

CIWC NEWS
For January 2012

A happy, healthy, prosperous 2012, year of the dragon, to you all!

CIWC is having another quiet month, owing to the New Year holidays. Many groups are not meeting, be sure to check with the group chairperson if you have questions about a particular group.

We would ask you to take some time to consider filling one or more of our vacant positions. Some of us are leaving Chengdu soon, some of us just have other things going on in our lives and have given all we can give for the time being. The CIWC needs you to step up to keep our activities available.

Have a great January.

See you around town.

**Sincerely,
Jane Glass
Acting Chairperson**

CIWC Job Vacancies

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the CIWC? We need you! We have these soon to be empty positions to fill.

1. **Treasurer** --- Laura Li is resigning within the month. This job gets busy at bazaar season, but is quiet the rest of the year. If you are interested, we have a detailed description of the job to send to you.
2. **Newsletter and/or Website management** --- Current editor will be leaving Chengdu in the Spring. We need to line up someone to take over before April 2012. (The website task is not a difficult or time-consuming one. I had no experience before I took it over. I am proof that an old dog can learn a new trick. If you have some experience, your skill would be a real bonus.)

3. **Chairperson** --- We need a new leader! Position needs to be filled in the Spring. This has lately not been a time intensive position. The club pretty much runs itself if the other group chair positions, newsletter, and website management are filled.
4. **Field Trip Coordinator** --- Assist in planning field trips to local Chengdu attractions. We went to the tea market in October and to cooking class in November. Help us organize visits to your favorite places.
5. **Christmas Bazaar Coordinator** --- Kim Dallas has done great things, but will be passing the torch. She would like to hand it over in February, so that the new Coordinator can get a handle on what needs to be done. There may need to be a search for a new venue and that needs to be done soon to book our preferred date, the Saturday before US Thanksgiving.
6. Committee Chairpersons are likely to be resigning after this school year or in the Spring. More details will be out about those positions in later newsletters.

Please contact me if you have questions: janeg50@gmail.com or chengduiwc@gmail.com

******* January Calendar of Events *******

Tuesday, January 3 --- Monthly Coffee

We gather at the Bookworm for our Monthly Coffee on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 AM, to meet with friends, old and new. No program is planned this month, just an opportunity to gather with whoever shows up.

Sneak Preview: Monthly Coffee in February will be on Tuesday, February 7th. Are you in business in Chengdu? Would you like to bring a sample of your wares, or come and address the group to pass along information about your services? Contact Jane Glass no later than Thursday, February 2nd, if you are interested in participating. We will work up a program and assign you a time slot to share information about your endeavor. Email is janeg50@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 10 --- Daytime Book Club

No meeting this month. See you in February.

Thursday, January 12 --- Evening Book Club

Contact Lindsey Stolte for information about what book, time and location of the January meeting. That information was not available at time of newsletter publication. Her email is: lindstar34@hotmail.com

Friday, January 13 --- Luncheon for French Speakers

The **French Speakers' Club** is intended for French speakers and for anyone who would like to dust off their high school French. The group meets the second Friday of each month for lunch and to speak "Moliere's language." Contact Sylvia Fosse for where the group is going to lunch this month. Her email is: sjfosse@yahoo.com.

Sylvia also coordinates the **German Speakers' Club**. She is planning a meeting this month. Contact her for details.

Wednesday, January 18 --- Monthly Potluck Luncheon

The **Monthly Luncheon** is a long-standing CIWC event and a great way to meet new people and catch up with old friends. A different CIWC member hosts the lunch at her home on the third Wednesday of every month. The hostess provides tableware and drinks and everyone brings a dish to share, so we always enjoy a delicious lunch with many international flavors. Kattis Appelquist has taken over coordinating the monthly luncheons. If you would like to host a luncheon at your home, please contact her at katarina.appelquist@gmail.com

The January Luncheon will be at the home of Kattis Appelquist. She lives at the Waterfront, 6-2804. Email Kattis if you need more directions and to RSVP, so that she know how many women to expect (email is in previous paragraph).

FIELD TRIP SNEAK PREVIEW: Join us on **Tuesday, February 21st**, for a trip to Sanxingdui Museum. A minimum of 14 persons taking part in this outing is requested. Price would be 110 RMB per person. In addition, you pay your own museum entrance. The transportation charge of 110 RMB would be less if more than 14 people participate. Departure at 9 AM, heading back to Chengdu at the beginning of the afternoon. For more details and to reserve a space, please contact Ariane Desaedeleer. Her email is: arianedesaedeleer@yahoo.com

******* Weekly Activities *******

Playgroup (Monday AM)

This playgroup meets once a week on Monday mornings at a member's house, and every few weeks they visit The Music Box. Everyone with pre-school children is welcome. Your ayi can accompany your child, if you are at work but would like your child to mix with other English-speaking children. For more details, please email Natasha Devalia: nat.devalia@gmail.com

Playgroup (Tuesday PM)

This playgroup meets from 2-4 PM in Luxe Hills. Everyone with pre-school age children is welcome. For info, contact Alex Mays at Alexandra_mays@hotmail.com.

Babes n' Babettes (every other Wednesday)

This is a support group for mothers with a "babe" or "babette" under the age of one. Mothers and babies generally meet every other Wednesday for some songs accompanied by sign language and to discuss topics relating to babies' eating, activities, sleep, etc., and then . . . you time! For more details, email Jackie Wu: asianadventures.10.w@gmail.com

Craft Group (Wednesday AM)

The Craft Group meets at 10:30 AM every Wednesday (with the exception of holidays) at The Millennium Hotel. Everyone is invited to join us. In the past there have been a wide variety of crafts represented at the group such as quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking and painting. Bring along whatever you enjoy doing. You do not have to be an expert, come along just to have some fun and meet some new people! For more information, you can contact Hilary Oliver @ 15928992707 or Kisoong Lees @ 13088080267.

NEW! Tennis Anyone?

If you play tennis and are interested in forming a new tennis group in the Tong Zi Lin area, this is the group for you! Nothing planned for January, but beginning in February, we will try to organize both daytime and evening groups for people interested in playing tennis. Please email to Kim Dallas at berlydallas@hotmail.com the following information:

1. time you are interested in playing (morning, afternoon, evening);
2. name of your compound, so we can possibly rotate between compounds;
3. skill level (beginner, intermediate, advanced)

Mahjong (Friday)

The Mahjong group meets on Fridays, 1:30 to 3:30 pm at: Cheng Du Ying Xiang Restaurant, 4th floor Tea House, Zi Jing Bei Lu Yuan Hua 2 Xiang Zi Jing Chun Tian 1 dong, telephone: 028-85145678. The restaurant is behind Summers International Supermarket. They have the automatic Mahjong tables! Please phone Kisoong Lees (130 8808 0267) for more information. Call on Thursday mornings if you want to play. She has to book the room in advance. Play and tea is about 30-40 RMB.

Canasta (Friday)

Canasta players have found their way to the Bookworm most Fridays from about 1-3 PM. All are welcome to join in. If you don't know how to play, don't worry, they will teach you. If they are not there this month, ask the Bookworm to look in their game closet. They have Scrabble, Mahjong and some others available for your use.

Deadline for the next Newsletter is January 26th. Items for February Newsletter must be submitted by that date.