

Cross Cultural Newsletter

“The Befriending Telephone Line: An Innovative Approach to Provide Support & Engagement of Lonely Elderly Chinese at Risk of Mental Health & Suicide”

Presenters: Dr Gary Cheung, Dr John Wong QSM, Ms Sandy Nip

28th November, 2017



Dear Members,

This is the last correspondence for the year.

On 28th November, we had our meeting which was well attended by more than 40 of our members. I must apologise for the delay for this correspondence as I had been physically compromised and am still slowly recovering.

The evening's topic was on: ***“The Befriending Telephone Line : An Innovative Approach to Provide Support and Engagement of lonely Elderly Chinese at Risk of Mental Ill Health and Suicide”***.

The speakers were: Dr Gary Cheung, Mr John Wong QM and Ms Sandy Nip.

As I had not been able to attend throughout the session, I can only provide interested members with the PowerPoint and more importantly, access to the whole recording via the Vimeo web caste. By the time you read this, Chris has already put the recording onto the web. Please request for the password of the Vimeo and/or copies of the original Power Point from Diane.



Highlight of next years' session.

At the end of February, we intended to have a case discussion on ***“Unusual Presentation of Eating Disorders: 2 cases among the Chinese.”*** The discussion would be conducted by a panel the members of which would be announced nearer the end of January.

A token of thanks to Ms Diane Evans who has been providing us with such great support throughout the last decade that without which, our Group would not have survived. Her meticulous and laborious work especially in providing the illustrations will be much missed. On behalf of the Group, let me extend out hearty thanks and appreciation to Diane.



From next year, her work would be taken over by the eCALD , thanks to the enthusiastic support of their Manager Ms Sue Lim. <http://www.ecald.com/>

Members would be given the new contacts via next year's Flyer. Let me take this opportunity to thank both the outgoing Diane and the incoming Sue once again.



I must also take this opportunity to thank you all for giving our Group the most energetic support by your on-site assistance and attending most of our meetings. Our attendance rates now vary between a low of 40 to a high twice the number. We hope we can provide our members with more interesting and practical presentations next year.

On behalf of our Group, let me once again thank you and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Yours sincerely

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