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A message from the president of Kentucky Chinese American Association (KYCAA)

Changzheng Wang

Kentucky Chinese American Association has brought the community together for the sixth year to celebrate Chinese New Year on Sat. Jan. 29. The long list of people waiting for tickets after the event was sold out clearly reflects a growing interest in Chinese language, arts and culture in the Bluegrass region. Several local media including the Herald Leader newspaper, WUKY Radio, Channel 27 TV have reported on the event. The stage performance was recorded by KET and will be shown on TV in the near future.

This celebration also won strong support from government officials at the city, state and the federal level. Mr. Jim Gray, Mayor of Lexington, served as the co-host of the 3-hour event with Chinese dance artist Cheryl Pan who directed all the performances. Governor Steve Beshear made a proclamation to set Feb. 3 as the day for the celebration of Chinese New Year in Kentucky. Mr. Ben Chandler U.S. congressman from Kentucky and state senator Alice Kerr extended personal greetings to the community right before the performances started. Governor Beshear has scheduled a special meeting with KYCAA representatives to convey new year greetings to Chinese Americans in Kentucky. Mr. Greg Stumble, speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives, also sent a letter to KYCAA president to wish Chinese Americans a happy new year in the Year of the Rabbit.

More and more people have decided to join KYCAA recently as new members. With the support from both members and friends of the association, we can make KYCAA work even better at serving the interest of all members and promoting Chinese culture and cross-cultural understanding in Kentucky.

As we welcome the beginning of the Year of the Rabbit, I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year.



Mayor Jim Gray, Congressman Ben Chandler and state senator Alice Kerr delivered Chinese New Year messages in Person

Before the stage performance started on Sat, Jan 29, Mr. Jim Gray, Mr. Ben Chandler and Ms. Alice Kerr all addressed the audience in the Lexington Opera House. In addition to the good wishes for the community, they all emphasized the importance of Chinese American community to Lexington and to Kentucky, and praised the effort of KYCAA in promoting cultural diversity.



Chinese Embassy sent an official specifically to attend KYCAA Chinese New Year celebration

Chinese embassy in Washington DC sent Mr. Yang Peidong specifically to attend our 2011 Chinese New Year celebration. As an official in charge of the embassy's overseas Chinese affairs, he has travelled to numerous states, but he believes the KYCAA had the best performance program and the highest level of support from elected officials such as the congressman, the mayor and the governor.

KYCAA Helped more people with applications for passport renewal

KYCAA helped 150 people with their applications for passport renewal in the fall of last year. When the embassy official Yang Peidong came to attend our 2011 Chinese New Year celebration, KYCAA made arrangements for him to process additional applications for passport renewal from UK students and others whose Chinese passport was going to expire soon. The service was held in the Comfort Suites Hotel in Beaumont Center. About 20 people benefited from this service so they would avoid a long trip to Washington DC and all the expenses associated with it. KYCAA will continue to work with the Chinese Embassy to offer this service in the future. Chinese students at UK and KYCAA members will receive advance notice of this free service.

Fulin's Asian Cuisine hosted luncheon for KYCAA performers

The owner of Fulin's Asian Cuisine, Mr. Sam Chin, enjoyed very much our 2011 Chinese New Year Celebration. He hosted a special luncheon for all adults on the KYCAA performing team to show his support for KYCAA and thank all the performers for their hard work. He also offered gift cards of \$10 value for members who will eat in Fulin's in the future. All those attending appreciated the treat and were impressed by the special dishes available at the restaurant.



Mayor Jim Gray and Chinese dance artist Cheryl Pan lead the 2011 Chinese New Year celebration in the Lexington Opera House

Mayor Jim Gray and Chinese dance artist Cheryl Pan did a marvelous job as hosts of the 2011 Chinese New Year celebration in Lexington Opera House on Jan. 29. After brief greetings from KYCAA president Changzheng Wang, Mayor Jim Gray, Congressman Chandler and Senator Alice Kerr, the stage performance started with the dances of five lions from Nine Dragon Kungfu group, followed by our beautiful color ribbon dance, and loud gongs and drums ensemble from Ohio. Chinese dances directed by Cheryl Pan played a central role in the celebration with about 60 children and over 30 adult dancers from our association. Humor was highlighted in this year's performance. The dance choreographed for "Boat trackers love song" drew the most laughter from the audience because the special costume allowed the dancers to play both the male and female roles, creating some very funny situations. The selection from Beijing Opera Sha Jia Bang was also entertaining. A comic monologue imitating the speeches by several generations of top Chinese leaders like Mao, Zhou, Deng, Jiang, Hu and Wen also brought the audience a lot of laughter. Yandong Shaolin Kungfu Troupe and Nine Dragon Kungfu demonstrated amazing Kungfu moves and won applause repeatedly. For those who did not get a ticket to see the performance live, please watch out for schedule announcement from KET, which will show the entire performance at a later date in the near future.



Governor Steve Beshear Proclaims Feb 3, the Chinese New Year Day in KY

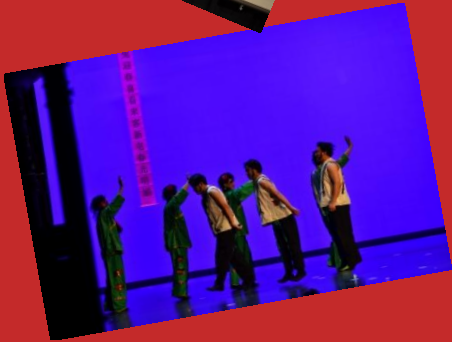
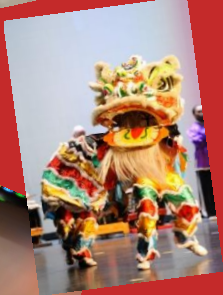
Director Diane Hancock from the governor's office delivered the governor's proclamation to designate Feb. 3 as the day for Chinese New Year celebration in Kentucky. He also praised significant contributions from the Chinese Americans to Kentucky in a letter to KYCAA president.

Panda Cuisine donated foods to KYCAA Chinese New Year celebration

Mr. Tong Xu took over the Panda Cuisine restaurant on Nicholasville Road again. They donated significant amounts of Chinese foods for our holiday market before the stage performance at the Lexington Opera House. They have a special Chinese New Year Buffet on Feb. 2 and 3. In the future, KYCAA members will receive significant discounts from Panda Cuisine.

We thank all the following sponsors for their generous support of the Chinese New Year celebration:

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Proclamation

by
Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the
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To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

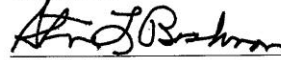
- WHEREAS, Cultural awareness and appreciation are powerful engines for creating a more unified world; and
- WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the diverse cultures in our community and to join fellow citizens in the celebration of their cultural events; and
- WHEREAS, Chinese New Year is the most important holiday of the year for people of Chinese ancestry; and
- WHEREAS, Chinese Americans contribute to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in many significant ways; and
- WHEREAS, The Chinese New Year Celebration organized by the Kentucky Chinese American Association and other community organizations aims to be a showcase of traditional Chinese culture, a platform for cross cultural understanding between the East and West, and a unifying event for all people interested in Chinese culture; and
- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky joins all people of Chinese ancestry in celebrating Chinese New Year 2011, the "Year of the Rabbit," and sends wishes for happiness, health and prosperity to all those born in this year as well as to everyone celebrating this wonderful event;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim February 3, 2011, as

CHINESE NEW YEAR

in Kentucky, and encourage all citizens in the Commonwealth to join in this rich cultural tradition.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 26th day of January, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven and in the 219th year of the Commonwealth.



STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


Trey Grayson
Secretary of State



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