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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK 會長的話

The recent cooler temperatures have me thinking of two things: school and the outdoors.

I love this season in Indianapolis. Some people call it Fall, but I have always preferred the term Autumn. The cool evenings, the leaves begin to change colors, the outdoor activities are amazing and the students are all returning to school. The outdoor activities and the students are very relevant to all of us.

A big outdoor activity coming very soon is the second annual Indianapolis Chinese Festival, planned in coordination with other central Indiana Chinese groups and the Indianapolis Mayor's office. September 12, 2009 is the date. Please visit the festival between 12 noon and the lantern walk (around 7 pm), located in Military Park near the IUPUI campus. There will be food, fun and friends for all.

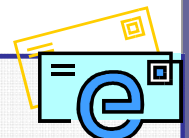
Many people are responsible when a large event such as this takes place. Yet, I want to single out our Vice President Diana Yung for her extensive work with this year's festival including coordinating efforts for the vendors. Also, Council member Joanne Hom is doing an "inspired" job with our booth efforts. I hope everyone will visit the festival and if available contact Joanne to help with the booth. Please contact Joanne via the IACA e-mail account ([iaca22@gmail.com](mailto:iaca22@gmail.com)).

When I think of students I think of my own family and the pride I feel. I know we all share a great deal of pride in the hard work our children exhibit in their studies. But since I work on the IUPUI campus, I also think of the many Chinese students who arrive every year to continue their education. As we see students (both in our family and outside) let's remember the current blessings we have from our youth of education and hard work. If we can pass along the lessons and knowledge we have gained, helping the next generation to go beyond our dreams then truly we will all be blessed.

We will see everyone on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Steve

Watch your e-mail for the *monthly*  
HEALTH TOPICS IN THE NEWS edited by Dr. Patrick H. Lau



# 2009 DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

by Shane Thompson

*BOOM-BA-BOOM! BOOM-BA-BOOM! BOOM-BA-BOOM!* That was the sound of the bright red drum pounding out a beat for the paddlers as the first-ever real dragon boat rounded the corner and approached the 2009 Dragon Boat Festival at Eagle Creek Park June 13, 2009.



IACA members and friends, together with our partners from FCC, enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at the Eagle Creek marina. We savored the ever-popular zongzi lovingly-crafted by our senior IACA members, terrific grilled foods and other delicious dishes brought from

home. There were kids running all about the picnic area playing traditional Chinese summer games (provided by Bethann Buddenbaum from FCC) and bouncing wildly in the bounce house. Families were able to take relaxing rides out on the lake on the 2 new pontoon boats captained by Rudy Yung and other volunteers. Many seniors were able to join us and visit with new friends and old.

Far and away the best sight was that bright pink dragon boat. What a thrill to see the Simon IU Cancer Care-sponsored boat as it pulled up to the marina with its long neck and ferocious snarl.

The Indy SurviveOars race team, all cancer survivors themselves, were able to visit and enjoy some of the tasty food before climbing aboard and stroking their boat back out into the lake and out of view. We are so appreciative of their visit and hope to see them again next year.

If this sounds like an amazing day, it was! Please be sure to mark your calendar when announcements are made for Dragon Boat Festival 2010 if you weren't able to join us this year.



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*boat rides*



# INDY SURVIVEOARS



*by Patrick Lau*

The grand entrance of the Indy SurviveOars with the rhythmic sound of the drum and the elegant and synchronous paddling of the team members was spectacular and breathtaking at the 2009 Dragon Boat Festival. The beautiful pink 43 foot dragon boat was overwhelming. Indubitably, their presence played a major role in fostering Chinese culture and heritage among the IACA children and the FCC-IN (Families with Children from China-Indiana) children at the picnic.

Indy SurviveOars, breast cancer survivors from Indianapolis and surrounding areas, is a dragon boat racing team that promotes good health and fun. With a mission as a "floating support group," this team offers inspiration and hope for breast cancer patients as well as being instrumental in raising awareness for breast cancer.

The Indy SurviveOars' participation at the Dragon Boat Festival truly made this year's event special.

If you missed the opportunity of seeing the Indy SurviveOars, please join us at the Chinese Festival. The Indy SurviveOars will be there and will display their dragon boat!

*THANK YOU INDY SURVIVEOARS!*

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## BO LIAO ACQUIRES \$500 ALLSTATE GRANT FOR IACA

We greatly appreciate the immense effort of Ms. Bo Liao, an exclusive agent for Allstate Insurance Company, in acquiring a grant of \$500 from Allstate for the benefit of the IACA organization.

*Thank you  
Bo and Allstate!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### September 11-12:

**Sept. 11:** Clowes Hall Butler University, Zhejiang Butterfly Performing Troupe, 7:30 pm.

**Sept. 12:** Chinese Festival at Military Park, Noon—8 pm.

**October 24:** Senior Day, Telamon Scholarships awarded. Watch your email for further information.

**Nov. 19-22:** International Festival at Indiana State Fairgrounds. Volunteers needed for both culture and food booths. Contact Diana Yung by phone (317-297-7825) or email (yinlingyung@gmail.com).

## ZIXUAN GAO WINS AWARDS AT INDIANA STATE FAIR

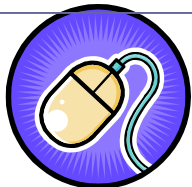


*Zixuan Gao*, daughter of Ling Gao and Steve LeBeau, is an 8th grader at Sycamore School. Her impressionist work (left photo) won 2nd place in her age division at the Indiana State Fair Art Competition.

Her other entry (tomato being held on a checker background) was chosen out of all youth art for the Coordinator's selection as the best example of the Fair's tomato theme.

This is Zixuan Gao's second year in the Indiana State Fair Art competition. She is already planning her entries for next year.

*Congratulations Zixuan!*



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to view photos from all of the IACA activities.

