



## Welcome to the GBCCA Annual Celebration!

The Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association (GBCCA) is a non-profit organization estalished in the Newton area.

The organization was founded on the goal of promoting public awareness of the Asian culture and heritage, while providing the space for the community to learn through the language and arts.

Currently, GBCCA hosts a variety of programs including the Huaxin Chinese Language School, Huaxin Afterschool Program, partners with the New England Chinese Youth Summer Camp (NECYSC), Diabolo Team as well as a variety of music and art programs!





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## 晚會程序 - Program Overview

扯鈴隊 **GBCCA** Diabolo Team

社區服務獎 Community Service Award 5:15PM

> **Boston Dulcimer and Drums** 揚琴鼓樂班

舞狮 Lion Dance

Conclusion of Event 晚安 6:00PM





Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association 大波士旗圆中華文作協會



周飛飛 Director at Large Alice Lee

賴超強 2021 President Chao Qiang Lai

**陳瑞紅** Education Committee Chair Renne Lu

湯耀武 Building Committee Chair Yauwu Tang

張松美 Director at Large Song-Mei Keyes

Head of Technology Sang Claxton

黄秀儀 2023 President Shirley Wong

梅静蓝 2024 President-Elect Francesca Mei



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## 2024 GBCCA President - Francesca Mei

Francesca Mei (梅静蓝) grew up in the Greater Boston area, and currently resides in Belmont, MA. In May of 2021, she graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Northeastern University, majoring in Marketing with minors in International Affairs and East Asian Studies. Francesca currently works on the corporate marketing team for a senior living company based out of Braintree,

MA.



Growing up, Francesca was encouraged to connect with her culture and heritage through the performing arts. She danced traditional Chinese dance for nearly 10 years with the Cambridge Center for Chinese Culture, and also began playing the Chinese Hammered Dulcimer (扬琴) in 2006. Francesca was a member of the Society for Chinese Instrumental Music (SCIM) Boston Dulcimer and Guzheng Youth Band for 10 years, and a member of GBCCA (Greater Boston Chinese Cultural Association) Ensemble for 6 years.

Being an active member of the cultural community has always been a big part of Francesca's life, and she carried this passion with her to college where she would go on to serve the student community, holding various leadership roles in: Kappa Phi Lambda (an Asian-interest sorority), Eon Dance Troupe, NEU Dragon & Lion Dance Troupe, PAAC (Pan-Asian American Council), and NEU CSA Dragon Boat Team.

## 2024 Executive Comittee Member

## Kevin

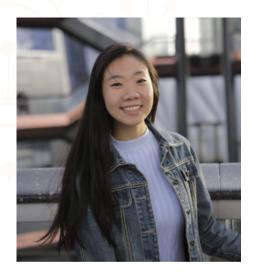


**Kevin** is an artist, designer, lion dancer, martial artist, and avid gamer. Kevin began his artistic career in high school when he was accepted into Artists for Humanity as a teen graphic designer. Holding a Graphic Design degree from Lesley University, he has since branched off into other practices such as photography, fashion, sculpture, jewelry, and illustration. Aside from the visual arts, he's been a practitioner of hung gar and lion dance since 2008, and has been competing in regional and national lion dance competitions since 2015. Bringing things full circle, Kevin was recently accepted to Artists for Humanity's inaugural Artists Fellowship. With this fellowship, he will create and present work that he hopes will bridge the intersection of art and lion dance, as well as hold space for representation of the culture that he and many others hold dear. When he isn't training or working on his art, you can catch him watching an unhealthy amount of anime and trying to squeeze in time to play video games.

## **Elaine Mei**

Elaine Mei (Mei Xin Xin) is a Boston native, graduating from Northeastern University in 2022 with a degree in Health Science and Psychology. She is currently an education coordinator at Harvard Medical School Certificate Programs.

Being a first generation student, she found her passions in community building and education, and she sought for spaces where she could explore her cultural identity. At Northeastern University, Elaine was the president of the Eon Dance Troupe and a co-chair for Asian American Students In Action (AASIA) peer mentoring program. She was also active within the university's Asian American Center, participating in various initiatives and bringing awareness to issues that affect the APIDA community.







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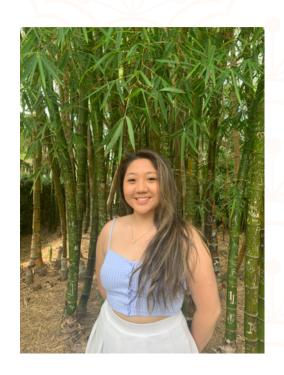
### Ethan

My name is Ethan, working +3 years as an electrical engineer with experience in the design of electrical building systems. I been part of more than 20+ types of projects including: Boston Public Schools, Dedham, Stoneham Housing Authority, hotels, restaurants, etc. My hobbies are snowboarding, lacrosse and working out. I joined the GBCCA EC team to build new connections and help in any way possible to better the relationships across the generations.



## Jen

Hi! My name is Jen. I've been in the Boston area my entire life and love connecting with people involved in the Asian community. I graduated from UMass Amherst last year and currently work in sales at a tech company. My goal for the upcoming year is to bring people together and encourage dialogue on topics that are important to those around me. I play lots of volleyball and make Youtube videos in my free time!



Calvin is a Junior studying Computer Engineering at UMASS Boston. He is currently working part-time at an electronics company. In his free time, Calvin likes to explore Boston on his electric scooter! Calvin is excited to join the GBCCA organization to build and foster new connections.

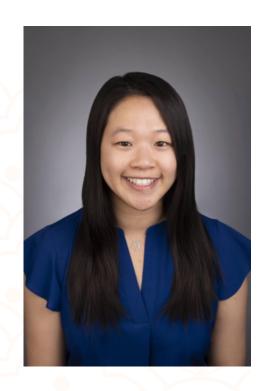


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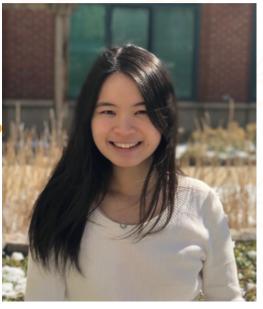
### Cristiana

My name is Cristiana, and I help manage the Finances for two departments at a major Boston hospital. Before this role, I previously worked as a Resident Advisor at my college for the past three year -- where I help incoming students with any issues they may encounter as well as organizing campus events for all students. I joined GBCCA to help connect our community and develop a stronger Asian culture within them.



## 新





## Savanna

Hi, my name is Savanna. I am a recent college graduate with a BS in Biology. I work as a nursing assistant and a medical scribe at a community hospital and an outpatient clinic. In my free time, I like to play piano and paint. I joined GBCCA to help build a greater sense of community within the Asian community and foster connections meanwhile soaking in the Asian culture.

## 2025 President Elect

## Ning Chao 趙寧/韓蓮芳

I was born in China and grew up in Taiwan. After graduating from Tunghai
University, I came to Boston in January 1970
for graduate study at Northeastern
University. Later, I earned a Ph.D. from the
College of William and Mary (VA). My
wife, Lein Fang Han, and I have ventured to
Ottawa, Canada; south and north
Brazil; Tallahassee, FL; Baltimore, MD; and
finally, we moved back to Boston in
2015. I have retired but continue to serve as a
Visiting Fellow at the National
Museum of Marine Biology in Kenting National
Park, Taiwan.



My entire career (Fish Science) has been affiliated with universities and academic institutes. We like adventure travels to the wilderness and hiking in the parks or natural reserves. We also have enjoyed outings with GBCCA's Yunhe Club members since the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, "old" friends have nominated me for GBCCA president, and I have no choice but happily to get on board. I also have recruited "old and young" friends to join me in the Executive Committee to serve the GBCCA for the coming years.

我出生在漢口,在台灣長大,東海大學畢業。我於1970年1月來到波士頓,在東北大學攻讀研究生。後來,從威廉瑪麗學院獲得博士學位。我的、與妻子韓蓮芳住過加拿大渥太華;巴西南部和北部;佛羅里達州塔拉哈西;波士頓;馬里蘭州巴爾的摩;最後在 2015年又搬回了波士頓。我正式退休後,繼續在墾丁國家公園的國立海洋生物博物館擔任訪問學者。我的全部生涯(魚類學)都在校園及學術機構。 我們夫婦喜歡參加去大自然荒野的旅遊,到公園或自然保護區徒步旅行。自 COVID-19 大流行以來,我們與 GCCA 的雲鶴社成員一起享受郊遊。 因此,「老」朋友提名我擔任GBCCA主席,我別無選擇,只能高興地加入。我還招募了"老朋友和年輕朋友"加入執行委員會,在未來幾年為GBCCA服務。。自 COVID-19 大流行以来,我们还与 GCCA 的云和俱乐部成员一起享受郊游。 因此,"老"朋友提名我担任GBCCA主席,我别无选择,只能高兴地加入。我还招募了"老朋友和年轻"朋友一起加入执行委员会,在未来兩年为GBCCA服务。



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鄒篤岑 (Nancy Tsou) 來自台灣台北。 畢業於三年制銘傳商專 (現銘傳大學) 計算機科。 曾任台灣退伍軍人事 務部資訊處程式設計師。 赴美後, 在麻薩諸塞州政府IT部門擔任軟體工程師至退休。 喜歡美術、手工藝(摺紙)、繪畫、音樂,喜歡各種表演和舞台劇。 也喜歡舞踏。 郊 遊活動。

## 賀

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Nancy Tsou is from Taipei, Taiwan. Graduated from the three-year Ming Chuan Business School (now Ming Chuan University) in the Computer Science Department. Worked as a programmer in the Information Division of the Taiwan Veterans Affairs Office. After going to the United States, worked as a software engineer in the IT department of the Massachusetts state government until retirement. Like art, handicrafts (origami), painting, music, and enjoy various performances and stage plays. Also like Butoh. Outing activities.

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吳德惠 (Te-hui Wu Chou) 來自台灣台北,畢業於台中私立東海大學,赴美後取得麻州克拉克大學(Clark Univ)博士學位。在完成麻州大學醫學院(Univ Mass Medical School) 博士後研究,繼續留院擔任研究員及助理教授從事基因修復及HIV 等疫苗的研發。離開學術界後,先後任職於 Genzyme品管,及Sanofi NA Breakthrough Lab 從事癌症药物及多種疫苗研發。發表超過三十篇學術論文及擁有多項專利。 我一生信仰基督,目前在南堡麻省華人福堂(CGCM)聚會服事,並參加國際研讀聖經團契 (BSF)教導不同學齡學生。 我在Genzyme工作時,為DEI (Diversity Equality Inclusion) 職工代表。曾經義務擔任西堡麻州中部中文學校教務,在2021年受邀在雲鹤社講演"從冠狀病毒談新冠疫苗及治療"。多次義務參與蔚藍鎮農曆新年,文化節活動及籌劃Sight電影放映觀賞。

Te-hui Wu Chou, originally from Taiwan; graduated from Tunghai University (BS), Clark University. (Ph.D.). Career started as a researcher and professor at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, specializing in DNA repair and vaccine development. Later, I joined the QC at Genzyme and the Sanofi NA Breakthrough Lab in developing cancer drugs and vaccines. Coauthored over thirty academic papers and holds multiple patents. I am an active member of the CGCM (Chinese Gospel Church of Massachusetts) and participate in BSF (Bible Study Fellowship), teaching students of various ages. I have also been involved in diversity initiatives (Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion) at Genzyme and volunteered in educational and community events, such as the academic coordinator at the Central Chinese School of Massachusetts at Westborough. I was invited to speak on "Coronavirus, COVID Vaccines, and Treatment" at the Yunhe Society in 2021. My volunteering efforts extend to various cultural events, including the Lunar New Year celebration, cultural festivals, and the organization of film screenings for "Sight" in Wayland.



## 特邀演講 - Keynote Speaker: Vincent Yee



**Vincent Yee** is an award-winning author who created the 5-book fantasy series, "Clara Wu and the World of Azen," where Asian American readers, especially young ones, may see themselves as superheroes. He was inspired to write the series during the rise of pandemic related anti-Asian hate to uplift the Asian American community. His book was mentioned on the Kelly Clarkson Show and he was recognized as an Asian Hustle Network Unsung Hero in 2023.

He is a Boston native who graduated from Suffolk University and worked in several Fortune 100 companies as a corporate manager. He was a former NAAAP National President and co-founded the Asian American Employee Resource Group at his last employer.

When he's not writing, he may be whipping up a 4-course gourmet home dinner for friends, binging the latest K-Drama and most recently, playing racquetball via his Oculus VR headset.

## **Community Service Award Jason Wang** Jason Wang loved to play Chinese Yoyo (Diabolo) and became very good at it. He started being a yoyo teacher at the Chinese Language School in 2016 in Lexington. During his Senior year in 2019 he started teaching the Yoyo classes at GBCCA Huaxin School of Arts. Instantly, the students

became very engaged in the class due to his amiable personality and high expectations for the students. He also has the skills in managing the classes, hiring talented teaching assistants to improve the skills of the students and to choreograph impressive performances. The passion and commitment of Jason to the GBCCA yoyo teaching have been apparent. He has been commuting from UMass Amherst weekly during his college years, and he continued the class outdoors during the pandemic. In addition, he and his assistants have been conducting a 6 days intensive training camp during the summer. The GBCCA Yo-yo Troupe has become a popular performing group in a variety of events, such as Boston First Night, Boston Dragonboat Festival, Asian American Day Festival, and many Universities. In 2023, the advanced students of the Yoyo class competed as a team in the USA Diabolo Nationals and got 2nd place in the Under 18 Teams division. We are so proud of the achievements of the GBCCA Yoyo Troupe and very appreciate having a teacher like Jason Wang for his passion and leadership among students and vision, dedication, and commitment to his service to the community.

## 社區服務獎

## 王竣昇

王竣昇喜欢玩扯铃,技艺高超,因此2016就在中华语文中文学校 教扯铃。2019年当他还 是高中毕业班的学生时,就开始在文协 艺术学校扯铃班教课,深受学生喜爱。他对学生期 望很高,乐于 付出时间和精力督促学生。竣昇在读大学期间,每周从麻州大学 Amherst 赶回来教课; 在疫情那段时间,他们继续在户外上课。 除了亲自教课,他引进具有不同专 长的助教,提高学生们的演出 水准。每年夏天策划六整天的深度训练。 文协扯铃团队成为社区 极受欢迎的演出团队,除了在波士顿端午节,亚裔日, 一 夜等大型社区代表文协演出,还经常受到邀请去各大学院演 出。2023年扯铃高级班生组 队参加全国性扯铃比赛,得到18岁 以下组第二名。我们为孩子们杰出表现感到骄傲, 也感谢竣昇多 竣昇积极 年来热诚教学,及有计划提升孩子的技能付出的努力。 参与社区活 动,同时也为孩子们树立了好的榜样。





## **Community Service Award**

## **Jason Wang**

"I've been teaching diabolo at GBCCA for 6 years since 2018. My favorite part about teaching diabolo here has been the community and the relationships I've built with the students and staff. We've done so much together over the years from performing all over Greater Boston to multiple summer trainings and driving to New Jersey for the USA Diabolo Nationals Competition. I can say for certain that staying with GBCCA all these years has been both a great pleasure and a decision I'll never regret. Some of my favorite moments include: -Students offstage shouting the lyrics to our performance song Chasing the Horizon during our performance. -Freddie Deng smiling and making eye contact with me as he dropped his yoyo on stage during a performance. -Ryan Chao taking one of my photos and trying to copy my outfit and pose. -Ryan Lin, Ryan Chao, and Freddie visited me at UMass and I gave them a tour:) -Sleeping during nap time at summer training."

-Jason Wang



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## 節目 - Featured Groups

中國敲擊樂班

**Chinese Percussion Class** 

Instructor: Chi-Sun Chen

腰鼓

**Waist Drum Team** 

Instructor: Miranda Yang

雲鶴社

Life Enrichment Club

Leader: Lily Lawn-Tsao

合唱團

**Choral Society** 

Leader: Su Ju Chen

舞狮

Lion Dance

Instructors: Jonathan Chang & Michelle Lin

揚琴鼓樂班

**Boston Drums and Dulcimer** 

Instructor: Shirley Wong (黃秀儀)

扯鈴隊

**GBCCA Diabolo Team** 

Team directors: Jason Wang and Alec Wong

知音舞韻

**Melody Dance Troupe** 

Instructor: Liwen Wang

## **GBCCA Activity Contact Information** 437 Cherry Street, West Newton MA, 02465 **Program** Coordinator Coordinator Huaxin Chinese Language Renne Lu/ 617-332-0377 School May Chang **Huaxin School of Arts** Liwen Wang 603-465-2537 Huaxin After School **GBCCA** 617-332-0377 **Enrichment Program** New England Chinese Christopher Chiu 508-320-1806 Gabe S. Youth Summer Camp (NECYSC) Chinese Music Ensemble Tai-Chun Pan 978-369-6656 Youth Chinese Music Tung-Mei Pan 978-369-6656 Ensemble Chinese Workshop Renne Lu 617-332-0377 Happy Elders Albert Li 781-354-4660 Life Enrichment Club Lily Lawn-Tsao 617-256-9591 Karaoke Club Tom Yang tomyangsudden@ gmail.com

Program	Coordinator	Coordinator
Choral Society	Su Ju Chen	sjchen111@gmail.com
Melody Dance Troupe	Liwen Wang	603-465-2537
Tai-Ji	Sie-Ming Wei	508-358-5625
Dancing with Friends	Jackie Yen	781-245-3483
Chinese Waist Drum Team	Miranda Yang	617-230-8667
Tai Chi Sundays	Greer Swiston	617-308-6583
Line Dance	Dora Hsu	781-259-8403
Hu's Tai-Ji Class	Yu Ping Hu	781-259-8403
Drums and Dulcimer Class	Shirley Wong	shirleydulcimer@gmail.com
Gu Zheng Class	Shin Yi Yang	617-823-9840
Chinese Percussion Class	Chi-Sun Chen	617-823-9835
Er Hu Class	Zhan Tao Lin	bostonerhu@sina.com
GBCCA Diabolo Team	Jason Wang	jasonjunzinwang@gmail.com
Suo Na	Ya Zhi Guo	yazhiguo@gmail.com
Kung Fu	Michelle Lin & Jonathan Chang	staff@wuanmartialarts.com





What A Soup is a new Thai Fusion restaurant that recently opened in Cambridge. They bring a completely new concept to Thai Boat Noodle Soup!











**Turmeric House** is a local favorite in Weymouth, featuring immensley flavorful Indian and Nepalese dishes.













**Decadent Eatz** is a talented local baker with a focus on the delicate and decadent French pastry, Macarons, in a variety of flavors, including Asian inspired lychee, tangerine, sesame, and more!

@decadent\_eatz







What Da Chick is located in Watertown by the Arsenal Mall, offering an original Thai Chicken Rice (Khao Man Gai) menu paired with their infamous Thai Iced Tea and Thai desserts.













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## **GBCCA Educational Programs**

Huaxin Chinese School Huaxin School of Arts



Huaxin After School Enrichment





Chinese Cultural Association at 437 Cherry Street, Newton www.gbcca.org 617-332-0377



## Wu An Martial Arts 武安武藝學館 at qbcca

Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00pm Fridays 6:15 - 7:45pm

> Ages 7+ FREE trial class!

Instructors: Jonathan Chang & Michelle Lin staff@wuanmartialarts.com





Tuition: \$120 per session, 6 classes per session



Practice schedule 2022: Beginner group: Fridays 8:00-9:30pm

Advanced group: Saturdays 5:00-7:00pm

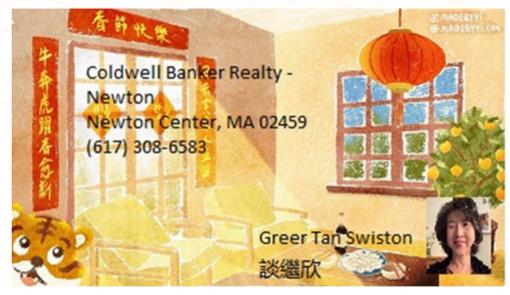
Summer training dates 2022:





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**Russian School of Mathematics** 

Russian School of Mathematics West Newton location 60 Austin street, 02460, Newtonville, MA westnewton@russianschool.com 617-581-3420

https://www.mathschool.com/locations/west-newton

RSM is an award-winning, after school math enrichment program trusted by parents for over 25 years across 75+ locations in North America. Our unique approach consists of a continuous kindergarten to high-school curriculum, taught by expert teachers, in a classroom environment of peers who study together year over year. K-12 students can choose from various classes to prepare them for the school year, math competition courses for additional challenges, or test prep courses.

Designed as a continuous program from K-12, our curriculum was developed by our team of academics specializing in mathematics, education, and child development. Our curriculum has continually been perfected by our curriculum department over the last two decades. Recently featured in NPR and the Atlantic magazine as one of the key players in the "Math Revolution," and ranked one of the best schools in the world by the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth, RSM helps children of all levels build a solid math foundation and develop their critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.



