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You may have noticed our little facelift to the newsletter. Like it, hate it or anywhere in between, please let us know. That's the best way for this 33 year young, Indy's oldest Chinese organization, to know what you think.

33 years? I think it's a big "wow".

Look forward to seeing you in all future IACA activities.

Greeting From The President's Desk

主席的问候

Despite rain and hail storms, the fresh spring air and sunshine is enough to lift up my spirits, shed my winter blues, and make me shout: "Spring is here!"

A few events have taken place since the year started with our Chinese New Year celebration in collaboration with other local Chinese organizations. The performance of our Lion Dance Team was well received by the audience. Many of our members enjoyed the celebration. A couple of weeks ago, we had our Poetry and Music evening program. Bei Dao, a famous Chinese poet, together with our local young artists Nan Lin and Jingxuan Zhang, presented wonderful poetry and music to over one hundred audience in the beautiful Robertson Hall of Butler University. Read more about these

events and activities elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to the success of our programs - the IACA Council members, IACA Lion Dance Team, and all the members who volunteered their time and efforts. Your continued support and participation are vital to help IACA grow and bring quality programs to the community.

It has been 33 years since IACA was established in 1973. IACA has been trying to adapt to the modern world and changes of the community while still keeping our original mission—serving the Chinese American community. We value your opinions and suggestions.



President: Peggy (Peiyi) Hu
主席：胡培怡

Please drop a few lines to IACA's P.O.

Box or email us by logging on to our website www.iacaonline.org. Let us hear from you, because the success of this organization depends on you!

Have a wonderful Spring!

Peggy (Peiyi) Hu

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IACA President

北島 *Bei Dao Poetry and Music Night*



Bei Dao 北島



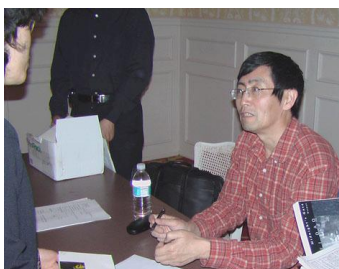
Emotional moments



Nan Lin 林楠



Jingxuan Zhang 張景萱



Book Signing

After months of preparation by IACA volunteers, the Bei Dao Poetry & Musical Night in April 14th was a clear success. More than 100 literature enthusiasts attended the event. Guests heard Bei Dao recite his poems in Chinese, with briefings on the background of those poems. Chinese Language students from Butler University recited the English version of the poem, not an easy task. Two famous local young pianists, Nan Lin and Jingxuan Zhang, played classical and Chinese music for the audience. The recital was followed by a warm reception and book signing.

Actually, the day did not start well at all. Right before the event, the area was bombarded with heavy rain and a rare Indy hailstorm. As Valan, Diana, Wang Ming-Shen, and other IACA volunteers were setting up, we all worried about how the weather would affect the attendance. Yet by 7:15 pm, guests started to arrive. While still comforting each other on the terrifying storm, the audience chatted and anxiously waited for the recital. Shortly after, IACA President Peggy Hu and Agnes Wolverton began the introduction. Throughout the night, audiences had a sneak preview into Bei Dao's poems and his life, applauded frequently, and shed a few tears.

Bei Dao is one of a group of China's foremost contemporary poets, known as "The Misty School". He is also a Nobel Prize nominee. Bei was born in 1949 and lived through the up's and down's of that period of Chinese history. Baptized with that life experience, he expressed his inner world through his poems, which was strongly echoed by his generation. So strong and shocking that his work often challenged the government's boundaries on political tolerance. Readers love his poems perhaps because he vented their feelings for them. His poem "Resume" said it was not only for him, but a resume for all Chinese of his generation:

Resume

*Once I goose-stepped across the square
My head shaved bare
The better to see the sun
But in that season for madness
See the cold-faced goats on the other side
Of the fence I changed direction
When I saw my ideals
On black paper like saline-alkaline soil
I bend my spine
Believe I had found the only*

*Way to express the truth, like
A baked fish dreaming of the sea
Long live...! I shouted only once, damn it
Then sprouted a beard
Tangled like countless centuries
I was obliged to battle with history
And a knife-point formed a
Family alliance with idols
Not indeed to cope with
The world fragmented in a fly's eye
Among piles of endlessly bickering books
Calmly we divided into equal shares
The few coins we made from selling off each
star
In a single night I gambled away
My belt, and returned naked again to the world
Lighting a silent cigarette
It was a gun bringing death at midnight
When heaven and earth changed places
I hung up side down
On an old tree that looked like a mop
Gazing into the distance*

Then came the Tian-An-Men Square incident in 1989. He was not allowed to return to China after an overseas trip. His journey of exile had begun.

During those years, he missed the motherland and so much that he sometimes spoke Chinese into a mirror, as revealed below:

A Local Accent

*I speak Chinese to the mirror
A park has its own winter
I put on music
Winter is free of flies
I make coffee unhurriedly
Flies don't understand what's meant by native
land
I add a little sugar
A native land is a kind of local accent
I hear my fright
On the other end of phone line*

In exile, he also missed his family, particularly his daughter, Tientien:

A Picture - For Tientien's Fifth Birthday

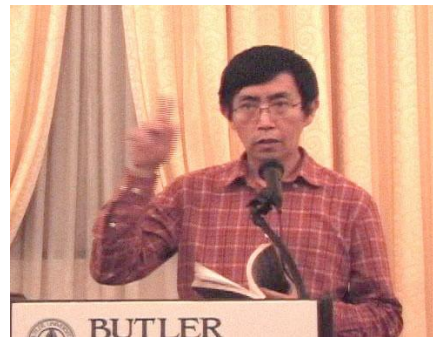
*Morning arrives in a sleeveless dress
Apples tumble all over the earth
My daughter is drawing a picture
How vast is a five-year-old sky
Your name has two windows
One opens toward the sun with no clock-hands*

*The other opens toward your father
 Who has become a hedgehog in exile
 Taking with him a few unintelligible characters
 And a bright red apple
 He has left your painting
 How vast is a five-year-old sky*

As the political weather changed in China, he received special permission to go back

to China in 2001. He currently teaches Creative Writing at Notre Dame University in Indiana. His daughter, Tientien, is now a college student in California.

We are so fortunate to have him visit IACA and give us such a delightful evening. Some of the recitals can be heard at IACA web site: www.iacaonline.org



"Sorry I am always emotional when mentioning my daughter Tien Tien", he said. No need to say sorry, Bei Dao.

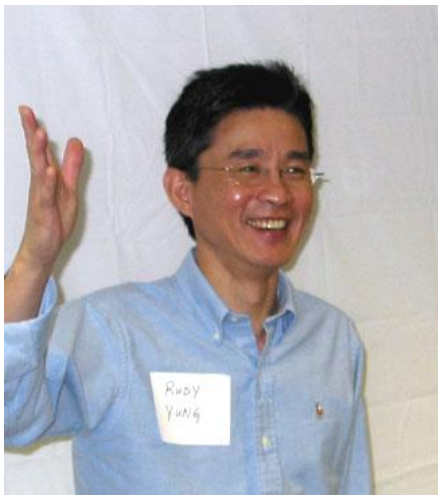
Governor Dedicated Chinese New Year's Day



In the Chinese New Year celebration party, Governor Mitch Daniels' representative brought Governor's proclamation which dedicated January 29, 2006 as Chinese New Year's Day in the State of Indiana.



Health and Wealth: You Can Have Both



Dr. Rudy Yung serves as Treasure for IACA.

As IACA's ongoing community oriented seminars, we had an informational and fun "Health and Wealth" Day in May 6th.

Dr. Rudy Yung of IU School of Medicine gave a talk on "How the eye works and common eye diseases." Dr. Rudy's better half, Diana Yung, also



First Vice President Max Magnabosco of Wachovia Securities

On the financial side, Max Magnabosco, First Vice President - Investment, of Wachovia Securities, spoke on "How to Monitor your Wealth and 6 Steps to Successful Retirement." Mr. Magnabosco is the husband of IACA secretary Valan Magnabosco.



Anne and Kids



Agnes and Christina



The month of May is Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. For more information, see www.cr.nps.gov/NR/feature/asia/



Attention, high school seniors!
If you or your parents are IACA members, you may register and receive the IACA High School Graduates gift as part of Dragon Boat Festival on June 16th.
To register, email your name, parents' name, School, home address, email, and home phone to info@iacaonline.org

A Fun Day in New Members Welcoming Party

It's fair to say we are a bunch who love to meet new friends. Nothing could beat meeting new members and greeting old friends on such a splendid spring day.

After the Health and Wealth seminar, the welcoming party officially started.

Our new members include Xiaoning Zhan, Datian Lin, Dandi Lin, Michael



David and Lilian

Wang, Tracy Rexroat, Kelly Rexroat, Guo and others.

Welcome to IACA, and we look forward to seeing you at all future activities.



Jeannie, Christina & Tracy



Valan and Shie's

Culture & Life Offers Indy Edition - Free 文化與生活印地版 免費發行

A Chinese language bi-weekly newspaper -- "Culture and Life" started its Indy circulation recently. Based in Chicago, its primary contents are on culture, history and other softer topics. Notably, the first four

pages are totally focused on Indy related news.

It can be picked up free from Chinese grocery stores i.e. Asian Markets (across street from Castleton COSCO, and at the corner of Lafayette and 21st Street) and from Chinese

restaurants (Sichun at 116th St. and Rangeline; Yenching at 116th St.)

This bi-weekly paper is published 24 times a year.

Scholarship Opportunities

Telamon Corporation offers Telamon's High School Scholarship Program to IACA member families. See the next two pages for application procedures and an application form.

The Gates' Millennium Scholarship is a scholarship opportunity available to Asian American high school seniors. If you wish to have an application form, you can pick one up from Mr. David

Wang. Please contact him for further information.

Telamon's High School Scholarship

Purpose: *Telamon Corporation is an Indiana based and customer service oriented telecommunications company founded by Mr. Albert Chen in 1984. For the last five years, Inc. Magazine has listed Telamon as one of the top 500 fastest growing private companies in America. In appreciation of the support received from the community, since 1994, Telamon has sponsored a high school scholarship program. It is for children whose parents, one or both, are Indiana residents and of Chinese ethnic origin. The purposes of the scholarship are:*

1. To initiate and provide an opportunity to nurture young Chinese-Americans to become leaders in promoting Chinese heritage and, at the same time, valuable US citizens.
2. To promote a balanced approach towards intellectual, physical and spiritual well-being

Amount The total scholarship amount will be about \$1000. The committee will determine the number and amount of each scholarship.

Who may apply Any individual who meets the following qualifications is encouraged to apply:

1. Current Indiana high schools students grades 9-12
2. Family membership in Indiana Association of Chinese Americans, Inc. (IACA) by December 31, 2005
3. Individuals who understand and appreciate both American and Chinese cultural heritage.

Deadline All application material must be postmarked by June 1, 2006.

Awards Tentatively, winners will be announced by June 10, 2006. The committee is planning to award the scholarships at the IACA New Members and Dragon Boat Festival picnic on June 17, 2006.

For more information about the scholarship or application form, please contact
Mail the completed application form, essay and community service record to:

Telamon's High School Scholarship Application Form

Upon reviewing the Telamon's High School Scholarship Application instructions and determining that you are a qualified candidate, please complete this application form and other information as required.

Name _____
 First Middle Last

Address _____

Telephone _____

Name of your high school _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ **Grade** _____

Email address _____

Essay: Please respond to this question:

Describe the greatest challenge you have had to overcome as a Chinese-American. Discuss its impact on you and what you have learned from it.

Community Service: On a separate sheet of paper, please list the volunteer activities in which you participate. Community service includes any volunteer activities you do for IACA or other community agencies. In addition to describing the activity, give the number of hours involved and the name and phone number of the person in charge of the activity. There are many IACA functions where you can volunteer: Christmas activities, Chinese New Year Celebration, New Members' Reception, or Lion Dance Participant.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Your Chinese name _____

Chinese Organizations Boost Voter Turnout

The May 2nd Primary and School Board elections are over. Before hand, IACA, ICCCI, Indy Chinese Church Chinese School made a coordinated effort to boost voter turnout within the Chinese community. Members from these three organizations

shared ideas, emails and documents to encourage eligible voters to vote.

At the April 29th Council meeting, IACA decided to continue this effort to further encourage voter registration amongst our members. "Encouraging voter

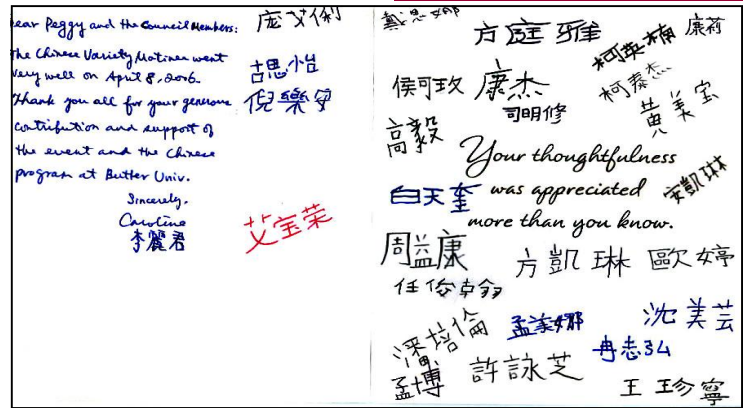
registration is a mission common to all Chinese organizations, and we will make every effort to promote it", said IACA President Peggy Hu. IACA also decided to make voter registration forms available at all future gatherings.

A recent court decision makes charging fees for the popular full-day kindergarten in Indiana unconstitutional. So parents either get full-day kindergarten free or no full-day kindergarten at all. Given the popularity of this program, school districts are not likely to make any changes. But be careful and keep your eyes open.

Note From Butler Chinese Language Pro-

The Chinese Language Program of the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures at Butler University has been active in Indy culture events and recently won an award for the Chinese Variety Matinee. IACA is proud to provide some support to further culture exchanges.

Dr. Caroline Lee-Thompson and her brilliant students also participated in the Bei Dao Poetry Music Night performance. We are glad to present the signed card from their fellow students.



ICMA Provided Free Medical Consultations

Indiana Chinese Medical Association (ICMA) offered free medical consultations to the local residents on April 16, 2006. More than a dozen physicians and health care professionals, many of them also IACA members, volunteered. A total of 40 patients received free services.

examinations.

Four physicians also presented information on hypertension and renal failure (Dr. Wang), cancer prevention (Dr. Wu), common eye diseases and treatment (Dr. Yung), and fatty liver diagnosis and treatment (Dr. Lu).

IUPUI Chinese School provided space and assistance for this event.



Traditional Chinese Medicine Physician Min-Zhen Li

The specialties include Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Nephrology, Oncology, Ophthalmology, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Dentistry, Neurology, Pathology, Orthopedics and Nursing.

Services included counseling, blood pressure measurements, glucose and cholesterol tests, as well as some physical



Seminar speakers (from left): Dr. Wang, Dr. Wu, Dr. Yung, Dr. Lu



IACA member, Dentist Raymond Wong

If you love this,



New member
welcoming party
(above)

*then you must go to the
Father's Day &
Dragon Boat Festival Picnic at
Eagle Creek Park
On Saturday, June 17th,
(more details coming soon)*

Please RSVP with Diana at RSVP2006@iacaonline.org

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