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OCCA Newsletter

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Message from OCCA

We trust everyone has had a wonderful Christmas and New Year Holiday. As we turn the calendar to a new page, the Chinese New Year is coming and the Year of Rabbit starts on February 3rd, 2011. You will find more details in this Newsletter on OCCA's plan for hosting the 2011 Greater Omaha Chinese New Year Gala.

While the team is busy on preparing for the New Year Gala, many members have also participated in other community events, on behalf of the OCCA. Please enjoy some briefs and pictures that capture some of those activities.

We look forward to seeing you at coming Chinese New Year Planning meetings and we invite everyone to come to Burke High School on Feb 13th to join the 2011 Chinese New Year Celebration. Please pass this information to our friends in the community. Remember, the seats at the Gala are limited, although we are moving to a bigger venue this year.

Wishing you a happy 2011 and the Year of Rabbit!

Your OCCA Team



Most Recent OCCA News/Activities

- [11/15/2010 Omaha Diversity Week Planning Meeting](#)



OCCA was invited to 2011 Omaha Diversity Week Planning Meeting; the Omaha Diversity Week is sponsored by local business and community groups, such as Wells Fargo, Mutual of Omaha, ConAgra, Union Pacific, etc. The annual week-long event in the summer aims to promote diversity and inclusion in Omaha. OCCA will be an active participant this year. More details will be shared when they are available.

- [11/27/2010 Bellevue WorldFest 2010](#)

Bellevue WorldFest is a premier holiday event in the community, featuring Christmas, Culture and Customs from around the world. Bellevue University CSSA and OCCA performance present Chinese culture, customs and arts at the WorldFest. See more pictures at



<http://picasaweb.google.com/OmahaChinese/BellevueWorldFest2010#>



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- [12/03/2010 Omaha Ethnic Holiday Celebration at Durham Museum](#)

Every year, the Durham Western Heritage Museum celebrates seasonal world traditions with ethnic holiday foods, crafts and entertainment from distant lands at the Ethnic Holiday Festival. There's even a display of miniature Christmas trees from many nations.

OCCA team was there carrying our banner, performing dancing, selling Chinese crafts, writing Chinese names for visitors, and, of course, serving Chinese foods.



View more pictures at <http://picasaweb.google.com/OmahaChinese/DurhamMuseum2010#>.

- [12/8/2010 Chinese Senior Group Holiday Party at Omaha Chinese Christine Church](#)

- [12/09/2010 OPPD Multicultural celebration](#)

- [11/18/2011 Millard Middle School Culture Night](#)



- [1/07/2011 Castelar Elementary School Chinese New Year](#)



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- [11/12/2010, 12/11/ 2010, 1/8/2011 2011 Chinese New Year Workgroup Meetings](#)

Many members have volunteered to help plan the coming Chinese New Year Gala. The meeting minutes of 1/8/2011 offers a quick update.

| 2011 Omaha Chinese New Year, Burke High School, 12200 Burke Blvd, Sunday Feb 13, 2011 | | | |
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| Activities/Program | Responsible person(s) | Ad dit io nal | 1/15/2010 Meeting Notes |
| Overall Coordination | John Zhang, Mei Li, Brian Liu, Ping Y | | Next Meeting on 1/22/11. |
| Corporate/institute Sponsorship | Brian Liu, Ping Ye, LiQin Kephart, George Zhou, John Zhang, Jun White, Mae Keith, Mrs. Yao, Pan Libin, Polly Huang, Guo Li, Linda Liu, Angelina Li, Paulina Lin, Zhixin Zhang, etc. | | We have received more than \$6,000 sponsor's commitment. Confirm sponsors by 1/22 so that all these names can be on the program booklet. |
| Performance | Mae Keith (Li Mei), Jing Wang, Huang Xiaona, Zeng Weidong, Jia Shuping | 73 | Li Mei provides total number of performances and related volunteers by 1/22 meeting. Rehearsal is planned on 1/29 at Chinese Church, 2/6 at Burke High, and 2/12 at Chinese Church. |
| Food | Zhen Hong, Ms. Yao, Zhao Jing, Yan Nian | 20 | There are 700 seats. Volunteers/performers will have meal at 3:30 PM. Event opens at 4:00 PM. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM. Ms. Yao/Zheng Hong provide food menu and update on Chinese Restaurants. Jing Zhao recruits UNO students for setting up tables and handling food services; by 1/22 meeting. |
| Special Guests & Media & Reception/Name Tags/Lucky Draw/Check Tickets | George Zhou/John Zhang/Jun White/Lingling Song/LiQin | 10 | George had sent Invitations to many special guest and will send invitations and a News Release to Metro's media groups. Confirm by 1/22/11. We will check the tickets at the entrance, create a lucky draw box (decide what/how many draws on 1/22 meeting), give name tag to attendees. Receptionists will welcome special guests/lead them to reserved tables. |
| Poster/Ticket/Booklet Design & Printing | Julie V., Jun White, Mei Li, LiQin and Mei | | Jun/Lingling got the tickets. Poster and tickets are distributed by Song Lingling. Booklet finished by 1/30 (Julie & Mei) |
| Kids Activities | An Jun/Linda/Zhang Weiping/Zhang Benqun | 20 | An Jun/Linda/Zhang Wei Ping/Zhang Benqun recruit more volunteers and plan activities and provide total number of volunteers and activities by 1/22 meeting |
| Prestart Movie/Video/ppt. program | Yan Nian | 1 | Yan Nian will take charge of developing Power Point Presentation and prestart Video. The PP draft finished by 1/22 meeting. |
| Volunteer | | | John Zhang will collect total number of volunteers/performers by 1/22 and prepare volunteer/performers name tags. |
| Venue/Stage Decoration Design & Prep | Yan Nian/Zhou Yu/Quang Lingdong/Li Li/Jing Wang | 5 | Mei/Yan Nian/Zhou Yu had visited Burke High before 1/15 to decide general Venue/Stage/Entrance Decoration Design and collect decoration materials and suppliers (by 1/22). Zhou Yu brings in volunteers (5) for decoration projects. |
| Photographer | Shao Zhifei, Wu Gang, Changqin Ling, Bonnie Jiang | 0 | |
| Video Recording | Julie V. | 3 | Update by 1/22. |
| Sound/Lighting System | Li Mei | | Meet with sound and light technician @ Burke High before or on 2/6 rehearsal. |
| Ticket Sale | Song Lingling/Qiuming Zhu | | Start to sell tickets to volunteers/performers on 1/8/11. Tickets is available to public on 1/16. Julie is providing the event poster to Lingling on/before 1/15. Ling will distribute tickets and posters to each ticketing locations on 1/16. |
| Items Sale/Ruffle Tickets | Li Li, Jenny Liu | 6 | Decide items for sale and ruffle draw by 1/22. Provide number of volunteers by 1/22 meeting. |
| Facility (Cafeteria, Auditorium, etc.) | Brian Liu/Jun Yin | | Confirm the facility and maintain communication with Burke High. |
| Media/Newsletter Articles/Promotion | George Zhou, LiQin, Jun White | | Update by 1/22. |
| ConAgra Food Gift Bags | Kevin Wang, Jun White | | Update by 1/22. |
| Accounting | Paulina, Cao Fang, Polly | | Received tickets sales and donations, publish the financial results and issue receipts and thanks letters to donors. |
| Membership Directory | LiQin etc. | | Update on 1/22. |



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Upcoming OCCA Activities

- [1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/6, 2/12 - 2011 Chinese New Year Workgroup Meeting](#)

Mark your calendar and come to the planning meetings. Meeting on 1/15 will be from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the United Chinese School (14016 California Street). Stay tuned for the future meeting invitations.

- [1/29, 2/6, 2/12 - Performance Rehearsals](#)
- [2/13/2011 Omaha Chinese New Year Gala at Burke High School](#)

Come to meet friends and send each other fortune wish for the Year of Rabbit. Find out who our sponsors are and thank them for their support. Enjoy a holiday dinner from popular local Chinese restaurants; traditional Chinese performances by the local groups; enjoy fun kids' activities and see all your friends.

- [Representative from Chinese Embassy](#)

By our invitation, representative from the Chinese Embassy at Washington DC plans to come to Omaha to attend our Chinese New Year and host passport renewal interviews. Wait for details to come.

Membership with Wells Fargo Bank and OCCA Member Benefit Card

OCCA is becoming a Business Member of Wells Fargo Bank. With this membership, OCCA members will enjoy many free services and many other great Wells Fargo services at member only discount prices. Representatives from Wells Fargo will be at the Chinese New Year Gala and/or come to one of our group meetings to explain the membership benefit in details.

OCCA is developing an OCCA Member Benefit Card which will allow our members to enjoy many great discounts in our community, including restaurants, Omaha Performance Arts Companies, Wells Fargo memberships, etc. Stay tuned for more details.

Help Wanted

Mandarin Chinese-speaking nanny/stay-home mom with 1 or 2 kids wanted to take care of a 2 ½-year-old girl; full time or 3 days a week 7:30am-5:00pm; Either at nanny's home(221th&Center) or mom's home; Call 402-502-6946 for discussion if interested.



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YEAR OF RABBIT
2011
春节晚会
 Sunday 02/13/2011
 Burke High School
 12200 Burke Boulevard Omaha

Omaha Chinese New Year Gala

Schedule:
 4:00 PM--6:00 PM: Sponsors Exhibitions, Kids cultural and fun activities, Youth music, calligraphy, photography, gifts and crafts sales/auction
 5:00 PM--6:00 PM: Dinner
 6:00 PM--6:30 PM: Pre-Show program in Auditorium
 6:30 PM--8:00 PM: Living cultural performances in Auditorium traditional ethnic dances, music fashion, wushu, and additional performances from local Chinese community, and prizes

Public Ticket Sales
Adult:\$15 Student: \$10
 NO ticket sale at door.

Tickets Locations:

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| Asian Market (321 N 76th Street) | 402-391-2606 |
| Asian Food Mart (7635 Case St) | 402-556-8819 |
| China Palace Chinese Restaurant (661 N 46th St) | 402-697-9888 |
| Gold Place Express (319 N 84th St) | 402-397-2526 |
| Grand Fortune Chinese Cuisine (17330 W Center) | 402-697-9888 |
| New Gold Mountain Restaurant (15505 Ruggles St) | 402-496-1688 |
| Grand China Buffet (11226 Chicogo) | 402-333 1074 |
| CSSA at UNO | Jing Zhao 402-201-1795 |
| CSSA at UNMC | Lingdong Quan 402-201-9926 |
| CSSA at Creighton University | Yu Zhao 402-305-1985 |
| CSSA at Bellevue University | Julie V 402-968-7230 |
| Omaha First Chinese School | John Chen 402-301-1516 |
| Omaha United Chinese School | Benqun Zhang 402-359-1239 |

Omaha Chinese Culture Association
 Chinese Students and Scholars
 Association at UNO, UNMC, Creighton
 University,
 Chinese Student at Bellevue University
 Confucius Institution at UNL
 Lincoln Chinese Culture Association

Confirmed Sponsors thus far

- Asian Market/China Buffet
- Bank of the West
- CBSHome Real Estate/Mark Leaders
- ConAgra
- Confucius Institute at UNL
- David Steel, LLC
- Farm Credit Services of America
- Golden Palace Express
- Grand China Buffet
- Li Li and Taicheng Zhang
- Liu & DB Enterprises Inc
- Mutual of Omaha
- Oriental Medical Center
- UNMC
- Wells Fargo

Volunteers/Performers

Big thanks to volunteers and performers!

Each program workgroup leader, please submit the names of volunteers you are working with and we will acknowledge them along with performers during and after the Chinese New Year Gala.

If you want to become a volunteer, please contact one of activities leaders or email omahachinese@gmail.com



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Editors' Notes

Members and friends, we welcome your contributions to OCCA Newsletter. Please forward your writings, activities feedbacks, awards/achievements, and comments you would like to be published in OCCA Newsletter (and on OCCA Website) to omahachinese@gmail.com. Thank you!



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