



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

**Monthly Meeting  
7 pm, Monday,  
July 12, 2010**

**Calendar**

Sat, Jul 10 Colmo del Rodeo  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade  
12 noon-on, Final Float Prep, Chinese School  
8 pm, parade starts, Acacia up Main to Central

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

Fri, Jul 30, 8 pm CACA Theatre Night  
"The Music Man" at the Western Stage

Mon, Aug 9, 7 pm Monthly Mtg  
(Sil yeh by \_\_\_\_)

Tue, Aug 17 Run-off Election  
California State Senate, 15<sup>th</sup> District

Sat, Aug 21, 11 am Annual Picnic  
@ Toro Park for the Chinese Community (including  
Essay & Scholarship Awards presentations)

Mon, Aug 30-Sep 5 Monthly Mtg  
(Sil yeh by Connie Katz)

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

Sat, Dec \_\_ (Sil yeh by Louis Lee)  
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

### FLOAT: COMO DEL RODEO NIGHT PARADE:

Float structure has been started, a lot of hands have been helping to decorate the float work. We still need help on the final touches. Come join Wellington on Saturday 6/19/10 at Chung Wah at 12 noon. Come watch the parade as it goes up Main from Acacia to the Steinbeck Center, starting at 8pm.

### U.S. OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT,

16 volunteers representing CACA participated as "Event Ambassadors," actually jobs relating to security. CACA will reimburse cost of lunch to CACA volunteers, as they were not allowed to bring lunch to the venue. Flora is gathering feedback from volunteers and calculating hours worked. There will be a volunteer appreciation lunch later this month.

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.

### Relay for Life 2010 Heartfire Team:

A small group of volunteers participated in activities; still, it is a start. Overall \$600,000+ was raised by all participating teams. Of \$500 designated for expenses, \$200 reimbursed Mona Lee for the location site fee & the Lodge donated balance to Relay for Life.

CACA annual theater event at the Western Stage will be **Friday, July 30** featuring the musical "Music Man". CACA group cost will be \$21 for seniors, children \$10; general adult is \$31. Commitment must include payment of ticket cost because tickets must be paid for in advance. Please call Parker Chin, 831-449-8450, to make your reservation & pay for your tickets.

### 2010 NATL. ESSAY CONTEST

RESULTS. Six students participated in this year's contest which was held on March 6, 2010 at the Confucius Church in Salinas. These students, juniors and seniors, are enrolled in Salinas High School, York High School, North Salinas High School, Monterey High School & Evergreen Valley High School [San Jose].

**Contest topic:** *"The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States, and is required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years. Results from the previous Census indicated that not all residents participated in the 2000 Census; in fact, many experts examining the results determined that a significant segment of the Chinese population did not comply with the law and chose not participate in the Census."*

*What factors do you believe explain this phenomenon? How would you encourage more Chinese to participate in the 2010 Census? What benefits, if any, do you think would accrue to the nation and to the Chinese community in particular, by an increased participation in the Census?"*

Students were asked to express their opinion in 500 words or less within the contest period of two hours. The use of computers, books, reference guides, including dictionaries and thesauruses was not allowed.

Our local Lodge has awarded its third place with a \$75 prize to Joseph Lee, a junior at Monterey High. His parents are Kwok K. Lee & Li W. Lei.

Second place with a \$100 prize is awarded to Taylor A. Chin, a junior at Evergreen Valley High. Her parents are Bruce & Clara Chin. Her proud grandfather is Hughes S. Chin.

First place with a \$150 prize goes to Minbo Bai, a senior at Salinas High. She is the daughter of Min Li & Cheng Hui. Additionally,

Grand Lodge selected her essay for a Certificate of Merit, which bears an award of \$100.

The awards will be presented to our winners at the Chinese Community Barbeque at Toro Park on Saturday, August 21, 2010.

--Candice C. Chin, Salinas Lodge Essay Chair

### SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: (again)

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.

The Memorial Walk for the Point Alones/Point Almejas Chinese Fishing Village, on Sunday afternoon, May 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., drew a good crowd to the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, including a number of supporters from our Lodge. Good show! Not only did it get full page coverage in a P.G. neighborhood paper, but it was filmed and aired on the public access channel in Monterey!

### ANOTHER VOTE!

Lodge voters should plan for one more run-off for the 15<sup>th</sup>

State 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 and the northern fringes of Santa Barbara. Sam Blakeslee (Rep.) narrowly missed getting 50% of primary votes so he'll face John Laird (Dem.), John Hinkle (Lib.), and Jim Fitzgerald (Ind.) So, **vote again on Aug 17<sup>th</sup>!**

**ASIA Youth Leadership Conference** in Houston, Texas was held in June. Salinas CACA did not have any participants and therefore, will not use the earmarked \$500 subsidy per each student.

## **National News**

**Annual DC Team Visit**. The 2010 trip of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance to Washington DC divided neatly into three major topics covered in three separate days of Capitol Hill visits. Trip objective as always was to educate top officials and lawmakers on current issues important to Chinese Americans.

***Immigration policy*** continues to be the top priority although the Alliance's stance is really a vigorous "rear-guard" action to assure that legal immigration will not be annihilated for the sake of Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR).

Timing on Senate action necessitated an Alliance voice there on stalled ***Federal high-level judgeship nominations*** pending for Goodwin Liu and Edward Chen.

In Asian Pacific Islander solidarity, the Alliance supported the Senate passage of the ***Native Hawaiian recognition bill***, known as the Akaka bill.

The third major effort was initiating a Congressional project toward a national

***Apology to Chinese Americans*** and other groups for Chinese Exclusion Acts, an offensive national measure that acted as a "cover" for six decades of nationwide and local discrimination and acts of harassment against people of Chinese ancestry.

In a fourth topic, a smaller section of the team pursued issues of cultural and historical preservation within the House and with the National Trust for Historical Preservation. Team focus on legal immigration, the Apology project, and cultural and historical preservation are outgrowths of 2009 Grand Council resolutions and discussions.

Grand President Carolyn Chan's planning goal this year was to achieve diversity of State representation where Chinese Americans were numerous or important. It so happens that these key states also comprise most of the membership of Congressional committees critical to our top topics, in this case mainly the House and Senate Judiciary and Education Committees.

With the return to the fold this year of Chicago Lodge, our team State coverage included California, southwestern international border states of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, also Maryland, Virginia and key state of Illinois.

Appointments and discussions came much easier to the strong Alliance team when actual State representations were matched. For the first time, team included Members who were not necessarily on the Grand Board, as Bro. Herman Wong and Sis. Betty Wong, president and auditor of Chicago Lodge respectively, joined the full effort.

Sufficiently large as a Team this year, more subgroups could deploy so key States could be covered by actual residents of the State who are our Members as well.

"For repeater or first-timer, this year's Capitol Hill visits were a great experience and training," summarized Grand Pres. Chan. "They were educational for us and good for our planning into the future. We know that ICR immigration and the Apology issues will continue into next year. And the Senate agenda timing was such that we possibly made some modest impact on moving this year's Senate deliberations on judgeships.

--from the Grand Lodge website:  
<http://www.cacanational.org/>

## **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: Aug 6, 2010**