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Profile



Hunan Chinese New Year Party

The newly established Hunan Association - Dallas hosted a delightful party to celebrate the Chinese New Year on January 26th, 2013, at the Golden Joy BBQ Chinese Restaurant in Richardson, Texas. Over 300 people participated in this event.

Haiying Wang, president of Hunan Association - Dallas, greeted all guests and introduced special out of town guests from Houston and other places along with local VIP guests. She also thanked event sponsors, including the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Houston and Southwestern National Bank, as well as many others.

I had the privilege of interviewing President Wang. She said, "There are nine chapters of Hunan Association in the U.S. The Dallas chapter was founded in September of 2012. Approximately 200 people attended the first meeting. Our goal is to build a strong Hunanese community in Dallas. We would like to gather people from Hunan province, unite our resources, and help one another. We have been working diligently with the provincial government of Hunan to connect Hunan's cities of Changsha, Zhuzhou, and Xiangtang with Texas's Richardson, Frisco, and Allen, respectively, as cities of friendship. We look forward to the opportunities of cultural exchange."

When I asked her how this relatively new organization would recruit new members, President Wang noted, "Our membership is growing largely by word of mouth. People who are interested in our

organization can go to our website and find out more. Our website is www.hunanassociation.org."

Hunan is a province located in the south central part of the People's Republic of China. It is surrounded by majestic mountains on the east, west, and south, and overlooking the Yangtze River on the north. The provincial capital city of Hunan is Changsha. There are numerous sightseeing spots in Hunan. The most popular ones include Dongting Lake and the Yueyang Pavilion, which is a famous tower built in the Tang Dynasty (618 – 907). The Zhangjiajie National Forest Park in northwest Hunan is China's first national forest park.

Guests at the Hunan Chinese New Year party not only enjoyed delicious food and drinks, they were also entertained with numerous performances of songs, dances, and magic show. These performances showcased the various talents of the members of the Hunan Association - Dallas. The raffle drawings brought many cheers to the audience.

Some of the dishes served at the Hunan Chinese New Year party were hot and spicy, which is exactly the characteristic flavor of the Hunan cuisine. Visitors to Hunan would not want to miss tasting its spicy hot cuisine and purchase its unique Xiang embroidery to bring home as souvenir. The word "Xiang" is a Chinese nickname for Hunan.

According to the Chinese calendar, in addition to numbering the years, each year is also represented

by one of 12 animals. These animals rotate in 12-year cycles. The Chinese New Year animals are the following: rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog, and pig. The year of 2013 is the Year of the Snake.

Many guests told me that they joined in this evening's Chinese New Year celebration because it was one of the many ways that they could show support for the Hunan Association - Dallas. With the palpable enthusiasm, this new organization will surely grow and prosper.



(L-R) He Ming, board member of Hunan Association - Dallas; Peter Ng, former president of WTCC; HaiYing Wang, president of Hunan Association - Dallas; Wendy Yeh; Sophie Ng; Linda Ping, board member of Hunan Association - Dallas



over 300 guests celebrating Chinese New Year under the banner of Hunan Association - Dallas



Wendy Yeh (left) with HaiYing Wang, president of Hunan Association - Dallas



(L-R) James Huang, president of USCCC - Dallas; Jinhong Liu, VP of USCCC - Dallas; Wendy Yeh; David Wong, founder of Elite Cultural Center

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