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Message from the President -- Lingling Du

Dear CAGT Members:

I am honored to have been elected by the CAGT board to serve this wonderful organization as President for the great year of the horse. Over the previous years, past presidents along with many dedicated board members and event leaders, have led CAGT to a new level of influence in the Greater Toledo area. Today, one can find CAGT's presentations everywhere: World TaiChi Day, Toledo International Festival, Dragon Boat Races, Toledo Art Escape and Chinese Spring Festival Celebration. CAGT presents the Chinese community in the Greater Toledo area well. These are the results of the tireless and combined efforts of all of you, the CAGT members, over the years.



Several changes will be made this year. We have already added a Chinese card game in March 2014, and will participate The Blade Holiday parade in Nov. 2014. We will combine Fall Music Festival into Chinese Spring Festival Celebration in Feb. 2015. Also, the newsletters will be published online and emailed to the CAGT group twice a year.

Of course, other traditional programs (i.e., the International Festival, Dragon Boat Festival, Tai Chi practice, World TaiChi Day, dance practice, picnics, etc.) will be continued. All of these activities cannot be successful without your volunteer service and involvement.

Like many previous leaders, I will commit my time and service to move CAGT forward. Meanwhile, CAGT cannot achieve our mission without your participation. I sincerely welcome any suggestions for promoting the growth of CAGT. Please feel free to call (419-574-8853), e-mail me (dulingling_2006@yahoo.com) at any time, or contact the event leaders or committee chairs listed on the next page.

Thank you for your interest and support! Please visit the CAGT website for updates at:

<http://www.toledochinese.org>

Sincerely,

Lingling Du
President, CAGT

多丽都中华协会理事会

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2014 CAGT Events and Activities

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When	Where	What
February 1, 2014	Park Inn Hotel	2014 Chinese Spring Festival Celebration
March 14, 2014 March 21, 2014	Chinese School	扑克牌大赛-拖拉机 (Chinese card game tournament)
April 26, 2014	UT	Toledo International Festival: CAGT organized a variety of performances and presented in the event.
April 26, 2014	Wildwood Metropark	World Tai Chi & Qigong Day: CAGT Tai Chi fans joined many local Tai Chi groups to celebrate the 16 th World Tai Chi and Qigong Day.
June 7-August 23, 2014	Woodlands Park	Summer Tai Chi Class: CAGT offered Tai Chi lessons to members and non-members.
July 19, 2014	International Park	Dragon Boat Festival: CAGT sent one team and organized performances.
September 6, 2014	Wildwood Metropark	CAGT mid-autumn Picnic: Co-sponsored by several organizations and companies.
November 15, 2014	Downtown	Toledo Blade Holiday Parade - Metro Toledo Chinese Community
December 28, 2014	Toledo Museum of Art	Art Escape, CAGT will have one hour performance
February 21, 2015	Park Inn Hotel	2014 Chinese Spring Festival Celebration with Chinese dinner and performances

Message from Chinese Center of Toledo -- Dr. An Chung Cheng

Dr. An Chung Cheng, Principal of Chinese Center of Toledo

The school year of the Chinese Center of Toledo (a.k.a. Toledo Chinese School) ended on May 16. This was a growth year at the Chinese Center of Toledo. Enrollment was a record high with 100 students in the fall semester and 92 students in the spring semester. Students performed extraordinarily well in all classrooms. There were 10 classes with students from three years old to 10th grade. The separate tracks of English-speaking learners and Chinese heritage learners were found to be effective and successful. Our teachers are dedicated to student



learning, and many have also taught Chinese classes at St. John's Jesuit High School & Academy, St. Ursula Academy, Notre Dame Academy, Maumee Valley Country Day School, the University of Toledo, and Owens Community College, etc.

In addition to regular classes on Friday nights at Maumee Valley Country Day School, we typically have fall picnic, celebration of Mid-Autumn Festival and Halloween, Chinese New Year party, and an end of semester ceremony. At the same time, our parents helped organize events and run fund raising campaigns. CCT Board of Directors and parents have worked tirelessly with the CCT's teachers and administrative staff to build a safe and fun learning community, both at home and at MVCDS.

One of CCT's accomplishments is demonstrated in a recent contest in the state of Ohio. The AP Class students participated in the Chinese Essay Contest held by the Cleveland Confucius Institute this year. Miss Zhuangying "Zee" Lin won the first place, Jessie Li won second place, and David Heuring won third place in the Chinese Heritage School Students Essay Contest. We are very proud of our students' achievements! We also thank the AP Class teacher, Mrs. Ivy Gauler (a.k.a. Lan-Chi Lin), for her wonderful job in teaching our students.

Although students do not attend class in the summer, many of our teachers will be busy in professional development by attending the 2014 STARTALK-CHELER Chinese Leadership Program, sponsored by a federal grant, led by Dr. An Chung Cheng, a faculty at the University of Toledo. Our teachers such as Yue Gu, Cuiyu Zhang, and former teacher Shikun Li will serve as program coordinator, assistant and teaching assistant, respectively. Together with teacher leaders from Chinese schools across the United State, our teachers will participate in one-month online course and one-week onsite workshop at the University of Toledo. This professional development opportunity will help us build a strong and growing teaching team.

It's not too early to plan for the fall semester of 2014 which begins on August 29. Those who register before July 31, 2014 will receive a discounted tuition rate. Be sure to click "submit" after you complete the form.

Current students can register at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BSXqR1FQZKt40ATWIVbFCc8VdPWpm-iCDDbTyDh5nGc/viewform?usp=send_form

New students can register at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1fjJ_9BVt7OjP4Pt9W0ZimiqfcbdcI_T3Fi8MYdLtWcs/viewform?usp=send_form

Finally, we can't thank all of you in the Greater Toledo community enough for helping us have a tremendous year of learning and growth. May you all have terrific, relaxing, and safe summer.

Sincerely

An Chung Cheng, Principal
Chinese Center of Toledo

The Chinese Language/Culture Award of CAGT - 2013

- The Chinese Language Education Award (中文教育奖 - 2 名本地区中文教师)
Qingjuan Kong (Toledo Chinese School)
- The Best Overall Grades in Chinese Language Study Award (中文学习 " 成绩优异 " 奖)
David Heuring and Julia Xiong
- The Excellence in Chinese Language Study and Community Service Award (中文学习及社区服务 " 双优 " 奖 - 既热爱中文学习又热心华人社区服务的学生)
Yiyi Han and Zhuangying Lin
- The Most Improved Grades in Chinese Language Study Award (中文学习 " 进步突出 " 奖)
Lucas Tsou and Ray Zhang
- The Most Effort Contributed to Chinese Language Study Award (中文学习 " 最努力 " 奖)
Evan Leong and Andrew Zheng

Chinese students outstanding performance in Math competition

2014 Toledo Math Counts competition, held on 2/1/2014. Chinese students did very well.

Individual ranking in the top 16:

- #1 - William Xi (7th grader at Perrysburg Junior High school);
- #4 - Freeman Gao (8th grader at Timberstone Junior High school);
- #7 - Marwin Li (8th grader at Timberstone Junior High school);
- #10: Julia Xiong (7th grader at Perrysburg Junior High school).



William Xi had an article about himself in The Blade on 2/2/2014. Here is the link:

[Perrysburg 7th grader wins regional math competition with stunning score](#)

Asian American & Pacific Islander Legislative Day -- Hewen Slak

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第五届 亚太裔维权日于三月六日在俄州首府，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，

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。当天有五六位各地来的州议员及市议员与亚裔人士对话，他们也答应将通过各种努力，尽力帮助解决亚裔人士特有的需要，并让政府听到亚裔社区的声音，欢迎大家咨询并寻求帮助。（按CAGT是OAAHC。Ohio Asian American Health Coalition，俄州亚裔健康联盟大会五位创始人之一， 现由中协的新会友，Dr.Diment Sing带邻参与OAAHC的各项活动与策划）

The 5th annual Ohio Asian American & Pacific Islander (AAPI) Legislative Day took place on March 6th 2014 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.

****CAGT is 1 of the 5 founding members of the Ohio Asian American Coalition that chair the Legislative event, year after year, hopefully via the health platform to unite the Asian Americans and give a louder voice and visibility to the American mainstream.**

Right now Dr. Diment Singh is the representative of CAGT working with OAAHC. Anyone interested in helping this cause, can email Diment for more details diment.singh@gmail.com.

World Tai Chi and Qigong Day -- Olivia Onest

Tai Chi Committee

On April 26, various local Tai Chi groups and Tai Chi fans gathered at Wildwood Metro Park to celebrate World Tai Chi and Qigong Day. All 50 US states and over 80 countries participate in the World Tai Chi and Qigong Day every year. The Toledo area has enjoyed this annual Tai Chi celebration since 1999. Our mission is to raise the awareness of the health benefits of Tai Chi and Qigong, and to promote the practice of these ancient arts in the community.

We were very fortunate to have had great weather that day. The event started out with the Temple of the Dragon leading a Qigong warm-up. Following that, the various local Tai Chi groups demonstrated different Tai Chi styles and forms. The two-hour event then concluded with CAGT leading the 8-section Brocade Qigong.

Special thanks go to our generous sponsors, without whose financial support, we would not be able to make this wonderful event available to the community:



- Agile Oasis Technologies
- Confucius Institute at The University of Toledo
- Dr. Douglas Schwan, Doctor of Chiropractic and Master Acupuncturist
- Five Lakes Global Group/Park Inn by Radisson Hotel
- Jing Chuan Chinese Restaurant

As usual, our Tai Chi group members, Amy Chen, Fei Li, Mal, Liping Mo, Li Xue, and Olive Wu practiced diligently and gave a very impressive performance.

I am also grateful for our volunteers who carved that morning out of their busy schedules and took care of many important details, such as operating the sound system (Ping Liang), transporting the snacks (Dawei Wang), taking photographs (Lijia Wei), making tea and attending the snack table (Jun Yu), and purchasing cookies (Fei Li). We had a lot of CAGT members who came to the event and showed their support.

Thank you for all your involvement in promoting the benefits of Tai Chi and Qigong, and making our community a better place.

CAGT Spring Picnic -- Dr. Li Weixin

CAGT and TCAC (Toledo Chinese Alliance Church) co-hosted a Spring Picnic event at Olander Park in Sylvania on May 17th.



It was a gorgeous day in the Greater Toledo area. Flowers were blossoming in Olander Park. We enjoyed great food, chatted with lots of old friends, and played a few games together. Many families also took a walk around the lake in the park, including some geese families.

“We had lots of tasty food, played beach volleyball, card games, and Tug of War. It is very nice that we met so many old and new friends there,” our CAGT president, Lingling Du, said. “We'd

like to say 'thanks' to our co-sponsor - TCAC, and to all of you who showed up to support us!" said a very appreciative President Du.



CAGT Dragon Boat Dragon Boat Committee

On Saturday, July 19, 2014, 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 8th 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 2014 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>

CONTACT INFO:

For more information or to express your desire to be a team member, please contact

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Luanne Billstein luanne@thebillsteins.com

Olivia Onest oliviaonest@gmail.com
before **June 15th**.

CAGT/FCC Friendship and Culture Exchange

In a previous issue (Spring 2012) of the CAGT Newsletter,

the "CAGT/FCC Friendship and Culture Exchange" was introduced.

<http://www.miraclebookends.com/toledochinese/news/Spring2012.pdf>

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.

FCC Family Spotlight: The Billstein Family

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

Bob, Luanne, Drew (25 years old and lives in New Mexico now), Devin (22), Courtney (16), and Morgan (15)

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

Bob is a financial advisor and Luanne is a stay at home mom with numerous volunteer jobs.

3. How long have you lived in Toledo?
Bob was born and raised in Toledo, but met and married Luanne in Atlanta, GA in 1987. Their family relocated to Toledo 9 years ago.



4. What does your family enjoy doing together? With such varied ages of our children, it is difficult to find many activities that appeal to all. Our family likes to go out to eat together, and we love to travel. In smaller groups within our family, we like to play sports and games, watch movies, and again, eat!

5. For each family member to answer:

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

Bob: I got to spend about 30 minutes with Indira Ghandi when I was 21 years old.

Luanne: I have fostered 112 puppies for a local animal rescue.

Drew: I spent one semester on a ship travelling around the world as part of my college education.

Devin: I once modeled for Abercrombie and Fitch.

Courtney: I am a very fast reader.

Morgan: Even though I don't play any longer, I have been told that I have a natural aptitude for music.

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

Bob: snow skiing, investments

Luanne: taking care of babies, managing our family's busy schedule

Drew: rock climbing, snow skiing

Devin: sales, making friends

Courtney: dancing, devouring books

Morgan: tennis, academics

c. What are your hobbies or interests?

Bob: tennis, skiing, antique cars, stock market

Luanne: horseback riding, helping others, reading

Drew: skiing, fishing, hunting

Devin: working out at the gym, tennis, being social

Courtney: hanging out with friends, reading, listening to music

Morgan: riding her skateboard, tennis, basketball

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

Tortilla encrusted tilapia, roasted vegetables, salad

7. Do you have any pets?

Yes, we have a loveable black Labrador named "Paisley" and a sweet black rabbit named "Basil".

Meet the family of Yuan Tian - CAGT board member

1. Who is in your immediate family?

Chao Zhang, Yuan Tian, Kenny Zhang and Adam Zhang.

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

Chao is a mechanical engineer at Owens Illinois. Yuan is an accountant at URS. Her team is currently working on an environment improvement project at Detroit Edison.

3. How long have you lived in Toledo?

We have been living in Toledo area almost 17 years.

4. What does your family enjoy doing together?

We like watching movies, fishing, camping and walking. We love traveling a lot.

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

Have you ever heard some lucky people can eat a lot and not gain any weight? Chao is that kind. Yuan was in the PLA for three years.

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

Chao likes many sports, but very good at none of them. Yuan is good at spending \$\$ (LOL) and cooking.

7. What are your hobbies or interests?

Fishing, playing ping-pong, tennis, chess, reading & traveling are definitely Chao's passion. Yuan loves cooking, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.



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

We love stir-frying. Our favorite dishes are: Chicken & hot peppers, Ma-Po Tofu, meat ball soup.

9. Do you have any pets?

We have a fish tank....but both kids want to have a REAL pet....either a cat or a dog, they say.

The most beloved Chinese Teacher in Town, Pickering Li -- Hewen Slak



Can you believe it? Pickering Lee has been teaching for 47 years! Last year, he was the honored recipient of the CAGT Language and Culture Award for a Toledo Chinese teacher.

Now teaching in Ottawa Hills High School and at UT, Lee has over 80 students this year.

Originally from Taiwan, Mr. Lee is the most loved, humble, funny, and respected Chinese teacher in town. His unique teaching method of breaking the Chinese characters apart to help students memorize the writing components have won him high acclaim in Toledo.

Be sure to say “hi” when you meet him around campus and/or around town. His smiling eyes will melt your heart...

多丽都华人宣道会 -- 程令甫牧师

在 1986 年 5 月，托城第一所基督教堂，华人宣道会正式成立。

在这个属灵的家庭中，我们敬拜赞美神，享受在神国度中彼此的爱与关怀。欢迎大家参加我们的各式聚会：包括主日，星期天：

早上 10 时正，中文崇拜；儿童崇拜，青少年英文主日学

早上 11 时 40 分，青少年英文崇拜；中文主日学及儿童主日学



另外教会也提供有关：婚前辅导，婚姻协谈，家庭亲子问题谘询，信仰协谈。

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喜洋洋 -- Dr. Qi Wang



童话里有个喜羊羊，
我家有个喜洋洋，
他是我们期待已久的，
上帝赐给的珍贵的礼物；

上帝给他个爱笑的脸，
刚出生的他就会笑，
笑是他最大的亮点，
走路在笑睡觉也在笑；

笑映现他那颗知足的心，
一颗葡萄一瓶牛奶，
一句赞扬一个掌声，
他都会展示最纯最真的笑；

笑感染他身边的每个人，
它让我们体验生活的甘甜，
身边的朋友都喜欢逗他，
因为他绝对给你满意的笑脸；

他的笑似在表达感恩，
感谢创造他的那位主，
感谢生养他的亲人，
感谢关心他的每一个人；

愿他的笑脸带给你欢乐，
在欢乐中体验知足，
在欢乐中思想感恩，
喜洋洋祝大家天天健康快乐！

** Dr. Qi Wang was the former UT Chinese Student Association President, actively involved in the Community affairs, one time he mobilized 35+ students cooked over 600 pounds dumpling to celebrate the Chinese New Year in UT student union. More than equipped with leadership quality, he is also gifted with handyman skills and he plays Chinese flute very well.