



PCDC was formed in 1966 to preserve, protect and promote Chinatown as a viable ethnic, business and residential community.

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March 2010 News

# Chinese New Year

## PCDC Celebrates the Chinese Year of the Tiger



On February 19, 2010, the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation (PCDC) and Presenting Sponsor PNC Bank ushered in the Year of the Tiger. PCDC's annual fundraiser was held at Ocean City Restaurant, and the banquet hall welcomed 450 guests, a record number.

PCDC awarded the Community Service Award to Denise McGregor Armbrister, Executive Director of the Wachovia Regional Foundation and the Wachovia Regional Community Development Corporation, for her continued efforts to improve the quality of life for neighborhoods such as Chinatown. PCDC thanks event co-chairs Cecilia Moy Yep and Carol Wong, and all the volunteers for their dedication and time in planning the event. The Philadelphia Suns youth group performed the traditional lion dance to a warm reception. In addition to addressing the audience, Mayor Michael Nutter joined the Chinese lion awakening ceremony.

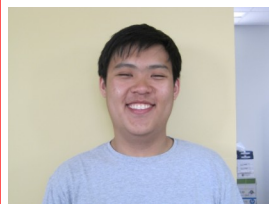
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# New Faces At PCDC



Hi, I'm Xiaoyi. I was born in Shanghai China and my family immigrated to Sydney Australia eight years ago. After that I came to the States for college education and now I'm a graduating senior at Swarthmore College. I became a volunteer at PCDC due to a Chinese course at Swarthmore the goal of which is to bridge Swarthmore and local Chinese community. Since I've always been interested in volunteering for the Chinese overseas, I took this course. PCDC happened to be a partner of this course, so I'm now working as a volunteer at PCDC focusing on the Food Stamp Application. This experience is very precious to me and I hope I can bring it back to Sydney and help the Chinese immigrants there.



Hi, my name is Kevin Li, and I am currently a freshman at Swarthmore College right outside of Philadelphia. I was born and raised in the Baltimore area in Maryland, only two short hours south of Philadelphia. Growing up in Baltimore, the close system of local Chinese families was something that all my family took comfort in, however, sadly the city of Baltimore does not have a Chinatown like the one in Philadelphia, so it was only natural for me to jump at any chance for me to build a relationship with a real Chinatown community. Also, community and civic engagement were a big part of my life during high school, so the opportunity to not only do some community work but also visit and build a relationship with the Philadelphia Chinatown was simply too great a chance to pass up. As more time passes, I look forward to meeting more of the people and learning more about the unique community that is the Philadelphia Chinatown through the great program of PCDC!

# Housing Workshop



## Training Program

For millions of families, homeownership is a route to creating wealth. It builds financial security for the future. **If you are planning to purchase a home**, PCDC is hosting a Freddie Mac - Credit Smart® workshop. The seminar will be held in both Cantonese and Mandarin.

The **Credit Smart®** workshops cover the importance of establishing credit, savings, loan information and the process of homeownership, tools for how to make the best financial choices for you and your family, and the responsibilities of being a homeowner.

**This is a FREE 2 part seminar series .**

### Part I - Steps to Homeownership

**Wednesday, April 7th from 6 - 8PM**

### Part II - Homeowner Benefits & Responsibilities

**Wednesday, April 14th from 6 - 8 PM**

**Guest Spraker: State Farm Insurance**



A State Farm Insurance Company Specialist will be explaining their Homeowner's Insurance Policy . If you have any question about your own policy, please feel free to bring it on that day, with your questions.

Call **Wendy at PCDC at 215/922-6156** to make your reservation.

# Community Event



## Free Performance/Concert Tickets

The University of the Arts, through their community outreach program, has donated tickets to the Chintown community for University of the Arts events and productions. The performance dates are: 4/16 (Friday), 4/23 (Friday), and 4/26 (Monday). Tickets are available to community members on a first come, first serve basis, and limited to 4 per family. Contact PCDC at (215) 922-2156 for more information or to obtain your free ticket!

# Census 2010



Every household should have received the U.S. Census questionnaire in mid-March. The questionnaire asks 10 questions and should take less than 10 minutes. It requires you to fill in the form to account for everyone living at your address as of April, 1st, 2010. By doing so, you will help our community receive the

appropriate amount of federal funding for schools, senior centers, and many other services.

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, and paid training. Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community. Field jobs start at \$17.75 per hour. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Kim at [melissajkim@gmail.com](mailto:melissajkim@gmail.com) or 267.679.6306.

# Food Stamp



PCDC is pleased to collaborate with the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger and Swarthmore College to promote food stamp benefits in our community.

A volunteer from Swarthmore College will be at PCDC every Wednesday to assist clients with food stamp application. Please call Mr. Xu Lin to schedule appointments: 215-922/6056.

You may qualify for food stamps if your income is below the amount on this chart::

| Household Size         | Monthly income limit (gross) |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1                      | \$1,387                      |
| 2                      | \$1,867                      |
| 3                      | \$2,347                      |
| 4                      | \$2,827                      |
| 5                      | \$3,307                      |
| Each additional member | 加\$480                       |