

Buck Toy Club Annual Christmas Luncheon

Over 120 members of the Buck Toy Club and their families gathered on Sunday, December 8th for an afternoon of fun and celebration of the Holiday Season. Past President Jeffrey Young welcomed the gathering with a short “lesson” about how Christmas and Santa Claus were celebrated in our village in the “good old days”. President Alfred Young was dressed as an elf along with several other younger members and together they helped Santa hand out wrapped gifts to the children and adults. Everyone received a gift certificate from Times Supermarket along with a goodie bag containing a bottle of oyster sauce, a can of spam and vienna sausage and a bottle of hand soap. A hearty lunch of noodles, pineapple glazed ham, garlic chicken wings and a Christmas cake were enjoyed by everyone and marked the beginning of the holiday season for all.



President Alfred Young with his beautiful elf helpers



Over 120 members enjoying each other's company



Santa Claus taking pictures and handing out gifts

Chinese New Year and Blessing to Patron Saint Hong Gung

The Year of the Rat started off auspiciously for Buck Toy Club as its officer and members welcomed the start of the New Year on Sunday, February 2 with lion dance performances from Hsing Chung Dragon & Lion Troupe and the Chinese Physical Culture Club to bring new year's blessings and good fortune to Buck Toy Club, its members and patron saint Hong Kung. About 30 members attended and were treated to a delicious look funn lunch prepared by Moon Garden as well as "homemade" gin dui prepared in the Buck Toy kitchen by several of its members.

Prior to the start of the lion dance performances, several members came in early and conducted a hands-on lesson in how to prepare jin dui. And the best part was that you could eat all the jin dui that your stomach could handle. What a bountiful way to start the new year. Plus, stay tuned as there may be other food demonstration of Chinese specialties to come.



Lion clubs at offering table. Notice lettuce ("choy") on floor to be eaten by lions and spread on floor to represent "fat choy" – good fortune



Lettuce (choy) spread all over floor to represent "fat choy" – good fortune



Hsing Chung Dragon & Lion Troupe and the Chinese Physical Culture Club kneeling and paying respects to Buck Toy's Patron Saint Hong Gung



Lin Shi Jian, Lin Feng Na and Hu Li Chan look on as Liang Wu Feng prepares a new batch of gin dui



Members Colette Young and friend watch Liang Wu Feng take out a fresh gin dui from the wok