that each member contributed to the success of this Gala Ball.

Silver Jubilee Gala Ball Committee members were:

Khim Chow, Vincent Chow, Richard Ong, Lily Ong, Angie On, Lawrence Phoon, Bill Ho, Min Loh and Brian Tyedin

Special thanks to Jackie Ooi and Yik Chee Ho for taking photographs, Tien Loh for the AV and sound monitoring, Eng Ong and Sheryllyn on finance, Grace Chan on sponsor bags, Evelyn Han on reception, all the greeters, those who helped with the raffle and the auction, all ticket sellers and to those who helped CAV secure auction and raffle prizes.

Thank you to all ExCo members and their partners for your help in the working bee and also on the night.

The Silver Jubilee was a great CAV team effort and it was a fantastic celebration. Thank you to all who attended.

Brian Tyedin
(Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Gala Ball Committee)

CAV would like to thank the following Silver Jubilee Gala Ball sponsors.

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*A special Thanks to Thee Victorian
Multicultural Commission for its Backing
and Support in 2007*

CAV SENIOR GROUP

The **CAV Seniors Group** has been formed. The members consist of: Eng-Seong Tan (Chair), Rex Lai (Secretary), John Hee, George Liew, Grace Chan, Bill Bates and Winnie Phoon.

The number of activities have been planned for senior members of the CAV, These include:

- Mahjong at the CAV Centre,
- Excursions, picnics and dinners,
- Music Appreciation: Classical Chinese and European,
- Health Talks,
- Cooking for Seniors : in coordination with WIN,
- Chinese Painting, Bonsai,
- Table tennis and ballroom dancing classes for seniors

It is hoped that we will be able to produce a one-sheet info page for these activities,

The first activity of this Group will be a Health Talk to be done in coordination with WIN:

“Depression – A killer disease” by E-S Tan on
Wednesday, 30.1.2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Community Services

Participating in community service is personally enriching. Take this opportunity to play an active role in, and give back to, the community.

.....Initiative of WIN & EXCO



NATIONAL
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION
FUNDING RESEARCH FOR PREVENTION AND CURE

WIN was involved raising fund for the National Breast Cancer Foundation by selling Pink

Ribbons.

The National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) relies on community fundraising to enable them fund breast cancer research across the country. WIN has been supporting NBCF raise fund consecutively the last three years and this year is no exception. Similar to last year, due to the generosity of the public, WIN raised more funds than the allocated pink ribbon sale. Well done WIN!

Acknowledgement - Donations To The School Building Fund

CAV would like to acknowledge and thank the following people for their generous donations to the CAV School Building Fund.

CHEW Teng Jin	200	CHERK Albert	500	LEONG Chee Mun	500
CHONG David C.A.	1,000	WONG Clement	1,000	CHEAH Hoon	300
CHUA Hood Chuan	1,000	THIA Teck	500	LEE Kim	200
CHUA Dawn Chen	1,000	CHUA Ka Sing	1,000	DING Jack	1,000
CHUA Ka Sing	2,000	CHU Cleve	300	WONG Robert	2,000
GIN Douglas	1,000	CHENG Jenny	100	CHEW Frank	1,000
GOH Gabrielle	1,000	NG Seng Tarrg	1,000	PHOON Lawrence	500
JEE Patrick	1,000	CHIN Chen Woo	1,000	GIAM Edward	200
NG Mooi Sim	1,000	LI Quan Yang	1,000	HAN Leon	100
ONG Jimmy Y.J.	1,000	SOON Effie	250	HAN Leon	100
ONG Richard S.H.	1,000	CHIN Ernle	1,000	CAMMAROTO Julianne	100
QUAH Siew Hoon	700	CHIN Lucia	300	KEE Tom T.S.	50
SIAW Kah Loon	1,000	WONG Cliff	500	CHOW, Vincent	1000
TAN Boon Kee	1,000	LIU Y.K.	1,000	Anonymous	5000
TAN Helen	1,000	ONG Chong Ken	1,000	Anonymous	5000
TAN Richard H.T.	1,000	HO Yik Chee	1,000		
THIA Teck	500	HO Chooi Hon	1,000		
TEE Michael	1,000	MARK Khai	200		
WONG Warren	750	CHEAH Siew Har	200		
		ELEFHERIADIS Harry	300		
		TONG David	100		
		KO Edward	100		

CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Multicultural & Lantern Festival

維省中華協會多元文化中秋節慶祝會

In early April, when EXCO was reviewing the major events of the year, we decided to combine the bi-annual Open Day with the Lantern Festival celebration and we should incorporate a multicultural theme as part of the CAV 25th Anniversary celebration.

It was an honor to be selected to coordinate this event. Normally the CAV Open Day and Lantern/Mid-Autumn Festival were run as two separate events and CAV has never run a multicultural event before. These opened up to many "unknowns" and challenges. I was lucky to have a capable team of committees comprising of Khim & Vincent Chow, Bill Ho, Kenny Lau and Angie On, who have contributed many ideas to shape the format of the event.

We decided that the event to be called Multicultural and Lantern Festival and it will be a day and night (11:00 am – 8:00 pm) celebration on Sunday 23rd September. There will be international food fair, trade fair and multicultural shows.

We contacted Knox City Council to find out the viability of running such an event. The Council was very supportive and provided us valuable information on safety food handling and event planning. We were also fortunate that Vincent secured a \$4400 grant from **Victorian Multicultural Commission** to help fund this event and the Gala Ball.

As for the food stalls, we did not want to overload our volunteers and agreed that we should outsource some of the stalls to external vendors and charge them a fee of \$165 per stall. When we approached the vendors, the only thing they all wanted to know was the expected number of visitors on the day. Without any prior history, we, of course, have no idea how many people will turn up and this made it hard for us to convince vendors to participate. It was through Vincent's contact that we managed to get **Nyonya Hut, Shangri-La Inn, Just Satay, Fried Fish Ball, Mobile Coffee Cart** and Veggie Food agreed to set up stalls. Besides the Char Kueh Teow, Ice Kacang, Ban Chin Kueh, Sushi, Zongs, Steamed buns, Vietnamese Rice Roll, Dim Sim/Spring Rolls, Kueh Kapit, Vegetarian Noodles from CAV members, the external vendors added Curry Laksa, Siam Laksa, Nyonya cakes, Satay, Nasi Lemak, Assam Laksa and many other popular food.



We encountered the same problem with the Trade stalls. Khim & Vincent and Kenny have spent many weekends visiting community markets, "lobbying" vendors to come to the event. We ended up with over 10 trade stalls on the day, besides our own Mooncake/Lantern and Garage Sale stalls, we have clothing, cosmetics, jewellery, plants, jumping castle and many more other stalls.



As CAV did not established close relationships with many other ethnic groups, it was difficult to look for non-Chinese cultural performance group with our limited fund. But through perseverance and determination, we were thrilled to have the **Scottish Country Dance, Tonga Pacific Islanders Choir group, Filipino Silayan Dance Academy, Fiesta Mexico, Melbourne Chinese Orchestra** and **Bollywood & Indian Dance** to participate in the multicultural show. Together with our own Cultural Dance, Tai Chi and Ballroom Dancing Group, we were confident that this would be one of the greatest shows of the year.



A week before the day, we were anxiously watching the 7 days weather forecast, it was a great relief to learn that it would be a fine weather. On Saturday, a working bee was organized by Kenny Lau to clean up CAV Centre and to set up the stalls.



By 8 am on the day, many helpers and volunteers were already at CAV centre preparing food, setting up food stalls and information desk. The food and trade stalls start trading at 11:00 am and the car park was full by 12:30 pm. The multi-cultural shows were put into 3 sessions: 1 pm, 3 pm and the grand finale at 5:30 pm. Many CAV members and friends and the local community came to support the event. From the food voucher sales, we estimated that we had more than 1000 visitors. The CAV Center was buzzing with people, events and activities. The place was transformed to a place of excitement and laughter and

happy faces could be seen every where through the day! We met our target number of participants, much to our relief and that of our stall holders!

Our invited VIP guests: the **Knox Mayor Jim Penna, Bayswater MP Heidi Victoria** and the **Chinese Consul Mr. Liang** and his colleagues arrived at 5:30 pm. They paid a visit to the food stalls, sampled some of the food and were then entertained by the colourful and exciting multi-cultural music and dance performances performed by the CAV and other cultural groups.



The last event was the Lantern Parade at 7:30 pm. Children and adults lighted up their lanterns and walked around the CAV centre. The lanterns filled the night with lights and colours. It was wonderful to see our Chinese culture being practiced by so many, both young and old, Chinese and non-Chinese. The treasure hunt added to the fun and again, seeing the happy faces, families having fun together made all the hard work worth while!

Many visitors commented that it was one of the best multicultural shows they have seen, their family enjoyed the food and the songs and dances performed by the various ethnic groups.

CAV would like thank the following establishments for sponsoring the event, they are:



Victorian Multicultural Commission for providing the grant
Golden Umbrella for the lanterns
Oriental Merchants for providing us the merchandise for gift redemption
Realestate.com for lending us the marquees
Makmur Enterprise Pty. Ltd for the dim sim and spring rolls



Thank You

On behalf of the 2007 Multicultural and Lantern Festival committee, I would like to express my sincere thank to the following people for making the event a huge success. We would not have achieved such a result without the teamwork and dedication you have shown.

Special thank to the following event committee members:

- **Khim and Vincent Chow** for providing valuable guidance and support in organising the event; they have spent many weekends visiting community markets, sourcing and convincing the traders to participate in this event. Without the \$4000 VMC (Victorian Multicultural Commission) grant that Vincent has secured for the event and Gala Ball, we certainly would not be able to run such a grand event.
- **Kenny Lau** for organising the working bee to get CAV Centre ready for the event and organising karaoke singers and taking care of the sound system on the day.
- **Bill Ho** for taking care of the traffic on the day.
- **Angie On** for sourcing the performers.

We will not be able to make all the visitors felt welcomed and provide them delicious food without the help of these group leaders:

- **Grace Chan** for managing the information and food vouchers centre
(Helpers: Danny Yong, Adeline Sze, Clement Chan)
- **Brian Tyedin** for being the MC of the day. My apologies for not able to provide details of the performing groups, you have done an excellent job to manage the running of the program.
- **Lillian Lai** for organising the ever-popular Char Kueh Teow stall, with the 2 woks cooking all the time, this was the best seller of the day.
(Helpers: Elizabeth & Lip Chye Tan, Stephen Quah, Ashley & Charles Aw, Julita Cheung, Anne & Lawrence Lo, Jian Shen, Ping Liang, Sue & Victor Ngam, Mary & Alfred Pong, Richard Tan)
- **Lillie Giang** for running the canteen and making the dumplings and Vietnamese Rice Paper Roll stall. It is great to see many school parents to be involved in the event.
(Helpers: Robyn and Hugh Evans, Kym Brown, Tina Foldes, Janet Huynh, Phoung Huynh- Janet's mother-in-law, Michael Brown – Janet's friend)
- **Sue Labberton** for managing the fried dim sim/ spring roll/ sesame prawn and soy sauce chicken rice stall. Sue was quick to take up the new role due to a last minute re-shuffling of stall.
(Helpers: Qiao Chau, Karaoke and Cultural Dance group)
- **Evelyn Han** for managing the drinks stall. Hopefully Evelyn would have got over her jet-lag from her Europe trip by now.
- **Mrs Wong** (Leong Fun) for making the sushi rolls. A few ladies were lucky to have her personal coaching in sushi making. (Helpers: Sherilyn Yong, Helen Wong and of course Mr Wong)
- **George Liew** for running the Ban Chinn Kueh and Glutinous Rice ball (Loh Mai Chi) stall. It is great to sell something that we can't get on the market. (Helpers: Yoon, Felix and Delilah)
- **Raymond and Mun Goh** for making the Ice Kacang. Hopefully Raymond's hand was not frozen at the end of the day. (Helpers: Jenny Tyedin)

- **Madam Siew Hwa Lim** (my 81-years old mother-in-law, the oldest volunteer of CAV), **Saw Chin Gan** and **Ean Oh** for demonstrating their skills in making Kuih Kapit and Kuih Ros.
- **Amy and Duncan Liu** for cooking the vegetarian noodles. I am sure 16-years old Duncan will be a fine cook in the future.
- **Nancy and Audrey Sim** for cooking the Zong and steamed Chinese buns (Pau).
- **Robert Labberton** for taking care of the garage sale stall and making good business with his fantastic negotiation skill.
- **Kum Fong** for sharing her knowledge in Chinese musical instrument with the visitors.
- **Mrs Siaw, Seok Choo Lee and Winnie Phoon** for managing the mooncakes and free gift redemption.
- **Lawrence Phoon and Clement Chan** for handling the most important job – i.e. the treasurer.

Thank you to all the subgroups for putting up the performance and running activities to entertain the visitors:

- **Lillian Lai** for organising the Ballroom Dancing Performance
- **Lilly Ong** for organising the Chinese Cultural Dance Performance and Workshop
- **Beng Law** for organising the Tai Chi performance.
- **George Liew** for organising the Table Tennis workshop.
- **Daniel Choo** for organising the school activities to promote the school.
- **Kenny Lau** for organising the Karaoke group to entertain us with the beautiful songs

We would also like to thank **Peter and Kim Ho** for kindly donating the disposable items to the value of \$322 for the event. They have always been the great supporter of CAV Open Days.

Thank to our most valuable volunteers, who have been multi-tasking and help out in various areas; they are **Raymond & Helen Wong, Sherilyn & Danny Yong, Cleve Chu, Mary & Alfred Yong, Leon Han, Victor & Sue Ngam, Steve Cook & his dad,** and **Khim's children: Li Yen, Jason & Kristina Chow.** Despite being told by many people not to mention helpers' names for fear of leaving out names and offend them, I decided to write this Thank You note. I feel that the helpers are the most important element of this event and they should be recognised and congratulated. If I have missed out your name, please accept my sincere apologies.

Last but not least, my thanks to my husband **Kim** and my sons, **Brandon and Darren,** they have to fill in the gaps whenever and for whatever I require. It was a great experience for me in organising this event; it has certainly helped to develop my organisation, communication and planning skills.

Event Coordinator
Mai Saw



CAV HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS

The CAV Honorary Fellowship Advisory Board organized a dinner to celebrate CAV's 25th anniversary at the San Choi on Kew Chinese Seafood Restaurant on Saturday 25th August 2007. It was pleasing to note that 27 fellows and spouses attended - almost every fellow who was in town that night.

In his speech, Frank Chew emphasized that "an association reveals itself not only in the members it produces, but also the members it honours, and the members it remembers." It was a casual, relaxed evening as many shared their reminiscences of the past and the challenges faced in the founding of the CAV. Peter Ho remembered with great fondness the good old days. President Khim Chow thanked the fellows for their dedicated support and contribution to the success of CAV.



There were lots of photo opportunities throughout the evening. Everyone present joined in the singing when the special celebration cake was served. It was clear that the fellows dinner will become an annual tradition.

LORD MAYOR JOHN SO RECEIVES CAV HONORARY FELLOWSHIP AWARD

President Khim Chow presented Lord Mayor John So, with the CAV Honorary Fellowship Award at the CAV Silver Jubilee Gala Ball on Saturday 13 October 2007 held at the Hilton on the Park. Mrs. Chooi Hon Ho, Chairperson, CAV Honorary Fellowship Advisory Board, paid tribute to the Lord Mayor's outstanding contribution to the Chinese community and the wider Australian community and noted that he was an "excellent example of what multiculturalism is about i.e. all Australians regardless of their background should have equal opportunity to participate in the economic, social, cultural and political life of the nation."

Lord Mayor John So has been a life member of CAV since 1996.



NOMINATIONS FOR CAV HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

The CAV Honorary Fellowship is the highest CAV award bestowed upon a member for outstanding services to the Association and/or the community as a CAV Member.

Nominations for the Honorary Fellowship Awards are welcome from any CAV Financial Member at any time. The completed form should be forwarded to the **CAV Executive Committee** for the attention of the CAV Honorary Fellowship Advisory Board.

Eligibility

- Any CAV member can make a nomination for the CAVHF award with the exception of the CAVHF Advisory Board Members
- Nominees have to be volunteers i.e. served in a honorary capacity or provided services to the Association without payment. All CAV members can be nominated with the exception of current CAV Executive Committee members.

The closing date for nominations for CAV Honorary Fellowship has been extended to 15th December 2007. Please note that the nomination form does not require the nominee's signature.

Mrs. Chooi Hon Ho (Chair)
CAV Honorary Fellowship Advisory Board

**CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA
CAV Honorary Fellowship Nomination Form**

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1. Details of person being nominated for fellowship award

Title (Dr,Ms,Mr,etc.) _____ Family name _____ Given names _____

Address: _____
 _____ Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Contact tel. _____ (work) _____ (home) _____ (mobile)

Fax _____ Email _____

Occupation/Business _____

CAV membership (please tick)

- Foundation life member 1982
- Life member Year joined _____
- Ordinary member Year joined _____

Services to CAV/Community

- CAV Executive Committee
- Position _____ Year /s 19__ to 19__
- Position _____ Year/s 19__ to 19__
- CAV Subcommittee
- Position _____ Year/s 19__ to 19__
- Position _____ Year/s 19__ to 19__

Outstanding Achievements

(eg. projects/services/fundraising/donations). Provide details in separate attachment.

2. Proposer

Title (Dr,Ms,Mr,etc.) _____ Family name _____ Given names _____

Address _____

_____ Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Contact tel. _____ (work) _____ (home) _____ (mobile)

CAV membership (please tick)

- Foundation life member 1982 _____
- Life member Year joined _____
- Ordinary member Year joined _____

3. Secunder

Title (Dr,Ms,Mr,etc.) _____ Family name _____ Given names _____

Address _____

_____ Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Contact tel. _____ (work) _____ (home) _____ (mobile)

CAV membership (please tick)

- Foundation life member 1982 _____
- Life member Year joined _____
- Ordinary member Year joined _____

Comments

Signature: Proposer _____ Date _____

Ball Room Dancing



IT ONLY TAKES TWO FEET TO DANCE

All Ballroom Dancing Group members are enjoying the Thursday lesson and social dancing with the coaching of our two excellent teachers. The Beginners Group has made a lot of improvement in their dancing. Many struggled in the beginning but now they can dance with some confidence and poise.

Last August the Ballroom Dancing Group hosted a very successful fundraising Dinner Dance and the highlight of the night was gracefully performed by Victor Borisevich and Sotiria Stefanis who were trained by our BDG teacher, Irina.



For the CAV Open Day and Food Fair, the BDG were in charge of the Char Kwai Teow stall. Lots of fun and laughter were thrown into running the stall which kept the chefs and all the helpers busy the whole day.

The BDG also contributed two performances, dancing the New Vogue in the afternoon and 2 Latin dances at night.

The Formation Dance Team was the showcase for the BDG at the CAV Gala Ball. Credit goes to all the FDT members who spent a lot of their time and effort to give such an entertaining performance on that night. Our great thanks go to Irina, our teacher and choreographer, who is very dedicated and encouraging to the FDT.



On 24.11.07 the FDT will support the CAV Table Tennis Club at their Annual Dinner by giving a performance.

The BDG will be running a Christmas Fun Nite on 16.12.07 for everyone. (See flyer attached) Those who do not want to dance, will be entertained by an excellent singer, Arnie, who will also impersonate Elvis Presley and Tina Turner. It will definitely be a Fun Nite to close the year, so bring your family and friends to join us. A light supper will be served and ticket is only \$20.00pp.

Our BDG AGM will be on Thursday 22.11.07 and we will elect a new Committee to run the BDG for another great year.

For enquiries: Lillian Lai 9480 3433 (B.H.) 0403 383 3773
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Upcoming Events

Right now I have managed the school for exactly one year in November 2007. During this time I have encountered numerous short term tasks, and fortunately I have successfully attended to them with great satisfactions. There are however 4 major long term issues to be dealt with, namely

1. Staffing
2. Curriculum
3. Enrolment increase
4. Cultural activities, after school tutorials in Maths and English, and Adult Chinese class.

In term of staffing, there were numerous changes this year. However, the end result is that we now have a very strong team of teachers, dedicated to make the learning of Chinese Language interesting as well as raising the standard which has been not high traditionally.

Principal: Daniel Choo

Principal Assistant: Mimi Gao

Teachers:

3 Years Kinder	Jane Wu	4 Years Kinder	Angie Ng
Prep	Jane Wu	Year 1	Angie Ng
Year 2	Stella Wang	Year 3	Zoe Guo
Year 4	Rong Liu (Roselie)	Year 5	Lay Zhi Ming
Year 6	Eddie Lee	Year 7	Ma Lan
Year 8	Millie Ko	Year 9	Katherine Feng
Year 10	Sudi Malone	Year 11	Christina Xu
Year 12	Shei Pin	MacRob Year 11	Sudi Malone

I have strong faith in this team of teachers who will make CAV Chinese School a reputable school in future. After all, CAV Chinese School is your own school, as we own it, and it forms the basis for your future generations of children to keep a strong connection with China, your homeland that is growing very strongly economically.

In terms of curriculum, there are still a lot to do, especially when we have to work in line with Victorian Essential Learning standards. Fortunately, I am a great supporter for VEL, as it promotes your children to be strong and independent learners. We also must develop a special character in my school curriculum, in order to make our school a spectacular place to learn. My main aim is to ensure that students enjoy coming to school, are able to extend themselves without boundaries, and become a well learnt scholar in Chinese culture.

Last month I was fortunate to be able to attend the Overseas Principals Conference held in Shanghai. There were about 70 principals from 13 countries, attended trainings in Shanghai, Wah Tong University. We were exposed to the latest teaching methods in Chinese, strong management techniques from well known school and many other lectures geared to improve the running of Chinese Schools outside China. Everyone was astonished by the massive valuable information available to us; hopefully we can use it to make our own school a better place to learn. I will make every effort to pass on the knowledge to the teaching staff in the coming months.

I have structured the school into sections, namely

Group 1	Prep, grade 1, 2 and 3	Group Leader:	Jane Wu
Group 2	Grade 4,5, 6 and 7	Group Leader:	Rong Liu
Group 3	Grade 8, 9, 10 and 11	Group Leader:	Sudi Malone

The playgroups and Year 12 will be running independently.

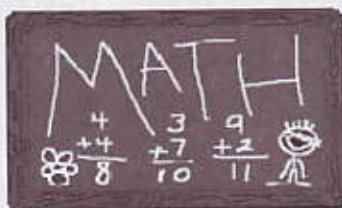
Each of the group and their members meet with me once every month to discuss progress and curriculum matters. Every teacher are expected to submit a term plan and weekly lesson plans that outline clearly the homework required each week. I expect Chinese to be spoken widely in all occasions.

This year, I expect students' enrolment to be completed early, by the middle of November. As our class sizes are quite small in a number of classes, we must aim to recruit to 15 students per class, in order to put the school in a strong position. In addition, parents please help us to achieve this by referring your friends to enrol at our school. Detail plans will be drawn up at School Council meeting to affect this.

We need to build a special character in our school by introducing more cultural activities. This year I intend to make the Annual Award Day a special day for the students. Hopefully they will long for it every year. However, I am not able to combine the afternoon classes with the morning classes. It is very important that parents do not allow your children not to attend school on that day. It is compulsory; we award your children with prizes and provide them with opportunities to display their talents in Chinese. This will further enhance their learning in the following year and raise the standard of achievements. I need the parents' full support here to educate the students well.

This year we are lucky to have a few dedicated parents helping to support the school program. We now have a computer in each class, and we also have hot foods at the canteen. We also acquired 5 players as teaching aid. However, there are many parents who just drop their children at the school and leave. Please stay and support the school activities.

Contact: Principal, Mr Daniel Choo 0412 109 969
Mimi Gao at the CAV school office on Sundays.



MATHS TUITION CLASS

We have now started the Mathematics tuition classes for all year levels on Sunday afternoon.

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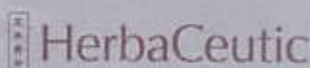

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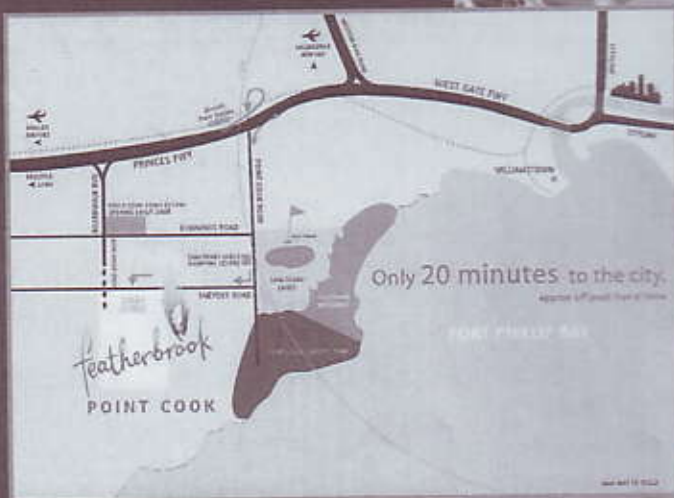
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Table Tennis

2007/2008 Election - CAV TTC Committee members.

The following are the confirmed office bearers for period 01 January 2008 till 31 December 2008:

Group Chairperson	George Liew
Games Captain	Felix Kung
Assistant Games Captain	Jonathan Au
Treasurer/Membership:	John Hee
Assistant :	Leong Fung
Acting Secretary/PRO:	George Liew
Committee Members	Kok Yin Wong
	Charles Chai
	Lawrence Phoon.

CAV Multi-cultural Festival & Open Day - Sunday 23 Sept 2007

Table Tennis put up a store to make & sell Chinese Pancake. We sold more than \$400/= and the profit was passed to EXCO assist with the CAV operational costs.

Mrs Delilah Kung / Mrs Yoon Liew were the volunteers on this project and we thanked them for their support and assistance.

Community Challenge

Successfully held on Sat 28th July 2007.

Winner: Springvale Elderly Care Friendship Association;
Runner-up: CAV A Team;
Third : Cambodian Chinese Friendship Association
Fourth: University of Melbourne

Replica of the trophy was made & handed over by George Liew to the winner at Springvale.

Other Activities

We took part in friendly games on 29 Sept 2007 with Ethnic Chinese Happy Age Association of Victoria, Leeds Street, Footscray. Our top players emerged as Runners-up & third place at the competition.

Juniors open competition

We hope to stage a JUNIORS OPEN Competition for those below 18 years of age. Any one having young adults kindly let Committee members know.

Table Tennis Annual Dinner

Please join us in our annual dinner scheduled for November 24 Saturday. Cost \$30 at CAV Center.



Tai Chi Group – 太极组



It has been a busy year for CAV Tai Chi group, immediate after the performance for CAV Mid-Year Dinner in June; we have to prepare for the performance on 23rd September, CAV Multicultural & Lantern Festival. Our last appearance for the year will be the CAV Table Tennis Club Annual Dinner in November. We now have a group of members who are ready to perform the Chen Style Tai Chi sword and broadsword routines.

Due to the growing number of members in the group, it is not possible to cover the fine details in the weekly 2.5 hours lesson. Master Lun has once again volunteered his time to run a whole day Tai Chi workshop on Saturday 29th September at CAV centre, to refine our skills and techniques. The day proved to be very beneficial to all the members and we planned to run similar workshop every term in 2008.

Recently CAV Tai Chi has joined Wu Shu & Tai Chi Practitioners Association Inc. (WTPA) as an associate member. The membership will allow our members to keep their Tai Chi swords and broadswords and practice Tai Chi weaponry, in addition, our members will now be able to attend the Tai Chi workshops and seminars organised by WTPA.

CAV Tai Chi classes are conducted on Sunday 9:30 am – 12:00 noon during the school term. Our Master, Mr Anthony Lun, has been a volunteer Tai Chi instructor at CAV for nearly 20 years.

Please forward your enquiries to Mai Saw, 9807 2815 (AH) or km_saw@hotmail.com

CAV GOLF



In November 2007, Frank Chew & Richard Ong, CAV Golf committee members, organised the Murray River weekend trip, which was our last event for the year.

On Friday, 9th November, twenty-eight keen CAV golfers drove up to Cobram Barooga to play golf. For the next two nights, we all stayed at a motel near the Cobram Barooga Golf Club.



A number of "really enthusiastic" (mad!) golfers left early on Friday morning to play a social golf game in the afternoon at the Cobram Barooga Golf Course.

The rest of the "keen" (smart!) golfers came later in the evening and we had dinner together at the Barooga Sportsman Club.

On Saturday, we drove to Tocumwal Golf Club where the club provided us lunch before we teed off at the President's Course.

The competition was played in two groups, players with an official golf handicap and players without a golf handicap. It was a splendid weekend with sunny days, plenty of flies and with inventive ways of shooing them away (refer to the picture below).



The winners in the official golf handicap group were:

Ladies:

- 1st - Jenny Lim
- 2nd - Josephine Pang
- 3rd - Evelyn Han

Men:

- 1st - Leon Han
- 2nd - Albert Seto
- 3rd - Clement Wong

The winners in the non-handicap group were:

Ladies:

- 1st - Mun Goh
- 2nd - Judy Yeoh
- 3rd - Melanie Soon

Men:

- 1st - Simon Soon
- 2nd - Chin Lim
- 3rd - Oon Huat Yeoh

In the evening we had dinner at the Cobram Golf Club during which the winners were presented with their prizes. After dinner some of us spent the rest of the evening dancing to live music whilst others played the pokies.

It was a very early rise on Sunday, which some would consider it "mad". We woke up at the crack of dawn, had breakfast at 6am and drove to Barooga for an early tee off at the Corowa Golf Club.

We had the usual course of sunshine and flies, but with plenty of trees to provide us with shade.

Hilariously, some balls often went into the trees, was it deliberate or fate? Was it so that they could get a chance to stay cool whilst searching for the balls under the shade?

Even with the tight course and the stray balls could not deter a number of our good golfers from getting very good scores.



The winners for the day were:

- 1st - Vich Keyuranggul
- 2nd - John Chin
- 3rd - Jack Ding

Our next social game will be early next year when we will be defending the cup in a challenge match against the APAC club. Besides being a formal competition, there will also be a social game for the other players.

In February, is the St Valentine golf competition where husbands and wives will partner together and compete for the St Valentine Shield.

This being our last article for the year, the CAV Golf Committee would like to wish all our members a joyous Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

Thank you for the support you have given us in making it a successful year. See you in 2008.

Leon Han
Golf Captain 2007

Building Project Progress Report



Aged care/Retirement home Revisited.

Currently an investment/developer group is proposing a multi-million dollar Aged care facility at our Wantirna landsite.

This proposal was explored sometime ago and was found to require at least 90 beds with government support to make it a viable proposition. Previously the project was discontinued because it was not possible to get government grant for so many beds. However the current proposer is optimistic that it is possible to get the beds and on this basis is preparing a viability study with an adjacent block of retirement apartments on our landsite.

The Ex-Co and the building project committee will investigate this multi-million dollar project closely before considering taking it on. This proposal is a rather large project and the risks of it stagnating midstream can be very costly to CAV. We require reassurance from the developer at every stage as to what happens if the project stalls. We cannot risk losing our land, which is our contribution to the project, if it fails. In the event of us not proceeding with this proposal we will still be considering our previous proposal of a Restaurant/Reception/ Convention commercial complex. Unfortunately, to date there are no takers on this proposal. Any interested parties should contact either the Ex-Co or the underwriter.

Frank Chew
Chairperson, Building Project.

25th Commemorative Magazine – Corrections & Apologies

It has been brought to the 25th Anniversary Commemorative Magazine Committee's attention that in the summary of "The Evolution of the CAV" in the 25th Anniversary Magazine there had been certain omissions.

These were:-

1. Peter HO was the initial coordinator of the Chinese Art and Chinese Painting activities in the Association.
2. Sue Chen HO was the coordinator of the Cultural Dance Group in 1989-91.
3. Teck Thia, together with Richard Ong, were the original people who started the Golf group. Richard Ong was Captain from 1990-93, and Teck Thia from 1994-98.
4. Romona Chua was the founder of the Cultural Dancing Troupe in 1982.

There was also a spelling mistake in the CAV Life Members' list. Surname of Teresa Choy Sew should be Teresa Choy Ooi.

The 25th Year Commemorative Magazine Committee tenders our sincerest apologies to the above, and also to whoever may have been missed in whichever group they contributed."

Chinese Cultural Group



The junior group children were very excited about the Gala Ball performance. In the last two months they had worked hard and had shown great improvement. We received many positive feedbacks on that night and all the hard work had paid off. The junior group performed the Alisan Dance and the senior girls did the long sleeve dance. Both groups delivered an outstanding performances. Congratulations Girls, you done CAV and your parents proud.

The children performed at the Springvale festival in September. For the first time, the teacher was in attendance and she was delighted with the result. The CAV Multicultural Festival & Open Day was a very long day for the children and the senior girls with performances in the morning and evening and the workshop in between. The senior girls also performed at the community event –Pre-Loved Fashion Parade.

Christie Giang has been selected in the filming of the short-film festival on 18th Nov. Congratulation Christie! Have a great time.

I like to welcome our 10 new students and their perspective parents.

Children Feedback

The gala nite was fun. We danced and had yummy food. I liked the desert the best – it was yummy. I stayed back with my aunt and uncle to watch other dances. I fell asleep on the table because I was so tired!!!!!!

By Nyssa

"I enjoyed performing at the Hilton for the Gala Ball because we were fed chips after the performance. It was fun traveling to the Hilton with my cousin, Ashlee and friends Carmen and Lisa all in one van I was a bit nervous at the start of the dance because there were so many people watching but I was ok after the dance finished.

By Christie Giang

"I enjoyed every part about that night because I got to eat whilst waiting and I got lollies. I enjoyed dancing on the stage and performing for the people. I love changing into the costume. I liked it when all the people clapped".

By Ashlee

Lily Ong
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9th August 2007

Mrs Lily Ong
Chinese Association of Victoria
320 Wantirna Rd
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Dear Mrs. Ong,

On behalf of our church I wanted to thank your daughters, Su Ching and Li Ching for their wonderful performance of a traditional Chinese dance at our **Pre-Loved Fashion Parade** a couple of weeks ago. The girls were so precise in their movements and graceful. They really performed the dance beautifully. Their costumes were also exquisite and so colourful.

Thank you also for coming and supporting them and our show. We also appreciated the girls performing free of charge to assist us in our fund raising efforts.

The Fashion Parade was so successful on the night and we had takings of over \$900, which will go toward supporting our Chaplain at the Doncaster Primary School.

Rose mentioned to me that you would like a copy of the DVD of the show that we produced. We would be delighted to forward you a copy as soon as it is made and there will, of course be no charge for that.

Thank you once again,

Yours sincerely,

George Warren
George Warren

CAV Constitution Review Committee (CRC)



The CRC has received several additional submissions from members. To date, four meetings have been held on 21 April, 10 June, 4 August, and 25 September 2007.

As the proposed changes are extensive and complex, the Committee will require several more meetings to go through the entire constitution to ensure that all aspects are covered and cross-checked. Advice will be sought from the appropriate legal authorities including Consumer Affairs Victoria. This will be a lengthy process, but it is critical that the review is comprehensive and that the revised Constitution is in line with the model of rules of the Associations Incorporation Act.

When a final document is ready, the Committee will submit its recommendations to the EXCO. It is anticipated that EXCO will circulate any proposed changes to members prior to calling a special meeting to discuss the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

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Evelyn Han (Secretary) email evelyn_han@iprimus.com.au
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Sue Labberton
Michael Thong
Ray Wong

CAV Karaoke Club



It has been more than two years from the time I took up the Karaoke Club Chairperson position from Mr. Kah Loon SIAW. Money raised by the Club through the Karaoke session collections and fund raising dinner had been put in good use, that are, to contribute to the CAV Treasury and to improve the Karaoke equipment as well as the CAV audio sound system. Our karaoke equipment had been a good investment as it not only service our karaoke sessions but it had also been used at many subgroups' important fund raising functions both at CAV and venues outside of CAV.

At our very successful Multicultural and Lantern Festival held in September this year a number of our talented Karaoke singers were on stage singing their favourite songs to entertain the visitors to our Centre. I would like to thank George Liew, Simon Wong, Raymond Wong, Harry Chen, Kenny Lau, Linda Xue, Helen Qin, Irene Ching and James Ye for their effort.

I have enjoyed every minute of my time at all the CAV Karaoke Club functions ever since the Club started about four years ago. My role as the Chairperson would not have been as easy if not of the help I received from my committee members, especially Kenny Lau who had been by my side since day one. And all those who came early to our sessions, to help set up and stay around to put the equipment, tables and chairs away when the session is over which have made the work a lot lighter for me.

After more than two year at the helm I feel that it is time for me to move so I can make way for another member to take over this very important role. I have decided not to seek nomination for the Chairperson position in our next AGM in January 2008. I wish the new Chairperson and his / her committee all the best and hope he or she will take on greater challenges and lift the Club to a higher level.

Karaoke session is held every first and third Sunday of the month from 7pm. Refreshment will be served.
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Vincent Chow
Chairperson

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