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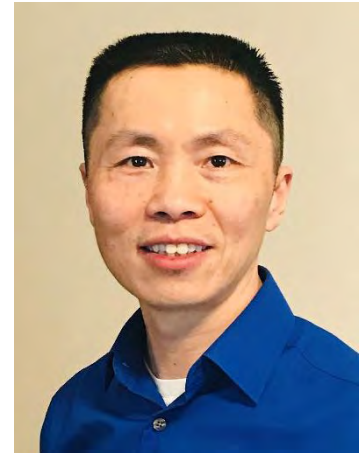
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The Chinese Association of Greater Toledo

CAGT Message from President

I am honored to serve CAGT as the president in 2019. I want to thank you, our CAGT board, CAGT members and friends for your trust and confidence in me. I have lived in Toledo for 11 years and served on CAGT board for 5 years. I was blessed with a beautiful family, many great friends and a thriving Chinese community. Although we were born in different regions with different backgrounds, we are so fortunate that we all settled in this beautiful country and flourishing city. Together, let's cherish our friendship and count our blessings for being part of this loving community.



I would like to use this opportunity to thank our former president Olivia Onest for her transformational leadership in the past three years. CAGT community has grown bigger and stronger with her leadership. Some of our new accomplishments include, new member gatherings, members only events and a Mud Hens game outing, all which enhanced the CAGT membership experience. To enrich our community activity, we have participated in SusanG. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and kids tennis. You will find that we have a brand new website, thanks to our web site committee, led by Jixiang Lv, Shujuan Wang and Dawei Wang. I would also like to thank our retired board members: Qingjuan Kong, Jun Yu and Rui Xiao for their dedication and service to our community

Our 2019 CAGT board members are: Yulong Zhu (Vice President), Rob Sizemore (Secretary), Yuan Southworth (Treasurer), Olivia Onest, Songtao Liu, Liping Mo, Qing Shao, Cong Fu, Wen Wang & Jie Wu. Among them Jie Wu, Wen Wang and Yulong Zhu are new board members. Jie is a Realtor currently living in Perrysburg. Wen graduated from Bowling Green State University. She is working at HCR ManorCare as a data warehouse engineer. Yulong has lived in Toledo since 2010, and is currently working in Dana Corporation. Yulong organized our first CAGT table tennis tournament in 2014, and has served as Captain of CAGT Dragon Boat Festival in 2016 and 2017.

Finally, I would like to introduce our 2019 events, and thank our members, donors, friends and supporters for all your membership fees, generous donation, volunteer work and moral support. We would not be able to host these wonderful activities without all of your support. CAGT's mission is to promote Chinese culture, tradition, language and business to the people around us. Working together I believe we will make our community an even stronger, friendlier and harmonious place.

Please mark your calendar and I look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

Sincerely,
Weixin Li

When	Where	What
04/13/2019	Sea Gate Center	Toledo International Festival
04/27/2019	Centers for Creativity	World Tai Chi Day
05/18/2019	TBD	New member gathering
05/25/2019	Providence Park	Spring Picnic
08/10/2019	Fifth Third Arena - Downtown Toledo	Mud Hen's Game Member Outing
08/03/2019	Perrysburg Tennis center	Kids Tennis
09/21/2019	Swan Creek Metro Park	Fall Picnic
09/29/2019	Downtown Toledo	Komen Breast Cancer Walk
10/2019	CAGT	Ping Pong Tournament
11/2019	Downtown Toledo	Toledo Holiday Parade
12/2019	Area Nursing Home	CAGT Youth Music Program
02/02/2020	University of Toledo	2020 Chinese New Year Celebration

CAGT Newsletter Graphic Designer Spotlight --- Chen Gao



Chen Gao has been in Toledo for a little over three years. She comes from Qinhuangdao, China, and is fluent speaking in English and Chinese. She came to Toledo for her college education in 2016. Now, she is a senior student at the University of Toledo. She is in the bachelor of the fine art program and concentrates on interactive and graphic design. Chen enjoys making art, especially about the culture shock. She said that the big difference between east and west cultures is one of the sources of her artistic inspiration. She wants to use her power to build bridges between different cultures. Chen is willing to help people by taking part in volunteer activities which not only the process of helping others but also get experience so that she can know what she needs to improve later. CAGT is a great platform for volunteering. She said she can participate in the activities of Chinese communities in the United States as a volunteer, as well as, she can improve her profession through volunteer experience. Chen's life combined with her prior work experience in multimedia. She is considering to apply for an MFA for graphic design and working as a designer in the future.

Chinese New Year Celebration – 2019

Olivia Onest

Over 400 guests gathered to celebrate Chinese New Year in the Student Union at the University of Toledo on Feb 10, 2019. We enjoyed the cultural performances, delicious Chinese dinner, and special time with our family and friends.

We were honored that, Mr. Wade Kapszukiewicz, the Mayor of Toledo, attended our celebration and Channel 11 came to report on our event. Below is the linkage to the reporting.

<http://www.wtol.com/2019/02/11/chinese-new-year-celebrated-toledo/>



We would like to thank the following:

Our co-sponsors, Toledo Chinese School & Confucius Institute at the University of Toledo, for organizing the celebration.

All the performers and the volunteers for their preparation and hard work in making this community event a huge success.

King Garden Restaurant, Three Happiness, & Chuancai Fang for preparing the dinner & Hong Kong Buffet for the fresh fruit.

Our advertisement donors, New Empire Restaurant, Chuancai Fang / Mr. Fan Sun, & Welcome Toledo-Lucas County for their generous donation.

Our photographer, Mr. Qi Fang and Mr. Xiaozhong Zhang, for their professional photo shots.

Here are the award recipients proudly presented at the celebration:

- CAGT Outstanding Service Award: Fan Zhang
- Chinese Language Education & Culture Promotion: Min Chen & Han Chen
- Best Overall Grades in Chinese Language Study: Lindsay Ou & Eric Tang
- Chinese Language Study & Community Service: Adam Zhang & Zilin Chen
- Most Improved Grades in Chinese Language Study: Catherine Zheng & Jerry Liu
- Most Effort Contributed to Chinese Language Study: Abbie Zhu & Irene Sun

Thank you for all your support and we wish you and your family a healthy & prosperous year in 2019!



Panda

Christopher Thompson

Pandas are very tall creatures that live in the central forests of China. Pandas have a unique physical appearance, interesting survival skills, and eating habits. Pandas are truly unique animals. Pandas have a lot of black and white fur that is striped. Their faces, however, are mostly white, except the eyes and ears. A panda can weigh 300-400 pounds! A male is approximately 6-8 feet tall, while a female is only 5 feet tall. Although a panda's DNA is the same as a bear's, it does have features that a bear has. For example, pandas have opposable thumbs and huge jaw muscles that can chew through weak metals, while bears do not. A newborn panda is pink and it is the size of a newborn kitten. It has no teeth and its eyes are closed. It has almost invisible white fur. Indeed, pandas look different from other animals.



Pandas live in the central forests of China. They need at least two types of bamboo, otherwise they will starve. They also need high places to climb. In addition, pandas use lots of leaves to hide from predators. They usually live on mountain slopes. They need other pandas when they look for mates. They need lots of light, too. They like leafy bushes and wet grass even though they are not necessary for their survival. As you can see, pandas have a complex habitat.

Pandas have many enemies in the rigorous landscapes of China.

They also have to eat lots of bamboo each day. How are they going to survive? Fortunately, they have strategies to make it easier for them to survive. For instance, pandas only digest one fifth of what they eat, which is the reason they spend 12-16 hours a day eating bamboo.

However, they do not just eat bamboo. Sometimes when bamboo is not visible, they eat small animals and plants. Pandas do not only have to worry about eating food, but they also have to worry about hungry predators.

However, they have survival skills that they use to defend themselves. For instance, pandas



can climb to an altitude of 13,000 feet and are also great swimmers. Their skin also blends in with trees and they can hide behind bushes. The scientific name of a panda is *Ailuropoda Melandera*. Pandas also belong in the family Ursidae. The Ursidae family is the bear family. Unfortunately, the panda population is decreasing. In the 1970s, there were only about 1,500 pandas left. It was mostly the decrease in bamboo that caused their population to go down. China has been implementing measures to try to protect pandas. In conclusion, pandas are exceptional animals that will need our help to survive.

About the author

Christopher Thompson is a 4th grader at Ottawa Hills Elementary School. The article was originally just an assignment by his writing teacher, Mrs. Kulka. He got an 'A' and then threw it into his junk pile until he heard about the CAGT Newsletter. He dug it up and started editing it with his family. Special thanks to Mrs. Kulka and Mr. Gerard Thompson. The photos were taken at the Zoo in Beijing, China, December 2018.

一颗镶嵌在大洋彼岸的小明珠

——多丽都中文学校侧记

李焱

Toledo坐落于美国俄亥俄州北部地区，和密西根州毗邻，与加拿大接壤。

这是一座漂亮的北部城市，内敛含蓄，优雅沉稳，莫米河旖旎多姿地穿越城区，给这座北方小城带去了灵动和秀丽，似乎蕴藏着无限生机。

在这座不大的北方城市里，有一群积极团结的华人，她们来自中国大陆、台湾以及香港地区，她们传承了中华民族勤奋拼搏的传统美德，在异国他乡踏实勤恳的努力生活，安家落户。和美国大多数三四线城市一样，这里的华人社团由华人教会、华人协会以及华语学校共同组成，“多丽都中文学校”便是Toledo华人社团中的一员，由热心教育事业的台湾华人朋友于七十年代初在当地创办，经过几次主办方的交接以及教学场所的更换，于2007年迁入现位于MVCDS的校址，这是一所由华人民间力量自主办学的教育机构。每周六，这里聚集着托莱多地区华人家庭的孩子以及热衷于学习汉语和中华文化的少数非华裔美国籍本土学生。两个小时的汉语课和一个小时的兴趣班（国际象棋，中华武术，绘画，朗诵&主持，英文写作，中国书法）给当地华人孩子创造了学习汉语以及了解中华传统文化的平台，在现任校长杜玲玲的带领下，每年学习汉语的学生数量呈递增趋势。

“多丽都中文学校”目前设有从学前班K到7年级共8个年级的中文班级，《美洲华语》是目前中文学校使用的教材，这是一套由教育学者及专家为在美国的华人孩子在周末学习汉语时量身打造的教材，内容生动有趣，浅显易懂。

学生每个学年按照任课老师制定的学习进度学习一册教材，通过课堂讲解、家庭作业、课堂测验以及期中、期末考试等等，帮助学生学习汉语，巩固中文知识。每学期期末，学生们都将参加期末考试，成绩合格者第二学年可以升级，不合格的学生将留级一年继续学习。

为了更广泛的传播中华文化，“多丽都中文学校”专门为汉语不是母语的学生在CFL级开设了两个班，采用同样的教材，相对较慢的教学速度，结合学生们的实际情况开展教学，提供优质的切合实际的服务。同时，“

多丽都中文学校”还开设了中文AP班，由校方教务长林阑琪老师亲自任教，在林老师的认真教学和指导下，已经连续几年有学生报名参加中文SAT考试并取得了优异的成绩，受到学生和家长们的一致好评！未来，中文学校将计划逐年增加更多更高的中文班级来适应更高级别的汉语学习者。

“多丽都中文学校”的教师队伍是一个非常值得称赞的集体，她们之中有本地各个学校的中文老师，还有之前在国内就是从事教学的教育工作者，她们任课经验丰富，细致，责任心强，还有一些任课老师是中文爱好者，带着热情和责任心投身到当地华人孩子的汉语教学事业中，令人尊敬。兴趣班的老师更是各显身手，因为他们都是这一领域的“发烧友”，对这些课程有着浓厚的兴趣和热情。学生们在兴趣班老师的教学和带领下不仅学到了知识和文化，还丰富了自己在这所学校度过的周末时光。

目前开设的兴趣班有国际象棋、中华武术、绘画、主持&朗诵、英文写作等等，计划开设中华书法班。每周六，无论是两个小时的汉语课还是一个小时的兴趣班，看似短暂，但是都需要任课老师们在安排好自己繁忙的日常工作的同时花费大量的时间和精力准备教案，修改作业以及与家长们及时沟通孩子们的学习进展，这需要每位老师带着热忱，细致，认真和爱投入到这份工作中来。

为了不断提高教学水平，“多丽都中文学校”每年都会组织校内教师进行三次以上不定期的业务培训，由教务长林阑琪老师组织。在培训会上，老师们分享各自的教学经验，互相学习，极大的提高了中文学校的教学质量。同时，学校还鼓励老师们参加相关的学术交流活动，走出去，学习其他兄弟学校的优秀教学经验，为不断提高中文学校的教学水平共同努力。

“多丽都中文学校”是一个温暖的大集体，孩子们相处融洽，家长们温馨和睦。校方除了定期举办一些活动，如万圣节和元宵节小吃义卖活动，每个周末，还为等候的家长们设立了“家长活动中心”和“Gym篮球项目”。喜欢运动的家长可以在Gym打打篮球，喜欢社交的美妈们可以加入Cafeteria的“爱舞群”一起学习跳舞。爱舞群的负责人为家长们开设了“形体塑身课”、“广场舞”、“拉丁舞”，“交谊舞”，家长们可以根据自己的兴趣爱好选择课程，所有的舞蹈课均免费参加，由专业的舞蹈老师授课。每次课间，爱舞群的朋友们都会轮流带来自制甜点与大家一起分享，大家一边吃一边切磋舞步，欢声笑语总是回荡在Cafeteria的每个角落，每寸空间。

在Cafeteria，还有一个比较有特色的项目就是由热衷于茶文化的家长朋友自发设立的Tea corner，Tea corner 为家长们提供了“以茶会友，品茶论生活”的一个平台。精美的茶具，品种繁多的香茗以及茶桌的布置使家长朋友们活动之余可以围坐在一起品茶畅谈，结识朋友，交流信息，增进友情。孩子们课余时间也会围过来讨一杯茶喝，耳濡目染般地了解了一些中国的茶文化、茶知识以及茶桌的布置与氛围。除了每周校方给家长们提供的服务之外，中文学校最有特色的活动项目就是在学校Cafeteria 举办一年一度的万圣节和元宵节小吃义卖。“小吃义卖”由校方组织，热心家长和当地支持中文学校的餐馆共同参与，家长们捐赠自制的各种精美食物、甜点、传统风味小吃，餐馆也捐赠出各自的招牌菜。由于小吃义卖都是当地华人朋友自制的美食，所以可以品尝到中国各地的传统美食。小吃义卖不仅吸引着家长们踊跃参与，也吸引了当地的华人朋友和留学生前来捧场品尝，这样有意义的活动不仅是一场饕餮盛宴，更是一项校方与家长以及当地华人的交流活动，使更多的华人家庭参与进来，在支持当地中文教育的同时，分享美食，增进感情，彼此回馈。小吃义卖的所售款项用于中文学校的日常教师培训以及课堂教具的购买，这是一项非常有意义的活动，中文学校也会将这项活动传承下去，在未来使其更加完善，更加精彩。Toledo这座城市规模不大，华人不多，但正是因为华人少，所以这里的华人社团让你感受到更多的是团结互助，积极温暖。“多丽都中文学校”不仅是当地华人孩子学习汉语，接受中华优秀传统文化教育的场所，同时也是一个面向家长以及当地华人朋友交流信息、结识朋友、增进友情的平台。校方一贯的教学宗旨是：在做好当地华人孩子的汉语教学以及传播中华优秀传统文化的同时协助中华协会共同打造一个良好有序的文化生态圈，让华人孩子受益的同时也让家长朋友们感受到温暖与和谐。

多丽都中文学校随时欢迎您的到来！

上一期“多丽都华人宣道会迁入新堂”一文末尾七律诗的作者为李春明，特此补充说明。

每个人都可以学中文

陈紫欣

我是陈紫欣，是托莱多中文学校2018年的毕业生，现在十五岁。我写这篇短文的原因是想分享给大家我在中文学校的经验，并分享一些让我能够在 AP 中文考试达到满分的学习技巧。

第一，我想说我非常幸运能够认识到中文学校的每位校长，老师，人员。他们介绍给我他们学校的 AP 中文班，给了我这么好的一个机会，也让我发现自己的一个潜力。AP 是一个万不能错过的机会；你能用它来争取大学学分，节省学费和时间。于是，我开始更加努力的学习中文。



来到中文学校的 AP 班之前，我已接触了各种学习中文的方式。小时候妈妈教会我拼音之后，我就开始每周自学中文。我从最简单的课本慢慢升级到越来越难的语文书。那时候我常需要妈妈的督促才会去学习，可是长大以后我感觉自愿的去做一件事情是非常重要的。我本身就是一个比较好学的人，所以自然会比较自觉。但对于有些人，这是比较难的一件事。我建议那些人去好好想一想一些学习中文的原因：为什么我要学中文？这对我的将来有什么帮助？要有自己的目标和坚持性才会获得最好的成果。

在我开始上中文学校和我自习之间，我还见识了另一种方式学中文：这就是我和一个小组跟一位非常耐心又聪明的导师上课。我在那段时间提高了我的写作和词汇知识。我发现这是一个很不错的学习方式因为有位老师在更正我，让我更快的学到更好的中文，所以我认为有个老师的教导也是非常重要的，尤其是对于那些可能无法自学的人。因此，我认为中文学校是一个极好的场地给任何想要学中文的人因为它开设着多数级别的中文课，而且每一位老师都很有知识，也十分认真的为学生安排。我个人在中文学校上的 AP Prep 班虽然每周只有一小时，我还是学到了很多。那个班的 Ivy 老师很用心的教我读、写、说、听汉语，让我各方面的中文都提升了。虽然在这班内我需要比之前更加用功，上完这个课程给了我很大的成就感，特别是我考完考试收到了结果之后。

我以前认识不到中文对我的好处，现在觉得懂中文真好；它不只是一个语言，你还能用它来更加了解中国奇妙又悠长的文化历史，也让自己以后在这竞争的社会里更加得力。学习中文也让我将来想去中国学习工作的梦想更实际。学中文不必要成为一个烦闷，你可以把它加并到你的喜好里：如果你喜欢唱歌，可以试着唱中文歌曲，若你爱看电视，可以看一些华人电视节目。这些都是能提高中文能力的小技巧。我非常感谢你花时间读我这篇短文。如果你是个学生，我希望你能从中得到一点启发。家长，我希望你继续鼓励你们的孩子，支持他们做智慧的选择，不管有没有学中文。

Message from Editor

邵琴

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