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Chow Down!

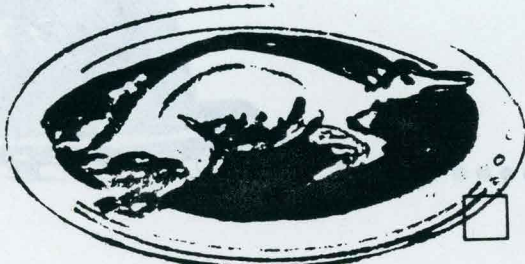
In Celebration of the Year of the OX
(1937, 1949, 1961)...persons born in
these years

by Z. WONG

On February 9, 1985, thirty-two lesbians (90% Asian women) chowed down not on chow mein or chow yuke, BUT on succulent dishes such as Peking Duck, Steamed Rock Cod (fish eyes intact), and seven colored prawns.

We occupied three tables in a cozy area at Tao Tao Restaurant in San Francisco. Due to the usual "C.P. Time" (Colored or Chinese People's time, depending on your preference), dinner although scheduled for 6:30 pm was not served until after 7:30 pm. It took us a full two hours to conquer the nine course banquet. By the time the last dish arrived, some of us were ready to pack them up in the famous Chinese "TO GO" boxes. I did note, however, that one table (I won't mention any names) had no use of any boxes, since every morsel was devoured. In fact, they were already discarding their toothpicks by the time our last dish arrived. Perhaps I would've finished sooner, however, I was being tortured by the cold stare of a white colored (cooked) fish eyeball. Somehow, I survived!

While the diners were trying to loosen their belts or stretching out their elastic waist bands, May L. made a brief speech acknowledging the generous contributions made by the 1984 Phoenix Rising Editorial Board: Lori Lai and Pam Nishikawa, Marie Shim, Gracie S and Shulee Ong.



In addition, Gisele and "Yours Truly" were introduced as the new Coordinators of this year's newsletter.

Last, but not least, Congratulations! to Tammy Yee for her fine job in orchestrating this memorable occasion. (How about doing it again next year?)

Afterwards, many of the guests went to Clementina's to boogie off their pork buns and of course, to burn some calories. Rumor has it that certain individuals "closed the bar"...rumor also has it that other individuals went out for breakfast til 4:00 am. Don't worry folks, I WON'T TELL.



Gung Hay Fat Choy !!!

Tammy Y raises a toast to the Chinese New Year at Tao Tao restaurant.