

IYC Newsletter

Summer Edition



Giving Gardens

On several Saturdays of the summer from 9 to 11 A.M., IYC volunteers harvested snow peas and almost four pounds of blueberries. We also harvested and cleaned nearly 120 pounds of onions. These fruits and vegetables have been donated to local food banks for those in need of food. Giving Gardens will continue throughout the autumn season, so if you are interested in participating, please scan the QR code below.

Emily Wang
Stephanie Wu
Emily Huang
Allison Huang
Diksha Durairaj



Luanna Liu



Olivia Yang



Zeyang Wang



Zoe Tseng

July Senior Center Concert

On July 14th, IYC musicians performed a wonderful concert for the senior citizens at The Bristol Assisted Living. Six performers presented seven performances on the instruments piano, violin, euphonium, and clarinet. The seniors could not help but smile during the performances and requested for us to come back to perform again. We host monthly senior concerts, so be sure to sign up for our next concert; your performance will definitely brighten the seniors' days!

Emily Wang



Runqing Wang



Derek Liu





8/31 Annual Beach Cleanup

The annual beach cleanup at Sandy Hook Beach was another great success. Together, 14 volunteers collected 25 pounds of trash. Afterward, the volunteers took a walk at the Keyport Fishery.

Coco Lee



Emily, Allison, Katie Huang

Zoe Tseng

Anya Pei



Aiden Lin Yikai Dang



Taiwan SDG Volunteer Service Trip

The 2024 Taiwan SDG Volunteer Service Trip began in the afternoon on August 8th. IYC members from the U.S. and Taiwan sides diligently rehearsed their chamber and chorus pieces. Afterward, IYC members and parents gathered together for the welcome dinner, during which IYC Taiwan members were awarded their PVSA, IYC Volunteer, Most Dependable, and Most Potential Awards and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) were introduced.





Angela Chung



Yi-Kai Dang



Andy Pei



Maxine Huang

Eileen Chen



Andrea Wu

IYC SDG Charity Concert: Taiwan University Hospital



Angelina Roberts



Isabella Mele

IYC members performed the first SDG Charity Concert at the Taiwan University Hospital. The audience enjoyed two singing performances by all IYC members, one performance by the IYC U.S. members, and 11 instrumental performances, ranging on a variety of instruments, including violin, viola, piano, Chinese pipa, Chinese flute, and saxophone. Afterward, we hosted a trivia session to further connect with the audience. IYC hopes to host more concerts at the hospital in the future to continue sharing music and spreading joy.



Anya Pei



Louie Huang



Emily Wang



Edward Lu

Albert Lu

Audrey Wu





Historic Cultural Exploration: Taipei Confucius Temple

After the performance at the Taiwan University Hospital, IYC members took the metro to the Taipei Confucius Temple. They learned about the history of the temple from two guides and explored the area through a scavenger hunt. Following the tour, members began to create their puppet show backgrounds in their respective groups using colorful paper and a variety of art materials.



Chickenpox Group



The Doctors Group



RKim Group



ChatGPT Group



*IYC SDG
Charity Concert:
Chinese Culture University APA*

IYC members performed the second SDG Charity Concert at the Chinese Culture University APA. The audience enjoyed two singing performances by all IYC members: "Count on Me" by Bruno Mars and "Ti-O-O", a Taiwan folk song, one performance of "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong by the IYC U.S. members, and 18 instrumental performances, ranging on a variety of instruments, including violin, viola, cello, piano, Chinese flute, flute, and saxophone.



JinXiuZhuang Museum National Palace Museum Shilin Night Market



IYC members began a full day of activities at the JinXiuZhuang Museum, where they met Mr. Zhuang Wunan, who built the place himself. We call him as Living National Treasure. Mr. Charles Lin introduced Mr. Zhung's art works and collection of historical objects and toured the surrounding greenery. Additionally, members hand-made ink paintings that Mr. Zhuang Wunan signed and ate a farmer style lunch. Afterward, members explored the National Palace Museum and ended the day at the Shilin Night Market, where they got to try unique street food items.



Symposium & Puppet Show at Datong Senior Center



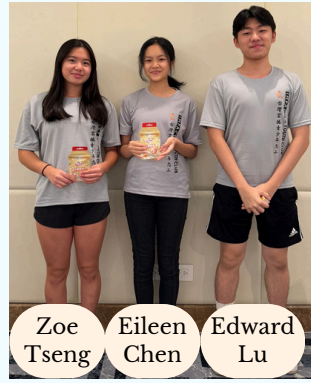
The next day, Mr. Charles Lin gave IYC members a speech about historical site protection and restoration work. In addition, IYC members convened for the symposium, during which the tour itinerary for the next two days and the sunglasses eye care project and trip to the Himalayas were introduced. Members were also introduced to the Worry Worms activity and rehearsed their puppet show performances. In the afternoon, members went to the Datong Senior Center, performing their puppet shows and playing a variety of fun games with them after the performance.

Scam and fraud prevention for seniors

Medication management for seniors

Travel safety for seniors

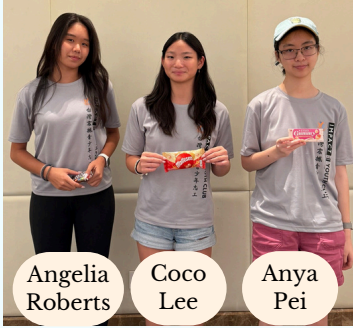
Fall prevention for seniors



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Aaron Lin Joseph Tang

Jeannie Yu Vera Chang



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Yi-Kai Dang Angela Chung

Emily Wang Audrey Wu

Isabella Mele



IYC Taiwan Trip Farewell Dinner

After the senior center volunteering activities, IYC members gathered at the Grand Hyatt Hotel for the farewell dinner. Members were given awards for their contributions to the trip and continued the karaoke fun that began on the tour bus.



Aiden Lin Jeremy Yang Louie Huang Austin Lin

Tiger Wu Yi-Tao Dang Andrea Wu Albert Lu





~IYC Tour~

After five days SDG volunteer service program, IYC members had a two full-day tour exploring local Taiwan culture. The first day of the tour, IYC members began by customizing their own sky lanterns, releasing them Shifen Old Street. Afterward, they explored Jiufen Old Street, where they ate a Haiyuelou lunch, shopped around, tried desserts and snacks, and enjoyed the breathtaking scenery. They continued the tour by mining their own gold at the New Taipei City Gold Museum and eating dinner at a seafood restaurant in Keelung. On the second day, IYC members visited the Lin Family Garden and Wanhua Longshan Temple and ate lunch at Rice in Shine at Dadaocheng and dinner at Taipei 101 at Din Tai Fung, ending the night at Ximending. Wrapping up the IYC trip, U.S. members and some Taiwan members convened together for a farewell breakfast, after which everyone said their heartfelt goodbyes, concluding the amazing trip.



~IYC Trip Members~

BOD Members

Eugenia Chiang
Chieh-Wen Liu
Helen Luo

Grace Chiang
Nikki Cheng
Nancy Chen
Jennifer Chiang

On behalf of the IYC members, we would like to express our gratitude for the incredible efforts of the BOD members to ensure the success of this trip.

We would not have created amazing memories, friendships, and bonds without your hard work. Thank you again for making this trip possible.

US Members

Yi-Kai Dang
Yi-Tao Dang
Coco Lee
Aiden Lin
Austin Lin
Isabella Mele
Andy Pei
Anya Pei
Zoe Tseng
Emily Wang
Tiger Wu

Taiwan Members

Vera Chang
Eileen Chen
Peggy Chen
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Jeremy Yang
Jeannie Yu
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