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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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CCA 2015 Survey Summary

Dear CCA members,

Few months ago we launched CCA 2015 survey to all of our members. We would like to thank those who participated for taking the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is invaluable to us as we continually strive to make CCA a better community.

We are pleased to share some highlights here with everyone.

- Total 50 feedbacks were received. Overall most of members (92%) are satisfied/OK with our work, the majority of members (94%) think it is necessary to integrate professional development into our future work.
- 78% of people who participated this survey are Corning employee, 22% are non-Corning employee; from membership type, 76% are from family member while 24% are from single member. We are pleased to see that this survey is representing our CCA total member profile.
- Chinese Cultural is the most popular event/activities of the year (96% vote), the rest are: Indoor/outdoor activities (74%); Community events (60%); Invited speaker (52%); Workshop (40%)

Best,

Lin Lin

Chair of CCA

CCA 2015 Survey Summary

	Survey for CCA members (June 2015)
CCA Vision	<i>To actively bring harmony to the Chinese community and the local community, and to bridge the Chinese and American cultures in the Southern Tier Region of New York State.</i>
CCA Mission	<i>_Facilitate networking and personal/professional development amongst the Chinese community and those who are interested in the Chinese culture _Promote Chinese culture in the Southern Tier Region of New York State _Provide a means to bridge the Chinese and American cultures</i>
	We are looking forward to hear your feedback so we can make CCA a better community!

Some selected comments and CCA feedbacks

“Build a communication platform for members to share information, ask/answer questions easily. Something like BBS + wechat”

CCA: We currently have a website www.cca-ny.org has BBS function and is available for everyone to access. For Corning internal, we just started CCA group on blueline as well.

“In terms of promoting Chinese culture and member activities, CCA does an outstanding job. But in terms of professional development and advocacy for the members, there is still room to improve.”

CCA: We are now working with HR to bring out a career development workshop for CCA members as first step. We are looking for more suggestions and ideas on how to work on professional development for CCA members.

“Instead of organizing individual events, I would like to see more focus and invest in culturing on-going activities. Like organizing a dancing team, basketball team, kids folk-dancing team, etc.”

CCA: CCA is currently having a photo club, a dancing team – we are working on make a policy to encourage more members organize different clubs.

Mid-Autumn Day Celebration

Hanzheng (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 Harris Hill Youth Camp on September 19th. 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 Jerry Zhou.



CCA Club and Winter Activity Announcement

JIA ZHANG

Dear CCA members,

As many of you may have been aware that Corning Photo Club is an active group of people who have developed same hobby and are willing to share valuable experience with club members as well as people from our local community. Photo club has been established and supported by CCA for many years. CCA has built a strong reciprocal relationship with Photo Club through long term collaboration. We would like to extend this effort to support develop common interest and build stronger connection among our community members. People who share same hobby are encouraged to unite and form clubs. The club will receive financial support from CCA each year and have responsibility to promote/facilitate CCA event/culture at the same time.

A regulation of how to process this effort is currently under development. The regulation will state rules including, for example, 1. How to form a club; 2. Club activities; 3. Funding support from CCA; 4. Relation with CCA. The details will be announced early next year. If you have an idea of forming a club it is better to start find and gather people who have the same interest with you.

Winter is coming! Weather becomes cold! Do you feel boring because outside is not convenient to do excise? Come and join us for indoor activities. CCA would like to provide an indoor place to help its members continue excising and socializing with each other. This biweekly indoor activity will be held on Saturday, 3pm-5pm. The first one starts at Nov. 7th and the place is in the gymnasium of Christian Hope Center Church (22 John St. Painted Post, NY, 14870). The gym is suitable to play basketball and other sports as well as dance etc. It would be fun to just show up and meet new friends here. We will send out the reminder several days before the activity start in case you miss it.

At the same time, if you are fans for outdoor excise we are also planning to continue organizing outdoor activities. Many of you may have already participated in the outdoor activities organized last year such as ice skating and skiing. Please pay attention to the announcement coming out from CCA. You may also be able to find related information from our website <http://www.cca-ny.org/> and Blueline. We will post upcoming activities on those platforms.

If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact Jia Zhang at zhangj17@corning.com.

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Chinese Folk Music & Dance Show

Hanzheng (Hank) Wang

On October 21, CCA co-hosted with MTE-ALG a Chinese Folk Music & Dance Live show at Painted Post Middle School on 6:30 pm. The performance is brought by Nanjing Normal University (NNU) Art Troupe from China, a professional team.

There are a total of 130 participants attending the show. During the 90 minutes show, the audience enjoyed authentic Chinese music from a variety of instruments, including Suona, Dizi, Pipa, Erhu, etc. The dancing team and soprano also earned a round applause.

This event is one of the performance series of NNU Art Troupe around the United States.

Photos were provided by Wei Xu.

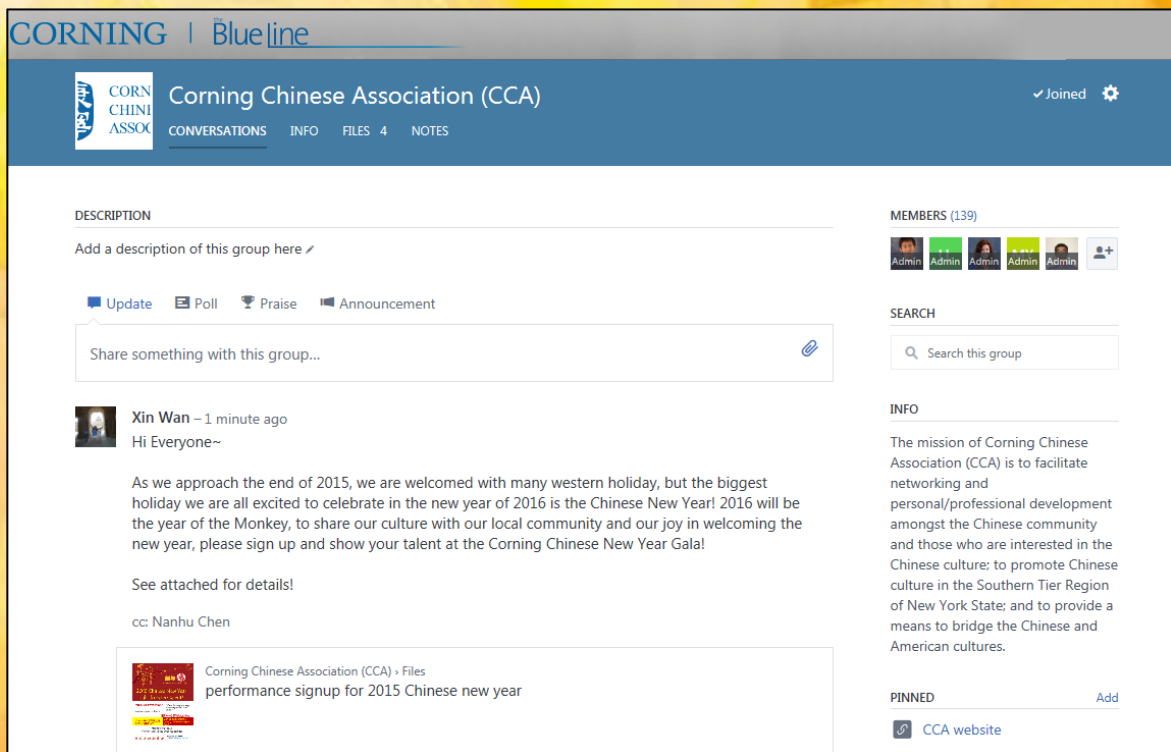
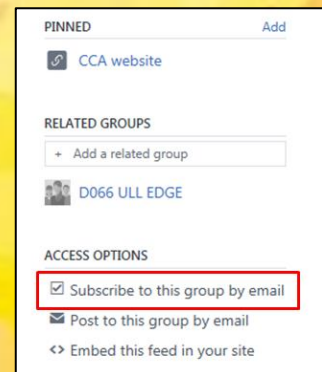


CCA Blueline Lunch and Website

Nanhu Chen

CCA has formally launched a forum on Corning's Blueline platform in early October. So far a total of 139 Corning employees have joined the group. The blueline group is open to all CCA Corning employees and CCA friends within Corning for any professional related discussion. CCA will also utilize this platform to introduce new members, recognize CCA members on their professional achievement and etc. CCA members are also encouraged to take advantage of this online forum to talk about Corning life and share interests and experiences with fellow CCA members. Blueline administrators will also help to expand selected discussions with broader Corning audience. So it is a wonderful opportunity to promote CCA, CCA members and the Chinese culture.

If you work for Corning and haven't signed up for the Blueline, it is a perfect time for you to join the big family. Log on to <https://www.yammer.com/corning.com/> within Corning network and search for Coring Chinese Association (CCA). For CCA members can subscribe to the group by email on the right panel of CCA Blueline page under "Access Options" to receive the latest news without logging into Blueline.



CCA Official Website Looking for Volunteer Editors and Contributors

Many of the CCA members may have experienced the new CCA official website that was launched early this year. The new website has the same domain name www.cca-ny.org and is maintained actively by the CCA committee members and volunteers. Since the launch of the new website, more than 10 people that were new to the company and the Corning area have reached out to CCA for assistance and introduction of the area.

Currently the CCA website has five major sections including CCA introduction, CCA upcoming event announcement, the latest news, CCA archived newsletters and a forum for any discussion outside of the company. You can post any yard sales events, house listing, etc. on this brand new forum. For any discussion posted in this forum, CCA will help with the promotion via Blueline, mass email broadcasting and other appropriate channels.

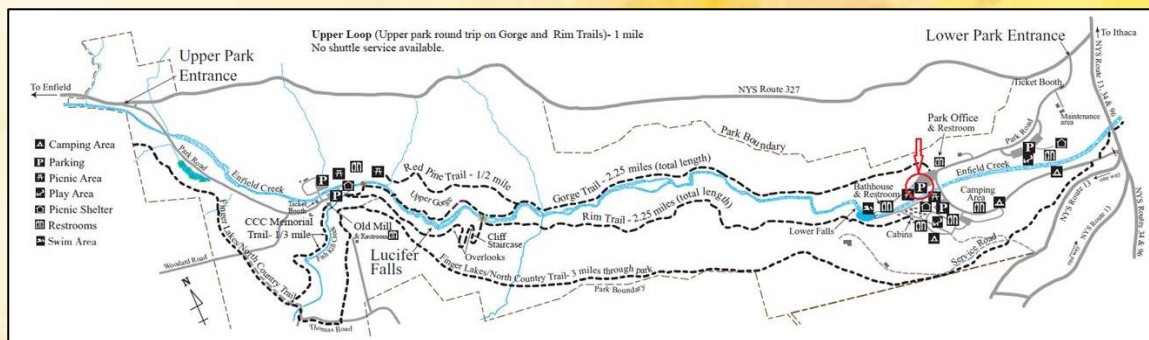
CCA aims to position the website as an information exchange platform to better serve our existing members and help recruiting new members. Therefore, we are planning to expand the website content to include some Corning life guides to better serve our current and new members in the area. We are also looking for volunteers and content contributors to report local news and events, share your thoughts and opinions on specific topics, etc.



CCA COMMITTEE TEAM BUILDING EVENT

Xin Wan

On October 24th, CCA committee member and CCA advisors held a team building event at Robert H. Treman State Park. Although the sun was hidden behind the clouds and the wind was light, the committee members along with their family were excited to hike through the colorful forest. After arriving around 11 am, the team together decided to hike down “Gorge Trail”, a total length of 2.25 miles.



Along the trail, the team members shared their hiking favorites and bonded over the stories, and helping others cross difficult paths. The best part was when they helped others to take pictures in front of the beautiful gorges. While the hiking distance is long, happy time always passes by quickly. The hike was completed within 3 hours.



Even the young little hikers that came along did a wonderful job keeping up; they brought the most laughter and joy to the journey. If you are someone who enjoys being outside, CCA highly recommend you to take the opportunity next year during a nice sunny day to visit the park.

New Members

Hello everyone, this is Shengbo Gu, also go by the name Colin. I grew up in Qidong, JiangSu Province and did my undergrad in Nanjing. After graduating with a bachelor degree in Agricultural Science back in 2009, I joined Nestle to start my career. I spent four years at Nestle in sales and marketing function, and came to the States to earn my MBA at Cornell University in 2013. I was a summer intern here at Corning last year in Emerging Innovations Group, and came back on August this year as a full-time employee.

I enjoy music and now begin to learn how to play guitar. If you happen to be interested in playing guitar as well, please feel free to give me a shout! knowing you further.



Hi what's up? This is Xiaole Cheng. I graduated from University of Southern Mississippi with a PhD in Polymer Science. After graduation, I joined Corning as a development scientist in Optical Communication AR&D group since July 2015. I like sports, fishing, and travelling in my free time. It is a great pleasure to join this big community. I look forward to meeting you!



New Born Members



Left: Amory and Adam

Children of Shirley Zhu & Chunfeng Zhou

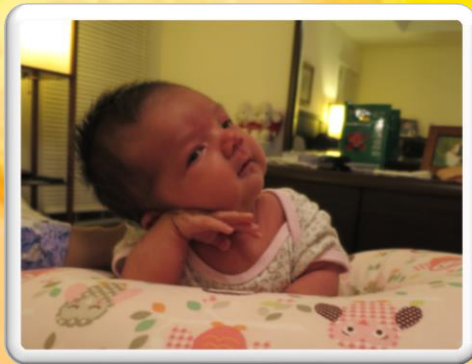
Amory Daochun Zhou was born on 8/8/2015. He was 7lb 5oz at the birth. Big brother Adam welcomed his baby brother first day at home. Their nicknames are Da-Fu and Da-Li.

Right: Alice

Xiaotian and Mengying are the proud parents of a baby girl!

Alice Zou was born Friday, Oct 23, 2015

She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz.



Left: Abbie

Daughter of the Xueyan family

Up Coming Events

- *CCA Vice Chair Nomination*
- *2016 New Year Celebration Call for Performance*
- *CCA Career Development Workshop*