



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM CHINA

Capital Area, Inc.

Winter 2009

Chinese New Year Dinner – February 8, 2009—REGISTER

TODAY!! FCC-Capital Area will celebrate the Year of the Ox, **Sunday, February 8, 2009 from 4-7pm.** We will once again enjoy the hospitality of the Fortune Restaurant in Falls Church, Virginia, for a rousing New Year celebration full of food, music, and fun! The restaurant is located at 6249 Arlington Blvd., in the Home Depot shopping center.

A REGISTRATION FORM IS ATTACHED AT THE END OF THIS

NEWSLETTER. Register quickly as space is limited. Please note that parties of 10 persons will have reserved tables. Families wishing to sit together at a reserved table for 10 should register together on one form (separate checks are ok as long as they are included in one mailing with the one registration form).

Registrations must be received by Saturday, January 31. Once we have received your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. Please bring this e-mail to the dinner in order to facilitate your entry to the dinner.

Volunteers are needed the evening of the event to help with registration and to direct families to tables. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact FCC-Capital Area.

Reminder and Last Call to Order Group Tickets for the Terra Cotta Warrior Exhibit

The National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC will host an exhibit of the Terra Cotta Warriors from the city of Xian in the Peoples Republic of China (PRC). The exhibit is currently in California and is receiving rave reviews.

On January 6, 2009, group tickets will go on sale for the Terra Cotta Warrior Exhibit hosted by the National Geographic Museum. The event will open in November of 2009 and last until March 31, 2010. Approximately 80 members of FCC Capital Area have already placed their orders for group tickets and we will order them in early January.



The cost of individual tickets for adults is \$12.00, but group tickets are available for \$8.00 each for groups of 10 or more. Children under age 2 are free. Strollers will not be allowed in the exhibit for safety reasons.

FCC Capital Area will sponsor a trip for its members to this exhibit with a special tour given by volunteer docents working with the National Geographic Museum on a **weekend** in late November or early December 2009. We will soon need to finalize how many of our members will want to purchase group tickets. Depending upon the time we are assigned to view the exhibit, afterwards the FCC Capital area families will enjoy lunch or dinner together at the China Garden Restaurant which is located at 1100 Wilson Boulevard in Rosslyn, VA 22209.



At present we do not know what exact date(s) and time(s) that will be available to us but want to estimate approximately how many FCC families would be interested in participating in this event and in eating together afterwards.

The National Geographic Museum will have an entire gift shop dedicated to souvenirs associated with this exhibit. FCC is working with the gift shop to see if they will donate a certain percentage of sales by FCC Capital area members to one of the “Charitable Organizations” listed on the FCC website.

For more information about the exhibit go to www.terracottawarriorexhibit.org

After we receive the tickets, you can reimburse FCC. If we have the tickets available by the Chinese New Year Dinner, you can pick them up then and reimburse FCC for the cost of the group tickets.

If any of you still want to participate but have not yet responded you have **one more opportunity**. We expect the tickets to this exciting event will sell out quickly. If you want FCC Capital Area to purchase group tickets on your behalf, contact Board member Wes Hagood at WHagood@Deloitte.com

If you want to participate, Wes must receive an email from you by **January 5, 2009** indicating how many tickets your family will need and whether they are for adults and or children.

OF INTEREST: CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENTS IN THE DC AREA

Chinese New Year Parade in Washington, DC

February 1, 2009. 2 - 5 p.m., Giant Firecracker set off at 3:45 p.m.

Chinatown - on H Street, NW, between 6th and 8th Streets

Each year a parade is held in Chinatown to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The event features the traditional Chinese Dragon Dance, Kung Fu demonstrations and live musical entertainment. Chinese Cultural Booths will open 3 - 5 p.m. at the Wah Luck House, 800 6th Street, NW (use H Street entrance).

Chinese New Year Events at Lakeforest Mall

2009 Dates to be Announced. Lakeforest Mall, 701 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland.. View beautiful Chinese New Year decorations and exhibits throughout the mall. Live entertainment (weekends only) includes traditional lion and dragon dances, folk dances and martial arts demonstrations. Demonstrations and workshops include flower/bonsai arrangement, arts and crafts, painting and games.

Chinese New Year at Montgomery County Public Libraries

2009 Dates to be Announced. Thirteen branches of the public libraries welcome the Year of the Ox with a variety of programs. Music, dance and special performances feature the sights, sounds and cultures of China, Korea and Vietnam. Programs include introduction to customs behind the Lunar New Year, traditional dances, hands-on art activities, puppet shows, healing and martial arts demonstrations including tai-chi and kung fu, calligraphy, crafts, customs, Chinese yo-yo, workshops and children's activities, and the traditional Chinese lion dance. For specific schedules, visit the Montgomery County Public Libraries website

Lunar New Year at Fair Oaks Mall

2009 Dates to be Announced, 1 - 5 p.m. Grand Court at Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks, Fairfax, Virginia. Usher in the Lunar New Year with costumed dragons and lions, music, dancing, lantern displays, Kung Fu demonstrations, kids crafts, and more. The event is sponsored by the Washington Hai Hua Community Center.

(Note: "Of interest" items are not associated with FCC-Capital Area, but are provided because of their potential interest to FCC families).

Know an FCC-Capital Area member who is not receiving this newsletter? We may have an out-of-date e-mail address. Encourage them to contact membership@fcccapital.com with the correct address.

Stay in Touch

Stay up-to-date on FCC events between newsletters. FCC-Capital Area maintains four email discussion groups to inform our membership of opportunities and events of interest as well as encouraging discussion:

- **FCC-Capital Event** -- Provides information about FCC-sponsored and organized events. These are the "official" announcements from FCC-Capital Area. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fcccapitalevent/>
- **FCC-Capital Interest** – Provides information on events and opportunities related to adoption, China and adoption from China that are not organized or sponsored by FCC-Capital Area. Subscribers are welcome to submit notices to this list. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fcccapitalevent/>
- **FCC-Capital Shopping** -- Provides information on shopping opportunities related to adoption and China. Subscribers are welcome to submit notices to this list. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fcccapitalshopping/>
- **FCC-Capital Talk** -- An open discussion list for members of FCC-Capital Area. The discussion is unmoderated. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fcccapitaltalk/>

Families with Children From China
Capital Area
2009 Chinese New Year Celebration

Please join us as we celebrate the Year of the Ox, at a 4 course meal, including soup, vegetarian spring rolls, 4 main dishes (including a vegetarian stir fry), and dessert. Entertainment includes Chinese music, dance, and at the end of the evening, a Lion Dance.

Date: Sunday, February 8, 2009

Time: 4:00-7:00 pm

Place: Fortune Restaurant
6249 Arlington Blvd.
Falls Church, VA 22044

Cost: \$19.00 per person (children under 2 who sit on a lap are free)

Name: _____ Member? Yes ___ No ___

Address: _____

Email: _____

Number of adults _____; Number of children _____

Amount Paid _____ Checks payable to FCC-Capital Area

Send response to: Chris Kramer
5975 Stevens Rd.
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY,
JANUARY 31.**

Parties of 10 will have reserved tables. If families wish to sit together at a reserved table, please submit one registration form. You may include separate checks.