

# Activities Report of Chicago Chapter

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Thank you all who came to attend our first 2G meeting yesterday. Your interest and support was very encouraging to me and greatly appreciated!! We had such a good time getting to know each other and to know that we have shared many common goals together, that the meeting ran over almost an hour and we still had difficulty parting from each other. (And I am serious guys, I still have Marcello's Chicken Oregano in my frig!)

Yesterday's 2G attendees included pre-med and medical students, nurse, physicians, dentist, and hospital staff. Other Taiwanese American group leaders (our dear NATMA friends) also came and shared with us their experience in starting/organizing groups and the advantages of joining Taiwanese American groups.

Special thanks to Drs. Ming-Chung Chen, Ching-Chong Huang, and Shou-Yien Wu who took time out of their very busy schedule and came to share their experience/involvement/vision of NATMA with us 2Gs.

With such a great start, I am really looking forward to future gatherings where I can get together with many 1Gs and 2Gs to continue our conversations and exchange of experience and

ideas. The next one is coming in only 1 month - In the evening of 4/18. We will have our NATMA-Chicago Spring Meeting/Fundraising Event at Dr. Shee's gallery home. Please mark this date on your calendar.

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What a beautiful day for our Spring Event yesterday!

At 5 pm Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Shee welcomed us to their Highland Musee with their open arms and heart. Among the past Presidents and strong 1G supporters of NAMTA-Chicago, we also had 2G dentist, ophthalmologist, neurosurgeon, and orthopedic surgeons joining us last night. In his presentation, Dr. Shee shared the journey to his artistic achievements with us and taught us about painting and the 真善美藝術文化園 (The Reality Garden for Art and Culture.) After a tour of Dr. Shee's amazing gallery home and 九華樓's authentic Taiwanese dinner, Dr. Tien C. Cheng continued the meeting with a presentation of Hypertension Update, a topic that is pertinent to everyone's life. It was heart-warming to see that even at 10 pm the audience was still very engaging as we discussed various aspect of blood pressure management. We simply could not have a better audience and a better cardiovascular lecturer than Dr. Cheng!

The meeting finally adjourned at 11:15 pm but we felt there was still so much to talk about. Having shared the same culture, language, profession, and for some of us, political belief, there was just not enough time to finish all that we wanted to share.

Thanks again to all attendees, helpers, Dr. and Mrs. Shee, Dr. and Mrs. Cheng, for a wonderful meeting and delightful gathering!

