



# Fort Wayne Chinese Families & Friends Association

## Newsletter

2009-08



### Chinese Dragon Boat Festival Celebration and Karaoke Contest

This year, FWCFFA took a fresh approach to celebrating the Chinese Dragon Boat festival by organizing a Karaoke Contest.

Chinese folk song singing has always been among the most popular traditional activities in many Chinese regional celebrations. We adopted this enjoyable entertainment form into Karaoke Contest this year with the theme "Enjoying the Summer Together". Six singers competed in the Theater of Main Library of Fort Wayne Downtown. Every singer gave a great performance. The singers were judged by the audience, and the final winners are:

First place: Yihao Den

Second Place: Xuilin Yan

Third Places: Kelia Lee, Ying Lu, Guoping Wang, Wen Lu

Also enjoyable was a moment in this activity when Xui Ran and Brad presented their slide show. The newly-wed couple gave a humorous account on how they got to know each other from the Internet, as well as their first trip to China. Larry Zhao's violin performance renewed our memory of the beautiful Chinese music. The activity was very successful. All people like this new taste.



### 88 Flood Donation for Taiwan

Heavy rain during the weekend of August 8 in southern Taiwan dumped by the Typhoon Morakat has created a big disaster there. The official death toll in Taiwan as of today is around 500 but there are still people missing or waiting for help. Many villagers lost their homes and are still in danger of mudslide and barrier lakes. The rain falling on Taiwan over the three days is more than the annual rain fall of the island! The 80 inches (two meters) of rain results in the worst flooding on Taiwan in 50 years (or even 200 years)! Although we can't control weather, we can at least make efforts to help others in this disaster.

If you would like to donate collectively, please forward your donation to our Treasurer:

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### 2009 Three Rivers Festival Parade

To promote Chinese culture exchange with local communities, FWCFFA participated in the 41th Three Rivers Festival (TRF) parade this year on July 11. With the announcement "The royal colors of red and yellow, the gorgeous traditional Chinese costumes, the playful lions and dragon, the skillful drummers and kung-fu performers- they all vividly represent the essence of Chinese culture of five thousand years. That essence, in a nutshell, embodies unity in diversity and wisdom in subtlety", our whole parade team was broadcast live on TV for more than 30 seconds. With everyone's excellent performance, we won the Second Place award in this year's TRF Parade. FWCFFA thanks to all the volunteer participants and especially Vesna Petrovic. She gave up the opportunity to compete in the track and field sport game of Indiana for our parade. We would also like to point out our new comer Fang Fang. She arrived in Fort Wayne just one week when she joined our parade. Many thanks also go to Yi Wang for ordering and bringing over 50 sets of beautiful Chinese costumes back from China before this parade.



### Chinese School

Chine School will start the Fall semester on September 13. Please see our Chinese School section in our website to find more information.



### Upcoming Events

Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration

Time: 5:00 pm, October 3rd, 2009

Place: Walb Union, IPFW

We will soon send out registration form, performance form, and new FWCFFA president nomination form. Please watch out for our next e-mail or letter for more details.