



# Newsletter



January, 2008

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### XING NIAN KUAI LE

#### Chinese New Year Celebration

SAT, Feb. 16, 2008

11:45 AM

#### SINGING BAMBOO

2845 N Military Trail

West Palm Beach, FL

Joy Dupont, China Cooking School  
Tour Experiences

April 17-18, 2008

Thursday & Friday

#### US-China Relations Seminar

The Westin, Washington City  
Center, Washington, D.C.

#### Late April/Early May (TBA)

Annual Meeting

Awards to Olympic Heights High  
School Students

## FEBRUARY 16, 2008

Please join us for another gala celebration of the Chinese New Year of the Rat at Singing Bamboo Restaurant. Joy Dupont will entertain you with the experience of traveling thru China visiting cooking schools in various cities. In Joy's words: "What I have learned from the China Cooking School Tour is a great respect and honor for the Chinese Masters of the Art of Chinese Cooking. Imagine taking a carrot stick and carving a bird, simply to place as a garnish on a plate of food for the aesthetic pleasure of the recipient, and for the thrill of having mastered the art of vegetable carving. Not to mention the two day process of making Peking Duck, and the carving as an exact art." Joy has studied Chinese in the U.S. and Taiwan, worked for the U.N., taught in Taiwan, is a China Travel specialist, and arranges educational and cultural tours to China.

Presentation will start promptly at Noon and luncheon will be served by 12:45P. The New Year celebration feast cost is \$26.50 for USCPFA and CASEC members and guests; \$30 for non members. Make check payable to USCPFA Palm Beach and mail to Marge Ketter, 7088 SE Rivers Edge, Jupiter FL 33458. Phone 561-747-9487.

We'll try to make this a more festive meeting than usual, with a raffle of the unknown, and whatever else we can think of.

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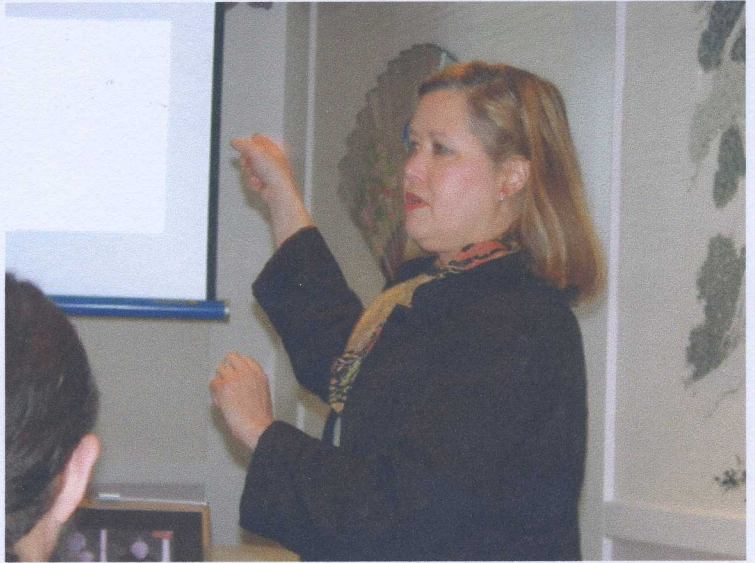
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## DECEMBER, 2007 MEETING

We were privileged to have Ms Laurie Barnes, Elizabeth B. McGraw Curator of Chinese Art, give a power point presentation on Jingdezhen, the Porcelain Capital of China, and the fine porcelain found in the area. Pottery was first made in Jingdezhen in Han Dynasty. Emperors sent their officials to Jingdezhen to supervise the manufacture of royal porcelain. There were four classic decorations: blue and white, famille rose, rice-pattern and color glaze. The porcelain made in Jingdezhen is highly prized.



## WHAT'S NEW

Several members of the chapter attended the Forum Club luncheon in West Palm Beach in early December with guest speaker Chinese Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong, with a front row table arranged by member Dan O'Connell. Ambassador Wenzhong came to the table to greet his good USCPFA friends. He spoke to a full house and reiterated the advantages to both countries of the U.S. and China being friends.

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In keeping with the USCPFA mission of promoting education and understanding between the peoples of U. S. and China, the chapter has embarked on a project with Olympic Heights High School teacher of Chinese classes, Yinjie Qian, to award a small scholarship of \$100 to up to 3 students in her class to encourage the study of Chinese language and culture. Candidates must:

1. have at least two years of learning Chinese ;
2. remain B or above in the Chinese course;
3. be actively involved in community activities and services;
4. submit an essay of 500 words to explain why they are interested in taking the Chinese course, what they have learned about the Chinese culture, and how they believe this will be a benefit to their future lives.

The "contest" is underway at the school and the essays will be submitted to the chapter, and with the collaboration of teacher Qian, selection will be made and the winners invited to our April or May meeting to receive the check and a certificate honoring their accomplishment. Yinjie reports that the principal and students are very excited about the awards, and are honored with the support from the community. The meeting date depends on the busy senior class schedule of the students. This project has been thought of for many months, even years, and we believe is a worthwhile use of our resources.

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The chapter is also planning to run an educational 14-day tour to China from May 17-30, 2008, visiting Beijing, Yichang, Three Gorge Cruise, Chongqing, Yangshuo (Guilin), Suzhou, and Shanghai, with optional side trips, to be escorted by our member Joy Dupont. Passengers will learn about various aspects of Chinese culture including Chinese Acupuncture and herbal medicine, try their hand at dumpling making, explore villages that are over 1500 years old, witness the final changes to the topography of the Three Gorges Dam region and see the project firsthand. Joy Dupont will have details available at the New Year's Luncheon meeting. The tour will earn money for the National organization as well as the Palm Beach chapter to enable us to continue our outreach programs.



## US-CHINA RELATIONS SEMINAR

Don't forget the National USCPFA's biennial US-CHINA RELATIONS SEMINAR to be held in Washington D.C. on April 17-18. More details will be out shortly, but the two day event includes a briefing at the State Department by the China Desk, and a Friday evening reception at the Chinese Embassy. Experts on China from various universities and agencies in the D.C. area will bring us up to date on their views on current relations. Plan to spend a few extra days touring the great sites in our Nation's Capital.

## YEAR OF THE RAT

### Rat Ratings

59% (8 favorable, 1 neutral and 3 unfavorable months)  
 The Rat year may not be as good to you as the kindly Pig year, especially since it is an Earth year and Earth drains your Rat luck. Making favorable deals, for example, will be more challenging. It should still be a good year for you, as you have eight good months ahead of you. If you avoid risk and rely on hard work to get ahead, you most likely will. You may get off to a slow start, but the latter part of the year will present more and better opportunities -- so be patient.

### Rat Career

This is the year of your namesake Chinese animal sign. If you are seeking career advancement, the time could be perfect. On the other hand, if you feel that your present job has grown stale and you yearn for a different flavor of cheese, it may also be the time to move on. Presentation of new ideas or projects, mixed with your enthusiastic and conscientious style, should impress upper management.

### Rat Relationships

In your personal relationships, there seems to be a tendency towards growth and expansion of your social circle. There is a chance that a recent acquaintance or a newly formed friendship could develop into a serious love affair. There is also a good possibility that you will be able to get plenty of enjoyment from both your family and social life this year. Try to make it a point to accept as many invitations as you can, especially to weddings. This is also a very auspicious time to marry, if you are so inclined.

### Rat Health

This year should be smooth sailing for your health as the Earth element brings stability to your overall physical well-being. One caveat though, as you will most likely be feeling stronger, you might try and push yourself a little too hard in one of your many schemes or money-making projects. This could result in you getting sick or having an accident, especially if you are doing any manual labor. Be vigilant when traveling, especially out of the country.

### Rat Wealth

Rats may need to stay on their toes in order not to miss opportunities to expand their bank accounts. These possible opportunities might reveal themselves in the form of conservative investments. As the Earth element favors practicality and conservatism, your long-term savings and retirement investments could also show gains. However, you might be hit with some costly home repairs or improvements, so it would be a good idea to stick to your budgets.

Information copied from the following website:  
<http://chinese.astrology.com/year/rat.aspx>




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## MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships expired December 31, 2007. **NOTE SLIGHT INCREASE IN INDIVIDUAL DUES TO CONFORM TO NATIONAL CONVENTION RESOLUTION.** Please send your renewal check payable to USCPFA PB to Marge Ketter, Treasurer, 7088 SE Rivers Edge St., Jupiter FL 33458. We welcome as new members anyone who is interested in our goal of promoting friendship and understanding between the peoples of China and the United States. Membership includes the quarterly *US-CHINA REVIEW*.

Couple \$30      Individual \$24      Student \$10      Business \$100

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