

CAGT NEWSLETTER

A Message from the President

Dear CAGT Members,

I am honored to be elected as the 2011 CAGT President. On behalf of the 2011 CAGT board members and executive officers, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Shanhe Jiang for his outstanding leadership in CAGT during the past two years; thank the 2010 CAGT board members, executive officers, subcommittees, and event leaders for their contribution to CAGT, and the Chinese as well as the local community. Also, I would like to thank all CAGT members for your involvement and support. CAGT is a member supported non-profit organization, and without you and your support, there would be no CAGT.

I joined CAGT in 2004 and now I am a lifetime member. Through CAGT and its events, I have made many new friends. Without a doubt, CAGT has enriched my life, strengthened my identity, and broadened my horizons. It brings many Chinese and others who are interested in the Chinese culture together in the greater Toledo area. Established in 1965, CAGT has become a recognized and valued community organization. It has organized many annual events, such as the Chinese New Year Celebration, Spring and Fall picnics, and Fall Music Festival; actively participated in many local community events such as the Dragon Boat Festival, A Taste of Diversity, Asian Health Month, and Toledo Museum of Art's Winter Legacy Programs; has been invited by various local organizations to help with their activities, for



example, ProMedica's diversity celebrations, the University of Toledo's Asian Pacific Heritage Month, the Towne Club's charity fundraising event, and the Toledo Sister Cities International Festival, etc.

The 2011 CAGT Board and I are dedicated to continue the CAGT's legacy and to do our very best to serve our Chinese community, but we cannot succeed without your support and participation. If you have any new ideas and suggestions, or would like to become a member of any CAGT event committees or subcommittees, please do not hesitate to contact any of our board members, subcommittee or event leaders. You can find their contact information in CAGT's website www.toledochinese.org.

We are looking forward to working with you in 2011 to continue to build our community, enrich our lives, promote Chinese culture, actively involve ourselves in the local community cultural events, and to add the value of our heritage to the local community. "You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things"!

Regards,

Jing Meyer (邓京华)

2011 President of CAGT

Outstanding Service Award presented to two CAGT members at the Spring Festival

Jiquan Chen (jiquan.Chen@utoledo.edu)



Lingyu Chen

The "Outstanding Service Award" of the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo (CAGT) is selected annually for one or two individual (or business) members who have provided significant service to CAGT activities. An open call for nominations of recipients of this award was sent to all CAGT members in early December, 2010. The award committee received four nominations and made recommendations to the Board of trustees.



Ruth Huang Miller

Lingyu Chen and Ruth Huang Miller were the final recipients of the award for 2010. Both have been very active CAGT members and have participated in many CAGT events. A nominator of Lingyu wrote, "She worked very hard and provided significant service for the Fall Musical Festival in both 2009 and 2010" and as part of "CAGT's dance group, she performed many times for CAGT events". About Ruth Miller, a member wrote, "The qualities needed for this award are dedication, hardworking, kindness, and most of all, selflessness. We believe that Ruth Miller possesses all of these qualities. She has helped plan and has volunteered at many CCT and CAGT events, such as Chinese New Year parties, Dragon Boat Festivals, Fall Music Festivals, picnics, and A Taste of Diversity ... Her volunteer work for the CCT and CAGT have definitely benefited the Chinese community."



Congratulations to Lingyu and Ruth for receiving this prestigious award given by CAGT. Your caring dedication, work ethic, and willingness to serve is a great example to all of our members as well as the community at large. The past recipients include: Hewen Slak (2005), Jiquan Chen and Yankun Song (2006), Luanne Billstein and Jing Deng Meyer (2007), Amy Chen (2008), and Shanhe Jiang and Jiyu (Peter) You (2009).

CAGT Performance Group

Min Chen (minchen1111@hotmail.com)

February was a busy month for the CAGT's performance group. This popular and talented group was invited to give Chinese cultural performances at many local events such as:

- ✚ The Global Summit at Perrysburg Junior High school (2/3)
- ✚ Chinese New Year Party at Bowling Green State University (2/6)
- ✚ Chinese New Year Celebration by ProMedica at the Toledo Hospital (2/10)
- ✚ Chinese New Year Celebration at Owens college (2/16)

The performances included Chinese folk dance, Chinese folk songs, Chinese martial arts and Chinese musical instruments. Thanks to the following people for their contribution in performing, presenting, general assistance, and photography: Jessica Xie, Lingyu Chen, Olivia O'Nest, Fei Li, Jinghua Deng, Qi Wang, Mingsheng Li, Jiquan Chen, Peter You.

CAGT's performing group will also be at the International Festival at Erie Street Market on March 26th, from noon until 8 pm. This is an extraordinary annual festival for cultural exchange in Toledo. The event is organized by the Toledo Sister Cities International to celebrate our city's vast ethnic diversity with performances, food, presentations, and fellowship. At the festival, people share their cultures and talents in order to help promote international understanding through our global heritages. Like last year, on behalf of the China Qinghuangdao committee, CAGT's performing group will have some beautiful performances too. If you are interested in buying a ticket for this festival (\$4 each), please contact Dr. Yueting Li at liyueting@yahoo.com



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CAGT Choir performs at the 2010 Winter Legacy Programs



Many thanks go to the coordinators of CAGT Choir, Chaoxin Hou and Fang Wei. They have put a lot of time and effort in arranging and coordinating the Choir's activities. They have opened their homes for Choir practice many times.

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New Board and President of CAGT

Shanhe Jiang (yangstarr@yahoo.com)

CAGT held its annual meeting and board member elections from 6:45 to 8:30 PM, Friday (2/11/2011) at the Chinese Center of Toledo, which meets at Maumee Valley Country Day School.

Five board members had completed their three-year terms. They are Amy Chen, Shanhe Jiang, Mingsheng Li, Qi Wang, and Hong Xiao. Their contributions to CAGT are greatly appreciated.

Shanhe Jiang and Mingsheng Li were reelected as board members for another three-year term. Jiquan Chen, Yueting Lee and Olivia Onest were elected as new board members. The CAGT board elected Jing Meyer as President, Yueting Lee as Vice President, Jiquan Chen as Secretary, and Olivia Onest as Treasurer. Congratulations and thank you for your willingness to serve!

Over the past two years, CAGT has continued to promote Chinese culture, tradition, language and business in the region, enrich life for the CAGT members as well as others in the area, be a bridge between US and China, and pass on China's proud heritage to young Chinese, Chinese Americans, and other interested people. We helped to organize the Chinese New Year Celebration, Fall Cultural Festival, participated in Partners In Education's Dragon Boat Festival and the Toledo Museum of Art's Winter Legacies. We also held Spring and Fall picnics for our members and guests. CAGT's dance group and tai chi group were invited to perform at various events in the greater Toledo area.

On behalf of the past CAGT board, I would like to take this chance to thank all CAGT members for your unlimited support and generous contribution to the board and CAGT activities. I trust that you will continue to support CAGT and its new board.

Call for Art Work for the Asian Arts Exhibition at the Toledo Museum of Art

The Toledo Museum of Art will have an "All Things Asian Artwork Exhibition" which runs from May 27 – July 3, 2011. The Chinese Association of Greater Toledo is assisting the Toledo Museum of Art in selecting the artwork.

Now we are calling for exhibition items.

Entry Deadline: Friday, April 1st, 2011

Eligibility: Artist must be Asian, living in Greater Toledo area

Type of Art: Artwork in all media

Submit a jpg image of your items (up to 3 pieces) along with your name, phone number, the names of the pieces, and the media type of your artwork before the deadline of April 1st to jing.meyer@utoledo.edu.

The works of art to be submitted must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Only original artwork will be accepted.
- No kits or pre-made manufactured items may be submitted.
- Works of art consisting in whole or part of perishable materials, living organisms, liquid in breakable containers, materials covered by the Endangered Species Act, feathers of any kind, or deteriorating/insect infested or untreated wood will not be accepted.
- All work must be ready to hang. No swiss-clips, cardboard backing holes or sawteeth hanging mechanisms should be used
- Hanging devices must be provided on unconventional wall mounted pieces.
- Ceramics must be fired, and textiles must be ready to hang. Wood must be purchased, kiln-dried and treated – no "found" wood.
- Your artwork will appear in the Community Gallery, please make sure the subject matter of your artwork is suitable for viewing by both adults and young children.
- The Museum reserves the right to refuse and withdraw any work from the exhibition at its discretion.

The CAGT "All Things Asian Artwork Exhibition" Committee will review all submitted items. You will be notified whether your submissions have been accepted for the Exhibition within two weeks after the submission deadline.

CAGT "All Things Asian Artwork Exhibition" Committee



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CAGT Chinese Language and Culture Award

Ye Liang (liangye_1999@yahoo.com)

For the past three years, CAGT has given the Chinese Language and Culture award for outstanding teachers and students in the local area. The recipients must show a significant contribution to Chinese study. Winners of this award go above and beyond the required effort.

The recipients of this year's Teacher Awards are Ms. Tianhui Yuan and Ms. Yue Gu.

Ms. Yuan is a current teacher at the Chinese Center of Toledo. She is extremely committed, and prepares for every class. She is selfless, caring, and extremely hardworking. Because of her diligence in educating our children, parents can be assured that their children have the opportunity to deepen the knowledge of their Chinese heritage.

Ms. Gu is currently teaching at the Chinese Center of Toledo. She has one of the biggest classes to teach, but manages to make sure that each student gets individual attention. Her hard work and dedication is reflected in the achievements of her class. Although most of her students are in their first year of Chinese, many of them can already read and write quite well.

Recipients of the Student Awards are:

The Best Overall Grades: Zhuangying Lin, Henry Yang

The Most Improved Grades: Wynne Chen, Jessica Wang

The Most Effort Contributed: Belinda Chen, Caleb Edward

The Excellence in Chinese Language Study and Community Service Award: Yuran Chen, Timothy Lee

Congratulations to these teachers and students!

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Congratulations!



Chinese School YCT Test Report

Ye Liang (liangye_1999@yahoo.com)

YCT test (Young Learners Chinese Test) is approved by Hanban (The Chinese Language Council International). It is a standardized international Chinese proficiency test, directed at examining non-native primary and secondary school students' capability in applying Chinese language in their studies, personal lives and work.

Last October, the Chinese Center of Toledo (aka Toledo Chinese School) hosted the first YCT test. Fourteen students took the test and all passed and received certificates from Hanban. Out of these students, three students received a perfect score. Congratulations to all of the participants, Cherice Chan, Erika Chen, Junnan Chen, Sylvia Chen, Wynne Chen, Benjamin Hsiao, Wai Lam, Derrick Lin, Zhuangying Lin, Tony Liu, Lindsay Onest, Henry Yang, Kenny Zhang, Zheng Zhuang.

The Great Maumee River Dragon Boat Races

Luanne Billstein (Luanne@theBillsteins.com)

On Saturday, July 23, 2011, the biggest annual event in Toledo promoting Chinese culture and traditions will happen again on the banks of the Maumee River at International Park -- The Dragon Boat Races and Festival. This will be the sixth year that the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo (CAGT) has participated in the races and in organizing the cultural booths and entertainment of the China Village.

This is where YOU come in. We are now recruiting men and women (or kids age 16 and older) to be a part of the 2011 CAGT 'China Dragons' team. No experience is necessary. Training and "in the water" practice time will be provided. This is an incredibly exciting experience! It is an excellent way to have fun, be with friends, get exercise, celebrate Chinese culture, experience the thrill of competition, all while raising money for a great cause.

This popular event is organized by Partners in Education <http://www.partnerstoledo.org> as a fundraising event to promote improved K-12 educational resources in Toledo.

Please contact Howard Chen Howard.Chen@FOXTOLEDO.COM to be a part of the CAGT paddling team, The China Dragons.

More information about the races and pictures/videos of past festivals (including video of CAGT's boat!) can be found here: <http://www.partnerstoledo.org/dragonboat.html>

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Welcome to new members!

欢迎新会员！

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