

**Gulfcoast Chinese-American Association (GCAA) Newsletter  
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- 1. URGENT NOTICES: =====**  
None, as of June 25, 2006
- 2. News of the Association =====**  
Message from the President

Dear Members and friends of GCAA,

While trying to rush you the May-June Issue of the Newsletter, and working past 1:30 a.m., my fatigued brain let slip some points I wanted to include in my short discussion about US-china

relations. One of them is the fact that with the inflow of foreign capital and technology, China is making progress from a communist nation towards democracy, from inefficient state-run enterprises to a market driven economy. These sea changes are displacing many tens of millions from their previously dependable state-guaranteed jobs to competitive meritocracy. Many tens of millions of rural farmers and urban workers have been affected and displaced.

While we are impatient to see more improvements and sooner, the real and painful impact on human lives as a result of these massive transitions and transformations must be done in a controlled manner in order not to set off socioeconomic unrest. Instability in China will ripple afar like a tsunami and adversely impact the rest of the world.

Americans can take comfort and pride in the realization that in the process of working with and helping China transition to a more democratic and market driven state, over two hundred millions people have been lifted out of poverty in the past decade. As the per capita income grows in China, we have cultivated the next generation of consumers for American goods and services. It is a win-win for all, even if in the process there are dyssynchrony, disagreements and growing pains.

What makes America the great nation it is are her people and the ideals they hold. Their generosity and altruism, resilient ideals and spirit, guided by the compass that is the Constitution make for an indefatigable nation. While any government/administration can at times engage in misguided or even dishonorable practices, our Constitution and the citizens' exercise of their guaranteed rights thereunder will ensure this great nation of ours ultimately sail through any storm and overcome any challenge.

As we enjoy this land of opportunity and remember our blessings, let us reflect on J. F. Kennedy's exhortation: "Of those much is given, much is expected." What we do to make the world a better place benefits all of humanity, and immediately benefits ourselves in the very hearts of our souls.

As we celebrate the upcoming July 4 Independence Day, let us reflect on the sacrifices that have been made by those before us in order that we may enjoy the liberties we have today. Make yourself a positive contributing member of this nation in your daily actions and show your pride by flying the American Flag at the front of your home.

Prejudice and bigotry will always be around, but it doesn't mean we are helpless to change it. Do your part to show that Chinese Americans are as American as any other; that we have earned our rightful place in this nation and will do our part to help make her an even more perfect union. Let's work together so that there'll be prejudice towards none, and brotherhood for all.

In closing, I urge you to become involved in your Association and in your community. In making a better world, **we ALL can make a difference, and we must!**

Happy July 4!

Ed

Dr. Edward Lin  
GCAA President  
Encourage Inspire Empower

*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world" Mahatma Gandhi*

### **3. Who to contact about what within GCAA =====**

#### **Matters relating to new/suggested GCAA Programs:**

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**Matters relating to monthly socials**

Helen Pollak [hwpollak@comcast.net](mailto:hwpollak@comcast.net) (941) 929-9266

**GCAA website**

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**Sarasota Chinese Academy [Chinese Language School]**

Co-Principal: Sophia Fong ([syik63@comcast.net](mailto:syik63@comcast.net)) and  
Jinbo Ying ([best\\_ck9103@yahoo.com](mailto:best_ck9103@yahoo.com)) (941) 966-4355.

**Other issues:**

Dr. Edward Lin [elin@ingenious.com](mailto:elin@ingenious.com) (941) 966-0890

**4. Programs Committee Report by Tracey La =====**

Please join me in welcoming a new team member, **Cheyenne Wu**, as our new Co-Chair in the Programs Committee! I am very happy to have her support and dedication to help us serve our Association and together we will do our best in bringing together the Chinese people, their family and friends through fun activities this year and many years to come.

It's almost that time of year again! Some of you may remember last year's Mid-Autumn Festival (our first!) at Twin Lakes Park in Sarasota. We had so much fun and what a sight it was! Family and friends joined together to light candles, make Chinese lanterns and participate in tug-of-war competitions and activities. And don't forget the array of delicious food that everyone brought. Let's make this year's Mid-Autumn Festival even more memorable than the last. This year's Mid-Autumn Festival will be held at Twin Lakes Park again on Sunday October 7, 2006. Specific times will be announced and we will keep you posted. Please send all suggestions to me or Cheyenne regarding time preferences, activities that you would like to participate in, food preferences, etc. Also, if anyone would like to lend a hand and become a GCAA volunteer, we could surely use your help to make this another successful event! We are currently recruiting volunteers for this event in the following categories...

- Administrative/Reservation
- Communications
- Planning
- Food and Beverage
- Security
- Children's activities: Mom's! We need your help! ☺
- Adults' activities
- Set-up/Decoration
- Break-down/Clean-up

Please don't hesitate to contact either one of us, even if you may not volunteer. We also would like to hear your suggestions as well, or if you have any questions at all!

Please contact Tracey La 941-780-3011 [parisces26@comcast.net](mailto:parisces26@comcast.net) or  
Cheyenne Wu 941-400-8540 [cheyennewu1@yahoo.com](mailto:cheyennewu1@yahoo.com)

**GCAA PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

Our Programs Committee is dedicated to serving the Chinese community with our fullest efforts in providing and organizing fun, cultural, social events such as Chinese New Year, Mid Autumn Festival, and Dragon Boat Festival, along with other activities as manpower permits.

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**5. Upcoming events and attractions =====**

See above. USCPFA and FCC are taking a long summer siesta.

**6. Volunteers needed=====**

to help with various programs of GCAA. This is your chance to develop personal growth and derive satisfaction at the same time by serving your community. Please contact Dr. Xueji Zhang, Tracey La or Cheyenne Wu if you are willing to do your part. Remember, "**We all can make a difference, and we must!**"

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TRANSLATORS sought to translate our GCAA newsletter into Chinese so we can reach out to the Chinese in our area who have limited proficiency in English. We are not seeking to translate the entire newsletter; we can start with minimal sections (such as GCAA Good Sundays) that are important for helping maintain channels of contact and social activity. In the future when our website is up, we also will need help with translations there. Please volunteer to help. Thanks!

**7. Notice of GCAA Good Sundays=====**

Our monthly social is held at 5:30P on the first Sunday of each month. These are not official meetings, just an opportunity to meet other families who share or are interested in Chinese friendship, culture and heritage. If you plan to attend, please RSVP the number in your party to Helen Pollak at [hwpollak@comcast.net](mailto:hwpollak@comcast.net) by Friday so the restaurant can plan space and waiters accordingly. A discount is extended to all attendees. When a major program is approaching, the Programs Committee and other volunteers often meet earlier, at 4:30PM, to discuss planning matters. Please join them and lend a hand. **This is YOUR association and it can become better with you being an active part of it. Thank you.**

For even numbered months, Feb/Apr/June/Aug/Oct/Dec 2006, it will be at:  
Oriental Buffet (Tel: 377-6699)  
4458 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota (Take Exit 207 and head west for 2 mi;  
turn left before MacIntosh into the plaza at the southeast intersection with McIntosh).

For odd numbered months, Jan/Mar/May/July/Sept/Nov 2006, it will be at:  
Grand China Buffet (Tel: 341-9868)  
3969 Cattlemen Rd., Sarasota, FL 34233  
At the southwest corner of I-75 (Exit 207) and Bee Ridge, between Burlington Coat Factory and Home Depot.

**8. Kudos to our members and families by Edward Lin=====**

Tracey La, our Programs co-Chair, is too modest to ever bring this to the fore, but I am very proud to share with everyone the impressive achievements Tracey has attained in the past year. In between the enormous task of planning and coordinating for our first Chinese New Year celebration, Tracey managed to graduate almost a year early, receive recognition from the CEO of the Ritz Carlton Hotel Company as an up and coming talent in the hospitality industry and is writing chapters in three textbooks in her field!! Most professors don't even get to do that! Tracey, you are simply amazing! Congratulations and all the best with your graduate studies as you continue your notable achievements. And thank you, Tracey, for your self-less service to GCAA when it'd be all too easy and excusable to say, "Sorry, I don't have the time." You are an inspiration to us all, and living proof that when you go the extra mile to give it your best, you become a no-limit person, and join ranks with the best of the best.

**9. Feature Article by Dr. Carolyn Bloomer 白伦美**

## **Sarasota Sister Cities Association (SSCA) recommends Xiamen for Sister City with Sarasota**

On June 17, after more than three years of study and preliminary contacts guided by Dr. Carolyn Bloomer and Mr. Duane Finger, the SSCA Board of Directors unanimously approved the China Exploratory Committee's recommendation of Xiamen's Siming District 厦门市思明区 as its candidate for a Chinese Sister City relationship with Sarasota. Approval by the City Commission is expected later this summer.

Siming District is an excellent match for Sarasota in terms of geography, semi-tropical climate, and environmental cleanliness, as well as creative, energetic, and financial support for education, the visual and performing arts, botanical and marine research, tourism industry, potential for investment and commercial exchange, and many other areas of shared interests.

### **Invitation to GCAA Members**

**Next step:** to form a 'think tank' – a China Committee to work with SSCA to identify resources and interests in the Sarasota community for various kinds of exchange relationships in education, arts, culture, professions (e.g. medicine, dentistry, architecture, law, science research), sports, business, technology, and any other areas of interest (e.g. genealogy, cuisine, media). Exchanges may involve people from Xiamen coming to Sarasota, and going from Sarasota to Xiamen. The support and participation of the Chinese-American community will be absolutely essential to the success of this Sister City relationship.

**Contact:** If you are interested in this exciting relationship, please contact Carolyn Bloomer [cbloomer@Ringling.edu](mailto:cbloomer@Ringling.edu) (phone 351-0995). Carolyn is also SSCA's Vice-President for Education and Culture.

### **About Xiamen / Siming**

Located on Xiamen Island 厦门岛 on the mountainous coast of Fujian Province 福建省, situated across the Straits from Taiwan 台湾 and connected to the mainland by a 3-mile causeway, Siming District includes Gulangyu Island 鼓浪屿 has a population of 110,000, and comprises the residential, cultural, and educational heart of Xiamen. Its administration 厦门市思明区人民政府 and Office of Foreign Affairs 厦门市思明区外事侨务办公室 are separate from that of the larger Xiamen Municipal Government, which has a Sister relationship with Baltimore. Xiamen's ultramodern, international airport is easily accessible from any point in China. Fujian Province is the ancestral home of more overseas Chinese than any other province in China. (See <http://eng.xm.gov.cn/default.htm> )

### **A history of trade and international relations**

Xiamen (known historically as Amoy) was one of five original 'treaty ports' opened in 1842 to International Settlement by 14 European countries following China's defeat in the first Opium Wars. In 1980, Xiamen was designated one of four Special Economic Zones (SEZ) 经济特区 where special rules and administrative autonomy encouraged foreign investment and experimentation with innovative strategies for economic development. Xiamen has focused on seven key industries: advanced technology, transport, commerce and trade, banking and insurance, tourism, real estate, and information and communications, many of which are now located in Siming and adjacent Huli 湖里 industrial district. The municipality's huge International Conference & Exhibition Hall Center 厦门国际会议展览中心 is located in Siming. Since 1980, Xiamen has enjoyed a 20% annual GNP growth rate, and has the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest per capita GDP in China.

### **A clean and "green" city**

Xiamen has won numerous national and international awards for its clean air, environmental sustainability, marine pollution management, investment in environmental protection, public landscaping, and prohibition of pollution creating projects. The city bird is the egret, and the city flower is bougainvillea

## **Nature and science**

Numerous sites are dedicated to the public enjoyment of nature and the production of scientific research, including has over 30 parks, numerous white sand swimming beaches and birdwatching sites; rare white dolphins can be seen in the bay; a cable car to Sunlight Rock 日光岩 on Gulangyu gives a 360° view of the harbor. The Wanshi 万石植物园 Botanical Garden has endless landscaped trails, more than 20 nurseries, and over 4000 botanical species; the Overseas Chinese Garden 厦门华侨亚热带引种园 has an experimental nursery of subtropical plants. Xiamen University's College of Oceanography and Environmental Science 厦门大学海洋与环境学院 enjoys an international reputation and a multitude of international exchange relationships.

## **Arts and Museums**

Contemporary Art: The Art Education College of Xiamen University 厦门大学艺术教育学院 is home to a European Art Center, which shows work of contemporary artists and is involved in ongoing cultural exchanges. The Fujian Arts and Crafts School 福建省工艺美术学院 on Gulangyu Island has a beautiful gallery of exquisite contemporary work by faculty and others.

Well over 100 traditional and modern public sculptures are distributed throughout the island. Along the coastal boulevard, dozens of life-size bronze sculptures memorialize the international runners marathon annually hosted by the city. In 2003, Siming hosted more than 20 international sculptors to produce sculptures for the city.

Specialty museums: A number of small museums are devoted to special subjects, for example: bridge engineering, anthropology, military science, coins, local and overseas history, children's science and technology, an extensive aquarium, etc. Asia's largest Piano Museum 琴园 displays a stunning collection of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century pianos, brought by Europeans to Gulangyu Island (which came to be known as 'Piano Island' 琴岛, and even today boasts the greatest per capita number of pianos of any city in China).

Music and dance: The Xiamen Philharmonic Orchestra 厦门爱乐乐团 was founded in 1997 by Zheng Xiaoying, 郑小瑛, China's first woman conductor (now retired). Other groups include the internationally traveled Little Egrets Modern Folk Dance Company 小白鹭民间歌舞团 (现代艺术), the Xiamen Choir 厦门合唱团, and various youth orchestras, folk music and regional opera groups (歌仔戏, 高甲展览, 南曲).

Architecture and Engineering: Siming is a showcase of well preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century colonial architecture, maintained within an Architectural Protection Plan 建筑保护计划. Huli Hill Fort 胡里山炮台 boasts the world's largest cannon, and weapons dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. The Haicang suspension bridge 海沧吊桥, built in the 1950s, which connects the city to the mainland, is a feat of modern engineering.

## **Education**

Higher education: Xiamen University has more than 20,000 full-time students, 61 majors, 34 departments, Master's and Ph.D. programs;; its extensive and beautifully landscaped campus, which overlooks the coastline, combines traditional and contemporary architecture. On scenic Gulangyu Island, Fujian Arts and Crafts School has a lovely, modern campus, and a faculty of sophisticated artists and crafts persons creating contemporary work in ceramics, lacquer, and various traditional media, as well as commercial and industrial design. In addition, there are several smaller universities and colleges, a dozen polytechnic institutes, and a variety of adult education programs.

Pre-school-12: In addition to a plethora of pre- and primary schools, the area has 55 middle-schools (grades 7-12), of which 12 are model schools; 12 vocational schools, a foreign-

language primary and high-school 厦门外国语学校, an International School, and an extensive Children's Library.

### **Commerce, Industry, and Technology**

Joint ventures have been a part of Xiamen history for more than a century. At present, foreign investment is being encouraged in areas of agriculture, forestry, animal husbandry, fisheries, manufacturing, energy production, water control and management, air transportation, telecommunications, real estate, social work, hygiene, sports, social welfare, education, culture, art, media (broadcasting, movie, TV), scientific research, and technical services. For more information see <http://www.fdi-xiamen-cn.com/v4/html/en-invest-tzdx-01.php>.

### **Other**

Sports: Siming hosts the Annual Xiamen International Marathon 厦门国际马拉松赛, and has a new sports stadium, two golf clubs, windsurfing and parasailing, a Go-Kart race track.

Backpacking and additional hiking trails are available in nearby Zhangzhou 漳州, as well as in the Wuyi Mountains 武夷山(a UNESCO World Heritage site) in northern Fujian.

Religion: Namputou Buddhist Temple 南普陀寺 is a thriving temple on the same site for 1500 years, with morning and evening chants by the monks and outstanding vegetarian food at the Temple restaurant. A Buddhist nunnery is located in the Botanical Park. Siming is home to China's oldest Protestant Church, dating to 1848.

Medical: Over 1300 medical establishments include an advanced eye-care facility with laser surgery. Zhongshan Hospital 中山医院 combines Chinese and western medicine. Impeccably clean, professional massage centers employ blind body and foot masseuses.

Agriculture: Xiamen's highly productive agricultural land is leading the development of organic farming in China.

Tea: Fujian province, famous for its Te Guanyin 铁观音 oolong tea, is the tea capital of China; many tea varieties are organically grown and processed in the Wuyi Mountains north of Xiamen.

Culinary: Fujian specialties feature an unimaginable variety of local seafood (choose it live!), as well as many rice noodle and taro dishes; outstanding vegetarian cuisine is available at Namputou Temple and various other restaurants.

NOTE: Please accept my humble apologies for any errors in Chinese; I am still a student! CB 白伦美

### **9b. Solicitation for Articles and Reports =====**

If you have any news or announcements of interest or pride and relevance to the GCAA, FCC and USCPFA, please send it to [elin@ingenious.com](mailto:elin@ingenious.com). Letters to the Editor are also welcome. Thank you.

### **10. Helpful Info and articles of Interest by Ed Lin =====**

#### Hurricane coverage and your home owner's policy:

The plight of Katrina victims underscore the importance of knowing what your homeowner's insurance does or does not cover. I spoke with my State Farm agent, Ric Coffey, on 6/12/06 and he clarified the following:

Even though we have purchased hurricane coverage, the damage resulting from flood and storm surge (rising water) that is directly the result of a hurricane is NOT covered by the hurricane coverage of the Homeowner's policy. Flood and storm surge damages are instead covered – **IF** you purchased the optional coverage—by NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) which is an insurance risk pool. The maximum coverage is \$250,000 for dwelling and \$100,000 for content with a \$500 deductible. In 6/06 my premium for this coverage is \$317/yr.

Backup of sewer (most likely caused by power outage of the sewer lift station) is covered by your homeowner's policy regardless of cause; however, this is a rare occurrence.

Hurricane Preparedness Guide. Get the one published by SNN6 (FREE) which is the best and most comprehensive. In addition, I also check

**Outdoors:**

Make sure trees are pruned for hurricane and trimmings disposed of **prior to** arrival of storm. Make sure all gutter spouts are cleared of obstruction and properly directed to prevent erosion by gushing water.

Put up all shutters and secure loose articles in your yard and pool cage

Brace garage doors. If you do not have hurricane shutters for your front door and your front door opens inward (even worse if you have double doors that open into the house) you **MUST** brace and reinforce the center lock. If your front door blows in during a hurricane, you may lose your roof and then your whole house. Also anticipate the high likelihood that if your door opens inward, and the hurricane pushes rain against the door, you will likely have flooding into your house from compromised gaping door seals.

If evacuating, shut off water at main so that if pipes are torn as part of house damage, flooding from broken pipes will not occur

**Indoors:**

Make sure all valuable belongings have been photographed and uploaded to web or saved to a notebook computer or USB flash drive for secure storage and insurance claim

Keep all doors closed so that if the roof is breached at one part of the house, the wind circulation is limited and do less damage.

[Refrain from opening any outside door during a storm as this is one way to have the door blown off \(it has actually happened to a house that was all boarded up!!\) and threatening the rest of the protection plan.](#)

Cover PCs and valuables electronics and documents with plastic bags to keep them dry in the event of roof leak or breach.

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**IF YOU ARE A FL DRIVER AGE 55 OR OLDER, take the following test and receive a mandatory reduction in your auto insurance:**

<http://www.floridamaturedriverprogram.com/>

There is a \$15 fee to take the test.

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, **\*\*\*HELP YOUR ASSOCIATION AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY! \*\*\***

**If you have been the recipient of a Welcome Gift Basket upon the purchase of your new home, one of the gift included is from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice. Their gift is an opportunity to make a donation of \$250 to a local non-profit organization. The grant will be made in your name at NO cost to you. Please consider GCAA to be your donation recipient. Even if you have not acquired a new home, please call the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice at 941-486-4600 and ask to make your grant recommendation today! Ask that GCAA be added to the list of eligible recipients! Thank you.**

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If you need directory assistance, and dial 411, you'll be charged \$1 or more Instead dial 1-800-FREE-411 or (800-373-3411) and receive the info you need, **FREE of charge**. I tried this on 4/22/06 and there wasn't even an ad that I had to listen to, though this may change in the future

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I rarely, if ever, endorse a travel agency. However, I have consistently gotten such good service (prompt response, best connection and lowest fare) from the following for international travel that I feel they have earned it:

Aero Express Ltd.  
Grace Ting (email: [gting529@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gting529@sbcglobal.net))  
1499 Bayshore Hwy, Suite 237  
Burlingame, CA 94010  
Tel: 650-692-8813  
Fax: 650-692-8815  
[Mention GCAA and receive a discount](#)

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**REMINDER. PLEASE KEEP YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES CURRENT WITH US** SO WE CAN keep current in our channels of communications. Outdated email addresses create returned mail and hinder my efficiency. Please also provide us the email addresses of your teenagers so they can stay informed of the GCAA activities as well. If you have or anticipate a change in your email address, please notify me (Ed Lin; [elin@ingenious.com](mailto:elin@ingenious.com)), Dr. Kevin Hu ([cunkuohu@yahoo.com](mailto:cunkuohu@yahoo.com)) and Ms. Helen Pollak ([hwpollak@comcast.net](mailto:hwpollak@comcast.net)) promptly via email.

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**Little playmates wanted!** You are welcome to join a toddler/pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten-age playgroup on the second Saturday of every month, at Colonial Oaks Park in Sarasota. We meet at 10:30 am and stay until 11:30/noon. Moms and dads are both welcome. For more information contact Ellen Gaulke (of the FCC group) at 941-400-6463 or via email:

[thegaulkes@yahoo.com](mailto:thegaulkes@yahoo.com)

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## 11. For Sale/Wanted =====

**Add some Cultural Spice to your family's life!** Loving Host Families Wanted  
(Info courtesy of Helen Pollak)

The Forte International Exchange Association is an independent non-profit organization designated by the State Department to sponsor international exchange programs. Its mission is to promote cultural exchange between the U.S. and abroad.

Forte is currently bringing a group of high school students from **China, Mongolia, Korea and Thailand**. Forte is inviting FCC, GCAA and USCPFA families to participate in its exchange program. It has a rigorous selection process and only the students most likely to excel in their role as cultural ambassadors are selected.

Particularly for FCC families this may be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy having an older cultural ambassador representing the country of birth of their adopted children. It is also an interesting option for families that are currently undecided or waiting for adoption, since hosting an exchange student is, in a way, a short-term adoption experience.

The students will attend your local high school and spend one school semester (5 months) or year (10months). Profiles and pictures can be viewed at [www.orgsites.com/dc/forte](http://www.orgsites.com/dc/forte)

For further information and details please contact Judith Durkin ([Judith@forteintl.com](mailto:Judith@forteintl.com)) and she may be also reached at 202-628-8226 ext.13

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**House for Sale by owner:** On Country Place Lane (off Beneva between Proctor & Clark); 2633 SF under central air; 3800 SF under roof which includes 3-car garage; 3/3; Very large MBR & bath suite 15x44 w/ 4 closets; newly remodeled kitchen 10x21 w/16 pr + triple pantry cabinets; LR 18x19; DR 11x15; Skylighted atrium: FR 15x20; wet-bar; fireplace; Dual-zone A/C; security system, 6 yr old roof; water filter; solar heated pool; screened front porch; 9 fruit trees; Asking 495K; Pat Amsel 941-924-4344.

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**Live-in Nanny Wanted**

To take care of one daughter under 2. Wage will be \$1300-\$1500 per month live-in including Room and Board. Light household work. Live in Apollo Beach, FL. Call 941-755-9060 or send e-mail to: [jasperlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:jasperlaw@yahoo.com)

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**JOB OPENING: H/R Administrator and Executive Assistant**

An established, privately held manufacturer/distributor of miniature electro mechanical drive system seeks H/R Administrator and Executive Assistant. The successful candidate should possess the talent; experience and motivation to join this professional organization.

**Job Summary**

Responsible for performing human resources and executive assistant functions for the company and executives. Maintains personnel and benefits records, coordinates new hire and termination processes, and administers the employee appraisal process. Conducts benefits administration, and maintains training and seminar materials. Handles highly confidential information, answers general questions and inquiries in all areas of human resources such as benefits, recruiting and employee relations. Supports the executive team by performing a variety of administrative tasks. Completes special assignments and projects as required.

**Qualifications**

- Working knowledge of human resources concepts, benefit plans and general business operations.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to deal effectively with employees at all levels of the organization. Ability to handle highly confidential information.
- Strong knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.

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