

Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration

March 9, 2008



Welcoming
The Year of the Rat

The Charles B. Wang Center
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LUNCH

Our Buffet luncheon will be served from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. Your ticket confirmation indicates your table number which is preceded by a "T" or "M". This indicates whether you are seated in the Theater Lobby (Lower) , or the Main Lobby (Upper).

ARTS N CRAFTS

You can find all the arts & crafts activities in the **CHAPEL** area starting at 1:00 PM. **Parents, please register your child(ren) at the check in door, when you arrive, for an hour time slot.** (1-2, 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5). You will be given the opportunity to choose 4 crafts to do during the hour.

Your time slot is: _____

Choose up to 4 crafts from the following list:

Lantern – choose 1 only:

Scratch off* ___/ Tissue paper _____

Jewelry – choose 1 only:

Necklace* ___/Bracelet** _____

Good Luck Panda Sign _____

Year of the Rat Frame _____

Origami Frame & Cup _____

Color a Zodiac Calendar* _____

Coloring/Stenciling*



Please present your ticket at the selected time and have a volunteer initial the crafts you've selected.

* Easiest for the very youngest

** For kids 7+ only.

Movies

Then & Now Slide show

Will run continuously from 2pm until 5:30pm
Lecture Hall 1

New Year in Ping Wei: (Running time 30 minutes)

Show Times: 2 pm, 4 pm – Lecture Hall 2

Celebrate Chinese New Year in a rural Chinese Village. Also known as the Spring Festival, New Year is the most important holiday on the Chinese calendar, a time when families reunite and mythical dragons dance through the night. Narrated in both English and Mandarin (with subtitles) New Year in Ping Wei follows Liu Yen Twin and her family as they celebrate. From preparation of the family reunion dinner and the symbolic burning of paper money to firecrackers and fireworks, all the traditions of New Year are captured in this colorful sequel to One Day in Ping Wei.

One Day in Ping Wei: (Running time 30 minutes)

Show Times: 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm – Lecture Hall 2

What is life like... in China? China is changing at a remarkable rate but the countryside, where the majority of China's 1.3 billion citizens live, remains much the same as it has for centuries. This documentary, shot entirely on location in China, offers a window on life in rural village, capturing in compelling detail the daily life of a Chinese family.

FAMILIES OF CHINA: (Running Time 30 min.)

Show Times: 3 pm, 5 pm – Lecture Hall 2

Meet Qinbo and her family who live in Ningbo, a port city in China. They watch as her mother rides to work on a motor bike and Qinbo goes to school on a public bus. Next, they will meet Kun whose parents grow bonsai in the mountains around their village. Visit an open market with Kun's mother and watch her prepare a meal for her family and Kun's grandparents. Grades: K-4.

TRAV'S TRAVELS - GEOGRAPHY FOR KIDS

CHINA: (Running time 20 minutes)

Show Times: 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm – Lecture Hall 2

Join Trav on this cultural tour of China! Explore the tomb of terra-cotta soldiers and bronze horses of Xi'an, and climb the Great Wall of China. From the water cities of Suzhou to the Himalayan mountain range and plateaus of Tibet, Geography for Kids-China provides a perfect introduction to the geography of China for grades 3-6

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Raffle Drawing

4:30 PM



Lion Dance Begins

12:30 PM

STAGE PERFORMANCES

FCC-Long Island Chinese School

Show Time 2:00 PM

Since 1999 the FCC-LI Chinese School has held joint classes for parents and children of our local FCC community. Together families learn to read, write and speak Mandarin Chinese, as well as many forms of Chinese Culture, Music, Song, Dance. Please welcome some of our newest student families in their “debut” performance, as they are led in song and dance by some of our more experienced “veteran performers” and our teacher Man-Li Kuo Lin.

Mei Mei Hu:

Show times: 2:30 pm & 3 pm

Children’s language teacher and video producer, Mei Mei Hu will entertain and engage the children with her repertoire of Chinese children’s songs and dances. Hu recently released two new DVD’s, *Let’s Play Games and Let’s Visit Dawei Village*, through her educational company, Mei Mei and Me. The videos are Hu’s sixth and seventh in her Play & Learn Series. The series teaches Chinese language and culture to English-speaking children, many of whom are Chinese-born girls adopted by American families.

Yang Xiao Di – Amazing Juggler:

Show times: 3:30 pm & 4:00 pm

Chinese New Year Celebration

Performance by NPA Performers:

(Approx. 45 min) Show times: 4:30 pm & 5:15 pm



OUR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

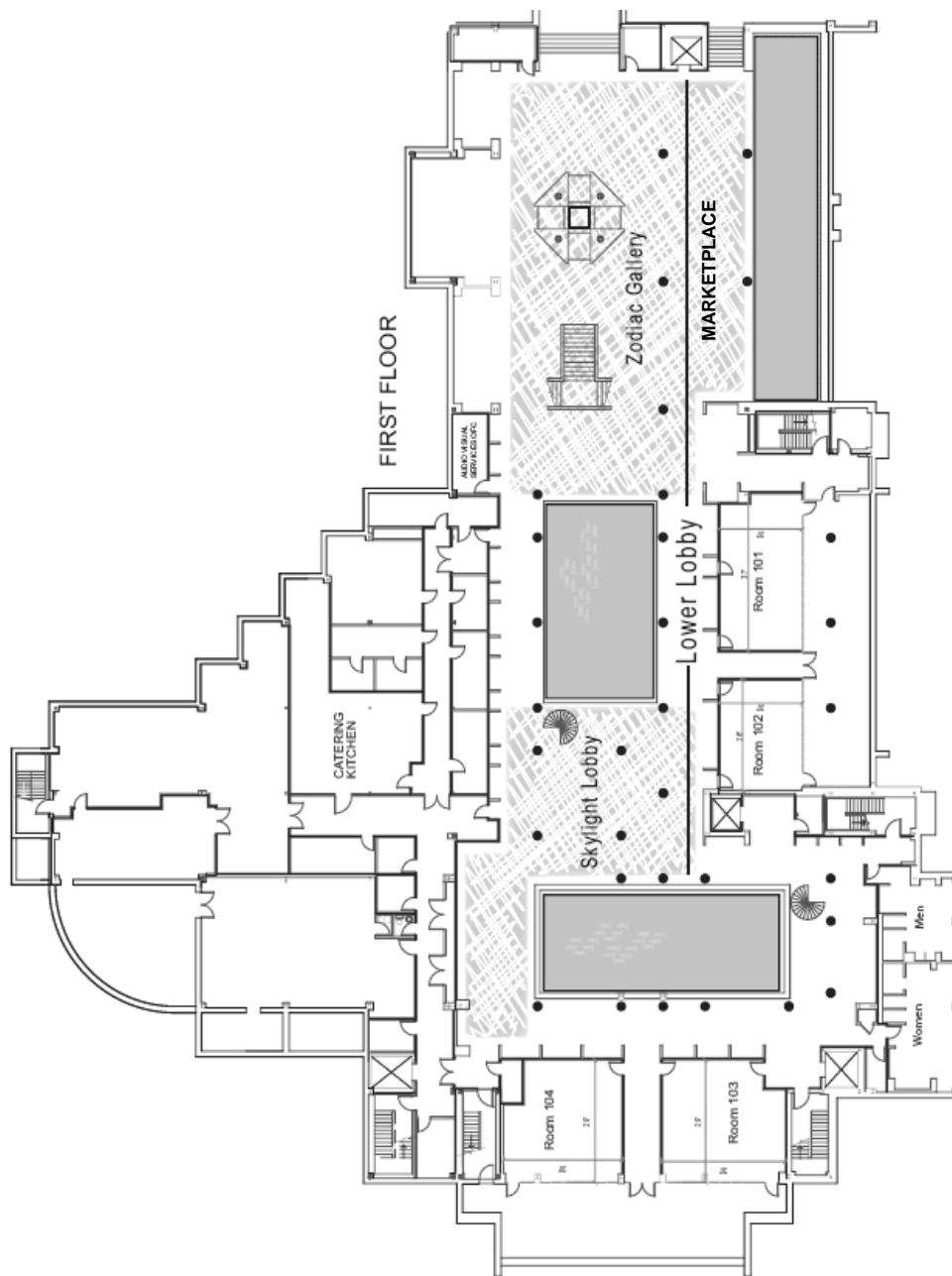
Time	Theatre		Lecture Hall #1	Lecture Hall #2
2:00PM	FCC Long Island Chinese School Performs		Then & Now Slide Show	New Year in Ping Wei
2:30PM	Mei Mei Hu			One Day in Ping Wei
3:00PM	Mei Mei Hu			Families in China
3:30PM	Yang Xiao Di Amazing Juggler			Trav’s Travels - China
4:00PM	Yang Xiao Di Amazing Juggler			New Year in Ping Wei
4:30PM	CNY Celebration Performance by NPA			One Day in Ping Wei
5:15PM	CNY Celebration Performance by NPA			Families in China
				Trav’s Travels - China



Become a part of our history! Photos of the day’s events (or of any past FCC-LI event) can be submitted to our website info@fcli.org.



Floor Plans



Raffle Prizes – Page One

Please stop by our Raffle Table and buy tickets for your chance to win one of these wonderful prizes. Please visit our Market Place and deposit your tickets in the bags for the prizes you are most interested in winning! We will accept cash -and checks over \$20 (Please write your name and phone number the back of your tickets.) If you are unable to stay for the drawings, we will contact you. Winning ticket numbers for unclaimed prizes will be broadcast via e-mail Our Drawing will be held at 4:30 PM. Raffle Tickets Prices are as follows:

1 Ticket \$3.00 2 Tickets \$5.00 5 Tickets \$10.00 12 Tickets \$20.00

Many thanks to all those who donated so generously, to everyone who worked so hard to obtain donations, and to collect them, prepare them for display and transport them to our event today.

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donations Made By:</u>
A Good Book and a Glass of Wine basket	D'Iorio Family and FCC-Greater New York
Adoption Parenting basket	EMK Press, FCC-Greater New York, the D'Iorio and Hayes Families
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Asian Basket	D'Iorio and Hayes Families
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Asian Basket	The Hayes Family
Asian Basket	The D'Iorio and Hayes families
Asian Basket	The Hayes and Cotter Families
Asian Basket	D'Iorio and Hayes Families
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Chinese New Year	The Hayes Family
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Drawing Kit	FCC-LI
EarTunes Hat Basket	The Van Nostrand and Li Families
Emperor Basket	The Hayes Family
Fairy Tale Basket	The Cotter, Schilling and Hayes Families
Families are Forever book basket	The Schilling and Scherpich Families, & Deb Capone
Forever Fingerprint basket	The Cotter & Hayes Families and EMK Press
Fun in the Sun basket	The Lo Family
Godiva Basket	A Sweet Gourmet of Sayville, NY
Going to China Basket for Waiting Families	The Hayes Family

Raffle Prizes – Page Two

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donations Made By:</u>
Hunan Cooking Basket	The Laxer-Limmer Family
Island Princess DVD	The Hayes Family
Jasmine Princess Basket	The Hayes and Li Families
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Little Boy Basket (#2)	The Scherpich, Cotter, Schilling and Hayes Families
Little Boy Basket (#3)	The Hayes, Schilling and Scherpich Families
Little Girl Clothes Baskets / Gift Baskets	The Urban Family
Little Mermaid Plate Set	The Li Family
Love's Journey Coffee Table Book	The Van Nostrand Family
Madagascar DVD basket	The Cotter and Schilling Families
Mickey Dish Set	The Li Family
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Tonka Dump Truck	The Garvey Family
Trap the Spy Kit	FCC- LI
'Tween and Teen Basket	Thimbleberry Press, Suzanne Litrel, and the Hayes Family
Watercolor set	FCC-LI

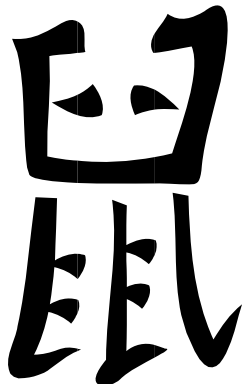
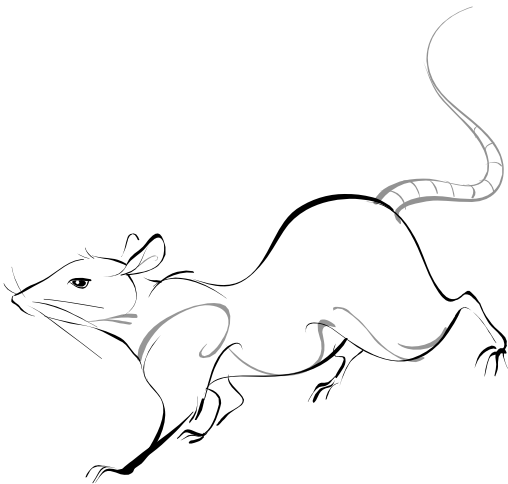
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Gift Certificates:

Domenico's Restaurant, Levittown , NY - \$50
Outback Steakhouse - \$50
Other People's Money - 2 tickets
Vanderbilt Museum - 3 pack
Vanderbilt Museum - 4 pack
Sergio's Italian Restaurant Dinner & 4 Hour-
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Family-4 pack to 2009 Chinese New Year
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For Waiting Families http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fccli_waitingfamilies/

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THE MARKETPLACE

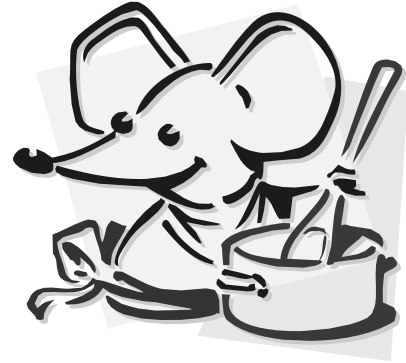
Our Market Place will be open today from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Here's a listing of some vendors you will find:

FCC-LI Youth Group

BAKE SALE



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*All Proceeds to benefit the
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- ♥ We encourage adoption by providing information and sharing our experiences.
- ♥ We help families learn about China and Chinese culture to strengthen our children's pride in their background and heritage.
- ♥ We sponsor programs that support the evolving needs of our families and assist our children as they grow to understand their life stories.
- ♥ We provide assistance to children who remain in China's orphanages
- ♥ We promote awareness of our community's concerns to schools, governmental bodies, cultural institutions, Asian American organizations, adoption agencies, and other groups.

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Please join us in thanking the many parent volunteers who offered their time, effort, enthusiasm, and talents to make our event today successful. (Our apologies to anyone not listed due to the timing required to print this publication.)

- **Jayne Hirsch, Kristen Hayes and Lauren Schilling –our event and chapter coordinators** For coordinating all volunteers, today's entertainment, vendors in our marketplace, designing our invitation,& making all necessary arrangements with the Wang Center, and organizing our Orphan Project Donors. For taking over the enormous task of overseeing the event, Coordinating all raffle Prizes, Table Centerpieces, Table Cloths, Making Baskets and Preparing Gifts of our Raffle Prizes. *And a special thanks to their families for their patience, sacrifices and understanding while they worked on this event.*
- **Teresa Baldinucci-Greenberg-** For overseeing the sale of our Raffle Tickets and the Coordination of the SBU Students who are helping to sell the tickets for us, and who volunteered to set up before our event today
- **Lori Halop-**For assisting in the printing and mailing of our invitation flyer
- **Barbara Fischthal-Gumpel-** For her creativity and enthusiasm in designing and overseeing all of our Arts & Crafts for today's events, as well as the coordination of all the necessary volunteers and the collection of all the various supplies
- **Danielle Gallagher –** for Seeking Sponsors & Raffle Donations, Editing & Publication of the printed program, & E-mails
- **Missy & Greg Kenny-Corron –** For arranging for our balloon centerpieces and all of our SBU volunteers
- **George & Beth Laxer-Limmer-**Who volunteered to set up before our event today
- **Dave and Joann Nix--**Who volunteered to set up before our event today
- **Tobi Scherpich -**Who volunteered to set up before our event today & clean up after our event today
- **Larry Schilling -**Who volunteered to set up before our event today
- **Tim Harrigan -**Who volunteered to set up before our event today
- **Maureen Sullivan -**Who volunteered to set up before our event today and helped prepare for, and assist with our Arts & Crafts
- **Nancy & Sarah Rosenberg –** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Jean Marie Urban-** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Heather Wareing-**Who volunteered to set up before our event today
- **Nick Cardlin -** Who volunteered to set up before our event today
- **Lily Cardlin -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Anne Donovan -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Kevin & Margo Turner -**Who volunteered to set up before our event today
- **Dana Eng -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Kim & Mike Gaudiosi -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Alyson Garvey -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Karen Sivin -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Susan Cotter -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Carol & Jarrett Weintraub -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Vicki Brick -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Brendan Van Nostrand -**Who volunteered to clean up after our event today
- **Vicki Van Nostrand –** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Valerie & David Horvath –** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Marie LeMaire -** for volunteering to help with Arts & Crafts
- **Barbara & Dave Reetz -**Who volunteered to clean up after our event today
- **Donna Sadowsky -**Who volunteered to clean up after our event today
- ****And to all of the families that baked to help support our Youth group, a special thank you to you.****



Honorable Mention

Our celebration today was made possible in part, by discounts offered, donations made, services provided or funding received from: The Charles B. Wang Center, SUNY @ Stony Brook, All our Marketplace Vendors (see pg 4), Dragon and Phoenix Restaurant (26 S. Ocean Ave. Patchogue) –Our Catering Service, Mei Mei Hu (of Mei Mei & Me products), Yang Xiao Di - Juggler, NPA Productions-Live Stage Performances, Stony Brook University Student Volunteers for Community Service and the FCC-LI Youth Group and their Families.

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Dedications

To All FCC-LI Members & Their Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and prosperous New Year! As we begin the new year and celebrate this special holiday together, let's all take a moment to reflect on how blessed we all are and how we became this wonderful family. Being a part of FCC-LI has truly enriched our lives in many ways; ways that we would have never known if it weren't for the miracle of adoption. We have made forever friends and extended family, have been supportive of each other, and formed bonds that will last forever.

We thank all of the families who are part of FCC-LIfor all of your hard work and dedication...Let's continue to share in each others' happiness and joy.

Warm Wishes to all,

Jayne Hirsch, Kristen Hayes & Lauren Schilling

**Dearest Evan and Abby,
Happy New Year!
You bring us so much
happiness!
We love you!
Hugs and kisses,
Mommy and Daddy**



*Allisandra Dorothy
We are forever blessed
to have you home!
We love you!*

*Love Mommy, Daddy,
Joshua and Hannah*

Happy Family Day Vivian LiJia!
We can't believe it's already been
a year since Daddy was in China
bringing you home!
WHAT A YEAR!
We love you!
Mommy, Daddy & Gracie Wu



Dear Rebecca Morgan,
Happy New Year to my sweet little
girl. I love you with all of my heart, I
am so proud of you and all that you do.
Love always and forever.
Mommy



*Dear Janine, born on 10/3/96
during The "Year of the Rat".
We are overjoyed to celebrate
this special New Year with you
12 yrs. later! We love you and
wish you a Happy New Year.
Love, Mom & Dad*

*A heartfelt
"Welcome Home"
To all the newest FCC-Liers!
We wait (impatiently) for
Gwen's baby sister!
The Clarke's*

**Happy New Year!
to Man-Li and
the FCC-LI Chinese School
Board!
We are grateful for all
your
wonderful work.
Mickey, Anne and Grace Ping**



2007 Arrivals – Welcome Home!

Sending Hugs to our new found friends,
Samantha's new sister Hannah, Lela's new sister
Lian, and Jason, Jared and Darah's new sister
Faith. May 2008 happily welcome home Chloe's
new brother, as well as MANY, MANY more long
awaited friends!