



(本報訊)2016年6月26日上午10-4點,亞裔越南社團 Friendship Foundation of American Vietnamese 的主席 Gia Hoa Ryan, 女士和律師 Joseph Meissne 等人共同主辦:在 Saigon Plaza 隆重舉辦越南文化花園贊助活動,主辦本次活動的委員會為大家提供“免費越南特色早午餐”吸引了社會各界名人,克利夫蘭華人著名律師黃唯和原美華社團主席和亞洲節創始人之一的 John Wu. 等各個族裔名人也到了現場, 祝賀並捐款這項越南社團在克利夫蘭做的一件大好事。

當日 Friendship Foundation 主席 Gia Hoa Ryan 表示,克利夫蘭是一個有文化的美麗城市,這克利夫蘭有一條馬丁·路德·金大道,那里有着許多標誌着一個國家文化的花園,就中國孔子像就豎立在那里,這是一個國家的文化,而今天我們就要在這條美麗



的大街上將建設越南花園,它代表着越南人在克利夫蘭的文化與地位。到開幕的時候,越南國旗將在花園里升起,並傳播越南的文化與精神。

本次活動吸引了兩百餘人,當日環球克利夫蘭協會主席 Cimperman 和他的家人參與了活動並發言:“克利夫蘭非常各個族裔的文化交流,只有這樣讓克利夫蘭更加有代表和特色,同時他也表示:克利夫蘭的騎士隊贏了,這將改變

克利夫蘭的面貌,還有克利夫蘭將迎來共和黨年會,克利夫蘭會更有知名度。克利夫蘭著名律師黃唯也發言表示:大家要團結一起,美國是一個大移民國,各個國家來的移民為美國創作了大量財富,黃唯三十多年移民生涯幫助成千上萬的家庭成為移民。

克利夫蘭大區有不少越南人,他們最多的是做美甲生意,還有飯店,越南面是在美國深受欢迎的美食。



越南文化花園贊助活動隆重舉辦

On Sunday June 26 the Vietnamese Cultural Garden Committee hosted a community event for everyone entitled “BRUNCH A LA VIETNAM” at the Sai Gon Plaza in Cleveland’s Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood.

Gia Hoa Ryan, Director of the Friendship Foundation which sponsored the event stated, “Our goal was to educate our entire community about the beautiful Vietnamese garden we are establishing on Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard. We will join the other gardens that foster appreciation of the many ethnic groups making up our Cleveland. Our garden will proudly display our national flag of the gold field with three broad red stripes symbolizing the North, the Center, and South of our motherland. Our garden will tell the story of the beginning of the Vietnamese people in the marriage of the Mountain Dragon King with the Fairy Princess of the Sea.”

The event attracted some two hundred people, representing Cleveland’s diversity. Attending for Global Cleveland was its dynamic Director Joseph Cimperman and his family. “We have been sending this out on our social media since we received the event info,” he wrote. “We are very supportive of this effort.”

Two of the very best of Cleveland’s legal community participated. Attorney Margaret Wong has helped thousands of families in their immigration battles. “Our view is very simple,” Attorney Wong told people at this cultural garden event, “We believe that every case can be won. That is why we provide the very best lawyering

for all our clients.” Among her many achievements, Margaret is known for her very successful representation for various cases involving President Obama’s relations. A second attorney attending was former Federal District Attorney Patrick McLaughlin who brought his family. He is no stranger to the Asian and Vietnamese communities, having served with the Big Red One in Viet Nam and lectured there on law subjects: “Great food and cause,” he stated. “My family and I enjoyed the Vietnamese food, a first for our grandchildren.”

Mari Galindo, leader of Cleveland’s Mexican Community aided this event and invited members of her extensive family. “This was my first time eating Vietnamese food,” said one family youth, “And it was delicious.”

The Vietnamese cuisine included Ban Xeo which means the “Happy Pancake.” This is made with a Vietnamese Crepe of special batter, lightly browned over live fire, as all sorts of items are

added on top which can include shrimp, pork, and chicken, and with a special crepe of vegetables for the vegans among us. A second item was the scrumptious rice noodles mixed with grilled pork slices and tasty Nuoc Mam sauce. A third item was the luscious Banh Mi Vietnamese sandwiches of browned crusty French rolls enclosing meats and succulent vegetables which have been around much longer than Subway’s offerings. Preparing all these foods fresh as they were ordered by those present were Chefs Truoc Phung Nguyen, Hanh Luong, Tam Luong, Tuyet, and Phuong Lam. A fourth item was flavorful bowls of fresh fruits of all kinds.

The drinks of choice were large glasses of fresh iced Vietnamese Coffee. Most people know that the Number One country in the world for producing coffee is Brazil. But hardly anyone knows that Number Two is Viet Nam. The coffee has a hearty taste, smooth, full of flavor, and a heavenly aroma. When combined with sweet condensed milk, this drink enriches any morning.

“This event,” stated Treasurer Uyen Da, “was a

fund raiser. We thank all who came and donated. We especially thank Vinh who oversaw the cash collections to support the construction.” Present at the event was Architect Robert Maschke (along with his wife and daughter) who is overseeing the Vietnamese Garden design. “We are incorporating ideas from everywhere and we welcome more ideas from the Vietnamese community and general community.”

“This event was a great success for our Committee and Community,” stated Oanh Powell, the Committee’s Vice-president. “In particular I oversaw our colorful, artistic street-posters and decorations. I was pleasantly surprised that many cars stopped when they saw these and joined the festivities to enjoy our foods.”

Different groups showed up. “Many of our members were present and enjoyed it,” said Ken Kovach President of ICC-WIN. Other present included Pierre Bejjani, Middle Eastern Community leader; Council Person Brian Cummings and his wife; Stephanie Shelden from Cleveland FLEA; Vietnam Veteran leader Sean Ennis; and many members from the Asian and Vietnamese communities.

“We were so proud that so many came and from numerous diverse groups,” summed-up Director Ryan. “We met so many new supporters such as Military Veteran Ed Molnar and his wonderful wife. With supporters like these, we know we will succeed.”

