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CAGT needs YOU in the Dragon Boat Races and Festival

On Saturday, July 21, 2012, 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 7th year that the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo (CAGT) has participated in the races.

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 2012 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.

We are looking for 25 people for the team: 20 paddlers (plus 3 alternates), a steersman (or steerswoman), and a drummer. Again, no experience necessary....just a desire to have fun and be a part of the team.



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.

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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For more information or to express your desire to be a team member, please contact Luanne Billstein (Luanne@theBillsteins.com)



Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Day

Hewen Slak

The 3rd annual Ohio Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Legislative Day took place on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus.

Nearly 300 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) from across the state convened at the Ohio Statehouse to meet their legislators and discuss issues of concern to the AAPI community.



AAPIs make up nearly 2 percent of Ohio's population, according to the latest U.S. Census data. AAPIs are the fastest-growing minority in Ohio, with a population increase of 46% over the past decade.

Legislative Day once again showcased the enormous

diversity of the Ohio AAPI population. Participants included Legislative Day regulars and first-time attendees; retirees and high school students; and Americans of Korean, Chinese, Indian, Pakistani, Laotian, Vietnamese, Japanese, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, Filipino, Hmong, and Bhutanese descent. Attendees came to bring issues of major concern to the attention of their legislators, learn from other AAPIs from across Ohio, and tour the Statehouse.

第三届 亚太裔维权日于六月五日在俄州首府，科伦布市举行。托城在罗惠文女士带领下，近 40 人浩浩荡荡清晨坐大巴参与盛会。这次活动比去年的规模更大，活动涉及亚太裔社区包括教育、移民、健保、工作、政府和社会服务等多个领域，惠文希望通过这样的活动让社会对亚裔群体有更多了解 和认识，民众也可以通过活动获得各种帮助。亚美儿童与家庭联盟和亚洲人平等会成员表示，他们将通过各种努力，尽力帮助民众解决所需，并让政府听到亚裔社区 的需要，欢迎大家咨询并寻求帮助。

World Tai Chi and Qi Gong Day

Olivia Onest

On April 28th, local Tai Chi groups and Tai Chi fans gathered at Wildwood Metro Park to celebrate World Tai Chi and Qi Gong Day. Since 1999, this has been an annual event held on the last Saturday of April to promote the related disciplines of Tai Chi Chuan and Qi Gong in sixty countries. It begins in the earliest time zones of New Zealand at 10 AM, and then participants across Oceania, Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, and South America take part, ending with the final events in the last time zones of Hawaii, almost an entire day later.

Despite the cold and bitter weather with the temperature in the 30's, the program started as planned at 10 AM. After a brief welcome and introduction of the program, the performers and audience participants



went right into the warm-up exercise. Next, there were demonstrations of various Tai Chi movements, forms, swords, and martial arts application of Tai Chi. New this year was the presentation of the health and healing benefits of Tai Chi and Qi Gong by the Monroe Tai Chi Group.

Our CAGT Tai Chi Group performed the Tai Chi 42 Competition Form. Form 42 was created in the late 1980s, based mainly on the traditional Yang style. It combines the movements from several other major Tai Chi styles, such as Chen, Wu, and Sun style. It is well known in China as the competition form.

CAGT President, Dr. Jiquan Chen, led the Mawangdui Qigong practice with audience participation. Known in Chinese as Mawangdui Daoyin Shu, these Qi Gong movements were designed to focus on opening and closing, ascending and descending, rotating and revolving, bending and stretching of the body, its tendons, and bones.

The CAGT Tai Chi group has participated in the World Tai Chi and Qi Gong Day for the past several years. Our goal has always been to reach people unfamiliar with Tai Chi and Qi Gong and give them the opportunity to understand more about the health and healing benefits associated with these two Chinese ancient arts.

For some of the highlights of the event, please access the link below.

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLD9AC81C4C0018FC9>

5 Lakes Global Economic Forum

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Over Two-Hundred International Investors involved in the business sectors of renewable energy, logistics, bio-technology and medical products, and real estate capital investments are invited to participate in The 5 Lakes Economic Forum scheduled on September 24th - 27th in Toledo, Ohio, USA.

The objective of The 5 Lakes Global Economic Forum is to present N.W. Ohio as uniquely positioned in the U.S. Midwest for international and domestic growth in manufacturing and investments. Toledo Ohio is located in the heart of the U.S. Midwest at the "busiest" transportation intersection in the United States, Interstate 75 and Interstate 80/90. The greater Toledo area is within a 500-mile radius of over 93 million people - almost 40% of the North American population.

Our international guests will be warmly greeted. Presentations will be specific to the Toledo Ohio Region, with prominent speakers representing domestic and international markets, daily business expositions, scheduled site tours, and presentations on regional assets. Regional companies currently doing business within the sectors of energy, logistics, manufacturing, technology and medical advances will be introduced to our international guests creating business-to-business opportunities. Nightly events are planned for The Toledo Zoo, Toledo Museum of Art, Hollywood Casino and Fifth Third Field for a Triple A Mud Hens baseball game.

A Property Profile Publication will be provided to all forum attendees and will highlight our premier property development locations, including large tracts of developable land in Foreign Trade Zones, regional manufacturing buildings, industrial sites, office and retail buildings and vacant land development opportunities. We will feature The Port Authority Docks, the former Chrysler Jeep site, industrial land located adjacent to the CSX Terminal in North Baltimore Ohio, The Crossroads in Rossford OH, Toledo Express Airport and several other locations.

For additional information please contact Paul Zito at The Regional Growth Partnership, Toledo, OH. (419) 252-2700. Registrations will begin in June, 2012. www.5lakesglobal.com

九月二十四到二十六日，将有 200 多位中国投资商到我们的托城来参观，考察，寻找合作伙伴。看看我们托城的投资优势：详情见网址 www.5lakesglobal.com 托 莱多 (Toledo) 建于 1833 年，是美国俄亥俄州第三大城市、著名的美国“五大湖”区港口城市，著名的“美国制造业带”的核心。支柱产业主要包括汽车 制造与配件加工业、玻璃制造业、太阳能产业及生物科技等。在托莱多地区设立总部的财富 500 强公司 Dana Corporation (德纳汽车)、Owens Corning (欧文·斯科宁) 和 Owens-Illinois (欧文斯·伊利诺伊)。

托莱多被《拓展管理》杂志评选为 5 星级的物流区位。IBM 全球商务服务更是将托莱多评为最具优势和附加值的物流集散地。除了物流优势外，托莱多地区充满了商业发展所必需的资源与机遇，在以托莱多为中心的十小时以内车程范围内覆盖着占 1 亿多庞大的消费人口，市场潜力巨大。托莱多将会成为全美最具商业投资价值的地区。

托莱多市城市总面积约为 84.1 平方英里(217.8 平方公里)。人口约 120 万，市区人口约 31 万，全美排名第 57 位。大陆性气候，四季分明，非常适宜居住，平均气温与北京相仿，但相对湿润。托莱多被美国多家媒体评为：

- "未来之城"和"最佳商业友好城市" —— fDi
- 位列全美最适合企业家投资城市之一 —— Entrepreneur Magazine
- 美国十大新兴物流集散地之一 —— Area Development
- 托莱多被誉为"太阳谷" —— ABC World News

托莱多——这个友好开放、充满机遇的城市，欢迎到来！

Who's My Neighbor?

Hewen Slak

WELCOME TO "WHO'S MY NEIGHBOR" INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATIONS, FUN FAMILY EVENTS WHERE THE WORLD COMES TOGETHER AT YOUR DOORSTEP <http://www.whosmyneighbor.org/>

Place: 7112 ANGOLA RD. HOLLAND, OH, WPOS CHRISTIAN CENTER

Time: 11:00 AM until dark

Admission: \$1, free for kids 12 and under

This Festival will cover the 16-ACRE site on the outskirts of Toledo.

See Details: <http://www.whosmyneighbor.org/toledo-oh/4564598710>

80/20 Initiative ~ NW Ohio Chapter

Hewen Slak

A member appreciation luncheon will be held 9/1/12 at Hong Kong Buffet (3015 Glendale Avenue) from 12:00-2:00 PM.

Free for all current members of 80-20, \$5 for non-member adults and children over age 15. (You may join 'on-the-spot')

Open discussion: the 2012 election, items of interest and local issues pertinent to Asian Americans, candidates for chapter president, etc.

Panel discussion with distinguished local Asian Americans.

As part of the "CAGT/FCC Friendship and Culture Exchange", described in the previous issue of the CAGT Newsletter, we will be featuring one family from CAGT and one family from FCC (Families with Children from China) in each newsletter.

Luanne Billstein

CAGT family: The Yangs

1. Who is in your immediate family?

Yu Yang (Sam), Ying Li (Vivian),

Evan (almost 11 years old), and Lydia (born 2 weeks ago at Toledo hospital).

2. Where do you work and what do you do there?

Sam is an R&D manager in the Development Engineering Department, First Solar. His job is to develop/implement new material or process in solar module manufacturing to improve solar module performance; i.e. to make more efficient solar cell product. Vivian is staying home to take care of the family's newborn baby.

3. How long have you lived in Toledo?



We moved here 4 years ago from the California bay area. We are currently living in Perrysburg.

4. What does your family enjoy doing together?

We enjoy eating out, traveling, visiting friends or being visited, playing cards, watching movies, going to bookstores (used to be the library when Evan was little)....

5. For each family member to answer:

a. What would your friends be surprised to learn about you?

Sam and Vivian just had a baby girl.....

Evan just finished elementary school, and will go to Perrysburg Junior High this fall. And now, he is a big brother!

Lydia gained 11 oz in the first week!



b. Name 2 things that you are very good at.

Sam is pretty handy. Last year the freezer was broken, and he fixed it himself! Vivian is a "tiger" mom, so you know what she is good at. Evan is pretty good at school (also at home). He just received US President Education Excellence Award this year. Lydia sleeps well, and eats well.

c. What are your hobbies or interests?

Sam likes playing badminton, volleyball, tennis, table tennis - basically sports with a net; Vivian likes plants and flowers; sometimes she plays badminton (mixed-doubles) with Sam. Evan is a "karate kid" and he likes skiing too. He loves snow in Ohio. Lydia? We will find out shortly.

6. What is on the menu for your family's favorite evening meal?

We all like dumplings.

7. Do you have any pets?

Not at this moment. Evan was dreaming to have a dog, but he is allergic to dogs.

FCC family: The Meyers

1. Who is in your immediate family?

Larry
Heather
Ella Man Li 3 yrs old

2. Where do you work and what do you do there?
(answer for all who have a job)

Larry: attorney at law firm of Manahan, Pietrykowski, DeLaney & Wasielewski.

Heather: office manager at Inside Out Home Recreation Outfitters.

3. How long have you lived in Toledo?

Larry: Since starting law school in 1983.

Heather: life-long Toledoan!

4. What does your family enjoy doing together?

One of our favorite things to do is visit the Toledo Museum of Art, including the Family Center. We also enjoy opportunities to introduce Ella to live music. You should see that girl dance!

5. For each family member to answer:

a. What would your friends be surprised to learn about you?

Larry: For the first time in my life, at age 52, I'm a working drummer.

Heather: I started teaching Sunday School at my church when I was 16 years old and continued doing so until Ella's arrival two years ago.

Ella: That my mommy and I share the same birthday.



b. Name 2 things that you are very good at.

Larry: Whether or not I'm good at it is for someone else to say, but I really enjoy gardening and figure drawing.

Heather: I enjoy photography and mowing (where I tend to solve all the world's problems).

Ella: Dancing and painting.

c. What are your hobbies or interests?

Larry: I enjoy playing (drums), seeing live music and sniffing out old jazz and hillbilly LP's.

Heather: I enjoy being behind the camera lens. While content to photograph Ella most days (when she cooperates), I look forward to a time when I can put more energy into it.

Ella: When I am not playing with my best friend, Roz, I love looking for spiders and worms outdoors.

6. What is on the menu for your family's favorite evening meal?

We enjoy a great family outing to El Nuevo Vallarta (affectionately referred to as El Ponderosa) where Ella is a favorite of the staff.

7. Do you have any pets?

Simba, our old constantly-purring-always-talking cat.

我的最爱- Ipad

Hewen Slak



原是买给先生的礼物，但越玩越着迷。这个轻薄短小的工具有很多的本事。300 条中外最爱的老歌，数年来摄影艺术照，及返台与家人相聚的 video，还有 57 本讨论心理学及时事的书，都藏在里面。当然近 600 人的联系讯息及几个月来的行事历也都清楚在列。还有每天的日记。

除了听音乐，看报，看书，看心爱的照片，电影，上网看资料，看 Youtube，学做菜，修理家电，打电话，旅行中，还可玩游戏，设定闹钟。

样样行..可能您家中的电脑也能作这些，但我的 iPad。又轻又巧。速度奇快。影像清晰，画面优美，随手拎着，是我旅行的最好伴侣。

清晨安静地坐在公园里，望着天上的野雁，在日出柔美的光采中，轻盈的滑过湖面，举起 iPad，卡达一声，一张艺术特写轻松成型。再低头看着 iPad 上圣金的教导，作点个人笔记，是一天中心灵最安静享受的时刻。

iPad 是我的脑袋，我的灵感泉源，我的历史记载，我最强有力的研究工具，若丢了它，不知日子要怎么过？

我爱巴黎 Hewen Slak

刚从世界的花都巴黎度假回来，心中满了感动，人说，坐在歌剧院旁的和平咖啡馆，一指烟，一杯咖啡，看着全世界从你前面走过。

不只是美食美景，圣母院，effel 塔，凯旋门，罗浮宫，luxengburg 花园，处处是宏伟壮丽的建筑，栩栩如生的雕像，清凉的喷泉，满了细腻精美的刻饰。

公园里成行的大树，修剪得整齐划一，像一群站岗的士兵，而花圃中各色花荟，矮的，高的，白红蓝绿，搭配的像画，也成为艺术。。

巴 黎大学旁的英雄冢 pantheon，更让人吃惊，从 1791 年始，把国家的历代名人，包括名科学家，居里夫人，哲学家沙特，政治家,思想家伏尔泰，文人左 拉，休果，画家莫内都在内，有的是尸体，有的是小盒子装的一颗心。啥时我们也能有这样一个殿堂，让国人景仰我们的民族英雄？而不只是一个孤零零的毛主席。

走在街上看到的男女大都穿着讲究，长的俊秀，谈吐文明优雅，大店小店的橱窗摆设，少少几支花几支草，穿插在饰物中，雅意盈盈。街头处处咖啡座，人手一支烟，一杯酒，一客小点，聊天，说笑，人看人。。真写意，真畅快， 这才是生活，精致雅意的生活。

要享受人生，看看人类的艺术文明，就到巴黎走一趟吧！



Youth Corner

Jennifer Deng, daughter of Xunming Deng and Liwei Xu, has been named Valedictorian of the Graduating Class of 2012 at Sylvania Northview High School. She is also a National Merit Finalist and has been accepted to the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell University. Congratulations, Jennifer, and best wishes to you for a bright future!



Genna Liu, a Perrysburg High School Advanced Placement Government student, took first place in Division II of the Toledo Bar Association's Law Day Essay contest.

Genna, daughter of CAGT member Fang Bai, is one of nine winners in The Toledo Bar Association's 2012 Caty Armstrong Memorial Law Day Essay Contest. Her essay was chosen by a panel of celebrity judges as one of the outstanding essays regarding No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom.



Math Whiz Goes to State Competition

McCord Junior High School students took first place out of 23 middle schools in the Toledo Society of Professional Engineers MathCounts competition at the University of Toledo in February. MathCounts is a nationwide competition for middle school students that judges and awards them for their math achievements. Timberstone, Arbor Hills, McCord, and St. Joseph Sylvania junior high schools were among the competitors. McCord

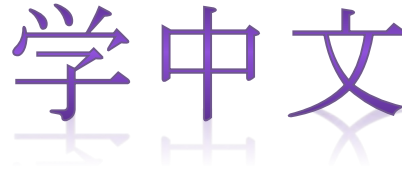
eighth grader, Starr Jiang, son of CAGT members Shanhe Jiang and Liping Mo, took first place out of 200 students. He and his teammates took first place overall and advanced to the Ohio state competition

hosted by Columbus Community College in March. There, Starr individually placed 13th out of 200 students from across the state. Congratulations on a job well done, Starr!

The Benefits of Learning Chinese

Rona Jiang

Many children, when faced with the decision between playing outside in the sun or sitting extra hours in a classroom would choose the former. Often, the parents are the ones who insist upon proficiency in speaking, writing, and reading Chinese. Besides maintaining a sense of culture, learning Chinese has also been shown to have scientific benefits and provide more worldly opportunities.



China is one of the most populated countries in the world. Over 1 billion people speak Mandarin, and about one in five people in the world is Chinese. As an increasingly dominant language, Mandarin will help students to be better prepared globally in the future, including obtaining jobs. China is also a growing partner in trade, so knowing the language will boost commerce.

In recent research, learning a second language or being bilingual has been shown to improve cognitive abilities. For example, a study conducted by University of California, San Diego indicated that people who spoke Mandarin showed greater musical ability in that they had perfect pitch and the ability to precisely detect and identify musical tones. The complexity of Chinese characters and the practice of writing involved helps develop motor skills and visual identification skills in children. When comparing English with Chinese, scientists have noted that while English uses the left side of the brain, people who were speaking Mandarin used both sides of the brain. This shows that learning Chinese enhances brain functions.

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