

CAANH NEWS

Chinese American Association of North Hempstead

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Joy Fu Chinese Senior Program

Clinton G. Martin Park
October 3—December 19 on Mondays

Bowling Night

Syosset Lanes
November 4, 2011
8:00—10:00 PM

Champions for Charity

<http://www.championsforcharity.org>
December 1—3, 2011

Eleventh Herricks Annual Chinese New Year Celebration

Herricks High School Gym
February 11, 2012

CAANH's 15th Annual Gala

Swan Club
March 17, 2012

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UPCOMING EVENTS!**

Support the CAANH's Team at Making Strides Against Breast Cancer!

We're delighted to announce that CAANH joined the American Cancer Society/Asian Initiatives by participating in the *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* walk on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at Jones Beach State Park. Our goal is to raise breast cancer awareness as well as funds for breast cancer research, prevention, and treatment services. If you would still like to donate, you can link to the CAANH Strides team at www.caanhli.org. Simply click on "Donate to our Team" or "Join our Team," and make a difference by contributing. Any support is heartily appreciated and would take us further in the fight against breast cancer!

CAANH's 14th Annual Gala

The Chinese Association of North Hempstead held their 14th annual gala at the Crest Hollow Country Club on the evening of March 12, 2011, where 175 guests enjoyed a wonderful evening. Attendees socialized over cocktails and drinks followed by dinner and dancing. Guests were entertained by wonderful music provided by "Sound Connection" of Long Island, and fabulous ballroom dance performances by talented dancers Ms. Cindy Liu and Mr. Lee Bradley. In addition, Ms. Pei Shan gave an exotic belly dance performance followed by lessons. Co-presidents Lana Choy and Gloria Juang welcomed many officials from the Town of North Hempstead including Supervisor Jon Kaiman, Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos, Councilwoman Maria Christina Poons and Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel. Other notable guests included a representative from Senator Jack Martins' office and Republican candidate for office, Mr. Lee Tu. This event was made possible by the generous support of our sponsors. Silver sponsors included Dr. James Cui and Dr. Jackson H. Kuan. Bronze sponsors included Shanghai Commercial Bank Ltd (plus an additional \$500 of book donations to three Herricks elementary schools on behalf of CAANH), Metlife Insurance Company, NY Hospital Queens, OCA-Long Island, SPK Lewis Construction, St. Jude Medical, Summit Associates, and Wonton Food, Inc. Other donations from Emily Facial, Oogie Art, Inc., Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Wan, SCC learning Company, Inc., Premier Aptitude and Mr. Lee Tu were very much appreciated.



Special thanks to sponsors: Gene Woo (OCA-LI), Dr. James Cui, Dr. Jackson Kuan, Ms. Jenny Kwong, Dr. George Juang, and Gregory Gardellis (Summit Associates) pictured with Co-Presidents Dr. Gloria Juang and Lana Choy.

An Artistic Journey through the Ancient Symbols

The Chinese American Association of North Hempstead (CAANH) with the Town of North Hempstead, Manhasset and Herricks schools presented an art exhibit entitled *An Artistic Journey through the Ancient Symbols* at the North Hempstead Town Hall from April 18 to May 5 with the award reception and ceremony held on May 3, 2011. Students from first to twelfth grades submitted art work, which included paintings, watercolors, sketches, calligraphy and photographs depicting ancient Chinese symbols and characters. This event was a huge success due to the hard work of our students, as well as the dedication and cultural awareness of the arts by teachers, administrators, and officials of the Town Board and the Town of North Hempstead. This well attended event was praised by Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman with his remarks: "Our young people's participation in endeavors like this, and the upcoming film festival gives me high hope of North Hempstead becoming one of the area's primary centers for the arts in the near future."



Pictured are art teachers of the Herricks and Manhasset school districts, representatives of the Town of North Hempstead, and CAANH board members.

Chinese-American Night

Chinese American Night was held at the Lakeside Theatre at Eisenhower Park on June 5th, 2011. This is part of the International Music Nights series hosted by the Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano. The evening was organized and emceed by Helen Chin of the Chinese Center on Long Island (CCLI) with programming supported by CCLI, OCA-LI, and CAANH. Gloria Juang and Ting Ting Dai of CAANH were honored at the event for their services to the Chinese American community.



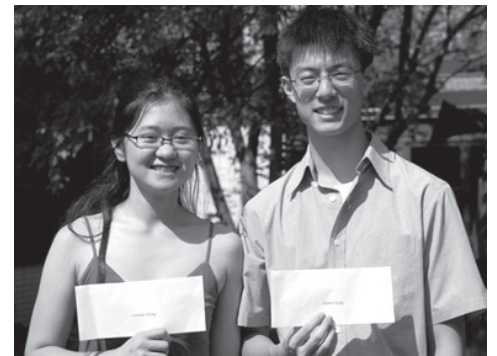
CAANH members honored: Dr. Gloria Juang and Ting Ting Dai along with other members of the community received citations from Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano.

Joy Fu

CAANH with the Town of North Hempstead and the RAYS Foundation for Seniors co-sponsored *Joy Fu*, a new Chinese American Senior Program, with the inaugural meeting held on June 6, 2011 at Michael J. Tully Park in New Hyde Park. This program was free and provided free transportation for Manhasset and Herricks seniors. Many seniors participated in events covering cultural arts, mahjong, board games, tai chi, arts and crafts, guest speakers, karaoke, and music. There were four sessions in the month long pilot program. Town officials including Town Clerk Leslie Gross and Tax Collector Charles Berman dropped by to meet seniors at the kickoff session.

2011 CAANH Scholarship Winners

As in the past, we are delighted to recognize outstanding students from Herricks and Manhasset school districts for academic excellence and community service. This year, the winners from Herricks are Darren Kang and Lorraine Wong. Manhasset winners are Timothy (Jun Kit) He and Alexandra Borden. Each winner was awarded with a check of \$500.



Lorraine Wong & Darren Kang of Herricks



Timothy He & Alexandra Borden of Manhasset

Herricks' 10th Anniversary of the Lunar New Year Festival

On February 12th, 2011, the Herricks High School gym was filled with more than 1000 people, all gathered to watch the annual Lunar New Year Festival hosted by Herricks High School's Asian American Cultural Club. The event was sponsored by the Chinese American Association of North Hempstead (CAANH) with a grant by the former New York State Senator Craig Johnson. The celebration exposed the Chinese Lunar New Year culture through performances, arts and crafts, and Chinese Yo-Yo lessons.

The celebration began in the afternoon with a Chinese Chess Tournament and a Ping-Pong Tournament. In the evening, the show started out with the lion dance, accompanied by the sonorous drum, cymbals and gong. The audience was then welcomed by Ms. Trisha Ho—advisor of the Asian American Cultural Club, Mrs. Lana Choy—the Co-President of CAANH, and New York State Senator Jack Martins. Following this, Principal Dr. Jane MODOONO and Assistant Principals Mr. Andrew Frisone and Mr. Bryan Hodge came out in traditional Chinese clothing to perform the *Bai Nian*, a Chinese New Year greeting. The administrators tossed out candy to an audience that was on its feet with their arms stretched out.

The night was filled with singing of all age groups. Elementary school students from the Saturday Recreation Sing-Along Class sang *He Xin Nian* and *Hong Cai Mei Mei* with adorable little dance moves. Then, Herricks' two 9th grade Chinese classes came out to sing *Tomorrow Will Be Better*, a song inspired by the single *We are the World* written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie. Afterward, Herricks High School's Men's Choir sang the popular song *Tong Hua*, a love song written by Guang Liang.

In addition to singing, Herricks' students also had performances of the Chinese Yo-Yo and the Chinese Drum Dance. The Chinese Yo-Yo team captured the audience with its high level tricks that the team makes it look easy to do. The Chinese Drum Dance had a combination of grace and sophistication. The ten girls walked with elegance

and captivated their audience with the beats of their drums. Moreover, five college students showed their spectacular moves on their Wushu performance which was another highlight of the evening.

Professional performances included a magic show, and a performance by Happy Chef. Happy Chef, a performer from last year's show, came back with new and seemingly impossible acts! Not only was he able to balance a wine bottle on the handle of a spatula held up by his mouth, but also able to flip the wine bottle so that the neck of the wine bottle fell on the handle of a spatula, without using his hands! This crowd favorite performance was impressive.

To celebrate the 10th year anniversary, two large cakes were presented and distributed at the end of the show. Throughout these past ten years, the show grew and grew. The first festival was held in Searingtown Elementary School and Center Street Elementary School, respectively. The second festival was held in the Shelter Rock Public Library. As the event grew bigger and bigger, it moved to the Herricks High School Gymnasium. Back in 2002, the Lantern Dance and the Chinese Yo-Yo performance were the only two groups with Herricks performers, and the rest were all hired performances. This year, six of the performances were performed by Herricks students and only two groups were hired. The Chinese Yo-Yo team, who for the last two years had members from Great Neck South HS, now consists of only Herricks High School students.

As the show grows, so does the audience. The NYS Senator, Herricks administrators and faculty staff are now regulars in this community event. Its free admission and varying performances attract the community to come back every year. Even after ten years, the Asian American Cultural Club and the Herricks' Chinese New Year Parents Committee continue to surprise the community with their commitment and dedication in spreading the Chinese culture.

Written by Lorraine Wong



1. NYS Senator Martins and Lee Tu enjoy lion dance
2. Herricks HS Men's Choir
3. Herricks Superintendent Dr. Bierwirth, HS Principal Dr. MODOONO, Middle School Principal Mrs. Keegan, Advisor of AACC Ms. Ho, Mr. Ma, CAANH Co-President Lana Choy, Chair of event Michele Sun, Alice Chan and parents cut cake
4. Young Sing Along Group
5. Chinese Drum Dancers
6. Chinese Yo Yo Team
7. Two ninth grade Chinese classes

Diversity Day at Shelter Rock School



Diversity Day is annually held at Shelter Rock Elementary School in Manhasset to promote cultural diversity. Held on April 30, 2011, the highlight was a cultural presentation sponsored by the CAANH for students from kindergarten to sixth grades. The Chinese Theatre Works performed a trio-variety program that included a sword dance from the Peking Opera, “Ba Wang Bie Ji,” performed by Ms. Kuang-Yu Fong; Chinese Guzheng performed by Ms. Junling Wang; and a face changing act, an ancient art of Sichuan opera. The presentation was enjoyed by all students and staff.

SCA Fair in Manhasset

The SCA Fair, the annual fundraiser of Manhasset’s School Community Association, took place this year on May 7, 2011. As in the past, the CAANH and Chinese American parents of Manhasset rallied in support of this important event by sponsoring a food booth. Again, we sold dumplings and the proceeds (~\$1400) were donated to Manhasset SCA. We want to thank all the Manhasset parents who helped us in cooking and selling the dumplings, and Tommy and Irma Lee of Harvest Buffet for cooking 1,200 of the 2,800 dumplings!

Chinese Language Classes

In Fall 2010, the CAANH kicked off the school year with its continual sponsorship of the Chinese language program facilitated by SEPTA (Gifted and Talented program) at the Manhasset Library—one for beginners, and one for advanced students. These classes were free to all Manhasset children and is back this fall by popular demand. Check www.manhassetsepta.org for the 2011-2012 schedule.

In the Spring of 2011, the CAANH also worked tirelessly in conjunction with the SCA to fund the first extended Chinese language session for second graders at Munsey Park and Shelter Rock elementary schools. The fees were collected by the SCA for their future endeavors. Due to overwhelmingly positive feedback, the SCA has already sent information about the Chinese language class offering this fall to parents of third and fourth graders. Please support the program and take this unique opportunity to register your children.

Chinese Theatre Works at Munsey Park School

In May, CAANH was delighted to bring The Chinese Theater works to Munsey Park School. This group travels worldwide with their award winning shows. They are known for their important contributions to the Broadway show, *The Lion King*. Due to time constraints, not all grades were able to see the show. However, *Tiger Tales* was a hit among the third and fifth graders and their teachers. This shadow puppet show combined popular Chinese folktales into one.

Finally, many thanks to our members for their support and generosity throughout the year to enable us to bring educational programs to Manhasset.

Second Asian Festival In Town of North Hempstead



Youngsters from the Chinese American Association of North Hempstead (CAANH) sang at the Asian American Festival in Port Washington: Kaitlin Hsieh, 8, left; Caroline Juang, 15; and Michelle Chiu, 8, right

On May 21, 2011, Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jon Kaiman and the North Hempstead Town Board joined with residents to celebrate the Second Annual Asian American Festival at North Hempstead Beach Park in Port Washington. Our youngsters from the Chinese American Association of North Hempstead started the opening ceremony by singing the song “We are the World” with children from other cultures. Asian groups representing Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Korean and Pakistani cultures displayed a variety of performances throughout the day.

About 5,000 people were attracted to the festival, which also provided a great selection of fine Asian food and cultural booths with many items for sale.

The Asian population in the Town of North Hempstead is over 15% Asian. This event is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate our great traditions to the American culture

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We look forward to seeing you at our future events. Please join us!