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On October 16, REACH members volunteered and performed in the Asia Trend Magazine Asian Cultural Expo at Downtown Disney! The event was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to learn more about Asian culture. The mission of REACH is to promote the recognition and experience of Asian cultural heritage by reaching out to the Central Florida community.

REACH invites students from all High Schools and Middle Schools within the Central Florida region as members. The membership form can be founded on the website at *www.reachocf.org* under "Get Involved" and the Facebook page. REACH provides many wonderful programs to foster young leaders through cultural performances, classroom presentations and carnival activities. If you would like to know more about REACH, please email *reachocf@gmail.com.*

Anna Hinkeldey working at the REACH booth

Andy Kim and Bakul Badwal with a Lion Head

REACH Ensemble

Hans Lau, accompanied by advisor Pauline Ho introduces REACH to Mayor Buddy Dyer

REACH members pose with Mayor Buddy Dyer

Asian Cultural EXPO was the first carnival event that REACH participated and as a President, I was excited to meet 17 members across different high schools. I had the privilege to introduce REACH to Mayor Buddy Dyer and also played in a REACH Ensemble led by Koichi Kanaoka. Through this experience in Asian Cultural Expo, community service can be a fun event when teenagers all serve together with a common goal. Teamwork makes huge differences. It confirmed REACH's goal to bring all teenagers together to grow in leadership and reach out to the community. I look forward to meeting more REACH members and serve the community; build leadership and friendship with them.

Hans Lau
President

I was given the great opportunity to be a REACH volunteer at the Asian Cultural Expo. After only being there for several hours, I regretted not arriving earlier. I was astonished to see many different groups and organizations participating in the dragon boat races. I had no idea so many people were interested in Asian culture. Working at the REACH booth, I saw many new faces from different schools around Central Florida. In a few minutes, we all connected and learned more about each other. We worked together, laughed together, talked together, and even cheered for the competing dragon boat teams together. By how easily we connected with each other, I could tell that in the future, REACH will definitely be able to reach out and bring interest to Asian cultures. It was such a great and fun experience promoting REACH and encouraging others to learn more about Asian cultures.

Priscilla Leung
Public Relations / Marketing

I participated in the Asian Cultural Expo alongside with REACH members. Since I was the Treasurer of REACH, I was in charge of selling parasols and fans. At first I was quite worried about the sales that we could make but once our REACH members went out together and made up our own slogan to attract customers, it turned out to be fun. I would never do this by myself. Also I got a chance to play butterfly lovers on the stage to perform in front of the audience. The REACH members worked diligently, some did art and craft and some did selling. A total of 18 REACH members were there at the Asian Cultural Expo! Overall, the Asian Cultural Expo was a great experience to both the REACH members and me. I feel that REACH is fulfilling its purpose by impacting our members and gradually shaping us into leaders.

Frank Lau
Treasurer

REACH of Central Florida

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