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金斯顿地区的新春贺年舞狮

LION DANCES ACROSS KINGSTON

The Chinese New Year was celebrated by the Chinese Benevolent Association (CBA) with a flush of colour and liveliness, with the performance of traditional Lion Dances across uptown and downtown Kingston on Friday and Saturday, February 16th and 17th.

Even though the official Chinese New Year fell on February 16th, it is traditionally observed over several weeks in a series of festivities where families reconnect to welcome the New Year, and bring luck on themselves, their families and friends. Many believe that the traits of the animal sign associated with the Chinese lunar year, 2018 being the Year of the Dog, will influence their happiness and success in the coming year.

This year, after a hiatus of some eight years, the CBA has revived the tradition of conducting the Lion Dance in front of various establishments. It is a traditional Chinese dance where the two performers mimic a lion's movements to the beat of drums and cymbals, and is usually performed during Chinese festivals, or at important occasions, to bring good luck and fortune.

The lion walks like a curious cat and approaches the auspicious green lettuce hung over the doorway of the establishment. The "greens" are tied together with a "red envelope" containing money. He eats the greens and spits them out, but keeps the red envelope as a reward for the performers. In Chinese the word for pluck also sounds like the words for vegetable and fortune, so the lion may be said to be "plucking good fortune". Spitting out the greens on the floor attracts other good spirits, who also like to eat it, and the noise of the cymbals (and, in the old days, firecrackers) scares away any evil spirits inside the building.

On Friday February 16th, the brilliantly costumed troupe of performers visited Scotiabank - New Kingston at midday, entering the

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Three colourful lions perform the Lion Dance to deliver blessings and good fortune.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 27th May
Children's Day Party

Sunday 15th July
Suey Mein Night / Arrival Day

Sunday 26th August
Family Fun Day

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From the Editor 社论

At the time of this writing it's Easter time for young and old alike with the Easter holidays filled with delicious bun and cheese, in true Jamaican tradition.

Your newsletter has much to enjoy for this edition! After a rest of about eight years, the Chinese Lion Dance has been brought back to our programme of cultural activities and with the unbridled enthusiasm of President Robert Hew who led the way, lion dances were performed across busy downtown shopping districts including Princess Street, West Queen's Street and Heywood Street, followed by a move uptown to several locations including Knutsford Boulevard, thereby capping the day at Liguanea Plaza.

No matter where the lion dance went, everyone brought out their smartphone cameras and filmed, panoramic or otherwise, all the vibrant colour and festivity. To all who welcomed the lions at the respective establishments, may you be blessed with good fortune as we continue to observe the Year of the Dog unfold.

It has also been a year of other new beginnings. We have a newly elected Board of Management which is committed to transformation and renewal. It is our hope that we can look forward to a year of productivity and success for all our projects and endeavours.

But back to the bun and cheese! Karen Hoo and her team continued the CBA's outreach programme with a Treat at the Mustard Seed Communities on Good Friday April 30, including Matthew 25:40, My Father's Home and at Mary's Child. And as always, there was a visit to the Chinese Home for the Aged as well.

We expect good things to be forthcoming as Saturday Night Social has been rejuvenated and school children have been welcomed to a cultural tour of the Chinese Museum.

Importantly, we are especially pleased to recognise Mr. Johnny Chuck for his outstanding contribution to the creation of our CBA Centre.

As you take your own tour through the pages of your CBA News, may you continue to enjoy all the services and amenities that your Association offers.

Thank you/ *Xiexie!*

Nicky Hoo Fatt (Hoo Ke Li)
Editor - CBA News

我们的执监委员会 — 2018

OUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT - 2018

The swearing-in of the Board of Management for the Chinese Benevolent Association took place on Sunday January 14 2018.

Executive Officers:

1. **President:** Robert Hew
2. **Vice President:** Nicole Hoo Fatt
3. **Secretary:** Marcia Harford
4. **Treasurer:** Thomas Chin

Other Management Committee Members:

1. Yanique Lee
2. Yvonne Chin
3. Eva Young
4. Beverley Lopez
5. Lisa Williams
6. Neil Yap Sam
7. Lloyd Hoo
8. Pamela Chang
9. Zachary Chung

Reserve Members:

1. Peter Hugh
2. Christopher Lue
3. Marlon Ho Sang
4. Cornel Chai

Supervisory Board:

1. Vincent Chang
2. Robert Lee
3. Wilson Look Kin
4. Doreen Chin
5. Thomas Lyew

Reserve Member:

1. Gregory Hugh Sam

The Chinese Benevolent Association Board of Management 2018

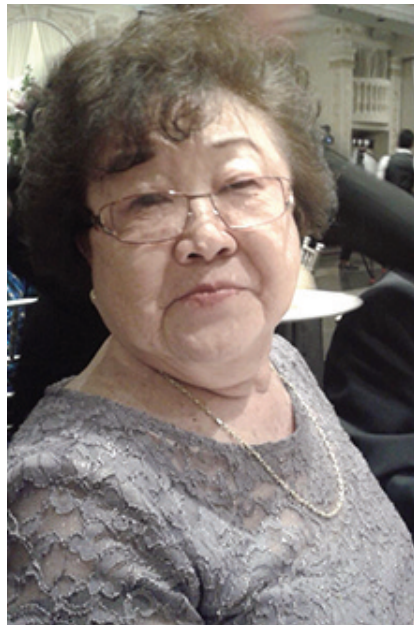
感谢你DOREEN

"THANK YOU, DOREEN"

It was a splendid way to close a splendid time when on Sunday evening, November 5th 2017 at the Taurus Garden Restaurant, Ms. Doreen Chin, our CBA Administrative Manager of 17 years was joined by CBA well-wishers to acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding contribution that Doreen has made to the well being and operational success of the Chinese Benevolent Association.

Doreen's path over the years has been exemplary and speaks to what may be described as an indelible mark on the life and accomplishments of the CBA and its members.

Doreen's background had prepared her well for her future role at the CBA. She was the only girl from a family of six children and attended Convent of Mercy Alpha Academy at which time Sister Bernadette was Principal. Doreen left Alpha in 1963.



Retired CBA Administrative Manager Ms. Doreen Chin

During Doreen's years in CBA Administration, several amenities and services which are now part of the lifeblood of the CBA were not yet offered, for example the Mandarin Class, the gym, museum and the current Restoration of the Chinese Cemetery.

When asked what would be her most favourite CBA event, Doreen says that would be the annual Spring Festival Garden Party.

Over the years, Doreen has had the responsibility of managing the rental of the CBA premises and has seen many clients with event requests. The well known J. Wray & Nephew Contender Boxing series came to the CBA in 2010 to rent the venue, with whom Doreen was able to build a good client relationship. Needless to say, Doreen indicates that Contender has had a very successful event at the CBA Centre, for several years.

Doreen's parents are her father the late Mr. Ralph Chin, who passed away in Toronto and her mother is Mrs. Ruby Chin who is in Toronto at 98 years old.

Doreen's history dovetails with the history of the CBA. In 2001, she was Vice President during the tenure of then President Vincent Chang. Even before then, Doreen was serving on one of the CBA Committees. She was working at the time at Desnoes & Geddes (D&G) and was for the Garden Party, instrumental in getting drinks for the bar, which she used to manage.

At that time, Winnie Hue was Administrative Manager and Doreen had just left D&G. The CBA then offered the Administrative Manager post to Doreen. In keeping with the Association's guidelines, she had to resign as Vice President to assume the administration role.

Doreen had a professional background in operations and has worked during the tenures of CBA Presidents Vincent Chang, Dalton Yap, Wilson Look Kin and Damian Chin.

Having served from 2001 to 2017 (17 years), there were many aspects to the job, which is now done by Doreen's successor, William (Willie) Chong. Doreen enjoyed the responsibility and people of the CBA and often provided a listening ear whenever needed.

However, Doreen's activities go well beyond managing the CBA Office. Along with the very hard work of founder Lloyd Hoo, she was part of the team who started the Street People Feeding Programme. She also helped to start the Stella Maris Street People Feeding Programme during the term of the late Monsignor Richard Albert, which was organised for twice a month. Recipients under the programme were the indigent of Silver Slipper Plaza, Marie Atkins Shelter in downtown Kingston and St Anne's Church, serving both adults and children. Doreen really looks forward to this commendable work and says, "You know they're hungry and they come to you."

Doreen's giving and supportive spirit to do good does not stop there. In 1986, she helped to bring about the creation of the Friends of the Newborn Special Care Unit at the University Hospital. Her daughter Kristalle was born in 1985 so she was well placed to assist with this enormous project. Doreen's fundraising team had to facilitate the temporary closure and renovation of the newborn babies section. Dinners and tea parties were hosted to help the fundraising effort and D&G (Doreen's former employer) contributed to the renovation expenses. The result of this deserving effort was that the much needed equipment was purchased for newborns at the University Hospital.

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中华会馆的流浪汉赠餐活动 — 招待贫困的人

STREET PEOPLE FEEDING PROGRAMME AT CBA – SERVING THE UNDERSERVED

The Street People Feeding Programme at the CBA is one of the best known examples of successful outreach projects which the Association is proud to be a part of.

It all began over ten years ago when Mr. Lloyd Hoo and Mrs. Pearline Hoo, with the inspiration of Doreen Chin, began what was to become a fine example of how care and cooperation can come together to serve the underserved, often for those who have no other means of caring for themselves.

Mr. Lloyd Hoo - Keeping things organised

Since the beginning of the programme, Auntie Pearline was instrumental in preparing the meals for the indigent while Uncle Lloyd would drive the van, taking the food to homeless persons at King Street and at Silver Slipper Plaza, two destinations that are still visited and served until today.

Uncle Lloyd goes to the market to source the seasonings that make the lunches so delicious. CBA cook Pauline Sawyers also now does much of the cooking. Assisted by several persons, including Robbie Pairman, (an enthusiastic Mah Jong team member), the hardworking Mr. and Mrs. Hoo were also soon assisted by Karen Hoo and her group of participants affectionately known as "The Squad".

This team of young people are eager to be on board, not only because they are happy to help, but also because they have to fulfill a certain amount of community service hours for school or their church. Although they may be reluctant during the first trip, they are quickly transformed into generous and caring young people as they continue making the monthly trips. Even further, it is an opportunity to serve in a way which they might not have had otherwise.

With the occurrence of an unfortunate incident during a general meeting several years ago, Mrs. Pearline Hoo took the decision to withdraw from the programme.

Other contributors of time and talent were Mr. Wilson Look Kin and Mrs. Delores Look Kin, who were often part of the team which headed downtown to hand out the lunches. Uncle Lloyd also adds that among the hardworking volunteers was Immediate Past President Damian Chin who had worked tirelessly every month for Street Feeding. Peter Hugh has also been part of the volunteer team who has helped with the transportation of deliveries with his reliable van.

But it must be said that the meals were not just for the Street Feeding Programme, as food was also sent to the Chinese Home for the Aged to benefit the residents there. Every month, three bags of chicken would go to Street Feeding and one bag to the Home. Rice donated by Food for the Poor was also provided for both Street Feeding and for the Home.

So what prompts such dedicated work to help others? As Mr. Hoo reflects, "You know that the people need it so we make the sacrifice."

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Street People Feeding Programme volunteers gather at the waterfront of downtown Kingston

2018春节联欢晚会 — 我们的年度盛会

SPRING FESTIVAL GARDEN PARTY 2018 – OUR SIGNATURE EVENT

Prayers definitely went up during the day on Sunday February 18, hoping that the rain would not pour upon our Spring Festival Garden Party 2018, but to no avail. Fortunately, it was only brief showers that came upon us, making it necessary to move our patrons and special guests indoors to the CBA Auditorium. The seating inside was a welcome alternative and we were able to begin the Garden Party concert right on time at 6 p.m.

In addition to the many families and friends who supported our efforts, our special guests for the evening who were invited to attend included Assistant Commissioner of Police Bishop Dr. Gary Welsh; then Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica Niu Qingbao; Dr. Courtney Hogarth, Director of the Confucius Institute; Mr. Eaton Chung, President of Chee Kung Tong/The Chinese Freemason Society; Mr. Ziping Chen, President of the Fujian Association; Dr. Hu Zhimin, Deputy General Manager, CHEC Americas Division; Mrs. Irena Cousins, President of the Jamaica Chinese Friendship Association; Dr. Kai Meng Lui, President of the Chinese Cultural Association; Mr. Lijian Cheung, President – Dongguan Hometown Association; and Professor Yu Wansuo, Chinese Director at the Confucius Institute.

Although not all specially invited guests were able to attend, all who did were graciously welcomed by CBA President Robert Hew.

The 2018 version of the Garden Party was one with a difference. For the first time, we set up various tents with a Bazaar atmosphere, giving several companies and proprietors a forum to showcase their products and services, which were warmly received by those who attended.

Monica Chen's bazaar booth with Stan and Joyce Wong and Wilson and Delores Look Kin

Special Garden Party guest Irena Cousins, President of the Jamaica China Friendship Association enjoys the company of CBA President Robert Hew

Chinese cuisine was on offer by both Orient Express Restaurant and Ching Tung Restaurant who delivered a delicious dinner.

Mr. Lloyd Hoo led the team at the front entry gate and kept things moving smoothly as patrons came in with their tickets, looking forward to an afternoon and evening of festivities.

As for the concert, our tireless Marcia Harford had developed an entertaining package which included both Chinese and Jamaican talent. The children from the Mandarin class sang both the Jamaican and Chinese National Anthems while Miss Zhong Xia (Angel) played the guzheng, a traditional Chinese string instrument and Michael Yin delivered a memorable karaoke presentation with love songs in both Mandarin and English.

To wrap up the evening, there was a Michael Jackson impersonation which thrilled the audience, especially those who best remember the famous pop star.

Special commendations go out to Yanique Lee and the CBA team, all led by President Robert Hew who managed to orchestrate a well organised Garden Party, in the Year of the Dog. We look forward to the rest of the year with events already scheduled and ready to reap similar success.

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中华博物馆之行 — 去学习的一次体验

TOUR OF THE CHINESE MUSEUM – A Learning Experience

The Chinese Museum located downstairs at the CBA Centre received some school guests on Thursday March 22 when a group of students from Woodford Primary School, in the hills of St. Andrew paid a visit to the CBA.

The tour of the museum was guided by Marcia Harford who pointed out to the children the many unusual items with which they might be unfamiliar. These included traditional Chinese musical instruments, and several abacus, cymbals and porcelain items. No doubt it was an excellent learning experience for the youngsters who were present with their teachers.

Congratulations to Marcia and the Museum Committee who made sure that the museum was properly prepared, especially as it houses the "Chiney Shop", one of the iconic elements of the shopkeeper tradition which we share.

Special thanks as well to Mike Ho Sue who worked hard to organise the contents and flow of the museum so that every tour for visitors would be a memorable experience.

Woodford Primary School students at Chinese Museum, CBA Centre

"THANK YOU, DOREEN"

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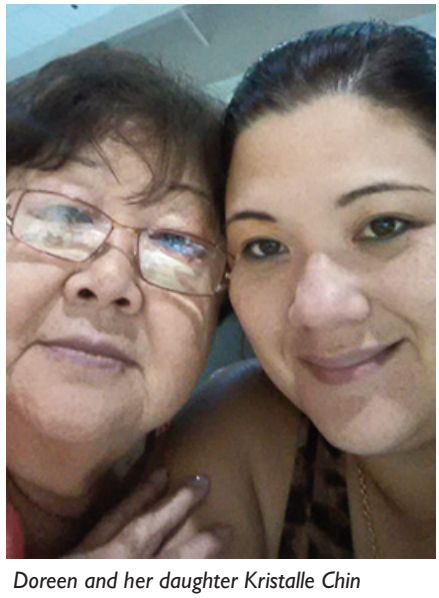
Mah Jong is Doreen's favourite past-time which she sometimes plays at home or at Yvonne Chin's home; and used to play bingo, at Yvonne's, on Friday nights.

Now that she is in the twilight of her career and retirement is now here, Doreen enjoys helping with the annual Father Ho Lung, Missionaries of the Poor, concerts.

Doreen's pride and joy is her daughter Kristalle who attended Sts. Peter and Paul Prep School and Campion College, before moving to Macalaster College, a liberal arts college in Minnesota, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies. Kristalle subsequently attended Schulics (Schulic School of Business in Toronto) at York University for her Master's in Business Administration, and now works at Digicel.



Doreen and her daughter Kristalle Chin

This lady of service is all about volunteerism and says she would like to have more time to do more voluntary work, for which she is best suited after years of generosity.

We wish her all the best.

周六社交之夜 — 令人愉快的夜晚

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL – ENJOYABLE EVENINGS

Just in case you haven't been able to stop by the CBA Centre lately on a Saturday evening, you are in for a pleasant surprise!

A lot of effort and hard work has recently gone into making Saturday Night Social an even more well-attended and enjoyable way to end the work and school week.

Thanks to a dedicated team, for the Saturday evenings starting in mid-March, everyone learnt how to make great sow bows (salute to the master himself, Neil Yap Sam!) as well as won ton soup, with the won ton carefully prepared by hand. All of us there also learnt a few cooking lessons – like when Thomas Chin was advised to prep the chicken filling by turning it by hand, in one direction which Thomas did like a pro!

Guiding the team were Junhong Mu, Amy Liu and Guo Yun Xia as well as our resident event-planner Yanique Lee who was present of course, taking note of all the ingredients which were necessary for these favourite Chinese dishes.

On Saturday March 24, in keeping with local Easter-time tradition, complimentary bun and cheese were served to everyone, all of which were quickly eaten up. Marcia Harford was kind enough to prepare pork and yam for all the volunteer "staffers" and had that eaten up in no time, too. (Much thanks to you, Marcia!)

The CBA was full during these weekly happenings, including the many badminton and mah jong games indoors and the basketball guys outdoors.

We look forward to many more enjoyable Socials!

A CBA Squad member learns how to make delicious sow bows at Saturday Night Social

At centre, Yuan Xu Hong Laoshi (our Mandarin teacher) and friends prepare the filling for the sow bows in the CBA kitchen.

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清明扫墓 — 祭奠先人

GAH SAN AT WALTHAM PARK – HONOURING THE ANCESTORS

Over 340 members of the Chinese Jamaican community converged on the Chinese Cemetery at 19 Waltham Park Road on Sunday April 8 to pay tribute to their deceased family members.

Known as Gah San in Hakka (or Ching Ming in mandarin), the ceremony organised by the Chinese Benevolent Association also attracted members from the Chinese Jamaican diaspora, who travelled home to honour the memory of their family members who have left this world. The visiting families also had the opportunity to clean and restore the gravesites of their deceased relatives.

The Chinese Cemetery Restoration Project is now spearheaded by Robert Lee and CBA President Robert Hew who, with the surrounding community, have been successfully executing a master plan to bring new life to the resting place of hundreds of Chinese families.

The annual Chinese Gah San ritual, followed by the Christian observance, is celebrated by Chinese communities worldwide, usually on April 5th, which typically falls during the Easter season. In Jamaica it is celebrated on the Sunday falling on or immediately after April 5th, and features significant symbolic items, including the presentation at the Cemetery Cenotaph of whole fried fish, whole boiled chicken and whole roast suckling pig, rice, wine, tea, fruits and other offerings which are specially prepared to serve the ancestors in the afterlife.

An unblemished whole pig is considered more prestigious than cut-up pieces of pork. The chicken is specially prepared to resemble a phoenix, which represents the Confucian virtues of loyalty, honesty, compassion and duty, and which is sometimes carved on graves.

According to Chinese Jamaican tradition, weeds are removed, the grass cut, and the tomb cleaned, swept or painted. These preparations (sow mu, 扫墓, meaning to "sweep the grave") are undertaken before the offerings are placed on a temporary altar in front of the tomb. Two candles are lit and placed on either side of the altar (representing the balance of the ying and yang). Homage to the ancestors is given by family members present, in order of seniority, by respectfully bowing 3 times, while holding lighted joss sticks in the right fist cupped in the left hand, at chest height.

As part of the ceremony, incense, paper "money" and pieces of paper with prayers were burned and firecrackers were then set off to scare away wandering forces of the spirit world, and to end the traditional Chinese ceremony.

Father Alfred Lee officiates at Gah San 2018

Mr. David Chang assists relatives in locating their deceased family members

President Hew in discussion with Past President Wilson Look Kin at Gah San

The brief Christian ceremonial rite afterwards was officiated by Reverend Father Alfred Lee, with the scripture lesson taken from John 20: 1-9.

The event's tribute to the deceased read, "When you came to make a home in this land, you endured untold hardships of the body and spirit for the sake of your children's happiness. Today, we your descendants, stand here together in humble acknowledgement of your sacrifices. We will continue to remember and honour our ancestors."

The observance of Gah San by the Chinese may be compared with practices honouring the dead in other cultures. As an example, the ceremonial celebration of the "Wake" and "Nine Night", are deeply entrenched in traditional Jamaican culture, as a communal gathering to usher the deceased into the afterlife, accompanied by white rum and freshly slaughtered goat meat.

The Gah San event provides a much-needed boost to the local economy of Waltham Park. This year several locals

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来自深圳的艺术剧团 — 一场扣人心弦的表演

SHENZHEN ARTS TROUPE FROM CHINA – AN EXCITING SHOW

The Shenzhen Arts Troupe, a group of acrobats, dancers, singers, actors and a magician performed at the CBA Centre, hosted by the Chinese Benevolent Association in cooperation with the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Jamaica. The event was celebrated in honour of the 68th anniversary of the founding of The People's Republic of China.

A capacity audience enjoyed the cultural items of a 21-member group from Shenzhen, China as they delivered an awe inspiring performance of both traditional and modern Chinese acts on Friday evening, September 29.

Arriving in the island fresh from a performance in Trinidad and Tobago, the troupe's visit to Jamaica was led by Madame Chai Fengchun, Head of Culture, Sports and Tourism Administration of Shenzhen Municipality and Mr. Zhang Jinwen, Director, Arts Division of Culture, Sports and Tourism Administration of Shenzhen Municipality.

The Kingston performance combined acrobatics, songs and dances, instrumental music, as well as a magic show which was especially enjoyed by the numerous children present in the audience.

Acrobats from the Shenzhen Arts Troupe in performance

It was family entertainment at its best, translated as "New Concept Acrobatics: Dream Chasing – Spacewalk" when performers Wu Dong and Wan Wenshang displayed very difficult acrobatic techniques using revolving props, demonstrating strength and beauty.

A fitting culmination of the troupe's Jamaican visit was their rendition of Bob Marley's world famous "One Love", a tribute to iconic Jamaican reggae music. This globally known and loved anthem was sung by vocalist Chen Li'an, supported by collaborating pianist and ensemble Zhao Chenxi, Zhang Lei, Li Xinlin, Zheng Kangjie and Yuan Yilin.

Shenzhen Arts Troupe magician with his magic cards

Children from the audience join the Shenzhen Arts Troupe after the show at the CBA Centre

中华会馆庆祝牙买加警察部队成立150周年

150th Anniversary Of The Jamaica Constabulary Force Celebrated At CBA

Starting with the idea of an event to encourage social and cultural exchange, the JCF extended the hand of cooperation to the Chinese Community to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the founding of the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

Welcoming the idea were the various stakeholders in the Chinese Community - the Chinese Benevolent Association, the Chinese Freemason Society, the Dongguan Hometown Association, the Fujian Association, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and the Association of Chinese Enterprises in Jamaica.

As a result, sixty-eight members of the JCF Chinese Culture Club and JCF Liaison Officers, along with 130 members of the Chinese Community came together on Sunday, November 26 at the CBA Centre, to share a meal, engage in conversation, and to learn about the JCF's efforts to better understand the Chinese community and find ways to address the issues that affect the Chinese community and the wider Jamaican society.

Principal among the main speakers at this social setting was Bishop Dr. Gary Welsh, Assistant Commissioner of Police, who introduced the JCF Liaison Officers and the JCF Chinese Culture Club, and outlined initiatives to improve the effectiveness of Police patrols in the downtown business district, of which the Chinese-owned businesses are a significant proportion.

The JCF Chinese Culture Club was formed by the graduates of the Mandarin programmes at the National Police College of Jamaica at Twickenham Park, part of a police initiative to learn Mandarin, the official language of China.

Mr. Valton Simpson, Health, Safety and Environmental Engineering Manager of China Harbour Engineering Company Ltd. (CHEC) delivered the key presentation on behalf of the recently formed Association of Chinese Enterprises (ACE). According to Mr. Simpson, ACE is a fifteen member, non-profit organisation formed by Chinese companies incorporated in Jamaica, which are primarily involved in construction, production, sales, and the import and export trade.

Assistant Commissioner of Police Bishop Dr. Gary Welsh and then Ambassador Niu Qingbao greet Officer Layne and Officer Thomas-McLean *(Photo credit: Howard Moo Young)*

Also in attendance was then Ambassador Niu Qingbao of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China who expressed warm greetings to the men and women of the Jamaica Constabulary Force, congratulating them on their 150th anniversary.

Complementing the discussions were video presentations on the influence of the Jamaican Chinese on Jamaican society, including for example, Byron Lee who was instrumental in bringing notoriety to Jamaican music on the worldwide music landscape; while retired lecturer Dr. Victor Chang presented "Lessons from the Past: Chinese Jamaican Relations", referring to the historical anecdotes which had precipitated social unrest between Chinese inhabitants and the local Jamaican population during the 1910's and 1960's.

The camaraderie of the afternoon saw senior police personnel as well as members of the JCF rank and file sharing traditional Chinese fare from Ching Tung Restaurant, which included everything from honey roasted chicken and sweet and sour fish fillet to chicken chop suey and fried rice - an opportunity for the JCF officers to acquire a taste for Chinese cuisine.

The event came to a close with the vote of thanks by then CBA President Damian Chin and a tour of the CBA's Chinese Museum led by CBA Past President Vincent Chang, featuring a display which included Chinese costumes, books, artefacts and other items of traditional Chinese heritage.

中华会馆颁发荣誉证书 — *JOHNNY CHUCK*先生

Chinese Benevolent Association
Citation of Honour
Mr. Johnny Chuck

JOHN BARRINGTON CHUCK, the son of Chinese shopkeepers is an exceptional man to whom the Chinese Benevolent Association owes a large debt of gratitude. His most visible contribution to our association is the CBA Centre. Johnny is among a handful of persons without whom the Centre would quite literally not have been built. The CBA recognizes and unreservedly thanks him for his mammoth effort, the results of which our community enjoys today, but a building is nothing more than four walls and a roof. It is Johnny's less visible contributions for which we are truly grateful to him. It is his readiness to answer a call for assistance and his unselfish and unbounded kindness that sets him apart. Johnny's contribution to the success of the CBA Garden Parties and fund raising efforts are legendary. Those are the contributions that fill the CBA Centre with laughter and joy, making it, the home of our heritage and a meeting place for us and our children. However, of equal importance are his varied involvements in business, sports and politics that have been positive contributions to the Jamaican Nation State and that have significantly contributed to the high esteem in which the Chinese community is held by our fellow Jamaicans.

'NOT A PROBLEM.' Few persons utter those words with more sincerity than Johnny Chuck. He has for nearly three decades given his time and expertise freely to the CBA and its members. One can hardly express a need before realizing that Johnny has gone ahead and actioned a remedy. For years, 'Uncle Johnny' has been our go-to-man. He is a man of quick action and generous heart. For his love of family, and his dedication to his community, we thank him for the role model that he is. Simply put, it is the character of the man that we treasure and for which we honour him. The Chinese Benevolent Association is proud to bestow its Award of Excellence to John Barrington Chuck, this 18th day of February 2018.

**This citation was read and awarded to Mr. Johnny Chuck at our CBA Garden Party 2018*

LION DANCES ACROSS KINGSTON

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building to the beat of the drum. Customers were in awe as three lions circled the banking hall, and staffers took out their camera phones to photograph the live, carnival-type atmosphere.

Just before the performance, CBA President Robert Hew took the microphone and explained the symbolism of the lion and its roots in traditional Chinese culture, as well as the custom of handing out little red envelopes to children with a small amount of money, as a token gift around the New Year.

The following day, Saturday February 17th, the performances continued in the downtown shopping district where the proprietors of numerous establishments eagerly appeared outdoors to welcome the dancing visitors. Bustling crowds of busy shoppers and curious vendors looked on to see the vibrant visual spectacle, as the lion meandered along Heywood, West Queen, Princess and Orange Streets. Within minutes, the cameras came out and the bystanders watched intently and took videos to show their friends and families.

Next it was a trek uptown to Liguanea Plaza where the lions blessed several stores, before sauntering inside to interact with the customers. After each performance, excited children and grownups clamoured to pose with the lions and have their pictures taken.

The CBA hopes to utilise these dances to expose the Jamaican public to this colourful and entertaining aspect of Chinese culture and tradition.

CBA Board member Beverley Lopez plays the cymbals as the Lion Dance is performed on Knutsford Boulevard in New Kingston.

The Chinese Lion brings good health and abundance to an establishment on Princess Street in downtown Kingston.

GAH SAN AT WALTHAM PARK *(Continued from page 8)*

were employed through the CBA in the weeks leading up to the event, to repair, clean and paint over 125 graves, as part of its Gah San Package offered to those who cannot come in person to do their filial duty. This is in addition to the locals hired on the day by those attending, to help them clean and paint their family graves.

The CBA also provides ongoing support to the Cemetery's neighbour, the Jahmona Basic School, which is slated to receive improvements in the near future. The upgrading will include the improved lighting in the classrooms and an application is in process for grant funding to outfit a computer lab with internet access at the school, which also houses the community centre for the area. The computers would be available for use by the rest of the community, and the CBA would partner with other organisations to arrange computer training for adults. The CBA is seeking to bring this endeavour to fruition in cooperation with the Universal Service Fund - a governmental entity which has a programme to eventually provide free internet service and computers to all schools in Jamaica.

Adequate garbage disposal, especially along the Waltham Park main road is also of concern. To date, 70 garbage drums have been deployed in the environs of the Cemetery and another 30 almost ready to be distributed, each painted with the phrase "Donated by the CBA" and its partners who donate the drums. These have been placed in key, high refuse areas with the strategic assistance of the Metropolitan Parks and Markets Ltd. (MPM/NSWMA). Once the immediate vicinity has been supplied, CBA and MPM will distribute the drums in other inner-city areas where the need is greatest.

Another key proposal pending is the establishment of a police outpost to be located on some unused land at the back of the Cemetery, with a direct entrance on Stephens Lane, to serve the troubled community around Bowens Road. This would anchor the security at the rear of the Cemetery, and make it safer for family members to visit the Cemetery year-round. The proposal has already received favourable response from the police high command. The Association continues to try to find new ways of working with the Waltham Park community, with which it shares both physical and social amenities.

SPRING FESTIVAL GARDEN PARTY *(Photos continued from page 5)*

Marcia Harford reads the Citation for Johnny Chuck as President Robert Hew participates

President Robert Hew presents Fung Bao (small red envelopes)to Mandarin class students

Beautiful stage decor well done by Mike Ho Sue.Thank you Mike!

Mr. Gary Hendrickson joins us at Garden Party 2018

STREET PEOPLE FEEDING PROGRAMME (Continued from page 4)

An inspiring Lloyd Hoo during earlier times

The Street People Feeding Programme used to be held on the last Sunday of every month. However, because other donors were also participating in this kind of outreach, the CBA Programme was changed to the first Sunday of each month.

Three hundred lunches are prepared for delivery to the following locations where there are those in need: National Children's Home in Papine; Silver Slipper Plaza in Cross Roads; Marie Atkins Shelter on Hanover Street; King's Street; and the homeless addicts usually found under the bridge in the New Kingston area.

After more than a decade, Lloyd Hoo continues to source donors for the ongoing feeding programme, and he is the contact person who leads the connection between the donating companies and individuals, and the CBA. We thank all donors for their continuing support throughout the years. Due to space constraints, we were not able to include all our donors in the Garden Party 2018 yearbook, so presenting them here is an opportunity in our newsletter that is not to be missed. Here is a list of those who have contributed:

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14. Mrs. Pearline Jaddoo – Hoo/Food For The Poor
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17. Beta Pak Limited
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24. Mr. Marlon Ho Sang

To our outstanding donors, founders, team leaders and volunteers who continue to make it possible, we say thank you and keep up the excellent work!

The Squad at Matthew 25: 40, Mustard Seed Communities

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL (Continued from page 7)

Auntie Bev Lopez is joined by Chris Lue at the bar as they serve delicious food at Saturday Night Social

Yuan Xu Hong Laoshi (Mandarin teacher) enjoys the preparation of won ton as he is joined by Yanique Lee and friends

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TRANSITIONS

Mr. Herbert Lee:
October 2, 1924 – January 27, 2018

Herbert Lee, passed away peacefully on January 27, 2018 at Sunnybrook Health Center. Herbert, was the loving husband of Donna of 45 years, devoted father of Alex (Janet) and Winston, Donovan, Gregory and Jerome. He is survived by his sister Louise 'Pinky', and was a loving uncle to countless nieces and nephews.

Mr. Lee was well respected and a contributing member of the Chinese-Jamaican community. He was also a longtime member of the Tsung Tsing Association, and the Canadian Hakka Association.

He was one of the regular attendees at Gah San, and had been helpful in identifying several of the ancestral villages.

He graced friends and relatives with his love of cooking through the many social gatherings and celebrations. Interment took place at Highland Memory Gardens in Toronto.

Posted by Tracey Lue 2/3/2018:

Condolences to Uncle Herbert's family, Auntie Donna, Alex and Winston. Uncle Herbert will be remembered in the hearts of many. He touched people far and wide not only through his cooking but also his generosity, vibrant spirit, his thoughtfulness and consideration of others. He is an irreplaceable force in his own right and has given us a legacy of gifts that he fostered ever since I can remember with the family and greater community. May he rest in peace.

Mr. Herbert (Herbie - Yin Shook) Chong:
October 1, 1931 – December 1, 2017

The deceased is our Willie Chong's uncle, who passed away in Toronto, Canada.

"Our dear "Pops" passed on to be with his wife Ruby and our Lord. He leaves behind his children Marie (Richard), Vicky (Darren), Keith (Lisa) and Stanley (Philomina). His five grandchildren are Daryl, Justin, Timothy, Daniel and Lucas and three great-grandchildren Jai, Jada and Isla."

According to Willie, "Yin Shook was the brother to my father, and to Aunty Lily Chinn and Aunty Jean Lee (Tai Goo)."

Interment took place at Christ The King Cemetery in Markham, Toronto.

Mr. Wilfred Lindo Chin:
May 3, 1957 - April 6, 2018

Late of Kingston and Juici Patties (Cross Roads Branch) Wilfred is survived by his wife Cecile, Children: Damion, Brian and Alison Daughters-in-law: Sandy and Melissa, Grandchildren: Dominic, Noreen, Mia, Andrei and Annabelle, Brothers: Jukie and wife Edith (Juici Patties), Kenneth and wife Charmaine, Sisters: Hanna and Angie and spouse Paul, Nephews, Nieces, other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was held Saturday, April 21 at Swallowfield Chapel. Interment took place at Dovecot Memorial Park

Mr. Michael Cheung

Willie Chong's brother Michael Cheung passed away during last summer in Hong Kong. Willie has asked that notice of Mr. Cheung's passing be carried in this edition of CBA News. His brother's funeral service took place on both July 4th and 5th 2017 with the July 4th ceremony at 5 p.m. and on July 5th at 10 a.m. According to Willie's niece Kerriann Cheung, it is the Chinese custom to hold the funeral on two days. At first it was suggested that an all-Christian style funeral should be held, which the family eventually agreed to as the funeral procedures cannot be partly Western Christianity and partly Eastern Chinese.

We express our continuing condolences to Willie and his family.

May his brother rest in peace.