

迎接第24屆俄州亞洲節



5月14日晚上6點在哥倫布 Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, 相關組織隆重為2018年5月26-27日第二十四屆亞洲節開幕舉辦盛會, 80歲的魯教授還是這麼精神煥發, 我和好朋友 Gain 特意趕到哥倫布並和唐可一起參加盛會。

每年哥倫布亞洲節, 正逢是美國陣亡將士紀念日長周末, 全美國最大的俄亥俄州亞洲節已經很有名氣, 2017年參加人數近20萬人。

這個一年一度的亞洲節是一個讓亞裔人感到自豪和宣傳亞洲文化藝術的大型戶外活動, 今年是第24年舉辦。今晚主辦者表示明年將迎接25周年慶祝。這個全美最大的亞洲節, 是五月份這個全美亞洲文化傳統月中最美的一道風景。

俄州亞洲節是在1995年創辦的, 那一年我認識了魯教授, 記得是亞洲行動協會的創始人 May Chen 女士介紹我認識魯教授, 那天是在州政府, 我見到魯教授是唯一一個華人上台請求政府部門給予支持舉辦亞洲節。我孩子們小的時候還常常帶他們去參加這樣有意義的活動。因為孩子們可以在那里看亞洲各族裔文藝

演出, 各個族裔的文化展示, 亞洲禮品展示, 兒童有專門的活動場地, 活動內容豐富, 有保險銀行企業就業機會諮詢, 身體體檢和健康諮詢, 還有亞裔美食。這兩天來自各地遊人熙熙攘攘, 有亞裔族群, 也有非亞裔族群。人們在公園里各取其樂, 有吃有喝, 是瞭解學習亞洲文化的難得好機會。

俄州亞洲節是民辦的亞洲各族裔節日, 現在已經是80歲的創辦人之美的籍華人魯永振教授是一位名副其實為中華文化做出貢獻的匠人。魯教授原籍湖北, 1961年從台灣到美國留學, 獲數學博士學位, 此後長期在俄州州立大學數學系執教, 獲聘終身教授。早在80年代, 魯教授應中國教育部的邀請, 參與改良中國的大學教育, 魯教授寫了30頁的大學改良計劃, 中國開始有半工半讀的大學生。魯教

授在2000年退了休, 還繼續着自己一直為之努力的公益事業。為創辦“亞洲節”, 他十年如一日, 為爭取各方支持和籌款、組織人力物力, 付出了巨大精力!

今晚的盛會上魯教授忙上忙下沒有時間採訪他, 我和魯太太坐在一起, 魯太太也是剛剛動完白內障手術。魯太太對我說了一件魯教授在小學的時候寫過的一個願望: 我能活到60歲。今天的魯教授已經80歲, 所以他每天早晨對他太太說我活一天就是賺了一天。能做事, 能做事, 能做事, 能做事, 是我最大高興的事情。

魯教授除了創辦俄州亞洲節, 還創辦了另一項公益事業“老人午餐會”: 給60歲以上的老齡人舉辦免費午餐會。老人午餐會給居家孤寂的老人, 提供了歡聚交流的機會。

今晚的盛會讓我深深感到了像魯教授這樣華人前輩在美國這塊土地上的付出與收穫。如5月26-27日, 在 Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens 舉辦的亞洲節, 和今年來自湖北專業雜技團的演出等。我很感動這些在美國為弘揚文化做努力的人們, 感謝車行銀行等企業的大力支持, 請大家不要錯過這樣有意義的活動 文: 浦瑛



Columbus is one of the most well diverse cities in the United States according to WalletHub's 2018 report. We have so many different ethnicities in this city with each person taking an active role in helping to shape the community. I love how amazingly success each of the Asian-American and Latin-American are in this city. They and their parents, and grandparents came here with nothing in their hands, but now many of them are business owners, CEOs, and working in their profession. I love it! It is what my grandparents envisioned thirty years

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ago when they decided to live in Columbus after they and many others escaped the persecution in Vietnam. That is why I decided to run for city council to serve you and to bridge the gap between the government and our community. I want to see more businesses and infrastructures presence as the city is growing. And I want to serve you as the first Asian-American in City Hall.

Asian Festival is one of the best cultural events during the year as kids who grew up here in Columbus get to learn about their heritage. Many of my cousins who were born and grew up here in the United States know very little about the history of South Vietnam and its culture. My grandparents used to say this to me when I was little, "U?ng n??c nh? ngu?,n," which means, "No matter where you go or

what you do in life, never forgets where you came from." Asian Festival is a great event for not just Asian-Americans who were born and raised here to get to know their heritage, but it is also a great event for everyone to get to know about their Asian friends and neighbors. One of the best ways to get to know someone is to live their lives and Asian Festival is not an event for people to just hear, but also see the living culture of Asian-Americans.

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