

Activities Report 2007 to 2009

NATMA Greater Philadelphia Chapter

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NATMA-Philly Chapter is one of 15 chapters nationwide of NATMA (North American Taiwanese Medical Association) - an organization of more than 1,400 Taiwanese American healthcare professionals founded in 1984 to promote cultural and educational exchange of Taiwanese medical, dental and allied health professionals.

Our Greater Philadelphia Chapter was founded in 1996 by first term president Dr. Yih-Fu Shiao. Other past presidents include Drs. Thung-Fu Huang, Chern H. Lai, Wen-Shiong Yang and Chanchi Lee. We currently have about 50 members in various medical specialties.

We have regular meetings quarterly to biannually. Interested TAAGP members are considered as our auxiliary members and are usually welcome and invited to attend our activities as guests. Over the past years, we have organized and conducted many meaningful, informative and interesting events, such as inviting local and guest speakers to enlighten us on various subjects. The topics include: "Risk reduction in cardiovascular diseases," "Update on hepatitis and other liver diseases," "Tea culture and tea therapy,"

"The fun of bird watching," "The Culture differences between east and west," "Developing a new economical lifeline in Taiwan," "How to grow beautiful orchids," and "Sunshine, friend or foe?/Recent advances in Vitamin D research."

Some of our members also collaborated with film maker Mr. Will Tiao by investing in the production of a new movie "Formosa Betrayed" which was recently released and might be hopeful for an Academy Award. We supported the 228-60th Commemoration March For Taiwan from Philadelphia to Washington,DC, co-sponsored "Friendship Concert " for WHO admittance awareness, donated funds for scholarship, quake and flood relief, participated in several headquarter sponsored national meetings and international medical missions to Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, etc.

On a March 22, 2009 meeting, we featured some educational and interesting talks such as "Hepatitis B , a silent killer," "Introduction of local American Cancer Society activities," "Colorectal cancer prevention" and "Haiti medical mission" and a nice lunch banquet and other entertainment at Golden City Chinese Restaurant in Colmar, PA. Close to 100 people attended. We co-sponsored this event with American Cancer Society and Gilead company. For this endeavor, some of us and other speakers were selected to receive the ACS Volunteer Awards. On September 1, 2009, some of us went to Citizens Bank Park Stadium in Philadelphia to help entertain and cheer up the Taiwan Little League Baseball team members who won the International Series but lost to California team in the World Series.

We recently established a NATMA 2G section and are inviting and welcoming new 2nd generation Taiwanese members. Please encourage your sons, daughters, nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends who are medical and allied health professionals or students, interns, residents or other trainees living in the greater

Philadelphia area to join us. It should be a wonderful forum to broaden one's intellectual horizons and social circle while solidifying and perpetuating our good Taiwanese heritage.

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