

ACFSWA NEWSLETTER

Australia China Friendship Society – WA Branch (Inc)

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Summer 2012 Edition

Coming Events

Sunday 29th January – Perth Chinese New Year Fair

Please refer to page 4 for detailed information

It is also available on the "Show me Perth" website

Sunday 5th February – Chinese New Year Lunch

Please join us for lunch- details are as follows:

Restaurant: Xintiandi (Tel: 9228 9619)

Address: 40 Francis St . , Northbridge

(Opposite the Tax Department & Northbridge Post Office)

Time: 12 noon Cost: \$25.00 per person

RSVP Monday 30th Jan. 2012 to Roz -9397 5741

Sunday 26th February – ACFSWA 2012 AGM

Venue: Australia Asia House, Lesser Hall

275 Stirling Street, Perth

Time: Registrations commence at 1.45pm

Light refreshments will be available after the meeting.

Please come and support your committee.

15th to 25th March 2012

Paper cuts & Chinese art display.

To be held in the Perth Town Hall.

A Cultural Year of China in Australia event. (See page 7)

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General Information

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The membership year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31

ACFSWA Newsletter

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Mr Chance Zhang

Committee meets third Monday of each month at Australia-Asia House, 275 Stirling St. Perth

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting date is commencing at Venue:

**Sunday. 26th February 2012
2.00pm.. (Registration 1:45 pm)
Lesser Hall, Australian Asian House,
275 Stirling St., Perth.**

Light refreshments will be available after the meeting.

As well as the receiving of reports, and election of office bearers, there are a number of proposed changes to the constitution.

Members are invited to submit items for the agenda. Proposed agenda items should be forwarded to the President of the ACFS, PO Box 2433 CLARKSON WA 6030

Members are reminded that the membership year is Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 and **2011 membership fees are now due.**

Australia-China Friendship Society WA Branch (Inc)

2010 - COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

I, hereby nominate
for the position of, Committee of the Australia-China
Friendship Society WA Branch (Inc.)

I, second the nomination.

I, being the person nominated hereby accept such
nomination for the position of, Committee of the Australia-
China Friendship Society WA Branch (Inc.)

Signed

Nominations for and by only Financial Members - to be received by 13/2/2012.

Return form to: Returning Officer, ACFS, PO Box 2433 CLARKSON WA 6030

Proposed Changes to the Constitution

1 Change the name of the society

It has been noted that ACFSWA is not being recognised as a sovereign group. This is especially noted when the name is translated into Chinese. Suggested changing of the name is

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1.1 The name of the organisation shall be THE AUSTRALIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY W.A. BRANCH (INC) hereafter referred to as the "Branch" or the "Society".

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This is in line with other groups such as "Country Womens Association of Western Australia".

2. Change required by the Department of Commerce

This brings section 13.1 into line with section 8.1.8 which reads

"Any resolution at a General Meeting requiring an amendment to the constitution or the dissolution of the society shall require the approval of a majority of seventy five (75) percent of the members present. Other resolutions will only require a simple majority of the members present."

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13.1 Any member may propose to the Committee in writing an amendment to the Constitution. If approved by a two-thirds majority of the Committee, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to a general meeting for ratification after which it shall, if approved by a two thirds majority, take immediate effect. Amendments to the Constitution submitted for ratification shall not be amended in substance by the general meeting.

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3. Widen the definition of Associate Member

The change allows for the participation of other organisations, without them becoming a corporate member, which has led to a number of problems. If we continue to sponsor corporate membership, then the fee structure for corporate members could be raised and the fees for the associate associations or businesses could be the current \$55.00.

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4.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

4.4.1 **Any association may become an associate member of the Society** on such terms and conditions as may be agreed from time to **time between the organisation and the Committee**. Associate members shall be entitled to representation at general meetings of the Branch **by a previously nominated person**, but shall not be entitled to exercise any vote on any motion or in any election.

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4.4 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

4.4.1 **The Society may accept as associate member any association, business or individual who agrees with the objects of the Society** on such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon from time to time. Associate members shall be entitled to representation at general meetings of the Branch, but shall not be entitled to exercise a vote on any motion or in any election.

A Visit To Ancestor's Home Town

From Peter Hoe (He Wen Qing)

On one of my recent trips to China, I visited my ancestor's hometown again. Coincidentally, my ancestor's house, which is about 100 years old, is opposite the ancestral home of the former prime minister of Singapore, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew. A distant relative took me to visit a primary school which was poorly equipped and I considered it as underprivileged. There were more than 100 young children with ages ranging from 6 to 12 years. Upon arrival at the primary school, I was introduced to the principal and who took me on a tour of the classrooms.

When I saw the desks and chairs inside the classrooms, I was very astonished and shocked at their condition. They were well used and therefore in a very poor state & looked like those we used in 'the fifties'. To me it was almost unbelievable and sad to see such a state of affairs, especially as I was comparing their situation to the present time of a modern, high-tech society.

Then I thought of an idea for a memorial to my grandfather, who in his time, was a respected man in the village.. I expressed my thought and intention to the principal about improving the standard and condition of the classrooms. My earnest intention was to sponsor the cost of changing the desks and chairs for the children in the school. I requested the principal to check the cost of new desks and chairs with a few suppliers.

After a lengthy discussion with the principal, over the various quotes I agreed to contribute to the cost of changing the desks and chairs. During the discussion, I made a request that the name of my grandfather be inscribed on the classroom desks.. The principal amicably agreed and expressed great admiration and grateful thanks for my thoughtful idea and action.

When the desks were delivered on 23rd November. I was invited by the principal to make a return visit the school to view the brand new desks and chairs in the classrooms. On my arrival, the principal welcomed me at the entrance. As I walked towards the main school, the children were queued along the path on either side, waving flowers to welcome me. I could see the joy on their faces and they shouted as voice, "Warmly welcome, Mr. Hoe" again and again. It was a very touching event and a heartfelt welcoming ceremony.

I was then invited to go to a hall for a meeting with the principal, teachers and school children. The principal presented a short talk thanking me for the sponsorship and creating a better environment for the children.

Later, I was requested by the principal to say a few words. First and foremost, I gave a 'big thank you' to the principal and teachers for all their hard work and effort in teaching the children at school. Secondly, I told the children in simple language that they should be thankful to their parents for sending them to school. Also, telling them that never forget to thank the principal and teachers for their hard work and effort in teaching them. Although the meeting with the children was a brief one, I could see the happiness in their faces expressing their gratitude to me for helping the school.

After that, the principal invited me to visit the teachers' common room for a reception and dialogue with the teachers. It was very meaningful to have an opportunity to listen and speak with the teachers about their teaching at school. I took the opportunity to express my personal appreciation and admiration to them, for taking up the challenge of teaching in a village like Tangxi. Towards the end of the meeting, the principal and a senior teacher presented me with a letter of appreciation and acknowledgment for the sponsorship in a form of red thick covered booklet- commonly known in China as "Honorary Credential" (similar to an Honorary Degree in Australia), I was overwhelmingly surprised, but felt honoured and privileged to receive the credential.

Before, I left the teachers' common room, I told the principal and teachers that " hopefully one of the school children, when he/she grows up, will be a successful businessperson, maybe follow a profession, a good country official or a senior cadre member sitting in the central committee of CCP in Beijing-serving the country and society of the future. If that becomes a reality, then the good work and effort of the principal and teachers will have created a " good harvest and bearing great fruits" for the country and society, which will always be remembered by the villagers in Tangxi." (Dabu county, GuangDong Province)

Home Stay Wanted

A 16 year old boy, on a 3 months tourist and study visa to study English in WA, is looking for a home stay with English speaking family from Feb 2012. Price is negotiable. Contact committee member: Chance Zhang 040-990-7444-----



Peter Hoe inspects the new desks

Perth Chinese New Year Fair – Sunday 29th January 2012

The Society is holding a stall at the Perth Chinese New Year fair. This event is to be a fund raiser for the Society.

During the December ACFS meeting discussions it was identified that many people may have items that are either collecting dust, or in storage, that they may care to donate to this stall FOR SALE, as a way of raising funds for our Society.

Please contact Roz Hanley (9397 5741) if you have items that could be used in the stall, or would like assist and are able to volunteer some time helping with setting up or serving on the stall on the Sunday.



Attractions include stalls, cultural activities and demonstrations, cultural concert, photographic exhibition, lion and dragon dances, and much much more.

A Street Celebration

TIME : 12.00noon - 9.00pm
DATE : Sunday 29 January 2012
VENUE : James Street, Northbridge
 (between William & Lake Street)

珀斯中华新年文化节
Perth Chinese New Year Fair

Let Me Have a Bowl of the Broth - A Chinese idiom and its story

(Fen Yi Bei Geng)

After quelling the opposition in the east, King Xiang [1] marched westward. Coming to Guangwu [2], His troops encountered those of King Han [3], resulting in a months-long confrontation on two sides of a ravine.

At that time a local rival Peng Yue [4] had made several moves against King Xiang in the area. He succeeded in cutting off his army provisions. Greatly worried, King Xiang had a thick chopping block installed and laid on it King Han's father who was in his custody. At the same time he sent a message to the son with a threat: "if you do not surrender immediately, I will have your father butchered to make a broth."

King Han said in reply, "You and I are both subjects of Emperor Huai of Chu who has asked us to be sworn brothers. So, my father is your father. When you have the old man cooked, be kind enough to let me have a bowl of the broth." At this King Xiang got furious and prepared to kill the old victim. However, his uncle Xiang Bo quickly stopped him, saying: "The matter of who's going to rule the whole country is yet in the balance. Besides, one ambitious enough to secure order across the land seldom cares for the fate of his family. Slaughtering his father will only bring on a greater misfortune."

King Xiang agreed with his uncle and gave up the idea.

Notes:-

1. Referring to Xiang Yu who declared himself Chief Prince of West Chu after several successful campaigns against the Qin Dynasty (221–206 BC).
2. A mountain in present-day Henan Province.
3. Referring to Liu Bang, a resurgent leader who fought on the side of Liu Bang.

[Adopted by Kok Foo Chang from Shi Ji (Historical Records)]



Christmas Picnic 2011

This year, owing to works being undertaken at the usual Christmas Picnic location, it was decided to use the Banks Reserve in Joel Terrace, Mt Lawley; a delightful shady spot on the banks of the Swan River.



Preparing the delicious, varied foods at the annual picnic.



Kok Fu Chang gives his smile of approval



Marie Edmonds, Karen Depp and Teresa Moy reviewing the ambience



Mary Green & Ann Begg enjoy the lunch



Ms DENG Xiaoli (Vice Consul), with Fran Kininmonth and Ms ZHAO Wei



William Chi, David Clarke & Chance Zhang relaxing & having a good chat.



President Dr Neville Green (Far right) leads the carol singing.

Shanghai Peoples Association Of Friendship with Foreign Countries

The branch was partly responsible for hosting a visit from the Shanghai PAFFC in November. The group was in Perth for two days and visited the Institute of Child Health Research, Subiaco; Canning and Aranmore Colleges, also meeting with the Perth's Lord Mayor Lisa Schaffidi and visiting Parliament House.

During the delegation's visit to the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Professor Fiona Stanley AC and Director of the Institute gave an inspiring presentation on the aims, philosophy and work of the Institute.

This was followed by a tour of the Institute with meetings and chats with staff.

The visit ended with a very interesting presentation by 5 researchers on the collaborative projects in China.



Dr Jianghong Li, Prof. Merci Kusel, Prof. Fiona Stanley, Mr Wang Xiaoshu, (delegation leader), Mr Cheng Jianhua, Mr Li Linyan, Mr Song Cheering.

Gala Concert for Chinese Culture Ambassador Award

At the Tenth Chinese Culture Ambassadors Award Presentation Ceremony held on 19 November 2011, ACFS WA Branch won an Award for "Excellence in Promoting Chinese Culture" in the Group Achievement Category.



The Award Trophy and the Honorary Credential were received on behalf of the Society by Roz Hanley, WA Treasurer and ACFS National Tour Organiser.

The Presentation Ceremony was held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre and a Chinese Gala Concert followed the award presentations.

The Association of Australian Mainlanders and Friends organised the event and the audience enjoyed a superb concert with many excellent performances by local artists.

A Celebration of the Year of Chinese Culture in Australia – Chinese Paper-Cuts and Paintings Exhibition

Presented by the ACFSWA and Proudly sponsored by the City of Perth

Exhibition Dates: 9-17 March 2012
Opening Hours: 10am-4pm daily Free Admission
Venue: Perth Town Hall (Lower Foyer),
Cnr of Barrack and Hay Street, Perth

For more information visit www.showmepertth.com.au or www.acfswa.org.au

Official opening for VIPs and the Society's members: 2pm Friday 9 March 2012

For catering purposes, please advise Roz Hanley (9397 5741) by Monday 27 February, 2012 if you would like to attend

CHINESE PAPER-CUTS:

Paper cutting is part of Chinese folk art and is much loved in China. It is purported to have begun during the Tang Dynasty (A.D. 618-906) and is traditionally a female activity.

Paper-cuts have special significance and are used during Chinese festivals, ceremonies and family celebrations. On the eve of the Chinese New Year (Spring Festival) they are used to get rid of the old and bring good luck to the household. Coloured paper-cuts are pasted on windows, doors and walls to brighten up homes and to express greetings and add festive spirit to the celebration.

Today paper-cuts are available in many subjects such as the animals of the Chinese horoscope, flowers, birds and scenic landscapes.

Paper-cuts are also created and used to commemorate an event e.g., International UN Women's Conference held in Beijing in 1995 or the mascots of the Beijing 2008 Olympics (these are in the exhibition).

In 2009, Chinese paper-cut was included in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage List.



Membership Application/Donation Form

Please fill in and send this slip with your remittance to PO Box 2433 CLARKSON WA 6030

MR/ MRS / SURNAME:

MS /MISS First Name/s:

Postal Address:

Post Code.....

Telephone Mobile: Email:

Membership Subscription (Please Circle)

Individual	\$30.00	Family	\$35.00	Family Concession	\$25.00
Concession	\$15.00	Associate	\$45.00	Corporate	\$55.00

And/or donation to support ACFSWA Activities \$

2012 Membership is now due

AUSTRALIA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY (WA BRANCH)

Our Aims:

To promote friendship and understanding between the peoples of Australia and the People's Republic of China and to provide assistance to educational and social welfare projects in the People's Republic of China.

Our Activities:

We recruit, send and support teachers to work in schools and tertiary institutions in China.

We organise special social events for members and friends

We assist Chinese students, delegations visiting Western Australia.

We arrange lectures and talks on China.

We publish a quarterly newsletter

We host a website at www.acfswa.org.au that contains information relating to the Society.



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