

## Chinese New Year Celebration – Chicago

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The CAC Chicago Chapter had the Chinese New Year Celebration Brunch on 2/17 at the Phoenix Restaurant in Chinatown.

Only 8 showed up. We reserved for two tables, but there were many last minute cancels. Since we have met each other before, there was no early silence. We quickly got into eating and talking.

Due to the abundance of snow this winter, many locals took to the nearby slopes. Unfortunately, one of us had a mishap. Lawrence talked about his awkward fall and the long rehab to come. We tried to tell him all the suffering is worthy of the thrills.

We also learned Jamie is going back to Taipei (ING- life) after two year stint on the P&C side here. We wished her luck and asked her to be our correspondent in Taiwan.

Some commented that we need more experienced actuaries to participate in our program to provide their wisdom.

Ed talked about his recent trip to Paris and the exorbitant prices for simple meals and other items.

A few members have changed employers and in some cases, have taken the positions left by other Chinese actuaries.

We got into the often-discussed topic of career prospects in the different specialties. The old actuaries' response was the in-thing today could very easily be the out-thing 3 or 5 years down the road. The only protection is keeping oneself valuable to the employer all the time.

Tong will start to plan our summer picnic. Tentative date was set at 6/28. We will play team Frisbee on the North Street beach. According to the rehab schedule, Lawrence can only be the referee.

We had a brief survey of our employers' arrangements to help actuaries' compliance with the new continue education requirement for US actuaries.

We ordered many dishes but had a difficult time to get the chicken feet. At very end with the restaurant manager's persistent effort, we ended up with more than we asked for.