

The Kansas Chapter of NATMA

The Kansas Chapter of NATMA usually joins or sponsors the activities of other Taiwanese American organizations. We joined a party to celebrate the Lunar New Year on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Andy's Wok, in Overland Park, Kansas. FAPA National President, UMKC Professor Bob Yang, gave a talk about Taiwan Sovereignty and Human Rights issues, and FAPA activities. NATWA organized a singing group and had a very nice performance. Later we had fun dancing and singing Karaoke. The former president of The Kansas Chapter of NATMA, Dr. Su-Ming Wu, returned and visited KC this summer. He gave a good talk about current Taiwan conditions, including political and socio-economic conditions and philosophies. In August, several members of The Kansas Chapter of NATMA also joined the campaign initiated by The North American Taiwanese Women's Association (NATWA) to send 10,000 letters to President Obama. Several members attended the 2009 室內網球及桌球全美杯比賽 that was held on Saturday, August 8, 2009 at the Overland Park Indoor Racket Club in Overland Park, KS.

The Kansas Chapter of NATMA also joined a TAKC party to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival 中秋節 at the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens on Saturday, September 26, 2009. The 300-acre Arboretum has several beautiful gardens and miles of paved and wood chipped hiking trails winding through the Arboretum. It was a good experience exploring the hiking trail, beautiful flowers and meeting up with friends, also enjoyed 便當 and 中秋月餅.

On November 7, 2009, The Kansas Chapter of NATMA will jointly sponsor a half-day symposium with the Kansas chapters of the Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA), Taiwanese Association of America (TAA), North American Taiwanese Medical Association (NATMA) and North America Taiwanese Women's Association (NATWA). Speakers will feature Professor Bob Yang with the FAPA Report, Professor Don Rodgers with Understanding KMT's Strategies and Rep. Dennis Moore is invited with a Report from Congress. The symposium aims to advance our understanding of American and Taiwanese politics and promote civic responsibility.

The Kansas Chapter of NATMA had several members recently retire, including Professor Dr. C. T. Cho of Kansas City, Dr. Jin-Tze Wu of Wichita, Dr. Max G. Lai of Topeka, Dr. Ching-Yi Yu of Topeka and Dr. Fei-Tau Kung (semiretired) of Kansas City.

We plan to continue inviting 2nd generation young physicians to join NATMA.

The Kansas Chapter of NATMA wishes NATMA a successful trip to Japan from 10/26/09-11/2/09 and Taiwan, 義診台灣, 關懷台灣, 醫學年會, 訪問及學術研討, from 11/05-11/14/09.

Best wishes,

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