

Doon Gin Laid to Rest

Long time Indianapolis resident Doon F. Gin peacefully passed away on March 23, 2016 at the Franciscan Hospice House in Indianapolis, IN. He was 79 years old. Mr. Gin is survived by his wife of 60 years, two daughters, 3 sons, eight grand-children, one great-granddaughter and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Gin lived a full and productive life. He was born in Guangdong, China on Jan 9, 1937 and immigrated to the United States in 1963 with his young wife and three children from China via Hong Kong. The family settled in Indianapolis with the help of his family, two more children were born afterwards. He went to work right away as a chef at the Indianapolis landmark Restaurant "Jong Mea" where he stayed for the next 25 years cooking dishes which influenced the American Chinese food culture in Indy.

Mr. Gin worked 12 hours a day, 6 days a week so he could provide for his family and sent his 5 children to college. He chose to



live close to the restaurant so he could walk to work. He finally purchased the family's first car in 1974 after he saved up enough money. His work ethics, sacrifice, love for his family, and life goals reflect most Chinese immigrants in the early years. After his retirement, Mr. Gin spent his time enjoying his family, going to his favorite restaurants, sporting events and seldom missed a Pacer game on TV, a true Pacer fan.

We mourn our loss of an old immigrant and a friend, but we found solace that Mr. Gin is rest in peace.

安息吧！甄俊惠先生

印城老華僑甄俊惠在三月廿三日安然離開人世，享年七十九。他留下了與他相愛六十年的妻子艷蓮，三男二女，八個孫子女及一個曾孫女。

甄先生原籍廣東台山，生於1937年。在1963年與妻子及三個幼兒經香港移民美國，定居印城，隨後再添一男一女。甄先生一生勤奮，定居後立即就職於當時在印城出名而對印城美食頗有影響力的中國飯店「中美」。

甄先生的宗旨，人生觀，是當年華僑的影照。他工作勤奮，生活節儉，對人忠

厚友善。一天幹活十二多小時，上下班以足代車，他在1974年才買第一部車子。為的不單是養妻活兒，他要五個兒女都能夠上大學深造。他受顧於中美飯店直至退休。

他退休後盡享家庭天倫之樂。他是個球迷，從不錯過籃球隊「步行者」的節目。三子甄卓文幼承父訓，是一位不辭勞苦的志願者，他無條件的為社區，為印州華報服務三年多，色括排版及送報到每個發放地點，老父引以為榮。

QING MING FESTIVAL 清明节



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BY DR. PATRICK LAU

"Conduct the funeral of your parents with meticulous care and let not sacrifices to your remote ancestors be forgotten, and the virtue of the common people will incline towards fullness." ~Tseng Tzu

Qing Ming Festival is a significant Chinese traditional holiday. It is a day to honor and pay respect to our deceased family members and ancestors. Celebrations, however, have long been extended to those countries with large Chinese immigrant populations.

According to scholars, Qing Ming Festival is in memory of Jie Zitui 介子推 who lived in the Spring and Autumn Period in the Jin Kingdom. Chong Er 重耳 was the prince who was falsely accused of rebellion and was exiled to a mountainous region, suffering hunger and dejection. One of his entourage of officials, Jie, altruistically cut some flesh from his thigh to make soup for the prince to save him from dying of hunger. Chong Er eventually became Duke Wen, 晉文公. Jie resigned and moved to live in the mountain with his aged mother. Duke Wen kept sending him messages to invite him back to the kingdom; but he refused. Ill-advised by his official, he set fire to the three sides of the mountain to force Jie to exist. Sadly, Jie and his mother died in the fire. Duke Wen, feeling very repentantly, ordered that no fire should be lit, and only cold food be eaten on that day as well as on the anniversary of Jie's death to memorialize him, initialing the "寒食節" (Cold Food Festival). Eventually, during the Qing Dynasty, Hanshi was replaced by Qingming, which has evolved to be a significant day to offer commemorations to our ancestors.

Other historians claim that the origin of Qing Ming is attributed to the Tang Emperor Xuanzong (唐玄宗) in 752. In ancient China, affluent citizens were customarily holding too many lavish ceremonies in honor of their ancestors. Emperor Xuanzong, seeking to restrain this expensive practice, declared that only on

the day of Qing Ming could respect be formally paid at ancestors' graves. Subsequently, the observance of Qing Ming persists to this date.

After Qing Ming, the weather predictably starts getting warmer, rainfall increases, the sun shines brightly, the trees and grass turn green, and flowers begin to bloom. In ancient times, it was the appropriate time for spring plowing and sowing. It was also the time for people to blissfully enjoy the greenery of spring outside, and respectfully tend to the graves of departed family members and ancestors.

There are many Qing Ming rituals including pulling out weeds, and sweeping dirt away around the grave sites, cleaning the headstones. Flowers and foods such as roast pork, steamed chicken, fruits and wine are traditionally offered. Non-food offerings such as candles, incense, joss paper, paper money and paper replicas of cars, clothing, shoes, etc. that are presumably dispatched to the spirit world via burning for the deceased to use in the afterlife. Other rituals include pouring wine on the grave and setting off firecrackers. Lastly, family members take turns to bow before the grave of the ancestors, an act of showing great respect. After the worship is over, the family consumes the food, signifying a family reunion with the ancestors.

Qing Ming has been depicted in many Chinese poems. The most illustrious poem was written by Du Mu (杜牧): 清明時節雨紛紛，路上行人欲斷魂。借問酒家何處有，牧童遙指杏花村。 The most legendary



painting pertaining Qing Ming is 'Qing Ming Shanghetuor Life along the River at Qing Ming' (清明上河圖) created by the renowned painter, Zhang Zeduan (張擇端). It measures 5.28 meters in length and it portrays the scene of Kaifeng city, the capital of Song Dynasty during the Qing Ming period.

Qing Ming is also known as 'Tomb Sweeping Day'. The festival promotes and invigorates the ethic of filial piety 孝道 and the expression of gratitude to one's ancestors. Families also ardently hope that the Qing Ming rituals will inspire the younger generation concerning filial piety. Furthermore, Qing Ming brings the family together annually, like a family reunion.

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2016 Presidential Election Summary

have a choice in both the Republican and Democratic Presidential Primary. This is because many States have already held their Primaries earlier this year. Yet, there is not a clear winner yet for either Party at this point. On the Republican side, Donald Trump has the most delegates but not enough yet to gain the nomination. He is followed in delegate numbers by Ted Cruz and John Kasich respectively. On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton has the most delegates to date but not enough yet to be nominated. She is followed by Bernie Sanders in delegate count. So, every vote matters.

Here is a brief summary of each of the candidates in both parties who will appear on the ballot here in Indiana:



Jim Perron is a board member of China Journal Indiana Inc., the 501c3 organization which operates IAAT. Jim is currently the Director of Project Development at Suez-North America in Indianapolis. Jim has also served as Mayor of Elkhart Indiana for 16 years.

Republican



John Kasich: Kasich is currently Governor of Ohio. He was elected Governor in 2010 and reelected in 2014. Kasich was a United States Congressman from Ohio from 1982-2000. During the years between leaving Congress and running for Governor, Kasich worked as an investment banker for Lehman Brothers and maintained a public profile as a commentator on Fox News. Prior to his election to Congress, Kasich served in the Ohio State Senate to which he was elected in 1978. Although conservative, Kasich nevertheless is considered the most moderate of the three Republican candidates remaining in the race.

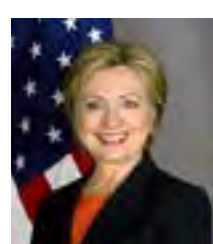


Ted Cruz
Cruz is a first term United States Senator from Texas. He was elected to the Senate in 2012 and is considered part of the so called "Tea Party" movement, a very conservative mindset that opposes taxes. An attorney, Cruz served as Solicitor General of Texas, an appointed position prior to his election to the Senate.



Donald Trump
Trump is a well-known real estate developer and businessman based in New York City. He has developed numerous large office complexes, hotels, and casinos most of which bear his name. He also was a host of a popular TV show The Apprentice for several years. Independently wealthy, Trump has never run for or held public office before. He has gained widespread publicity in his campaign but saying unconventional things and making what many consider bombastic statements.

Democratic



Hillary Clinton
Mrs. Clinton is the wife of former President Bill Clinton. As such, she was America's First Lady during the eight years that her husband served in the White House. After the Clinton's left the White House, Mrs. Clinton was elected to the United States Senate from New York State in 2000. She was reelected in 2006 and sought the Democratic nomination for President in 2008. However, she lost the nomination to Barack Obama who went on to win the Presidency that year. Obama made Mrs. Clinton a leading member of his cabinet by appointing her Secretary of State where she served from 2009 to 2013. Mrs. Clinton is an attorney.



Bernie Sanders
Sanders is a United States Senator from Vermont. He is widely considered as a Socialist and although his views are more liberal and closer to the Socialist point of view, he has never formally run for office with the Socialist Party. Indeed, his past elections have been as an Independent and as a Congressman and Senator he has caucused with the Democrats. Sanders was elected Mayor of Burlington, VT in 1980 and served as Mayor until 1989. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1990 and then to the Senate in 2006.

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An exhibit two years in the making and the likes of which has rarely, if ever, been seen in Indianapolis opens March 2 at the Herron School of Art and Design on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus.

"Discovering Japanese Bamboo Art: The Rusty and Ann Harrison Collection," an exhibition of 45 sculptural bamboo forms and baskets, opens with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Eleanor Prest Reese, Robert B. Berkshire, and Dorit and Gerald Paul galleries of Eskenazi Hall, 735 W. New York St. The exhibition runs through April 16.

The exhibit artifacts belong to longtime Indiana art aficionados Rusty and Ann Harrison, who began their collection decades ago when Rusty's business travels took him to Japan.

"Bamboo is as deeply intertwined as rice in Japanese history and culture. The most talented artisans made bamboo baskets for tea ceremony flower arrangements," said Robert T. Coffland, an expert in Japanese bamboo

art. "In the mid-19th century, a master maker and former samurai, Hayakawa Shokosai I, declared himself an artist. This break with tradition encouraged other artisans to begin individualistic experiments that drew upon Chinese and Japanese aesthetics."

Four artists represented in this exhibit are among the few Japanese officially designated as "Holders of Important Intangible Resources," commonly known as "Living Treasures of Japan," in recognition of their mastery of the unique skills necessary to preserve an art form that would have otherwise been extinct.

As there are very few contemporary collectors of the art form, according to Coffland, the Herron exhibit will introduce mostly undiscovered works spanning more than a century.

Herron School of Art and Design's exhibitions and artists' talks are free and open to the public. Eskenazi Hall gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.