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7th Annual Spring Luncheon

Fifty-six Fuzhong alumni (from '80 to '09) and friends gathered at Zuccheri e Pomodori on the Upper East Side of Manhattan on Saturday March 9th to celebrate the beginning of 7th year for the Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation.

Guests travelling from as far as Hong Kong, California and Minnesota arrived at the 7th Annual Spring Luncheon around noon. As they find their individually reserved seats, Minhua Zhang ('00), Director of Fund Raising, opened the event with warm welcomes.

After the appetizer, keynote speaker James Harmon delivered a thought-provoking speech on his vast experience on Wall Street and at the US government. He talked about his extensive relations and interactions with China both as Chairman and CEO of the Export-Import Bank of the United States as well as the Chairman of the World Resource Institute. When asked about his opinion on the environment consequence of the Three Gorges Dam, keys to build an impact-driven NGO and advice for overseas Chinese to give back to China, James eloquently shared his insights and told audience that participation at charities such as FFOF can be a key to long-term relationship building and the giving-back process.



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Between the main course and dessert, Minhua on behalf of the Executive Committee delivered the 2012 Annual Work Report. The presentation started with the fund-deployment programs (H-week, Alumni Arts, "Give-a-Hand" Wang Jialian Need-based scholarship, Performing Arts Award, Social Contribution Award and Chemistry Lab Instrument Purchase), followed by alum and school relations and year-round social activities. Minhua then talked about fund-raising statistics and financials. The report concluded with plans and budgets for 2013. Alumni and donors approved and supported the worked by FFOF with great enthusiasm. The event raised over US\$11,000 for the foundation.

FFOF looks forward to seeing you all again next year!

6th Annual Poker Tournament

30 avid poker players gathered on Thursday September 6th, 2012 at S. Dynasty in Mid-town Manhattan for a night of exciting No-limit Texas Hold'em poker tournament organized by the Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation.

Following a delicious 8-course Chinese buffet dinner, fund-raising director Minhua Zhang ('00) welcomed supporters of the Foundation and briefly introduced the fund-deployment programs. After reviewing the house rules, volunteer dealers Monica Liu, Brenda Zeng, Allan Fan, Ye Zhou ('96) and Hongguo He ('96) kicked off the tournament. As soon as the cards are dealt, the atmosphere tensed up.

As the night progressed, lucky draws and bad beats pile up, so are the chips in front of some contestants. Others chose to rebuy, keeping their hope alive. At the end of the night, Ben Tso and Chen Chen tied for the first place, followed by Chu Zheng, Kang Ji and Alex Fang. They took home awards and pride.

The event offered a great opportunity for participants to network with fellow players and non-players as well. A total of \$1,200 was donated to the general purpose fund for the Foundation.



2012 Holiday Karaoke

On Saturday December 16th, 2012, FFOF hosted Holiday Karaoke Social at our beloved spot, K-One Karaoke. We welcomed a dynamic group of alumni and friends this year. One alumna brought family and sang with her kid. It was always great to meet new friends and catch up with old ones while enjoying beautiful songs. Hope you all had fun and see you again soon!

Private Film Screening

We were proud to bring award-winning independent filmmaker and Fuzhong alumna Yi Chen ('99) to New York City for a solo show of her photography and films on November 10th, 2012. FL 324 has won a Peer Award from TIVA-DC and Best Narrative Short at Our City Film Festival. The film has toured film festivals in the United States, including DC Independent Film Festival, Heritage Film Festival, and Falls Church Film Festival. House of Happiness is a work-in-progress verite documentary about the life inside Washington, DC's Chinatown.

27 movie lovers participated in the film screening, and joined each other in animated conversations. In the post-screening Q&A, Ms. Chen also shared some interesting stories behind the scenes, as well as her adventurous filmmaking experience.



The event has raised a total of \$1,085 in donation, which will all be passed on to Ms. Chen to support her filming project. It's a great honor to have her with us, and we look forward to her great future and success!

2012 Performing Arts Award

On January 18th, 2013, the Foundation held the award ceremony for 2012 Performing Arts Award at Fuzhong. After rounds of discussions, the Award Committee made the decision to give the award to WEI Zhaohan, a Senior II student, and LUO Dawei, a Senior III student. In the submitted performance sample, WEI Zhaohan clearly demonstrated her talents in music composition and piano playing. Another award winner, LUO Dawei showed excellent skills in saxophone playing in his application materials.

Mr. ZHANG Zhonghua, music and art teacher at Fuzhong, gave the opening remark for the ceremony, introducing and promoting the Performing Arts Award among student audience. The remark was followed by a speech from Ms. JIANG Fanghua, the President of the Foundation. Ms. JIANG Fanghua introduced the Foundation to the audience, highlighting the mission of the Foundation and recent events held overseas. Thereafter, WEI Zhaohan and LUO Dawei delivered their award winning speeches about their art pursuits in the future.

Commenced in 2008, the Performing Arts Award aims to recognize students that have demonstrated exceptional talent and passion in one or more areas of performing arts. The award is made possible by the generous donation of Ms. SHI Tianyin ('84). Each year, the Award Committee receives applications across various fields, including musical instruments, vocal music, and dance. Over the past five years, the Foundation has granted the award to a total of eleven exceptionally talented Fuzhong students.



2012 Wang Jialian "Give a Hand" Scholarship

2012 saw the "Give a Hand" Wang Jialian Scholarship in its sixth year of operation. Established with generous contributions from the alumnae of Class 1979-3, the award is so named in recognition of Ms. Wang JiaLian, who served as homeroom and math teacher for Class 1979-3 during their formative years and left a lifelong impact through her care and dedication. The Scholarship intends to provide financial aid to disadvantaged students who are in a trying financial situation and foster the legacy of helping one another in building a strong alumni community. Since the inception of this Scholarship program, the Foundation has given out 50 awards, and helped improve day-to-day lives of financially challenged students and families in measurable ways.

Five students applied for and received the Wang Jialian Scholarship for the 2012 academic year. On November 29th, 2012, the President of the Foundation, Ms. Fanghua Jiang, gathered with the recipients and Vice Secretary Jun Li at Fuzhong in an informal setting. No school wide ceremony was held to protect the privacy of the students. The

Hweek Sponsorship

Hweek is an week-long event organized by the Harvard Association for U.S.-China Relations (HAUSCR), which brought Chinese high school students to live and study in Harvard. As stated by the HAUSCR, the goals of the program are threefold: (1) to expose a select group of Chinese high school students to the experience of higher education in the United States; (2) to promote an understanding of economic, political, societal, and cultural aspects of China among Harvard students; and (3) to foster idea exchanges between Chinese and Harvard students.

This year FFOF sponsored two Fuzhong participants, WANG Zi and HUANG Mengting. At Harvard, they

students expressed their deep gratitude towards the donors for making a meaningful difference in their lives, and resolved to fully take advantage of the award in furthering their studies. One recipient is already giving back to Fuzhong in his own way by volunteering at the local alumni chapter and helping with the maintenance of the Student Resource Center (知缘阁).

As the Foundation continuously seeks to improve the Scholarship program, we are looking for ways to more effectively market the award and broaden its reach. Specifically, we would like to ensure through various marketing channels that every eligible Fuzhong student is aware of the award, and we aim to remove any concern or social stigma by making the process private and confidential. In collaboration with the school, we are also evaluating the possibility of extending the program to Tibetan students at Fuzhong.



lived with Harvard students in undergraduate dorms, took classes of their interests and participated in culture exchange events with diverse Harvard student groups. Both students expressed their sincere gratitude for the generous funding from FFOF.

