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Dear SW Florida Community,

Welcome to the Year of the Ox! I think it is fitting that after this past year, we are moving into a year of an animal that symbolizes strength and determination, for that is what we all certainly need at this time.

For this letter, I thought I'd offer a bit of history. I can hardly believe that it was now more than 20 years ago, in the year 2000, that I was a new lawyer in Naples, having just moved there in 1999. Hungry to connect with other Asian professionals, I started inviting a few to lunch. I had grown up with a very traditional Chinese father in a huge Chinese family in Washington DC. I had arrived in Naples and felt disconnected as there seemed to be so few Asians. It started with just 4 of us having lunch. Then I invited a few others, and before long, it became a regular lunch. Soon after that, I decided to make it an official organization by becoming a chapter of the National Association of Asian American Professionals in 2000.

I was the Founding President. Founding Vice-President was Vatsana Inthalansy; Founding Secretary was Marve Ann Alaimo and Founding Treasurer was Marie Grasmeier. Ken Chan, Victoria Ho, Lester Law, and Kim Chen were also early members and involved. Judy Wright joined around 2001. Frank Zhou and Bernadette D'Isaza a bit after that. Sometime in 2001-2002, we decided to create a scholarship for Asian American seniors, so were looking for ideas to fund it. It was then that Judy Wright came up with the idea of Asia Fest. The first one was held at Community School of Naples in 2003 and it was there again the following year, then it moved to Ft. Myers for a few years.

Around 2009, me, Marve Ann, Judy, Frank, Kim and Bernadette decided to break off from NAAAP and it was then that we formed the Naples Asian Professionals Association. I then became president again. We resumed Asia Fest in Naples and held it in Mercado in 2010 and for several years after that.

I am proud beyond words that this organization is still going and thriving! We have now donated more than \$100,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and grants to local non-profits in the community. Thank you to all of you have donated, participated, helped organize and been any part of keeping the Asian Professionals Association of SW Florida now a fixture of the SW Florida community.

As we step into 2021, let's use the energy of the Ox to remain strong, determined and ready to take on this New Year with a sense of hope, purpose and vision for a new beginning and new future for us all.

With gratitude,

Rebecca Zung, Esq.









A Letter from Judy Wright to the Asian Professionals Association of SWFL

Association of Asian American Professionals (2003-2006), and the founder of AsiaFest in Naples and organizer since 2004 for many years, I am honored and pleased to see that the legacy of AsiaFest continues through the Asian Professionals Association of SWFL. What started as a desire to share my culture with the Southwest Florida community, and our association's wish to raise scholarship funds to help graduating high school seniors further their education to realize their dreams, it is satisfying to know that this desire continues to be shared by the local Asian community and that the scholarship award recipients are graduating college, getting jobs, and contributing to our society.

As non-profit organizations, our members volunteer, roll up their sleeves, and join hands together to do something special to bless someone else. It is a group effort. There's no greater joy than to give back and do something that puts smiles on faces. This is what AsiaFest is about. I am proud of and thankful to the Asian Professionals Association of SWFL and for all the countless volunteers and sponsors who dedicate their time and efforts to AsiaFest both past and present. I am thankful to the Southwest Florida community for its continued support of AsiaFest. And I am thankful to be a citizen of the United States where we have the freedom to share and embrace each other's cultures.



Sincerely,

Judy Wright

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Derformance Schedule

11:00 am

- · Fushu Daiko Japanese Taiko Drumming
- Opening Remarks: Pearl Cruz, Featured Hosts: Larry Venturino, Vien Phommachanh & Kyle Yamada
- Tai Chi Demonstration by Sifu Pedro Piniero
- Polynesian Performance by Hula Connection of SWFL

12:00 pm

- Welcome Ceremony "Year of the OX" Celebration
- AsiaFest Chairperson Colin Feng
- AsiaFest 2021 Cultural Parade
- The Chinese New Year Red Envelope Tradition
- White Dragon Martial Arts Demonstration
 & Lion Dance
- Korean Cultural Dance Performance

1:00 pm

- · Fushu Daiko Japanese Taiko Drumming
- Mandalika Indonesian Cultural Dance Club
- Turkish Sword Balancing by Angela Hicks
- Chinese Musical Character Performance
- Turkish Series by Belly Dance Connection
- Featured Filipino Performance by MyZone

2:00 pm

- Crowning of Ms AsiaFest 2021 by Lorna Desnous
- Mandalika Indonesian Cultural Dance Club
- Korean Cultural Dance Performance
- Bollywood by Angela Hicks & Co.
- White Dragon Martial Arts Demonstration & Lion Dance

3:00 pm

- · Mandalika Indonesian Cultural Dance Club
- Blue Lotus Vietnamese Dancers
- Korean Cultural Dance Performance







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2020 APASWFL Scholarship Awards































It was a banner year for the APASWFL Scholarship, receiving over 20 applicants and awarding 15 outstanding Asian-American Seniors in Southwest Florida. Due to the Covid-19 CDC restrictions, all school assemblies and awards night were cancelled. However, we creatively scheduled 3 separate days and locations to accomplish the Annual APASWFL Scholarship Awards according to the CDC guidelines.

On May 13, 2020 at the Mercato Events Lawn 3:30-6:30pm, we awarded the following: Dustin Heinduc Luu (Vietnamese/First Baptist Academy), Andrew Becker (Vietnamese/Barron Collier HS), Richard Qian (Chinese/Barron Collier HS), Vivian Rose Guite (Chinese/Naples HS), Jillian Hammel (Chinese/Gulf Coast HS) & Margaret Kahl (Chinese/Gulf Coast HS). It started off with blue sky but as we approached halfway through our scheduled awards, it was turning orange & dark. Fortunately we completed our awards before the

smoke from 8,250-acre brush fire in Golden Gate reached the area.

On May 14, 2020 10:am-12:30pm at the Cape Coral Residence, we awarded the following students from Cape Coral HS; Zhoucai Ni (Chinese), Hankyeol Yang (South Korean), Kimmie Balch (Vietnamese), Tan Hollman (Indonesian) & Isabella Fe Ico (Filipino). We appreciated the comforts of being indoors and continued to abide with the CDC guidelines.

On May 15, 2020 at the Gulf Coast Town Center Courtyard, we awarded the following students; Thang Le (Vietnamese/Estero HS), Shion Simms (Japanese/ Estero HS), David Pham (Vietnamese/ Dunbar HS) & Ilise McAteer (Hmong/Riverdale HS). It was a breezy day and Mother Nature was truly kind and spared us from the rain.

APASWFL would like to send a shout out of "THANK YOU" to all who attended and participated at the 2020 AsiaFest at the Alliance





for the Arts on February 8, 2020. Especially to our 2020 MS ASIAFEST, Ngan Nguyen who is our ambassadress of Asian grace, knowledge and culture. All have greatly contributed to the

APASWFL Scholarship Funds. Congratulations to all our APASWFL Scholarship Awardees! We would like to thank you and your family & friends who joined us.

Congratulations to Our 2020 APASWFL College Scholarship Awardees!

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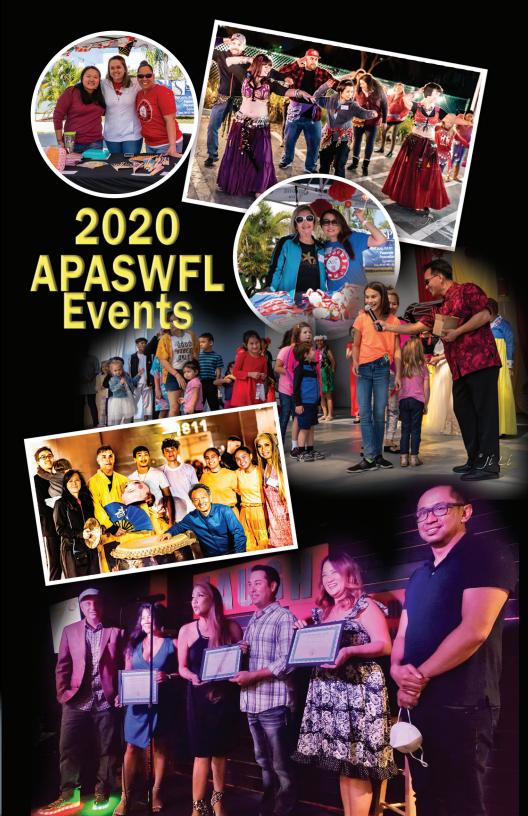
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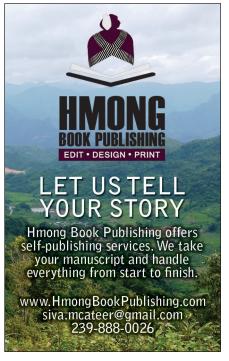
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Chinese Zodiac: Year of the Ox By Fefe Ho & Chloe Chiao

The Ox is the second of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. The Ox was about to be the first to arrive, but Rat tricked Ox into giving him a ride. Then, just as they arrived, Rat jumped down and landed ahead of Ox. Thus, Ox became the second animal.

The Ox is also associated with the Earthly Branch (地支 / dì zhī) Chǒu (丑) and th<mark>e hours 1-3 in the morning. In the terms of yin and yang (阴阳 / yīn yáng), the Ox is Yang.</mark>

Oxen are the hard workers in the background, intelligent and reliable, but never demanding praise.

In Chinese culture, the Ox is a valued animal. Because of its role in agriculture, positive characteristics, such as being hardworking and honest, are attributed to it.

Paired with the Celestial Stems (天干 / Tiān gān), there is a 6o-year calendrical cycle. Although chǒu is associated with earth, the years also cycle through the five elements of nature (五行 / wǔ xíng).

Personality and Characteristics

Oxen are honest and earnest. They are low key and never look for praise or to be the center of attention. This often hides their talent, but they'll gain recognition through their hard work.

They believe that everyone should do what's asked for them and stay within their bounds. Though they are kind, it's difficult for them to understand persuasion using pathos. Rarely losing your temper, they think logically and make great leaders.

Men born in the Ox year are reliable and trustworthy. They put their entire heart into everything they do. They feel great responsibility towards their family as well. However, due to their confidence (almost arrogance), they don't allow anyone to go against their rules. They hold your children to high expectations, even though it might be unrealistic.

Women born in the Ox year are calm and gentle. They will never surrender to fate and rarely think of choosing an alternative. This no doubt leads to a life of struggles. But no matter what, they will walk down the road they choose until the end. Despite this stubbornness, they think and react quickly.

Compatibility

Most compatible with Ox: Rat, Snake, Rooster Rat's fixed Earthly Branch is water, while Ox is earth. They have complementing personalities and hold the same goals in life.

Snake and Rooster fit Ox nicely as well. Not only will Snakes give warmth and romance, they offer help and support in work too. Honest and loyal, they can also be attracted to the Rooster's soft and loving heart.

Least compatible with Ox: Goat, Horse, Dog

The Earthly Branches of Goat and Ox clash strongly. They can tolerate each other's differences, but there will always be tension.

Horses have a free and wild spirit, and may not have a serious attitude toward life. This is the opposite of an Ox's personality. With Dogs, it's hard to find common ground.

Careers Fit for Oxen

Oxen often group family and work together. They look for long-term and steady work. Because of this, they are studious in school and perform well in every subject. This helps build a strong support for any future career path.

Because of their low-key personality, a stable job is the best for Oxen. Their strong sense of responsibility also makes them the perfect candidate for professional and stressful jobs. These include doctors, lawyers, businessmen and teachers. With their technical skills and effort, they can receive society's recognition and reach their own standards.

No matter what career they choose, it must ne something they are really interested in. Though they may be okay with any job that fits their skills, they should take the time to find something they love. Only in a stable environment that matches their passions, are they able to find their true calling.

Health and Lifestyle

Like the wild oxen that run freely in the fields, people of the Ox year are healthy and fit. Hospital visits are rare, but this sometimes leads to overconfidence. Neglect during youth will result in problems in the later years.

As workaholics, Oxen will sometimes go days with minimal food and rest, then binge on both. Irregular diets will lead to indigestion and problems with the digestive system. Irregular exercise is what causes you to fall ill with "random" ailments.

Once they reach the middle ages, there is a high risk of heart disease. Strokes are another risk. In addition, they commonly suffer from joint pain.

Most of these issues stem from irregular exercise. For a healthy life, they need to remember to take breaks from work, stretch and relax.

Lucky things for Oxen

Colors: blue, yellow, green

Numbers: 1, 4

Flowers: lily of the valley and lucky bamboo **Directions of auspiciousness:** East, Southeast

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Unlucky things

Colors: red, brown Numbers: 3, 6

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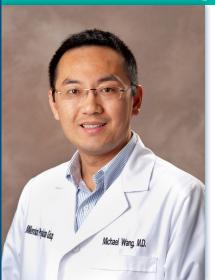
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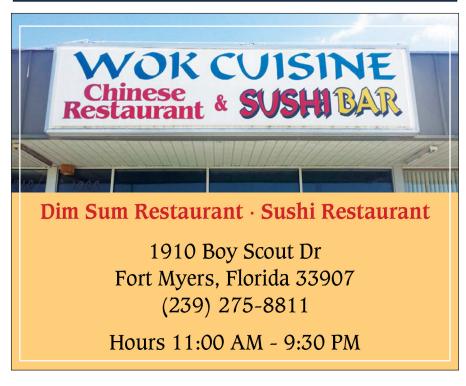


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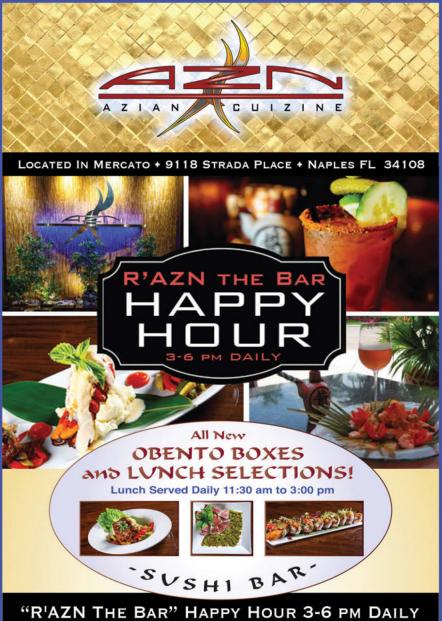


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