

Sister City visit. The Mayor of Yueyang (Hunan) and her delegation made a whirlwind tour of the Salinas area, and the Chinese community honored them with an impressive white table cloth dinner in the Multi-Purpose Room on the evening of November 10. More to follow

Chinatown Renewal project. The Redevelopment Agency has signed a 15-year lease with the Ahtye Family Trust for the Republic Café building—a step closer to realizing our museum and cultural center!

Parade of Lights, Sunday, Nov 28. Report not in yet. Check next month.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing. What a great way to get the real Christmas season started on December 4th at Nob Hill grocery store! The weather was . . . well wintery! We were the cheer leaders for the Spirit of Giving for the Holiday Season. The bucket felt pretty full by mid-afternoon, so we were using a candy cane to stuff the dollar bills further into the bucket.

Three cheers to the following bell ringing volunteers: Wally Ahtye; Helen Gong & Lee Knisley; David & Cheryl Larison; Man-Tak & Dawn Shing; Russian Chin & Bill Young; Carl Chan; Flora & Byron Chong; Vic Blea; Ted Ponton & daughter, Diana Ponton. And a special cheer to Mona Lee, who couldn't make it at the last minute due to her mother's health.

Coming Up

Election Meeting, December 13, 2010.

The Nominating Committee submitted the following names to be 2011 CACA Salinas Lodge Officers

President	Linda Low
Vice President	Candice Chin
Financial Secretary	Herb Wong
Auditors	Joyce Lowe & Elena Fujii
Marshall	Cheryl Larison

Sentinel Stan Chan
Collector, Treasurer, and Secretary are positions which remain unfilled. Anyone who is willing to accept any of these responsibilities should contact Louis Lee. Be there for the election!

Christmas Dinner 2010. The annual Christmas dinner for the Chinese Community of Salinas will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2010, 6 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Turkey and all the trimmings are on the menu.

Due to the size of our grill and dining room, we have to limit the number of those attending to the first 200 persons to make reservations. *Sorry, we are already sold out!*

If you have questions or changes to your reservation, call: May Mah 422-4605, Wanda Lee 758-3936, or Linda Low 424-9290.

New Year's Eve Party. Chung Wah is sponsoring the party which will start at 8:30 on December 31st in the Multi-Purpose Room. Bring a pot luck to share with those in attendance and your alcoholic beverage if you so desire; the Association will provide coffee, tea and soft drinks. There is no cost for the party, but call May Mah (422-4605) or Wanda Lee (758-3936) so they know how many tables and chairs to set up.

ATT Golf Tournament, Feb 7-12, 2011. The Lodge will again provide Bus Loaders and Van Drivers to raise funds for our Community Involvement Fund. We also were offered the opportunity to make half sandwiches for the caddies, but had insufficient person power. However, if someone is willing to head up the effort, we still might be able to do it, but call Louis Lee *immediately!*

National News

Grand Board Meeting in Los Angeles-Day of Inclusion observance. The quarterly

meeting will be held Fri-Sat, December 10-11. On Friday evening, there will be a ceremony for the Day of Inclusion, held at the Japanese American National Museum in downtown Los Angeles. The Day of Inclusion is in observance of the anniversary of the 1943 repeal of the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act.

It was declared as such by California Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 76, authored by Assemblyman Mike Eng in 2009. The actual anniversary is on December 17 and the repeal is considered a major victory for the Alliance.

Saturday afternoon, the Board will tour the Chinese American Museum of Southern California and two Grand Board partially funded exhibits: *Dreams Delayed* and *Angel Island Remembered*.

Support the Dream Act. Alliance President Carolyn Chan urges us to counter the anti-immigrant sentiments bombarding Capitol Hill and urge our Senators to provide a route to citizenship for young people who are undocumented through no fault of their own by passing the Dream Act. *See attachment.*

Small Business Summit. Alliance President Carolyn Chan urges attendance at the 1st White House Initiative Summit on Entrepreneurship and Small Business, sponsored by the President's Commission on Asian American Pacific Islanders. It will be held in Mountain View, CA on January 7, 2011. *See attachment.*

Grand President's newsletter. *See attachment.*

Brother Lawrence Wong re-elected to San Francisco Community College Board. This will be his fifth term on the Board.

Newsletter Submissions

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Next Deadline: December 31, 2010