



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

**Monthly Meeting  
Moved Up to Monday,  
May 10, 2010, 7 pm**

**Calendar**

Apr 24-Jun4 National Steinbeck Center  
*Salinas Chinatown Exhibit in central court/foyer*  
 May1-31 *Asian Pacific Heritage Month*  
 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??  
 Sat-Sun, Jun 12-13 Am. Cancer Soc.  
 "Relay for Life" Event  
 Mon, Jun 14, 7 pm Monthly Mtg  
 (Sil yeh by Joyce Lowe)  
 Mon-Sat, Jun 14-20 U.S. Open Golf  
 Tournament  
 Thu-Sat, Jun 24-26 *Asian Pacific Islander*  
*Historical Preservation Forum (San Francisco)*  
 Sat, Jul 10, 8 pm Colmo del Rodeo  
 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade  
 Mon, Jul 12, 7 pm Monthly Mtg  
 (Sil yeh by Herb Wong)  
 Mon, Aug 9, 7 pm Monthly Mtg  
 Sat, Aug 21, 11 am Annual Chinese

Community Picnic (including Joint  
 CACA/Chung Wah Scholarship  
 Awards presentation) @ Toro Park  
 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

### U.S. Open Golf Tournament volunteering, Monday-Sunday, June 14

-20, 2010. Here is an update on the US Open Volunteers: We have 24 enthusiastic members and friends participating. Deadline is this Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, to let Flora Chong (757-7822) know if you want to volunteer.

**It's Chinese tamale time, again!** The Double-Five holiday is coming soon, and so are the Chinese tamales, aka *joong* or *zongzi*. Sign up on the board at the Chinese school to get yours! The cost is \$3.00 each, or 2 for \$5.00, with a limit of 8 per family. The **deadline** for the Chinese School **sign-up** sheet is the Open House on **May 29, 2010**, or at the very latest, before June 1 if you call Linda Low (424-9290) or Wanda Lee (758-3936).

**Annual Picnic Date is set.** The annual picnic for Chung Wah is **August 21, 2010**. Due to the high demand for park facilities, please note that the reservation we obtained is for a **Saturday, NOT** a Sunday. It is at the usual spot: the Buckeye Area in Toro Park. Please plan to carpool. Not only is it ecological, it saves you entrance fee to the park. As usual, we will be presenting the scholarship awards administered by the joint CACA-Chung Wah scholarship program.

**Pacific Grove Memorial Walk.** Join us for a Memorial Walk in respectful remembrance of the Point Alones/Point Almejas Chinese Fishing Village, on **Sunday afternoon, May 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.**, starting at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History (165 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950).

It has been 104 years since the village burned down on May 16, 1906. We will walk along the Recreation Trail towards the Hopkins Marine Station near where the village once stood in Pacific Grove.

The speakers will include Pacific Grove Mayor Carmelita Garcia and Village Descendent Gerry Low-Sabado. Chinese lions from the Monterey Bay Lion Dance Team directed by Leonard Han will lead the walk, which will conclude with a reception at the museum.

**Candidates forum held May 3.** Time constraints precluded our Lodge from becoming a formal sponsor of this candidates forum, but we still hope that some of our members were able to attend and become better informed voters. The forum was held 6:00 - 9:00 pm in the Hartnell College Performing Arts Facility Choral Room 125.

Unlike some other candidate forums which were of interest only to Salinas voters, this forum included county-wide offices. The organizing sponsors were the Leagues of Women Voters of the Salinas Valley and of the Monterey Peninsula. The candidate were running for Monterey County Supervisor from District 2; Monterey County Superintendent of Schools ; and Monterey County Sheriff.

**Holy Moley! It's only a month  
away! American Cancer Society–  
Relay for Life 2010 – “Team Heartfire”:**  
Yes! There finally and really is a Chinese-community-based Relay For Life team for 2010. Don't miss your opportunity take part in it.

Mona Lee and Vic Blea are this year's co-captains, assisted by Albert Fong, who encouraged the participation of the Chinese Christian Church and the Alvarez High School boys and girls tennis teams, among others.

**But it can't happen without YOUR cooperation and participation.** Now is the time to become involved. You can be a team member, participant, or donor.

**(1) A team member** registers directly with the Salinas American Cancer Society to pledge and raise at least \$100. The event needs non-cash donations too to support the event.

**(2) Team participants & (3) donors** do not have to register. But they can still fundraise and provide the work force to put on the event.

**The main event** on Saturday, **June 12<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am through Sunday, **June 13<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am, to honor cancer survivors and memorialize those who lost the battle, is to keep at least one team member **walking the track during the entire 24-hour event.**

[A fuller article appeared in last month's newsletter. Please **contact Mona Lee at 917-3478 (cell) or Vic Blea at 753-9864 (home)** if you can help. Thanks to those who have already helped.

**Como del Rodeo Parade Float  
Committee.** The Salinas Rodeo will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and one of the highlights for this year's Big Week will be the revival of the Colmo del Rodeo Night Lighted parade.

The Salinas Chinese Community had entered a float in the parade for many years and had garnered many prizes and accolades for their efforts. This year, Chung Wah and the Salinas Lodge of the CACA will be partnering in building and entering a float in the parade.

A lot of help is needed for the project, so if you are able to lend a hand, please call either Albert Fong (758-8056) or Wellington Lee (757-3592) to volunteer your services.

## Grand Opening of the National Steinbeck Center Chinatown exhibit!

Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> saw the Grand Opening of the Exhibit on the History of Salinas Chinatown 1893 to 1980, focusing from 1920's to 1950's. Museum Curator Deborah Silguero organized Chinese artifacts and photos, mainly from the collections of Wellington Lee and Wallace Ahtye.

Wellington Lee is the Grand-son of Shorty Lee & Son of Albert Lee. He has collected much of his material from his Grandfather's holdings. Wellington lived on 12½ Soledad from 1944 until after finished school in Salinas.

Wallace Ahtye, son of Wallace Ahtye, Sr and grandson of Sam Ahtye, lived in Chinatown from 1930 thru 1955 as a resident on Soledad St, and ran a business in Chinatown until 1965. Wallace lived behind the Republic Hotel, 47 Soledad St., but had an entrance to the family residence on 129 Sausal St. (latter named Market St. and now named Market Way).

There's a short introductory film put together by California State University, Monterey Bay oral history students that's running on a continuous loop in a side room.

The exhibit features photos mainly from 1920's to 1950's; you will see how Chinatown looked like during that period, photos of families that lived in Chinatown, photos of children playing in Chinatown, a photo of the first Chinese School on the corner of Soledad & Lake Sts., and finally when the new Chinese School built in 1937 & how the school influenced the Chinese children for that generation.

Invited guests to the reception numbered in the hundreds. The night's entertainment included music composed by Bob Danziger and Andrew Waters for this occasion, a Lion Dance by Leonard Han & his group of performers, and traditional Chinese music.

Included in the exhibit is Chinese art and calligraphy by local Salinas resident Wenson Louie, who has resided in Salinas since the 1940's.

What was most exciting was the bringing together of families that returned to Salinas to share and reminisce on old times:

John Lew who lived on 13 Soledad St.

Grover Fong who lived on 31 Soledad St.

Martha Chin Jone who lived on 7 ½ Soledad St.

Four daughters of the Albert Lee family who lived on 12 Soledad St

Three daughters of the Wun family whose father lived on 10 Soledad St. and operated a café on E. Market St.

4 sibling of Wenson Louie family, whose father first lived in Chinatown.

The bringing together of May Urabe Sakasgawa with Grover Fong and Martha Chin Jone after 64 years

Others present who still reside in Salinas:

May Lee Lew who lived on 13 Soledad St.

David Chin, Parker Chin, Mary Chin Lee on 7½ Soledad St.

Tom O Wong, who first worked and lived behind the Chinese laundry on Central Ave.

Linda Wong Gin, Julie Wong Gin, and Herbert Wong, whose father had a grocery store corner E. Market and Pajaro,

Ruth Jang Wong whose family operated a dry goods store on Main St.

Lorraine Leong Lowe whose family operated Sausal Meat Market on Monterey & E. Market Sts. & who lived on Pajaro & E. Market Sts.

The Exhibition runs until July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Adopt-a-Bed Garden Program** at the Chinatown Community garden located on the corner of Lake and Soledad streets in Salinas' Chinatown.

You will receive, *absolutely free*: one 4' x 6' raised planter bed. The Garden coordinator and the Assistant Leader can advise you.

You will maintain your bed six months in return for only two hours a month to care for the overall Garden space.

For further information, contact Jerry Cheang at 424-7246 or [pawgoong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pawgoong@sbcglobal.net).

***FLASH! The Oyster Trading Co. is open again!*** Well, at least until Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 231 Main in Old town.

## 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: June 4, 2010**