



# NEWSLETTER

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## <sup>th</sup> CAGK 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Chinese New Year Celebration Night

CAGK will be celebrating the Chinese New Year. It is the year of Ox this time. The Annual Member Assembly and New Year party will start at **6:30 p.m., January 24, 2009** at Loy Norrix High School. Stir Max Asian Grill House and Empire Chinese Buffet will provide CAGK guests a great dining experience before the evening entertaining performances.

Tickets are available in two types: program-only and program with dinner. See sections below for more information. As always, CAGK members will enjoy great cost savings for both the evening program and dinner. You are highly encouraged to join the membership and register for the New Year party at the same time. This allows you to pay at the member's price. Please refer to the registration form for more information about the different prices. Registration is required and must be postmarked by **Monday, December 22, 2008**. Please join us with your family and friends for an evening of exciting shows. Details about this program are listed below.

### **(1) Dining:**

#### **Locations:**

##### **(a) Stir Max Asian Grill House**

4405 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Tel: (269) 381-7847

Menu includes steamed flounder, sweet sticky rice, rice with "eight treasures," Fu-zhou fish balls, dumplings, salt & pepper squid, and stir-fried rice cakes, in addition to its regular buffet menu.

##### **(b) Empire Chinese Buffet**

6225 S. Westnedge Ave, Portage, MI 49002

Tel: (269) 323-7000

Menu includes fish balls, fried sweet rice cakes, dumplings, Yuxiang eggplant (鱼香茄子), Chinese vegetable (油菜), in addition to its regular buffet menu.

### **Dining Time: 3:00-5:45 p.m.**

You can use the ticket anytime during that day, but the specials will only be served during this particular time period. Members are encouraged to have dinner early to avoid traffic and congestion. All must pay for the **Program with Dinner** registration before going to the restaurant. On-site dinner registration will **not** be provided. **Anyone without a pre-registration will need to pay at the full price.**

**(2) Evening program:**

**Location:**

Thomas R. KasDorf Auditorium, Loy Norrix High School  
606 East Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49001

**Time:**

Time of entry: 6:00 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.  
Program starting time: 6:30 pm  
Program length: approximately 1 hour and 45 minutes to two hours

**Pre-registration for the program is strongly recommended.** On-site program admission is on the first-come-first-serve basis and will only be possible when seats are available.

**(3) Ticket information:** Ticket price of **Program and Dinner** includes a meal, a drink (water or tea), and the sales tax. **Tips** are **not** included in the ticket price.

<b>Member: Program and Dinner</b> Adult or Children Age 12 and above : \$12.00 Children (age 3-11) : \$6.00 Children (2 and under) : Free	<b>Non-member: Program and Dinner</b> Adult or children Age 12 or above : \$20.00 Children (age 3-11) : \$12.00 Children (2 and under) : Free
<b>Member: Program only</b> Adult or Children Age 3 or above : \$5:00 Children (2 and under) Free	<b>Non-member: Program only</b> Adult and Children Age 3 or above : \$11.00 Child (2 and under) : Free

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

**Questions:** Please call Min Jay Wu at (269) 544-2757.

**2008 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 2008 CAGK membership and introduce CAGK to their friends. The annual CAGK membership due for the year 2009 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.

Please fill out the 2009 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, December 22, 2008**. If you have not received the registration form in the mail, you may also download it from CAGK's official web site (<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.

### Member 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](mailto:harrisongorr@aol.com) or WHAN KOH [wykoh@yahoo.com](mailto:wykoh@yahoo.com)

**Pacific Rim Foods would like to invite you to our BRAND NEW Asian grocery store in Kalamazoo at 1926 Whites Road. Please join us for some refreshments and a tour of Asian Cuisines!**

Some of our feature items:

- OVER TWO DOZEN FRESH ASIAN VEGETABLES
- SUSHI GRADED SEAFOOD
- FRESH BAKERIES (EVERY THURSDAY)
- ASIAN SNACKS AND DRINKS
- RICE SELECTIONS FROM ACROSS ASIA
- SPICES, SAUCES, AND ASIAN INGREDIENTS
- DOZEN TYPES OF TEA
- ASIAN RAMEN NOODLES & RICE NOODLE
- MANY MANY MORE!!!



1926 Whites Road  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008  
Phone (269) 382-0888

#### **Store Hours**

10:00am to 8:30pm (Mon. to Sat.)  
12pm to 8:30pm (Sunday)

## **Board of Directors Nominations**

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

Ms. Lilly Bosak

Dr. Steven Hu

Dr. Wei-Chiao Huang

Ms. Karin Li (\*one-year term to replace Kenney Jeng who resigned because job relocation)

Dr. Amanda Tsao (Chen Chen Tsao)

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.

Mr. James Jin, CAGK president

Mr. Min-Jay Wu, Vice President

Dr. Jane-Jane Lo, Secretary

Ms. Lisa Uderal, Activity coordinator

**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, December 22, 2008.** 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**

Min Jay Wu, CAGK's treasurer, reported a balance of \$7195.42 as of November 23, 2008. A major portion of this balance will be used to host the Chinese New Year celebration. Please contact Min Jay Wu (544-2757) 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 ([cagkzo@yahoo.com](mailto:cagkzo@yahoo.com)) and web site (<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.