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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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St. Patrick's Day 5K Race

Jingru Zhang



Left to right: Jingru, Xinxin, Zijia

What is the most important thing the day before going for a 5K race? Rest your legs? Have a power meal? Review your race strategy? Have a good night sleep? Well of course all those are important. But the correct answer that we are looking for is --- shopping for matching outfits!! That's right!! The day before our ST. PATRICK'S DAY 5K race, 4 hours and 4 different shopping places later--- we got our green flowers and mustache socks! lol!

What are the important things at the race day?

- First of all, it is very helpful if you can remember to bring your race bib with you. Or your team member who is so sweet and caring to remind you of that in my case....And I was not the only one who forgot ;) To make a long story short, all three of us arrived at the starting line just in time. Yay!!!
- Take lots of pictures! Pictures are part of the memory. Take pictures before the race when you are not sweaty yet. Take pictures during the race and after the race too! Be prepared that there will be pictures in which you look absolutely dreadful. But soooo what?! ;)
- Warm up and get ready for the race. As much as I know taking pictures could be very distracting and addictive, remember to save sometime to warm up and get ready for the race!
- Have each other's back. Running is a lonely activity unless you run with friends, then it becomes much more fun! Keep in mind that you can always run your personal best at another race some other day, but you don't get the opportunity often to run with the same friends, side by side, with the same flowers on your heads. And YES in case you are wondering we are the only ones who wear flowers.
- Have friends and family cheering you on! There is no word to describe how great it feels when people cheering you on, when you see your friends and family at the finishing line waiting for you, holding everything you need, chatting with you after the race, and encouraging you to keep on going. Many many thanks to everyone who showed up!

Let's go Yangge~

CCA Colonial Day Parade 2016

Lin Lin

June 13, 2016 9 am – at Painted Post Charles St. right in front of the original Painted Post High School building, a group of CCA members were gathering together to prepare their dance for the yearly Colonial Day Parade.

Colonial Day has been a traditional local event for Corning area. The first Colonial Days was proclaimed in June, 1964 with a celebration “in official recognition of the improvements made in the business district of the Village”. After so many years it's been one of the largest and longest consecutively held outdoor festivals in the upstate New York, including the largest professionally judged High School Marching Band parade in the New York State.



Group photo CCA members who participated this parade, including Yangge dance team, kids fashion show team, drum & gong team, logistics support team.

CCA has been involved this local festival for many years. Every other year, CCA participate this event as way to increase local diversity and rise up awareness of Chinese cultural. This year, CCA featured with a Yangge (秧歌) dance and kids fashion show. For people who are not familiar about Yangge, it is a form of Chinese folk dance originating from the Song Dynasty, which is very popular in northern China and is one of the most representative forms of folk arts. Most dancers dress in red, green or other colorful costumes, and typically use a red skill ribbon around the waist, or use dancing fan, and etc. They will swing their bodied to music played by drum, trumpet or others.



CCA Yangge Team is practicing before the parade. Xiaobo Tang, (center of the photo) is credited as choreographer of this dance.

CCA team has received high praise the positive feedback, the host from the main judge station commented “We were so glad to see CCA coming back this year with a much bigger team and with the most colorful costume – bring great diversity to our event.”

To prepare this parade, CCA members have been working hard. “We cannot make this success without the hard work from everyone. They’ve kept practicing and practicing, regardless it’s raining or sunny, hot or chilly.” Says Jin Liu, the treasurer of CCA and also the lead of this dance, “We are so glad that we make contribution to increase the diversity of our community.”

CCA in the Southern Tier March for Babies

Liu Jin



CCA members in the event of 2016 March for Babies

CCA joined the Southern Tier March for Babies again this year. March for Babies is a charitable three mile walking event organized by the March of Dimes. About 1,100 communities across the USA join this annual event each year. The purpose of the event is to raise funds to help defeat prematurity, birth defects and infant mortality.

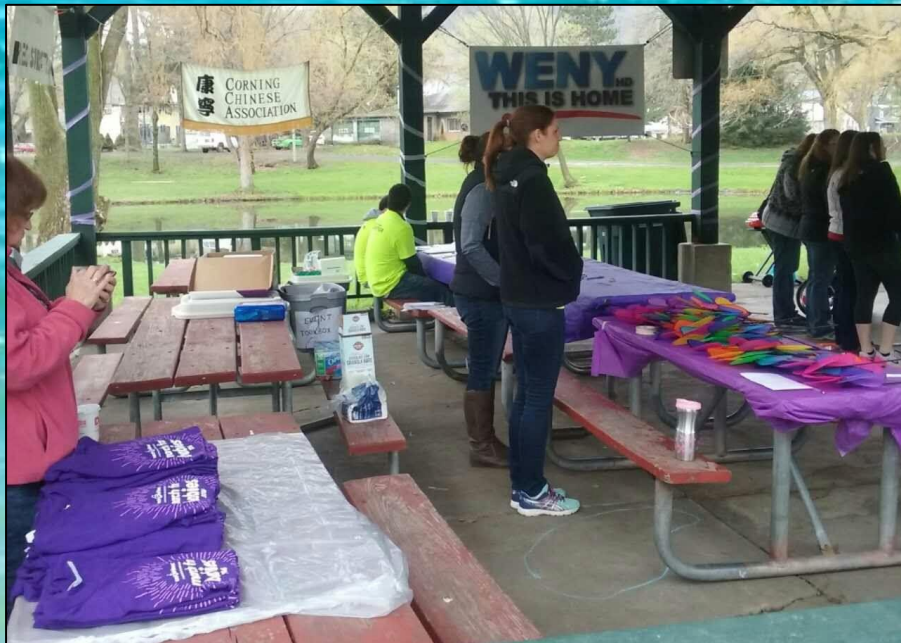
This year CCA became one of sponsor among the four sponsors including Corning® Gorilla® Glass, Corning Chinese Association, Corning Credit Union, and WENY. In this year's activity CCA raised \$712 from donation. With \$288 by CCA community funding, CCA contributed \$1,000 for the event.

Right after CCA called for the participation of March for Babies event, many CCA members showed great enthusiasm to support the event. There were 19 families or people who kindly made donation. They are Ying Li, Lin Lin, Li Yang /Zemin Zheng, Dayue Jiang, Xi Xie/ Lan Shen, Shen Niang, Aize Li/Yuhui Jin, Jin Liu/ Lijun Zou, Yuan Qu, Liying Zhang, Jia Zhang, Hanzheng Wang, Yujian Sun, Weiguo Miao, Danhong Zhong, Hui Su, Alan Dowdell, Fei Xia, Yuan Mou/En Hong, Xinyue Zheng, Shi, Xiao Mei/Sam, Jing Shao/Xiaodong Liang, Chinese School, Margie Vanleet, She Ye, Louis Jiang, Xin Wan, Xinyan Liu, Yinghong Chen. Total \$712 donation was collected that was higher than the target fund raise. With \$288 from CCA community funding, CCA contributed \$1,000 for the event.

In April 30th, many CCA members participated the three miles community walk (see photos). Our community involvement and contribution were highly recognized. Lindsey Baumler, Development Manager of March of Dimes said in her email “On behalf of all of us at the March of Dimes, thank you so much for making the Southern Tier March for Babies a huge success! Thanks to you, we are projecting to raise \$50,000 for stronger, healthier babies. Thank you also to our sponsors Corning® Gorilla® Glass, Corning Chinese Association, Corning Credit Union, and WENY! You have all made a difference in the lives of families everywhere”.

Thank you to all participants for your contribution and support in this activity. It is you who make this society more peaceful and friendly.

Being a Bronze sponsor, CCA banner was hanged at the site of 2016 March for Babies



Happy Mother's Day!

Zhang Liying

母亲节是孩子向母亲表达爱和感恩的日子,也是一个让小孩子们从小懂得爱和感恩的机会.做了母亲后更体会到孩子点滴成长带来的欣喜!正值 CCA 组织母亲节节目招募,于是脑海中突然有个疯狂的念头:“**如果两三岁**孩子们在母亲节表演节目献给妈妈们,那会是多么美的一件事情!”把这个想法和几位父母一合计:**事实上**是一拍即合!于是大家共同出主意,很快就定了曲子“**我的好妈妈**”和动作.而后开始了共计**5 次的每周一次**的练习.这个比想象的困难多了,那些 terrible two, horrible three 怎么能在周末按时起床,乖乖听话呢?是所有爸爸妈妈绞尽脑汁,想尽绝招来协助练习!可以说几乎没有缺席,即使一次下雪恶劣的天气,孩子和父母也纷纷到场.



每次练习各种糖衣炮弹全部使上,父母和孩子一起唱跳.孩子们玩的 high, 丰富了周末生活, 也很快练得初见成果.



但即使到表演那天还有些许不确定,家长们比孩子都紧张.孩子们的表现和状态在舞台上达到了最佳,献给妈妈们一份惊喜的礼物,也展示了他们的成长和小小担当!谢谢 CCA 提供这个机会和舞台,这些小小孩的练习和表演,给 2016 年母亲节添了精彩难忘的一段!



Left to right: Tony (2 years), Angela (3 years), Jessica (3 years), Xiaoyu (3 years), Michael (3 years), Anlin (2 years)

2016 Corning Chinese Intern Dinner

Wang Bo

Last Wednesday, we organized a Chinese intern gathering with senior colleagues at Market Street Brewery. This year, the intern class had a very diverse background; most of them are pursuing a Ph.D. degree. We had a great time talking and getting to know all the interns. It reminds me of myself around the same time last year, being new and fresh, and feeling excited to learn more about this new environment and colleagues. Now I am on the opposite side of the table, talking to them about my intern experience and knowledge about Corning. Corning generally wants to give them most memorable intern experience and want to let them explore this area as much as possible. Same do us. We recommended some local Chinese restaurants and supermarket nearby. The new interns are extremely interested in the beef noodle in Corning Class, which I also think is the best around this area.



At the end of the gathering, we took a nice picture of all of us. Now it is almost half way through their summer internship, we wish them all best of luck in their projects and also wish this summer experience would be one of the most cherished times of their student lives. Looking forward to seeing them again next year.

Upcoming Events

- ***Invited Speaker: Jeffery Liu***
- ***Tennis Event***
- ***Moon Festival Celebration***
- ***CCA Club Promotion***

New Members

Hello everyone! Greeting from Jen and Peter!
My name is Jen (Jing). I am from Guilin, China. I moved to New York in 2013 for graduate school and studied education in Union Graduate College. I work as a high school teacher in Watkins Glen school district. My husband Peter is from R.P.I and he works for the engineering department in Corning Inc. We are excited to be a part of the CCA family! Looking forward to meeting everyone soon!



Hello everyone, my name is Zehao Yang. I am from Shanghai, China and am in the last year of my Ph.D at RPI. with research focusing on the automation and control of a cooling system for application on electronics cooling. Here at Corning Incorporated, I am working in MCS as an intern until Aug. 12, 2016.

Hello everyone, my name is Jing Huang, I am a summer research intern in S&T on crystalline material research. I'm currently a fourth year graduate student at Virginia Tech studying polymer chemistry. It's truly a great opportunity for me to work and learn at Corning, and I've enjoyed my summer here!

