

**Taiwanese American Cultural Society
Of the Capital District, Inc.**
首府區台美文化促進會

**2005-06 Annual Report
September 30, 2006**

TACS REACHED NEW MILESTONE

TACS will celebrate the 2nd year anniversary on September 30, 2006 with many accomplishments over the past year as the Taiwanese American community in the area has reached a new milestone. Working closely with the Taiwanese American Association (TAA) of the Capital District, the two organizations were able to provide a variety of programs with much depth in content. TACS was responsible for introducing many of the educational and cultural programs. We have expanded our contacts with the mainstream American society and received greater recognition of our contributions. With the establishment of TACS as a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization, we are able to utilize better both public and private funding resources. More young people have been attracted to join the membership of TACS and represented in the Board of Trustees. Internally, the Board also has made improvements in its record keeping accounting system.

A NEW CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS

The Taiwanese American community in the area is moving into a new era after a referendum held in August of 2006 when overwhelmed majority of TACS and TAA members approved the creation of a Consolidated Board of Trustees and Directors. The election of officers and board members under the new structure were carried out in September. The size of the Board has been increased to fourteen and will be settled at twelve after 2008. Effective October 1, 2006, the new board will oversee the affairs of both TACS and TAA. Under this arrangement, TACS and TAA will keep separate identity, meeting minutes, financial records, and bank account. Members of both organizations are allowed the option of choosing membership in TAA only or both TACS and TAA. The underlined reasons of creating such a consolidated board are several: (1) Improving the coordination of activities; (2) complementing each other in programs and interests; (3) conserving human resources; (4) making better use of public and private financial resources; (5) reducing expenses; and (6) enhancing publicity and recognition of Taiwanese American community in the Capital Region.

REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORTS FILED WITH IRS AND THE STATE

The annual income tax return covering the period from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005 was filed with the RIS on January 31, 2006. (The deadline of filing the return was February 15, 2006, or 5 months and 15 days after the end of the fiscal year.) Since TACS' gross annual revenue was below \$25,000, Form 999-EZ (Short Form) was used. Another annual report—Annual Filing for Charitable Organization, CHAR500—was filed with the New York State Department of Law on February 1, 2006. (Copy of the reports is on file.)

MEMBERSHIP

TACS has a total of 64 full members and 4 supporting members in 2006. Five new members joined the membership during the year. TACS has a total of 69 “founding members” who joined TACS in 2004. (Several families have moved away from the area since then.) Annual membership due was skipped for 2005. A policy change on membership due was made by the Board in September 2005 and any family who donated \$30 or more during FY2005-06 could become a member of TACS. (Copy of the 2005-06 Membership Directory is available upon request.)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One member of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Jenwen Hsu, moved away from the area in June 2006 and the vacancy seat will not be filled until the beginning of the FY-2006--07. The names of Officers and Board of Trustees for FY-2005--06 are attached in this report.

FINACIAL STATUS

TACS had a net cash balance of \$5,028.42 as of September 30, 2005, the end of the last fiscal year. It received total revenues of \$32,123.82 and expended a total of \$27,110.26 during FY-2005--06. It has a net cash balance of \$10,110.26 as of September 30, 2006. (Detailed Annual Financial Statement is available upon request.) In March 2006, TACS discontinued the contract with the Council of Community Services of New York State which had provided accounting services to TACS since its inception. A new bookkeeping system has been established and maintained by the Treasurer of TACS. (Copy of the Annual Financial Statement is available upon request.)

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

1. Katrina Disaster Relief Fund—TACS and TAA jointly initiated a fundraising for the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Fund. The flood disaster devastated the City of New Orleans in late August of 2006. A total of \$1,650 was donated from 16 family members and the money was sent to Salvation Army for the relief efforts.

2. 2005 Festival of Nations—The 34th Festival of Nations, which was organized and participated by many ethnic groups in the Capital District, was held on October 30 at the Convention Center inside the Empire State Plaza of the State Capital in Albany. More than 6,000 people attended. The purpose of the Festival is to promote mutual-understanding and respect of different ethnic cultures, values and traditions. TACS and TAA jointly represented the Taiwanese American community and become an active member of the event working committee. In addition to operating a food stand of traditional Taiwanese delicacies, TACS and TAA gave an exhibition of Taiwanese arts and crafts.



3. 2005 Fall Taiwanese Cultural Series: Appreciation of the Beauty of Taiwanese Opera—The event was held at Guilderland Public Library on December 10 of 2005. The speaker, Miss Betty Wang from Taiwan, presented the history and basic elements of Taiwanese opera. She also demonstrated the basic forms and various musical attributions of Taiwanese opera, which has been very popular during local temple festival events.



4. 2006 Spring Taiwanese History Series: Exploring the Truth of the 2.28 Incident—The event was presented by Mr. Chungchin Chen, TACS' President on March 4, 2006 at the library of Siena College in Loudonville. The incident, a horrible tragic event in the modern history of Taiwan, occurred during the two weeks period of February 28-March 13, 1947. It was estimated that more than 18,000 people, including many Taiwanese elites, were killed by the Chinese government, and many more were jailed. The truth of the incident had been suppressed by the government for four decades until 1987 when the democratic movement of Taiwanese became successful.

5. 2006 Taiwanese Heritage Week Celebration—TACS and TAA co-sponsored the performance of lion dance by Hong-Shen Lion Dance Theater from Taiwan to celebrate this year's Taiwanese Heritage Week on May 5th. The event was very successful as more than 750 people attended the performance at the Egg, the State Art Performance Center. TACS received limited financial support for the event from the Cultural Center of Taiwanese Economic and Cultural Office in New York and tickets for admission were sold to the public.



6. Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Celebration—A Masterpieces of Chinese Painting Exhibition was held from May 17 through 24 at Albany Institute of History and

Art. More than 350 invited guests attended the opening reception at the Institute. The free exhibition displayed 40 pieces of masterpieces of Chinese painting from the private collection of Dai family in Australia. TACS received financial donations of \$16,000 from six private corporations and another \$11,000 in-kind support from several groups for the event. In addition to the exhibition, a free lecture to the public on the appreciation of Chinese paintings was given by Mr. Tony Dai and a lecture on traditional and contemporary Chinese Painting in Taiwan was given by Ms. Leigh Wen, an accomplished local Taiwanese artist. In recognition of the significant contribution of Dai family to the area's appreciation of Asian arts and culture, Mr. Tony Dai and his mother were presented an Honorary Citizen Certificate by the mayor of Albany Mr. Gerald Jennings at a special ceremony in the city hall.



7. **2006 Fall Taiwanese Cultural Series**—A lecture with a title of **“The Creation and Transmitting of Taiwanese American Culture”** was given by Mrs. Carole Hsu, a Taiwan-born journalist and author living in Baltimore. The event took place at Guilderland Public Library on September 30 after the conclusion of the joint annual meeting of TACS and TAA.



8. **Art Contest**— An art contest has been announced by the Board in August as the feature of the Youth Scholarship Program in 2006. Entries must relate to Taiwan, Taiwanese culture, people or heritage. The deadline of submitting the art work is extended to November 10, 2006. The top three winners of the contest will be given cash award of \$500, \$300, and \$200 each.

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Officers (2005-2006)

President:	Chungchin Chen	陳仲欽
Vice President:	Cinnia Huang	柯錦霞
Secretary:	Wei-Shih Yang	楊偉實
Treasury:	William Chen	陳仁煌

Board of Trustees

2004-2006	William Lee	李錫洋
2004-2006	Wen Liao	廖文榜
2004-2006	Leena Yang	黃麗娜
2004-2007	Chungchin Chen	陳仲欽
2004-2007	Wei-Shih Yang	楊偉實
2005-2007	William J. Chen	陳仁煌
2005-2008	Linda Chung	陳麗玲
2005-2008	Cinnia Huang	柯錦霞
2005-2008	Jenwen Hsu	許人文 (Resigned in June 2006)

Note: Officers may be re-elected for the same office up to a total of three (3) consecutive one-year terms. Trustee members may be re-elected for two (2) consecutive three-year terms.