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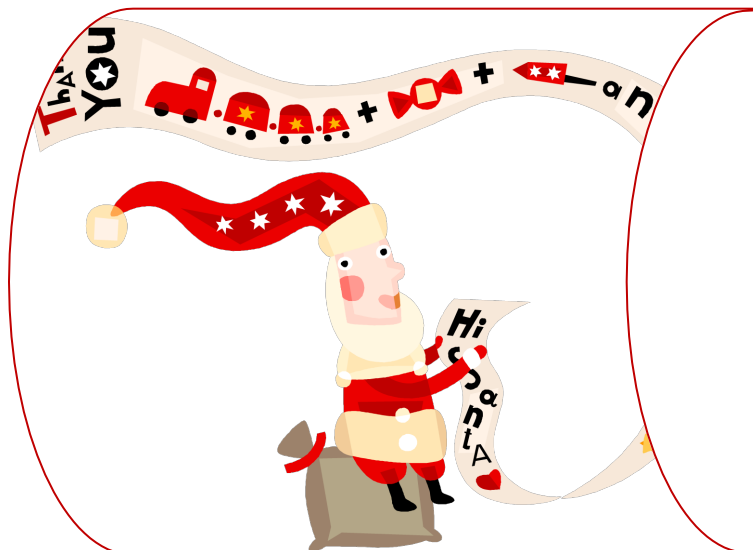
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2012 Fourth Quarter Membership Report

CAGT Membership Committee



The CAGT Membership Committee would like to thank all those members who have renewed their CAGT memberships during the 4th quarter of 2012, especially those members who upgraded their membership to become “Lifetime” members. We appreciate your continued support. We would also like to welcome new members who joined CAGT during the 4th quarter of 2012:

New lifetime family members:

Laura Li and James Hart

Jimmy Wu and Vicky Guo

New family members:

Song Qian and Jun Zhai

Shiyuan Zhou and Paul Williams

Jianzhen Jiang and Robert Elliott

New Business Member:

Louisvell Title

热烈欢迎
新会员！

CAGT takes great pride in having you as members. Hopefully, you also take pride in being a CAGT member and supporting the Chinese community. Please tell your friends about CAGT, and invite them to join as members. Let's work together to build a bigger and stronger CAGT in 2013.

We wish you a happy holiday season!

Call for Nominations for CAGT Board Members

CAGT Election Committee



The CAGT Board of Trustees consists of eleven members who are elected to serve for an overlapping term of three years each according to the CAGT bylaws. Trustees can be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms. Nominations are invited for two Trustee positions that are available this year. Candidates must be an active CAGT member and should be willing to serve on the Board. Self-nominations are strongly encouraged.

Please email your nominations to: Jiquan Chen (jiquan.chen@utoledo.edu) or Fan Dong (fan.dong@utoledo.edu) by Friday, February 15, 2013. Elections will be held at the annual CAGT member meeting on Saturday, February 16, 2013.

Call for Nominations for Outstanding Service Award

The Service Award Committee

The "Outstanding Service Award" of the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo (CAGT) is selected annually for an individual member who has provided significant service to CAGT activities. At the upcoming New Year Festival, CAGT will select one member to receive this award. Please send your nominations to the committee Chair with brief justifications by January 23, 2013: Shanhe Jiang at yangstarr@yahoo.com.



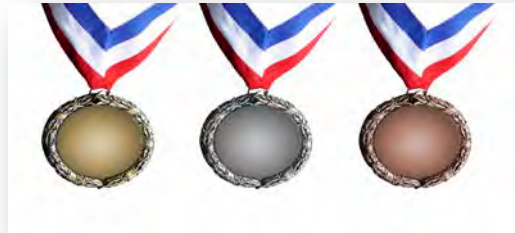
Below are the criteria for the award:

- The winner must be a current CAGT member.
- The winner must have made significant contributions to CAGT activities or events.
- No CAGT members shall receive the award more than one time (The past award recipients are Hewen Slack, Jiquan Chen, Yangkun Song, Luanne Billstein, Jing Deng Meyer, Amy Chen, Shanhe Jiang, Peter You, Lingyu Chen, Ruth Huang Miller, Ye Liang)

Call for Nominations for CAGT Chinese Language/Culture Awards

Ye Liang

Each year, CAGT honors several students and teachers who made significant contributions with the **CAGT Chinese Language / Culture Awards**.



1. Purpose of the Awards and Award Committee

A. The Purpose of the Awards is to recognize the local Chinese teachers for their effort in teaching Chinese language and spreading the Chinese culture, and also to encourage students who have been learning Chinese for years and have made significant progress in their Chinese studies.

B. The Award Committee will consist of 3 to 5 members. The President of CAGT will appoint the committee Chair.

2. Awardees Selection Procedure

A. Call for nominations for the award will be at least four weeks before the announcement of the award recipients. Nominators and nominees must be current CAGT members and/or Chinese Center of Toledo members. Each nominator may nominate candidates for each type of award with a simple justification (one nomination for each type of award). The nomination process may take two weeks.

B. Committee members and CAGT board members will complete their votes for recipients of the awards one week before the announcement of the award recipients. The voting process may take one week.

C. The nominees with most votes will be determined as the award recipients.

3. The awards (up to \$300 in total) and minimum criteria for the awards:

A. The Chinese Language Education Award will be presented to one or two local Chinese Language teachers who have made significant contribution in teaching Chinese Language and spreading Chinese culture.

B. The Best Overall Grades in Chinese Language Study Award will be presented to two students who have continuously achieved high marks through numerous years of Chinese

language study.

C. The Excellence in Chinese Language Study and Community Service Award will be presented to two students who not only enjoy learning Chinese, but also love serving the Chinese community.

D. The Most Improved Grades in Chinese Language Study Award will be presented to two students who have shown marked improvement in Chinese language study for more than 1 year.

E. The Most Effort Contributed to Chinese Language Study Award will be presented to two students who have studied Chinese for more than 1 year with good attendance and consistent completion of homework.

Please submit your nominations, along with a brief justification, to one of the committee members by 1/31/12.

Committee Members:

- Jiquan Chen (Jiquan.chen@utoledo.edu)
- Chaixin Hou (chaixin92@yahoo.com)
- Hewen Slak (hslak@yahoo.com)
- Ye Liang (liangye_1999@yahoo.com)
- Meng Zhang (mengzhang18@yahoo.cpm)

The deadline to submit a nomination is **Jan 31, 2013**.

Chinese New Year Celebration (Spring Festival)

Shanhe Jiang



A very special Chinese New Year celebration will take place at Happy Rose Buffet on Airport Highway on Sunday, February 10, 2013 from 7 to 10 PM. Please save the date for this most important holiday celebration, as we welcome the Year of the Snake in Toledo. The Chinese Association of Greater Toledo (CAGT) and Chinese Center of Toledo (CCT) will co-organize the celebration. The event will feature a sumptuous New Year dinner and karaoke. Pre-paid tickets are required for admission to the celebration. More detailed information will be sent to CAGT and CCT members via email.

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus Hosts Special Private Performance and Party

Melinda Davis (FCC parent and CAGT member)

It was with great excitement that this self professed circus lover signed up for the Ringling Brothers "special" performance on October 26th. Luanne Billstein gave us just the brief instructions that the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus wanted to gift us with a private performance for children with Chinese heritage, and we were to show up at an appointed time at the Huntington Center. I was intrigued by this offering, but had limited expectations because the show was during their "off" hours, and I knew that these hard working performers needed time away from their work.

What my daughter, Katie, and I experienced that crisp morning was a delightful hour of fun circus activity. We got it all except for the animals and the motorcycles - but you name it, it was performing in the center ring. Clowns, Dancers, Acrobats, Chinese Warriors- they all celebrated in front of us. The kids sat around the ring so everyone had a front row seat, and the circus acts performed just 10 feet away from my daughter's eyes. The Chinese Association of Greater Toledo dancers also performed a beautiful dance. The ringmaster was funny and was a huge presence in his colorful outfits. The clowns were very kid friendly and approachable for photos. There was a large Chinese Drum that every child yearned to touch.

After the performance, we were led up the stairs to a waiting reception. The circus personnel had ordered egg rolls, dumplings, fruit, and other Chinese goodies for us to feast upon. It was thoughtful of the hosts to order food that the children could easily eat, that was also suitable for the Eastern palate.

On each chair was a bag full of goodies, which included a large coloring book, crayons, a frame art project, and not least, a red rubber clown nose, which continues to bring about giggles from my daughter every time I put it on my face. A coupon for a complimentary ticket to come back and enjoy the circus at another performance was also included, and it allowed my four year old nephew to join us at a later show.

I am grateful for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey's generosity (and to Luanne for organizing) in presenting this special show for Katie and our group. I had taken the time off work and I was so glad that I did. It was great to see some faces in our group who I have not seen lately. The show was much more that I had anticipated, and my daughter was overjoyed by watching the performers. I appreciate Chinese culture and want Katie to do the same, and this event that incorporated and celebrated Chinese culture was very enjoyable for everyone

present.



Katie Dougherty (FCC parent and CAGT member)

My daughter, Roz, and I were lucky enough to participate in the special presentation that Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus provided to our FCC group here in Toledo this past October. One of Roz's favorite movies has a circus theme, so she was super excited about seeing a "real live circus just for me"! Looking around the auditorium at all of the other families, it was if they were thinking the same thing. We really enjoyed watching the kids (and even some of the adults) participate with the circus performers. Everyone had a smile on their face! And Roz is still talking about "those silly clowns".

A link to the articles in the Toledo Blade:

<http://www.toledoblade.com/local/2012/10/27/Special-circus-show-is-a-nod-to-Chinese-culture.html>

<http://www.toledoblade.com/local/2012/10/26/Chinese-dancers-perform-at-Ringling-Bros-Circus.html>

Seasons Greetings from Toledo Chinese Alliance Church

Tim Miller

My name is Tim Miller and I am the new Assistant Pastor at Toledo Chinese Alliance Church. My wife, Allison, and I have been with the church now for 10 months, and I can say it has been wonderful to be a part of your community. My experience with Chinese Americans had been limited up until this year, and it was a pleasant surprise to find myself amongst such a warm and hospitable culture, not to mention the great food! I had never tried chicken feet before!



My primary role at the church is to work with the youth from 6th grade and up. Our youth program, which goes by the name IGNITE, is geared towards building a group of young people who are passionate about God, learning and living as who God has made them to be, and loving others. We do that in three main ways: 1) Studying the Bible on Sunday mornings at 10 A; 2) Getting together twice a month for

fun events like going to Cedar Point and our upcoming Christmas party this Saturday; and 3) Loving others through acts of service like helping at Cherry St. Mission.

In the 22nd chapter of the Book of Matthew, Jesus sums up the Bible in two commandments: Love God with all you have, and love everyone in the same way you love yourself. With God's help, we are learning to live in this way, and we would love to have you join us in the journey. If you would like more information about our youth group, or if you would just like to talk, you can reach me at pastortimmiller@gmail.com.

State Level Conference on Asian American Health Held in Toledo

Hewen Slak

On December 7th and 8th, The Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA) and the Ohio Asian America



Health Coalition (OAAHC) together hosted the 6th annual Ohio Asian American Health Conference & APAMSA Midwest Regional Conference at the University of Toledo College of Medicine.

Under the leadership of Dr. Richard Paat, over 2 dozen Asian American medical students organized this State level health conference, taking place for the first time ever in Toledo, Ohio.

Free health screenings were also offered to the community.

Many distinguished guests and medical professionals attended the meeting which was designed to educate participants about the Asian communities in both Ohio and internationally and how best to serve their needs.

Emphasis was placed on current Asian health issues and new legislation. Physicians, nurses, students, social workers, and all other health professionals were invited to attend.

CAGT, one of the founding members of OAAHC, also led a Tai Chi demonstration, with Dr. Jiquan Chen giving a talk on the history and benefits of Tai Chi.

It was impressive seeing many young Asian American medical students conducting the conference with great professionalism and passion. A promising future is awaiting them, as they soon will be our leaders, taking us into the American mainstream.

Some Tips for You on Title Insurance

Echo Liu (eliu@louisville.com)

Louisville Title Agency

1. How does Title Insurance Differ From Other Forms of Insurance?



Unlike other forms of insurance, title insurance emphasizes loss prevention for the insured. Title professionals perform the labor-intensive work to find and address title issues that could threaten homeowners and lenders. This upfront analysis results in fewer claims and gives policy holders the peace of mind that their title risk has been effectively reduced. In contrast, insurance based on loss assumption requires little upfront work because claims cannot be predicted or prevented, and

premium funds are needed only in the event of an accident or other covered issue. These types of insurance also require annual coverage payments, unlike title insurance which is paid for only upon the purchase of the house or establishment of a new mortgage.

2. Is Title Insurance Necessary on A Refinance Transaction?

Although an Owner's Policy of Title Insurance lasts for as long as the homebuyers own the property, a loan Policy protects the lender's investment only for that particular loan. When refinancing, homeowners obtain a new loan, and expose their refinance lender to new risks. Title risks for refinances include other mortgages, mechanics' liens, liens from unpaid taxes, divorce and remarriage, bankruptcy, etc. The lender (even if the same lender is used) will require a new title insurance policy to protect against those risks.

3. Do New Homes Need Title Protection?

Title insurance is necessary on a newly constructed home even though the home itself has no title history. This is because title risks may result from actions that occurred before the new home was built. Also, the builder or developer may have created title risks, such as liens from unpaid subcontractors, tax assessments, bankruptcy proceedings, or a delinquent loan balance on the property. Title professionals help uncover and address these issues upfront, and an Owner's Policy protects the homebuyer after they move into their new home.

Horseback Riding Trip

Erika S. Chen (erikachens@yahoo.com)

On October 7th, I went to Oak Openings to ride horses with my dad, Jiquan Chen, and my friends, Catherine, Karen, and, Emily. I was supposed to be at church, but this well-planned trip was definitely worth skipping church for. When I got there, Swan Creek Stables asked me to fill out a form asking my height, weight, and other important information. I was assigned a beautiful black horse called Flirt. Their horses are some of the best in Northwest Ohio. The guides on our trail ride were very cautious with their horses. They told us to not let the horses eat anything along the trails because many things in the park are poisonous to them. If you're riding in autumn, your hands might get cold, so make





sure to bring gloves. Also, your legs may feel sore, but you'll get used to it. Another thing is that the ride can be bumpy, but the guides tell you in the very beginning how to hold onto the reins and how to direct the horse safely. On the trail, you can sense many beautiful things such as the sound of birds, the smell of the fresh air, and the sight of many trees and animals. The leaders are your tour guides, so they tell you many interesting things such as the haunted forest, and how there was once a

devastating tornado there. They're very nice. Over all, the trip was very beautiful and worth the money, so I recommend that you go if CAGT offers this again in the future.

P.S. Thanks to Luanne Billstein for organizing this trip!

Rice Cake Recipe

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Materials:

- 2 cups of rice flour
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 teaspoon of yeast
- 2 cups of water



Methods:

- Mix 1 teaspoon of yeast, 1 teaspoon of sugar and 1 tablespoon of warm water, and set aside in room temperature for about 15 mins.
- Microwave 2 cups of water for 2 mins.
- Quickly add the heated water to the mixture of 2 cups of rice flour and 1 cup of sugar. Mix well.
- After 10mins, add the materials in step 1. Mix well.
- Pour all the mixture into another container and set aside in the room temp for at least 6 hours.
- Steam it for 15-20mins. Cut it to small pieces when it cools down.

CAGT/FCC Friendship and Culture Exchange

Luanne Billstien

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

In a previous issue (Spring 2012) of the CAGT Newsletter, the "CAGT/FCC Friendship and Culture Exchange" was introduced. <http://www.toledochinese.org/news/Spring2012.pdf>

Meet the Yan/Qiu family



1. Who is in your immediate family?

Yanfa Yan (husband/dad) Qin Qiu (wife/mom), Lily Yan (daughter, 15), Lark Yan (daughter 13)

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

Yanfa works at The University of Toledo as a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

3. How long have you lived in Toledo?

We have been in Toledo for 1.5 years.

4. What does your family enjoy doing together?

Going on vacations

5. For each family member to answer:

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

Yanfa: Don't know

Qin: Don't know

Lily: I eat a lot at home

Lark: I am very inefficient.

b. Name 2 things that you are very good at

Yanfa: None

Qin: Organizing

Lily: Singing and homework

Lark: Helping and baking

c. What are your hobbies or interests?

Yanfa: Golfing

Qin Qiu: Watching movies

Lily: Reading and swimming.

Lark: Volleyball

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

Pasta, Fish, Jiaozi

6. Do you have any pets?

A German Shepherd Dog

Meet the Brewster family



1. Who is in your immediate family? (names of all, ages of kids)

Mike and Laura Brewster with the kids Isaac (10), Luke (9), Joseph (7) and Rosemary (6). We are currently working on one more adoption from China, but we don't yet know who the new little Brewster will be.

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

Mike is a science teacher at Otsego High School. Laura home-schools the four kids. In the summer we operate a flower farm that sells cut flowers to local florists. Laura also teaches a Spanish class for home-schoolers.

3. How long have you lived in Toledo?

We have lived on our farm in Grand Rapids for 11 years.

4. What does your family enjoy doing together?

We like to be outdoors together – hiking and gardening. We also love to read together. Our favorite read-aloud has been “Where the Mountain Meets the Moon” by Grace Lin.

5. For each family member to answer:

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

Mike- recently started taking Tae Kwon Do lessons with Isaac

Laura- my first full time job involved teaching high-schoolers to use chainsaws!

Isaac- can do a spot-on imitation of Archibald from the VeggieTales

Luke- can do flips off the diving board

Joseph- he’d like to be a great sword fighter like his heroes, Zorro and Errol Flynn

Rosemary- she holds her own just fine with her three older brothers!

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

Mike- growing and preparing healthy food for his family

Laura- making jam and canning

Isaac- inventing and computers

Luke- soccer and chess

Joseph- cross country and wrestling

Rosemary- reading and making people smile

c. What are your hobbies or interests?

Mike and Laura- right now our interests and hobbies all revolve around helping and watching our kids grow. Laura is a Cub Scout den mother.

Isaac- all plant and animal life, as well as anything having to do with a computer

Luke- sports, chess, guitar

Joseph- piano and sports

Rosemary- craft projects

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

Homemade pizza with hand-thrown crust by Dad.

7. Do you have any pets?

We have a sweet blue heeler/beagle named Daisy and about 20 laying hens and ducks.

Fall Music Festival









HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!

多丽都中华协会
祝您节日快乐!