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CAGK 29th Anniversary and Chinese New Year Celebration Night

The year of the Tiger begins on Sunday, February 14, 2010. The tiger year is associated with the earthly branch symbol (地支) 寅. Occupying the 3rd position on the Chinese Zodiac, the Tiger symbolizes such character traits as bravery, competitiveness and unpredictability. The CAGK board wishes the year of tiger will be marked with lots of happiness. To celebrate the Chinese New Year and the 29th anniversary of the CAGK, the association will hold its Annual Member Assembly and New Year's party on the Chinese New Year's Eve (Saturday, February 13, 2009) at **KALAMAZOO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**. The venue this year will be different from previous years at the newly established auditorium of **KALAMAZOO CENTRAL HIGH**. The 30,000-square-foot auditorium has 500 seats on the main floor and 300 in the balcony. It is attached to the main high school building by a pedestrian bridge and boasts a 9-foot mechanical orchestra pit-lift. Other features of the new performance center include a full-fly house with computerized sound and lighting systems from the main-floor control booth. A large set-construction workshop, dressing rooms and storage complete the support areas of this facility. This \$5 million performing-arts venue could truly enhance the celebration event for CAGK members, friends and performers alike. Please save the date and come to join us for an evening of exciting shows.

The CNY celebration will start from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Details about the program are listed below.

1) Performance Arts Program:

Location:

KCHS Auditorium, Kalamazoo Central High School
2432 N. Drake Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49006



Time:

Time of entry: 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Program starting time: 7:00 pm

Program length: 1 hour and 30 minute

Pre-registration for the performance arts program is strongly recommended. On-site program admission is based on the availability of the remaining seats. First come first serve.

2) Ticket information:

This year CAGK is not promoting program with dinner. However, members and friends who wish to start a meal before the celebration program will get discount prices to dine in (with purchasing the program ticket) at the sponsored restaurants (details given below the ticket information):

Member: Program and discount coupon for meal

Adult or Children Age 3 and above: \$6.00

Children (2 and under): Free

Non-member: Program and discount coupon for meal

Adult or children Age 3 and above: \$12.00

* Students who are members of WMU Chinese, Taiwanese, and Hong Kong student associations will pay the member's price through their organizations.

Sign-up: Please fill out the CAGK Membership/Donation/New Year's Party Registration form and send the completed form and payment (check payable to CAGK) to CAGK, PO Box 42, Portage, MI 49081-0042 by Monday, January 25, 2010. Registration information will also be available on the CAGK official website (<http://www.cagk.org>). Please also pass copies of the form to your friends so they can join CAGK and attend the New Year's Party.

CAGK will have onsite registration and New Year's Performance ticket sale at the following sites:

1. Portage Modern Chinese School (Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1747 West Milham Road, Portage, MI 49024)
(7pm – 8pm on 1/15, 1/22, and 1/29)
2. Kalamazoo Chinese School (Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, 7028 Oakland Drive, Portage, MI 49024)
(7pm – 8pm on 1/15, 1/22, and 1/29)
3. Kalamazoo Chinese Christian Church (5334 Parkview Avenue, Kalamazoo, MI 49077)
(12:30pm – 1pm on 1/17, 1/24, and 1/31)
4. For people who prefer to register and buy ticket by mail, please send email to yiminli1998@yahoo.com.

Questions: Please contact Yimin Li at (269)276-9532 or yiminli1998@yahoo.com

3) Sponsor Restaurants:

Bamboo House: 15% off

Empire Chinese Buffet: 10% off

Kalamazoo Hunan Garden's: 15% off

Joy Fong Restaurant: 20% off (Joy Fong requests reservation if more than 5 people)

* Discount coupon will be valid on the entire event day only (2/13/2009).

Mid-Autumn Festival

CAGK's annual Mid-Autumn Festival held at the WMU Student Rec Center (SRC) on Saturday, October 3, 2009 was a great success. This was the first year CAGK hosted the event at SRC where more than two hundred CAGK members and friends gathered together for a night of fun activities and enjoyable chatting. During the event, an annual

Ping Pong tournament was organized by the CAGK associated Chinese Ping Pong club. The tournament attracted lot of ping pong plays and crowds as well.

The CAGK board received many positive feedbacks after the event and will also make improvement for the future events based on members' suggestions. The CAGK board is so thankful for those who volunteered at the event. Photo taken at the party are now available at <http://www.cagk.org/2009moonfestphotos.htm>.

2010 CAGK Memberships

CAGK is a non-profit, non-political organization providing social, recreational, and educational opportunities for its members. We ask members to renew their 2010 CAGK membership and introduce CAGK to their friends. The annual CAGK membership due for the year 2010 is \$10.00/person or \$15.00/family. This membership due entitles you to receive discounts from CAGK events, including the current Chinese New Year celebration party. From time to time, CAGK sponsors local art events where CAGK members will also receive discounts. By being a member, you will be kept informed through email about CAGK events. If you would like to become a member, please print your email address in the [New Year's Party registration form](#).

CAGK welcomes donations from its members and friends. Donations are an invaluable source of income for CAGK. It helps maintain the high level of service CAGK has been able to provide to the community. At the board meeting on November 22, 2008, the following level of sponsorship has been established: Platinum (\$1000 and over), Gold (\$500 to \$999), Silver (\$200 to \$499) and Bronze (under \$200). CAGK will acknowledge your donation in the quarterly CAGK Newsletters.

Platinum and Gold sponsors will be seated at the invited guest section during the Chinese New Year Celebration.

Board of Directors Nominations

The Board of Directors has nominated the following candidates for the 2009-2011* CAGK Board.

Ms. Yong Hong Jin (金永红)

Dr. Christopher Lai (賴俊卿)

Dr. Xiaochun Lu (陸小春)

Mr. John A. Vos Sr.

Candidates are listed in the alphabetical order of their last names. Their short biographies are available in the ballot distributed along with the [registration form of Chinese New Year](#)

[celebration](#). These candidates will replace the following four retiring board members.

Ms. Yaqi Zu, CAGK Vice president
Ms. Jamie Lesman, Secretary
Ms. Karin Li, Activity coordinator
Mr. Yimin Li, Treasurer

Please mail the completed [CAGK Membership/Donation/New Year's Party Registration and Board Election form](#) along with your payment check to CAGK, PO Box 42, Portage, MI 49081-0042 by Monday, January 25, 2009. If you wish to nominate and vote for additional candidate(s), please write in the candidates' name(s) on the ballot. Voting is limited to CAGK members only.

Financial Report

Yimin Li CAGK's treasurer reported a balance of \$7507.98 as of December 23, 2009. A major portion of this balance will be used to host the Chinese New Year celebration. Please contact Yimin Li at (269) 276-9532 if you have any questions or comments.

CAGK's e-Services

Since the beginning of 2006, CAGK has had great success to make its newsletters available electronically on its official website. Several e-services were also gradually added. Beginning in 2007, all major CAGK services (such as newsletters, member communications, announcements and polls) will only be available electronically through its email address (info@cagk.org) and website (<http://www.cagk.org>). It is very important that members write their email addresses in the [New Year's Party registration form](#) so that we can include you in the CAGK mailing list. The registration and membership form is available on our website. Please invite your friends to become a member. Thank you for your continued support for CAGK's e-services.

Members News*

Badminton Club

Interested in playing badminton? A group of players are getting together to play this wonderful sport at Maple Street YMCA regularly at the following time:

Schedules:

TUESDAYS 7:30-10:00 PM

THURSDAYS 9:00-11:00 AM

SATURDAYS 8:00-NOON

Admission/Cost: Purchase \$30.00 pass per 8-week session or is free for YMCA member!!

You are welcome to play on all or any of the above schedules. We use featured birds and everyone contributes to their cost. For more information, please contact: Harry Orr @ 269-372-1110 or harrisongorr@aol.com or Whan Koh: wykoh@yahoo.com

Chinese Ladies Art Club

Chinese Ladies Art Club would like to invite you to share your talents with our community. Chinese Lady Art Club is looking for anyone who enjoys painting, drawing, sculpture, calligraphy, printmaking, photography, jewelry and unique skilled crafts both eastern and western ways. If you are interested in being part of this wonderful art club, please contact Carrie Lin carriejin@aol.com

Chinese Ping Pong Club

Chinese Ping Pong Club plays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm of every Tuesday evening at Kalamazoo Chinese Christian Church. The activities are free and open to every member of CAGK. Kalamazoo Chinese Christian Church is located at 5334 Parkview Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

*** Future submission should be sent to Jamie Lesman (jamielesman@yahoo.com) or Chen-Chen Tsao (chentsao@yahoo.com) prior to 5/1, 8/1 and 10/1.**