

JSCA

NEWSLETTER

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CHANGWON YOUTH AMBASSADORS EXCHANGE

UPCOMING EVENTS

World of Nations

Feb. 24-25

Downtown Jacksonville

Chinese Culture Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 24 3-5:30pm

Mandarin Branch Library

Board of Directors Meeting

Feb. 28 6:30-8pm

Jacksonville Urban League

Annual Membership Drive

March - May

Spring Member Mixer Event- Date TBA

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the first issue of the JSCA Quarterly Newsletter. This will be a space to share more about board members and City Committee events- like the recent Youth Exchange with students from Changwon Special City, South Korea. From January 5-January 17, the group of 17 Korean students and 2 chaperones attended school and daily activities with their JSCA host family. It was a great follow-up to the Jacksonville student's visit in July 2023, the first time the program was able to continue since before the pandemic.

-Dr. Cynthia Robinson, JSCA President



WENXIA RAITI

VP Suzhou

A Jacksonville resident since 2006, Wen is a trained CPA and entrepreneur. Her online business, The House of Leaf and Bean, was opened as a brick and mortar restaurant in 2016, focusing on organic teas to promote a healthy lifestyle. In addition to building relationships with our Chinese Friendship Cities, Wen is the president of the National Asian American PAC FL and an alumni of Leadership Jacksonville.



Dedicated to serving the local Asian community in business tax and accounting, ShuangShuang is a successful Enrolled Agent. Driven to join JSCA as a way to increase cultural awareness, she is committed to cultivating a peaceful environment for all to thrive. As a mom of three, she sees her role on the board as an opportunity to foster more understanding among diverse ethnic groups and resolving conflicts for future generations.

SHUANG SHUANG SHU

VP Yingkou



China- Ningbo, Shaoxing, Suzhou, Yingkou

The Friendship and Sister Cities between China and Jacksonville have lead to community growth both in town and abroad. The first annual Chinese Culture Workshop took place in February of 2023, a free event aimed at promoting cultural awareness. In celebration of the Lunar New Year, participants were immersed in Chinese language and art. In the Fall, Wen Raiti lead a group to China, bringing Jacksonville to them.

CITY SPOTLIGHT



Above: 2023 Chinese Culture Workshop. From left to right: Wen with Carol Robertson Lopez, Board Member of Sister Cities International, at the China-US Sister Cities Conference in Suzhou. Alongside female business leaders from Yingkou. With staff from the Foreign Affairs Office in Shaoxing.