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## JAAA Newsletter \* January 2007

### LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

**Mark Your Calendar Now! - February 24, 2007, 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Florida Community College at Jacksonville, 9911 Old Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256 (at the corner of Old Baymeadows Road and Southside Blvd.)**

JAAA is pleased to announce its first Lunar New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at FCCJ Deerwood Campus on Old Baymeadows Road. Lunar New Year is a multicultural celebration that marks the beginning of Solnal, the Korean New Year; Tet, the Vietnamese New Year; and the Chinese New Year. At JAAA's Lunar New Year Celebration, we will honor the rich cultural traditions of Asian communities.

You will be receiving an email invitation soon. We hope you will join us as we celebrate the Year of the Pig with food, festivities and cultural symbolisms.

### HOLIDAY PARTY UPDATE

MANY THANKS for helping us celebrate the Holidays on December 3, 2006. We were pleased we could honor our members and friends and appreciate their support and friendship.

Once again, our donors were incredibly generous. We would like to express deep gratitude to the following donors for their support of JAAA's Holiday Party.

Carousel Flowers; China King; Edible Creations (St. Augustine Rd.); Hans Accounting; The Management, 100 Laura Street; Law Offices of A.J. Chauhan; Fred Astaire Dance Studio; Golden Heart Home Health Care; Martin Coffee Company; Lynn and Guillermo Mora; Move On

Philippines; Party Shop; Red Chillies Indian Cuisine; Saigon Time Cuisine; SunTrust Bank; Sushi Rock Cafe; West Phil Entertainment; Soon J. Chang; Kyung K. Cho; Gloria Chu; Doreen Flippin; Tess Galino; Han Kao; Harukazu Kouri; Jung J. Lee; Dr. Nak Y. Paek; Sang W. Yoon.



Game at Holiday Party, 12/3/06

To view more photographs, please visit our website at [www.jaxaaa.org](http://www.jaxaaa.org) (click on gallery).

### HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you for your support in the fight against hunger!

Two barrels of nonperishable food items were collected by JAAA for the City Rescue Mission during the Holidays. The two dance studios (**Fred Astaire** and **A Chance to Dance**) owned by JAAA Director Vida Vongsay collected the most food.

## JAAA MEMBER HOSTS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

JAAA member Cheryl Tupper hosted two Japanese students from Oklahoma Central University who were in Jacksonville during the Holidays. Ayumi and Yuki were part of the Christmas International House program, a Christian ministry that gives foreign students an opportunity to travel to different areas of the country and visit an American home.



The holiday activities included an international Christmas Eve dinner with dishes from other cultures including Filipino, Japanese, British and African American. On Christmas Day, Cheryl along with Yuki and Ayumi delivered presents to children of new immigrants from the Philippines. "This is an exciting experience for me. Spending this year's Christmas with Yuki and Ayumi and sharing the joy of the Holiday Season with them and other international families is just wonderful," commented Cheryl.

Cheryl Tupper manages the Religion and Health Care programs of The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, a national philanthropic organization. Before joining the Foundations, she was Director of the Center for Business, Religion and Public Life at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

## JAAA TEAMS UP WITH THE SALVATION ARMY

Directors Gloria Chu and Doreen Flippin were "bell-ringers" for The Salvation Army at Publix on Baymeadows and 9A during the 2006 Holiday Season. The Christmas Kettle of The Salvation

Army has been an American tradition since 1981, and plays a crucial role in sharing the spirit of the season with families in need. Money raised at kettles is used to provide clothing, shelter, toys, financial assistance and counseling year-round.



## JAAA SUPPORTS TEEN EXPO

JAAA is pleased to announce its support of the **Teen Expo Program** hosted by the [Duval County Health Department](#) on January 17, 2007 at the Center for Women and Children on 6th Street. Teen Expo is an initiative for teenagers that provides information and workshops on health-related issues such as teen pregnancy, alcohol and substance abuse, HIV and STDs, nutrition, teen smoking, etc.

The small amount donated by JAAA to the Duval County Health Department will be spent at Sam's Club to purchase supplies for the Expo.

## A TASTE OF ASIA

JAAA is putting together an Asian cookbook and would like to ask members and friends to submit recipes of your favorite Asian food to be included in the cookbook. Please send your recipe to [info@jaxaaa.org](mailto:info@jaxaaa.org) with your name and email address.

The cookbook will be sold at a reasonable price to help fund JAAA's activities and programs in 2007. It will also include interesting information and facts about different Asian countries. Your suggestions and ideas are also welcome.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 13, 2007 - Live broadcast of Chinese composer Tan Dun's opera *The First Emperor* from the Metropolitan Opera at Tinseltown at 1:30 p.m.**

**February 8, 2007 - The Annual Chocolates of the World Chocolate Dessert Competition and Gala Evening.** The International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville (IVCJ) is pleased to announce **Chocolates of the World Gala and Chocolate Dessert Competition** featuring renowned chefs and chocolate artists. The event will take place **Thursday, February 8, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency**. A very successful component of this event is our silent auction which features a wide array of items or gift certificates provided by businesses. It is an excellent opportunity to showcase your products and services as IVCJ encourages donor companies to provide marketing materials for display.

Additional details about the International Visitor Corps of Jacksonville and Chocolates of the World can be found at [www.ivcjjax.com](http://www.ivcjjax.com). If you have any questions, please call Vickie Corder at 904-994-8400.

**February 10, 2007 - 2007 Chinese New Year Celebration by the Jacksonville Chinese Professional Association (JCPA). University of North Florida (UNF) facilities.**

The theme of the event is "The Rising China." It has three segments: (1) China EXPO showcasing Chinese culture, history, business and modern China with posters, pictures, slides, video and educational seminars from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (2) Chinese New Year Celebration Performance at Lazzara Performance Hall from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Shows will be performed by JCPA members and a professional singer from China will be invited to perform. (3) Dinner at various local Chinese restaurants after the show.

For more information about the 2007 Chinese New Year event, please contact **Dunsong Yang** at 866-7978 or email [usicpa@aol.com](mailto:usicpa@aol.com).

**February 10, 2007 - IndoUS Annual "Unity in Diversity Gala 2007"**

Hyatt Regency, Downtown Jacksonville  
3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. - Registration and Networking  
6:00 p.m. to midnight - Gala Dinner and Program  
For more information, visit  
<http://www.indousnefl.org>

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

We value your comments and insights. If you have comments or would like additional information on any of the above, please send a message to [info@jaxaaa.org](mailto:info@jaxaaa.org).

If you have news or events you would like to share or publish in the JAAA Newsletter, please email it to [info@jaxaaa.org](mailto:info@jaxaaa.org). Thank you for your friendship and support.

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