聖誕活動豐富多彩

一年一度在克利夫蘭市政府舉辦聖誕節活動，來自克利夫蘭各個社區的娛樂中心的鄰里之間的學生家長聚集在市政府過聖誕節,孩子們享受着聖誕老人贈送是禮物，每一個人與聖誕老人和市長一起同框合影，克利夫蘭市長,市長媽媽,市長姑媽給社區小孩贈送節日禮物. 在歌聲歡笑聲中感受到克利夫蘭這座城市的溫暖和喜慶。

Happy holiday, beautiful night !

Mayor Bibb, the Garland Family, and City officials will be on hand to welcome nearly 200 youth from across the City of Cleveland for the City's annual toy giveaway and tree trimming ceremony. Darius is donating hats and $10,000 via gift cards for all participants.

Youth will decorate the Christmas tree in the Rotunda of City Hall to kickoff the program, followed with performances by the Theater of Life and John Marshall High School Drumline. A DJ will be playing holiday music and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance for photo-ops throughout the event.

新年來臨之際,韓國牧師 Kim 告訴我:中國教育部將由這本 Mind Education 翻譯成中文做教科書,在這動蕩的年代,人們需要清醒的頭腦,這一代年輕人不想幹活沒有目標,我問牧師爲什么要用韓國人的書本呢?Kim 表示:每年中國派道韓國學習的青少年,他們學習一年兩年以後都當了牧師,他們在教育上德育上成長之快,也許就是這個原因吧。

12 月 7 日在 Ariel International Center,隆重舉行了 Global Cleveland 年會,來自克利夫蘭的各個協會企業個人在節日來臨之際，帶着喜慶參加了這個有意義的年慶活動。

Global Cleveland 總裁 Joe Cimperman 對來賓表示歡迎,並講述了今年取得的一些成就。他感謝即將離任的董事會成員並歡迎新成員。

設。"全球克利夫蘭"作爲經濟多樣性、公平和包容性的力量,幫助所有新移民,爲他們創造機會。

主要工作是爲新移民提供免費的 connection 服務，即將當地的新移民 / 留學生與 potential employer 和各種 resources 進行連接。他們不是一個 job agency,也不會提供直接的就業機會或把你直接推薦到某個公司。

但是相信大家都會明白 networking 的重要性:美國的工作大多不是通過網申而獲得的,而是通過熟人介紹。也就是說,如果你能認識一個已經在某公司工作的人,而他又願意推薦你,那么你的成功幾率會非常大。而 Global Cleveland 做的正是這件事。他們會和你聊一下你的工作意願，並依次將你 connect 給該領域內的在職人士;當你們見面詳談之後,如果留下 good impression,那么你就有了一個很好的領域內推薦人,這對找工作幫助非常大。

Global Cleveland is a non-profit organization dedicated to growing Northeast Ohio's economy by welcoming and connecting international people to opportunities and fostering a more inviting community for those seeking a place to call home.

Formed in 2011, building on the inclusive legacy and decades-long tradition of opening doors to immigrants and refugees, Global Cleveland was formed to advance the unity, solidarity, and collective community-building among international newcomers. Global Cleveland celebrates and elevates diverse voices and visibility as a force for economic diversity, equity, and inclusion, helping to create opportunities for all newcomers to prosper. Join us as we look back and look forward to Global Cleveland's next chapter and journey through a storytelling lens.

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2023 年 Global Cleveland 慶祝年會

HANSON WELCOME CHRISTMAS Event

By Joseph Meissner

早在 2012 年，還是克利夫蘭市議員的 Joe Cimperman 說，Debbie and Dan 姐弟倆創辦了 clevelandPeople.Com，只要有社區活動,他倆都無處不在,幾年前姐姐 Debbie 中風，幾乎都是弟弟 Dan 到處採訪,他們就是克利夫蘭各個族裔的指南，得過州政府市政府等各個協會的認可，獲得無數的表彰，他倆積極服務社區,是人們心中的模範。

We are all gathered in friendship at the Bo Loung Restaurant to enjoy the opening event of Cleveland's Christmas Holiday season. This is Number 25 the Hanson family has sponsored this remembrance of the Baby in Bethlehem and another time when the Hanson's invite Cleveland's best and brightest to this annual celebration.

Some sixty people have been invited to join in the Pro Bono grand luncheon tasty Chinese Foods. Formerly Mama Hanson, and her two children Danny and Debbie were our hosts. But Mama passed away several years ago and now enjoys endless Christmas's. The high point of this year is the "resurrection" of Debbie after several year's absence. Though still in her wheel chair, she's as feisty and loving as always.

"Debbie," I give her a big Irish Kiss, "How good to see you." For five years she has had to join us in spirit from her hospital bed. But today she is real.

("Debbie, my speech today only contains 34 points," my usual way of marking off my Cicerone speeches."

"No, no," Debbie exclaims.

"Okay," I apologize. "For you, I reduce it to thirty-three."

Soon the short speeches from all sixty begins. Dan acts as Ringmaster, throwing in comments about somebody's background. Some speakers recall their accomplishments this past year, using their two minutes to laud all who helped them. Some discuss old businesses they fostered of computers and technology. Dan had been one grandfather of the Cleveland tech revolution. Some told how their childhood contributed to their evolution. Some relate their dreams for Cleveland's future and our prayer that she regains her former greatness.

After 35 speeches, some grow listless. A few even try to sneak out. Dan won't allow that. He insists they offer some wisdom before escaping.

Some 56 have spoken. Now my turn.

"I have 6 points to present, three of sadness and three of hope." I warn my audience.

"Our area faces 3 serious challenges. First is the statistic I read this week that one out of four of our students are chronically absent from school. How disheartening when you think of children in other lands who would give anything to attend our schools.

"The second sad number is half of our children fight losing battles against the two enemies of fatness and worse, obesity. "More exercise, less sweets—here is our victory recipe." Oue Defense Department says 84% of our young people will never make good soldiers because of their physical, mental, drug, and moral flaws. Discipline and dedication are the cures. If war does descend on threatened Taiwan, who will defend these freedom loving people?

Third concern: our military forces are now falling 20% short of their modest recruitment goals. If we do not fight for our freedom, who will?"

But, I turn the corner. "There are some signs of hope. I mention a few. Let me first begin with Halloween. I love the evening. I remember how my family would watch at the door as the young came by in their costumes shouting; "Trick or Treat." This year I sat on the porch of Director Giahoa Ryan. Over one hundred climbed her porch stairs, their open bags waiting candy treats.

"Hoh," I murmured as one young lady came up the porch stairs. "We are running out of candy." She reached down into her prize collection, pulled out 6 Hersey bars and handed them to us.

"Here," she said, "More for you to handout."

The second happy event is the installation of our Miss Vietnam statue in our cultural garden on Dr. King Boulevard which now contains 40 gardens all dedicated to peace and friendship. Miss Vietnam stands tall on her six-foot high marble cube. From her fourteen feet high angle, she greets visitors, altogether weighing 8 tons of white marble from Marble Mountain, near Da Nang.

"Stunning," has been the judgment about the lady in her cone hat with her long hair and silk ao gia softly caressed by the wind.

The third hopeful sign has been the completion of the Friendship Foundation's tenth educational school building for the Vietnamese and minority Montegnard and Tai children near the famous battle site of Dien Bien Phu. (When I see the photos of happy students in their new classrooms, I must confess these students seem to study harder than ours.

"To conclude, we have three serious challenges confronting us and three achievements to celebrate."

"Our last speaker will be Giahoa Ryan." Dan introduces. "She has worked on the Vietnamese garden for the past eight years and wants to tell you the importance of this garden and of the Vietnamese lady."

Ms. Ryan begins: "When I began this mission eight years ago, I had a dream. I wanted a garden to celebrate the culture and history of my First Motherland and all our great people, three million of whom now live in this country, but I also wanted to remember all those who fought in my country. Without their sacrifices I and millions of others would never be here. The Miss Vietnam statue built from beautiful white marble recalls all who warmly greeted you at the Da Nang beaches. . She stands for the strong friendship between Americans and Vietnamese that will endure and thrive forever.

Dan closes by saying good-by to all after another successful Hanson luncheon and in vites everybody back again in twelve months for more great Asian cuisine.

突聞兒子訂婚亦喜亦憂

今天上午兒子給我傳了一個 Message 說他今天訂婚了，晚上有時間一起吃個飯,他說只有女方 Katelyn Manda 的媽媽爸爸,我兒子和我，並且他說晚上 Katelyn 的母親 Tonya 生日,Tonya 12 月 13 日,我 10 月 13 ,還有 Katelyn 的父親與我同日生日,與這家人眞有緣份。

我恭喜他,因爲今天是他們拿到新房子的鑰匙。今年年初他們在找房子的時候,實在找不到好的房子.他們找到 Barberton 有 Ryan Home 在造新房,就這樣他們開始建他們的夢想房子了。也許就是那么巧合,我到美國第一家打工餐廳明遠就在 Barberton。

下午女兒得知弟弟訂婚了,從英國打電話給我,女兒的一些話讓我思考:權利金錢讓她們這代人迷茫,她們離開學校就背債壓力大,找工賺錢還學校貸款,沒有時間想理想。自從疫情後,人心惶惶,沒有人要工作,沒有人有責任心。她表示:說美國強大,因爲美元是世界唯一的通用貨幣,但美國都沒有免費醫保,社會保障差,現在已經是 21 世紀,科技的發達,機器人都可以代替人,人類也已經發明只要在腦袋里裝一個小零件都可以控制改變人的大腦,這個世界到底出了什么狀況。

不過我還是感謝女兒兒子他們有獨立的思考能力,他們沒有攀比心理,實實在在。

今晚我問兒子,你怎么就突然訂婚了呢?他說戒指定制好已經在家五個月了。今天拿到新房鑰匙，又逢 Tonya 生日,這個日子永遠忘不了。

回家的路上我在想：我是 2002 年辦報，我的女兒是 1993 年出生的,我的兒子是 1995 年出生的,他們現在已經健康成長,兩人都有生活目標,而伊利華報就沒有那么順利前行，他們在我 60 歲生日的時候送的禮物是讓我看心理醫生，他們擔心他們的媽媽爲什么還要做不掙錢的事情。

也許他們看着他們的母親在這么艱苦的過程中毫不放棄,他們已經長大成人,心疼他們的母親,可以過更快樂的日子,不過我今天眞的感到幸福,因爲我知道幸福是一種感覺,這種感覺眞好。

伊利華報

採訪一位傳奇廚師

近日我有幸採訪了 James Thomas Garrett III,他連續兩次酗酒吸毒，並販賣毒品,2 次從人生的低谷爬起來，他從毒品和酒精以及心理健康中恢復重生。

James 1962 年 12 月 24 日出生在波士頓，當他來到這個世界後,他的父母開始關係不好,不久他們離婚了,他的母親與家人一起搬回克利夫蘭,母親家是一個大家庭,有 15 個兄弟姐妹,家住宅是 3311 East 130th ,那棟房子現在仍然矗立在那里,親戚都住在很近的距離,所以這個小區幾乎是親戚社區。

現在 60 歲的 James 回憶過去的往事,他 6 歲上小學,不大會唸書,在他六年級的時候,他的體重爲 298 磅 ,都快 300 磅的人,他不知道他肥胖,因爲家人從來沒有說過他胖。他在家里似乎比家里的任何人都有更多的問題,而且他的母親必須花更多精力照顧他,好在他們家是個大家庭,常常他們會在他們的祖父家里開 Party,一大家庭 30 -40 個孫子在院子里在一起,在家庭里還是可以感受到溫暖。

James 六年級畢業時才知道自己的體重有問題,在七年級夏天即將到來時，他去波士頓看望父親,James 的父親是軍人,5 年多沒有見兒子,發現兒子肥胖症,父親非常嚴格,直接帶 James 去看醫生，然後醫生告訴父親那是孩子青春期,醫生讓 James 多運動。James 說,他們是一個基督教家庭,他在教堂里長大,在父親那里生活讀書有規律，在波士頓八年級到九年級暑假他一直在打工。

當 James 回到了克利夫蘭後,讀十年級,在約翰·肯尼迪高中。James16 歲在 Shaker 廣場上一家名爲 Our Gang's 的餐廳找到一份工作,那年是 1978 年。這家餐廳位于加油站旁邊的 Shaker 廣場，他的第一份工是從洗碗開始的,平時 James 常常看其他師傅在烤肉機上工作,他一直夢想自己能變成一個廚師。沒有多久這家飯店關門了,好在這個老闆還有其他飯店,老闆看 James 工作認眞就讓他去了另外一個他的飯店。

James 生活在 Kinsman 黑人社區附近,James 看到了從未見過的東西,他看到了癮君子,他看到了毒販,他看到了賣淫,他看到一個黑人企業主,他被這個能快速賺錢的喧囂場景所吸引,當時他的母親告訴他,只要你敢做這個事情,你就沒有家。

從 1981 年開始拼命地工作.James 在 Beachwood mall 工作,自己開了 James tavern 和 cheese seller, 到 1984 在 Bond Court hotel, 他 21 歲，繼續在餐廳擔任一名廚師。他告訴我他心里有問題，常常喝酒抽煙,在俱樂部酒吧一次次和幾個女人約會,所以他不知道這是否是情感障礙,他無法走向正道,唯一能吸引他注意力的事情就是食物，食物比任何東西都更有趣，他走進廚房就熱血沸騰,25 歲他一直是大廚,他也在 25 歲時他的銀行有 25 萬現金。

就在這個時候 James 結婚了，他有錢找到了個漂亮的小姐結婚，結婚六年有了四個漂亮孩子,在好區購買了房子.還有好車。但是他想爲了孩子必須要趕快掙錢,廚師掙錢有限,他走了極端,開始出售毒品,短短的幾年,在 1994 年,他成爲一個無家可歸的荒涼流浪漢,一個被注冊的精神病患者…(下期刊登)