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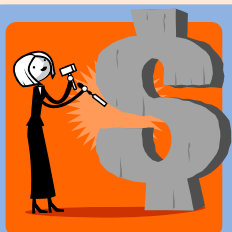
2009 Chinese New Year Celebration Party

We had a wonderful Chinese New Year celebration party on Feb. 1, 2009. Although we are in tough times with the global economy, the bull of the Chinese New Year still brought

many joyful moments. The party attendees enjoyed chatting with friends while snacking on salad and cakes. Colorful balloons decorated all of Walb Ballroom at IPFW, making the atmosphere all the more joyful. The Chinese dumplings prepared by the families of Yi Wang, Jing Liu and Zhanfu Duan tempted us with more traditional Chinese foods. Our local Chinese restaurants, *Great Wall China Buffet II* and *Golden China*, provided us with delicious foods at discount prices. The well-prepared performances added special and fun moments to our celebration. We would like to thank all the members and friends for their support, participation and contributions.

Special thanks to our children from the Fort Wayne Chinese School. In addition, thanks for the many donations from our members and friends. They are:

Lawrence Lee
Chaoqian Li
Wilson Liang
Vincent Maloney
Scott Moor
Jiaxin Zhao
Andy Huang
Kelly Shafer
Taimin Chen



Mini-grant from United Art

A \$3000 mini-grant fund from United Art has already been approved. It will be deposited into the FWCFFA account soon. This is great news for the association. We can use this money to buy Chinese props and costumes for our activities to promote Chinese cultural



New Web Site for FWCFF

Thanks to our Webmaster, Hangzhang Fei's diligent work and excellent design, our new website is ready for our members and the public to browse. The new web address is <http://www.fortwaynechinese.org>.

We changed our web address from .com to .org, since it is more fitting to the nature of our association. On the new website, you can find the association's latest news and event bulletins, as well as photos collected from previous activities. If you have any comments or suggestions for our organization, you can [contact us](#) through our website. This is a new way to contact our association's officers. Another new feature on our website is the "[Info Channel](#)" through which our members and friends can share and exchange information. You can post your advertisements or special needs in the Channel, as long as they will benefit our members and are not for commercial purposes. Please send your information to our officers – they will judge the appropriateness of the posting and place it on the website.

The [bylaws](#) of our association are available on the website in English and Chinese versions. Anyone can join our organization by filling out the registration form online (or downloading it), printing it out, and returning it to the location indicated on the form.



Ping-Pong Tournament

Through excellent planning and meticulous organization by head coach Jianjin Li, our ping-pong tournament was held on Feb. 14, 2009, at the Three Rivers Table Tennis Club located at Messiah Lutheran Church. This was a very successful event with a gathering of about 40 people.

exchange with local communities. Thanks to Yan Liu for preparing the detailed materials to apply for this grant. Also thanks to Yifei Pan for contacting United Arts to renew this funding, which expanded from last year.



Upcoming Events

1. Distribution of our new members list in March 2009.
2. Collecting photos from the 2009 Chinese New Year celebration party. Please select the best pictures you took (up to 10) and send them to our [webmaster](#). We will post them on our website.
3. Preparing for the Dragon Boat (Duan Wu) Festival and karaoke contest. The details will be announced later.
4. Participating in multi-cultural exchange activities, especially the Three Rivers Parade, etc. See separate announcement for further information.

Among them were 17 registered formal ping-pong players and more than 10 informal players. Most of the informal players were children. Every attendee had a great time. The final winners for the male, female, and youth groups were:

Male: Aijun Zhu

Female: Ying Lu

Youth: Kelia Li

This event was reported in our local newspaper, the *Journal Gazette*, on Feb. 15, 2009. You can find the entire article on our new website:

http://fortwaynechinese.org/events/pingpong_JournalNews.html