

# Fort Wayne Chinese Families & Friends Association Newsletter

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## 2009 – 2010 Officers

Being new FWCFFA officers, we will abide by the bylaws and do our best to serve our members. We are very glad to see the growth of Chinese families and friends in the greater Fort Wayne area over the past couple of years. Especially, we are very happy for the recent establishment of the Chinese Club in IPFW – a new organization along with our Association, Chinese Christian Church of Fort Wayne, and Fort Wayne Chinese School. In the new year, the Association will continue to promote collaboration between local Chinese groups like we did with Chinese School since last year. The Association will also continue to encourage its members to contribute their talent to serve, participate in activities to support, and enjoy the fellowship to encourage each other in the local society. We believe our Association and the local society will have another year of success with our members' contribution, participation, support, and encouragement. We welcome your suggestions and comments regarding our Association. Please feel free to contact us if you have any concerns. Thank you.

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## 2009 Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration Party

The FWCFFA hosted a Mid-Autumn Festival celebration party on October 3, 2009. The party was held in the cafeteria of the IPFW Walb Union due to the remodeling of the boardroom. More than 120 members and friends participated and enjoyed.

The cafeteria was decorated with special Chinese red lanterns to create Chinese festival atmosphere. In addition to good food, fruit, and moon-cakes, the FWCFFA event coordinator officers presented a slide-and-video show during the party to summarize our activities during the year of 2009. The activities we participated in the 2009 include: ping-pong tournament, Karaoke contest, FAME culture exchange showcase, and three river festival parade. Those who participated in the fore-mentioned activities enjoyed a lot.

We are very thankful for all the support and cooperation we received from members and friends as well as local organizations. Without the monetary grants provided by Arts United, our Association would not have fund to purchase all the cultural items we currently own. Those cultural items have been used in many occasions including the three-river festival parade to represent Chinese culture. Similarly, we would not have such a wonderful place to gather together as a group if there is no help and sponsorship from many IFPW staffs and leaders.

Special thanks went to the IPFW Chancellor, Dr. Wartell, his wife, and other leaders and their family for their presence at the celebration party. Dr. Wartel gave a speech to bless and encourage our Association. We are very grateful for his support.

One important event in every Mid-Autumn festival celebration party is the election of the next-term FWCFFA president. The nomination process has been completed prior to the party according to the bylaws. Li-Ming Lin Liu was elected as the next-term president.

The last but not the least activity in the party is the door prize drawing. There were 14 attendees who received a prize prepared by the Association. The party was a success and it won much compliment from people who attended.

### **Special Thanks for Donation**

- 1) Taiwan 88 flood relief fund – The Association thanks the following families for their donation to Taiwan 88 Flood Relief Fund: Mr. & Mrs. Zhanfu Duan, Mr. & Mrs. Hanzhang Fei, Mr. & Mrs. Wilson Liang, Mr. & Mrs. David Liu, Mr. & Mrs. Vel Petrovic, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Yang, and Mr. & Mrs. Ralph D’Onofrio. Collectively, the Association contributed \$700 to the relief fund. The contribution was sent to Taiwan through the World Journal in New York.
- 2) The Association thanks Mr. & Mrs. Scott Moor for their donation to the Association.

### **Summarized Minutes of the First Officer Meeting**

The last meeting of the 2008 - 2009 officers and the first meeting of 2009 - 2010 officers was held in the evening of November 23, 2008. Our goal for this coming year is to continue to serve our members and bring more involvement and collaboration among members, friends, and local Chinese groups. Here is a summary of the meeting minutes:

- 1) The previous treasurer updated our current financial status. The new president and the new treasurer will be listed on our bank business account with the current names removed;
- 2) Officers will update our members list and e-mail distribution list;
- 3) Officers will create an inventory list for our Chinese culture items;
- 4) Officers will promote the use of our website for information exchange;
- 5) Chinese New Year celebration party is scheduled on Feb. 20, 2010 at IPFW. Officers will start to prepare this event immediately;
- 6) In addition to the Chinese New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival parties, officers will plan for ping-pong game(s), karaoke contest(s), Dragon Boat festival picnic, three river festival parade, and FAME if the conditions allow. Officers will use the web information channel to host activities such as gardening and cooking.