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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

AUGUST 2016

As we are in the middle of the summer and what a perfect day for our annual CCLI picnic. It was a little on the hot side but it is summer! This year's CCLI picnic was at Eisenhower Park and what a blast we had. We had our first CCLI Olympic games hosted by our very own Edmund Louie. We had tasty food, wonderful company and fun games. Read the details of this wonderful event elsewhere in this newsletter.

Don't forget the Chinese American Night this coming Sunday at Eisenhower Park. Our traditional dancers and lion troupe have been practicing on the weekends to make sure we have a great show. Bring some chairs, blankets, and food and enjoy the wonderful entertainment and appreciate our culture.

As a reminder don't forget to sign up for all the programs the Center has to offer in the coming school year. Even though it is a month away it will go by very soon as you don't want to miss out.

This month we also had our annual CCLI board of directors retreat where we discuss the plans for this coming year. We had some new and exciting ideas to move the Center forward. Thanks to Helen and Jimmy Chin for hosting this important meeting at their lovely home followed by a wonderful tasty barbecue.

Enjoy the beautiful weather outside and explore what Mother Nature has to offer. School is another month away so take advantage of the rest of the summer.

Co-Presidents

Chris Chiu and Randy Yung

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2016 CCLI Annual Picnic

“Let the Games begin!” declared co-Presidents Randy Yung and Chris Chiu as they lighted the flame to kick off the 2016 CCLI Annual Picnic. This year the picnic was held on a beautiful, hot, sunny Sunday on July 17th at Eisenhower Park. Well over 120 family members and friends of CCLI came to celebrate the great outdoors and enjoy a backyard style BBQ in the park. Food was in abundance and the most talked about topic of the day was the variety on the grill – hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, sausages and even fish balls (thanks Cindy Chiu)! Thanks to all our grill masters – Peter Gong, Randy Yung, Edmund Louie, Chris Chiu and Alex & Samantha Fong – who kept the food trays filled throughout the day while slaving over a super-hot grill in the baking sun. Even our grill masters were well done by the end of the day!

In the spirit of the 2016 Olympic Games, CCLI held its own version of the games to the delight of all CCLI athletes – young and wise! In the first event, “Who’s Your Daddy?” the first gold medal of the games was awarded to Abigail Gan who, while blindfolded, was able to correctly identify her daddy apart from 4 other dads just by feeling their rough (or not so rough) hands! In the next event, “Your Momma!” the laughter was non-stop when a blindfolded Kelly Ng incorrectly guessed me (Edmund Louie) as her momma by feeling the ankles of 4 other moms - including Mona her mom! Ok, for all you ladies out there - my secret to silky smooth ankles and skin? – St Ives Skin Renewing Lotion!

As the games progressed, more and more participants joined in the fun of competition. In the “Amazing Egg Race,” partners competed against one another racing with an egg on a spoon. In one race, Steve Polancic and his daughter Samantha had what looked like an insurmountable lead. The race was theirs to win, but just



Randy Yung & Chris Chiu



Kelly wrongly picks Edmund’s ankle.



CCLI Olympic gold medalists



Abigail gets her gold medal from Edmund.



The “Amazing Egg Race” competitors at the start line.



Spirited action at the volleyball net.



An intense Ed Chung in the water balloon toss.



Randy Yung is outnumbered but not outplayed by youngsters in a water fight.



Mah Jongg players, (from left) Rita Lee, Betty Leong, Daniella Yung, Mike Lee.



Theresa Wing (on left) & Daniella Yung (on right) compete in the “Face the Cookie” event.

inches before the finish line; Steve ran too fast and dropped his egg! Gold medal winners in this event included Kathy Louie and Mona Ng, Jerry and Marcia Blecha, and Randy and Daniella Yung. The “Water Balloon Toss” event was won by Aaron Wong and Jonathan Chiu. Shortly after, the kids had a free-for-all water balloon fight that left Randy Yung, Kaitlyn Louie and Alex Fong totally soaked!

As other CCLI athletes played a competitive game of volleyball and mahjong, Theresa Wing received a gold medal in the “Face the Cookie” event as the only one that “almost” got an Oreo from her forehead to her mouth using only her facial muscles. The final event of the day was the “CCLI Kung Fu Warrior.” Each competitor had to go through a challenging obstacle course - egg sprint, hippo golf, waterfall, jumping jacks and tunnel crawl - to be declared CCLI Kung Fu Warrior. Gold medals were awarded in this event to Ted and Samantha Polancic, Alyssa and Olivia Fong, Kaitlyn Louie, Kelly Ng and Kevin Wong.

As the picnic drew to a close, the children toasted marshmallows and told me how much fun they had - especially the water balloon fight! Everyone who attended the picnic thoroughly enjoyed themselves - some even had the chance to meet CCLI members they haven't met before. The day truly exemplified what CCLI is all about – community, culture and family. Congrats to all our other gold medal winners which were not mentioned in this article. I declare the CCLI Annual Picnic of 2016 – a success!

By Edmund Louie

CONGRATULATIONS THERESA WING! KEY LUCK'S HERITAGE CELEBRATION

The Key Luck Club at Bayside Senior Center held its 5th Annual Chinese American Heritage Celebration on Saturday, May 14. Congresswoman Grace Meng, Public Advocate Letitia James, state Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein and Councilman Barry S. Grodenchik, Elaine Fan from City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer's Office, Lingjing Bian from Queens Borough President Melinda Katz' Office, and Marilla Li from Assemblywoman Nily Rozic's Office presented awards and recognized the importance of celebrating the Chinese culture and its traditions. Citations were presented to eight seniors whom were honored in recognition of their lifetime achievements and contributions to the community. The “Chinese American Achievement Award” honorees are: Stephen Choi; Elsie Choi; Ting Yuan Lee; Kin Fung Ng; Xiao Mei Ng; Mei Ying Ng-Chin; Xu Ping Ren; and Xiang Zhen Wang. Volunteers were presented with the “Community Service Award” in recognition of their commitment and dedicated service to the center. The honorees are: Gha K. Chin; Eddie Chiu; Salina Chiu; Nan Chow; Shu Min Han; Ming ; Lau and Amilcar Yip.



Theresa Wing (front row, far left), “Inspiring Leadership” awardee, is shown with many of the event's awardees.

Chinese Heritage Awards were presented to New York Chinese Qipao Association and Ms. Lola for their contribution in preserving Chinese Culture Heritage. This year, two individuals who have made a difference in other people's lives while serving the community were honored. Two special awards were presented – “Inspiring Leadership Award” honoree, Theresa Wing of Chinese Center on Long Island and the “Outstanding Service Award” went to honoree, Debra Hoffer, L.M.S.W, Director of Field Operations, Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services, Inc.

The celebration showcased Chinese culture through live entertainment, including Chinese Qipao Fashion Show, a Tai Chi Demonstration, and Cultural Dance and Music. Over 150 guests enjoyed an afternoon of fun. Key Luck Club, a volunteer based group provides recreational and educational activities to the older adults at Bayside Senior Center since December 2011. Programming includes Tai Chi exercise, ESL classes, Chinese calligraphy, Chinese painting, wellness exercise, ballroom dancing, line dancing, vocal lessons, karaoke singing, Ping-Pong, pool playing, and educational workshops. The club is located in Catholic Charities Bayside Senior Center, 221-15 Horace Harding Expressway, Bayside, New York 11364, Phone: (646) 752-1302.

TECH CORNER - DO YOU WATCH HONG KONG CHINESE (TVB) SHOWS?

For members and their parents (or grandparents) who watch Chinese TVB shows using TVPad, YouTube, paid subscription to your TV service provider, etc., there is now a free and legal way of watching your favorite Hong Kong Chinese series, variety shows and Hong Kong news. TVB (USA) has designed a free download of an app that allows all Apple and Android users to download the app to their devices (iPhone, iPad, Samsung, etc.).

Apple users should search for **TVB Anywhere (USA)** in the App Store. Open the app and install it onto their iPhone or iPad. For Android users, should download the app through Google Play. Do a search for TVB Anywhere (USA), open the app and install it.

Enjoy your favorite TVB shows on your portable devices.

BALLROOM DANCE REMINDER:

We do not have any classes in July and August. We will resume in September 2016. If you are serious in taking Ballroom Dance lessons to better your health and to improve your body, mind and spirit, **now is time to register for the Fall 2016 semester**. For those who have registered and paid, thank you very much.

The costs for one semester, 10 lessons over a period of 5 months, inclusive of refreshment and social dancing, are \$150.00 per couple (please note that, for insurance purpose, you must be a currently paid-up CCLI member, *and, each student must have a dance partner for the advanced class, singles may join our 8:30 intermediate/beginner class*). If you select to take both lessons, the additional fee is \$90 per couple, i.e., a total of \$240.

In the 2016 Fall Semester, we offer 2 classes as follows: (Subject to change)

- **Class I:** 7:30 pm to 8:30pm, an advanced class. Suggested learning – Fox Trot
- **Class II:** 8:30pm to 9:30pm, an intermediate/beginner class. Suggested learning – Rumba **September schedule** (Subject to change): 9/10/2016 and 9/24/2016

If you have any questions, or you are ready to register for the Fall classes, please contact Theresa Wing, (516) 333-0739, wing62@verizon.net or Veronica Yan, (516) 485-3929

SENIOR CLUB MEETING

Wednesdays, August 10th and August 24th (10:30am - 2:30pm)

Wednesdays, September 14th and September 28th (10:30am - 2:30pm)

What a month it has been! We decided to have another Mahjong marathon on the last Wednesday of the month and a record 65 people turned out. 9 tables of mahjong that began at 10am and closed up at 5pm. I believe would have been a regular work day (7 hours) for people still in the working world. Of course, we didn't just have mahjong. A game of Chinese chess was going on in one corner and our regular ping pong players and guitar players / singers were having their fun in another area of the Center.

Thanks to all our seniors who made food for us. There was so much food! Everything from noodles to fried rice to traditional Chinese dishes. Thank you to everyone who helped serve and clean up for the day. Special thanks to Dorothy Lin for obtaining the donations of bread from Panera and to Sham Gee who made egg omelets for breakfast sandwiches for all the seniors! Check out the pictures from that day!!

Mona Ng



NORTH HEMPSTEAD(ToNH) SENIOR FUNDAY MONDAY program at Bar Beach Park, Port Washington
August 4th, 8th, 15th 22nd, 29th - 10am – 2pm (rain dates on Thursday of the same week)
Seniors do not have to pay for parking; Call the ToNH Call Center for FREE bus transportation ONLY if you live in the ToNH: 311 or 516-869-6311
Please bring your own chairs and lunch.
August 4th (re-scheduled from August 1st) Health Education Fair
August 29th Salute to the Armed Forces

CHINESE SCHOOL

2016-2017 schedule of classes and registration form can be downloaded at the Chinese Center on Long Island website, (www.chinesecenter.org). First day of classes is on September 11, 2016.

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Now, when you shop on Amazon.com, CCLI will receive a donation* to our organization. There is no cost to you. Shop as you normally would on Amazon. This works with your Amazon Prime membership as well.

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2. In the lower right hand corner, type in "Chinese Center on Long Island" as your charity in the search bar
3. Select Chinese Center on Long Island (it's the first one on the list that comes up)
4. That's it! Start shopping

OR

Look for the Amazon Smile link on our website - www.chinesecenter.org

Every time you want to shop on Amazon.com, be sure to type "smile.amazon.com" into your browser.

We thank you for your support!

* 0.5% of your purchase total amount will be donated to CCLI



100 CLUB

The 2016 - 2017 season of the 100 Club is now open for anyone who would like to reserve their numbers. The numbers are 1 to 100. The cost of each number is \$20. Please make the check payable to the "Chinese Center on Long Island" and mail the check to the following address: Mona Ng, 88 Bethel Road, Albertson, NY 11507. Since the numbers fill up quickly, interested participants should put down on a note what your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices are.

Please note that half of the funds go to the winners, the remaining half goes back to the Center for the various programs we have. Thank you to all the participants who support the 100 Club.

Mona Ng



FOR A GREAT EXPERIENCE, COME JOIN THE JOURNAL COMMITTEE THIS FALL

The mission of this committee is to document the activities of our members of the past year's programs and events in the form of pictures and written editorials. In addition, we encourage our members to solicit from their merchants and people who provide personal services to advertise on our Journal. We also ask our members to buy advertisement spaces in the form of greetings to our members. The net proceeds go to fund our school, programs and activities for the upcoming year. This Journal is a souvenir and is distributed each March at our fundraising Chinese Lunar New Year Dinner. The participants from the annual dinners praised the pictures and content of the Journal.

CCLI AUGUST 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---------|-----------------------------|---|--------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 Funday Monday- Health Education Fair | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Chinese American Night 6 PM | 8 Funday Mondays 10 AM-2 PM | 9 | 10 Senior Club 9:30AM | 11 Ping Pong/ Mah Jong – 7:00 PM | 12 | 13 CCLI Toastmasters 10-11:30 AM |
| 14 | 15 Funday Mondays 10 AM-2 PM | 16 | 17 | 18 Ping Pong/ Mah Jong – 7:00 PM | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Funday Mondays 10 AM-2 PM | 23 | 24 Senior Club 9:30AM | 25 Ping Pong/ Mah Jong – 7:00 PM | 26 | 27 CCLI Toastmasters 10-11:30 AM |
| 28 | 29 Funday Mondays- Salute to the Armed Forces, 10 AM-2 PM | 30 | 31 | | | |

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CCLI SEPTEMBER 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Ping Pong/ Mah Jong – 7:00 PM | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Ping Pong/ Mah Jong – 7:00 PM | 9 | 10 CCLI Toastmasters 10-11:30 AM Ballroom Dancing 7:30pm |
| 11 First day of School | 12 | 13 | 14 Senior Program 10:30 AM-2:30PM | 15 Ping Pong/ Mah Jong – 7:00 PM | 16 | 17 |
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