

2010 Year End Appreciation and Blessing Ceremony

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Tzu Chi Foundation Orlando Division hosted its 2010 Year End Appreciation and Blessing ceremony event for over 150 members and supporters. Shioh Chih Hwang and Bob Lynch kicked off the event and thanked all the volunteers for their continued supports. To promote the theme of this year - "environmental conservation for a better tomorrow", members of Dragon Legend Acrobatics featured the recycled products on stage. Tzu Chi has encouraged environmental conservation for many years and successfully produced many recycle products for the public. Vegetarian meals were served after the blessing ceremony. The event was ended with a prayer for world peace.

Tzu Chi Foundation was established in 1966 by Venerable Dharma Master Cheng Yen. For over 45 years, the foundation has been contributing to better social and community services, medical care, education and humanism around the world. The foundation has grown to over five million members in 47 countries. For more info about Tzu Chi or further volunteer opportunities, please visit: www.us.tzuchi.org or Email: TzuChi_Orlando@yahoo.com, 5401 Alhambra Dr., Suite A. Orlando, FL 32808, Tel: 407-292-1146.



Yuan Xiao Festival at Chinese School

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The Lantern Festival (or Yuan Xiao Festival in Chinese) is an important traditional Chinese festival, which is on the 15th of the first lunar month, marking the end of celebrations of the New Year. It is also the first night to see a full moon in that lunar year.

The Chinese School of CAACF celebrated the Yuan Xiao (Lantern) Festival on Feb 19 with over 150 students, parents, teachers and faculty members. Programs included CAACF Dance Troupe Cultural Dance, Chinese instruments (Guzheng and Pipa) performances, children choir, Chinese Opera and Lantern's riddle game. In addition, the Chinese School specially prepared yuanxiao - a glutinous rice ball - a must eat dessert which symbolizes family unity, completeness and happiness.

The Chinese School of CAACF, was established in 1970, based in Orlando, Florida, is one of the most established and premiere Chinese schools in the state. For more info about The Chinese School, please visit: www.orlando-chineseschool.org or Email: OrlandoChinese@yahoo.com. Saturday School Location: 528 Huntington Ave., Winter Park 32789.

Shioh Chih Hwang and Bih Yueh Luo prepare yuanxiao - a glutinous rice ball for students and parents

Pipa by Amy Shi



Guzheng by Qian Ma



Celeste Hoeh and Maggie Hsu

