

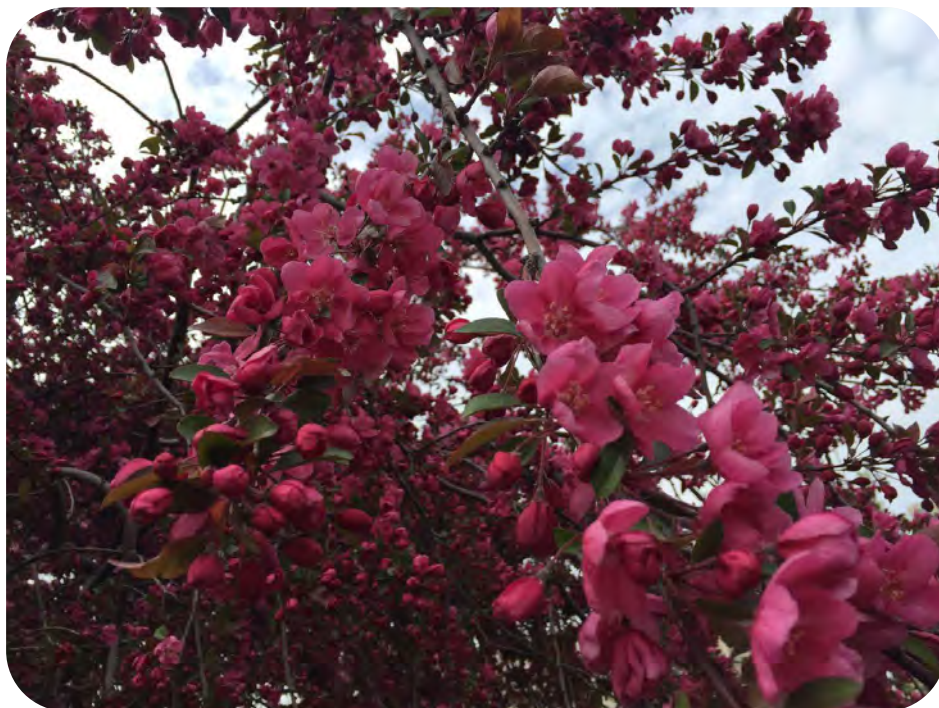


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What's Happening in CAGT in 2016.....

Olivia Onest



I am honored to serve as the CAGT President in 2016. My family and I have lived in the Toledo area for over 20 years. I am a life-time CAGT member and have served in the Board since 2011.

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Lingling Du, for her dedication and leadership for the last two years as the President of CAGT. Lingling is a great leader and she will be missed. I also want to thank the retired Board members, Shanhe Jiang, Ying Liu and Joe Xu, for their passion and hard work serving the community. Let's welcome our new additions in the Board, Eddie Chou, Qingjuan Kong, Rui Shao and Jun Yu. I look forward to getting to know them better and working with them together. Please see below for our board picture, freshly taken at the community picnic on May 21. David Bodner was absent from the picture due

to illness.



(Front Row, Left to Right: Jing Deng Meyer, Qingjuan Kong, Olivia Onest, Yuan Tian, Jun Yu, & Eddie Chou)

(Back Row, Left to Right: Weixin Li, Joe Chao, Rui Shao, & Fei Li)

2016 will be a busy year for the Board. In addition to our traditional events and committees, there are several new initiatives. First, a new committee was formed to design a new CAGT banner. This initiative was started last year. The committee members, Peter You, Lingling Du, David Bodner, Jing Deng Meyer, and Rui Shao, have been working diligently and we are all excited to see the new banner soon.

Second, with the presidential election coming up in Nov, CAGT will host an education workshop in Sept. on the election process and the critical impact of the Ohio election results. Dr. Melissa Miller, Associate Professor of Political Science at Bowling Green State University, will be our presenter. Dr. Miller is an expert on American politics with a specific focus on elections and voting behavior, women in American politics, public opinion, and the media. As most of you are aware, CAGT is not affiliated with any political party and therefore will not endorse any political party. The main purpose of the workshop is to educate and empower our community to get involved and voice our own opinion.

Third, our web site has been in existence for over 10 years. While the web site has served its own good over the years, it's probably time for an overhaul. This will be our initiative for the 2nd half of the year. We will set up a separate committee with our web master, Dawei Wang, and several board members.

Lastly, we would like to encourage our students to get involved in the community. The Youth Committee, chaired by Jun Yu and Qingjuan Kong, is looking for high-school-age students to join the committee to coordinate and lead some of the youth events. This is a great opportunity for our high school students to earn volunteer hours, while developing leadership skills which would benefit their future growth tremendously.

As in the past, CAGT will continue to serve as the platform in the Greater Toledo area to promote Chinese culture, heritage, and language through our various events and activities. We look forward to any new ideas and suggestions on how CAGT can better serve you and your family. Moreover, we look forward to your active involvement and participation in our activities.

Membership Update

by Wayne Li

We are growing! Since February 2016, we have eleven new members. (this includes all membership classifications)

As of June 2016, the CAGT membership consists of the following:

- 6 life time business members
- 1 annual business members,
- 45 life time family and individual members
- 40 annual family and individual members.

欢迎新会员

Today's China

by Julia Xiong

China has been at the center of a lot of discussion. For example, in the presidential race, Donald Trump rants and raves about the threat China poses to the United States. People also point fingers at China and accuse it of lacking its own culture as a result of Americanization. However, China is more than just ammunition Trump uses to gain supporters. This past July I embarked on a trip to China with the Greater Toledo International Youth Orchestra and we saw a number of things. It was clear that, yes, the Chinese were mesmerized by physical European features and American culture, but China has its own voice and personality that has been neglected and overshadowed by, well, the words of people like Trump.

The first thing we encountered, also the one thing we encountered basically everywhere else we went, was the infatuation the Chinese population has for Caucasian people. At the airport, my Caucasian friends were stared at and pointed at. Later, when we became immersed with students our age at a high school in QingHuang Dao, my friends became the focus of all attention and pictures. Two of these friends in particular were favored above everyone else. This pair of brother and sister were the stereotypical light-skinned blonde-haired-blue-eyed one would think of when they heard "American". They would receive bombardments of comments along the lines of, "Wow, you are so beautiful!", and, "I wish I had your hair, it is so pretty!" I'm sure Americans would be pleased to know that the American standard of beauty has successfully crossed oceans right next to giant American corporations.

Some would criticize China for losing, if you will, its culture in a sea of American influence. There are KFCs and Starbucks' and McDonald's' all along China's streets. The streets are filled with some people decked out in everything Nike and Adidas and others in retro and mod inspired clothing. The high schoolers we visited even showed us how they cheated the system and used VPN just to access social media outlets like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. No one can deny the prevalence of American culture in China. China's entire setting has changed as well. Small villages with cozy one story huts have been replaced with apartment complexes that might as well be classified as skyscrapers. So yes, China has fallen victim to foreign influences and that is inevitable when trying to develop as a country in today's globalized world, but China has not lost its individuality.

People must ask themselves, what was China's 'culture' before it opened itself up to globalization? Is China really leaving behind their so-called culture and adopting American ideals? Or are they just trying to keep up in a world dominated by American industries? Yes, China has changed. They've abandoned most of their socialist ideals and joined the rest of the world because that's what needed to happen to remain competitive. Socialism had a difficult time in a post World War Two world influenced heavily by the spread of capitalism and technology. So yes, China allowed for more Western influence, but there are still traditions that are uniquely Chinese. For example, Beijing opera is still sung as entertainment, mooncakes are still eaten during the Mid-Autumn Festival, red is still a lucky color... As unseen as it goes, China still has its own distinct music, art, dance, and food and whatnot. China still has its own culture, no matter how many Pizza Huts you may encounter.

2016 Summer CAGT Tai and Qi Gong Classes

CAGT Summer Tai Chi/Qi Gong classes begin June 4th and continue to August 27. Every Saturday from 9:30 am to 11:30 am, except June 18, which is the Dragon Boat Festival and July 2, which is July 4th weekend.

Location: Side Cut Park, 1025 W. River Rd, Maumee; the river view side of the park

Class content:

Group 1 - Tai Chi/Qi Gong for beginners: the focus will be Tai Chi/Qi Gong foundations and the 8 section qi gong. 9:30am to 11:00 am

Group 2 - Tai Chi/Qi Gong for experienced learners: the focus will be on 42 form Tai Chi, 42 form Tai Chi Sword, and Shao Lin Quan. 9:30am to 11:30 am

Classes are free to current CAGT members. Annual members need to renew their membership. \$40 for non-member, however, non-members can join CAGT and take the classes for free. CAGT annual family membership is \$25 and individual annual membership is \$15.

Feel free to share this with anyone who may be interested in the Summer Tai Chi/Qi Gong classes.

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CAGT Tai Chi Club

CAGT
Tai Chi Club



Community Spring Potluck Picnic

Xia Liu

The Community Spring Potluck Picnic was held in Wildwood Park on Saturday, May 21, 2016. The event was sponsored by both Toledo Chinese Alliance Church (TCAC) and the Chinese Association of Greater Toledo (CAGT). It lasted from noon until 3pm and attracted over a hundred people.

Before the picnic kicked off, Dr. Sin-Ching Chiu from TCAC led the pre-meal prayer. Olivia Onest (President of CAGT) then gave a brief speech, reflecting on the past cultural events, emphasizing the importance of having a thriving Chinese community, and thanking all the volunteers and attendees for their support.

Food, as usual, was one of the highlights. Plenty of hotdogs, hamburgers and pizzas were prepared by the organizers, while the authentic homemade Chinese foods were contributed by each family and set up on the long picnic tables.

To me, this was certainly one of those rare opportunities to sample so many real Chinese dishes all at once here in Toledo. Many people chatted with old and new friends while enjoying the delicious foods.



After the lunch, many big and little kids were engaged in different activities such as tug of war, volleyball, nature walks, digging in the dirt, bubble blowing, and more.

My personal favorite was the bubble blowing, since I have never seen bubbles several feet long before. Jun Yu, who brought the super soap solution, happily revealed the 'secret' ingredient: glycerin.

Many thanks to all the great volunteers from TCAC and CAGT and all the participants who made this picnic yet another successful event!



Photos in this item provided by Rui Xiao, Lingling Du

世界太极气功日(Toledo, 多丽都)

Qi Fang

四月三十号是世界太极气功日，美国多丽都（Toledo）市在 Wildwood Park 举办各流派太极拳表演。中华协会太极队是主力之一。



各参展队集体练习太极拳二十四式，场面热烈。



太极拳在多丽都市普及挺好，中华协会，孔子学院作了多年开拓工作，不少美国人热衷这项运动。



美式太极拳



别开生面的扇子功



别树一帜的筷子功



棍术表演



太极拳起式



美国人将太极拳用于防身与对抗，显得那么实用。



托起明天的希望



太极是至爱



目标一致，全神贯注



神掌生风，以一抵三。



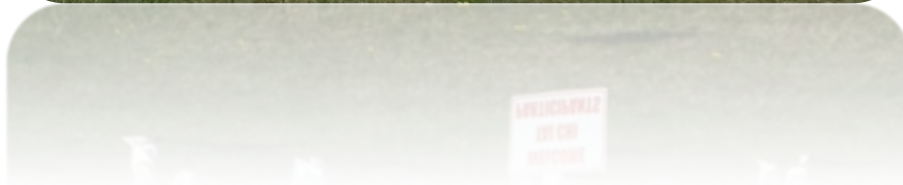
相对成趣 -- 你打你的招式，我有我的套路



太极拳明星范



中华协会太极队员白色太极拳练功服，英姿飒爽。



马王堆式 -- 来自于二千年前马王堆锦帛记载的拳式动作改编。



太极剑



太极八段锦



飒爽英姿三尺剑，健身悦目四月天。



华夏子孙遍环宇，东方风韵万人迷。



观看其它队伍的表演。





Lucas County Public Library Essay Contest – President You

Hua Liu

Every year, The Toledo Lucas County Public Library hosts The Ruth Blank Venner and May Jane Venner McCormick Essay Competition for children from K-12 for the purpose of encouraging children to read and express themselves in writing. The winners take home quite respectable cash prizes ranging from 1st prize of \$200, 2nd prize of \$75, 3rd prize of \$50, to honorable mentions of \$25. It is indeed a very commendable competition for children not only to cultivate their passion for reading and writing, but also to teach them the valuable lesson of "No pain, no gain."

With so many annual competitions in U.S., why should we talk about this particular one? We have a very special reason to bring up the subject. We Asian American students are often stereotyped as math wizards and science geniuses, but we are rarely respected for our writing ability. Indeed, Asian Americans rarely participate in writing competitions for various reasons, including Asian American parents' lack of confidence in their command of the English language, lack of awareness among the Asian American community, lack of interest in writing, and other reasons. However, the situation has changed of late. The annual Toledo Lucas County Public Library writing competition of 2016 saw four proud and happy Asian American winners. They include the 1st prize winner Evan Leong (6 - 8), the 2nd prize winner Mathew Zheng (3 - 5), and two 3rd prize winners Sidney ONest (6-8), and Lindsey ONest (9-12), sisters from the same family. They are all students from Lingling Du's Premium Tutorial, an after-school program designed to enrich the math, reading, and writing skills of students from K-12. Last year she produced one winner Bryan Li, and this year she sent 15 competitors to the competition and four of her students walked away with prizes.

Writing is one of the most important skills that we need in life. Our Asian American community has never been short of mathematicians, engineers, scientists, doctors, and researchers, but we have a serious shortage of

community representatives who are eloquent speakers and proficient writers. Such a shortage has seriously affected our community in terms of pursuing the American dream and its promise of "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness". To change this situation, we must encourage our children not only to read widely, but also to express themselves in writing; to make their voices heard and their opinions valued. By encouraging our children to participate in writing that expresses our views, we are changing the face of the Asian American community.



Toledo Lucas County Public Library

2016 Ruth Venner Essay Contest winners at the reception.

Toledo Lucas County Public Library's Photos in 2016 Ruth Venner Essay Winners · May 6 ·



Toledo Lucas County Public Library

Evan Leong

First Place, Grades 6-8





好开心，一日游

莫莉萍

母亲节是一个温馨的日子。每年的这个时候，我们这些做妈妈的就是最幸福的人。孩子们节日的问候，祝福，鲜花，礼物，传递着母子连心的情怀。我们为孩子或先生精美准备的早餐而兴奋，为他们亲手递上的一杯浓茶或咖啡而心动。每年的母亲节，我们都有美好的回忆。

今年的母亲节别具一格，终身难忘。我们大托莱多的 21 位妈妈们潇洒地体验了底特律区域的快乐一日游。5 月 8 日的这一天，天公作美，阳光灿烂，我们迎着初升的太阳，由杜玲玲，Olivia，张学庆，余俊带领，悄悄告别睡梦中的孩子或先生们。高速路上我们不停地说，放声地笑，像孩子般的自由，轻松地玩耍和逗乐。一路的欢声笑语很快把我们带到了离底特律不远的享誉盛名的香格里拉酒楼。这里的美食色味俱全，应有尽有。我们兴奋着，甚至“吵闹”着点自己心仪的佳肴。那时，每一口菜已是品在舌上，甜在心里，乐在脸上。我们在香格里拉的群照见证了我们的兴奋，还有快乐和温馨的姐妹情。



离开香格里拉，我们直奔 **Summerset Mall**，那是一个令我们向往的地方。在那类似孩子们心中的迪士尼的地方，我们体验当下的时尚，流行的时装，精品的名包。我们为自己打扮，为其他母亲挑装。我们轻松，我们愉快，我们似乎回到了年轻时代。穿越的感觉好甜，好美，好自在。钱花了，包满了，心花怒放了！

时间在穿越的感觉中过得飞快。我们快乐行团队最后来到底特律附近的 **168** 亚洲超市，店里食品琳琅满目，价格可爱，快乐的心情驱动着将 **168** 买空的欲望。什么上海青，洪湖藕，北京鸭，四川酱统统收入带中，带回我们的车，带回我们的家！我们为自己怒放！我们逛够了，买齐了，开心了！我们用 **168** 小吃店的麻辣烫结束了我们一天的漫游。夜幕降临，我们相拥而约，明年的母亲节我们再出游！

Presidential Address

Evan Leong

Dear fellow Americans,

We are gathered here today to celebrate a new beginning for this nation. And with every new beginning, comes change. During my years as the President of the United States, I plan to do great things. I will improve learning and education in schools across the nation. Furthermore, I intend to reduce greenhouse gases and confront climate change. A better educated generation will be able to advance technology and decrease the unemployment rate in America. Meanwhile, with a cleaner environment, we can preserve the wonders of nature for future generations.

My first and foremost proposal in office will be to improve our nation's education. Education and learning is lacking in our schools. American students came in 23rd in math, 17th in reading, and 32nd in science, internationally. Public schools' budgets are being squeezed to the bare minimum. Without sufficient funding, our public education system will collapse. Overcrowded classrooms are also a major issue. Students work better in smaller classes. On the other hand, 80% of high school students graduate, yet only half of them are proficient in math and reading. Therefore, schools are advancing students that won't be able to succeed in the real world.

In order to fix this issue, we must start by improving our public schools' budget. In turn, our schools will be able to fund more educational activities and programs to help students prosper in their education. More funding can also provide additional classrooms which will reduce overcrowded ones. Finally, those who are not prepared to move on to the next grade should not be pushed forward. They should be held back until they become proficient in essential skills for that grade.

Confronting one of the major issues in America and around the world today should be a priority. Climate change is a huge problem around the world, but it is regarded as utter nonsense by many. Rising temperatures and sea levels worldwide are just a reminder of these changes. When CO2 levels skyrocketed after the Industrial Revolution, it was a telltale sign that humans were to blame. As President, I will make it my duty to confront this issue once and for all. In order to resolve this issue, I will form committees to work on this problem, and cooperate with other countries in order to reduce our impact on the environment. It is our responsibility to keep America clean for future generations.

As I move through my terms as the President of the United States of America, I hope to bring about great changes that will benefit the American people. When I leave office, I guarantee that the next generation will find themselves

living in an educated, clean, and peaceful environment. From the time I step into the Oval Office, until I say goodbye, I am truly blessed to be the President of the United State.

Family spotlight: Julia Xiong



Who is in your immediate family?

Lingling Du, mother; Dingding Xiong, father; and Lucy Xiong, sister

Where do you work and what do you do there?

I'm still in school where I learn (obviously) and wonder when lunch is.

How long have you lived in the Toledo area?

About 4 years maybe?

What does your family enjoy doing together?

Traveling, going out for meals, and various other things along those lines.

What would your friends be surprised to learn about you?

I really, really like superhero movies.

Name two things you are good at?

Violin and watching pointless TV shows

What are your hobbies and interests?

I play violin and tennis

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

Wow, this question requires too much commitment for any member of my family to have definite answers to.

Do you have any pets?

Yes, my feisty golden maned dog named Boomer

甜蜜的生活

Chinese Language and Culture Award

Award recipients:

- The Chinese Language Education Award
 - 中文教育奖: PeiChen Tso, Tianhui Yuan
- The Best Overall Grades in Chinese Language Study Award
 - 中文学习 " 成绩优异 " 奖: Nikki Sizemore, Norah Li
- The Excellence in Community Service Award
 - 社区服务奖: Julia Xiong, Kenny Zhang, YiYi Han
- The Most Improved Grades in Chinese Language Study Award
 - 中文学习 " 进步突出 " 奖: Evan Leon, Robbie Zhang
- The Most Effort Contributed to Chinese Language Study Award
 - 中文学习 " 最努力 " 奖: Paxton Ashley, Shuaishuai Shao

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