

Member of the Month

August 2017

While The Pointe has many members who come to the facility faithfully day in and day out, there is something quite special about the fashion in which our most recent Members of the Month do so.

Yang Zhang and Lina Liu have been faithful Pointe members for over a decade. In fact, when they had to leave the country for a few years due to work assignments, the first requirement they made of their realtor upon their return was a house close to The Pointe. "I'm retired now," said Lina, "but I have to go to work every single day. I have to show up. The Pointe is my new work, and we had to live close."



After experiencing a bad car accident in 1999, Lina knew she needed a pool to help with her recovery. Once the couple found The Pointe, they immediately fell in love with it.

"I used to have chronic back and neck pain from sitting behind a computer all day," said Zhang. "I would get sick a lot too. Now I swim and exercise every day, and I have no more pain and hardly ever get sick."

While the physical benefits are obvious, The Pointe gives so much more. "We come not only for exercise but to socialize. The lifeguards, the managers, everyone is very friendly; this is such a nice place to be." Back in 2013, a group known around the facility as the "Pool Buddies" was formed. Consisting of about 16 members, the Pool Buddies met, you guessed it, in the pool, and eventually they formed a friendship beyond the walls of The Pointe. Lina and Yang are among the founding members. "We have lunch at least once a month, we celebrate birthdays, go on trips, take care of each other when someone is sick, and everyone encourages each other to get here and workout," said Lina.

Originally from Beijing, their move to the states centered around their continued education and the hope of a better life for their son. Yang worked for Reinsurance Group of America and Lina worked as an accountant for Textron Financial. Now, they enjoy visits to The Pointe, as a happily retired couple.

Their kindness, friendliness, and flexibility are a few reasons they were nominated for this distinction. "They are friends with many other lap swimmers and are friendly to the staff. Yang will help the guard put in lap lanes, and if he thinks someone wants a lap lane, he is always the first to offer his to make sure others have equal use," their nominator wrote. Yang humbly confirms the statement, saying if he sees someone who looks rushed he's happy to help, because he remembers what it was like working full time and trying to squeeze in a workout.

Yang encourages other members, "Whether you are a resident or nonresident, you should come to The Pointe regularly. It's a beautiful place, where you will build not only a strong body, but a strong life."

Thank you, Yang and Lina, for contributing to the special atmosphere here at The Pointe which helps us *Bring People Together*. Your positivity, selflessness, and daily commitment are an inspiration to many patrons and staff at The Pointe. Congratulations on being named August's Member of The Month!



Know someone who deserves the title "Member of the Month?"
Ask for a nomination form at The Pointe's Front Desk today!