

CAGT NEWSLETTER



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Special points of interest:

- Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at UT 3/23 – 4/ 24
- CAGT will participate in this event.

Message from the President

Dear CAGT members and friends:

I am honored to be elected as the President of CAGT on January 16, 2009. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Jiquan Chen for his leadership during the past three years. Dr. Chen and his leadership team spent many hours serving our community. CAGT flourished significantly under Jiquan's leadership. Our membership has grown each year, and at present we have more than 150 families and businesses. In 2008 CAGT became a 501c(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID: **34-1969494**). Now, your membership and other monetary con-



tributions to CAGT are tax deductible. In the past few years, CAGT has organized a Chinese New Year party, Fall Music Festival, biannual family picnics, participated in the Dragon Boat Races, and the Toledo Museum of Art's Win-

ter Legacies Program. CAGT has become a highly recognized and valued community organization. Jiquan puts in many hours as an accomplished researcher at the University of Toledo in addition to his busy family life, yet he always finds the time to serve the Chinese community, as well as the larger community of Greater Toledo. I admire Jiquan and salute him for his academic excellence as well as his passion to community service.

Although facing some challenges, the new CAGT board and I will do our best to serve the local Chinese community. We consider the past presid-

Spring Festival

Starr Jiang
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The 2009 Chinese Spring Festival was one of the best and most fascinating exhibitions I have ever seen. The festival was filled with cultural and entertaining performances such as traditional dances and

cross-talk in Chinese. All the performances were well executed and very enjoyable. Among these are the cultural songs, traditional dances, and the overwhelming magic tricks. I believe that the cultural singing and traditional dancing in the festival really expressed the

way Chinese dances and songs are supposed to be. The magic tricks were complicated and amazing. I couldn't figure out most of them. That may be the reason why they were very appealing.

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dents, board members and all CAGT members as our treasures. The CAGT board and I will depend on your support and efforts to achieve our goals: 1) To promote Chinese culture, including language, 2) To enrich life for the local Chinese community, especially CAGT members, 3) To be a bridge between US and China, and 4) To convey China's proud heritage to young Chinese, Chinese-Americans, and other interested people. We need your help, passion, and participation. Please share your wisdom, time and talent to help us achieve the above goals. We ask you to join us in making a difference for our community, while promoting your own personal success and satisfaction.

In 2009, we will continue to participate in many of the same activities as past years. They include, but are not limited to, a Chinese New Year Celebration, Fall Music Festival, Winter Legacies with the Toledo Museum of Art, A Taste of Diversity, Spring and Fall Picnics, adult choir and dance groups. If we raise enough money, CAGT will continue to participate in the Great Maumee River Dragon Boat Races. If you have new ideas to improve our community life, please feel free to contact either me, Vice President Jing Meyer, or other board members.

Dr. Shanhe Jiang
President of CAGT

The 2009 CAGT board members

Peter You (peteryouut@yahoo.com)

On January 16, 2009, at the CAGT general assembly meeting, members elected the new board of directors for 2009. The new board had its first meeting and elected Shanhe Jiang as CAGT's new president. Dr. Jiang appointed Jing Meyer as the vice president and the board approved his appointment. Feel free to contact us if you have questions regarding CAGT.

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The Tai-Chi performances and the cross talk were also excellent and brilliant feats. The Tai-Chi was one of my personal favorites because of its switching of the different styles and elements. Also, the music suited the performance well. The cross talk was about learning Chinese and was also humorous. Along with the singing, dancing, and magic, these two performances took a lot of effort, and went along well with the Spring Festival.

I think the Chinese culture is important because a culture is what shapes part of a person's character. Also, cultures serve partially as rules and thus are very important. The Chinese culture is very special to me, and I hope to continue learning about it.



欢迎参加明年的晚会！

CAGT Participating in UT APAH Month Celebration

Jing Meyer (jmeyer13@utnet.utoledo.edu)

Do you know which month is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM)? APAHM is celebrated in May to commemorate the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States.

Here is a brief history of APAHM. In 1978, Congress passed a joint Congressional Resolution to commemorate Asian American Heritage Week during the first week of May. This date was chosen because two important anniversaries occurred during this time: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in America on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad (by many Chinese laborers) on May 10, 1869. Congress later voted to expand it from a week long to a month long celebration,

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Asian_Pacific_American_Heritage_Month.

Since many college students are on summer vacation starting in May, most universities and colleges celebrate APAHM prior to the month of May. This year, The University of Toledo celebrates APAHM from March 23rd to April 24th. CAGT was invited to have a Chinese Culture and Art Exhibition at UT's Multicultural Student Center, which is located at the Student Union, room 2500. An APAHM Celebration Reception is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, from 2 – 4 pm, at the Multicultural Student Center. CAGT will have a team performing at the reception.



CAGT at the Winter Legacies Program at the Toledo Museum of Art

Peter You (peteryouut@yahoo.com)

On Sunday, January 4, 2009, around 150 people in the community enjoyed a wonderful program of Chinese culture presented by CAGT members and friends. CAGT members shared our traditional music, folk dances, and martial arts with our community. See our website for a [slideshow](#).



Annie Enjoys Painting

Bing Kang (bin_kang@yahoo.com)

Annie Chen, a 13-year-old member of CAGT, showcases three pieces of her artwork to CAGT community.



Trademark of Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, Oil Pastel



My Sight of Seasons, Chinese Brush Painting



My Home Town, Colored Pencils

CAGT Chinese Language / Culture Awards

Ye Liang (liangye_1999@yahoo.com)



To thank the local Chinese teachers for their efforts in teaching Chinese Language and culture, and to encourage students who make significant progress in their Chinese studies, the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo has established the CAGT Chinese Language and Culture Awards.

Teacher Awards go to: Isawaty Kasim (Xiaoyi) and Joyce Xiang Jiang.

Student Awards go to: Andrea Jackson, Sunny Li, Derrick Lin, Lindsay Onest, Dylan Tan, Andrew Vanberkom, Kenny Zhang and Ralph Zhang.

Congratulations!!

Chinese Center of Toledo OPEN HOUSE!

- You are invited to an **Open House** at the Chinese Center of Toledo (CCT) also known as Toledo Chinese School
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Friday, April 24th

7:00 PM

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Questions? Please visit www.toledochinese.org/cct or contact:

- School Principal, Liang Ye for more information 419 841 8461.
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From the Association of Chinese Faculty and Staff (ACFS) at the University of Toledo

Xiaozhong Zhang (xiaozhong.zhang@utoledo.edu)

- **Planning committee meeting** - On Dec. 18, 2008, ACFS had the first Planning Committee Meeting at BO1031. The committee adopted the bylaws of ACFS. Professor Jiquan Chen was nominated and confirmed as the Chairman of ACFS, Professor Kevin Pan as the Vice Chairman, Xiaozhong Zhang as the secretary, and Hongping Wang as the treasurer. The Committee Chairs were also nominated during the meeting, they are: Aige Guo for Student Affairs Committee, Gene Chang and Jinghua Deng for Program Committee, and Bin Ning and Yueh-Ting Lee for Membership Committee.
- **Membership enrollment** – By March 13, 2009, 25 faculty and staff of UT, from all 3 campuses, filled out the application forms and became members of ACFS.
- **ACFS Website setup** – the website of ACFS, designed by Professor Jiquan Chen, was set up in Jan 2009. The website <http://research.eescience.utoledo.edu/lees/acfs/> provides information about ACFS, events, and the membership application.
- **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (APAHM) Programs** – ACFS is deeply involved in the activities to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at UT. Among them is the workshop “Asian American Immigration, Equal Opportunities, and Civil Rights” on April 11, 2009.



News Flash

- *Immigration, Equal Opportunities, and Civil Rights for Asian Americans*
Asian American communities and organizations in NW Ohio area: The 80/20 Chapter of Asian Americans in NW Ohio, Association of Chinese Faculty and Staff (ACFS) at UT, BGSU Chinese Employees Association, and several other organizations present “Immigration, Equal Opportunities, and Civil Rights for Asian Americans” to promote awareness of critical issues facing Asian Americans advancing their professional and personal lives in the USA. UT Student Union Rm. 3020, April 11, 2009.
- *Summer language and culture camp*
Yanshan University invites students (ages 10 and up) to attend a summer language and culture camp at Yanshan University Qinhuangdao, and tour of Beijing and Xi’an, China, July 19 ~ August 9, 2009. Contact Luanne for details luannebillstein@sbcglobal.net.

- *Asian Pacific American Heritage Month at UT 3/23 – 4/ 24*

To honor the contributions of people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in the United States, The Office of Multicultural Student Services of UT has coordinated a series of activities. Please check out the calendar for a schedule of the events.

<http://www.utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/omss/pdfs/APAHMCalendar2009.pdf>

CAGT Events in 2009

Events	Approximate time
• 2009 (Chinese New Year) Spring Festival	February 2009
• Asian Health Month	March-April 2009
• Spring Picnic	April – May, 2009
• Taste of Diversity	September 2009
• Fall Picnic	October 2009
• Dragon Boat Races	July 25, 2009
• Fall Music Festival	October – November, 2009
• Winter Legacies	Around New Year 2010

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CAGT Art Reception of Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Starr Jiang --CAGT Reporter



I was lucky enough to experience the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo's Art Reception from an artist's point of view, as I submitted two of my landscape drawings into the exhibit at the University of Toledo. The CAGT Art Reception was part of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, which honored and celebrated Asian Pacific culture and art. During my visit to the reception, I saw many awe-inspiring works of art such as waterfalls, scenery, and much more. Also, we watched some very good Chinese dancers and other performances like flute playing. My mother learned how to fold some origami at the reception and it was stunning. Also, I participated in some photos of artists, including Hewen Slak, Jinghua Deng, me and others. The art reception

was a unique and valuable experience, where I learned much about the different parts of Asian art such as watercolors, oil paintings, and Chinese writing. These types of paintings are part of traditional Chinese art and are very important to the Chinese culture.

I began painting about 2 years ago. My teacher is Shaojiang Mo. Last year, I submitted a painting of two shrimps for the Asian art exhibition at the University of Toledo. This year, I entered two paintings in the same exhibit, one of a rushing waterfall and one of some pretty pink flowers. These two were part of the three that I also had on display at the Toledo Museum of Art. During the reception, I was introduced to a gentleman from Nebraska, and he offered to buy one of my paintings. I was very surprised, and saw that I had a chance to earn something with my paintings. The CAGT Art Reception has always been a great experience for me, especially since I started painting two years ago.



These artists have presented their artwork in the Asian Pacific Heritage Month, March 23 – July 31, 2009:

Chaohua Chen, Ming Chen, Shenglin Chen, Starr Jiang, Jing Meyer, Shichang Hu, Meimei Kuo, Joanna Peng, Rose Shaddy, Susan Shih, Hewen Slak, and Sue Yeo.

CAGT Dance Group Performs at UT's Adviser Awards Ceremony

Jing Meyer – CAGT Vice President
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On Thursday, May 7, 2009, the CAGT Dance Group was invited to perform at the University of Toledo's 2008-2009 Peer Nominated Adviser Awards Ceremony to help them celebrate advising excellence.

Shenglin Chen is getting ready to perform "Carp Fish



Leaping over the Dragon Gat."



Anna Che, Amy Chen, Jing Meyer, Lin Qian, Karen Sun and Li Xue performing a Folk Dance.

中華協會 2009 太極拳班

莫莉萍 —— 太極拳班學員

太極拳是中國特有的民族體育項目，它被認為是最能體現中國元素、中國風格和中國優秀的傳統文化而又能同時具有現代精神的體育項目。在中國的公園，處處可見人們隨著輕盈的音樂，舒展著優美的太極拳，如行雲流水、輕靈蝶舞、如詩似畫，那真是一道特別的風景，令我駐足，更讓我羨慕。令我高興的是，在今夏多麗都的公園裡，也出現了同樣的美景：中美友人聚集一起，隨著中華協會的太極拳老師，瀟灑優美地舞起太極拳。有機會在這裡學習 42 式太極拳，我的確感觸深刻。

中華協會 2009 太極拳班主要教授 42 式太極拳和八段錦。太極拳班的老師有陳敏，陳吉泉和鄧京華。他們不僅拳法高超準確，而且施教有方，仔細講解太極拳的特點，反覆演示每個動作。太極拳班的 15 名學員中既有學了多年的太極高手，也有尚未入門的初學者。我們的老師們卻讓我們每個人都體會到學太極拳的樂趣。

太極拳看似簡單，卻有著豐富的文化內涵。它體現了中國傳統哲學文化中的陰陽平衡的理念。它強調形神合一，動靜結合，處處體現著中國傳統文化的韻味——和諧。這種運動既自然又高雅，可親身體會到音樂的韻律，哲學的內涵，美的造型，詩的意境。長期堅持鍛煉，能夠舒經活絡、營養腑臟，具有強身健體的功效，是一種極佳的養生之道。

太極拳的運動特點是中正安舒、輕靈圓活、松柔慢勻、開合有序、剛柔相濟。它適合每個年齡層次。我竭誠推薦大家加入我們的太極練習，共同享受其健身，修身，養性的樂趣。



CAGT Spring 2009 Picnic

Peter – CAGT Newsletter Editor

Approximately 200 people from our community gathered together at Wildwood Metropark, on April 13, 2009. People of all ages spent three hours with friends, fun, food, and fellowship.

Dr. Shanghe Jiang, President of CGAT, extended his warmest welcome to the participants of this community event. He encouraged those interested in CAGT to become members. He also encouraged everyone to participate in the coming events, such as the Tai Chi class and the Dragon Boat Festival, which will be held on July 25, 2009.



From the Chinese Center of Toledo (aka Toledo Chinese School)

Lynn – Toledo Chinese School Principal

Open House: August 29, 2009, 7:00-8:30 PM

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Meetings in Washington, D.C.

Shanhe Jiang – CAGT President

As a community leader, I was invited to attend two meetings in Washington, D.C. from June 1st to 3rd, 2009. The first meeting was the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum and the second was the Democratic Leadership's 2009 Asian American and Pacific Islander Summit. The meetings were very informative and educational.



At the first meeting, there were approximately two hundred people in attendance. They included health professionals and community leaders, primarily from California, Hawaii, and Texas. Several congressmen and congresswomen, senior officials or staff from the White House, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice also participated in the Forum. The second meeting was held by the Congressional Democratic Leadership. Approximately seventy community leaders from all over the US were invited to the meeting. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, more than ten senators and congressmen/congresswomen and many more White House and Congressional senior officers/staff all participated in the Summit.

From the two meetings, I have learned that (1) Asian Americans have a much higher rate of people with no health insurance than White Americans. Local communities play an important role in taking care of their members, (2) Voices from local communities are an important source for lawmakers to make laws and develop policies. Politicians follow public opinions (or polls). No voice, no influence.

The 4th Annual Ohio Asian American Health Conference

Hewen Slak – ChinaCenter Toledo



Funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, the fourth annual Ohio Asian American Health Conference was held May 30th in Cincinnati, Ohio .

The Chinese Association of Greater Toledo is honored to be one of eleven Executive Committee members, led by Ms. CaoXing Ho. A total of six CAGT members attended this conference. There were inspiring and informative workshops throughout the day to explore Asian American Health Disparities. These included breakout sessions on Oral Health, Diabetes, Complimentary & Alternative Medicine, Tobacco & Substance Abuse, HIV/AIDS, Domestic Violence, Cardiology, Mental Health and Aging.

It is the desire of CAGT to play a more active role in this area and help promote more government funding for Asian American health initiatives in the Toledo region.

From the CAGT Cultural Exchange committee

Amy Chen – CAGT Board member

About a year ago, after we finished a show of Chinese martial arts, a few people from the audience asked me: "Can I learn this from you?", "Will you come to perform in our celebration party?", "Is Tai-Chi very popular in China?" From these questions, I realized that Chinese culture is now becoming more and more popular. I think from the rich heritage of Chinese culture, we have many positive aspects to share with the world.



For the past couple of years, on behalf of the CAGT, we have been invited to perform at many events, including:

- "International Day" at the University of Findlay (4/08)
- "Asian Health Day" at the Toledo Hospital (5/08)
- The Great Maumee River Dragon Boat Races (7/08)
- "Diversity Celebration" at Bay Park Hospital (8/08)
- "Taste of Diversity" at Toledo Botanical Garden (9/08)
- Asian Resource Center anniversary celebration (9/08)
- WTOL TV Station (live on TV) (12/08)
- The Toledo Museum of Art (1/09)
- "Martin Luther King Day" at Toledo Hospital (1/09)
- "International Dinner" at the University of Toledo (4/09)
- "Asian Pacific American Heritage Month" at UT (4/09)
- "Around the World in a Day" at the Toledo Zoo (5/09)

The programs for these events include Chinese folk dance, Chinese musical instruments, Chinese martial arts and Tai-Chi.

A big "thank you" goes out to the following people for their generous contribution of their talents and their time in practicing, performing and helping: Rui Li, Bo Li, Xiaodong Geng, Cheng Yang, Jiquan Chen, Jing Meyer, Aige Guo, Jessica Xie, Shenglin Chen, Lingyu Chen, Ling Qian, Karen Sun, Anna Che, Li Xue, Litza Lee, Shanhe Jiang and me, Amy Yang.



In order to better share Chinese culture, CAGT has recently formed a Cultural Exchange committee. If you have any ideas to contribute to this function, please feel free to contact me (minyang@dellmail.com). Thank you!

文 化 交 流

Two eLearning Applications for Those Who Are Interested in Learning Chinese

Peter – CAGT Newsletter Editor

Chengo Chinese is a multi-media interactive Chinese learning application. It includes many interesting games that engage learners in the learning process. For more information please visit <http://www.elanguage.cn/>



JS-Chinese is also an interactive multi-media learning application. It is designed for 4-12 years old overseas Chinese children. Online lessons are available to registered users in four different levels, Kindergarten, Chinese Beginning, Medium, and Advanced levels. For more information, please visit <http://www.yes.com.cn/>



Newsflash

- On April 11, 2009, Mr. Fan Zhang, attorney at Wagoner & Steinberg, Ltd., Dr. Morris Jenkins, professor at UT, and Dr. Larry Chan, associate general counsel at BGSTU, spoke at a discussion panel on Asian American Immigration, Equal Opportunities and Civil Rights at the University of Toledo. Around 60 people attended this discussion.

Upcoming Events

- Dragon Boat Festival, July 25, International Park
- A Taste of Diversity, September 20, Toledo Botanical Garden
- Winter Legacies Program, December 27, Toledo Museum of Arts

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The 2009 Partners in Education 8th Annual Great Maumee Dragon Boat Races

Starr Jiang --CAGT Reporter



This year's Dragon Boat Races, hosted by Partners in Education, was one of the best so far. It began with a gloomy and rainy morning. Rain came down in sheets, accompanied by the occasional lightning and thunder. The thunderstorm woke me up at 6:55, forcing me to dress and get ready for what seemed like a dreary festival. The rain completely covered the car windshields as we drove to the Dragon Boat Festival. When

we arrived, my brother, a paddler for the China Dragons team, immediately got out and hurried to join his team.

A moment later, he came back to help my dad unpack the materials needed. I helped out as we lugged the items down to the CAGT tents. Marked in green, we could clearly see them and set our bags and materials down on a slightly wet table. The chairs were completely drenched, with small puddles forming at the back of the chairs. I dumped out the water and put it under the tent to keep it dry. I proceeded to do so with the rest of the tents, dumping out water and placing the chairs in a dry spot.



After a while, people started to arrive and walk around, and my mom was busy showing visitors how to make origami. I was stuck at my tent with nothing to do until the day started improving. As the rain gradually settled down, Catherine, one of the children that is part of the CAGT and in Chinese school, arrived and helped me do name writing in Chinese. We did not do so well, only obtaining a few customers and no donations.

The clouds cleared up eventually, and soon the sky was blue and the sun was shining down. The puffy white cumulus clouds drifted slowly across the beautiful blue sky. Eventually, Catherine and some of her friends went off to collect free items from other tents like the Child Care tent or the BP Refinery tent. I stayed where I was for another period of time, and finally went with them to collect more toys and conveniences.



When I got back, lunch was set up, and I ate some pizza and fried rice. After eating, my mom, Catherine's mom, Catherine, and some other people went with me to watch the China Dragons team race. We watched two races before finally spotting the Dragons rowing to the starting lines. A few of the CAGT members also came along and starting cheering, "China Dragons! 加油!" The China

Dragons came racing past in first, but another team gradually gained on them and surpassed them. The Dragons settled for a satisfactory 2nd place.

After watching the exciting race, I headed back to the tents and started playing my Nintendo DS. After a while, I decided to do something else and found interest in the Chinese yo-yo tent. I walked over and tried a yo-yo. I had a shaky start, but I finally started getting the hang of it after a yo-yo performer gave me a few pointers and helped me with starting up. I got better and better, and soon I was tossing the yo-yo in the air, or rolling it up and down my string. I added other tricks like yo-yoing in slow motion and looping and un-looping the string.



After a fun, sunny afternoon, it was time to head home. I really enjoyed this year's Dragon Boat Festival, and hope next year's will be even better!



Please visit this link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7E3jj8JLaCA> for a video clip of CAGT@ the Dragon Boat Festival.

Confucius Institute at The University of Toledo

Aige Guo, PhD

Director, Confucius Institute at the University of Toledo (UTCI)



Around noon on September 29, 2009, an opening ceremony at the University of Toledo will unveil the Confucius Institute, a name that may sound new to some people, but one that will touch the hearts of those who understand the Chinese culture. The ceremony will take place on Centennial Mall on the main campus.

The Confucius Institute is supported by the Chinese Language Council International (or Hanban 汉办 for short). Hanban is the Confucius Institute Headquarters, located in Beijing, China, overseeing and supporting over 300 Confucius Institutes/Classrooms in the world. UTCI is one of the established Confucius Institutes in the US. The total number of Confucius Institutes in the US has well exceeded 50.

UTCI shares the common mission with many existing programs in the community of promoting the Chinese language and culture. Like pieces of a big puzzle, all the pieces are similar in shape but have their own features and play unique roles in the big picture. UTCI believes that, by sharing a vision and connecting to one another, we shape the future.

UTCI sees itself as a resource center serving the community, on or off the UT campus. With consistent and convenient access to quality teachers and top-notch instructional materials, UTCI will build a bridge between the US and Chinese cultures through teaching the Chinese language and hosting cultural events, will generate opportunities for personal interaction and cultural immersion, and will devote its efforts in planting seeds for an interest in learning about the Chinese language and culture in young learners.

Having successfully organized the Chinese Bridge Summer Camp in July, currently, UTCI is supporting Sylvania Schools, Central Catholic High School, and Toledo Public Schools with their Chinese curriculum. Three Chinese teachers from Yanshan University (UT's partner university for UTCI) are teaching in these schools. UTCI is also offering non-credit Chinese courses at UT as well as hosting weekly free Chinese communication sessions on UT campus in support of students who are taking Chinese classes in the Foreign Language Department at UT, or those interested in learning about China. The weekly sessions are from 4pm to 5pm on Thursdays.

After the official announcement of the Confucius Institute at the opening ceremony on Sept. 29, UTCI will present a free public event at the university's Doermann Theater from 7pm to 9pm in celebration of the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. The program will feature Amy Chang and Michael Boyd from UT's Music Department, the talented UT students, Amy Chen and her dancing group and martial arts group from the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo, Mr. Song Yangkun and his well-acclaimed Toledo International Youth Orchestra, the professional local singing group Masterworks Chorale, and dazzling Chinese Yo-yo performers from the Revolution Group of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. This event is presented by The Confucius Institute and the Chinese Students Association at UT, supported by the Art, Living, Learning Community at UT, under the leadership of Ms. Kate Abu-Absi, the Stage Manager for the event.

Confucius Institute (Tel. 419.530.8584; Fax. 419.530.4277 Snyder Memorial 1060)
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Chinese Association of Greater Toledo Picnic

~Mid Autumn Festival~

When: Saturday, October 3, 2009 1:00pm to 4:00pm

*If it rains at the picnic time, another time will be arranged.

Where: Wildwood Preserve Metropark 5100W Central Ave,
Toledo. (Note: There will be a CAGT tent.)

Who: Everyone is welcome!

Please bring: Your delicious food for sharing, folding chairs,
balls, cards, games, etc. (Drinks, napkins, plates
and utensils will be provided by CAGT.)

Activities:

- Meet old friends and make new friends
- 有奖猜谜 (Guess games)
- Play volleyball (boys vs. girls)
- Hike the trails
- See/photograph deer
- Enjoy the playground
- Tug of War (拔河)
- and more



Sponsored by: **The Chinese Association of Greater Toledo (CAGT)**

The picnic organizers: **Ling Qian, Liping Mo and Hong Xiao**

Book Reviews



Chinese Home Remedies: Harnessing Ancient Wisdom for Self-Healing by Lihua Wang offers many ancient Chinese folk remedies. According to this book, many problems can be easily cured with home remedies for weeks or months. The book describes over 80 problems such as acne, sinusitis, and yeast infections and their home remedies in simple-to-understand language. The book is available in Ohio Public Libraries.

Quick & Easy Chinese: 70 Everyday Recipes by Nancie McDermott provides step-by-step instructions on how to prepare delicious homemade Chinese dishes. As the author states: “Like the land from which it grew, Chinese cooking is a big, bold, complicated, endlessly varied, mysterious, intriguing, and fascinating subject, full of detail, contradiction, and lore.” The book will guide you to prepare tasty Chinese food for you, your family, and friends. Enjoy! This book is available at Ohio Public Libraries.



Updates on 80-20 Northwest Ohio Chapter

Yueh-Ting Lee, Ph.D. (liyueting@yahoo.com)

80-20 NW Ohio has organized a variety of activities in 2009. These activities include a forum on Asian American Immigration and Equal Justice on April 11, 2009; engaging mayoral candidates in Toledo for discussion on issues of interest to our community from March to August, 2009; annual picnic and social among family members and friends on August 15, 2009; and participating in national house parties in May, 2009. For those who want to get more information about the organization, please contact Dr. Lee via his email address.



Upcoming Events

- A Taste of Diversity, September 20, 1:00-5:00pm, Toledo Botanical Garden
- Opening Ceremony of Confucius Institute, September 29, 11:30-1:00, Centennial Mall at The University of Toledo
- Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration, September 29, 7:00-9:00pm, Doermann Theatre, University Hall, 3rd floor at The University of Toledo.
- CAGT Fall Picnic, October 3rd, 1:00 – 4:00, Wildwood Preserve Metropark.
- CAGT Fall Music Festival, time and location to be announced.
- Winter Legacies Program, December 27, Toledo Museum of Arts.



PR China 60th Anniversary Celebration

Laura Li (lgzcdx@hotmail.com)

To celebrate the People's Republic of China's National Day, you're invited to attend a party of dance, music, and food. See the flyer on the next two pages for detailed information.



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Fall Picnic/Mid-Autumn Festival

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CAGT's Fall Picnic is a much anticipated social gathering for our members and friends. This year's picnic was held from 1 to 4 PM on October 3rd at Wildwood Preserve Metropark. Since the date was close to China's Mid-Autumn Festival, the gathering was also used to celebrate this traditional holiday. Despite the rain in the morning, there were approximately 100 people who came to enjoy the event. Several faculty and staff members from Bowling Green State University and their families also came to the picnic. A group of tai-chi performers led by Jiquan Chen practiced and

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showed their skillful arts. A wide variety of delicious food was served. Many thanks to the organizers of this event, Ling Qian, Liping Mo and Hong Xiao.

Chinese Center of Toledo

Lynne (toledochineseschool@gmail.com)

The Chinese Center of Toledo (CCT, aka Toledo Chinese School) had a very busy Fall semester. They currently have over 90 students enrolled. This past semester, CCT organized its own Moon Festival celebration at the UT Student Recreation Center, and had a Halloween trick-or-treat. They also participated in local community events like A Taste of Diversity, Dragon Boat Festival, and the CAGT Fall Music Festival. CCT students have performed in the CAGT Fall Festival in the past, but this year had a record number of 60 students performing in the event. CCT also organized its first community outreach program at Wood County Historical Center on December 13. There were a wide variety of acts ranging from a lion dance, Chinese fashion show, piano, vocals, and string instruments. The audience was impressed by the variety of talents the students showed. CCT would like to thank its board members, parents, students, and staff for their help and support.

CCT is now accepting new students for the 2010 Spring semester which will begin on Jan. 8th. For further information, please email:

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Dr. An Chung Cheng Awarded \$500,000 Grant from Department of Education
Hewen Slak (hslak@yahoo.com)



Dr. An Chung Cheng, an associate professor of Spanish at the University of Toledo, specializing in second-language acquisition and teacher education, was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will be used for conducting comprehensive studies of Chinese community-based heritage schools, regarding their curriculum, instructional materials, strengths, and needs. The research project also intends to bridge Chinese schools with the mainstream K-12 education.

It is estimated that about 200,000 students attend some 500 Chinese schools in the US, most established by Chinese parents who wish their children to learn their heritage language. The Chinese heritage schools are responsible for more than 70 percent of Chinese language instruction before college. However, these schools largely have been unnoticed by mainstream education systems, which increasingly are introducing Chinese as a foreign language option in response to the growing global interaction.

For over 20 years, Mr. Pickering Lee, who is now retired from the Start High School, was the only teacher of Chinese in the region. However, nearly a dozen public and private local schools have started offering Chinese language courses over the past three years. These are Central Catholic High School, Genoa Area Local Schools, Maumee Valley Country Day School, Ottawa Hills Local Schools, Springfield Local Schools, St. Ursula Academy, **St. Francis** de Sales High School, St. John's Jesuit Academy, Sylvania Northview High School, Sylvania Southview High School, and Toledo City School District.

中文学校研究

金秋音乐会

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2009 年 11 月 15 日下午，中华协会 (CAGT) 和托莱多大学中国教职协会 (ACFS) 在托莱多大学 Doermann 剧场 举办了一年一度的金秋音乐会。本次音乐会可谓盛况空前。来自社区的华人以及各界友人大约 500 余人聚集一堂，首先观摩了富有盛名的中国传统茶艺并品尝绿茶、红茶、花茶、和乌龙茶，随后音乐会在中文学校舞狮子的欢快乐曲中拉开序幕。

这次音乐会表演者众广，多至一百余人。广泛的参与 不仅充分显示出社区对中国传统文化的极大热情，也体现出华人及友人对社区活动的积极支持。这次音乐会节目丰富，有中国武术，太极，民族舞蹈，现代舞蹈，芭蕾，戏曲，歌曲，钢琴，合唱以及中文学校孩子们的儿歌和服装表演。来自 St. John's Jesuit High School 和 Nortre Dame Academy 两所学校学中文的 学生们也为音乐会带来了精彩的表演。舞台设计及灯光音响的专业水平把今年的音乐会推向一个新的水平。音乐会在中华协会合唱队的“同唱一首歌”中徐徐落下帷幕。大家共同的心声是明年此时再相聚。



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<http://www.toledochinese.org/FallMusicFest09/fallmusic09.htm>

A Beacon of Chinese Culture

Rui (Ray) Li (Rui.Li@rockets.utoledo.edu)

中国文化

For a student of Chinese heritage, the Opening Ceremony of the University of Toledo's Confucius Institute (UTCi) on December 2nd, 2009 was very touching. The Confucius Institute has been at the University of Toledo for more than a year already. UTCi has been getting ready for its recent Grand Opening since fall 2008. It brings in native Chinese teachers, offers non-credit language courses and sends local high school students to China for a summer camp of language and culture.

Collaborating with the UT Chinese Student Union, UTCi put on the Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration which showcased a great variety of quality entertainment programs and presented to the University community the multi-faceted and colorful culture from the East. Being a student leader of Chinese Student Union, I have witnessed the growth of the Confucius Institute, and along with many fellow students, look at it as the ambassador of Chinese language and culture at the University of Toledo

As a Chinese native and an advocate for Chinese culture, I very much appreciate that the University has welcomed and homed the Confucius Institute. UTCi will definitely bring more cultural exchanges and better understanding of cultures to Toledo. It will further UT's steps in the seeking of diversity and internationalization. As a UT Rocket, I am proud that my alma mater strives to bring to her students a book of the world, a campus where the East meets the West.

Saving Through Song

Lee Ann Song (songleeann@hotmail.com)



My name is Lee Ann Song and I am a 15-year-old junior at Sylvania Southview High School. As a member of the Toledo International Youth Orchestra, this past summer, I traveled to Tanzania, Africa to visit Toledo's Sister City of Tanga. On this trip, I met so many kind, hopeful people who lived in dismal poverty. When I came back home, I felt inspired by what I saw and learned from my Tanzanian friends

and realized that I wanted to do something for them.

So, I am hosting a benefit concert called “Saving through Song.” This concert includes classical and contemporary music, jazz, fiddle, rock, dance, beatboxing, and singing. The money collected will go to the children at the Toledo Secondary School in our sister city of Tanga, Tanzania.

Please come out and support this worthy cause! There will be plenty of great music, pictures from our trip to Africa, and delicious food! Hope to see you there!

Sunday December 20, 2009 at 3:00pm, Southview High School Theater, 7225 Sylvania Avenue, Sylvania, OH 43560.



CAGT Performs at Sylvania Public Library

Li Xue (lupeng@pol.net)

Sylvania Public Library had a special program about China on August 15, 2009. The Chinese Association of Greater Toledo participated in this event. The CAGT members presented a variety of Chinese performances to share the exotic culture with the community. This performance was widely enjoyed by the audiences.

Program: Chinese Folk Dance: Jing Meyer, Li Xue, Aige Guo, Anna Che.

Thai Chi: Jiquan Chen

Thai Chi Fan: Jing Meyer

Dance: Shenlin Chen

Pipa Solo: Yitong Jiang

Flute Solo: Rui Li

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CAGT Fall Music Festival

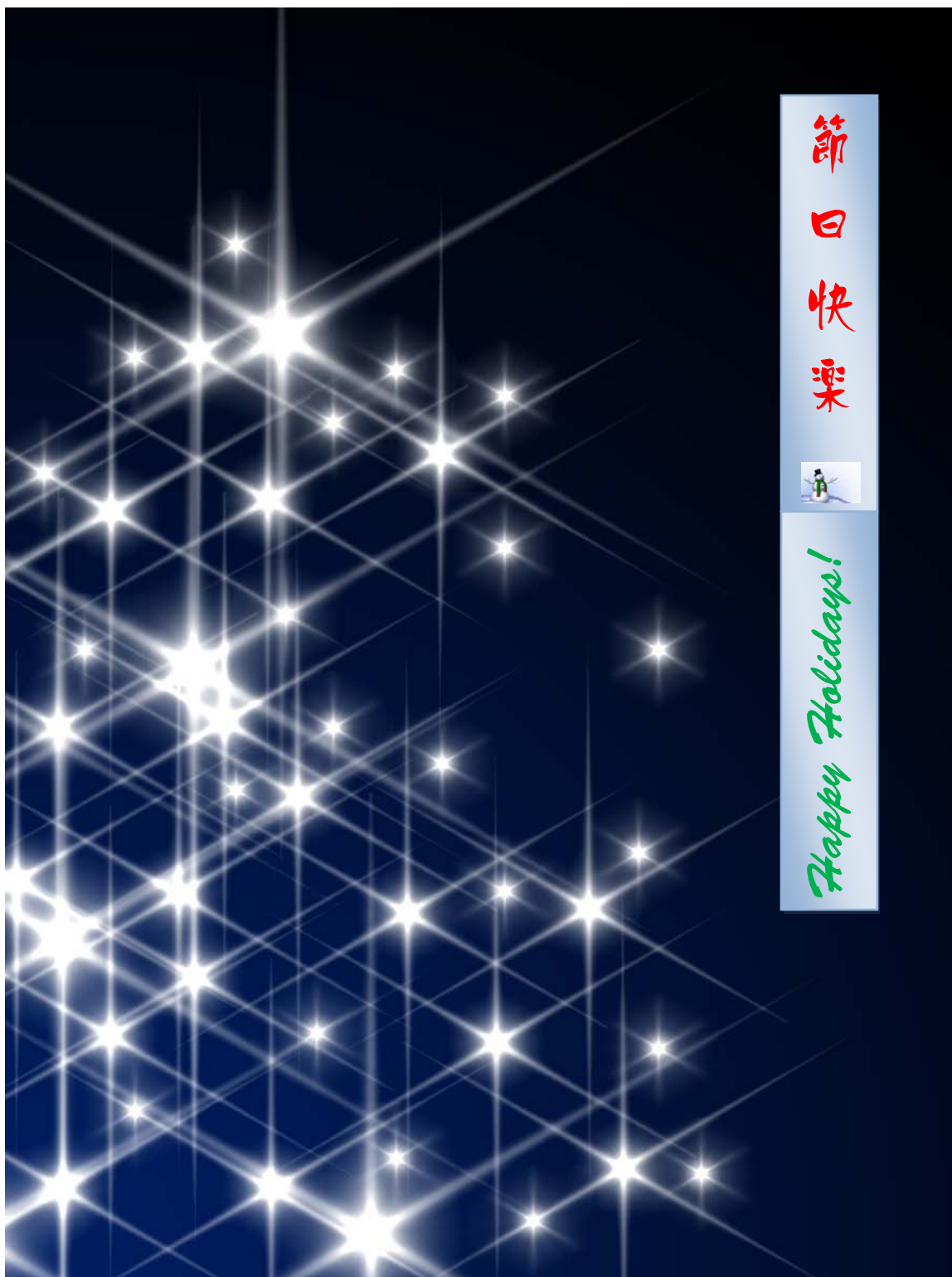
Catherine Dong

The CAGT 2009 Fall Music Festival was a huge success. The Festival was held on November 15th at the Doermann Theatre at the University of Toledo. Approximately 500 people attended this annual event. Everyone had a great time and the acts were fantastic



The Fall Music Festival was hosted by Jennifer Deng and Yile Feng. Both did a very good job of introducing the acts, which ranged from singing to tai chi to instrumental solos and much more. There was even a children's fashion show. Congratulations to the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo and the entire festival committee for constructing such a great event.





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Happy Holidays!

YEAR IN REVIEW

CAGT performs at Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Toledo Children's Hospital
1/14/2009



CAGT presents at the Winter Legacies Program at Toledo Museum of Art 1/4/2009



CAGT's Spring Festival Celebration 2/8/2009



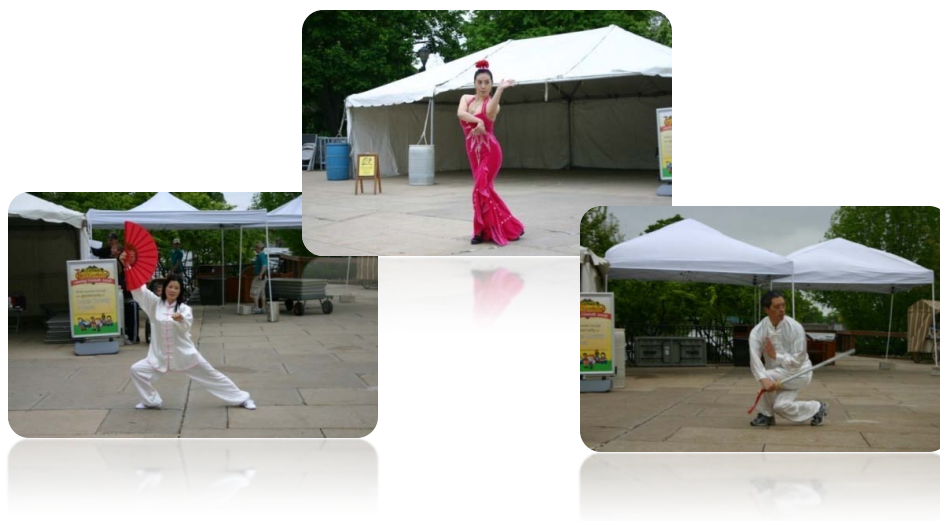
CAGT participates in UT Asian Pacific Heritage Month 3/13 – 7/31/2009



CAGT's Spring Picnic 4/13/2009



CAGT Presents Chinese Folk Dancing and Tai Chi at the Toledo Zoo



CAGT Dance Group Performs at UT's Adviser Awards Ceremony 5/7/2009



CAGT Organizes Taiji Class



CAGT participates in the Dragon Boat Festival 7/25/2009



CAGT's Fall Picnic 10/30/2009



CAGT participates in a Taste of Diversity 9/20/2009



CAGT's Fall Musical Festival 11/15/2009



CAGT's *got* Talent



You are invited to
the Winter Legacies Program,
featuring the *talent of CAGT*...

Enjoy a variety of performances, such as the
lion dance, Chinese music instruments, folk dance,
Chinese opera, Tai Chi, martial arts and more ...



Event Location

The Great Gallery, Toledo Museum of Art
Sunday, December 27, 2009
from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

2445 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH 43620