

2017 - YEAR OF THE ROOSTER

Chinese New Year is the most important social and economic holiday in China. Tied to the lunar-solar Chinese calendar, the holiday originally was a time to honor deities and ancestors and to gather the family together. The Chinese zodiac is based on a 12-year cycle, with each year represented by an animal and its reputed characteristics.

The Chinese zodiac sign for 2017 is the Rooster, and more specifically the Fire Rooster. In Chinese astrology, each zodiac year is not just associated with an animal sign, but also one of five elements: Gold (Metal), Wood, Water, Fire, or Earth. Each animal-element pairing comes along every 60 years. The last Fire Rooster year was 1950.

People born in Rooster years are characterized as very observant, hard-working, resourceful, courageous, and talented. Roosters are active, amusing, and popular. They tend to be talkative, outspoken, open, honest, and loyal individuals. They like to be the center of attention and always appear attractive and beautiful. Fire Roosters are particularly trustworthy, with a strong sense of time and responsibility at work.

Rooster Years

1909, 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, and 2017

THANK YOU, DENVER-KUNMING PLANNING COMMITTEE

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REMEMBERING HING RYDER

The DKSC Chinese New Year Celebration reflects the enthusiasm and expertise brought to the event over many years by Kwai Hing Ryder, a long-time member of the committee, emcee extraordinaire and Cantonese opera enthusiast who passed away in December 2016. Hing always enjoyed good food and a good party – we hope tonight's event would make her proud.



The Denver-Kunming
Sister Cities Committee

WELCOMES YOU

to the



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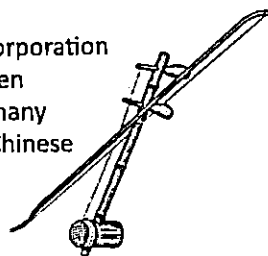
CELEBRATION!

Sunday, February 12, 2017

THE TALENT

Dr. Ming Li

Dr. Ming Li is a senior research engineer with the Gates Corporation in Denver. Ming comes from Shenyang, China. He has been working in the engineering and manufacturing areas for many years in China, the UK and the USA. He likes playing the Chinese 2-string violin (二胡), running and hiking. He is looking forward to making more friends in Denver.



Ms. Yue Ling Yu

Ms. Yue Ling Yu also comes from Shenyang, China. A graduate of the Shenyang Normal University Yue Ling moved to the USA in 2001 and has taught Chinese at several schools in North Carolina and Colorado. She was a Tai-Chi instructor at the YMCA fitness center in Hickory, North Carolina. She is currently a Chinese teacher at the World Compass Academy in Denver. Her hobbies are singing, dancing and Chinese traditional medicine and health. Yue Ling also would like to make new friends in Denver.

Harber Chang

Master Chang is a highly accomplished calligrapher. A long-time friend of the DKSC Committee, Master Chang generously offers his creations in support of the Committee.

Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu

The Academy of Chinese Martial and Cultural Arts in Boulder, founded by the Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Association, teaches the integration, instruction and promotion of authentic Chinese philosophy, history, martial arts and culture.

Yuan (Nikki) Koss

Yuan (Nikki) Koss is originally from Kunming, China, but loved her Colorado born and raised husband so much that she adopted Colorado as her home, too. They have a wonderful son, Rex. Yuan used to be a pastry chef and worked with passion. Now she is studying to be a special education teacher and wants to teach with love.

10-COURSE DINNER MENU

- Selected Dim Sum and Chinese Barbequed Pork
- Seafood Tofu Soup
- Peking Duck
- Fish Filet with Mixed Vegetables
- Stir-fried Green Beans
- Walnut Shrimp
- Filet Mignon with Black Pepper Sauce
- Peking-style Pork Chops
- Rice Noodles with Beef
- Fresh Fruit

PROGRAM

Celebrating the 2017 Year of the Rooster



Lion Dance	<i>Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu</i>
Kung Fu	<i>Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu</i>
Welcome	<i>Denver-Kunming Committee Co-Chairs, Jeanie Johnson & France Addington-Lee</i>
Introductions	<i>Yuan Koss, Emcee</i>
Musical Performance	<i>Dr. Ming Li and Ms. Yue Ling Yu</i>
* * * LUCKY DRAWINGS & SILENT AUCTION CLOSE * * *	
Musical Performance	<i>Dr. Ming Li and Ms. Yue Ling Yu</i>
* * * LUCKY DRAWINGS * * *	
Announcement of Silent Auction Winners	
Recognition of Roosters	
* * * LUCKY DRAWINGS * * *	
Closing	

Thank you for coming!

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Best wishes for good health and prosperity in the New Year.