

2010 CACA Officers

At the December meeting, the officers for 2010 were elected:

President	Ira Katz
Vice President	Linda Low
Secretary	Candice Chin
Treasurer	Vic Blea
Financial Secretary	Clara Chan
Auditors	Joyce Lowe & Herb Wong
Sentinel	Stan Chan
Marshall	Connie Katz
Collector	Parker Chin
Grand Representative:	Louis Lee (& Ira Katz)

In addition, President Ira Katz is appointing the following (as of press time) to the **Board of Associates:**

Wally Ahtye
 Carl Chan
 Jerry Cheang
 Ty Chin
 Albert Fong
 Elena Fuji
 Johnny Gong
 Connie Katz
 Phil Lee
 Sherman Low
 Tom O. Wong

Congratulations! Let's give them all our whole-hearted support!

Calendar

Sat, Jan 2 San Francisco Lodge Installation
 Sat, Jan 9 Oakland Lodge Installation
 Sat, Jan 9 Salinas Chinese Association Installation

Mon, Jan 11, 7 pm Monthly Mtg
 (Sil yeh by Ira Katz)

Sat, Jan 16, 6 pm Salinas Lodge
Installation Dinner

Fri, Jan 29 Newsletter Submissions

Mon-Sun, Feb 8-14 AT&T Pro-AM

Mon, Feb 8, 7 pm Monthly Mtg
 (Sil yeh by Linda Low)

Sun, Feb 14 Chinese New Year's Day

Sat, Feb (?) Salinas Chung Wah New Year Dinner

Sat, Feb 27 Grand Board Meeting

Sat, Mar 6 National Essay Contest

Mon, Mar 8, 7 pm Monthly Mtg
 (Sil yeh by Candice Chin)

Sat, Mar ??, 6 pm Chinese Pot Luck

Sun, Apr 4, ?? am Easter Egg Hunt

Mon, Apr 12, 7 pm Monthly Mtg
 (Sil yeh by Vic Blea)

Calendar ... Continued

May 1-31 Asian Pacific Heritage Month

Mid-Apr Steinbeck Center special exhibit opens

Sun, (May 9)?, Mothers' Day Brunch

May (??) Scholarship

Applications Due

Mon, May 10, 7 pm Monthly Mtg
 (Sil yeh by Clara Chan)

Fri-Wed, May 14-19 Grand Board Advocacy

Trip to Washington, DC

Jun (??) Dim Sum Brunch

Mon, Jun 14, 7 pm Monthly Mtg
 (Sil yeh by Joyce Lowe)

Thu-Sat, Jun 24-26 Asian Pacific Islander

Historical Preservation Forum (San Francisco)

Sat, Jun or Jul(??) Giants/A's Baseball

Sat, Jul 10, 8 pm Colmo del

Rodeo Parade

Mon, Jul 12, 7 pm Monthly Mtg
 (Sil yeh by Herb Wong)

Sun, Jul ???, 11 am Annual Chinese Community

Picnic (incl. Scholarship Awards) @ Toro Park

Mon, Aug 9, 7 pm Monthly Mtg
 (Sil yeh by Stan Chan)

Sat, Aug 21 Grand Board Meeting

Mon, Sep 13, 7 pm Monthly Mtg
 (Sil yeh by Connie Katz)

kind, to Dorothy's Kitchen for the children of their clients.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Flora Chong reports that CACA has once again shared its Christmas spirit with the community on Saturday Dec. 4th at the Nob Hill Grocery Store.

Thanks to the following for their volunteering an hour of their time at the start of the Holiday Season ~Wally Ahtye; Man-Tsak & Dawn Shing; Helen Gong & Lee Knisely; Russian Chin & Bill Young; David & Cheryl Laurison; Byron & Flora Chong; Carl Chan; and Mona Lee and Vic Blea.

This is the first time since Flora can remember, there were more volunteers than time slots. It would be wonderful if everyone could volunteer the next holiday season.

Have a Happy, Prosperous, and Healthy New Year!

Chop Suey sign. Jerry Cheang reported that the restored neon sign is back up above the old Republic Café, but there is no way to plug it in as yet. A \$600K grant has been received, which is enough to clean up the first floor and put in a new roof to prevent further deterioration of the building.

New Year's Eve party. Rumor has it that we had a great turn out people for the CACA/Chung Wah New Year's Eve pot luck party at the Chinese School. Ho Sai Gai hosted the casino table, some played mah jongg, and every one had a good time. But they rolled up the carpet by 12:30 am!

On the Stove

AT&T Pro-Am Tournament. This is one of the most prestigious golf tournaments in the country and one of our major fund raisers.

As a partnered organization with the AT&T Pro-Am, our volunteers help run the tournament, and in return the tournament contributes to our work (at the rate of \$10/hour of volunteer time). The money we receive all goes into our Community Involvement Fund (CIF) (none goes into our General Fund).

Due to reorganization in the tournament management, we will be needing volunteers for van driving and bus loading only. There will be no food preparation this year.

Tournament events run February 8-14. Van drivers are needed the whole period and work 6 am - 6 pm. Bus loaders will be needed Feb 10-14 only and work 6 am - noon.

For details and to volunteer, call Jerry Cheang (424-7246) for bus loading or Sherman Low (424-9290) for van driving.

Relay for Life. Mona Lee and Vic Blea are continuing to monitor as the organizers put together the next event and they will let us know as more details become available. They hope we'll present a good representation by the time the event happens.

Installation Dinner. If this is news to you, you didn't get the flash bulletin or listen to the grape vine.

Saturday, January 16th at 6 pm, we will have dinner, then install the

new officers and Board of Associates for 2010 (\$12 a head for dinner, if you've forgotten.) You missed the reservation deadline of Friday, January 8? Throw yourself on the mercy of Linda Low (424-9290) or Louis Lee (758-3936) and hope there's been a cancellation.

That's a good reason to call if you reserved and find you can't come. Another reason is you'll still owe us (\$12 a head) if you're a no-show!

Steinbeck Center exhibit and Call for Artifacts. In mid-April the Steinbeck Center will open and run for twelve weeks an exhibit relating to the historic and current cultures represented in Salinas Chinatown.

This initial exhibit will naturally have an emphasis on the Chinese, but will also consider other ethnic communities too. It is expected that there will be subsequent exhibits which will examine those cultures more closely.

The display will utilize a traveling exhibit developed by the Chinese Historical Society of America's (CHSA) museum in San Francisco on the general history and culture of Chinese settlement in the United States.

But in order to localize the arc of history presented in the traveling exhibit and to bring to life word pictures and old photographs, the Steinbeck Center has issued a call for artifacts to be loaned to them from our community.

Artifacts are anything tangible, any physical object. They can be official documents or old letters. They can be photographs or other pictures. They can be tools or

machines. They can be textiles or toys. They'll be looking for a broad array of things to illustrate how daily life was back then. Things which highlight the difficulties of the immigrant experience, as well as things which would be distinctive and not familiar to non-Chinese would be especially valuable.

It is hoped that many of these artifacts will subsequently become part of the projected Asian Cultural Museum planned for the old Republic Café on Soledad Street.

If you have anything you would consider loaning for the exhibit, or if you have further questions, please contact Deborah Siguero of the National Steinbeck Center or Lila Stapes of California State University, Monterey Bay.

Deborah Siguero is the Curator of Exhibitions and Collections at NSC and has over 30 years of museum experience. She can be reached at deborahs@steinbeck.org or (831) 775-4734.

Lila Staaples, Ph.D., is Professor of Museum Studies in Visual and Public Art at CSUMB. She can be contacted at lstaples@csumb.edu.

NSC is schedule to receive artifacts on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 am-4 pm. Arrangements may also be made to pick up the artifacts.

Please think about what you may have stored in your attic or basement. But don't take too long and contact NSC soon, because the curators will need time to evaluate how your contribution would fit into the exhibit (they don't need a hundred of the same thing), decide

what kind of display requirements would be needed (for conservation, security, and visibility), and then do the actual design, construction, and installation of the display.

If they decide to use your artifact, they'll be a formal paperwork for you to give permission and assure you they'll treat your artifact right.

Essay Contest. This annual national event is definitely scheduled for Saturday, March 6, 2010. If you can think of any young people who would benefit, start talking it up to them now!

I know we're still recovering from the holidays, but that's historically been the problem. That March 6th date comes up so soon that too many can't plan and get here. So talk it up!

Census 2010: President Ira Katz says: *NO CHINESE-AMERICAN LEFT BEHIND!* In order to further the reality of citizenship INCLUSION versus exclusion it is necessary that all Chinese American participate in the once every ten years CENSUS 2010.

What is at stake here is billions of dollars in funding as well as an accurate count of Chinese Americans in America. To make sure our voice is heard in terms of government funding and programs we have to ensure we have the data that proves we are here in the USA and we are being good citizens.

We have come a long way from the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1883- yet the fight for full citizenship rights goes on. We can not afford to be discounted or discriminated.

So why would there be a problem filling out a 10 question form? The answer is fear and lack of trust for government. Unfortunately this a battle that we leaders in the CACA community must wage and win with not only our own members but the greater Chinese and Asian Pacific Islander community. So what are the facts?

We at CACA Salinas will be having a Citizenship Night around Chinese New Year time. We are currently working with the Census Bureau to have posters and flyers in Chinese and English to better explain how the information will be gathered as well as used.

The information will not be sent to the I.R.S., I.N.S, I.C.E., welfare departments and so on. Trust is what we need to build amongst our membership that this is a worthy and important activity. Otherwise we risk an undercount which IS a subtle form of Exclusion. I will be discussing more about this matter.

It should be noted that I am working with Lynee Choy who is a CACA sister of ours from the Los Angeles Lodge and that Grand President Carolyn Chan is also a supporter of this effort. In fact Grand Lodge is a partner with Census 2010 as we in Salinas have applied to be as well. We have had some bumps along the approval. However we will prevail.

Colmo de Rodeo Parade returns for the 2010 Centennial California Rodeo. Save the date: Saturday, July 10, 2010. We'll be there and win the prize like in the 50's and 60's!

Grand Lodge & National News

1st female Chinese American federal judge. Dolly Gee was confirmed by the U.S. Senate for a seat on the Federal District Court on Christmas Eve. What a Christmas present! See *Word* and *.pdf* attachments.

CAPAC. The latest newsletter from the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, courtesy of Congressman Honda: http://www.honda.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=57/

Frank Y.F. Chan. Long time Tucson Lodge member passes away. See *Word* attachment.

Houston Lodge member seeks judgeship. Brother Gordon Quan files for election as Harris County Judge. See *Word* attachment.

Newsletter Submissions

Send all your reports, notices, and other submissions to the newsletter to me to both work and personal e-mail addresses. I check my work e-mail more often than my personal e-mail, but I can't check it away from work.

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Deadlines

Please submit your contributions ten days before each monthly meeting. That is, Friday a week before, so it's either the 1st Friday of the month or the last Friday of the previous month. This allows several days for editing, a day or so for printing and folding and posting by Thursday for snail mail delivery NLT Saturday before the Monday meeting.

Next Deadline: January 29, 2010