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A Message from Olivia Onest, President, CAGT



As a non-profit organization, CAGT has always been relying on our board members to lead and chair community events. Including myself, there are 11 board members in the CAGT board and there is no compensation paid to any of them.

I would like to thank the board members who recently retired from the board (announced in the Chinese New Year Celebration on February 11), David Bodner, Yiwei Chen, Eddie Chou, and Fei Li.

David Bodner has served over the last 3 years as the Lead in our Newsletter Committee, working with editors and overseeing the committee to ensure the timely publication of our biannual newsletter. As a financial advisor by trade, he has hosted several seminars

focusing on college tuition saving strategies and other financial topics, which greatly benefited our members.

Yiwei Chen has also served in our Newsletter Committee. She has done a phenomenal job encouraging and motivating our youth members to write and contribute to our newsletter. There were 11 articles in our 2017 newsletters that were written by our youth members.

Eddie Chou has served in various committees over the last two years, including the Membership Committee and Community Relationship Committee. Whenever we need the extra hand and help, Eddie is always there for us.

Fei Li is probably our most athletic board member. He has been planning, coordinating and chairing the Ping Pong Tournament which is always a well-attended event. You would also find him as one of the key members in our China Dragon Team in the Dragon Boat Race.

Thank you, David, Yiwei, Eddie & Fei, for your outstanding service in CAGT!

I would also like to welcome our four new board members, Songtao Liu, Liping Mo, Qin Shao & Robert Sizemore. Look forward to working with you in the CAGT Board.

Looking at our 2018 initiatives, we will have another busy and fun year. Other than some of the same events we have been organizing, we are working on a few new additions, such as a CAGT member Mud Hens Game night and sponsoring a CAGT team in the Race for the Cure Run/Walk in September. I would like to thank our members, our supporters and our donors for all your membership fees and generous donation. Since CAGT does not receive any grant or government funding, we won't be able to host these events without your financial support.

I would like to share with you the costs and expenses of some of our events from last year:

Chinese New Year Celebration	\$4	1,982.26
Cultural Award & Scholarship	\$	344.44
Spring Picnic	\$	328.69
Dragon Boat Race	\$1	1,873.49
Fall Picnic	\$	284.64
Ping Pong Tournament	\$	477.40
Youth Music Program	\$	89.82

Even though we are able to generate some cash inflow from ticket sales from a couple events to help offset the costs, most of our events are free and open to general public. We are proud that we are here doing what we can to help bringing the community together and stronger. As a CAGT member, you should be proud of yourself and your contribution, too.

I look forward to seeing you and your family in our upcoming events.



CAGT 2018 Board:

Front Row (From left): Jun Yu, Qin Shao, Liping Mo, Qingjuan Kong, Yuan Southworth & Olivia Onest Back Row (From Left): Rob Sizemore, Weixin Li, Cong Fu, Rui Shao & Songtao Liu

来自多丽都中文学校的问候

中文学校校长杜玲玲



Toledo Chinese School 多丽都中文学校

多丽都的中文学校伴随着岁月的流逝几经沧桑·经历了几次改名和搬迁·成为今天众所周知的多丽都中文学校。目前的大多丽都地区中文学校,又称 Chinese Center of Toledo,成立于 1997年·二十余年来从没有间断过。中文学校是一个非盈利机构,没有任何政府税收资助·学校设立有董事会、校务会、家长会等办学机构,学校



尽心尽力传授中文。



如今共有校长、副校长、和老师近二十名、均是兼职人员。开办中文学校目的是给我们地区的所有中国家庭创造一个学习中国文字、了解中国文化的环境,我们的宗旨是无论我们的学生来自于什么样的文化背景,有着什么样不同的肤色,信奉于什么样不同的宗教,只要他们来到中文学校学习,我们都会一视同仁、热情欢迎、





多丽都中文学校是周末学校、学生每周六下午 12:00 到 3:00 到校,授课的内容是中国语言(中文课)和中华文化(兴趣班),12:00-2:00 为中文课、2:00-3:00 为兴趣班,中文教材选用的是《美洲华语》,中文学校目前在校学生有八十余名,分成 K-C7 八个年级和 AP 中文班,另设 2 个中文为第二语言的班级,学生按照入学时中文测验水平分班。从去年开始、学校严格按照美洲华语教学大纲进度教学,实行一年一册教材、考核合格者升级,为学生们学习中文提供专业的教学指导,同时为了提高学生们到中文学校学习的兴趣、除中文课之外



中文学校还是当地华人联谊的一个重要场所, 每年在中国的传统节日以及美国的传统节日比 如说中国的春节、元宵节、国际文化节·万圣 节、感恩节大游行、以及本地龙舟比赛·中文 学校都积极参加、宣传中国文化、扩大中文学 校的影响。目前的中文学校不仅学生们学习积

还增开了六个兴趣班,其中有武术、民族舞、 古诗词朗诵等与中国传统文化相关的兴趣班, 这些兴趣班的开展极大地提高了学生们学习的 兴趣,帮助学生们在社区以及学校的许多大型 活动中能挑大梁做主持人和奉献精彩的演出, 也极好地为中文学校作出了积极的宣传。



极认真、家长们的活动也进行的如火如荼,周末家长舞蹈队、篮球队、传统中国茶艺、手工 制作组等队伍越来越壮大、活动也越来越丰富,每年2次义卖活动组织的有声有色,在团结



了越来越多的中文学校的家长和朋友的同 时、也起到了为中文学校筹款办学的积极 作用。

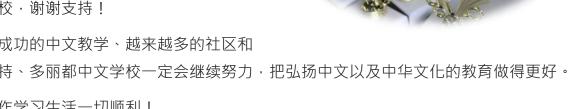
感谢所有人的热情支持、中文学校呈现出 一片欣欣向荣的景象,办学的成功会回馈 到中文学校的每一位学生、家长和教师, 经董事会研究决定以下几项措施: (1) 2018-2019 年度多丽都中文学校学费保持

不变、欢迎更多的学生加入学习中文的队伍; (2) 中文学校教师待遇会有所提高、希望教学质 量也会有进一步提高; (3) 中文学校为教师的在读子女提供 10%学费折扣、希望越来越多的 家长投身到中文教学的行列中来; (4) 增设儿童兴趣班、筹划开办成人兴趣班学习,等等。我 们期待中文学校更加美好的未来!

下学年开学日期是 8/25/2018, 我们热情的欢 迎每一位对中文学习有兴趣的学生、欢迎对中 文学校提出任何的建议、欢迎任何问题的咨 询,请联系我们

toledochineseschool@gmail.com,下学年 报名者、请邮寄填写好的注册表格和学费支票 到中文学校,谢谢支持!

有越来越成功的中文教学、越来越多的社区和 个人的支持、多丽都中文学校一定会继续努力,把弘扬中文以及中华文化的教育做得更好。 祝大家工作学习生活一切顺利!



多丽都中文学校

Chinese New Year Celebration

Olivia Onest

Over 450 guests gathered to celebrate Chinese New Year at the Student Union in the University of Toledo on Feb 11. We enjoyed the cultural performances and delicious Chinese dinner, and especially our time with family and friends.

We would like to thank our partners, Chinese School and Confucius Institute @UT, all the performers and the volunteers for their preparation and hard work in making this community event a huge success.



We would like to thank King Garden Restaurant, Three Happiness, & Chuancaifang for preparing the dinner, Hong Kong Buffet for the fresh fruit, and Park Inn for providing the food warmers.

We also want to thank our photographer, Xiaozhong Zhang, for his professional photo shots.

Here are the award recipients at the celebration:

- CAGT Outstanding Award: Man Zhang & Weixin Li
- Chinese Language Education & Culture Promotion: Yiting Xia & Yan Li
- Best Overall Grades in Chinese Language Study: Yolanda Hu & Adam Zhang
- Chinese Language Study & Community Service: Robbie Zhang & Nathan Li
- Most Improved Grades in Chinese Language Study: Alex Xu & Eric Tang
- Most Effort Contributed to Chinese Language Study: Catherine Zheng & Ben Liu

Thanks for all your support and we wish you and your family a health & prosperous year in 2018!











Chinese Community in the 2018 Toledo International Festival Jing Meyer

Qinghuangdao/Nanchong China Committee



On Saturday, April 14, Toledo Sister Cities International held its 9th annual Toledo International Festival at Seagate Center, 401 Jefferson Ave., Toledo. This is a family event that attracts thousands of people from surrounding communities. It brings excitement and unique opportunities to showcase Toledo and raise awareness of its global connections. Toledo's Chinese community actively participated in this fun and culture rich event.

Currently, Toledo has two Chinese sister cities.
One is Qinhuangdao, Hebei (becoming sister city in 1985) and another one is Nanchong, Sichuan (becoming

sister city in 2017). Under the Toledo Sister Cities International, there is a

Qinhuangdao/Nanchong China Committee (QHD/NC Committee). QHD/NC committee had a tables at the event displaying pictures of our sister cities, Chinese arts, crafts, and teaching people how to make Chinese good luck knots.

QHD/NC Committee worked with CAGT and Toledo Chinese School to present a variety of performances (folk song, dance, martial arts, and fashion show) in the event. The performances from the Chinese Community received good comments.





Fall Picnic

Hongxia Wang

We had a great time at the 2018 Spring Picnic at the Providence Metro Park at Grand Rapid Ohio on May 26. The weather was perfect, temperature was at low 80s with breezing wind. Looking down at the dam

from the picnic shelter, the view was spectecular. People brought their fantastic dishes to join the "Dish Competition".

After enjoying the wonderful food, kids had fun playing tug-war. Adults were just having a good time making new friends or catching up with old friends. Some people took advantages of the various trials in the park and enjoyed the nature.

Winners of the 2018 Spring Picnic Dish Competition:

First Place: Rice Wine Marinated delicious pig elbow 米酒香肘 (provided by Qi Fang)

Second Place: Fa Gao 发糕(Provided by Lingling Du)

Leek and beef pancakes 韭菜牛肉烙饼 (Provided by Jinghua Deng)

Third Place: Leek zygote 韭菜合子 (Provided by Han Chen)

Spicy Noodle 麻辣凉面 (Provided by Qingjuan Kong)

Mr. and Ms. Smith 夫妻肺片 (Provided by Fan Sun)

Toledo Has a New Chinese Sister City Ming Liu and Jing Meyer Qinhuangdao/Nanchong China Committee



After the establishment of Qinhuangdao sister city relationship in 1985, Toledo gained another Chinese sister city, Nanchong in 2017.

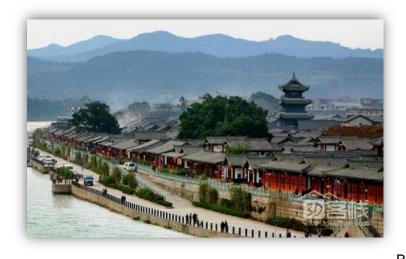
Nanchong is located in Sichuan province, with a nearly 2,000 years of history. It is the third most populous city in western China, after Chengdu and Chongqing. It is the cradle of the Three Kingdoms. Nanchong is the hometown of North Sichuan Folk Arts, which is characterized by

the North Sichuan Giant Puppet, North Sichuan Lantern Opera, North Sichuan Shadow Play and North Sichuan Paper Cut.

Nanchong is a garden city with exquisite scenery. It encompasses many interesting historic sites such as the cultural relics of the Three Kingdoms and ancient castle Fengshui and the charming

ever-existing Jialing River. The nearby Langzhong city is one of the four most well-preserved ancient cities in China and is designated by the Chinese government as a top (5A) National Tourist Attraction area.

There are three major universities in Nanchong: the North Sichuan Medical College, the Southwest Petroleum University, and the China West Normal University. Major industries in Nanchong include petroleum and gas chemical industry, automobile and auto parts industry, textile and clothing industry, organic farm products processing industry, trade and logistics industry. In 2016, Nanchong achieved a GDP of RMB 165.14 billion (~26 billion US\$), which ranked 5th in Sichuan Province and 1st in Northeast Sichuan.



Inspired by the memorandum of understanding signed in 2012 between the University of Toledo (UT) and North Sichuan Medical College (NSMC), Dr. Chengjun Li, the former President of NSMC, proposed to Dean Johnnie Early of the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences of The University of Toledo that a sister city relationship be established between Toledo and Nanchong. Through the effort of Mr. James Hartung of the Board of Trustees of Toledo Sister Cities

International and Mr. Siguo (Robert) Zhang of the Foreign Relationship Office of Nanchong, a sister cities agreement was signed by the former Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson and former Nanchong Mayor Qungang Wu on February 15, 2017. A delegate visit to Toledo, led by the new Mayor of Nanchong City, is tentatively planned for later this year.

For more information, please contact Dr. Joe Chao, Chair of Qinhuangdao/Nanchong Sister City Committee, at <u>jchao@bgsu.edu</u>.



Yanshan University Performance Troup Visit

Joe Chao

Chair, Qinhuangdao/Nanchong China Committee

As part of a "Sister City" cultural exchange between Toledo and Qinhuangdao, a performance troupe of six faculty members and eight students from Yanshan University, Qinhuangdao, China arrived in the Greater Toledo on March 10, 2018 for their 12-day visit.

During the visit, the troupe presented the "Whispering Dreams of a Spring Breeze", which consisted Chinese songs, dance, instrumental music, and martial arts, to the northwest Ohio community at three venues: Bowling Green State University (BGSU), University of Toledo (UT), and Lourdes University (Lourdes). All three performances were well received by the community, and the first performance at BGSU even made the headline on

Sentinel-Tribune, a local newspaper in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The performance troupe was invited by the Qinhuangdao/Nanchong (QHD/NC) Committee of Toledo Sister City International in collaboration with the College of Musical Arts at BGSU and the



Confucius Institute at UT. Joe Chao, Chair of the QHD/NC Committee, along with BGSU College of Musical Arts Dean William Mathis visited Yanshan University last December to meet with the group and plan for the cultural exchange activities. While in northwest Ohio, in addition to the performances, the group also exchanged academic programs with the faculty and students at BGSU, connected with UT and Lourdes,

met with Major Kapszukiewicz of Toledo, and QHD/NC committee, City Council, and TSCI Board of Trustee members, attended a Toledo Symphony Orchestra concert, visited the Toledo Museum of Arts and Great Lakes Museum, interacted with the teachers and students of Toledo Chinese School at Maumee Valley Country Day School, and connected with North Central State College in Mansfield.

After each performance, I received many comments and feedback on the event organization and quality of the performance. More importantly, many people felt that events like this created a synergy among Chinese community. It provided an opportunity for everyone to get together and work together.

This event would not have been possible without the assistance of everyone involved. First, the QHD/NC committee would like to thank the major support from the three venue sponsors: BGSU College of Musical Arts, UT Confucius Institute, and Lourdes. Without their resource support, this event will not be possibly affordable. We also truly appreciate BGSU College of Arts and Sciences, BGSU College of Technologies, Chinese Association of Greater Toledo, Toledo Chinese School (CCT), several local restaurants (including BG Old Town Buffet, New Empire, R&B Bubble Tea, Chuan Cai Fang, and Jing Chuan), and Ming (Amy) Chen, for their financial supports. There are simply too many individuals to be named, who contributed greatly to the success of this event.

世界太极日有感



每年四月的最后一个周六总是一个很特别的日子!这一天全球太极爱气功好者自发庆贺"世界太极日"。咱们托村也不例外。2018年4月28,托村的太极爱好者聚集一团,随着悠扬的音乐,中华协会太极队的邓京华引领全场近200人缓缓运气,慢慢满进入太极境界。身居海外,却在此情此景中感到了中华文化的震撼,也感到家的温暖。

随后来自托村的各个太极俱乐部纷纷演示 了十几套各式功夫,有融入散打之推手, 也有龙吟虎啸对太极,还有从未见过的四 肢着地的套路。各队相互探讨对太极神功

的领悟,更令人感动的是太极表演者的投入,甚至还有坐在轮椅上的参与者。



中华协会的太极队更是此次活动中一道特有的亮点。队员们身着白色太极服,英姿飒爽.太极队表演了三套节目:太极双扇,马王堆气功和二十四式太极拳。且看太极扇的表演,队员们极致的展现了功夫扇的威风,开扇有力,挥扇有功,收扇有型。精彩的双扇让在场的观众大开眼界,掌声起伏不断。之后太极队员又在优美的"云水禅心"中国乐曲中开始了马王堆气功。此时的太极队员们随着音乐,舒展全身,看是轻柔,却是柔中有刚。时而屏气展臂,时而吐气伸腰。这是一套古朴优美、内外兼修的功法,集修身、养性、娱乐、观赏于一体,动作优美,衔接流畅,简单易学。太极队练习这套功法四年有余,受益颇深。最为值得一提的是中华协会太极队还诚邀现场观众及其他团队共同体验太极二十四式。近五十人一起同挥共展,看着不同年龄,不同肤色,不同文化的人们却因着太极的魅力,共同潜心于中华武功。至此更加感动于中华文化的深远和传承。

中华协会太极队自成立以来,八年有余,一直坚持每周一次的团队练习,与此同时也建立了团队融洽的友情。太极队练习有太极单扇,双扇,太极二十四式,四十二式,三十七式,马王堆气功,八段锦等等。 太极队员不仅在一起切磋太极功法,也时时交流美食文化,服装时尚。太极队也踊跃参加社区的各项活动。 每一次中华协会的重大演出和社区的大型活动都会有我们太极队员们矫健的身影。太极队已融入我们队员的生活中了。

中华协会太极队欢迎托村的男女老少都来参加我们的太极队活动, 共同领略太极拳的强身健身作用。 有兴趣者请联系 Tracy Poling, tracypoling@otmail.com。





Admissions Against Asian Americans

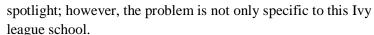
Cherice Chan, 17



"After serious consideration, we regret to inform you that you have been rejected because you are Asian."

College admissions are one of the highest stress points for students, and it's harder for those that you'd least expect: Asian Americans. In 2015, Asian Americans filed a lawsuit against Harvard, claiming that the school's affirmative action policies discriminate against Asian American applicants. The federal government is continuing its investigation into allegations of discrimination in the college application process.

The Department of Justice is investigating Harvard's compliance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which prohibits institutions that receive federal funding from discriminating based on race, color, or national origin. While Harvard denies the allegations, its actions have spoken louder than words. According to a Nov. 17 letter from John M. Gore, acting assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division, Harvard has refused to turn over "a single document" to the government. As a result, the U.S. Department of Justice is threatening to sue Harvard. This discrimination is now being recognized with Harvard currently in the





A Princeton study found that Asians must score 450 more points on the SAT than black applicants, and 140 more than white ones to be admitted to a given school. The problem, however, is not only limited to standardized test scores. Elite schools discriminate against Asian Americans for high personal achievement as well. Michael Wang is a perfect example. According to *Slate*, "He scored a perfect 36 on the ACT, placed

third in a national piano contest, first in California for a math competition, competed in national debate tournaments, graduated second in a class of more than 1,000 students, and sang in the choir at Obama's 2009 inauguration." Despite this seemingly perfect application, Wang was rejected from six out of the seven Ivy League schools he applied to. This is because he is too similar to other Asian American applicants. When asked why another high-achieving Korean-American was denied from MIT, the dean of admissions stated he "looked like a thousand other Korean kids with the exact same profile of grades and activities and temperament" (Golden).

These unfair policies put Asian American students like me in a difficult situation. When an Asian student has high scores and high achievement in stereotypical activities, the student does not stand out among other applicants. However, when an Asian student instead has lower test scores and personal achievement in nonconventional activities, that student is seen as not good enough compared to other Asians. For top-tier schools, it seems that an Asian American student's application is jeopardized no matter what the student does. The American education system is supposed to reward merit, but American education policy is so politicized that merit is sacrificed in order to meet the political demands of diversification. The time is right for the Department of Justice to finally look into this issue. By exposing Ivy League schools' unfair admission policies, Asian American students will finally receive justice.

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《迟春》

陈紫欣

四月已到竟有雪, 昨穿凉鞋今穿靴。 晨冬午春晚似秋, 盼春快到好出游。



退一步海阔天空

陈紫琳

树林里住着一对小狗。他们自以为是,整天互相争吵,各不相让。

有一次,他们起早贪黑,给自己盖了一座新木屋。

房子刚盖成,争吵就开始了:该谁第一个进门呢?

他们都觉得应该是自己。就这样,吵来吵去,谁也争不过谁。

于是,他们把狐狸找来。"狐狸,你来评论评论,谁对,谁错!"

"没有比这更简单的了!"狐狸说完,一把火把新木屋点燃了。辛辛苦苦盖起来的房子就这样烧光了。

又有一次,这对小狗在路上捡到一只苹果。"把苹果分成两半。"他们决定。可是,苹果切开后并不相等。

"我要大的一半,给你小的一半。"一只小狗说。

"不,我要大的一半!"另一只小狗回答。

就这样,他们又开始争吵起来,吵来吵去,谁也争不过谁。

猴子听到了他们的争吵:各执一词,谁也不肯吃亏。"让我来帮你们分苹果吧。"猴子建议。

猴子说完,抓起两个半只苹果,爬上树逃跑了。一对小狗什么也没得到。

可是这对小狗直到今天他们还在整天争吵不休,各不相让。

故事寓意:

退一步海阔天空,这是个连小孩子都知道的道理,可是在现实生活中有许多人把这个简单的道理给忘记了。如果能用宽容的心对待他人,就能得到化干戈为玉帛的喜悦。虽然自己会觉得不公平不过人们若能宽容一点,也会让自己的精神变得越来越好,他人也会觉得你是一个值得尊重的人。

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Sunshine

Robert Sizemore

At the Board meeting on 3-16-18, we agreed there may be a need to reinstate a program that had been done in the past, **Sunshine**. The intention of this committee is to help our members celebrate milestones and/or help them with struggles they may be having either personally or professionally. The Chinese community in and around Toledo is relatively small. In most cases there is no immediate family to celebrate with or for consultation.

This is where we hope the Sunshine committee can be of assistance.

In the absence of relatives, we would like to celebrate with you. If you are celebrating a birth, marriage, graduation, new career or promotion, we would like to celebrate it with you.

Unfortunately, throughout life there are also struggles. And once again we typically rely on relatives to help us through these times. Although we are not relatives, we do share common bonds. Most of you are first generation Chinese immigrants and or adoptee. Even though everyone's experiences are different, there are usually similarities. Reaching out to others for guidance is not a sign of weakness. Sometimes we just don't know whom to talk too or what options may be available to us. We don't know what we don't know, or even what questions to ask. By contacting any board member, we may be able to point you in the right direction, get you in contact with someone who has experience in the situation and or pass on information to you. The Chinese community in Toledo has many talents, skills and professional experiences. It is as simple as asking someone for assistance.

The Committee chair is: Liping Mo

Committee members are: Cong Fu, Rob Sizemore, Weixin Li, Olivia Onest

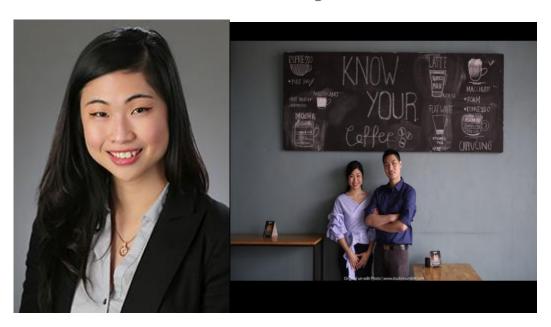
New CAGT Member Spotlight --- Wei Yen (Wyen) Koan

Wei Yen (Wyen) Koan resides in Sylvania for about 6 years. She is originally from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and is fluent speaking in Malay, English, Mandarin, and Cantonese. She came to Toledo for her college education in 2012. Her elder sister and family are also living in Sylvania.

Wyen joined the Reichle Klein Group, region biggest commercial brokerage in the regions shortly after completing her studies at University of Toledo where she earned her Bachelor Administration Degree in International Business & Marketing. She currently work downtown at One SeaGate, and she welcomes any networking opportunity with other CAGT members.

Wyen enjoys helping others to empower themselves. She is considering to become Ohio Supreme Court-certified interpreter so she can reach out to more people who need help. She provides translation service at local municipal court and hospitals during her free time.

Wyen's life experiences, combined with her prior work in retail and hospitality demonstrate that she is hard working, highly motivated and capable of overcoming all obstacles living in the U.S. She looks forward to contribute more into CAGR as well as other surrounding communities.



Message from the Newsletter Editors

First of all, we would like to thank Mr. David Bodner for his wonderful job, as the committee leader, in the past three years. Due to his dedication, the newsletter has become a primary platform to share information that benefits the Chinese community.

We will continue to cover a broad range of topics related to the Chinese community, including but not limited to, highlighting events that have an impact on the Chinese community, contributions by our younger writers, and items of personal interests.

We are fortunate to be supported by the newsletter committee members. Our special thank goes to Mr. Peter You who compiles the newsletter and puts the newsletter into a beautiful format. We are also grateful to Jixiang Lv for posting the newsletter on our newly designed website.

We would also like to thank all our submitting authors. The newsletter could not continue without your support. We welcome submission for future issues. Please include your sons and daughters in this effort; it is enjoyable to hear a younger person's perspective. Almost forgot, PICTURES, we love pictures.

Feel free to send us your ideas. Together, let's make the newsletter even better.



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