

# FFOF NEWSLETTER



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## Happy New Year!



We'd like to wish you a very happy new year. Enjoy your time with families and friends. Safe travels and stay warm and healthy. We are grateful for your continuous support for the Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation. We hope to see all of you again in 2012!

## Amazon Partnership

*When you spend for holidays, please kindly remember to bookmark Foundation's referral link [fdfzalumni.org/amazon](http://fdfzalumni.org/amazon) and start with that link whenever you shop on Amazon, this season and all year long.*

That way, about 5% of your total spending goes directly to our general purpose fund. Of course, should you consider a gift directly to the Foundation as part of your holiday giving, we welcome you to [fdfzalumni.org/donate](http://fdfzalumni.org/donate) for a super convenient Google checkout. Either way, your help will be greatly appreciated!



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## Spring Luncheon in 2012

It's going to be our 6<sup>th</sup> annual fundraising luncheon in March 2012! Over a delicious three-course meal, we would like to share with you what we accomplished in the past year, as well as to set our goals for the future. We would love to hear your thoughts and suggestions. As always, the Luncheon is a great way of staying connected with old friends and making new ones.

For more details, please check back at our website at [fdfzalumni.org](http://fdfzalumni.org) as the date approaches. Or if you are already a [member](#) of our foundation, watch for an invitation in your inbox.

## Student Resource Center (SRC)

### SRC Promotional Week (May 30 – June 2)

To increase the awareness of the awesome resources at SRC (2 iMac computers, 163 English texts and counting, a relaxing and interactive study space) as well as to bring home the idea of 知缘 (“know your connections”, or “knowledge through connection”), FFOF designated the last week of May as the special promotional week for SRC (知缘周).

During the week, we hosted the following presentations and activities

- Using iMac (教你玩转 iMac)
- Afternoon Tea with Alumni (与校友共进下午茶)
- Interactive English Speech Training (英语演讲培训)

The events were well received by attendees. They helped increase the visibility of the Center by highlighting the key features and program offerings. The organizers and participants were excited to see this as a solid step to attract more students to explore and fully utilize SRC.

### Student Volunteers and New Administrator

We are very happy to welcome our part-time consultant Yu Yan ('90) and 15 student volunteers from the class of 2013 to join SRC. Starting from 1Q11, they help add daily personal touches to the Center by managing books and computers, promoting SRC within the school community, as well as organizing various FFOF programs related to the Student Resource Center.

Yan brought with her a background in corporate management and experience in working with students during last year's FFOF Long Feifei summer camp. The enthusiastic student volunteers divided among themselves the operational hours of SRC (noon – 1pm & 4:45 to 6pm, Mon – Fri) to ensure at least one volunteer will be on duty to provide personal assistance to users. The administrator and volunteers meet frequently to discuss on-going work at and future plans for SRC. We have no doubt that with these new helping hands and young energy, SRC is on its way to become a unique and valuable part of the learning experience at Fuzhong.

### Next Phase

With the feedbacks of some books are too difficult for high-schoolers, FFOF plans to focus on magazine subscriptions and easier texts for the next installment. More importantly, we have asked local students to submit suggestions via wish lists so that we could deliver exactly what are needed and desired. In addition, FFOF is looking into having English teachers highlight and present selected books from our collection to advance student interests. We would also continue to invite alumni for direct dialogues with students in highly interactive settings.



Interactive English Speech Training



Afternoon Tea with Alumni

Professor Liu Yili, Ma Mingyan ('09, Pamona '13) and Huang Yuxiao ('09, Columbia '13) joined by over 30 current Fuzhong students. June 1, 2011.



Student Volunteers  
During weekly workgroup meeting

## Social Contribution Award

On June 2, 2011, the Foundation held the award ceremony for the fifth Social Contribution Award at the Student Resource Center (知缘阁). After rounds of discussion, the Award Committee made the decision to give the award to Mr. Li Laixin from Class of 2013 Section 11, for his persistent efforts to help underprivileged students both from the rural area and within nearby community. Ms. Jiang Fanghu, President of the Foundation, gave the opening remarks, followed by speeches from Li Laixin and Mr. Wang Deyao, Secretary of the Party at Fudan Fuzhong.

Commenced in spring 2007, the Social Contribution Award is the first merit-based scholarship created by the Foundation. This scholarship awards students for their special contributions to communities outside of the school and family. Over the past five years, the Foundation has granted the award to a total of nine outstanding individuals and groups.

The award ceremony was held at the Student Resource Center, as part of the SRC Promotional Week. For more information, please watch this [award ceremony video](#).



## “Give a Hand” Wang Jialian Scholarship

“Give a Hand” Wang Jialian Scholarship is a need-based scholarship aimed to help Fudan Fuzhong students whose families suffer severe financial hardships through a monetary assistant of RMB 5,000 per year. The scholarship was established by Fudan Fuzhong Overseas Foundation and made possible by the generous support of Class 1979-3. Since 2006, 48 Fuzhong students have been awarded this scholarship, and we were happy to see another 11 recipients at the award ceremony this year.

At the ceremony, the recipients had a video chat with Mr. Wu Yongchun, a major donor from Class of 1979-3 and a member of FFOF’s executive committee. Mr. Wu talked about his experience at Fudan Fuzhong and especially about their Math teacher Wang Jialian, while student Pang Mengfei expressed her gratitude to the foundation and the donors on behalf of all 11 recipients.

Huang Jian, an alumni and scholarship recipient from the class of 2010 also shared his understanding of this award. To him, the scholarship was not only a monetary support, but also an encouragement that has helped him face life's challenges, and he believes that the best way to say thanks to the donors is to spread the love to the society.



Mr. Wu Jian, vice headmaster of Fudan Fuzhong, gave the closing speech in which he expressed his pride in Fudan Fuzhong and its alumnae and students. For more information about the award ceremony, please visit the [award page](#).

## Poker Tournament



For the fifth year in a row, alumni and friends gathered in Midtown Manhattan for the much anticipated annual Texas Hold'em poker tournament. The September 1st event was opened by a fantastic 9-course buffet, delightful socializing among friends and alumni, and then quickly evolved into a night of intense poker playing. Fifty percent of the total proceeds were paid out to the winners, while the other half, via the general purpose fund at the Foundation, goes directly to support students in need at Fudan Fuzhong, as well as a variety of other projects that benefits the current student body.

This year's tournament sees quick re-buys and rapid succession of big-hand show-downs. At the final table of ten players both Fuzhong's alumni and their friends played their best hands. After the three-hour tournament, Alvin took home the first prize after a hard fought heads-up battle against Jiayi. Following the duo were George, Chengjie and Chengjie. Many of the prize winners decided to donate further on top of their entire winnings to the foundation, making this year's poker tournament a remarkable fundraising event, contributing more than \$3000 to the foundation. For more pictures, please visit the [event page](#) on our website.

## Summer Picnic & Thanksgiving Karaoke

Despite the heat wave on July 23, 2011, alumni, families and friends came to Central Park Picnic and had some outdoor fun. The kids always added lively colors to our picnic social!

We also hosted our annual Thanksgiving Karaoke on November 21, 2011. We were fortunate to have many good singers this time and had a wonderful time catching up and meeting alumni new to the Foundation.

