

THE PRESIDENTS REPORT

Christmas is not very far away and you all will be busy making plans or getting ready for a vacation or shopping for Christmas gifts or looking forward for a nice long break!

The year has gone quickly for the committee with not enough time to accomplish what we set out to do but we were not too far away.

The year started with the Poll Tax issue , then the China trip to Jungsan , the oral history project by Allen and Kitty Chang, the Jungsan history project by Henry Chan which will be completed by July 2006 in book form for the 80th anniversary of the Tung Jung Association, all the various festivals that the Association participates in, the various functions that we attended, and making time to complete the building and Association's rooms so to produce an income and a home. I would like to thank those committee members who gave their time and effort in achieving this.

This year, we have increased our efforts to make our newsletter from an irregular publication to a regular one every two months. We would like to make it monthly but to do this, we need more input from our members in the form of contributions, articles or memories or incidents from the past that you would like to share with others, photographs from the past, opinions on local issues, or anything that may cause interest in our newsletter. My thanks go to Jim Ting who has worked hard this year to ensure all members received their newsletter. If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy of the newsletter please contact Jim at jim.ting@xtra.co.nz or drop us a line to Tung Jung Association Inc, PO Box 9058, Wellington.

As well as the newsletter, we now have our own website at www.tungjung.org.nz. The website has a wealth of information of Jungsan people, the history of the Association as well as news items and what we have been doing. Again, if you have any material that is suitable for the website please contact Allen Chang achang@paradise.net.nz or drop us a line.

Owing to the number of functions that have been held these past few months, the committee has decided not to hold the Christmas function this year as in past years but to concentrate on the Chinese New Year function instead. Your opinion on this would be appreciated.

The Association had planned for another China trip to Jungsan in late March 2005 but owing to lack of numbers by confirmation deadline, the trip had to be cancelled. It is now intended to have an adult Cantonese Language Camp to Guangzhou in 2006, spending about four weeks in Guangzhou. Information about this can be seen on the Tung Jung website or in the latest newsletter.

This is the last newsletter for the year so during the Christmas holidays clean out your cupboards and send those memories to us!!

The committee wishes you all and your loved ones, a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Gordon Wu
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