

歡樂之夜



輕輕地推開一道小小的玻璃門，音樂便如水般流瀉出來，迎賓桌上擺滿各式各樣的點心，有奶酪蛋糕，豆沙年糕，蘇西，還有各色水果，蔬菜拼盤，看起來琳琅滿目，真是中西結全應有盡有！

鮮花與金綠色的飾品帶着春天的氣息迎面而來。我的心一下子飛起來，將大衣挂在衣帽間，淡金色的紗裙隨着我輕快的腳步隨風飄起，毫不猶豫地與舞伴滑進舞場，年青的感覺一下子涌上心間。

鏡面的牆上是一排排橙色的小燈，象星星一樣閃爍着溫馨而柔和的光，我隨着舞伴旋轉，頭上那淺紅淡蘭的彩燈也隨我一起旋轉着，流光溢彩。一對一對的舞伴從我身邊旋轉而過，我發現除了在場外休息的，有近四十對舞伴在場上翩翩起舞，我詫意克利夫蘭竟有這麼多的舞林高手！

這次迎春舞會是由克利夫蘭當代中文學校媽媽俱樂部主辦的，吸引了來自大克利夫蘭地區的一百多位的中國社區的專業人士，平時大家忙工作忙家務忙孩子，從來沒有為自己忙上一忙，說起來人生真的是很悲哀，小時候忙着進名校，畢業後忙着找工作，結婚後忙着生小孩，孩子大了，自己一轉眼也老了，過去能讓您興奮的東西也不能吸引您了，過去特別想玩的東西現在也玩不動了。總之媽媽俱樂部的宗旨就是想讓大家能在顧家顧孩子顧工作的同时不要忘了顧自己。周六孩子們上課，媽媽們鍛煉，這次媽媽爸爸跳舞，孩子們在臨時小保姆的照看下也

開起了自己的小晚會，當晚女兒就問媽媽你們什麼時候再跳舞呀。原來是還想再來一次他們自己的小晚會。

不知不覺舞會進入高潮，那是一陣令人振奮的迪斯科，媽媽們一下子都站起來涌入舞場，在杜利明女士的帶動下，跳起十六步。瑪科瑞娜，全場氣氛一下子被帶動起來，雖然這是媽媽班平時的練習曲之一，男士們也不讓女士專美，他們也踴躍加入集體舞的行列，大家都說女士們愛跳舞，大多數男士們就有點免為其難，但這一次不僅會跳的來，不會跳的也陪着妻子，紳士風度令人欽佩。

我周圍的女士平時都是我相的的朋友，這一晚上，人還是那些人卻配上同色的一個個象美麗的靈美，淡紫的齊膝舞裙活潑俏麗，黑色的輕紗長袖優雅浪漫，白色亮片上衣裙華貴端莊，配白色的絲質裙褲瀟灑無拘，每個人都舞得那麼自在，那麼嬌靚！

舞會中的抽獎是由閃靚美容公司提供的資生堂化妝系列。同時還由 CLINIC 的著名病理科醫生和她的舞伴表演的 TANGGO。讓我們有幸在自娛自樂中還能欣賞他人。

我在極快的華爾茲中旋轉，這是在大學裏圖書館或食堂舞會最常見的曲目，那時祇要學校有舞會，我們班的男女同學一大群就邀邀約約，快三的時候大家爭相上場，隨着音樂旋轉，長發飄起，笑聲串串，那無憂無慮的年代啊……

我一邊轉一邊想，笑意飛上臉龐，其實快樂就是一種感覺！真希望能多有些這種快樂時光！（杜若提供）



City Government: Run It Like a Business or Like a Home?

CSU's Camilla Stivers at The City Club of Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OH—Dr. Camilla Stivers, distinguished scholar of public administration, Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University, will explore two different styles of city management at noon on Monday, March 27, 2006, at The City Club of Cleveland.

At the turn of the 20th century, tides of change swept over America. Millions of immigrants from Eastern Europe and Southern Italy poured into cities to work in factories and sweatshops. Need for municipal services like transportation, health care, education, and sanitation skyrocketed. Many shared the view that cities were not meeting the challenge, but two distinctive visions emerged about the nature of the problem and what to do about it.

For one group, who saw the city as a corporation, the problem was poor management. These reformers advocated ways of improving fundamental elements of governing such as budgeting, record-keeping, and personnel procedures. Their solution was "Run the city like a business!" For the other group, who saw the city as a place for people to live, the problem was the absence of basic services like clean water, parks, clinics, and garbage collection. This group saw governing as a lot like housekeeping. Their solution was "Run the city like a home!"

What do the reforms of 100 years ago have to teach us about municipal governance in the transformed urban social conditions of today? Is it time to consider a governance model once marginalized by the predominant business model of our country's progressive period?

From 1997 to 2002, Stivers held the Albert A. Levin chair in urban studies and public service. She is the author of *Bureau Men, Settlement Women: Constructing Public Administration in the Progressive Era*. Before receiving her Ph.D. in 1987 from Virginia Tech, Stivers spent nearly twenty years working in urban community-based nonprofit organizations.

Tickets for this City Club Special Program are \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. Lunch is included. Reservations are required at least 24 hours in advance of the event. They can be purchased by calling The City Club at 216.621.0082 or visiting the website at www.cityclub.org.



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