

Dear members, families and friends,

Hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday season! We wish you all the very best in 2012!

### **NWCCA News**

- **Chinese New Year (The Year of the Dragon) Celebration**

**Date/Time:** Saturday January 28th, 2012, 12 – 4PM

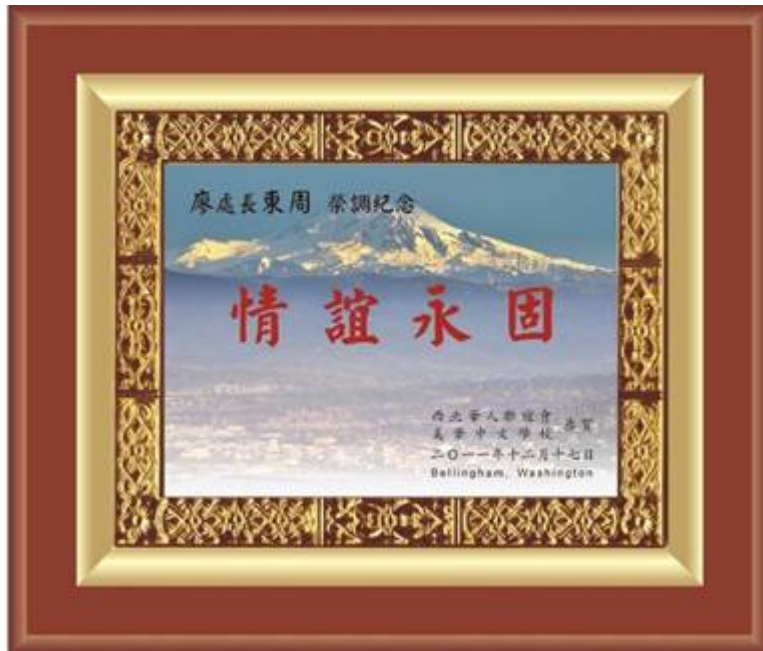
**Location:** Whatcom Community College Syre Student Center

Please save the date!

We are currently looking for sponsors / business owners to donate to the event and set up sponsor tables on CNY celebration day! For \$100 donation, you can set up a table at the event to promote your business, hand out brochures and answer customer questions. And your business name will be advertised on our website at [www.nwcca.org](http://www.nwcca.org) Community Directory page for a whole year. Please contact us if you are interested by replying to this email.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with facility set up, cleaning, bake sale, etc. If you got some Christmas gifts or you have items in the house that you don't have the use for it, please consider donating to our Silent Auction. We are collecting donation items from kitchen, bathroom, living room, garden, to make gift baskets to raise fund for the Association. You can drop your items off at Xing's Panda Palace on Sunset Square, or contact Nina Tian at [ninaqtian@yahoo.com](mailto:ninaqtian@yahoo.com).

- **T.E.C.O. Director Liao Moving to Huston Texas**



Starting this January, Director Liao at Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle is moving to Huston Texas for position exchange with Director Jing. On behalf of the members and families of the Association and Bellingham Chinese Community, and together with Mei

Hua Chinese School, we had a beautiful plaque made for Director Liao arranged by Ellen Yang with her relatives in Taipei, with wordings created by General Shung Hwa Shih. We presented the plaque to Director Liao on December 17<sup>th</sup> to congratulate him on his position change. The background image of the plaque shows snow-capped Mt. Baker sitting over greater Bellingham area and Bellingham Bay. Director Liao gave his best wishes to everyone in Bellingham and expressed his gratitude to the long-lasting friendship with Bellingham friends and Chinese community!

- **NWCCA January Membership Drive**

As you know, the Association depends on the support of members (via annual membership renewal), donors, sponsors and lots of volunteers to make it possible for us to bring free and fun cultural and educational events to the community. To avoid waiting during CNY celebration and to help us by reducing the work load of our volunteers, we would like to urge you to renew ahead of time.

- If you are a current member (either Family or Single Membership), please renew your membership by simply sending a check of the right amount (note it as Renewal) to NWCCA, PO Box 28275, Bellingham, WA 98228;
- If you are currently not a member or if you need to make changes to your contact info (email, phone, family member names, address, etc.), please fill out the attached Membership form, include a check of the right amount, and mail it to NWCCA, PO Box 28275, Bellingham, WA 98228.

2012 Membership Fee (same as 2011):

- Family Membership - \$30/year
- Single Membership - \$20/year
- Student Membership - \$15/year

Thank you again for your continued support!

NWCCA Board of Directors

Xinrong Lynch – NWCCA President