



## FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

### Happy Chinese New Year!

Submitted by Jiyu Jia, CIP Chinese Development Coordinator

*While much of the world rang in the New Year on January 1st, China is getting ready to officially kick off 2016 on February 8th. The New Year is one of the most important holidays of the year in China, so we asked our own Chinese Development Coordinator, Jiyu Jia, to tell us more about their unique tradition:*

There is no fixed date for the Chinese New Year in the Christian calendar, although it is always in February or at the end of January. We use our traditional calendar, which is called the Lunar calendar. Since it is near the start of Spring, we actually call the new year in the Lunar Calendar, "Spring Festival."



Normally, we will celebrate the Chinese New Year for seven days. The entire celebration begins with Chinese New Year Eve. The whole family will get together and have the most sumptuous dinner of the year, enjoying local food that is traditionally prepared to celebrate the New Year. After that, people spend the next 5 or 6 consecutive days visiting relatives and friends to celebrate and congratulate each other for entering the New Year. This way of celebrating throughout the country has its origins in the Song Dynasty, circa 960 AD. Before then, these traditions were popular with the Han people, but less so with other minorities. Now, however, Chinese New Year is celebrated nationwide.

The importance of Chinese New Year for us is like Christmas for many Americans, but ours is not related with religion. It absolutely has the sense of being the #1 holiday or festival for all of China. However, since China is a big country like the U.S., different places (provinces) have their own sub-culture to celebrate New Year in their own way. For example, in and around my hometown of Tianjin, we have dumplings as a main course after midnight on New Year's Eve. But far south, in places like Guangzhou or Fujian, people prefer a sticky rice cake, called New Year Cake, instead of dumplings. Moreover, food is only one part of traditional cultural practices. There are many regional differences in how the New Year is celebrated.

Compared to other Chinese holidays, and to make an analogy with Western holidays, I often say that Chinese New Year is like Christmas, and Moon Festival is more like Thanksgiving. They are the first and second most important holidays, and in both cultures they are about the whole family getting together.



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## Restaurant Spotlight: Juergen's

*Each restaurant that commits to participate in the 2016 Taste of Columbus will be featured monthly.*

Juergen's German Bakery and Restaurant has been a German Village establishment for over 40 years. Established by first-generation German immigrants, Juergen's specializes in old-fashioned, home-style meals in a home-style atmosphere. Juergen's isn't just a restaurant - it is a bakery, coffee house, and Euro-import store with unique culinary items. Be sure to stop in for lunch or dinner, and do not forget about their award-winning pastries!

525 S. Fourth Street  
Columbus, OH 43206

(614) 224-6858

[www.juergensbakery.com](http://www.juergensbakery.com)

Tues-Thurs: 8 am-8 pm

Fri-Sat: 8 am-9 pm

Sunday: 10 am-6 pm

Monday: Closed



## Welcome our Spring Interns: Joey, Xirui, and John



**Joey Cordle** is currently working at Abbott Nutrition. He is a 2014 graduate of Kenyon College where he received his B.A. in Anthropology with a minor in Religious Studies. At Kenyon, he was a 3-year letter winner and all-conference hurdler in track & field. After graduating from Kenyon, he departed for Hanoi, Vietnam where he taught English as a second language (ESL). In April of 2015, after 5 months abroad, he returned home to Columbus, Ohio.



**Xirui Mao** is a junior at The Ohio State University, majoring in Communication and minoring in Business. Xirui is originally from China. She is a social media editor in the Chinese Students and Scholars Society at OSU. Xirui facilitated OSU's English Conversation Program last fall. Last summer, she interned at News Channel of Hunan (China) TV station and was a volunteer at OSU international student orientation.



**Hyun Woo Noh (John)** is a junior at The Ohio State University, majoring in International Studies and minoring in French. John was born in South Korea, but came to the States 5 years ago to study English as a high school student in North Carolina. He has lived in 5 different countries, which are South Korea, China, Taiwan, France, and the United States. John has interned at two different research institutes, 21C Korea-China Leaders Society and North Korea Strategy Center, during the past two years before interning at Columbus International Program.

### Spring 2016 Staff

Clockwise from left: Marcus Andrews, Communications Coordinator; JiYu Jia, Chinese Development Coordinator; John Noh, Intern; Joey Cordle, Intern; Xirui Mao, Intern; Paul Saltz, Project Manager for Grants and Development; Kathy Moser, Director of Business Operations; Mark Poepelman, Executive Director



## Upcoming Events

### “A Personal Glance Into Turkey” with Melis Kahraman

Time: Thursday February 4th, 2016, 6:00pm

Location: Café Istanbul  
6175 Riverside Drive  
Dublin, Ohio 43017

Join us at Café Istanbul where Melis, a participant from Ankara, Turkey, will share her home country with us. Melis' personal insight into what it's like to live in a country struggling with terrorism is especially relevant today. Nevertheless, Turkey is a beautiful country with a rich culture and history. This presentation is our first event of the new year and is not to be missed!

Adult tickets are \$18.00 and children under 12 are \$10.00. Dinner includes salad, mixed grill kebab, rice, bread, vegetables, dipping sauce, and a special Turkish custard dessert - Kazandibi! [Click here to R.S.V.P.](#)

### ODE Concert with Scandinavian Club of Columbus

Time: Monday, February 8, 2016, 8:00pm

Location: Maynard Avenue UMC  
2350 Indianola Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43202

Join the Scandinavian Club of Columbus as they host award-winning Swedish folk trio, ODE Musik. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 on pre-sale, and \$20 at the door. Visit [www.ScandiClub.com](http://www.ScandiClub.com) to get your ticket!

### Networking Lunch with the Consulate of India, New York

Time: Monday, February 15, 2016  
Registration: 11:30, Program and Networking: 12:00—1:30pm

Location: Kegler, Brown, Hill, and Ritter  
65 E. State Street, Suite 1800  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Join Kegler Brown and the Consulate of India, New York, as they host a panel discussion and networking lunch to discuss opportunities created for Ohio businesses by the explosive economic growth in India. A lunch of traditional Indian food will be served. Please email Lindsey Fox at [lfox@keglerbrown.com](mailto:lfox@keglerbrown.com) to R.S.V.P.

### Celebration of International Women's Day

Time: Monday, March 7, 2016, 11:30am-1:30pm

Location: The Ohio State House Atrium  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Join us at the State House for a celebration of International Women's Day 2016 with a pledge for global gender parity. CIP is a partnering sponsor for this event hosted by the Center of Somali Women's Advancement. There will be cultural performances, free lunch, and speakers. Contact Khadra Mohamed at [khadrashire@hotmail.com](mailto:khadrashire@hotmail.com) for more information regarding this event.

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## Dinner with our Chinese New Media Delegation: Sunflower Restaurant

Time: Thursday, March 17, 2016, 6:00-8:00pm  
 Location: Sunflower Chinese Restaurant  
 7370 Sawmill Road  
 Columbus, Ohio 43235

Join CIP for a night of Chinese food and culture, and meet our Chinese New Media Delegation. Dinner will be \$18. Please contact our office to R.S.V.P. by calling 614-221-0034 or emailing [cipcols@aol.com](mailto:cipcols@aol.com).

## Keep Columbus Beautiful - Kick Butt Columbus

Time: Saturday, March 19th, 2016 - 9:30am—2:00pm  
 Location: SR 315 and Bethel Road

We are participating in the City of Columbus's annual spring cleanup, and are looking for team members. Volunteers get a free t-shirt for their efforts to beautify the city after winter thaws. Contact our office for more information, and [click here](#) to register. Be sure to join Team 22!

## Save the Date: 5th Annual Columbus International 5K

Time: Saturday, April 16th, 2016 - 3:30pm—7:00pm  
 Location: Genoa Park  
 303 W. Broad Street  
 Columbus, OH 43215

The 2016 Columbus International 5K is a community event designed to help educate families on prenatal and infant care, with the end result of reducing infant mortality. A variety of exhibits will help educate attendees about pre- and new-born child care. There will be free entertainment for the public, as well as access to food vendors. For more information and to register as a runner or walker, [click here](#).

## Save the Date: Asian Festival and Dragon Boat Race

Date: Sunday, May 22nd, 2016 (Dragon Boat Race); May 28-29th (Festival)  
 Location: Scioto Audubon Metro Park (Dragon Boat Race); Franklin Park Conservatory (Festival)

We are looking for volunteers to row for team CIP in the Asian Festival's Dragon Boat Race on the 22nd, as well as volunteers to staff the CIP booth at the Festival on the 28th and 29th. Contact our office for details.

## Save the Date: 2016 International Taste of Columbus

Time: Sunday, August 14th, 2016 5:30-8:30pm  
 Location: [Mozart's Bakery and Piano Café](#)

2016 Corporate Sponsorship and Memberships are still available and are always welcome. [Click here](#) to learn how you can support CIP's work!

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