

Chinese New Year report - February 2, 2019.

On Saturday, February 02, 2019 Wang's Martial Arts held its 17th Annual Chinese New Year and Award Banquet at China Ko in Humble, Texas.

The vegetarian style meal was prepared for the health of all guests, & kindness to animals. At the tables, guest was presented with red envelopes that contained a lucky Chinese coin. During the reception, visitors were able to enjoy pleasant music thanks to the contribution of our Brown Stripe Belt **Jeffrey Villarde**.

Jordyn Mayo also impressed the audience with her solo dance called fireworks- Great job Jordyn!

The MC for the evening, Mr. Victor Makris, warmly welcomed everyone to the festivities and honored the present black belts (**Rafael Gonzalez, Allen DeWoody, Marvin Henderson, Daniel Thibodeaux, David Barnes, Abel Martinez, Ed Green, Russell Haws, Susan Fischman, Tye Botting, Darren Bush, Padraic Ruby Abbott, Polly Ferguson, Margaret Swavely, Chantel Barnes, Karen Clarke, Cleotis Washington, Jessie Diaz, Sue Diaz, Paul Greenwood, Chris Duffy, Tania Myers, Richard Sibley, Danny Romine, Jeannett Adams, Wilfred Hung.**) with a Chinese Happy New Year Card, with their names written in Chinese Calligraphy.

Following, Victor Cheng Scholarship (provides by Mrs. Jenny Cheng) was awarded to a U of H Law Students **Alyssa Allen** for **\$1000** and **Read Fryar** for **\$1000**.

There was also a Chinese Fashion show & singing of two Chinese songs, WMA students, family, and friends showed off lovely silk like garments and their talent.

The entertainment program started with fabulous Chinese Lion Dance. With three lions and music team by Shaolin Kung Fu Academy. There were many smiles and joyful children.

Next, the awards for tournament and report card points were handed out with first place being a seven-foot trophy! Students are encouraged to turn in their report cards, for a chance to win a **seven-foot trophy** at the Chinese New Year Banquet.

Report Card	Points	2018	Tournament Points 2018		
5-8 yrs.	1 st	Maya Rivadeneyra	5-8 yrs	1 st	Avairya Rodriguez
	2 nd	Anika Glasco		2 nd	Connor Sheridan
	3 rd	Connor Sheridan		3 rd	Levi Garcia
	4 th	Nicole Glasco		3 rd	Cameron Vancho
9-14 yrs	1 st	Hunter Figueroa	9-14 yrs	1 st	Jordyn Mayo
	1 st	Brandon Figueroa		2 nd	Tori Archinal
	2 nd	Joshua Li		3 rd	Nickelus Moreno
	2 nd	Cameron Vancho		4 th	Madeline Briles
	3 rd	Joseph Alonso	4 th	Jad Kawaja	
	3 rd	Madeline Briles	4 th	Juan Ceja	
	4 th	Nickelus Moreno	15-108 yrs	1 st	Makinzi Rodriguez
		2 nd		Rosel Rodriguez	
		3 rd		Jeffrey Villarde	
		4 th		Ruby Abbott	
		5 th		John Prewett	
			5 th	Ricky Shepherd III	

Don't forget those tournament points! After each tournament, students should turn in their points for a chance to also win a **seven-foot trophy** at the Chinese New Year Event.

Wang's Martial Arts students presented Kung Fu demonstration. Impressing the audience with what they have learned throughout the years of discipline and practice.

There were numerous smiles and flashes from the cameras. The students were able to participate in a kicking contest, which consisted of 20 or more kicks within 10 seconds. The winners for the contest are as followed,

5-8 years old- **Juan Ceja**

9-14 years old- **Alfred Marayag**

15-108 years old- **Dezi Hellsten.**

Congratulations to those students who worked hard to win the kicking contest.

Door prizes were also drawn at the banquet, the first place winners for Table Leader, and Door prize drawing are as followed,

Table Prize Drawing Winners

First Place	32' LED TV	David Barnes
Second Place	Keurig Coffee Maker	Tania Myers
Third Place	Big Golden Pig	Chris Duffy
Fourth Place	Big Tea Set	Jackie & Rosel Rodriguez
Fifth Place	Golden Dragon	Rob Sheridan
Sixth Place	Golden Horse	Jeffrey Villarde
Seventh Place	Small Tea Set	Susan Fischman
Eight Place	Big Set of Chopsticks	Polly Ferguson

Door Prize Drawing

First Place	Bicycle	Tina Hoang
Second Place	Fit bit	Joanita Ante
Third Place	Big Tea Set	Paul Greenwood
Fourth Place	Small Golden Pig	Linda Duggan
Fifth Place	Picture Scroll	Laura Henderson
Sixth Place	Big Set of Chopsticks	Makinzi Rodriguez
Seventh Place	Small Golden Pig	Noah Gutierrez
Eight Place	Bruce Lee Pictures	Cleotis Washington
Ninth Place	Small Tea Set	Jordyn Mayo
Tenth Place	Green Dragon	Robert Ante
Eleventh Place	Small Golden Horse	Noah Gutierrez
Twelfth Place	Red Chinese Lanterns	Garin Chang

Once again the banquet was a great success, thanks to everyone at WMA, their family, and friends for making it a successful celebration.

