



**SALINAS LODGE  
CHINESE AMERICAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE  
JUNE (DFT) 2010 NEWSLETTER**

**Monthly Meeting  
(no change), Monday,  
June 14, 2010, 7 pm**

**Calendar**

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, Jun 26, 1 pm	Qtrly Grand Lodge Meeting 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 (Sil yeh by ____)
Sat, Aug 21, 11 am	Annual Picnic @ Toro Park for the Chinese Community (including Joint CAC/Chung Wah Scholarship Awards presentation)
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)
Sat, Dec __	Christmas Party By CACA/Chung Wah
Mon, Dec 13, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg (Sil yeh by Candice Chin)

**2011**

Mon, Jan 10, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Feb 14, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Mar 14, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Apr 11, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, May 9, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Jun 13, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Jul 11, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Aug 8, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Sep 12, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Oct 10, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Nov 14, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg
Mon, Dec 12, 7 pm	Monthly Mtg

**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, Monday-Sunday, June 14 -20, 2010.** We have some 24 enthusiastic members and friends participating as Event Ambassadors. If we seem tired or hard to reach, it's for a good cause: All funds earned are earmarked for our general operating budget. Thanks to Flora Chong for coordinating.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: First Tee Tournament** is coming 'round again, on August 30 - September 5. Our Lodge has again been invited to provide *lunches* and *van drivers*. Details will be forthcoming.

**CHINESE TAMALE TIME!** Don't forget to pickup your Chinese tamales, aka *joong* or *zongzi*, Saturday, June 12, at the Chinese school! There have been pre-orders for 300. For those who did not order in advance, there will be some 100 extras, but first come, first served! The cost is \$3.00 each, or 2 for \$5.00, with a limit of 8 per family. Call Linda Low (424-9290) or Wanda Lee (758-3936).

**YOUNG SCHOLARS HONORED:** The joint CACA/Chung Wah Scholarship Committee selected seven local young people as winners of this year's scholarships:

Minbo Bai	Salinas High
Megan Fujii	Salinas High
Alicia Zhu	Salinas High
Frank Lee	North Salinas High
Larry Tan	Seaside High
Dudley Mei	Seaside High
Lisa Hu	The York School

Each will be presented with their \$1000 award at the annual Chinese Community Picnic. Please come and help honor them.

**PICNIC NOW ON SATURDAY:** The annual Chinese Community Picnic sponsored by Chung Wah is August 21, 2010. Due to the high demand for park facilities, the picnic is on 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.

**P.G. 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.

**DID YOU VOTE?** This last Tuesday was the consolidated primary for state and local ballots. But most of us have **another coming up** in another week. This one is the primary to replace State Senator Abel Maldonado, who was appointed by Gov. Schwarzenegger to be the new Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Maldonado represented the 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Cruz counties, plus the southern portion of Santa Clara county including Saratoga, Los Gatos and the southern fringes of San José. So, **vote again on June 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

**THIS WEEKEND—Don't Forget:** American Cancer Society—Relay for Life 2010—“Team Heartfire”: Please stop by the Rodeo grounds this weekend and support Mona Lee and Vic Blea. We know it's a busy weekend, but we've made it a Lodge project, so we need **YOUR cooperation and participation.**

It's a 24-hour walk, Saturday, **June 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am** through Sunday, **June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am**, to honor survivors and memorialize those who lost the battle. Call **Mona Lee at 917-3478 (cell)** or **Vic Blea at 753-9864 (home).**

**COMO DEL RODEO PARADE:** It'll be here before you know it, in less than four weeks! Let's all get behind this. A centennial celebration comes only once every hundred years and we don't want to wait another 100 years to revive our tradition of creating award winning parade floats!

Circle the date: **Saturday, July 10, 2010 starting at 8 pm.**

A lot of help is needed for the project, especially as we come down to the week before the parade. Please call either **Albert Fong (758-8056)** or **Wellington Lee (757-3592)** to volunteer your services.

**DON'T MISS:** National Steinbeck Center Chinatown Exhibit runs through the end of this month, closing July 4<sup>th</sup>!

**ON-GOING:** Adopt-a-Bed Garden Program at the Chinatown Community Garden at Lake and Soledad Streets.

4' x 6' raised planter beds are available. For further information, contact Jerry Cheang at 424-7246 or [pawgoong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pawgoong@sbcglobal.net).

**SPECIAL FEATURE:**  
**Volunteering: the Chin Way**

Volunteering and making the world a better place is something the Hughes Chin Family has committed to for the past several decades. Hughes Chin has been a great role model for his two granddaughters, Courtney (age 20) and Taylor (age 17).

Taylor will be a senior at Evergreen Valley High School in the fall. She recently was awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest leadership award in scouting. Her project titled "The Story of the Lion Dance" was presented in December 2009.

Taylor wrote education material and presented a training program to friends who presented the material to over 400 children and adults over a 3 day period prior to the performance of San Jose Dance Theatre's, The Nutcracker Ballet.

The educational material included stations that have 30" x 36" foam core boards detailing the history of the dance, the steps of the dance, and the history of Bok Kai Temple in Marysville and a display including the actually "bombs" used at the celebration.

Displays of Chinese Cheung Sam dresses, an example of what a traditional Chinese New Year's table would look like and Chinese display of items was also presented.

Taylor's workshop attendees were also able to show their artist side by making paper Chinese Lantern or a Christmas ornament with a cute Chinese Zodiac symbol in the center to take home. Taylor also arranged for the San Jose Dance Theatre Professional Lion Dance performers to come to her workshop and give a private performance for the group.

This was the 6th year that either Courtney or Taylor has hosted a workshop prior to San Jose Dance Theatre's, The Nutcracker. Courtney began these workshops in 2006 and has changed or added material every year. Thousands of girls and adults have attended these workshops

with topics such as "Puppet's Dolls & Plays, "Theater", "Dancerize", or "The Magic of the Theatre" and this year's theme, "The Story of the Lion Dance".

All program fees for these workshops have been donated to San Jose Dance Theatre.

To date, the contribution is over \$90,000. As Taylor will be a senior in high school next year, she has the opportunity to host another workshop. She will also serve as the Activities Director for the Evergreen Valley High School National Honor Society Chapter.

As for Courtney, she continues to contribute to the community as a lifetime member of Girl Scouting and she is a member of the Chi Omega Fraternity at UC Davis. One of its community service projects is to help raise funds and awareness for the Make a Wish Foundation.

--Thanks to Clara Chin

## NATIONAL NEWS

### GRAND LODGE ADVOCACY

**TRIP.** Last month a number of Grand Lodge officers and other members made a trip to Washington, D.C. to visit as many Senators and Representatives as they could to put forth the national issues and positions that the Alliance has made priorities, and raise the visibility of the Alliance in that town.

Previous annual trips have been quite valuable. This is lobbying at its best. Politicians recognize our Alliance as real citizens putting our concerns to them, as distinct from the paid professionals.

We've renewed, strengthened, and extended ties to sympathetic Congresspersons. Watch for the trip reports we'll be forwarding to you as they become available.

### THE IMMIGRATION DEBATE.

The Chinese community has a unique experience and can (and must) offer its unique perspectives to this issue. Grand Lodge is collecting and distributing varied viewpoints on the matter.

Grand Lodge is not sending these out with endorsement of any particular views, but is making these available to help us as we try to define our particular positions on the subject.

You certainly don't have to agree with all or any of the articles. In fact, you can expect some articles to disagree with other articles, at least at some point!

Please see the attachments for the full texts (Sorry, they're too big for snail mail):

*"The Asian American Legacy in the Immigration Debate"* is authored by Steve Yee, Vice Chair, Yee Fow Center for History, Culture, and Trade, Advisory Board. Mr. Yee is warning against additional proposals in Arizona, one of which is aimed at restraining ethnic studies and the other which mandates schools to determine legal status of students.

The following are compilations of data (as opposed to opinion) [from the Migration Information Source website](#). Lots of statistics, essentially a lot of FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions):

*"Spotlight on Naturalization Trends"*

*"Chinese Immigrants in US"*

*"Immigration Statistics 2009"*

*"Legal Immigration to US"*

The [Information Source](#) website can be found at <http://www.migrationinformation.org>.

Originally published in the Houston Chronicle come two other articles:

*"It's time to bridge the gap on U.S. immigration Policy"* outlines one result of an American Jewish Committee project, funded by the Ford Foundation, to bring together diverse Houston leaders (business, unions, professional,

religious, educators, medical, police, etc.) to identify a positive, fair, humane and pragmatic community vision for immigration reform. The result was a “Declaration of Principles” on which to base immigration reform. It’s well worth a look.

“*Ariz. fights ignorance of new immigration law*” is a response from the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives to the flurry of condemnations and boycotts from other states and locales. It points out that many critics have admitted they haven’t even read Arizona’s new law, that they are misrepresenting it on many points, and that many jurisdictions, including California, actually have similar laws already on the books.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAPPI<<http://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/list/asian-americans-initiative/index.html>>) is looking for a Program Specialist passionate about improving quality of life and economic/community development opportunities for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI).

This position requires high levels of collaboration and coalition building; ability to foster positive relationships with federal agencies and interested stakeholders at the local, state, and national level; and interest in developing innovative and comprehensive solutions to address community needs. Applicant is expected to have both significant knowledge of, and experience working with, the AAPI community.

Job duties may include responding to external and internal inquiries and proposals from the AAPI community and various federal agencies, and supporting positive working relationships with, and programs developed by, the Commissioners and the Interagency Working Group.

The incumbent will analyze problems affecting the AAPI community and prepare reports and

recommendations when required. The incumbent will support outreach efforts, which may include representing the Initiative at conferences and/or meetings.

Depending on experience, the incumbent also may work closely with the Commission to set its immediate and long-term strategic direction and key priorities.

\*To apply or access more information, visit\*  
<http://jobsearch.edhires.ed.gov/ftva.asp?seeker=1&JobID=88449859>

## 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: July 2, 2010**