

Chapter Report – Pittsburgh Chapter

OCA-Pittsburgh Chapter, with support from UPMC (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) Montefiore Hospital, Pittsburgh Chinese Physician Association, Tzu Chi Foundation, and Three Rivers Families with Children from China (TRFCC), again had a successful Free Medical Clinic on Oct. 30, 2006, at the Internal Medical Clinic of Montefiore Hospital. Altogether 16 Doctors volunteered, including dentistry, internal medicine, urology, allergy, ophthalmology, orthopedics, and OB GY and comparable number of nurses and supporters. More than 45 patients showed up and visited different departments more than 130 times.



On November 25, 2006, OCA-Pittsburgh Chapter along with the Tzu Chi Ren Wen Chinese School, TRFCC, and the Pittsburgh Chinese Restaurant Association participated in the WPXI TV / Macy Celebrate the Seasons Parade. The parade lasted two full hours with live TV coverage. Altogether 43 OCA members participated, including dancers, diabolo spinners, and the dragon dancers. It was a perfect opportunity to publicize the rich Chinese culture and heritage.



The signature event of the OCA-Pittsburgh Chapter is the annual Chinese New Year Banquet. More than 300 dinner guests joined the celebration. The event was presided over by the current Chapter president Wen-Ching Yang. Michael Lin, the OCA Executive Director, was the honorary Chairperson of the event. The performance, choreographed by VP of Cultural Affairs Chia-Pih Shaw, was emceed by the Celebrity Mistress of Ceremonies Katrina Owens, a local TV celebrity. The fundraising event was sponsored by six Corporate Sponsors, four Patrons, and more than thirty Benefactors. Participating dignitaries included Allegheny County Chief Executive Dan Onorato and his wife Shelly, and Congressman Tim Mulphy who awarded the Congressional Awards to members of OCA Youth.



Michael Lin & Katrina Owens



Wen-Ching Yang & Chia-Pih Shaw



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