



Newsletter



DECEMBER, 2011

CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 21, 2012 11:45 AM
CHINESE NEW YEAR

CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Featured Speaker: Marylou Brunetta
Singing Bamboo Restaurant
West Palm Beach, FL

February 19, 2012 4-7 PM
SPRING GALA PERFORMANCE

Palm Beach State College
Eissey Theater
Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Details to be announced later

April/May 2012 11:45 AM
**ANNUAL CHAPTER BUSINESS
MEETING**

Singing Bamboo Restaurant
West Palm Beach, FL
Date to be determined

April 26-27, 2012
**US-CHINA RELATIONS
SEMINAR**

Washington Plaza Hotel
Washington, DC

May 2nd/3rd week 2012 15 days
CHINA TOUR TO SILK ROAD
Arrangements under construction

The Chinese Year of the Dragon begins on January 23, 2012. We will celebrate with our Dragon luncheon on Saturday, January 21, at the Singing Bamboo as we have done for many years. Guest speaker Marylou Brunetta, triathlete sponsored by the chapter, reporting on her experiences in China competing for Team USA in the World Championship Triathlon, Beijing, in Sept 2011. Cost for advance reservations per person for members and guests is \$25, non members \$30, at the door \$5 more per person. Tax and gratuities are included. Please join us by sending check payable to USCPFA SE FL, to Marge Ketter, 7088 SE Rivers Edge St, Jupiter FL 33458



SPRING GALA PERFORMANCE

Another outstanding performance co sponsored again with the Palm Beach State College, Eissey Campus, at the Eissey Theater, PBSC Gardens Campus, has been arranged by David Pena and Monica Shang. The event is scheduled for February 19, 2012, 4-7PM, and flyers have been sent out giving the details. VIP tickets for adults are \$40 adult and \$15 children under 12, which includes the performance and Chinese buffet reception from 6-7PM following the performance. Performance only tickets \$20 for adults, \$10 children under 12. Information and/or tickets may be reserved by sending check payable USCPFA SE FL to Marge Ketter, 7088 SE Rivers Edge St, Jupiter FL 33458, or phoning David Pena at 561 537 0584 or Marge Ketter at 561 747 9487. A silent auction will be featured again and you have time to decide what you would like to donate for this fun fund raiser. Please call Marge or David about items you have to donate to the silent auction.

This is a special event that everyone will enjoy so spread the word, bring your friends and relatives, and help us support introducing the Chinese culture to the community.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

TO BE ANNOUNCED



US-CHINA RELATIONS SEMINAR

In 2012 another exciting US-China Relations Seminar will be held in Washington D.C. on April 26-27 at the Washington Plaza Hotel. The theme is "Hands Together". The Seminar is an outstanding program sponsored by the National board and speakers come from academia, government, and business. Highlights of the Seminars are briefings at the U.S. State Department, and if the Embassy schedule permits, a reception hosted by the PRC Embassy officials. Watch the US-China Review and our chapter website for details as they develop.



PLANNED CHINA TOUR

Arrangements are being made for a fully escorted 15-day tour to China in mid-May with the itinerary to include visits to Beijing, Xian, Lanzhou, Dunhuang, Turpan, Urumqi, with exciting sites along this ancient Silk Road route. For first time travelers to China, the visit to Beijing will include the Forbidden City and the Great Wall, with leisure time to visit old friends or shop; for those who've been there before if you wish to explore Beijing on your own you are free to do so. In Xian, the beginning of the fabled Silk Road, once the capital of many dynasties, where a Neolithic culture built a village 6000 years ago, you will tour the excavation site of 8000 terra cotta soldiers buried around the tomb of Emperor Qin; in Lanzhou there will be a tour of the city, the Yellow River bridge and Lanzhou museum; sightseeing in Dunhuang will include the famous Mogao Grottoes, Singing Sand Dunes, and Crescent Moon Lake with a possible camel ride for the courageous; leaving Dunhuang for JiaYuGuan you will see the westernmost pass of the Great Wall. On the way to Turpan you may visit the ancient city ruins of JiaoHe, in Turpan visit a local minority family, the Karez Underground irrigations system, Flaming Mountain, and more; Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang Autonomous Region, includes the famous local market, sightseeing at Tianshan Mountain and a planned short cruise on Tianchi, (Lake of Heaven), and a city tour including the Xijiang Museum featuring an exhibit of mummies excavated throughout Xinjiang over 3000 years..

Price of the tour will depend mostly on number of passengers and we would like to hear from all of you who would like to join us on this educational and cultural tour to an unusual part of China. Regardless of your age we hope you will join us. Hotels will be 4 or 5 star, travel by plane or train, and bus. Contact David Pena at 561 537 0584 or Marge Ketter at 561 747 9487



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