

Host of events mark Year of the Monkey

The Year of the Monkey arrives Thursday and people in York Region will celebrate for many days afterwards.

Favourites of the season are the lion dance, martial arts demonstrations and the receiving of lucky packets from the God of Fortune, or Money God. Unless noted, admission to the following events is free.

TOMORROW

Noon to 4 p.m. at MetroSquare (3636 Steeles Ave. E., Markham): Chinese chess tournament first round.

1 to 6 p.m. at Markham Chinese Cultural Centre (in Market Village, 4390 Steeles Ave. E., Markham): Reception, lion dance, children's dance performance.

2 to 4 p.m. at Times Square (550 Hwy. 7 E., Richmond Hill): Dragon and lion dance, martial arts, singer, Chinese dance.

2 to 5 p.m. at Market Village (4390 Steeles Ave. E., Markham): Chinese instrumental performance.

TUESDAY

5 to 7 p.m. at Pacific Mall (Kennedy Road at Steeles Avenue): New Year show with kung fu, games, fortune telling.

WEDNESDAY

5 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Pacific Mall (Kennedy Road at Steeles Avenue): Countdown show with Latin and Chinese dancers, fortune telling, singers, lion dance, Cantonese opera, kung fu, God of Fortune.

9 p.m. to midnight at Market Village (4390 Steeles Ave. E., Markham): Countdown show with Sing Tao CHIN Radio.

10 p.m. to midnight at First Markham Place (Hwy. 7 east of Woodbine Avenue): Countdown show with Fairchild Radio, games, singers.

THURSDAY

noon to 4 p.m. at Times Square (550 Hwy. 7 E., Richmond Hill): Lion dance, God of Fortune.

3 to 7 p.m. at Pacific Mall (Kennedy Road at Steeles Avenue): Cantonese opera, Philippines dance, fortune telling, God of Fortune.

FRIDAY

4 to 8 p.m. at Pacific Mall (Kennedy Road at Steeles Avenue): Orchestra, fortune telling, God of Fortune.

JAN. 24

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Markville Shopping Centre (Hwy. 7 and McCowan Road): God of Fortune, Chinese flute performance.

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Markham Place (Hwy. 7 east of Woodbine Avenue): Kung fu, lion dance.

1 to 4 p.m. at Chinese Cultural Centre (5183 Sheppard Ave. E., Scarborough): Chinese opera, cooking demonstration, tradition-



table display, arts and crafts, arts of tea demonstration, fortune telling, God of Fortune, Chinese music performance.

2 to 4 p.m. at Market Village (4390 Steeles Ave. E.): New Year celebration with Fairchild Radio.

2 to 6 p.m. at Pacific Mall (Kennedy Road at Steeles Avenue): Kung fu, fortune telling, lion dance.

JAN. 25

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Markham Theatre and Markham Civic Centre (Town Centre

Boulevard): Chinese dance, God of Fortune, traditional Buddhist blessing, acrobats, art show, fortune telling, business displays. Admission \$1. Presented by Town of Markham and Canadian Asian Business Information Network.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Market Village (4390 Steeles Ave. E.): Lion dance, kung fu.

2 to 5 p.m. at Pacific Mall (Kennedy Road at Steeles Avenue): Lion dance.

2:30 to 4 p.m. at First Markham Place (Hwy. 7 east of Woodbine Avenue): Youth orchestra.

JAN. 31

7 p.m. at First Markham Place (Hwy. 7 east of Woodbine Avenue): Monkey Cultural Extravaganza with King Dance Theatre.

FEB. 1

1 to 4 p.m. at Frederick Horsman Varley Art Gallery of Markham (Main Street, Unionville): Family Sunday with art instruction for children, tai chi, Chinese folk song performances. Free with gallery admission.

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Food colours significant

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new year's dishes have evolved and blended with local foods.

However, food is selected to mean good things in future.

Mr. Oh, who grew up in Singapore, remembers giving oranges to relatives and friends. Again, the colour was significant.

"They are like gold. You are saying, 'I wish you prosperity. I give you some gold, but since I cannot afford gold, I give you an orange,'" he said.

They would have steamed fish, shrimp, lots of vegetables and slices of raw fish. He also remembers candies, preserved fruits and pineapple tarts. Noodles were another key item. Symbolizing long life, people tried to keep the noodles as long as possible.

"You try not to break them. It's a bad omen to do that," he said.

A common item was the hot pot. Everyone had small plates of raw food, usually fish. Sliced into small portions, the pieces were dipped into a large pot of barley broth. While it was time-consuming, it offered a chance to talk and catch up on all the latest family news, he said.

As Ms Li, Mr. Oh said new year's is not the same as it was when he was a child. People are busier and it has become more commercialized.

But they both recalled the holiday as a happy time when they were able to see relatives they seldom saw.

"We'd play while the grown-ups would talk. It was always pleasant to see cousins and other relatives you hadn't seen in a long time. It really was a family event," he said.

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