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## March 2009

### **CCCNJ President's Message:**

As we begin the Year of the Ox, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Our Annual Chinese New Year's Dinner Dance on January 31st was a success with 180 people attending. The alumni Youth Group members were kind enough to attend and perform with the current Youth Group members, so we were fortunate to have six lion heads perform the Lion Dance at the same time. It was wonderful to have all the Youth Group members together and to see that the alumni members have turned out to be successful young adults - I am sure you are as proud of them as I am.

For those of you who contributed to the success of the Dinner Dance, I thank you for all your efforts. I would like to give special thanks to Martina Chin who graciously offered to help with the seating, to Larry SooHoo for doing a fantastic job as our DJ and keeping the crowd dancing, and to Kirby Tan who organized and printed the Yearbooks and banner. We would like to thank Lee Kum Kee for generously providing gift bags for our raffle. Also thanks to my officers and admin. for a job well done for without their teamwork, we would not have had such a well-organized event.

We are planning to have many socials and events this year - we will keep you informed in our newsletters and on our website. As always, if you have any ideas or suggestion, we urge you to contact any of our officers or board members.



### **Monthly Social – Pot Luck and Ballroom Dancing**

**Monthly Social – Saturday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m.** – Grace Lutheran Church, 925 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, New Jersey. Family and friends are welcome. Please bring a main dish to share, keeping in mind the size of your group – refreshments will be served.

**Ballroom Dancing lesson** will be led by Helena Lee and Larry SooHoo will provide music.

(See Flyer for Details)

### **Future Event:**

March 21<sup>st</sup> Cooking Class led by Connie Jung at the Grace Lutheran Kitchen (See Flyer for Details)

**CCCNJ Chinese School Principal –Bill Chen’s Message:**

The start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester started this year with the Chinese New Year’s celebration. The characteristics of the Year of the Ox are – dependable, calm, methodical, patient, hardworking, ambitious, conventional, steady, modest, logical, resolute and tenacious. If you look at this year’s enrollment patterns, you’ll definitely see this “slow and steady”. Throughout the school year, we have been getting a steady stream of parents interested in enrolling their children in our school. We started the year in Sept with 6 kids in the Pre-K class and currently, we have 12 enrolled. Our total enrollment stands at 77 currently. It’s great to have all these kids together.

We have also begun the process of reviewing our curriculum. The publisher of the current textbooks that we use have told us last summer that the books have gone out of print, so we can’t purchase them anymore. We bought a 3 year supply at the time of which we have used 1 year’s worth already. We will be forming a committee over to work over the next year to resolve the problem of looking for a new set of textbooks. If any of you have experience in education or curriculum planning for Cantonese and would like to assist, please let me know. So far we have an ex-teacher and a couple of parents on the committee and we have been speaking to a teacher in the Livingston Chinese School. They are having a similar issue in which they would like to review their curriculum.

**Chinese School Calendar**

<b>March 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Picture Day
<b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Picture Day make up
<b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Spring Party

**Mandarin Classes are coming back!**

Registration is going on now - Classes will start on March 7, 2009  
at the Grace Lutheran Church

(Please see flyer prepared by Ms. Ekko Luo for details)

**Tennis Night:**

**Saturday March 7:** WALDWICK COVERED COURTS, 155 Hopper Ave., Waldwick NJ 07463 (Phone: 201-444-3322). Playing time is from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. Please call or email Bing Liu if there are any openings for 3/7. The cost is \$17 per member and \$19 per non-member. Players will have no less than two hours of court time. For reservations, please contact CCCNJ’s tennis coordinators, Bing Liu at (201) 768-0203 [e-mail [bingliu@yahoo.com](mailto:bingliu@yahoo.com)], or Kent Shao at (201) 818-8963.

Tennis Nights are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month through May 2009

**Cancellation or no show rules:** If a player is scheduled/committed to play and cannot make it, a 24-hour cancellation notice is a MUST in order to avoid scheduling problems. In case of emergencies/cancellations, please call Bing at (201) 768-0203. If this is not adhered to, you will have to pay for your scheduled time for being a **no show**. Please be considerate and arrive on time.

**Youth Group:**

The Youth Group is currently looking for new members who are age 8 or older. Please encourage your children and their friends to join the group. Group members will have the opportunity to learn the Lion Dance as well as participate in social activities. Please contact Youth Group advisors, Mr. Albert Chin ([aldochino@optonline.net](mailto:aldochino@optonline.net)) and Mr. Kevin Lau ([lau5@optonline.net](mailto:lau5@optonline.net)) for further information.