

# Central Pennsylvania Chinese Association CPCA Newsletter

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## President's Thoughts

### Volunteer Appreciation... Earthquake Relief Fundraising

Thanks to the volunteers who contributed their time and talent in the 3-day fundraising event at the Strawberry Square. The remarkable performances from the 10 talented youths and Mr. John Zhong attracted quite a few audiences. We handed out more than 150 copies of brochures and received over \$960 in donations. Most importantly, we made people aware of the ongoing relief efforts for the victims of the devastating Sichuan earthquake. All donations were sent directly to the Red Cross in China.

#### **Strawberry Square Volunteers**

Jialing Bao, Annie Blakeslee, Deborah Blakeslee, Longgui Chen, Patrick Chou, Vicki Chou, Brian Chung, Miranda Cover, Vivian Dominick, Jiefei Fang, Robert Ge, Arianna Heidingsfelder, Christin Heidingsfelder, Katrina Huang, Patricia Huang, Qianning Jiao, Amy Knauer, Youyou Li, Linda Liang, Richard Liang, Andrea Lin, Matt Lin, Chang Liu, Edward Liu, Teresa Liu, Ning Lu, Bridge Smith, Joyce Su, Shuwen Wang, Bill Wert, Maci Wert, Qiuyan Yang, John Zhong, Matt Zhu, Qin Zhu.

Best wishes, Cheng-mao Lin





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# Congratulations & Best Wishes to these College-Bound Kids



**APRIL** 

Daughter of Ron & Feng Pagaliassotti 楊鳳千金



Daughter of Xujun Wang & Liangin Zhang 王旭軍 張連琴 千金

Daughter of Yi-Chen Forsyth



高以瓊千金 **NANCY** 



**SARAH** 

Son of Qiuyan Yang 楊秋燕公子

**TONY** 

Daughter of Ping Wen & Sue Huang 黄炳文 劉淑華千金



**KATRINA** 



Son of Duc & Tranle Hong 洪欽德 邵麗珍公子

We are proud of you!

**CHRIS** 

## Events at a Glance....

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
03/25/08	Rock Climbing	08/01- 08/03/08	Camping and Whitewater Rafting
05/03/08	Cooking Contest	09/13/08	Mid-Autumn Festival
06/10- 06/13/08	China Quake Relief Fundraising at Strawberry Square	October	To Be Announced
06/14/08	Dragon Boat Festival	01/24/09	Chinese New Year Celebration

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## Recent Event Highlights....



## Picnic at the Gelder Park... Dragon Boat Festival

Celebration for the Dragon Boat Festival was held on June 14 at The Gelder Park in Hummelstown. More than 90 members showed up to enjoy a very nice picnic in the park and brought home the delicious Zong-zi to complete the tradition of the Dragon Boat Festival.



#### Camping + Rafting + Camp Fire = Fun....

A group of 58 campers spent the first weekend of August in Hickory Run State Park. After setting up the tents, everybody sat around the campfire to chat and enjoy a late night snack.



The next day, after a surprise morning thunderstorm, the sun came out just in time for the campers to set out to the nearby town of Jim Thorpe for some exciting whitewater rafting at the Lehigh River. Everybody was soaked during this 4-hour ride, not from the splashing of the river but from countless buckets of water, courtesy of people in the other rafts. Screams and laughter were heard all the way down the river. After a comfortable hot shower, everybody headed back to the camp site to enjoy another nice meal beside the campfire.



The event was concluded in the third day by a trip to the Boulder Field, declared a National Natural Landmark in 1967. It was formed 20,000 years ago during the last Ice Age. It is exceptional because of its flatness and size (400x1800 feet). Water is still running deep under the stones.

Please visit CPCA website for more pictures.



## Never too early to think about ....

Even though the birds are chirping outside, people are swimming in the pool or beach, And the temperature is still over 80.

Before you know,



winter will be here;
the time we celebrate our Chinese New Year.
Don't be shy to show off your talents.
Please submit your program description before Thanksgiving to Tracy Chou tchou@comcast.net.

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## **Upcoming Event**

## Mid Autumn Festival 中秋節

When: September 13, Saturday, 11 am

Where: Gifford Pinchot State Park, Pavilion #4 (use the Quaker Race Day Use Area entrance)

Please fill out the attached registration form and mail it to Lynn Hess before **September 5**.

#### Direction:

From Harrisburg: via the Lewisberry Exit (35) of I-83 south, then PA 177 south; or by US 15 south to Dillsburg, then to PA 74 south.

From York: take PA 74 north or I-83 north. From I-83, take the Newberrytown Exit (32), PA 382 west to PA 177 south.

## 會長感言

#### 銘謝---震災募款活動義工

十分感謝一群熱心的義工們,在一連三天於 Strawberry Square 舉辦的四川震災募款活動中奉獻他們的心力。十位才華洋溢的青少年們和鍾自強先生的精彩表演,吸引了不少群眾駐足。在這次活動中,我們發出一百五十多份傳單,也收到九百六十多元的捐款。更重要的是,我們提醒了大家,針對在這場巨大災難中受害災民的賑濟活動仍在持續不斷的進行。募款所得已於日前全數轉寄中國紅十字會。

## 活動點滴

#### 端午節

端午節慶祝餐會于六月十四日在 Hummelstown的 Gelder Park 舉行. 超過 90 位會員參加. 雖然沒有划龍舟比賽, 大家仍在風和日麗的周末, 享受了一頓輕鬆愉快的午餐. 並帶回具家鄉風味的粽子. 結束這一年一度的佳節活動.



#### 露營+泛舟+營火=樂趣無窮

五十八位喜愛野外紮營活動的會員及其朋友,于八月的第一個周末,在每家費勁的把食物、鍋碗瓢盆、帳篷、睡袋等塞進車內後,陸續於黃昏時分抵達 Hickory Run State Park. 只見帳篷如雨後春筍般一個一個搭立起來,在享受一頓營火宵夜後,結束第一天的活動.

第二天在大家吃完豐盛的早餐-葱油餅、炸菓子、花卷、泡麵等後,突然下了一場倾盆大雨,不過太陽很配合的在第一批泛舟隊出發前露出笑臉. 緊接著四個小時的泛舟中, 笑聲、尖叫聲、潑水聲不斷, 每個人不濕不歸, 但不是因為水流湍急, 而是一桶一桶的水, 來自其他艘船上朋友的厚愛. 泛舟其間不無遇到一些小急流, 或擱淺於石頭上, 大家都能發揮團隊精神, 一一克服過去. 在經過舒服的熱水澡梳洗後, 每個人都帶著疲憊的身軀但興奮的心情回到營地, 準備另一頓豐盛的營火晚餐.

第三天的行程就在大家收拾營地後,前往 Boulder Field 觀賞巨石遍地的國家自然景觀後結束. 這次三天兩夜的露營泛舟活動,雖然得忍受沒有淋浴設備的不便或難以入眠的困擾,但在星空下、營火旁的烤肉和暢談,及數不盡的泛舟趣聞,都成為每人心中美好的回憶!

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