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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2014

What a month January has been! We've been digging out from some of the worst snowstorms we've had in a long time and as we are writing our message, the word is that we'll have to get through a few more before we see Spring arrive. We hope everyone stays safe. Drive carefully, stay warm and do not overexert yourself when shoveling out.

January for the Center has been busy! Our Journal Committee has been working day and night putting together our annual journal that chronicles all our events of the year. It is a major fundraiser for us and if you did not get a chance to put an ad in this year, be sure to support us in next year's journal by asking the businesses you frequent to consider an ad! It's never too early to start.

On January 12th, Verizon FiOS decided to do a close up view of our Center and after spending an entire afternoon with our families, put together 3 segments - "Chinese Center on Long Island," "Chinese New Year" and "Lions and Dragons" on their FiOS1 Push Pause TV program which aired several times from January 28th to February 3rd. These segments have been uploaded on our website and our Facebook page. Be sure to check us out! On January 29th, we were invited to come into our West Hempstead community and do a Chinese New Year's presentation at the Chestnut Elementary School. It was a fun event and the children and teachers enjoyed learning a bit of Chinese culture. As we go to press with this newsletter, WPIX Channel 11 News invited us to participate in a Chinese New Year celebration on February 6th in Stony Brook. Three of our girls from our Traditional Dance classes came out at the crack of dawn to dance at this fun event. If you missed it, watch it on our website and Facebook pages.

Lastly, we have our annual Banquet coming up on March 1st. We still have seats available, so be sure to put in your reservations before it's too late. It's a great time to spend time with your families, friends and CCLI family. Our traditional dancers and lion troupe have been practicing so hard to perfect their routines. It will be exciting to see their performances! Don't miss it. You will not only enjoy good food, great entertainment, exciting raffles and a fun time, you will also support the Center and our goal of spreading our Chinese Culture.

Mona Ng and Jim Vogel

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO FEBRUARY MONTHLY MEETING

SAVE THE DATE

March 1, 2014

CCLI Annual New Year's Banquet

March 21, 2014

Monthly Meeting/Election Night/ Line Dancing

VERIZON FIOS1 VIDEO TAPES CENTER CHINESE NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES ON JAN. 12

Our Center family was honored with the presence of the Verizon Fios Push Pause team, Senior Producer Vivian Ortiz and Photographer Archie Snowden on Sunday, Jan. 12. The team was interested in learning all about the Chinese culture, our customs, traditions and celebrations. We invited all our students, parents and teachers to participate in the taping. In keeping with the Chinese Lunar New Year, we had a lesson about the preparations

before and during the celebration of the New Year. Typical foods served during the holiday were also laid out. Our Principal, Lotus Wu, did a lesson on Chinese

characters that typically symbolize the Chinese New Year. The Verizon team spent the whole afternoon at the Center, taping the Lion dance troupe and traditional dance troupe during their practice and our students in their language class lessons. A question and answer session was put together that involved two of our alumni asking in English and Chinese certain questions of the families from the Center. All in all it was a very interesting and educational lesson for the film crew on Chinese culture and for our members, a lesson on what is involved in doing a television program. The Push Pause program put together three segments on the Chinese Center on Long Island, titled "Chinese New Year," "Chinese Center on Long Island," and "Lions & Dragons." The three segments aired numerous times on Verizon Fios Channel 501 between January 28th and February 3rd. If you missed seeing these segments, please go to our website at <http://www.chinesecenter.org/>, to the Chinese Center on Long Island Facebook page or our Youtube channel – chinesecenter1. They all have links to the TV segments and other events the Center has participated in.

Mona Ng



JANUARY 29, 2014 MONTHLY MEETING/SENIOR CLUB MEETING



By
Lily Lee

The combined January monthly and Senior Club meeting was rescheduled because of yet another winter storm. Luckily, the following week's snowfall was smaller, and 34 attendees ventured out to celebrate The Lunar Year of the Horse.

Senior meetings are known for interesting potluck lunches and this was no exception. Our table was full of dishes, including char sieu, buddhist's delight (lo woon jie), chicken curry with rice, braised law bok, Korean noodles with vegetables, mi fun, broccoli, carrots, green salad, soy chicken. Desserts included chee doy(jien duoy), baked egg sponge cake(don go), steamed coconut don go, cookies, tangerines and other goodies. There was plenty to eat and good company to celebrate with, especially since we decided to be in the larger, warmer room.

We were so glad to see our friend Alice Young, coming in from Flushing with daughter Linda Joe.

Thank you to all who brought in food to share, and to all the helpers serving food, Vincent Lee, Lily Ho and Connie Chen. Thanks to all the drivers who make it possible for us to be together, and many thanks to Bob Wong for once again bringing his camera to record these happy events.



SENIOR MEETINGS

February: February 12 & February 26, 2014 10:30 - 2:30
March : March 12 & March 26, 2014 10:30- 2:30

Red Bean Cake

By Janice Chew

1 lb. Nor Mai Foen (Glutinous rice flour)	3 eggs
2 cups milk	3/4 cup oil
5 tablespoons sugar	1 tablespoon baking powder
1 can red bean	

Grease a 9 x 13 pan.

Mix all ingredients except for the red beans lightly with a mixer.

Pour mixture into the pan.

Put in the red beans (use hand and put in a little bit at a time).

Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes

CHESTNUT STREET SCHOOL LUNAR NEW YEAR PRESENTATION ON JAN 29



On January 29, 2014, we had the opportunity to educate the students at the Chestnut Elementary School in West Hempstead about the Chinese New Year. Approximately 170 kindergarteners attended this presentation. We discussed the customs and traditions that we do before the Chinese New Year such as cleaning the house, decorating the house with flowers and red scrolls with Chinese sayings and the importance of the Reunion dinner on New Year's Eve. What happens on New Year's day and how New Year runs for 2 weeks. We discussed why the lion dance is popular and how the noise from the drums and cymbals on New Year's day drives away the evil spirits, why we give red envelopes out to the kids and of course we talked about the 12 zodiac animal signs. We showed 2 videos, one of our lion dance troupe and another of our dance troupe performing their ribbon dance production number from last year's Chinese American Night. We



From left: Betty Leong, Sham Gee, Mona Ng, Ellen Gee, Peter Au, Principal Amy Sullivan, Ailene Cavaliere.

had an interactive session at the end of the presentation where the kids had a chance to go underneath a small lion head and dance around.

They also tried to do twirls with some of the dance ribbons we had. The kids had such a good time, they did not want to go back to class. Thank you to our volunteers who took time out from their busy schedules to help us out: Betty Leong, Sham Gee, Ellen Gee and Bob Wong for taking such wonderful photographs of this event. Thank you also to Peter Au for connecting us with the Chestnut Elementary School to do this presentation.

BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS AND SOCIAL DANCING

Date: February 1 and 22, 2014. (The Fall semester ends on 2/1/14)
March 8, 15 and 29, 2014 (please note that we have three nights in March)

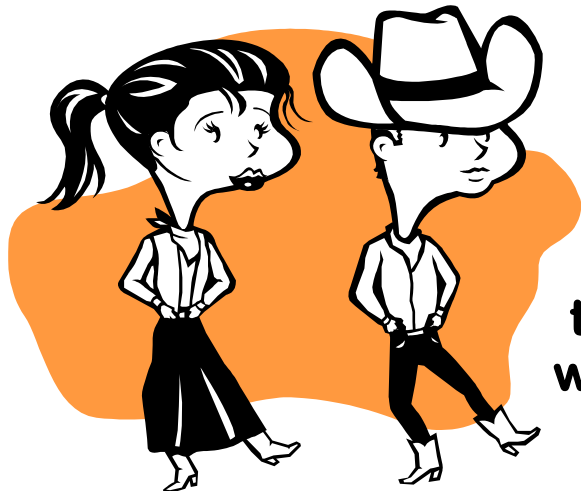
Time: Class I – 7:30 PM to 8:30PM – Jive (Starting 2/22/14)
Class II - 8:30PM to 9:30 PM – Waltz (Starting 2/22/14)
Social Dancing – 9:30PM to 11:30 PM

Fees: For the Spring Semester (February 2014 to June 2014), inclusive of refreshment and social dancing, \$140.00 per couple (*please note that all dance students must be center members*); \$6.00 per member couple joining social dancing only, and \$8.00 per non-member couple.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Theresa Wing at (516) 333-0739 or Veronica Yan at (516) 485-3929. You may also send e-mail messages to Theresa Wing, wing62@verizon.net.

Join us for a funfilled evening of Line Dancing

(no experience necessary!)



**Friday, March 21st at
CCLI, 7:30 PM**

**Bring the whole family plus
the kids for an evening of fun
with a professional line dance
instructor**

**Our election of Officers and Directors will also take
place that evening.**

**Light dinner will be served!
Bring your favorite dessert to share with all.**



RSVP to Judy at cclijchan@aol.com or 516-223-9557

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

Cleaning your house? Do you have some unwanted gifts you no longer want? Do you know of some stores you frequent who would gladly give the Center a free manicure, free stay at a hotel, oil change, gift certificate, or free services? The Center would gladly accept any unused and new items for their annual Banquet raffle baskets. We would be grateful for any assistance from the Center's members in soliciting items from neighborhood stores and merchants. You can drop the items off at the Center on February 16th before 2pm. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number so we may send you an acknowledgement of your donation. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Shing or Mona Ng at the Center on Sundays.

Shirley Shing and Mona Ng, Banquet Raffle Committee

CCLI FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Ballroom Dancing 7:30PM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 CCLI Toastmasters 10-11:30 AM
9	10	11	12 Senior Meeting 10:30AM	13 Ping Pong/ Mah Jong – 7:00 PM	14	15
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23 School's Chinese New Year Party	24	25	26 Senior Meeting 10:30AM	27	28	

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CCLI MARCH 2014

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