



**SALINAS LODGE  
CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE  
MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER**

**Monthly Meeting  
Changed to Sunday,  
March 21, 2010, 1 pm  
(with Annual Pot Luck)**

**Calendar**

**Sat, Mar 6** National Essay Contest  
**Sun, Mar 21, 1 pm** Monthly Mtg  
 (Annual Chinese Pot Luck)  
**Sun, Mar 21, 1 pm** Chinese Pot Luck  
**Sun, Apr 4, ?? am** Easter Egg Hunt  
**April 9** Scholarship  
Applications Due  
**Mon, Apr 12, 7 pm** Monthly Mtg  
 (Sil yeh by Vic Blea)  
 May 1-31 Asian Pacific Heritage Month  
 Mid-Apr Steinbeck Center special exhibit opens  
 Mid-Apr Asian Cultural Fair, Chinatown  
**Sun, (May 9)??,** Mothers' Day Brunch  
**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  
 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversaruy 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)  
**Mon, Oct 11, 7 pm** Monthly Mtg  
 (Sil yeh by Parker Chin)  
**Sat, Oct 16, 6 pm** Salinas Lodge  
 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner  
**Mon, Nov 8, 7 pm** Monthly Mtg  
 (Sil yeh by Louis Lee)  
**Mon, Dec 13, 7 pm** Monthly Mtg  
 (Sil yeh by Candice Chin))

**Dues.** Have you paid your dues for 2010? It's \$40 unless you are "Exempt." It's only \$25 if you are "Exempt." Collector Parker Chin is eagerly awaiting your check.

Those who are "Exempt" are 30-year members and are also 70+ years old. It means they don't pay that \$15 portion of dues that would have gone to Grand Lodge.

## Local News

**ESSAY CONTEST.** The CACA National Essay Contest will be conducted on March 6, 2010, at Chung Wah, 10 am - 12 pm noon

*Who wants to win \$1000?* High schoolers have just that opportunity by entering the CACA National Essay Contest.

It's simple, just download the application from CACA Salinas Lodge website: [www.cacasalinas.org](http://www.cacasalinas.org) & follow the instructions. Applications **will be accepted** after the March 1, 2010 deadline printed on the application.

For those submitting an application *after March 1, 2010, please also register by phone* to ensure that sufficient contest materials will be available for everyone.

Contest begins at 10 am sharp and ends at 12 pm noon. To register or to ask questions, please call:

*Candice C. Chin, Essay Chair*  
*Salinas Lodge*

*Chinese American Citizens Alliance*  
*831-424-3387 after 5 p.m.*

**PACIFIC GROVE CHINESE LEGACY LECTURE.** On Friday, March 12, 2010 at 7 pm, our friend historian Sandy Lydon will give a lecture on "*The Ghosts in the Flames: The May 1906*

*Fire and Pacific Grove's Search for Its Chinese Legacy.*" Descendants of the Point Alones and McAbee Beach Chinese Fishing Villages (including Linda Gin) will be honored guests.

See separate email attachment for more details and RSVP information (admission fee for non-members). The lecture is sponsored by the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove and the venue is the Pacific Grove Performing Arts Center (at the Pacific Grove Middle School), 835 Forest Ave., P.G.

Read about it in the Society's newsletter:

[http://www.pacificgroveheritage.org/pdf/HSNL%2010\\_February.pdf](http://www.pacificgroveheritage.org/pdf/HSNL%2010_February.pdf)

**ANNUAL CHINESE POTLUCK** .  
Sunday, MARCH 21, 2010 at 1 PM EAT & MEET - Come one, come all.

The first CACA event of Spring - our annual POTLUCK by which CACA traditionally has celebrated Chinese cuisine is almost upon us. Bring your family and prospective members. CACA will provide the rice & veggies. What better way to introduce CACA to your friends than through delicious & unique home style Chinese food!

Bring your favorite dish to serve your party and then double those portions to share with everyone else. For example, if you have a party of 4, be sure to bring enough food for at least 8.

Please remember to bring your own dishes and silverware. It's also advisable to mark your serving dishes and serving utensils with your name so that they don't become strays.

CACA looks forward to sharing food, recipes and great companionship & last but not the least, to introduce itself to prospective members through a very brief meeting. Come one, come all, the more, the merrier!

**Membership Recruitment.** You are encouraged to bring potential members to social events & meetings as a way to introduce them to the Association.

**New Year Dinner.** Chung Wah will be celebrating the Year of the Tiger. Dinner on Saturday, March 13, 6pm. \$8.00 per person, reservation a must. Call May Mah 422-4605.

**Ching Ming.** Chung Wah has decided Ching Ming will be held on Sunday, March 28. 1pm at the Salinas Chinese Cemetery.

**AT&T Tournament.** About 20 CACA members racked up over 500 hours driving vans and loading buses for the tournament during the second week of February. That means we netted over \$5000 for the Community Involvement fund. Way to go!

**2010 Scholarship Applications.** The joint CACA-Chung Wah Scholarship Program for 2010 is now accepting applications. The application form has been sent as a separate email attachment with this newsletter.

If you are receiving this newsletter via snail mail, the applicant can download the packet from the Lodge website: <http://www.cacasalinas.org>.

If you know potential applicants, have them start the forms now, as they need to get several recommendation letters, and the deadline is only a month away. It is **April 9, 2010**, and **no extensions will be granted!**

**Relay for Life 2010 Team.** This is coming up this summer with lots of different ways for you to participate, and we'd like a really good Chinese presence to be there. Mona's Lee is co-captain for our team, called Heart Fire, in which we will be joined by the Salinas Chinese Christian Church and the Alvarez High School boys & girls Tennis Teams.

More info on Relay for Life is online: <http://www.relayforlife.org/relay/find> event.

**Como del Rodeo Parade Float Committee.** The float is a joint project with Chung Wah for the Como del Rodeo 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Night Parade.

The float committee was formed to explore the possibility & feasibility of building a float. Representing Chung Wah are Wellington Lee, Chair, Mona Lee, Albert Fong, and Candice Chin; representing CACA are Wally AhTye & Vic Blea.

**Steinbeck Center exhibit and Call for Artifacts.** Opening in mid-April, Steinbeck Center is mounting an exhibit on our Chinatown and its people.

Utilizing a traveling exhibit prepared by the museum of San Francisco's Chinese Historical Society of America for basic background on the immigrant experience, the curators want to put Salinas Chinatown front and center.

To give visitors a feel of what it was like to live and work here, they want to have artifacts of this Chinatown on display.

If you have anything you would consider loaning for the exhibit, or if you have further questions, please contact Deborah Siguro of the National Steinbeck Center [(831) 775-4734 or [deborahs@steinbeck.org](mailto:deborahs@steinbeck.org)] or Lila Staples of California State University, Monterey Bay [[lstaples@csumb.edu](mailto:lstaples@csumb.edu)].

**Census 2010 update:** Flyers & posters were distributed at the January Senior Club dinner. Senior Club President Jerry Cheang made a

presentation of the impact that the census population count has upon the local community when the Federal Government distributes money.

Albert Fong reported that the Chinese Christian Church is also participating in the effort to get the word out about the Census

**Republic Café building.** A fund raiser to benefit the in-progress Salinas Chinatown Cultural Experience is planned. Jerry Cheang reported that the last dinner benefit was such a success that another dinner fund raiser event directed towards the Salinas Chinatown Cultural Experience is being contemplated.

Grant money has been received to be used to reroof the Republic Café building and make some other improvements which may include upgrading the electrical wiring. This work would provide a source of electricity for the lighting of the Republic Cafe Sign which, while restored, remains unlit.

**Low Cost Housing.** An affordable housing project at Lake & Soledad Sts., with 3 stories/41 units, stores below and housing on bottom, has been proposed by Renaissance Partners, & SBI.

Developers hope that the Chinatown area community and stakeholders will

support an affordable housing development. The Lodge has done so by resolution.

**Adopt-a-Bed Garden Program.** Do you like to garden and grow your own vegetables for yourself, family and friends? If you do, then you should look into the Adopt-a-Bed program at the Chinatown Community garden located on the corner of Lake and Soledad streets in Salinas' Chinatown.

When you sign up and agree to the Guidelines and Rules of the Garden, you will receive, *absolutely free*: one 4' x 6' raised planter bed in which to grow your produce, organic soil and compost for your bed, and use of water and tools to care for your bed.

In addition, you'll get advice and assistance from the Garden Coordinator and Assistant Leader on how to grow produce and maintain your bed as well as receiving a variety of seeds to choose from. Of course, if you want to grow specialty vegetables, such as Chinese vegetables, you can supply your own seeds.

Your responsibilities will include reading, agreeing to, signing and following the Garden Guidelines and Rules, maintaining your bed on a regular basis for six months (visiting your bed at least once a week to care for it) and volunteering only two hours a

month to care for the overall Garden space.

The two hours per month of volunteer work will be for each bed that you utilize. For further information, contact Jerry Cheang at 424-7246 or [pawgoong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pawgoong@sbcglobal.net).

This can be a fun and worthwhile endeavor for all that get involved.

**General Fund fund raising.** Because much of our fund raising activity (such as the AT&T) necessarily benefits our CIF, our General Fund for basic operating costs is getting tight. Give your ideas for fund raising to the Fund Raising for General Fund Committee, which includes Flora Chong, Albert Fong, Leonard Han, and Connie Katz.

## **Grand Lodge & National News**

***Chicago Lodge to be chartered.*** This is scheduled Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, with a dinner reception in the evening. Out-of-towners are also invited to the On Leong banquet Monday evening. Members who want to attend to show their support are most welcome. It is recommended they arrive by Saturday evening at Midway Airport. A block of rooms for CACA has been arranged at special rates at a

local hotel. Flights to Chicago on Southwest Airlines were on sale at the time the arrangements was set up.

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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: April 2, 2010**