

CAANH NEWS

Chinese American Association of North Hempstead

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CAANH's Happy Hour Social

1st Thursday monthly
starting January 2013
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Aiko Sushi and Bar
90 Main Street, Port. Washington, NY
516-883-7253

Joy Fu Chinese Senior Program

Clinton G. Martin Park
Mondays (except holidays)
10 am -3 pm
Go to caanhli.org for schedule

Champions for Charity

November 29—December 1, 2012
<http://www.championsforcharity.org>
See Page 5 for details

12th Annual Herricks' Chinese New Year Celebration

Herricks High School Gym
March 2, 2013 at 7 PM

CAANH's 16th Annual Gala

Swan Club
Roslyn, New York
March 9, 2013

CAANH WILL BE GOING
GREEN!! YOU MUST SEND YOUR
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INFO@CAANHLLI.ORG
TO RECEIVE NEWS ON
UPCOMING EVENTS!

CAANH's Team Supports Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

We're excited to announce that CAANH will join the American Cancer Society/Asian Initiatives by participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer fundraiser. On Sunday, October 21, 2012, CAANH members will take part in the five mile walk at Jones Beach, Long Island. Our goal is to raise breast cancer awareness as well as funds for breast cancer research, prevention and treatment services. Last October 16, 2011, the fundraiser at Jones Beach was the largest ever—raising 2.9 million.

Make a difference and walk with us on this special day. If you would like to donate, click on the following link to support our team: <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/CAANH>. All donations and participation will strengthen our fight against breast cancer.



On October 16, 2011, CAANH participated in the five mile walk at Jones Beach.

CAANH's 15th Anniversary Gala

The Chinese American Association of North Hempstead (CAANH) held their 15th annual gala at the Swan Club in Roslyn, NY on the evening of March 17, 2012, whereby over 185 guests enjoyed a memorable evening. Guests mingled over cocktails and drinks followed by a delicious dinner and a night of dancing and entertainment. They were dazzled by the exotic performances of the Brazilian dancers, Samba Novo and the acrobatic talents of Ms. Li Liu, along with wonderful music provided by "Sound Connection" of Long Island. Co-presidents, Ms. Gloria Juang and Ms. Jennifer Chiu, welcomed officials from the Town of North Hempstead including Councilwoman Anna M. Kaplan, Councilwoman Lee R. Seeman, Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel, Councilwoman Aid Eleanor Lange, Legislator Judi Bosworth, Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman and County Legislator Wayne Wink.

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Diversity Day at Shelter Rock School

Diversity Day is annually held at Shelter Rock Elementary school in Manhasset to promote cultural diversity. Held on March 28, 2012, the highlight was a cultural presentation sponsored by CAANH for students from kindergarten to sixth grades. This year's program was performed by "Ba Ban Chinese Music Society of New York." The performance was enjoyed by all students and teachers.



Diversity Day at Shelter Rock Elementary School was sponsored by CAANH.

15th Anniversary Gala, (continued from page 1)

Special recognition was given to all past presidents and board members of the last fifteen years for their support and dedication to CAANH. This 15th anniversary gala was made possible by the generous support of our sponsors. Silver sponsors included BMW of Bayside, North Shore LIJ Health System and Shanghai Commercial Bank, Ltd. Bronze sponsors included Dr. Josephine Jung, Dr. Jackson Kuan, NY Hospital Queens, Dr. George Juang, OCA-Long Island, Summit Associates and Wonton Food, Inc. Other donations were made by Ms. Amy Cheng, Mr. Jerry Hsieh, Oogie Art, Inc., Dr. Samuel Jung, Ms. Joy Chiang of Excel Academy, Mrs. Betty Lin, and Mrs. Jenny Tsoumpas. Many thanks to members and guests for donations of wonderful raffle items including an 18K gold diamond and Japanese cultured pearl pendant, and a special autographed photograph of Jeremy Lin. With the support and aid of friends, family, guests and community leaders, CAANH's 15th Anniversary Gala was a smashing success!



Special thanks for the generous support of our sponsors

JOY FU

Chinese Senior Program

During the summer, Joy Fu seniors participated in the Town of North Hempstead's *Senior Funday Monday 2012 – Monday at the Beach*. Starting on July 9th, this group met every Monday from 10 AM to 2 PM at North Hempstead Beach Park in Port Washington. Each week, there was a different theme with classes in line dancing, yoga or bridge. Coordinator Betty Leong taught mahjong to non-Chinese players, which seniors enjoyed, along with socializing and having lunch outdoors under the trees in the fresh air at beautiful Bar Beach.

After the summer, the Joy Fu senior group resumed their regular meetings at Clinton G. Martin Park. The fall program started on September 17th and continues to meet every Monday, except holidays, from 10 AM – 3 PM. Co-coordinators Teresa Louie and Betty Leong plan weekly activities, which are led by volunteers. Popular activities include Chinese dance, English as a Second Language, mahjong, chess, flower making, ping-pong and line dancing. Senior participants in the program, who are as old as age 97, come from different areas of Nassau County. Free transportation is available from some areas in the Town of North Hempstead.

Seniors are always welcome to join in the activities. Clinton G. Martin Park, where the program takes place on Mondays, is located at 1601 Marcus Avenue in New Hyde Park. Once a month, however, the meeting is held at Michael J. Tully Park, located at 1801 Evergreen Avenue in New Hyde Park. See Joy Fu's schedule on the web at caanhli.org.

The Joy Fu Chinese American Senior Program at Clinton G Martin began as a pilot program last June. It is funded by the Town of North Hempstead, Ray's Foundation and the Chinese American Association of North Hempstead (CAANH).



Joy Fu seniors playing mah jong in the park this summer

An Artistic Journey through the Ancient Chinese Legends and Myths

The Chinese American Association of North Hempstead is the proud sponsor of this year's art contest, which highlighted the many artistic talents of students from the Manhasset and Herricks school districts. More than 100 students from grades K through 12 participated in this year's contest, taking us on *An Artistic Journey through the Ancient Chinese Legends and Myths*. This event was a huge success due to the hard work of our stu-

dents, as well as the dedication of teachers, administrators, and officials in the Town of North Hempstead.

Students' artwork was displayed at the Clinton G. Martin Park Community Center from March 20th through April 17th. The award ceremony was held on March 27th with cash prizes for first, second and third place winners, and honorable mentions.



Teresa Louie (center) with supporters at the Clinton G. Martin Park Community Center



Superintendent of Herricks Schools, Dr. Jack Bierwirth, admires artwork.



CAANH co-president Gloria Juang (2nd from left) with Caroline Juang, Councilwoman Anna Kaplan and Councilwoman Lee R. Seeman



Parents and students at the award ceremony



Many Manhasset students participated in CAANH's art contest.



Students from Manhasset & Herricks received awards for their artwork.

Herricks Lunar New Year Celebration

By Vivian Wu

The 11th annual Lunar New Year Celebration was hosted by the Asian American Cultural Club (AACC) at Herricks High School on February 11, 2012. This annual celebration, sponsored by the Chinese American Association of North Hempstead (CAANH), emphasizes the significance of Chinese culture in the community.

This event began in the afternoon with table tennis tournaments, which brought table tennis players of all ages together to compete. Performances commenced at night with enthusiastic students opening with the lion dance. After the exciting start to the show, AACC president Florence Chan, AACC advisor Ms. Trisha Ho, and CAANH co-president Mrs. Jennifer Chiu welcomed the audience. Herricks High School's principal Dr. Jane MODOONO and assistant principals, Mr. Bryan Hodge and Mr. Andrew Frisone, delivered the traditional Chinese greeting, the "Bai Nian."

The show continued with a performance featuring young children from the Saturday Recreation Sing-Along class singing *The Finger Song* and *The Polite Song*. Professional performer Mr. Peng Li appeared two times in the show, first

in the *Face Changing* performance, and later on, in the *Magic Show*. In the *Magic Show*, Mr. Peng Li shocked and impressed the audience with his act by making live fish pop out of thin air multiple times. There were two Chinese yo-yo performances, one from the Saturday recreation class, and the other from AACC's Chinese yo-yo group, and some cool yo-yo tricks were demonstrated.

In this year's celebration, unlike any in past years, AACC members put together an original and heartwarming drama performance, emphasizing the cultural clash faced by people of Chinese descent in an American setting, and captured the hearts of the audience. The show concluded with the graceful and beautiful traditional ribbon dance, allowing for a nice wrap up for the evening. Some lucky guests even left with luxurious raffle prizes.

Through countless hours of preparation, dedicated AACC and CAANH volunteers gave to the community a big sampling of Chinese culture. They provided guests with friendly games, fun crafts, and amazing performances, which created picture-perfect memories!



Enthusiastic students from AACC performed the *Lion Dance* to begin the Lunar New Year celebration.



Saturday Recreation Sing-Along group dressed in traditional Chinese outfits sang the *Polite Song* and the *Fingers Song*.



Lee Tu led the raffle drawing with CAANH co-president Jennifer Chiu, event chair Michele Sun (left) and event co-chair Denise Lam (right).



Herricks' Saturday Recreation Yo-Yo class performed at the Lunar New Year Celebration.

CAANH Awards Scholarships to Seniors



Manhasset HS students, Austin Wong and Allison Yang, are recipients of the 2012 annual CAANH Scholarship award. Herricks HS recipients are Florence Chan and Daniel Hsiu. Each student received a check for \$250.

Asian American Festival in Town of North Hempstead

CAANH is proud to be one of the primary organizers of the Third Asian American Festival in the Town of North Hempstead. Held on Saturday, May 19th, 2012 at North Hempstead Beach Park in Port Washington, the event featured traditional arts & crafts, performances, and culinary delights from many Asian-Pacific countries.

Highlights of the Chinese cultural portion of the event included new performances of *The Monkey King* and *The Iron Princess Fan*, a master face changer; and a fashion show of Chinese gods. Demonstrations and hands-on activities in popular Chinese games such as shuttercock, spinning top, yo-yo, table tennis, and mahjong were enjoyed by attendees of all ages.

Many thanks to Alice Chan, past president of CAANH, for helping to organize the event on our behalf!

CAANH Joins Champions for Charity

Last December, CAANH participated in *Champions for Charity*, an annual benefit event sponsored by Americana Manhasset. Since New York State stopped providing grants to non-profit organizations such as CAANH, we had to look for other fundraising outlets to raise the necessary funds for our educational and outreach programs.

In the *Champions for Charity* event, 25% of any purchases made at participating stores in the Americana Manhasset shopping area would be donated to participating charities. As a result of the support of our members, who enthusiastically shopped between December 1 to December 3, 2011, Americana Manhasset was able to donate a considerable amount of money back to CAANH!

We extend thanks and appreciation to those members who came out to shop in support of CAANH. Your participation made this fundraiser a success and allowed us to continue our programming. Special thanks to Burberry Manhasset for hosting a special event for our members during the *Champions for Charity* week.

This year CAANH will again participate in the *Champions for Charity* event, which will take place on Thursday, November 29 through Saturday, December 1, 2012. Again, 25% of your purchases will be donated to CAANH if you present your Champion Card at the time of purchase during the event. To register for your complimentary Champion Card and for more information about Champions for Charity, visit www.championsforcharity.org, call 516.627.2277, or visit Americana Manhasset's concierge store. We hope to see you shopping there!

Chinese American Night

CAANH was again a proud co-sponsor of *Chinese American Night*, which was held at Eisenhower Park on the evening of August 12th, 2012. This annual event was hosted by Nassau County and organized by the Chinese Center on Long Island.

The event featured lion dancing, Hsu-Nami rock band, Peking opera acrobats, martial arts, Cao Bao An Chinese orchestra, and other exciting performances. As a special treat this year, through the courtesy of Heritage East, a troupe of 20 young Chinese dancers from the People's Republic performed at the event before heading over to perform at Disney World in Orlando.

At the award ceremony, our very own Jennifer Chiu (co-president of CAANH), Teresa Louie, and Betty Leong (co-chairs of the Joy Fu Senior Club) were honored that night for their community involvement at CAANH and contributions to the Chinese American community.



CAANH co-president Jennifer Chiu with County Executive Edward P. Mangano



Co-coordinators of the Joy Fu Senior Program, Betty Leong and Teresa Louie, with Jennifer Chiu