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CHINESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

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中华墓园修复工程
RESTORATION OF THE CHINESE CEMETERY

The Chinese Benevolent Association completed Phase I of the Restoration of the Chinese Cemetery in 2008. This Phase entailed the removal of the existing wall along the entire length facing Waltham Park Road and replacing it with a new brick/grille wall and new arched entranceway. The remaining surrounding block walls were also increased in height by about 5 ft.

Tree planting.

Completed Clusters.

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Upcoming Events:

GAH SAN
Annual Memorial Service
Sunday, April 7, 2013
at the
Chinese Cemetery
9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Ceremony starts at 11:00 am.

SUEY MEIN NIGHT
Saturday, June 29, 2013
at the CBA Centre
7:00 p.m.

From the Editor 编者的话

The New Year brings hope and the opportunity for renewal and change as we turn the page to start a new chapter on our journey. We wish for you and yours, good fortune and happiness in this the Year of the Snake!

Our Spring Festival Garden Party was a great success, thanks to our many volunteers, performers, families and friends. As usual, the camera was there to capture the moments for the **CBA News.**

The Cemetery Restoration is going full speed ahead with Chairman Robert Lee at the control. Robert's enthusiasm and single-mindedness to get the job done are infectious and he has been able to get donors of cash and kind onboard. However, much more is required and we hope you will be able to attend **Gah San on Sunday, April 7, 2013** to see first-hand, the improvements that have been made. Robert will be soliciting your assistance, so do make use of the pledge forms and register your contributions.

The Hakka Cookbook, *Chinese Soul Food from around the World* authored by Linda Lau Anusasananan is now available. Have you gotten your copy? Linda advised **CBA News** recently that her cookbook was named "Best Chinese Cuisine Cookbook in the World" by the Gourmand World Cookbook Awards in Paris! We congratulate Linda on this prestigious award! On a personal note, my copy, a gift from a dear friend, has become a treasured go-to cookbook and enjoys pride of place in my collection. Highly recommended!

We have reprinted an article by Dawn Davis (Black Mandarin), titled, **My First Two Weeks in China,** that publishes on ***Jamaicans.com***, one of the most popular Jamaican-centred blogs online. Thanks to Administrator, Xavier Murphy, for permitting us to share with our members.

Congratulations to Consolidated Bakeries (JA) Limited/PURITY on their listing on the Jamaica Stock Exchange, Junior Market. We look forward to hearing great things from the Company in the future!

CBA News congratulates Clive Yapsam on his election to the Presidency of Tsung Tsin Association of Ontario. We wish him a successful and enjoyable term. Carol Wong, Immediate Past President, has forged strong ties with the CBA and has made a sterling contribution to the Hakka Community in Ontario. We know she will continue giving yeoman service to the Association.

You are reminded that your CBA membership dues are now payable and are asked to contact Ms. Doreen Chin, CBA Centre Manager at telephone # 977-3059 to bring your membership obligations up-to-date. Your contribution helps to defray the cost of printing and mailing this publication.

We look forward to seeing you at GAH SAN. This is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the contribution of our ancestors who taught us the traditions and values inherent in our Hakka heritage. We honour and thank them and will always hold them in our hearts!

Marcia Harford
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中华会馆执委会及监察会
THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY BOARD 2013

The 2013 CBA Administration was sworn in on Sunday, January 6, 2013. The **CBA News** wishes the members of the Board of Management and Supervisory Board a successful year. May your deliberations be guided by the analytical skills of the Snake in this Chinese Calendar Year 4711.

SWEARING OF 2013 ADMINISTRATION

SUPERVISORY BOARD
L-R: *Exley Ho (Reserve), Johnny Chuck, Elsie Lau, Patrick Chin.* ***Missing from photo:*** *Lucille Jones, Vincent J. Chang, Wilson Look Kin (Reserve), Patrick Cheung (Reserve)*

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT & RESERVE MEMBERS
1st Row: *Lloyd Hoo, Yvonne Chin, Dalton Yap President), Willie Chong, Thomas Chin*
2nd Row: *Ian Chen, Robert Lee, Neil Yap Sam, Marcia Harford (Hon. Secretary), Damian Chin (Vice-President) Paul Tai (Treasurer)*
3rd Row: *Reserve Members Chun Wai Lai, Roger Chang, Jin Lin Zhang.*
Missing from photo: *Peter Hugh, Karen Hoo and Allasandra Chung (Reserve) Paula Lee (Reserve)*

Elsie Lau & Neil Yap Sam

Exley Ho, Chun Wai Lai, Jin Lin Zhang & President Dalton Yap

Vice-President Damian Chin.

RESTORATION (Continued from page 1)

CBA is currently undertaking the herculean task of the Restoration of ALL the existing graves inside the Cemetery. This involves the clearing of trees, bushes, shrubs, etc., which in some cases had completely overwhelmed the graves such that it was impossible to detect that graves were beneath the bushes. In addition to the clearing, we have concreted and painted between and around the graves in clusters where it is convenient to so do. Individual graves have also been restored where there are no adjacent graves nearby. Eventually this will eliminate the annual "ritual" of scampering around to have the Cemetery cleaned up 2-3 weeks before Gah San. Also the usual throngs of labourers milling around offering to "bush out" graves of loved ones should be reduced considerably if not totally eliminated.

This Restoration will of course demand a sustainability/maintenance programme which will ensure that never again will the graves, once concreted and painted, be overrun by the voracious, seemingly indestructible weed especially one called "rice & peas". A programme is now in force whereby the sole duty of the gardeners/caretakers employed on a full time basis, is to keep the area free of any unwanted bush or shrub and to do touch-up painting where necessary, throughout the entire year.

Other restoration works being contemplated are the roofing of the pavilion, asphalting of the roadways, planting of trees, landscaping, etc. Also, if there is sufficient support and requests (funds allowing) for a mausoleum to be built, CBA will certainly endeavour to fulfil the wishes of the people.

Needless to say, the undertaking to restore the cemetery is a very costly affair, and CBA will need all the help it can garner, monetary or otherwise, to complete this worthy task. We are therefore beseeching each and every individual to make a contribution, however small to help us to once again make our Cemetery a place of pride and honour not only for the Chinese Community in Jamaica, but, overseas as well. We owe it to our ancestors. It is our culture and heritage that is at stake; let us not fail in our endeavour.

BEFORE *Abraham Williams*

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BEFORE *Alfred J. Wong*

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BEFORE *Glenor Chang-Joseph's Dad's Grave*

AFTER *Enclosed Graves & Glenor Chang-Joseph's Dad's Grave*

中华会馆 2012 年儿童圣诞晚会

CBA Childrens'Christmas Party 2012

在圣玛莉的优待儿童圣诞之旅
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREAT IN ST. MARY

CBA's Outreach Programme extended to Port Maria this past Christmas when we partnered with the Community Safety and Security Branch St. Mary Division to host their Annual Children's Christmas Treat.

So on Friday, December 28, 2012, Vincent J. Chang, Neil Yap Sam and Marcia Harford journeyed to the Examination Depot in Port Maria bearing gift for the children with a little help from Vincent's 'reindeers' and 'sleigh'!

We were warmly welcomed by Sgt. Rochell McGibbon and her team and had an opportunity to interact with the children. It was interesting to observe their efforts to organize themselves and share time on the Bounce-a-bout fairly.

蛇年春节联欢会

THE SPRING FESTIVAL GARDEN PARTY
Celebrating The Year Of The Snake

Our celebration at the CBA to welcome the Year of the Snake was certainly not in keeping with the quiet nature of the 6th sign of the Chinese Zodiac. The usual flurry of activities and controlled chaos which always keep us on our toes were very much present this year. However, the onlooker would never know how hard we were treading water from the beautifully decorated grounds and hall prepared by Elsie Lau and her crew.

The brave souls who decided to return to the days of old to cook dinner ourselves should either be commended or committed. You decide! Whatever the verdict, we all agree that the Chicken & Mushroom, Chicken & Pineapple, Fish, Pork & Muk Nee and Stir-Fried Veggies were delicious! Special thanks to Johnny Chuck, Ian Chen and Timmy Yip along with their many volunteers who withstood the heat of the kitchen and constant shouts for more!

Of course there were lots of cakes, cotton candy and beverages to satisfy the sweet tooth and thirst. Thanks to Paula Lee, Lucille Jones, David Chang and Willie Chong and their teams.

MCs Sophie Guo & Dervan Malcolm.

Our entertainment package was unwrapped by MC's Dervan Malcolm and rookie Sophie Guo. They unveiled the many talents from our Community which saw 9 year old Yendi Foo sharing the stage with fellow performers who have seen many a mango seasons or should we say lychee seasons!

Justin on steel pan accompanying the CBA choir singing the National Anthems of Jamaica & China and his later solo number – Adele's *"Someone Like You"*, were very well received.

Our CBA Lion Dancers were in their element – Kareem & Jacky, Peter & Syke, Joshua & Mathew and drummers, Jason & Dylan are now seasoned performers having danced for many events including the Jamaica 50 Grand Gala at the National Stadium last year.

The cultural segment of the show featured Mei Lan Zhang demonstrating Wushu and Yang Yi Qiang, Yelin Mu and Haley Liu gave individual Karaoke renditions. Then Haley was joined on stage by President Dalton Yap for a duet. Many didn't understand the words, but, certainly showed their appreciation for the universal language of music.

The CBA Dance Troupe did the traditional Fan Dance and the fast-paced Nicky Minaj and Justin Beiber's "*Like Money.*" The girls, Christine, Rebecca, Selena, Dominique, Shelby, Leanne, Yendi and Allysa were absolutely fabulous in their execution of these dances and the audience certainly showed their appreciation.

Megan Wong, no stranger to the CBA stage, brought friends Brian and Vicky to delight us with their performance of Phil Collins' *"Strangers, Like Me"* and Adele's "*Chasing Pavements".*

The multi-talented DiMario McDowell used that BIG voice of his to serenade the ladies, win hearts and charm the audience; he was successful by all accounts.

When we thought it couldn't get any better, Tammi Chynn made her presence felt on stage. She joked with her fans, shared news of her impending motherhood, called for the CBA Dancers and invited a member from the audience to join her. She certainly made that young man's night; he was over the moon and we are certain he did cartwheels all the way home. She had the audience captivated as she moved through her repertoire of hit songs.

And the Winner is - Lily Kong.

Then the moment we were waiting for – the drawing of the gate prize by the President of Jamaica China Friendship Association, Mrs. Fay Pickersgill. On the second attempt, as there was no taker for the first number drawn, Lily Kong ran excitedly on stage with the matching number to collect her prize of a week-end for 2, compliments of Sunset Beach Resorts.

The old cliché – a good time was had by all, describes very aptly the sentiments expressed by many! We agree!

Of course we must thank our many volunteers for their presence and assistance; we were able to move mountains and make the work much lighter with the many shoulders to the wheel! We look forward to your continued support for the many up-coming events!

To our performers – excellent job! Thank you!

To our members, families and friends, we thank you for sharing another New Year Spring Festival Garden Party with us. There are many more to come and we look forward to seeing you!

Kung Hee Fatt Choy!

Our Performers

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综合面包厂

CONSOLIDATED BAKERIES
LISTED ON THE JAMAICA STOCK EXCHANGE

Consolidated Bakeries (JA) Limited is now a listed company on the Jamaica Stock Exchange Junior Market. The Initial Public Offering (IPO) raised in excess of J$101.0M and was approximately 4% over-subscribed.

The IPO garnered a significant island wide retail shareholder base, in excess of 470 applicants reflecting the strong brand awareness of the 57 year-old PURITY brand in Jamaica, and the opportunities that exist for PURITY outside of Kingston.

In moving forward, PURITY will be able to solidify itself in Jamaica's baking industry. The net proceeds of the IPO will position

PURITY to significantly build on its already strong brand presence in the marketplace and enable it to implement its strategic objectives.

The **CBA News** wishes the company every success as it enters this new phase in its growth strategy.

Our Volunteers

(See page 11 for more pictures)

我在中国最初的两个星期

MY FIRST 2 WEEKS IN CHINA

by blackmandarin

Dawn A. Davis

After two weeks in Tianjin, China, I think I will stay! Indeed, it is perhaps one of the most difficult cultures to adjust to. However, if you are open to experiences and ready to learn from some of the most respectful, curious, and resourceful people in the world, this is the place to be.

Tianjin, one of the four municipalities, is a flat city…no mountains. And unlike the capital city Beijing, it is not as crowded as one would expect. One thing is sure though, you better 'walk good' on the streets. Traffic lights are just decoration cause most drivers just ignore red signals, leaving pedestrians to hop, skip, and jump through traffic to get to the other side of the road. But, no problem man. The Chinese are experts at street crossing, and so nonchalantly, that it seems drivers, walkers, and cyclists are in tune in a curiously chaotic sort of way. It's like watching a ballet. But guess wah, mi a learn ow fi dweet tuh… so that makes me almost Chinese.

But, my obvious difference makes me a curiosity as well, but a good one. Many Chinese stare and smile. Children will take the opportunity to practice their English when they see me. They wave and say hello, then I ask 'how are you?' and they answer 'fine thank you' with a broad smile of accomplishment. Then I clap them and I have made a friend.

There are only five of us (meaning black people) on the campus where I teach…three Jamaicans, and two African Americans, one is a student. And in fact, I haven't seen another black face in Tianjin. However, I am sure there are many in Beijing. Laaks mi dear, I have already met a Jamaican working in Beijing.

Walking the streets of Tianjin is like bucking up on treasure every couple of blocks. Colourful, lively, and thriving street markets with exotic aromas, sounds, and surprises assault your senses. If you want sweet mango, coconut, and jackfruit, yeh mi seh jackfruit…a yah yuh fi deh. Of course, if you don't speak the language, like me (not for long though), the buying process becomes an interesting game of body language.

And speaking of body, one thing unoo people from farin haffi get used to is the hole-in-the-ground toilet. So, you enter what looks like an ordinary bathroom. Then you push open the stall door and you are confronted with a tiled hole in the ground. So, a weh mih fi duh? Crouch like our ancestors used to do. Actually, it's the natural way to 'go'. You aught to try it sometime.

Till next time,
Black Mandarin pan di case

Fresh provisions cooked just right

Local strawberries, pineapples and mangoes anyone?

This is what you get from a bakery under a bridge

The curious and friendly Chinese

A thriving fruit-stand under a huge bridge

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Dawn A. Davis *is an independent journalist. She focuses on the Caribbean and covers a broad range of topics and issues. From tourism to healthcare, the arts and politics, Davis travels across the region to get to the heart of the story. Her career began 17 years ago at Jamaica's oldest and most respected newspaper, The Gleaner. She currently writes for Miami-based Caribbean Today news magazine and several web publications. For the Jamaican-born journalist, it is not always about the breaking story; it's about, questions, concerns, actions that affect or will have an impact on the community, good or bad.*

She has always had a deep interest in East Asian culture; it is this fascination that has brought her to Tianjin, China. The opportunity to teach English to students at Tianjin University of Commerce came through a fellow Jamaican who also teaches at the university. This journey will be one of cultural exchange, learning, and shared experiences.

中华美食精髓客家菜谱

THE HAKKA COOKBOOK: CHINESE SOUL FOOD FROM AROUND THE WORLD (University of California Press, October 2012, US$39.95)

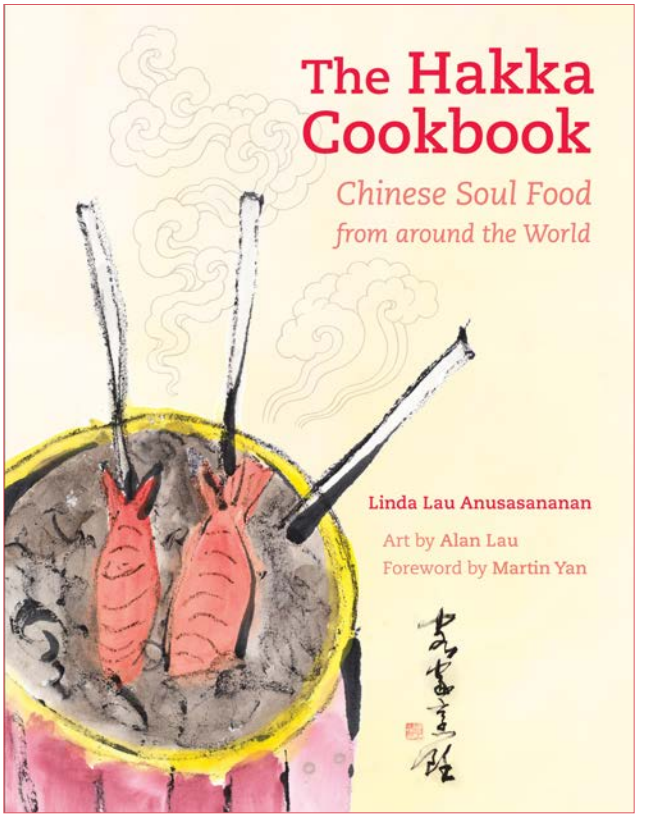
By Linda Lau Anusasananan

Art by Alan Lau, Foreword by Martin Yan

Veteran food writer Linda Lau Anusasananan opens the world of Hakka cooking to Western audiences in this fascinating chronicle that traces the diverse cuisine of the Chinese nomads known as the Hakka throughout the world. Beginning in her grandmother's kitchen in California, Anusasananan travels to her family's home in China, and from there fans out to embrace Hakka cooking across the globe—including Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Canada, Peru, and beyond. More than thirty home cooks and chefs share their experiences of the Hakka diaspora as they contribute over 140 recipes for everyday Chinese comfort food as well as festive specialties.

Linda Lau Anusasananan

This book likens Hakka cooking to a nomadic type of "soul food," or a hearty cooking tradition that responds to a shared history of hardship and oppression. Earthy, honest, and robust, it reflects the diversity of the estimated 75 million Hakka living in China and greater Asia, and in scattered communities around the world—yet still retains a core flavor and technique. Anusasananan's deep personal connection to the tradition, together with her extensive experience testing and developing recipes, make this book both an intimate journey of discovery and an exciting introduction to a vibrant cuisine. Alan Lau's art gracefully weaves a visual trail through the pages.



Awarded "*Best Chinese Cuisine Cookbook or the World 2012*" by Gourmand World *Cookbook Awards*. *Included in "best cookbooks of 2012"* lists for Martha Stewart Living, Saveur, Associated Press, and Toronto Globe and Mail.

"Linda Lau Anusasananan's heartfelt and honest tribute to the cuisine of her heritage illuminates how Hakka foodways deliciously endure and evolve in the face of transnational migration. In this era of fusion and local cooking, this is the real deal. The marvelous recipes inspire readers to dive in and explore."

–Andrea Nguyen, author of *Into the Vietnamese Kitchen and Asian Tofu*

"This beautifully written culinary gem illuminates the haunting history and culture of the Hakka, or the 'guest' people of China. Told as a personal journey, Linda Anusasananan's cookbook presents a brilliant exploration of the inherent link between Hakka food and familial spirit; together these family recipes convey the simple, rustic and tasty flavor profile of a cuisine that has been long overlooked. This is more than just another cookbook."

–Joyce Jue, author of *Savoring Southeast Asia*

"A delicious food memoir balanced with personal anecdotes, history, and easy-to follow recipes, ***The Hakka Cookbook*** *will delight any palate, from the connoisseur to the novice cook who wants to explore the unique cuisine of the Hakka people. Make room on the shelf for this must-have, well researched tome and let expert food writer Linda Lau Anusasananan guide you though her lifelong love affair with the cuisine she grew up with."*

–Corinne Trang, author of *Noodles Every Day and Essentials of Asian Cuisine*

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http://TheHakkaCookbook.com

THE SPRING FESTIVAL GARDEN PARTY (Continued from page 8)

So happy you could join us

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NOTICE

CHINESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

中華會館公告

茲定於２０１３年４月７日星期日
上午九時至下午一時為清明祭掃中華義山
時間，上午十一時正舉行公祭．為安全起
見，屆時將請有警察在場維持秩序．希望
僑胞須依時進行祭掃為要，特此通告．

此布！　　中華會館
２０１３年３月２５日

Gah San

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

will take place at the

Chinese Cemeter y

Sunday April 7t

from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.

Ceremony starts at 11:

Adequate Security will be pr

讣告
TRANSITIONS

CHANG, On Len Tai (PoPo), passed away on December 21, 2012 at the age of 96, in Toronto, Canada. Leaving sons, Vincent (Valerie), Herbert (Belina), Petius (Janice) and David (Elaine); 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and many close friends and relatives.

LEE, Winston Joseph (Twinty)
Passed away suddenly in Florida on December 26, 2012 at the age of 54, leaving wife Andrea and children, Alex, Cary, Kurtis and Kristina; sister, Susan (Vincent) and brother Roxan (Susan) and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

May their souls rest in peace.

Happy Easter!