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Our Mission: To facilitate networking and personal/professional development amongst the Chinese community and those who are interested in Chinese culture; to promote Chinese culture in the Southern Tire Region of New York State; and to provide a means to bridge the Chinese and American cultures.



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# Chinese New Year Highlights





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# Chinese New Year 2015

*Lin Lin*



Dear CCA members and guests,

Happy Chinese new year! The special theme of this issue is the “Chinese New Year”. As many of you know, one of CCA’s missions is to promote Chinese cultural, and the most important Chinese holidays during the year— of course it's Chinese New Year!

Even it's just a one evening dinner plus 90 minutes performance — there are several months of hard work behind the curtain. The thousands of fresh homemade dumplings were all hand-made by CCA volunteers the same day of event. Each performance has been practice again and again before the performance. And the costume, people either have to make it by themselves or buy it from China and ship back to US.

In this year’s event, we entertained over 400 CCA members and guests. The Chinese celebration contains solid hard work from everyone both on the stage and behind the curtain. The success cannot make without the hard work of CCA committee members and volunteers!

You will read more stories about it in this CCA Chinese New Year special edition. We hope you will enjoy reading the stories we shared with you, and, see you next time.





# March for Babies

*Jia Zhang*

On Saturday, April 25th, more than 20 CCA members gathered at Denison Park to take part in 2015 March for Babies. Together with other residents from all over the Southern Tier, hundreds of people take a 3 mile walk through streets of Corning to help give babies in Southern Tier a stronger and healthier life.



March for Babies, the nation's premier walking even is held in 700 communities across the United States and involves more than 7 million people each year. The walk is organized by the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health, March of Dimes. According to the organization, 1 out of 9 babies in New York State is born premature. The Southern Tier March for Babies expects to raise more than \$58000 this year for pregnancy research.

As part of local community, CCA raises \$500 to the march to show our support. Other sponsors include Corning® Gorilla® Glass, Corning Credit Union, DresserRand, WENY, Pembroke Pines Media Group as well as hundreds of community members. CCA would like to thank all the members for their support which makes this event successful.



# Little Apple

*Alivia Jiang*



“Everyone! Let’s review this part of the dance. First go to the right, then to the left...” This was the sound of the beginning of Little Apple dance practice. We had just finished coming down from Chinese School to the gymnasium, and everyone was super eager to start! We started by reviewing our dance steps from last week, and then our dance instructor would correct us on our mistakes.

She would make us look not like a group of 8 regular kids, but a group of 8 experienced dancers. As we kept on dancing and working hard, the instructor was looking and seeing if we were ready to move on to some more choreography. We all really wanted to move on to the next step, so that the dance would almost be completely finished! Then, when we were finished rehearsing our dance moves, the instructor said, “Ok everyone, it is time for snack time!” Everyone would go over to the snack station to get a snack and juice box, and then find a place to sit. During this time, the instructor would often call over dancers one by one to teach them new choreography, or to go over old choreography with them. This was also a great time that many people used toward reviewing steps by themselves and asking the instructor any questions they might have about any steps.

After our snack break, we would usually go over the steps that we’ve been working on before, and then try out a new step, slowly adding on new formations and choreography. The instructor would also help “polish” the steps so that they would look better. Then, we would put all the choreography together and review it lots of times before we went home, but the practicing didn’t quite stop there. At home, every child would practice their dance steps and rehearse them with music to ensure that they got the steps down.

Little Apple practices were filled of lots of hard work, fun, and happiness. We were so excited to perform at the CCA Chinese New Year Celebration, and also very thrilled to be performing at Corning Incorporated! Overall, Little Apple was a wonderful team to be a part of, and everyone brought their best abilities and confidence to all of our practices and performances. We hope that you enjoyed each of our performances!



# 表演彩虹的感受

陈甜

嘿大家好！我是陈甜！我和弟弟陈正翔在康宁中国人协会举办的新年晚表演的是周杰伦的彩虹。我们之所以挑选这首歌是因为它节奏旋律平缓，可以弹琴、唱歌和打鼓。我上网找到了钢琴谱，就开始练习了。当时找不到架子鼓的谱子，幸好我以前学过架子鼓，知道一些基本节奏，就跟弟弟一起把鼓的谱子写出来。从12月一直练到2月，眼看着春节就要来临了，我们两个又紧张又兴奋呢！但是在演出日期的前几个礼拜，妈妈听到了我们两个人练习，她觉得我唱得不够大声，到时候肯定没人听得到我的声音。我坚持说有麦克风可以把声音变大。但她还是觉得就算有麦克风也没人听得到我，还建议我干脆不要唱了。



我变得很沮丧，因为要是不唱的话，表演就没有那么好听了。最后，我终于说服妈妈来让我唱，而且我也把声音调整了一下。到了表演那天，我上台开始唱时，嘴巴对着麦克风，声音变得特别大声，台下的都听得到！顿时所有的担心、疑问都没了！通过这次表演，我感受到了“台上十分钟，台下十年功”的含义^^！

## DANCE OF DAI

Minling Li

Minling Li, performed a dance of Dai accompanied by a well-known song “Bamboo under the moonlight”. The dance described the bamboo’s fast and straight growing character, the peacocks walking and dancing in the bamboo field, and it also showed the farmers’ work and the harvest. Minling also added the music instrument “Hulusi” in this dance to show the audience what the music was played by.



# 拔萝卜和小星星

Winnie Jian

在 CCA 举办的 2015 年春节晚会上，一群三、四岁的中文班小朋友，活泼可爱的“拔萝卜”表演和“小星星”演唱给大家留下了深刻的印象。作为他们的中文老师，我为他们感到非常自豪。想想当初中文校长提出来希望中文班的孩子们参与表演的时候，我是有点犹豫的。一来这群小朋友年龄很小，不太听指挥，二来他们当中一半的孩子家里没有说中文的背景，要在短期内教会他们唱中文歌并非易事。



后来我跟家长们商量，他们都很支持小朋友上台表演，我也认为这是孩子们给家长最好的新年礼物，同时也是他们感受中国文化的最好方式，就决定先报名，再考虑表演的方式，曲目。当时我们正在学各种“蔬菜”名称，想起来有一首“拔萝卜”的歌，配合做一些简单的动作应该不错，我让小朋友们在课堂上试了一下，家长们都认为不错，小朋友们也觉得很有趣，就决定做“拔萝卜”表演。我想让他们的表演更丰富一些，就又加了一首中国孩子和北美孩子都很熟悉的歌“小星星”。平时我们利用上课的时间来排练，我怕小朋友们会怯场，上台后唱歌不张嘴，就和家长们一起把他们在排练时唱的小星星的歌录下来，作为背景音乐，这样就不怕他们怯场了。在表演前两周，我去买了一些简单的帽子作为道具，然后让小朋友们自己在帽子上做不同的图案，代表萝卜，小猫，小狗，和小老鼠，他们都很兴奋能戴上自己做的帽子参加“拔萝卜”表演。在表演当天，小朋友们超水平的发挥是我预想不到的，他们不但没有怯场，还表现得很棒，我为他们鼓掌！在这里我也要感谢家长们的全力支持，你们的支持和帮助让他们的表演更精彩。





# CCA 春节演出感想

中文学校一年级班老师 / 鍾佩玲

一月初彭校长在教师会议时，提出中文学校要提供 CCA 农历年晚会节目，我们一年级班年龄和程度都相当，很适合参与演出，可是我们每周只在星期天上课，如何做好演出准备呢？所以，我就运用他们本来就耳熟能详的儿歌，串连起来，设计了“我的一天”这场短剧。



班上同学和家长都非常配合，除了念熟各自台词，也提供了道具：妈妈的扫把，爸爸的浇花桶，孩子的图画，纸箱积木，房子上的花草和云等等。“我的一天”里的爸爸是 Tristan Lint，妈妈是 Maria Kuksenkova，他们有很多孩子：Erika Liu, Aidan Chen, Derek Guo, Ivan Lin, Joanna Lin, Christina Li, April Zheng 和 Helen Miao。晚加入我们的 Thomas Zhang 则当导演打拍子。

演出当天，正逢过年，孩子们都相当兴奋，我倒是非常紧张。我们在后台准备，没能看到舞龙，Aidan 还说“我想看舞龙，在这儿看不到呀！”上台后，虽然一只麦克风没声音，但大家一起说的音量还算大；孩子是天真的，他们有的说错台词，有的忘了动作，但是他们一点都不害臊，想笑就笑，想动就动，让这场剧更自然更生动。

经过了这次的演出，我们班上的感情更好了，我也藉着这次机会，了解各个孩子的特性，在教学上更能掌握他们的学习。也许，明年春节又可以看到他们的演出，敬请期待！



# 康宁华人基督教会新年合唱有感

WEIJUN NIU

感谢康宁华人协会在每年春节晚会都给我们教会弟兄姊妹一次上台为大家歌唱的机会！这也是一次在广大华人社区为耶稣基督作见证的好机会。我们非常珍惜华人协会给我们教会的每一次机会，也非常珍惜在台上歌唱的每一秒钟。所以我们每次都会精心挑选上台演唱的每一首歌，并认真排练。让观众们在欣赏到从神来的美妙音乐的同时，也能从我们合唱的诗歌里感受到神的荣耀能力权柄和大爱，让神的心意的满足。今年我们合唱的诗歌是“耶和華是愛”。诗歌的灵感来自圣经《诗篇》23篇（大卫的诗），是说信神的人就如神看顾的小羊，靠着神的引领来渡每一天。虽然会遭遇患难，但神的恩典与保守够我们用，有神同在伴随我们一生，我们就满足了。



为了这次演出成功，大家各自发挥神给的各样音乐方面的恩赐，会乐器的就组成伴奏乐队为我们伴奏，不会乐器的就好好练习唱。就连十几岁的小朋友们也拉小提琴弹吉它来贡献他们的恩赐才能。我们抓紧每一次聚会的机会排练。尤其是伴奏的年轻弟兄姊妹们更不容易聚在一起和我们配合练习，但是大家靠着神，克服种种困难。从白发苍苍的老人到年少的孩子，在基督里我们就是一个身体，在康宁华人协会春晚的舞台上闪亮登场，为神而歌唱。能为神歌唱是我们的荣耀！愿神祝福康宁和所有在康宁生活的华人们！

## Up Coming Events

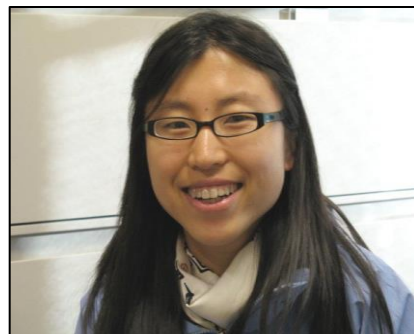
- *Li Fang's talk on "update on Corning Greater China"*
- *CCA Moon Festival Event*



# New Members

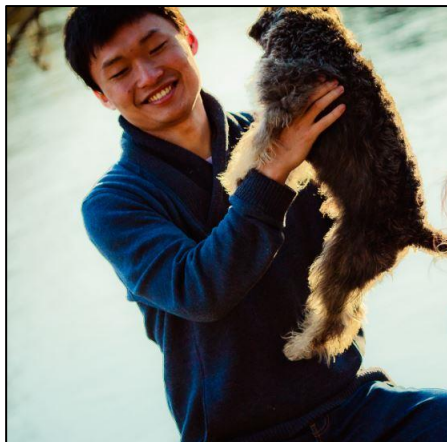
I'm Jingshi Wu, a research scientist in Glass Research group since February 2015. I grow up in Heilongjiang, and I was quite familiar with cold weather, but got spoiled by the nice California weather in the past nine years. I received my PhD degree in Geological & Environmental Sciences, as well as Master's degree in Material Sciences and Engineering from Stanford University. The years at Stanford, my research interest was mainly focused on atomic-level structure of borosilicate glass. Now I'm expanding my research interests to coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) and fast relaxation of glass. If you'd like to chat about collaboration research, please feel free to stop by office.

As a mother of two years old, my biggest interest other than work is talking about kids. If you're the same, catch me up in the cafeteria during lunch time.



Hey, this is Lina, joined Corning in Feb. 2015 as a glass research scientist. My husband Yinan and I love sports, maybe a little bit of card games. It's glad to meet everyone. I'm sure we will have a good time here in Corning!

Hello everyone. I am Jian Luo. I obtained my BS in physics from Beihang University in 2010 and my PhD in materials science and engineering from RPI in 2014. I joined Corning as a research scientist in the Modeling and Simulation department one month ago. In my spare time, I enjoy playing basketball, billiards and table tennis.



# New Members

Hello, Everyone, This is the Chen's family. We, Hong X. Liu and Ken Chen both have been with Corning Inc. for 16 years who were born in Jiang Xi Province, China. We used to be the members of the Corning Chinese Association before 2001 and now we are glad to come back to CCA big family. In March, 2001, we moved from Corning NY to Kentucky with our daughter Joyce after having lived in Painted Post for 3 years.



In 2005, we moved to Taichung with the 3 kids, Joyce, Jacqueline and James where they learned the traditional Chinese. In 2010, the family moved from Taichung to Beijing where the kids learned the simplified Chinese. Therefore, the kids know of Zhuyin and Pinyin. In August, 2014, we moved back to Painted Post with Ken's parents. Hong is working in the field of financial management and Ken is working in the engineering management in Display. Joyce plays piano, Jacqueline plays both basketball and soccer, James plays soccer in Soaring Capital. Hong and I both enjoy watching movies, play table tennis.

Hi, everyone. My name is Hui Chen, and I got my PhD degree in physics in the University of Connecticut. After graduating, I worked in a laser company in Silicon Valley for a year. Then, I joined Corning in April, 2015. I am now working in the Optical Communication AR&D group in Sullivan Park.

I like indoor and outdoor activities, like playing cards, travelling, hiking, skiing, playing basketball, tennis, etc. It is great to join such a big family as CCA. I hope I can make more and more friends in here.

