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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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Mandarin Immersion Program at Corning Children's Center

ZHANG Rui

What is Mandarin Immersion Program?

The Mandarin Immersion Program is part of the Corning Children's Center's effort in bilingual language education for early childhood learners to use mandarin in daily education and activities. It started in 2016 and currently the program has more than 130 children participated with 9 classrooms, 4 hours per week per classroom frequency. The goal of the program is by June 2019 children graduating from Corning Children's Center will comfortably use basic mandarin vocabulary and demonstrate the capability to understand basic spoken language.

The Significance of the Program and Ways to Support

The program is a pioneering initiative in corning daycare program to promote Chinese culture and heritage and build a bridge between Chinese and American culture. The program is one of the key programs of Corning Children's Center with the support from donors from local business and many others. This year, Corning Children's Center has been challenged to match a \$15,000 donation to sustain the program.

CCA & Corning Children Center

CCA recently started collaborating with Corning Children's Center. CCA will start promoting the program and encourage the children and their parents to perform and participate in CCA events. If you are interested in supporting the program, visit

www.corningchildrenscenter.com/supporters/ or for a tour contact Meghan Parsons at (607)937-5502 ext. 121.

Please see attached flyer about the program.

Thank you all for support and your help will make a difference to our Chinese Community!

Mandarin Immersion Program



Highlights:

- 4 native Mandarin speakers hired January 2016
- Fully integrated into each of 9 classrooms
- 4 hours per classroom per week
- 130+ children ages 18 months to 5 years old
- 10 months per year
- Conversational learning
- Counting - colors - shapes
- Singing
- Cooking
- Cultural celebrations
- Growing Mandarin library

1st CCA Basketball Friendship Cup

WANG Hank

CCA basketball club hosted the 1st Friendship Cup in July. A total of five teams participated: Team Decker, Corning Intern, Team SB, Team YJ and Team Dog.



Each team plays round robin against every other team; and the team scores the most wins the Championship Cup.

After a series of fantastic games, Team Dog won the cup. The top three teams are:

1. Team Dog
2. Team Decker
3. Corning Intern

The result obviously is not the most important thing. What is most important is the basketball fans bonded together through the game and strangers become friends.



As some of you may have been aware that CCA is holding a Basketball club event every Friday 6:30 pm at Beartown basketball court during the summer time and YMCA when the weather gets cold. The purpose of this club is to provide a fun and non-competitive atmosphere where people can get together to learn/play basketball.

We will send out the reminder every Friday via Wechat before the activity starts. If you are fans for basketball and would like to join us to play, please contact Basketball club captain, Xiaole Cheng at chengx3@corning.com.

CCA Dragon Boat Festival

NAOMI Williams

On July 23rd, three employee resource groups (ERGs) banded together to traverse the waters of Ithaca's Cayuga Lake using dragon boat racing. The Corning Chinese Association (CCA) teamed up with the Ethnically Diverse Group of Employees (EDGE) and the MT&E Asian and Latin Group (MT&E ALG) for this activity rooted in ancient culture. The tradition of dragon boat racing originated in China 2,000 years ago in memory of the Chinese patriot Qu Yuan. Nowadays, Duanwu jie, or the Dragon Boat Festival, brings people from around the world together.



The Ithaca Asian American Association (IAAA), the host and sponsor for this event, originally planned to hold a public race and festival, but this was cancelled because the necessary permits could not be obtained in time. So instead of competing, Corning employees and their families enjoyed a relaxing picnic with dragon boat racing as a team building experience. The IAAA provided two dragon boats and training assistance. With twenty rowers, one drummer, and one steersman, each boat was equipped with 22 eager dragon boat racers.

The instructors taught the teams how every person must work in unity to smoothly glide the boat through the water. The drummer keeps the beat steady, the rowers must paddle in unison to effectively propel the boat, and the steersman keeps the boat on the right track. After working together to achieve this, many members left their boats with smiling faces and sore arms.



The event was a success thanks to the efforts of CCA leadership and volunteers. Their support brought together the friends and families of Corning employees from different ERG communities. Together, we appreciated the diversity of our various cultures and backgrounds, creating a special bonding experience through the exhilaration of racing. We hope to see our new friendships and teamwork put to the test at next year's IAAA dragon boat festival and race on July 14, 2018.

CCA Members Celebrate the Annual Mid-Autumn Festival at Watkins Glen

CHEN Nanhu

Watkins Glen, NY - More than 200 members of the Corning Chinese Association (CCA) and their friends and family attended the annual CCA Mid-Autumn Festival celebration event in Watkins Glen State Park on September 30th, 2017. The south pavilion in the park was decorated with balloons, Chinese lanterns and word riddles that are commonly seen in traditional Mid-autumn festivals.



The Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Moon Festival, is considered the second most important holiday in ethnic Chinese and some other Asian people. It is a centuries-old harvest ritual celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month in the fall. In this day, friends and families gather together to enjoy the “successful reaping of rice and wheat in a busy agricultural year”. It is a time for families to reunion to eat moon-cakes, to sip tea and to watch the full moon that symbolizes the harmony and unity of a family. In modern days,

the day is particularly special for those who are far away from home to get together and celebrate.



CCA's new chair Ying Zhang first introduced the latest CCA committee members to the members and gave a brief update on CCA's latest events and achievements. Several new CCA members were also introduced with warm welcomes. Some of the old members expressed their excitement seeing the continuous growth of the CCA community.

As a tradition to this annual celebration, moon cakes with four different flavors were served in the events. These pastries with beautifully crafted crusts are always the highlight of the event among the members. And a few lucky CCA members even took home with a full box of gift-wrapped moon cakes in the lottery. The event also sees increasing number of members participating in solving word riddles around the event venue. Xinyuan Liu, along with her 2-year-old son Lucas, successfully solved 4 puzzles and was awarded with gifts prepared by the CCA. She appreciates having such games in the event that challenges her brain while being able to observe the traditional Chinese culture in the holiday at the same time.

2017 CCA Tennis Club and Tournament

YANG Jun and YUAN Shu

In May 2017, CCA established a tennis club to promote sport participation. The club organizes regular practices for the local tennis player and also provides beginner trainings for adult or junior players who are interested in this sport.



Tennis tournament group photo (by Jerry Zhou)

CCA Tennis club held about 12 sessions of practices and trainings from June to September. Tennis lovers and beginners were actively signing up for the sessions. The oldest player is over 80 (Mr. Zhang), while the youngest is only about 10 years old.



Roger Luo and Jun Hou in Men's double match (by Jerry Zhou)



Wendy Li and Jing Yang in Women's double match (by Jerry Zhou)

In September, the club hosted our 2nd CCA tennis tournament in Horseheads high school tennis courts. There are total 8 teams in mixed doubles, 8 teams in men's doubles, and 4 teams in ladies' doubles. The entire tournament lasted 2 days. The competitions of men's doubles and mixed doubles are very intense. In Men's doubles competition, the defending champion Anhua Yu & Ying Zhang fell behind 1:5 after the first six games, but they fought very hard to make the score 5:5 after 10 games. Even though finally they lost the match at 5:7 to Corning high school player Sam Hong and Ben Togni, the match earned a big round of applause for the wonderful game and their sportsmanship. It was a great scene to see tennis being picked up by so many friends and families, as one of the favorite sports in our area.



Women's doubles trophy award

Congratulations to Sam Hong, and Ben Togni for the mens' double champion, Wendy Li and Jing Yang for the women's double champion, and Barton Zu/Wendy LI and Anhua Yu/Lin Ning as mixed double co-champion.

Hank's Secret Recipe: 秘制咸鸭蛋

WANG Hank

深秋将至，严冬还会远吗？

秋冬之交，向大家推荐一款食补小吃——秘制咸鸭蛋！观者垂涎，入口喷香，受到广大康宁吃货的好评（右图）！成品如下图所示：



方法简单，操作易行，希望能对大家生活有所帮助！

1. 将鸭蛋洗干净，完全晾干（如有水分，会导致腌制过程发臭）；同时，准备密封性好的容器，待用。



2. 高度白酒，50 度以上最佳（伏特加亦可）；将白酒倒入浅碟子，待用。盐撒满浅碟子，待用。



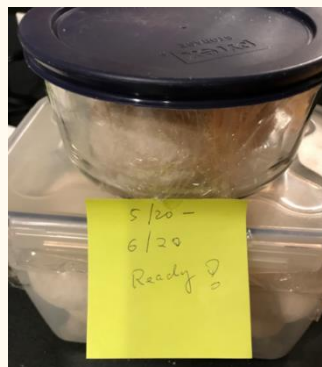
3. 先将鸭蛋均匀蘸酒，再将盐洒满裹住，附着在鸭蛋表面。



4. 将裹盐鸭蛋小心放置在密封容器里。



5. 置于阴凉处 30 天左右后，即可享受美食！

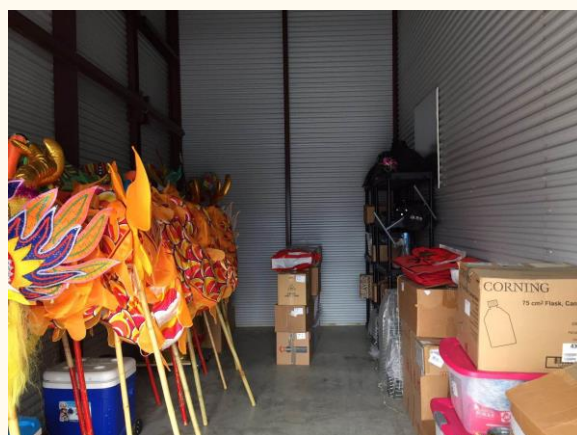
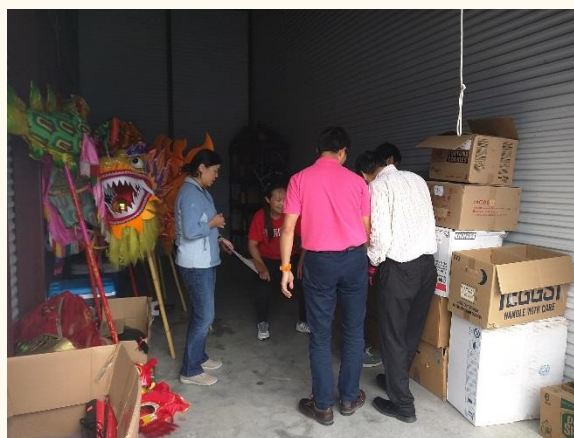


Organizing CCA asset inventory

HU Hongmei and ZHANG Ying

The weather was beautiful and sunny on Saturday 10/14. Instead of going out for walk in the finger lake area to enjoy colorful maple leaves, most of CCA committee members came to CCA storage room to put CCA asset into inventory as a committee team building event. Over the years, CCA assets have been growing and are in a great need to have a good inventory system. The team classified all stuffs to four sections: food service supply; performance costumes; activity supply and holiday decoration supplies. They labeled and recorded the each item. At the end of the event, all CCA properties were sorted out and put back to the storage in order. Now, CCA has an updated complete inventory list. This will enable us keep good track of our assets and reducing spending /waste due to duplicate asset orders.

CCA would also like to thank you all the committee members & volunteers who sacrificed their free time for this event.



New Member Introduction

GUO Yi


Hi, I am Yi Guo. I recently joined Corning CGT based in Corning, NY. My family and I have relocated from Houston, TX, where we lived from nearly 6 years, so this winter will be quite interesting for us in NY. I came from oil and gas industry and used to work as a process engineer on offshore oil platform designs. I am originally from China and my husband is from Hong Kong, we both lived and worked in the UK for many years before moved to the US, we have 2 young girls, one is nearly 2 years old and one 8 month old. The elder girl, Ava, loves to dance, sing and swim, whereas the younger girl, Elle, is rather quiet and always deep in thought. They both share a common interests however is watching the iPad - the greatest invention for child care.

We are very happy to be part of CCA and we look forward to meeting more members of the association.



HUANG Henson

My name is Henson Huang, and I moved to Corning this past June. I am a thermal equipment design engineer working for MT&E in Corning Inc. Originally from Guangdong, China and growing up in Philadelphia, PA, I attended Bucknell University in Central Pennsylvania. This past May I graduated from Bucknell with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Bachelor of Art Degree in Chemistry. I love sports and various outdoor activities. In my spare time, I enjoy playing basketball, swimming, and camping. Outside of work, I also like watching movies and hanging out with friends. I am excited to join the CCA family and look forward to meeting new friends.



We're excited to be here in Corning, NY. We are the Ault Family. There are 9 in our family - Tommy (Dad), Shanna (Mom), 3 sons, 1 daughter, 1 daughter-in-law, and 2 grandchildren. Only 3 of us live here in upstate New York - Tommy, Shanna, and Sabrina, our 14 year old daughter. We also have 3 sons - Scott, Shaun, and Seth, who have grown up and moved away. We just moved here from north Baltimore. Tommy started work at Corning, Inc. back in May 2017. He is a Senior Manager in Analytical Services. He works at the HQ building in the East wing. Shanna is a homemaker. Our daughter Sabrina is a Freshman at Corning-Painted Post High School. Sabrina plays flute in the CPP Performance Band. We are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Our Corning Branch meets at the church over on 80 Chatfield Place in Painted Post.

All of us Aults speak fluent Chinese. At home we mostly speak Chinese, and then speak English when we leave home. Shanna was born in Taipei, Taiwan. Tommy and Shanna have been married for 26 years. Shanna has been in the US since 1992, and she is a US Citizen. We're very pleased to meet everyone in the CCA!

My name is Mingming Wang, the APLM in pricing for Gorilla Glass.

I joined Corning in March 2017, prior to that, I worked for a manufacturing plant under Newell Rubbermaid in Rochester NY as a decision analyst focusing on pricing and continuous improvement in operations.

My husband, my son and I live in east Corning currently, the snow and cold doesn't bother me at all, as I am from one of the coldest city in China - Harbin.

I enjoy cooking, music and sports in my spare time.

I am excited to join Corning and CCA, see you around at our next event!





想要展示你清亮的歌喉吗?
Now it is your chance!

*Want to show off your
amazing talent and
skills?*

二月十七日晚上

想要分享你那妙曼的舞姿吗?

2018 年康宁春节联欢晚会演出招
募开始了!

**Sign up & perform at Corning
Chinese New year Gala!**

我们期待你的加入!

We can't wait to see what you can do!

Sign up by December 9th!

节目火热招募中

有兴趣请联系/ Contact:

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“Empty-nest” Club



Instructor: Vicky Rosettie

Time: 3-4pm on Saturday

Nov. 4, 2017 - May 19, 2018

Address: United Methodist Church

201 N Hamilton St.

Painted Post

NY, 14870

Wear your gym clothes.

Bring a bottle of water with you

Have fun together

Upcoming Events

- 2018 CCA New Year Gala
- CCA Zumba club