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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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Corning Pandas

Xiaole Cheng



CCA Basketball Team Logo

As some of you have been aware that CCA is holding a Basketball club every Friday 7:00 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. Recently, with the big help from Zhongzhi Tang, Basketball club came up with its own logo design - “Corning Pandas” and team uniform. The team believes that this new club identity will help unite members and make the team experience more enjoyable and memorable for all involved.

On Sep. 16th, Basketball club hosted the first CCA Basketball club team event. This event is a friendly game between two organizations, MTE (white) and S&T (blue). Because Guang Yang’s unbelievable shooting performance, MTE team won the game. The result obviously is not the most important thing. What is important is the team members bonded together through the game and strangers become friends.

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.



MTE vs. S&T Game:

Front: Xiaojun, Zhang, Hank, Eric, Jia, Lin

Back: He, Yujian, Xi, Guang


CCA Tennis Day Event

Jia Zhang

After a long and cold winter, hot summer arrives at our small little town. It is the tradition that CCA will organize a big community event with different topics in each summer. Last year, many of our members have participated or got involved in the Dragon Boat Racing in Ithaca. The exciting moment may still be hanging in people's mind. This year, the summer event is called Tennis Day. Players with their family and friends get together, meet with each other and have fun. This event is intent to be more like a family day rather than an intensive contest. The purpose is to enhance communications and build strong connections between tennis players/fans within our community.



The event day is scheduled on July 30th. But the preparation starts much early. The event received a warm welcome from tennis plays in our community. About thirty players registered to compete the championship of Men's Double, Women's Double and Mixed Double after the announcement of the event had been sent out. The players are from Corning-Painted Post and Horseheads area. The youngest player is only 13 years old while the eldest players are close to 70s who are a couple of American people with great enthusiasm of Chinese culture. The details on the event day have been carefully discussed between CCA officer Jia Zhang and local tennis group leader Anhua Yu. Frequent communications and discussions have been carried out between the two organizers until the final schedule was settled down. Everything seems to be working quite well.



The weather is always a game changer. A rain storm occurred the night before the game day. The tennis court got completely soaked out. However, the rain does not stop the enthusiasm of our tennis players. Many of the players arrived at the court much earlier than the registration time started. They brought push brooms with them and started to clean the floor. The cleaning went on for about an hour before all the water on the ground had been removed. The game finally started! Players throw themselves into every point and every game. The champions of two Mixed Double groups came out first before lunch breaks. They are Matthew Hong/Iris Cai and Ying Zhang/Ning Lin. Unfortunately, another rain storm interrupted the game in the afternoon and the final games of Men's Double and women's Double have to be moved to the week later. After a good well-played game, the champion of Men's Double belongs to Ying Zhang/Anhua Yu and the champion of Women's Double goes to Shu Yuan/Ning Lin. Congratulations to all the champions. We hope to see more people join us next year.

Wineglass Weekend 2016

Alivia Jiang



It's 7:30 in the morning, a cold, humid, and wet type of day. Me, my mother, and my brother Ethan are at the Corning War Memorial Stadium, pinning bibs onto our t-shirts, and rushing to the start line for the National Anthem. We are surrounded by people from all different places, that are here, in Corning, New York, to run. We hear the National Anthem, and then boom, the buzzer sounds, and the 5k race has started. Ethan quickly runs to the front of the group, with Mom staying in the back. I cross the Centerway bridge, and start running up to Denison Park. I hear cheers when I am 1 mile away, "Come on Alivia, you can do it!", "Push through! Push through to the finish!".

Heck, I even read a sign that says "Run like Trump had been elected for President!". As I get closer to the finish line, I can hear more and more people cheering, and finally, I cross. They hand me a beautiful finisher's medal, and Ethan runs up to me and says "Alivia, I got a 24.30 minute 5k time! That's better than before!" Mom finally crosses the finish line 10 minutes later, and then the awards start. When it gets to ages 9 and under, Ethan gets called up, to get third place! We all cheer and scream, and Ethan walks back with a specially made Corelle Mug. We all of course hug him to death!



The next day, we wake up at 8:00 and go down to Victory Highway to volunteer at the Wineglass Marathon water station. When we get there, we start filling up water and Gatorade cups. The woman there teaches us how to hold the cup so that the runners can quickly grab the water and continue racing at their pace. We continue filling up cups until we see the first half marathon runner, running at a 5:20 mile pace! He takes a water cup, and then a big group of people start rolling in. I am first a little rocky with handing the water out accidentally dropping the cups on people and getting them wet!

But, after a while, you start to get the hang of it, and it is so much fun to get to cheer the runners on and see each hard working runner persevere through the long run.

The Wineglass Weekend was a new experience for my family, and we all really enjoyed it! We loved participating in the 5k, and cheering on the runners. See you next year!



2016 Corning China 1-on-1 Education Donation

Hank Wang

On behalf of CCA, I am happily to announce that we had a successful donation of (27,000 RMB in total) for 2016 Corning China 1-on-1 education donation program! Our donation will help 30 elementary school students, 24 middle school students and 14 high/vocational school students. Here is the donation list (ranked alphabetically):

Barton Zu
Bin Zhang
Brandon Sun
CCA member (Scott Bailey, Patricia Bailey)
Chunfeng Zhou
Danhong Zhong
Dayue Jiang
En Hong
Fei Shi
Fei Xia
Hongmei Hu
Jia Zhang
Jianguo, Wang
Jie Luo
Jin Liu
Jingshi Wu
Lei Yu
Lin Lin
Wei Sun
Weijun Niu
Xi Xie
Xiaoju Guo
Yua Fu
Yulong Hong
Zhang Liu

2016 Mid-Autumn Day

Hank Wang

Mid-autumn day/Moon festival is one of the most important holidays celebrated in eastern Asian countries. The festival came from the story of Chang'e, a goodness and master of the moon. The myths associated with Chang'e explain the origin of moon worship during this day. To memorize Chang'e, people get together with family members for dinner and moon cake tasting. Meanwhile, mid-autumn day is the celebration of harvest.

In Corning, we celebrated this year's Moon Festival at the Watkins Glen State Park. The CCA welcomed more than 200 CCA members and friends during the celebration. The event began with greetings from CCA president Lin Lin, followed by honoring our dedicated teachers from the Corning Chinese School, who made significant contributions in spreading Chinese language and culture to younger generations during the past year. After that, a few new CCA members also made a brief self-introduction and were welcomed to the CCA family.

Authentic Chinese food is always the key component of the party. The CCA prepared Chinese food from local Chinese restaurants as well as local families for our member to enjoy. We enjoyed the dishes as well as the moon cakes. Lucky members also get boxes of moon cakes as the souvenir. Additionally, the event was celebrated with lantern words puzzle. The rich culture behind the game attracted the participant with laugh and tears.

Photos were provided by Wei Xu.



New Members

Hi! I am Amy Tew. I just recently relocated with my husband, Xiaojun Wang, to Corning valley from Asia on an assignment in MT&E. I am a native of Malaysia (4th generation Malaysian Chinese), but based out of Taiwan, and in my 13 years with Corning Inc. I had been on various assignments to Japan, Fuzhou/Jiangmen, and most recently prior to relocating here, was in Shanghai as CET/CSCL PEM (Plant Engineering Manager).



My husband, Xiaojun, is from Hubei Province China, he used to run a small eatery in Shanghai. We are very glad to join the big family of CCA. Looking forward to knowing many of you.

Lina Ma & Yinan Lin

We are proud to announce that our baby - Liam H. Lin, made his great escape on Sep 20th, 2016. He weighed 7lb 2oz and was 21 inches tall.



Upcoming Events

- *Winter Activity*
- *Spring Festival*
- *CCA Workshop*