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TCCFA announces varied program

As we begin our fifth year, the Board of Directors has prepared a year of entertaining and informative meetings.

The 2012/2013 season will see us host a couple of special banquets, offer lectures by our members on areas of their special expertise, welcome highly qualified guest speakers, and join forces with another local organization for a joint presentation.

This newsletter outlines the speakers, topics, and dates for the whole year, so that members can plan ahead to attend.

As always, the Board welcomes your comments and suggestions. What topics, speakers, activities, or format would entice you to attend? or to invite a friend to attend? Do you know someone who could make an interesting presentation? Would you be willing to take a meeting (or half meeting) to discuss an area you have experience in?

We also welcome your input regarding the time and location for our meetings. What is important to you? a certain area of the city? TTC access? parking? elevators? Let us know.

Time to Renew!

Our program year runs from September to May, with the Annual Fall Banquet, timed to celebrate Chinese National Day, as the first of our get-togethers. This is also the time to renew your

membership for the year. The rates are as follows:

Individual: \$25, Family \$35

Senior / Student \$15

Sustaining Member \$50

The fees cover the costs for rental of meeting rooms and equipment, refreshments, printing, photocopying, and mailing, banquet guests, advertising, and supplies.

A New Form for our Name

At the last meeting of the Board, the Directors voted to change the last two characters of the Chinese translation of our name, Toronto Canada-China Friendship Association. The new form now reads

多伦多加中友好协会,

Duōlúnduō Jiā-Zhōng Yǒuhǎo Xiéhuì.

We believe this better expresses the English word "association".

Visit our website www.tccfa.org for news, updates, info about upcoming meetings, and pictures of past events.

October

For our Annual Banquet in October we will once again meet at the Sky Dragon Restaurant to make a grand start to the year as we (belatedly) celebrate Chinese National Day.

We are pleased to host 4 members of the Chinese Consulate staff, including Deputy Consul General Zhang Meifang, Consul Wang Luo, and Consul Mu Jianfeng.

The menu promises a delicious array of Chinese specialities. Jason Kao will entertain us with his guitar.

Annual Banquet, October 15, 2012

6:30 pm cash bar; 7:00 pm dinner

Combination Platter Appetizer

International cuisine: Shrimp tempura, BBQ pork and Fried Wonton

“On Golden Pond”—Corn and Chicken Thick Soup

Cow Huddled in a Bird’s Nest

Stirred Fried Choice Beef on a Knitted Potato “Nest”

Crimson Phoenix

Fried Plump Chicken to Superb Tenderness & Crispiness

Lobster Duo

Twin Lobsters Sautéed in Piquant Onion & Ginger

Five Treasures Poisson— Sweet and Sour Pickerel

Fried Rice Magnificence

Fried Rice Embellished with Lentil, Shrimp & BBQ Pork

E-Fu Noodle Fried Noodle with a Hint of Leek Savour

Sweets— Soup of red bean puree

December

Friendship Forums in Changchun & Chendu

2 pm Sunday December 9, 2012; OISE Room 5150

In September, 2 of our TCCFA Directors, Michael Copeland and Deanna Yeung, participated in a Friendship Forum in Changchun and a Conference in Chendu. They were part of the 12-member Canadian delegation, organized by the Federation of



Deanna Yeung, Treasurer, was participating in her first forums hosted by the Chinese People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

Michael Copeland, Director, also represented our Toronto group as a delegate. As an “old China hand” he has participated in several such conferences in China.



Canada-China Friendship Associations. As our representatives, part of their commitment is to report back to the members about the conferences.

Delegations from Canada, the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, and a number of smaller countries were invited by CPAFFC, known colloquially as “Youxie”, to discuss the theme “Understanding, Sharing, Win-Win” at the Forum in Changchun, situated in what we call Manchuria. Youxie and the China International Friendship Cities Association hosted the Chendu conference, titled “Happy City, Green Life”.

At the December meeting, our 2 delegates will report on the trip, the conferences, travel, and events. They will include a slideshow with their presentation.

November

When Art Meets Friendship
2 pm November 4, 2012; OCAA Gallery

Our search for an interesting presentation on Chinese art has resulted in a joint meeting of the TCCFA and the OCAA, the Ontario Chinese Artists Association. The OCAA has invited us to their gallery, 3838 Midland Avenue, Unit 102, Scarborough. Three of their artists will present their work, explaining the different traditional techniques involved. After the presentations, refreshments will be served, and we'll have a chance to chat with their members about their ongoing creative output: how much is tradition? how much is an expression of modern Canadian life? There is lots of free parking in the mall area behind the building, but the entrance to the Gallery is on Midland, south of Steeles, north of McNicoll.



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書畫友好雅集

中國的文人雅士,每每以文會友,經常相約雅聚,即席揮毫,或字或畫、或詩或印;亦有攜同作品,互相觀摩,彼此交流,舊雨新知,會聚一堂,以藝交心,樂也融融。



安省中國美術會為向主流社會介紹中國的書畫雅集文化,以及推廣美術。現與加中友好協會 (TCCFA) 攜手合作,特舉辦書畫友好雅集

日期訂於 11 月 4 日(星期日)下午 2 時 4 時於安省中國美術會 內進行。內容有書法、國畫花鳥、山水及油畫示範及展覽。除有專人以英語作簡略介紹外。並有專業人士將全部示範過程拍攝錄影。敬備茶點,歡迎各界蒞臨參觀。

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Mark your calendar for these events and plan to attend

February

New Year's DimSum and Movie
6:30 pm Monday February 4, 2013; Sky Dragon

To celebrate the arrival of the Year of the Snake, we will meet for a dimsum feast and movie at the Sky Dragon Restaurant. Last year's celebration was a great success, so we're looking forward to another festive evening of food, door prizes, and a famous Chinese movie. This year we plan to show Zhang Yimou's 1994 classic, *To Live*, "a sweeping historical drama about a family's turmoil in the communist era".

This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends to get to know the TCCFA.

March

A Pearl on the Ridge of the World
2 pm Sunday March 17, 2013; Location TBA

Toronto has its CN Tower, London has Big Ben, Pisa has a Leaning Tower, but the landmark that dominates Lhasa, Tibet is the Potala Palace. Our Globetrotting Treasurer, Deanna Yeung, will entertain us with a presentation about this world-renowned structure. Based on her own experience, and well backed with facts and figures, her talk is sure to be full of interesting details and well illustrated. Come and add your own experiences to the discussion that follows.

April

Chinese Poetry
2 pm Sunday April 14, 2013; Location TBA

Richard Lee is both a teacher and a poet. After a career teaching Chinese Language and Literature in Hong Kong, he came to Canada, where he shares his expertise and passion for poetry with seniors through poetry appreciation courses. A poet himself, he and his students have published three Chinese anthologies showcasing their work. Join us for an entertaining presentation on a fascinating subject.

May

AGM and Book Reports
2 pm Sunday May 12, 2013; Location TBA

As the year's events draw to a close, it's time once again to hear the reports from the Board of Directors, and to elect a Board to serve for the next year. This year the Board has consisted of the following members: Hermine Borduas *Secretary*, Michael Copeland *Membership*, Harry Lee *Special Events Organizer*, Steven Radnik *Webmaster*, Marlene Ritchie *Contact*, and Deanna Yeung *Treasurer*. The President was Sandra Whittall. Will you consider serving on the Board for a year? We welcome new directors with new ideas. Following the election, members will present reports on books related to China and discuss them with the group. Have you read a book you would like to share with us? Contact Sandra at sandraw@interlog.com to volunteer.
