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SPRING 2014 OCCA NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE OCCA

Dear Members and Friends,

We kicked off the Year of the Horse with our annual Greater Omaha Chinese New Year Gala held on February, 8th at Westside Middle School. This year's festivities include children's activities/games, exhibits from many of our sponsors and community partners, gift/craft auction and a delicious dinner! The gala itself combines elements of traditional and modern Chinese dances performed by our talented volunteers. We also got to experience a beautiful and moving flute solo performed by award-winning flutist Dr. Christine Beard (UNO); a dazzling display of martial arts skills by our talented youngsters; a piano duet; and a 21st century interpretation of the classic Chinese fantasy tale, *Journey to the West*. The hard work of our volunteers really shine as they put on another successful gala. We hope you will join again next year!

The success of these events is attributable to the meticulous planning of the OCCA board members and officers as well as the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. If you would like to become part of our team as a volunteer, please feel free to contact the OCCA (omahachinese@gmail.com or www.omahachinese.net). Please join us for our future events; we look forward to seeing you!

Membership
Here is your chance to support OCCA, purchase your membership today! An annual membership will entitle you to event discounts, access to members directory and an opportunity to be elected officer or board member for OCCA. Membership dues will be used to finance future OCCA activities and events, assist other members and the community in the event of hardships and to help build our future Community Center. Memberships are available for individuals and families. Additional details are available on OCCA's website and in this newsletter. JOIN TODAY!

Sincerely,

Team OCCA

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General Contributions:
China Palace Grand Fortune Happy Family Hutong Sushi & Grill Jade Palace J J China Sarku Japan
Sina Way FedEx Brian Liu Enterprise ITEX Dr. Michael Knauss
Shamrock Development Inc May Yap Photography Mutual of Omaha

Food Services:
China Buffet Grand China Buffet J J China New Gold Mountain Sina Way PepsiCo

Special Thanks

OCCA and co-organizers would like to thank all the performers, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters for your contributions to the event.

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OCCA Membership Information

OCCA Annual Membership Fee: $25 - Family; $15 - Single

The Omaha Chinese Culture Association (OCCA) is a non-profit organization founded by local Chinese and Chinese-Americans. Its mission is to maintain social interactions with and promote cultural and educational awareness of the Chinese community in the Greater Omaha Area. OCCA also acts as a trade liaison between Nebraska based corporations and Chinese companies by providing consultancy and translation assistance.

OCCA Membership is open to all, regardless of ethnicity. Anyone who is interested in learning more about or promoting Chinese culture is welcome to join or volunteer with us.

An OCCA membership provides you with the following benefits:
1. Discounts to all OCCA hosted and sponsored programs.
2. Discounted tuition for Chinese language classes at the OCCA Chinese School.
3. Discounts for Chinese passport renewals.
4. Discounts at OCCA participating merchants.
5. Free check-out of books and videos from the Chinese school library.
6. Access to the current OCCA membership directory.
7. Voting rights to elect and to be elected as an OCCA Board Member.
8. Invitation to attend OCCA Board meetings.

The OCCA membership fees are used to support:
1. Educational activities for the Omaha Chinese School, offering Chinese Language and Culture classes.
2. Outreach activities in the local Omaha area to showcase and educate local com-munities about Chinese culture.
3. Celebrations of major Chinese holidays and sponsorship of community activities.
4. Fellowship to OCCA members, and the Omaha Chinese Community in general, in the event of hardship.
5. Financing a future OCCA Community Center.

For more detail about OCCA, membership and a membership form, please visit:

http://www.omahachinese.net/membership.html

You're Invited

Let's Speak Chinese

Have you been wanting to learn a foreign language? Here is your chance! OCCA Chinese School is now offering a 6-week introductory to Chinese language class for adult beginners (16 year old and up). Perfect for those who wants to travel to China for leisure or business.

- Learn to speak and read simple Chinese.
- Learn about Chinese culture and festivals.
- Learn about doing business in China; presented by our guest speaker:

  Ms. Jennifer Zhang (Representative For State of Nebraska to China).

Learn New Language. Make New Friends. Learn New Culture.

ONLY $69!*

*Special introductory price. Was $120.

For more details or to register, visit
www.OCCAChineseSchool.com

奥马哈中文学校

When: Every Saturday (May 17 - June 21, 2014)

Times: 2pm to 4pm

Where: West Omaha