



Clemson Area International Friendship

Spring 2013

Your 2013 CAIF Officers

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**Please do your part with
a Membership Donation**

International Festival on Bowman Field, April 7

Important Dates:

International Festival

Sunday, April 7
(raindate—April 14)

General Membership Meeting & Host Family Orientation

Saturday, July 27 (tentative)

Welcome Reception

Friday, August 23 (tentative)

Potluck Dinner

Friday, Sept 13 (tentative)

Pre-Thanksgiving Meal

Saturday, November 23

Did you Know??

- * Clemson welcomes approximately 600 NEW international students and scholars EACH year
- * There are 81 countries represented at CU
- * There are 31 international student clubs and organizations on campus
- * China & India account for the largest representation on our campus (by FAR!)

The dates for Clemson University's annual International Awareness Week have been set for the first week of April. The week's activities culminate with a festival on Sunday, April 7 from noon-4 pm. (Raindate is set for April 14).

Each year, various international student organizations prepare delicious dishes representing their country's cuisine. Community folks wishing to partake of these delectable morsels can purchase tickets at the festival for \$1 per ticket. Most samples require only one ticket.

Festival-goers also enjoy many cultural activities throughout the afternoon such as music, dance, martial arts demonstrations and fashion shows.

This year CAIF will be sponsoring a booth, offering "Southern Sweets" where we will feature old southern favorites such as pound cake, banana pudding, pecan pie,



and peach cobbler. CAIF members will be asked to participate by preparing desserts and helping to serve during the festival.

We will also use this opportunity to increase awareness of our organization by displaying an informational board and selling our new T-shirts.

Make plans to enjoy this fun day!!

2013 Membership Dues

It's that time of year again when we ask CAIF members to renew their participation commitment through club dues and volunteering time and energy. Membership dues are very important to the support of our programs, many of which involve food procurement, room/equipment rental, mailings, etc.

Of course, this is not the "CAIF Officers Show" either, so your help is needed in non

-monetary ways as well. While CAIF should not be financially burdensome to anyone, we ask that each household consider a minimum annual donation of \$25. This will allow us to expand our options of service to the internationals we serve.

Please see the enclosed membership form and make arrangements for your update TODAY.

Any household donating \$100 or more will receive **2 free CAIF t-shirts**.



A Word from CAIF President, Kathy Mabry

A Big Thanks to Margie Spangenberg!

Most incoming club presidents receive a gavel from their predecessor. Not me. I inherited a 6'x6' storage shed, filled with all sorts of items collected by outgoing CAIF president Margie Spangenberg. I hope you will please join me in thanking Margie for her many years of faithful service to CAIF, keeping meticulous club records and storing all our club "stuff" needed for lots of activities.

Margie has been an active member of NAFSA (National Association of Foreign Student Advisers) over the years. While attending NAFSA conferences, she gleaned many good ideas and resources which she incorporated here on the local level through CAIF.

And let's not forget Margie's dear husband, Gerhard. Each year, Gerhard loads, hefts, and unloads numerous toteboxes filled with CAIF "stuff" needed for Welcome

Reception, potluck dinner, Thanksgiving meal, and many other events.

The Spangenbergs have hosted several students throughout the years and will still be involved with CAIF. Margie has graciously agreed to coach me through my transition year.

Meanwhile, Margie will be busy planning a BIG 50th Wedding Anniversary as she and Gerhard celebrate this wonderful milestone on June 15. Congratulations!



Margie & Gerhard enjoying McDonald's fare with some Asian friends

Recruitment Efforts

One of our biggest initial tasks will be to update our CAIF roster and recruit new members. We have purchased a professional tabletop display board for CAIF and Kathy will be making promotional presentations at several venues in the near future including: Clemson Elementary International Fair, Ravenel Elementary PTO and Utica Baptist Church.

If your civic organization, church, or neighborhood group would be willing for Kathy or Reeta to come make a short presentation about CAIF, please let us know.

Word of mouth is probably our best form of advertisement. Please be proactive about sharing your positive experiences of being a host family with friends, neighbors



Upcoming Improvements for CAIF

Some improvements currently underway for our organization include:

- Updating the website
- New CAIF T-shirt design, available for \$10
- Streamlined computerized process for students and host families to provide contact information
- Exploring ways to engage stay-at-home int'l women
- Pairing new spring semester students with hosts

- CAIF officers will be meeting with leadership in the Office of International Affairs to discuss ways in which we can better serve our international friends
- Formation of student speaker's bureau
- Explore ways to serve foreign students enrolled in MBA and ICAR programs and at Southern Wesleyan
- Have a good idea? Don't keep it to yourself! Contact Kathy at sccaif@gmail.com or 882-8141.

