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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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*Lin Lin*



**CCA Committee Members**

Dear CCA members and guests,

Hope everyone had a happy new year. Time passes so fast and now we are at the spring of 2016! We are glad to share with everyone the objectives of CCA at 2016:

1. Continue promoting Chinese Culture and diversity inclusion.
2. Support member career development and help Corning employee recruit and retention.
3. Enhance communication and collaboration with Corning Greater China.

Base on above objectives, below is the high level summary of CCA plan at 2016:

- Continue the traditional CCA celebrations, including Chinese New Year, Mother's day, Moon Festival, and etc. This portion will cost 52% of all CCA funding.
- For local community, besides continue funding Corning Chinese School, CCA will involve more with local community events. This year we will participate March for Babies, Colonial Day parade, etc. The target budget will be about 18% of all CCA funding.
- For members' professional development, on one hand we are looking for training opportunities for Corning employee, on the other hand we are enhancing the communication with Corning Greater China through panel discussion and invited speakers; at the same time we encourage CCA members to form clubs based on interesting, such as photo club, empty nest club, dance club, etc. CCA will fund each club a budget for year around activities to support members' interests and benefits. More details about clubs will come soon. The budget for this section will be about 30% of all CCA funding.

The majority of CCA funding is supported by diversity office of Corning Incorporated; the rest gap will be filled by CCA membership fee.

If you have any comments, or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our goal is to make CCA a better community for everyone.

*"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." --Helen Keller*

# TF Boys

*Emily P. Song*

Dance has always been a part of my life, but my most influential dance group was the Aurene dance group. I have been in every dance every single year. I had many experiences, good or bad, although this one was one of the best.

First of all, my amazing teacher Mou Yuan, she's literally the best. One reason is that she does everything so well that us kids have to always try really hard to keep up with the dance, that's how she makes us keep learning and practicing. Also, she picks great dances that make us look cool and are a challenge to dance. Lastly, she hides this well, but she's actually giving us lots of exercise when we dance. She is the best and has influenced me a lot.



Now, let's talk about the dances themselves. Our first dance was called "Little Apple" or "小苹果", which was really fun! That one was not as challenging as "TF boys" which we did this year. Both of them were really fun and they made me think I can do anything as long as I put my mind to it. So overall, I liked both dances a lot.

Finally, let's talk about experiences and what happens behind the scenes. Every Sunday after Chinese School we go and practice, practice, and practice! When we are veering close to the performance we start going out on Fridays at around 7:00 so we can practice some more. When we actually are at the performance we practice all the time backstage while everybody else is performing to make sure we have it really good. Everything that happens leads up to and makes a great final performance.

That was my experience in the lovely Aurene dance group, it was great. So, I hope to do this again soon, and I also hope to see some of you again at a performance.

# Colors of the Wind

*Alivia Jiang*



This Chinese New Year I performed at the CCA Chinese New Year Gala. I had a great time, and it was an awesome learning experience. Starting a few months before the gala, my mom told me that sign-ups were up for this year's show. I remembered how last year I danced to the famous song "Little Apple" and I wondered, "What if I could do something myself this year?" After I thought about it for a while, I knew that I wanted to sing. My mom signed me up, and I picked my song, Colors of the Wind from the movie Pocahontas. The reason I chose this song is because it talks about how humans should embrace and cherish nature, and it was a beautiful melody. I met up with my dance teacher, and she started staging/choreographing the song. We had some dress rehearsals, and then finally, the show! I was so nervous, but everything was fine, and I even got to sing back at Corning Inc.! It was just so much fun, and can't wait to do it all again next year.

# LION DANCE

*Wei Sun*

It is really amazing that CCA had a lion dance show this year in front of all the residents in Sullivan Park. And it is really an honor for us to be the performers this year. To see the smiles and to hear the applause from those audiences surrounding us, we felt so wonderful! Chinese traditional culture never stops glinting! As four young scientists from different divisions of S&T community in Sullivan Park, we collaborated intimately. We poured our enthusiasm and energy into the dance. We worked our best to reflect the attributes of Lion, as the King of animals: almighty, robust and charming! It is also the image of Corning in our mind! We really appreciate the friendly culture atmosphere and environment created by Corning! And we are very proud to be part of the diversity structure of Corning!

# 2016 春节联谊献唱感言

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每年参加春节联谊活动都是令我们华人激动的事，因为那是一年中在康宁能见到最多黄皮肤和熟悉面孔的一天！新春之际，我们思乡之情不免油然而生。此乃人之常情，因为不管身在何处，我们肉身的根永远与那片生养我们的土地相连！感谢康宁华人联谊会每年投入大量时间、人力和物力举办新春活动，让这里每位身在异国他乡的华人有一个温馨的聚集，聊慰我们思乡之情！我们康宁华人教会每年也都鼓励弟兄姊妹积极参与联谊活动的各项义务服事。



在春节联谊晚上献唱对我们康宁华人教会来说每年都是重要的事情。我们认真对待，希望正如歌名《爱 喜乐 生命》一样，唱出我们的心声，祈祷祝愿每一位在康宁旅居的华人活出爱和喜乐的生命来！但唱歌表演并不是我们的专长，甚至有五音不全的！我们这些第一代来美拓荒的人大多把时间和精力都献给托福 GRE 和专业了，鲜有投入挖掘“不能当饭吃”的艺术天份的。当我们组织排练合唱时，根本找不到能像样地伴奏和指挥的人！值得庆幸的是，我们第一代舍己的拓荒和在第二代身上的投资收获了我们失去的理想：伴奏和指挥对他们来说乃小菜一碟！就这样，两代人很自然地籍着这个小小的春节舞台搭配和互补，填补了我们之间的代沟，实现了生命与文化的连结和传承！这恐怕也是在这异国他乡举办春节庆祝活动的意义所在吧！

感谢康宁华人联谊会搭台，让我们可以献唱！我们教会的弟兄姊妹同心祝愿在康宁的每位骨肉之亲都收获一个充满喜乐和盼望的 2016 年，期待 2017 年一起再唱感恩的歌！

# 团体舞之竹竿舞小记

LIN LIN



CCA 一年一度的春节晚会，总是少不了团体舞女生们的身影。可是今年却没有实现，大约可以归为三个原因，没有提前计划好，选的舞蹈难度太大，以及几位成员在表演的前两个月练习黄金时期要么出差要么家里临时有事 - 导致原定的练习计划无法进行。各种原因零零种种，到最后只好狠狠心，本着宁缺勿烂的想法，取消了这个表演。

中学的春晚原本节目多，少个节目还成.可是在公司的春节活动节目本来就少了，这下可怎么办？想到去年原本想组织跳竹竿舞的，因为种种原因没有做成。那么不如就跳这个吧，相对简单热闹。

俗话说，临阵磨枪，不快也光。就在正式表演的 10 天前，竹竿舞的成员们才开始第一次练习。短短的一个小时连基本动作都没练熟。时间一到几位妈妈们又着急接孩子去了，实在是想多练都有心无力。第二次练习的时候又碰到了人手不齐的危机 - 整个舞蹈需要八个人，缺一不可。经常不是这位有事就是那位有事，时间很难协调一起。

其实么，竹竿舞说简单也简单，说难也难。关键是要协调，跳舞的几个人节奏要一致。要是有人乱了节奏 - 拍竿子的夹住了跳舞的腿，或是跳舞的踩上拍竿子的竹子 - 那就全乱套了。协调的关键是什么，是练习啊。一次练习下来，不知不觉，还出了一身汗。看样子，倒也是挺好的健身方式 呢。

总之，经过一番练习 - 好容易动作编好了，大家舞也跳顺了，演出服也定好了，道具也备齐了，演出也成功了。回想起来，练舞的时候还是蛮有趣的，笑场连连，也顺带锻炼了身体，一举两得。

明年的春节跳什么舞呢？期待有人自告奋勇的带一个团体舞！

# 新闻晚知道

*Xiuqin Gao*

感谢康宁华人协会给我们中文学校八班再一次登台献艺的机会！我们学生已经连续四年在康宁华人春晚演出了，可以说每次的演出都是学生们学习中文成果的展示！作为学生的老师和编剧，我亲眼见证了他们从不谙世事的儿童，经过八年的中文学习和连续四年登台演出，成长成为正当青春的少男少女！他们不仅中文水平每年都有长进，对父母、对学校、对社区他们也在学习有担当。为他们骄傲！也再次感谢康宁华人协会给他们提供了成长和施展才艺的舞台！！

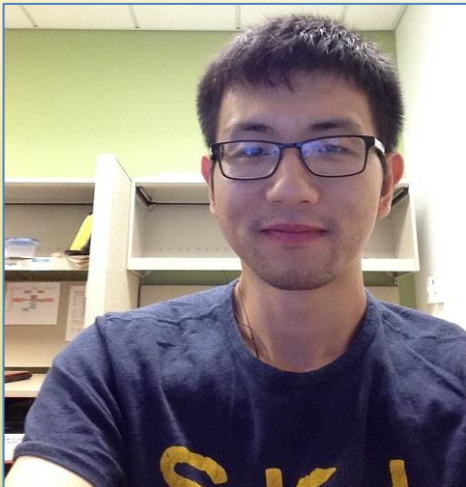


## Up Coming Events

- ***Mother's Day Celebration***
- ***Colonial Parade***

# New Members

Hello everyone, this is Xinyue Zheng. I went to Japan in 2010 for pursuing a bachelor degree education in Materials Science and Engineering. After graduation, I came to Dartmouth College, from where I received a Master degree in Engineering Management. I interned at Corning Environmental Technology division for the past summer, and came back on February this year as a full-time employee. It is a pleasure to join this big community, and I look forward to meeting everyone of you.



Greetings! My name is He Jing, and I just joined Corning in March. I grew up in Beijing and went to Tsinghua for my BS and MS, which were in Environmental Engineering. I received my PhD in Chemical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis last December. After that, I came here for a Chemical Engineer position at ChemE Group in MT&E. I love sports (especially watching sports...). I usually don't cook, and Market Street is my dining hall (dining street?). Please let me know if you need a dinner buddy!