

CAANH NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Shelter Rock School Diversity Day

April 29, 2009

Manhasset SCA Fair

May 2 -3, 2009
Munsey Park Field

Bowling Party

May 22, 2009
See attached flyer for details

CAANH Scholarship Winners

Will be announced on
website in June

Art Contest

is being planned
for 2009-2010
Details to be announced

2009 Twelfth Annual Gala

CAANH held their 12th annual gala at Leonard's in Great Neck on March 21, 2009 and had in attendance over 200 guests. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful evening beginning with cocktails and drinks followed by dinner and dancing to music provided by a popular DJ. After welcoming remarks from co-presidents Alice Chan and Lana Choy, the board of CAANH was introduced.



The program included a dance performance, *Paso Doble*, by Sean & Vivian. The keynote speaker was Ginny Gong, former president of OCA National and author of a book about her Chinese laundry experience. County Executive Tom Suozzi sent his representative, Ali Mirza, who presented CAANH with a citation for excellence in promoting cultural awareness and education of Chinese culture and traditions. Other notable guests included Superintendent Dr. Bierwirth of Herricks Schools, Councilman Angelo Ferraro, Legislator Wayne Wink and Legislator Judi Bosworth.

This annual event would not be possible without the support of our generous sponsors. Silver sponsors included Dr. James Cui, Everlasting Distributors, Inc., Shanghai Commercial Bank Ltd., Starside Drugs & Surgicals, Yung Kee Group, Mrs. Tai Wang, and Mr. Jeffrey Wu.

Bronze sponsors included DePinto Realtors, Dr. Roland Nyein & Mrs. Lila Nyein, OCA-Long Island, SPK Construction, Summit Associates, Dr. Stephen Wan & Mrs. Eva Wan, and Wonton Food, Inc.

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Cheung of Lisa International, Inc. generously donated \$1,000 after attending the gala. Other donors contributed wonderful raffle gifts. The Board is grateful for all the generous sponsorships and donations, and the presence of all those who came to make the gala a huge success.

Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in joining our board or if you want to help in organizing future events, please contact Alice Chan or Lana Choy at our website.

2009 Herricks Lunar New Year Celebration

Contributions by Justin Wan and Nicholas Wan of Herricks High School

On the evening of February 7th, the entrance of Herricks High School was decorated to celebrate the eighth annual Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration. Every year, the Asian American Cultural Club hosts a celebration, sponsored by the Chinese American Association of North Hempstead (CAANH), to commemorate the New Year.

Prior to the performances, the open Ping Pong Tournament and the first Chinese Chess Tournament was held, attracting participants of all ages.

At seven o'clock, the ceremony opened with the sound of steady drumming. As the lions made their ways toward the bleachers, the enthusiastic crowd exploded with applause and energy.

Wearing customary Chinese costumes, Principal Dr. MODOONO, Ms. Keegan and Mr. Frisone made their way around the gym, tossing gold chocolate nuggets. Dr. MODOONO wished everyone "Gong Xi Fa Cai," which means Happy New Year in Mandarin.

The next act consisted of a duet from two music students, Kevin Louie and Andrew Chaung, who captured the audience's ears with Tan Dun's famous theme from the film, "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

Upbeat music jumpstarted the audience as a cloaked figure made its way into the center of the gym. On his face was a mask, decorated with intricate designs. The magician



paraded around to show the audience the mask and with a swift movement of his hand, his face was replaced with a new mask. Mask after mask, the performer, Mr. Li Peng, continued to awe the amazed spectators.

The crowd roared as four brilliant Shaolin martial artists demonstrated the graceful yet aggressive art of kung fu. Two of the performers were Herricks's own Brennan Chu and Albert Le.

Also new this year was the Chinese opera show that demon-

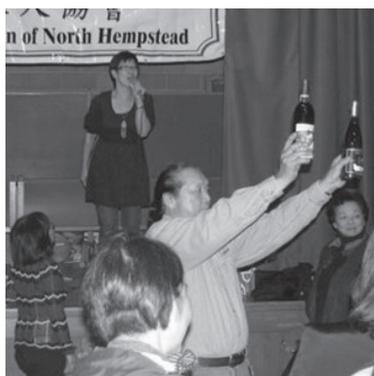
strated the ancient art. Accompanied by a quartet consisting of traditional Chinese instruments, the crowd was amazed.

As in every year of the Chinese New Year Festival, Chinese Yo-Yo's gained the attention of the crowd's eyes as the steady hands of the performers expertly manipulated the Yo-Yo.

The finale was the Chinese Flag Dance, performed by a group of Herricks students, impressing the crowd.

After the performances, the gym emptied its customers into an exhibition of different stalls of games, arts and crafts, and allowed the audience to put themselves in the performers' shoes. One of the spectators, Catherine Choy, found the overall celebration to be a "marvelous and entertaining spectacle" and that it gave "insight on the Chinese culture especially for the youth in the audience."

Welcome Party



household items, liquor, toys and attic treasures donated by member families. With co-president Lana Choy as auctioneer, active bidding took place, and many happy people went home with great gifts at bargain prices. Approximately 150 people including children attended this fun party, and all had a grand time.

CAANH kicked off the new term with a Welcome Party for members at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hyde Park on November 1, 2008. There was a delicious buffet dinner with specialty dishes catered by West-East Bistro located in Hicksville. After the meal, a lively auction was held with

CAANH Events at Munsey Park

By Angela Lee



On January 26th, the Year of the Ox at Munsey Park School started with dim sum for the entire school staff. All 44 classes received novels with references to Chinese culture, a disc of Dr. Kendall's trip to Beijing, and bookmarks with Chinese characters for all students.

On International Day held on March 25th, students visited different countries all under one roof. Co-chaired by Catarina Moy, the students visited the China booth to get the China flag on their passports, Chinese character keychains, and were entertained with riddles and the chopstick challenge. Thanks to Angela Lee, Amy Lee, Cindy Yung, Jane Soohoo and Winnie Yang for organizing this on behalf of CAANH.