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2012 Officers

We are very honored to have this opportunity to serve the members and friends of our Association. Being new FWCFFA officers, we will abide by the bylaws and do our best to serve our members. Over the past couple years, we are very glad to see the initiative of sister city with Chinese cities, the growth of Chinese students, Chinese families and friends in the greater Fort Wayne area. The Association plans to add daily useful and convenient local information to our

website to help new Fort Wayners settle in this city sooner and easier. Refer to the 'Help Needed' for more details.

In the new year, the Association will continue to promote collaboration between various local Chinese groups, including the Chinese Club at IPFW, Chinese Christian Church of Fort Wayne,

and Fort Wayne Chinese School. For this purpose, Events Organizers were recruited from various groups to voice and facilitate the Association's operations.



The Association will also continue to encourage its members to contribute their talents to serve

and participate in activities to support the local society.

We welcome your suggestions regarding our Association! Thanks !



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2011 Mid-autumn Festival Party

On September 18, 2011, the Association hosted the annual Mid-autumn Festival Celebration Party at IPFW. About 250 people attended the party, including some guests from IPFW (Chancellor and Mrs. Wartell, Dean Otto Chang and Mrs. Chang, Dean Max Yen and Mrs. Yen, Dr. Hardin Aasand, Brian Mylrea, Mrs. Mylrea, and their children), and new Chinese international students. The Ballroom was filled with excitement, cheers, and friendly atmosphere throughout the party. After all, one meaning of the Mid-autumn Festival is family reunion and eating moon-cakes under the full moon. For many of us overseas Chinese in Fort Wayne, it is difficult to celebrate each year's Mid-autumn Festival with our families in China, yet in another sense, we have been able to celebrate it with a much larger family—the Association, to which we belong and in which we have been able to find friendship, solace, and encouragement. IPFW Chancellor Wartell gave a speech, in which he said that Chinese culture had always been a “welcoming culture at IPFW”, and the Chinese Association had made new international students feel “welcome.”

Former president Lidan Lin gave a brief report on the status of the Association and introduced the new president for the next term David Liu. Dinner was served with a variety of tasty dishes.

After dinner, the audience enjoyed a series of carefully prepared performances by our local talents. With this year's festival themes of “reunion and friendship”, the performers offered a variety of shows in a variety of genres: new style lion dance, legends of the



moon festival, dances, solos, instrument music, musical, group songs, and poem recitation. Each of these performances brought lots of joy to the audience and displayed tremendous creativity. The Party was brought to a close with the beautiful Chinese song “Moon Reflects My Heart” floating in the Ballroom.

Admittedly, the preparation for this party took much time, and it was made possible by the hard work of many volunteers, who offered their timely help for

which they deserve our special thanks:

To all the performers for their impressive performances, and to their instructors for their skillful instruction. To the two emcees, Chunhui Xie and David Wang, for their masterful hosting. To Ruran Wang for being the photographer. To Sarina Fisher and Uncle Chen for hosting the Chinese calligraphy booth. To Gloria Chen for writing Moon Festival calligraphy verses. To Karen Thong and June Liang for helping

with the registration. To Jing Liu for serving as a greeter. To Wilson Liang for hosting the Chinese Culture Display. To Yihao

Deng, Yifei Pan, Yanni Qu, Yi Wang, Xiulin Yan for their help with the party. To Su Zhang for coordinating Children's Art Display. To all the servers and people who helped with the party in one way or the other (too many to mention individually; please forgive us).

Last, but not least, our hearty thanks go to all the attendees for your friendship and good will, without which the success of the party would not have been possible.

Special thanks go to the following donors for their kind and generous support of the Association:

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Chinese Calligraphy Class at IPFW

On September 7, 2011, the Association participated in the Chinese Calligraphy Class held at IPFW. This event was co-sponsored by IPFW's Office of International Education and the Association. About fifty people (faculty, staff, students, and others) attended the class. The Association's facilitators (Lidan Lin, Chunhui Xie, and David Wang) first explained to the audience how Chinese character writing was invented as a system of ideographic writing, or picture writing, in the sense that words were created to resemble the objects they represented, and how Chinese calligraphy was part of Chinese visual arts. They also talked about the meaning of "Scholar's Jewel Box" and

why it was important to the Chinese people. After that, they introduced the composition of Chinese words and how they were made of "radicals", some of which were words while others were parts of words, as well as "the eight basic strokes" that make up all the Chinese characters. Before the audience actually practiced writing Chinese characters, the facilitators showed them how to hold a brush pen and how to use ink and ink holder. Writing demonstration was the most exciting of all since many attendees had never held a brush pen and written Chinese characters before, but amazingly, they learned to write the eight basic strokes and some Chinese words effortlessly. They felt that after all

Chinese characters were not very difficult to write. The facilitators finished the class with introducing to the audience a few well-known Chinese calligraphers and artists: Wang Xizhi (303-361), calligrapher; Qi Baishi (1863-1957), calligrapher; Wang Wei (701-761), poet and painter; Shi Tao (1642-1718), painter.



The Association would like to thank Chunhui Xie and David Wang for their valuable contributions to facilitating this meaningful and timely class. Thanks also go to Zhanfu Duan, June and Wilson Liang for their help with the preparation for this class.



China Day Event at Maple Creek Middle School

To introduce Chinese culture and to serve the community, twelve volunteers presented Chinese traditional culture on a China Day event at Maple Creek Middle School on November 16, 2011. The Principal of the school wanted his students to know more about China after an exchange program with a counterpart in China. He therefore held a China Day event at his school since then and sincerely asked FWCFFA and Fort Wayne Chinese School for help in the

event. Six different activities were presented to seventh graders during the event: dragon and lion dance, ethnic fashion show, traditional festivals, Chinese characters, food, Go Game and Tai-Chi. Sarina Fisher introduced Chinese traditional festivals and demonstrated the Spring Festival couplets, moon-cakes for the Mid-autumn Festival, and Zongzi for the Dragon Boat Festival, as well as mah-jongg. Yan Liu introduced Chinese writing brush, ink painting, and

the origin and development of Chinese characters. She also helped students practice using Chinese writing brush. Emma Wang, Ming Gong, and Meng Li introduced deep fried dumplings and Chinese tea. They demonstrated how to make dumplings and tea, while students were enjoying eating and drinking them. Bin Yang showed varieties of ethnic clothing and masks for Beijing Opera. She also let the students color their own mask after her presentation.

Yihao Deng and Conner Li led the students to play drum, participate in the dragon and lion dance for students to experience Chinese traditional festival atmosphere. Fangwei Zhu, Yi Liao, David Liu, and Zhanfu Duan instructed students to play Go game and Tai-Chi. The whole event lasted for three hours.

Our volunteers continued working in four different student groups without any rest from 8:30 in the morning to noon. Their hard work and kindness were appreciated and complimented by all the students and teachers at the school.



Upcoming Events

Chinese New Year
Celebration Party
January 21, 2012

Ping Pong Tournament
Spring 2012

Fort Wayne FAME
Festival
March 10 — 11, 2012

When you were about to move to Fort Wayne, have you ever wanted to have a list that would tell you where is the nearest Chinese grocery store, the best Chinese restaurant, a reliable family physician, a good dentist, etc. If you have, would you please share your list with the rest of us and help new Fort Wayners settle easier and sooner ? If you are a doctor or other service provider and are willing to share your professional expertise with our members and friends, we also welcome your information. Please submit your list or information to David Liu, dqliu@yahoo.com.



WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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We're on the Web !

On our website (www.forwaynechinese.org), you can find the Association's bylaws, latest news, and event bulletins, as well as photos of various past activities. If you have any comments or suggestions for our Association, you can contact us through our website.

In the Info Channel, our members and friends can share and exchange information. You can post your advertisements or special needs in the

Channel if the information will benefit our members and is not purely for commercial purposes. Please send your information to our officers—they will judge the appropriateness of the posting and place it on the website.

Our officers are planning to compile a list of local information that might be useful for new Fort Wayners and convenient for us to look it up. Refer to the 'Help Need' above.

