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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Retro China

In March and April the Council will begin to offer a series of programs that have been tentatively titled "Retro China." The idea is to revisit some of the programs that we offered way back when (remember "ping pong diplomacy"?), when the Council was affiliated with The Asia Society, Deng Xiaoping visited Texas and American tourists began to dribble into the People's Republic of China. The inaugural programs (details are listed on the events calendar inside) explore American views of Chia and the Chinese, and vice-versa, based on images from newspapers, magazines, movies and other media. The other program provides a look at photographer Eve Arnold's visit to the Chinese mainland in 1979. Both programs, I believe, are excellent vehicles for considering what has and has not changed in the way that we see each other, and how images and pictures have shaped our views.

As I mentioned, this is a work in progress. Your suggestions are most welcome regarding other possible programs along these lines.

Celebrating the Year of the Dog

The Year of the Dog (4703) begins on January 29th. Some Council members have contacted me and asked why our New Year's fundraiser was scheduled for February 25th. We have traditionally tried to hold the event during, or close to, the New Year period but were not able to book a suitable venue this time, due to the sudden closure of Great China Seafood in Chinatown. For several years, many organizations held their event at Great China Seafood. Having one less suitable banquet venue in the community resulted in a space crunch. I am sure we will have a very festive event on February 25th. Please join us.

Have a happy and prosperous New Year!

--Rosario Aglialoro

Remembering Liu Binyan

Liu Binyan, the renowned writer and investigative reporter who openly challenged the Chinese Communist Party to reform itself before and after he was exiled to the United States in the late 1980's, died on December 5, 2005. He was 80 years old and lived in East Windsor, N.J.

In June 1991, Mr. Liu participated in the China Council program "China & Democracy," speaking at the House of Louie in Chinatown. He is the author of two memoirs, *A Higher Kind of Loyalty* and *"Tell the World": What Happened in China and Why*, on the 1989 democracy movement.



Northwest China Council
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CHINA COUNCIL NEWS

2006 Flying Horse Community Award Recipient

The Northwest China Council's Board of Directors has selected Mr. Louis Lee as the 2006 recipient of the Northwest China Council's Flying Horse Community Service Award. The award recognizes individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions toward increasing public awareness of Chinese culture, contemporary affairs and business at the local or international level.



Louis Lee was born and raised in Honk Kong and came to the United States in 1972 to study accounting. After graduating in 1975, he immigrated to Canada and did graduate work in Montreal. Louis moved to Portland in 1978 and is currently a CPA with an accounting practice on NW Davis Street in Chinatown. Since coming to Portland, Louis has been active in a number of Chinese and mainstream organization, including the Lee Family Association, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent, the Asian American Business Alliance, the Old Town Chinatown Visions Committee and the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association.

The list goes on and is very impressive, but what also makes Louis Lee very special is his ability to appreciate the complex nature of the changes taking place in Portland's Old Town Chinatown (OTC) neighborhood, and his dedication to working with the various constituencies dedicated to both the cultural and historic inheritance of the area and to its future role in an historic district. A good example of this is his active involvement in OTC's Arts Culture and History Group.

The China Council is honored to add Louis Lee to a distinguished list of past recipients that includes Betty Jean Lee, Donald Jenkins, Bruce and Gloria Wong, Liu Chi and Rebecca Liu, Stanford Chen, Sam Won & Gene Tom, the Yat Sing Music Club, Patrick & Christine Chan and the Friends of the Kam Wah Chung Museum in John Day.



Happy Year of the Dog!
Join us on February 25th
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PROGRAM NOTES

Several of the Council's "Journey to Kham" travelers reported on the trip at the House of Louie on **October 20th**. Tour leader Dave Bleyle and tour member David Allaway provided trip highlights. (Kham tour photos are posted on the Council's website.)

The Council's 25th anniversary annual meeting was held on **November 9th** at the Great China Seafood Restaurant. The evening began with a performance by the **Yat Sing Music Club**, a local music ensemble based in Portland Chinatown. **Frank Nelson**, emeritus professor of philosophy at Linfield College, was honored for his years of service as a board member and president of the Council (2003-2005). A performance by erhu virtuoso **Wang Guowei** and **Susan Cheng**, on Chinese dulcimer, followed. It was a very moving performance. Guowei and Susan are members of the New York based group, **Music from China**. While in Portland, Wang also performed with the **Third Angle Contemporary Music Ensemble**. Many thanks to Ron Blessinger, Third Angle artistic director and head fiddle player, and Faith Wellman, Third Angle executive director, for inviting the Council to work with them on this most rewarding project.



Professor Frank Nelson and NWCC board member Sarah Auker during the presentation ceremony; musicians Wang Guowei and Susan Cheng. (Photos by E Guangcai)

Former China Council board member **Ray Olson** screened parts of his latest documentary—"Human Rights in China: The Search for Common Ground," at Portland State University on **November 16**. After the screening, Mel Gurtov, PSU professor of political science and international studies, commented on the film and responded to questions and comments from the audience. The program was co-sponsored by the PSU Institute for Asian Studies. Copies of the film are available from www.sacred-mountain.com.



Ray Olson (center) and Mel Gurtov (to Ray's right) and friends at Smith Memorial Center, Portland State University.

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CHINA BUSINESS NETWORK

Steve Marshall, president of **The New Group**, was featured at the **November 2nd** CBN at the House of Louie. Steve explained his company's approach in developing successful marketing strategies in China.

Mr. **Ron (Rongwei) Cai**, resident partner and chief representative of the Shanghai Office of law firm **Davis Wright Tremaine LLP**, spoke at the Chinese Business Network Luncheon on **December 7th** at the House of Louie. He focused on the serious problem of corruption in business dealings and what the government is doing about it.



The luncheon was a homecoming of sorts. Rongwei graduated from the Lewis & Clark School of Law and worked in Portland and Seattle before moving to Shanghai. Many of his old friends and colleagues attended the event.

On **January 11th**, **Peter Young**, CEO of **Chemcentral Group China and Mincepa Inc.** of Lake Oswego, spoke about the many complex challenges of human resources management in the China marketplace. Peter, a former board member and loyal supporter of the Council, drew on his 22 years of experience working in China. The luncheon was held at the House of Louie.

LANGUAGE CORNER

The **2nd Annual Language Corner and Party** was held at the **Rogue Distillery & Public House** in Northwest Portland. Participants had a fine time sampling Rogue beers and ales (soft drinks for minors and teetotalers) and testing their language skills by taking part in a variety of games devised by instructor Willow Zheng and students. 多谢 (many thanks) to Rogue House proprietors and NWCC members, Jeff Schultz and Junxi Huang for hosting the event, and to the following Council language students for donating game prizes and snacks: Karen Drain, Bruce Fitzwater, Laura Schlafly, Ron Smith and Melinda Woolley. And a big thanks to Willow for organizing the event and for donating prize items. Winners of the writing contest were **Ron Smith**, "我的名字" and "上海游记"; **Mary Rutt**, "我的母亲"; **Irene Steiner**, "吃中餐"; and **Nesteren Pintarich** "我的名字".



Instructor Willow Zheng (white sweater, center) with students and guests. 郑薇路老师和她的学生和客人一起 (Photo by M. Mesmer)

LANGUAGE TRAINING for the BUSINESS TRAVELER

An increasing number of professional people have been adding Chinese language study to their long-term career planning strategy. The China Council has been teaching Mandarin language classes since the 1980's. We offer evening classes at the Council and on-site training in a variety of formats. Please call Council executive director Rosario Agliadoro at 503 973-5451 for details.

SPRING LANGUAGE CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, APRIL 2nd

EVENTS CALENDAR

Learn All About Spring Couplets*

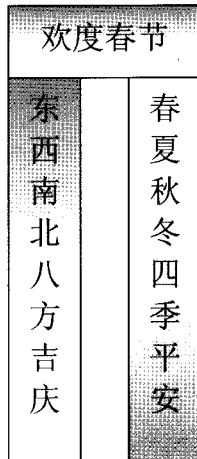
Join China Council resident artist and language teacher Willow Zheng and the distinguished calligrapher, Yan Buliang, to learn about Chinese New Year *chun lian* (春联), or spring couplets. *Chun lian* are customarily written on red strips of paper with black ink and placed at the main entranceway to one's home during Spring Festival. Willow and Mr. Yan will introduce several popular *chun lian* and invite participants to create their own using a Chinese brush and ink. Children, accompanied by parents, are most welcome.

When: Saturday, February 11, 2:30-4 PM

Where: Kida Co. Bldg, 127 NW 3rd Avenue

Cost: \$3 members, \$5 non-members; children are free

**Chun lian* is a special type of *dui lian*, or couplet, written on vertical strips of red paper. The first (upper) line is posted on the right side of the front door. The second (lower) line is posted on the left side of the door. In addition, a third horizontal piece may be posted across the top of the door. The above couplet literally reads: (right, top to bottom) spring, summer, fall, winter, four seasons, peace; (left) east, west, south, north, eight sides, celebrate; (top) spend joyfully, spring, festival.



Chinese New Year Dinner & Auction

The China Council cordially invites you to our 16th annual dinner and auction fundraiser. Come and help us raise the rent and celebrate the Year of the Dog. Bid wildly, eat, drink, (bark, howl) and have lots of fun. Donations for the live and silent auctions are still needed. Items of all kinds are welcome for both the live and silent auctions, including things that we can use to put together attractive, exciting travel and entertainment packages. As always, your contribution is greatly appreciated, and it's tax deductible.

Need a donor form? Call 503-973-5451. Forms can also be downloaded at www.nwchina.org

When: Saturday, February 25

Silent auction: 5:30-7 PM

Live Auction & Dinner: 7:30-9PM

Where: Legin Restaurant Ballroom, 8001 SW Division, PDX

Cost: Individual:\$45; table of 10: \$400*;patron table: \$500**

*Single payment of \$400 required

** Preferred seating, plus mention in program

RSVP with credit card to 503-973-5451

Coming to the Dinner & Auction?

We wish you could bring your "best friend." You can't. But you can send us a digital image or a print photo for display on the "big screen." After all, this is the Year of the Dog. And it's OK to send your favorite portrait of you and your cat (tiger), ram, rat, monkey, etc. Remember, you must attend the event to participate and we need your picture by February 17th. E-mail: nwchina@spiritone.com S-mail: 127 NW 3rd Ave. PDX, 97209



Looking for China, Looking for America: How images of China have shaped American ideas and vice-versa

In 1980, the Asia Society produced a slide presentation with audio narration that considered American views of China, and vice-versa, based on images from newspapers, magazines and movies. The program was shown by the society's 12 regional China Councils, including the Northwest China Council.

We invite you to view the complete half-hour presentation, followed by a discussion of how, 25 years later, American and Chinese perceptions have or have not changed.



An American political cartoon depicting President Nixon, as Mr. Charlie Chan, with Henry Kissinger (No. 1 Son) "investigating" Red China; a Chinese illustrator's rendition of a Voice of America news reader.

When: Tuesday, March 7, 6:30-8 PM

Where: Kida Co. Bldg, 127 NW 3rd Avenue

Cost: Free for NWCC members; \$3 general

Eve Arnold's "In China"; A Look Back



In 1981, the China Council, in conjunction with an exhibition of photographs by Eve Arnold at Reed College, showed a series of the photographer's pictures, with audio commentary, from her 1979 visit to China.

We've excavated the slides and the audio tape from the archive for an encore showing as a way of revisiting China after Mao and before McDonald's.

When: Tuesday, March 21, 6:30-8 PM

Where: Kida Co. Bldg, 127 NW 3rd Avenue

Cost: Free for NWCC members; \$3 general

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