

OCCA Newsletter

September, 2010

2010 Mid-Autumn Festival

It's that exciting time of year again when football season starts, the leaves change colors, and the Mid-Autumn Festival is coming!

OCCA is sponsoring another Mid-Autumn Festival (Moon Festival) gathering for the friend and family of the Greater Omaha Chinese community on Sept 19 at Zorinsky Lake Park. See details below. Many other exciting events are happening in our community. Enjoy reading this edition of OCCA Newsletter.

Most Recent OCCA News/Activities

- **OCCA Senior Social Hours Club**



Since July 10th, led by Paulina Lin, Angelina Li, Jun White, Hong Zhen and other members, OCCA has sponsored the senior Social Hours Club every 1st and 3rd Saturdays each month at Omaha Chinese Christian Church. The club members agree that their purposes are:

為奧馬哈退休人員和長輩們盡一份心力並提供長青人活動的好地方。計畫為大家舉辦各種有益身心的文化及康樂活動。願藉著參與這些活動，讓彼此建立友誼、提高活動力、發揮才藝、促進樂於助人的精神、並增進身心靈的健康。使各人在往後的時日，從新得力，相互扶持、得以展翅上騰、繼續活出精采的生命。

To provide Omaha Chinese retirees and seniors with opportunities to participate in various wholesome cultural and recreational activities: increase intellectual growth, offer opportunities for social interaction and friendship, stimulate a spirit of mutual helpfulness and loyalty among its participants, present topics that are of concern and interest to the elderly

- **Papillion Arts Festival at Shadow Lake performance on 8/29:**

<http://picasaweb.google.com/butterflywng38/ArtAlive08292010#>



一年一度的 Papillion 艺术节到来了。OCCA 的演员们经邀请又一次在优美的茉莉花的歌声中展现出我们中华民族的魅力。当我们穿着粉红色服装的演员们在蓝天白云下翩翩起舞时，Shadow Lake 都鲜亮了许多。金黄色的蒙古服在灿烂的阳光下更

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加輝煌。姑娘們真美呵！有一位男士一邊拍照片一邊情不自盡得大聲叫好。風那麼大可她們隨機應變，從容自定，顯得極其優雅。孩子們的表演也非常棒，氣勢不凡，Kevin 和 Tammy 的五步拳，Sara 的大刀都得到了觀眾們的熱烈鼓掌祝賀和紛紛贊揚。他們真是我們的驕傲。

- New President for UNO Chinese Scholar and Student Association, Jing Zhao, has become an OCCA Advisory member.
- OCCA Group Meeting -8/28/2010. Advisory members, board members and OCCA officers reviewed business plan and discussed the future program/activities.

Upcoming OCCA Activities

• **9/19 OCCA Mid-Autumn Festival**

- Objectives: 每逢佳節倍思親 a family oriented fun event for the friends and families of Greater Omaha Chinese Community
- Date/Time: Sunday, Sept 19, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (families are welcome to stay late to clean-up afterwards)
- Location: Shelter One at Zorinsky Lake Park's Northeast Recreation Area
- Schedules:

- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ---- Pot luck style lunch, rice/noodles/hot dogs/drinks will be provided. Every family, please bring your favorite dish(s) to share.
- 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm ---- door prizes & picture time
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm ---- Wushu & Taiji demonstration
- 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ---- Activities

Volleyball, Tug of War, Bottle Rings (younger kids), Sack Race (parent & kid), etc.

Thanks to our partners: China Buffet, Liu & DB Enterprise, Inc., ConAgra Asian Network, UNL-Confucius - Institute, UNO, UNMC, Creighton University, Bellevue University, Asian Market, Grand China Buffet

- Seniors Social Hours - 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. If anyone is interested to volunteer time and help out please contact Angelina Li and Hong Zheng.

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- OCCA Dance Group & Wushu Performances
 - 9/11 at UNO Youth Summit,
 - 9/18 at UNL-CI Wushu performance,
 - Nov Bellevue Worldfest
 - Dec Ethnic Holiday Celebration at Durham Museum

Community Events

- 9/11, Omaha Asian Teen Summit (OCCA is one of organizers)



Omaha Asian Teen Summit

ConAgra Asian Network (CAN) is working with Omaha Public Schools (OPS) Karen Community, Creighton University, UNO, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha Chinese Cultural Association, Omaha Indian Association and Vietnamese Friendship Association to host the "Asian Teen Summit" on September 11, 2010, to help Asian high school juniors and seniors to prepare for either college or nontraditional career paths

Schedule of Events

8:00 am— 9:00 am: Registration and Breakfast

9:00 am – 9:30 am: Welcome Session & Motivational speaker

9:30 am-10:00 am: —Someone who...

10:00 am – 10:45 am: College student panel

11:00 am – 11:45 am: Cross Cultural Tip by Dr. Peter Szto

11:45 am – 12:15 pm: Lunch / Break

12:15 pm- 12:45 pm: Cultural Celebration

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm' Raffle & door prize

1:00 pm—1:45 pm' Career Exploration led by

1:45 pm — 2:00 pm: Break Time

2:00 pm—2:45 pm: Marshmallow Challenge

2:45—3:00 pm: Closing Remarks

- 9/12 - 9/18 Lincoln Chinese Culture Festival

Confucius Institute at UNL Chinese Speech Competition

Sponsor: The Confucius Institute at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Time: September 18, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Regency Suites A & B at City Campus Student Union, UNL

Purpose: In order to promote Chinese Language and Culture in the State of Nebraska, the Confucius Institute at UNL will hold a Chinese Speech Competition. The purpose of this competition is to stimulate enthusiasm and interest for learning Chinese, and enhance understanding of the Chinese language and culture among students and others in Nebraska.

1. Eligibility

Contestants must be:

- 1) School age and older non-native Chinese speakers reside in Nebraska;

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- 2) Non-native Chinese speaking students in kindergarten, elementary, middle and high school, college and graduate school;
- 3) Persons born in China Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao or Taiwan are not eligible to participate except children adopted by non-native Chinese speaking American families.

2. Registration

Registration is from August 16 – September 6, 2010. Registration can be done electronically or by mail at address listed below. Registration forms are available for download at the website below. Contestants can contact Joyce Young at the Confucius Institute if help is needed.

UNL Confucius Institute website: <http://confuciusinstitute.unl.edu>

Mail form and written speech to:

Joyce Young

Confucius Institute

W205 Nebraska Hall

Lincoln, NE 68588-0542 Email: jyoung@unlnotes.unl.edu

Phone: (402) 472-5370 Fax: (402) 472-5372

3. Competition

1) Division:

In order to encourage fair competition, contestants will be divided into 4 groups according to their age and background.

A. Kindergarten and elementary school students group

B. Middle/High school students group

C. College and graduate students group

D. Adult residents in Nebraska

NOTE: If the number of registered contestants in a group is below three, this group will be combined with another group.

2) Contest:

Each contestant will present a 3-5 minutes prepared speech in Chinese followed by answering 2 questions from the judges. Each contestant can choose one of the following topics for his/her speech.

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A. Why do I like to learn Chinese?

B. My experiences in Chinese Culture.

C. A story of my Chinese learning.

3) Judging:

Scores will be given after each contestant finishes his/her speech by 7 judges who are Chinese language instructors and/or native Chinese speakers. Contestants will be judged on the following categories:

Voice (loudness/clarity), grammar (accuracy), fluency (no hesitations and pauses/speed), vocabulary (richness/appropriateness), and presentation (manner/attitude/connect to audience).

4) Awards:

All contestants will be awarded a certificate and a souvenir. Top winners will also receive cash awards as listed in the following groups:

A. Kindergarten and Elementary School Students Group –

- One 1st Place Prize - \$300
- Two 2nd Place Prizes - \$200 each
- Three 3rd Place Prizes - \$100 each

B. Middle/High School Students Group –

- One 1st Place Prize - \$500
- Two 2nd Place Prizes - \$300 each
- Three 3rd Place Prizes - \$200 each

C. College and Graduate Students Group –

- One 1st Place Prize - \$700
- Two 2nd Place Prizes - \$400 each
- Three 3rd Place Prizes - \$300 each

D. Adult Residents in Nebraska Group –

- One 1st Place Prize - \$700
- Two 2nd Place Prizes - \$400 each
- Three 3rd Place Prizes - \$300 each

4. Agenda for the competition day (detailed info: TBA)

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- 1) Registration
- 2) Opening of the Speech competition
- 3) Remarks by UNLCI Official
- 4) Introduction of the judges
- 5) Speech competition
- 6) Summary of the competition by the commentator

Special Notes:

It is with great regret that we announce that the Chinese Embassy officials will not be able to come to Omaha to attend our Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations and facilitate Chinese passport renewal. We will continue to work with the Embassy and let you know when they can come to Omaha the next time.

Editors' Notes

All members and friends, we welcome your contributions to OCCA Newsletter. Please forward your writings, activities feedbacks, awards/achievements, and comments you would like to be published in OCCA Newsletter (and on OCCA Website) to omahachinese@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Chinese Culture
Festival
2010

Sep. 13 - Oct. 5

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN * Confucius Institute
in partnership with Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, China
Sponsored by HANBAN (Office of Chinese Language Council International),
UNL Chinese Students and Scholars Association,
Lincoln Chinese Cultural Association,
and Omaha Chinese Culture Association.

Join us on the UNL campus for a celebration of Chinese Culture.
ALL EVENTS ARE FREE.

SEPTEMBER 13 - 18, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Chinese Art Exhibition * Rotunda Gallery, Nebraska Union, 14th and R Streets

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 18, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Chinese Speech Competition * Nebraska Union, Regency Suites A&B, 14th and R Streets

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 18, 7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Mid-Autumn Festival Performances and Celebration Party *
Nebraska Union, Ballroom, 14th and R Streets

Friday, OCTOBER 1, 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Chancellor's Reception by Invitation only * Van Arman Visitors Center, 515 N 15th Street
To Celebrate The National Day of The People's Republic of China and
The Third Anniversary of UNL Confucius Institute

Friday to Tuesday, OCTOBER 1-5

Chinese Movie Show, Movies and Show Time to be Announced *
Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center, 515 N 15th Street

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