

January 2020 Newsletter

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The Chinese Association of Greater Kalamazoo

**(CAGK) and the Confucious Institute are Proud
to Announce the 2020 Chinese New Year Gala!
Saturday, January 25th 2020**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm · Chenery Auditorium · Kalamazoo

Turkey in April Journey

FFWM club's 2020 international journey begins March 29, 2020! We will visit 2 clubs in Turkey (FF of Bursa and FF of Greater Izmir) as well as visit Itanbul, Ankara, Cappadocia, Antalya and many other sites. We have 14 ambassadors, 13 are FFWM members and one from FF of Dayton. Look for pictures on our FB page as we will post them!



Future Journeys Planned for 2020

Our board is working on an inbound journey from FF of Quad Cities to be in August. Stay tuned. . . .

We will be hosting FF of Turalba, Costa Rica tentatively in October. Journey coordinators will be Jerry Potratz and Lyn Hargreave.

These are great hosting opportunities you don't want to miss. . . especially if you are new to the club. Getting involved is the best way to learn how we function! There will be a need for overnight hosting, dinner hosting and day hosting during these visits. And when we have dates, be sure to mark your calendars to attend the welcome and farewell events.

For more information see our Board minutes under the Members tab.

For New Members

Watch your e-mailbox for a welcome letter with lots of useful information! It should be coming from John Richmond or Dave Barnes.

Club Goals

Our board is working on goals for 2020. They include increasing membership, tracking member participation levels, and expanding committee memberships.

Club committees include:

Membership Committee: Chair- Dave Barnes. Current members include John Richmond and Melanie Perry.

Social Committee: Chair-Jerry Potratz. Current members include Lyn Hargreave, Kathy Berglund, and Patty Richmond.

Communications Committee: Chair - Marcia Ellis. Current member is Shirley Wiersma.

Audit Committee: Louise Potratz. Looking for one more person. This is a one time duty to review the books with our Treasurer, Lisa Fisher.

Marcia Ellis is looking for anyone comfortable using computers to assist with the newsletters and/or website. Software includes Mailchimp and Weebly. Both are very intuitive and easy to learn! Also, if you like to use **Face Book**. . . this is your opportunity to get involved by managing our FB page!

Are you interested in serving on the Board? Do you have a special talent or

area of interest that may be helpful to our club? Think about how you can get involved!!

Please volunteer!

Please watch for an email from Shirley Wiersma coming in the near future. She is collecting data to make it easier for the Journey Coordinators to match ambassadors. When you receive it, please complete the form and return it to her.

Are you traveling somewhere??

It would be nice to know to which corner of the world our members are traveling.

So send a couple pictures at your destination so it can be posted in our newsletter!

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