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President's Message



Johnston Lau

Our annual Chinese New Year Celebration dinner was a tremendous success! This could not have been accomplished without the help and support of ALL of you who have continued to support CACS in truly living our vision. Through your generous donations, CACS participated in the RMHC/ASIA Annual Scholarship benefit in awarding four

\$1,000. scholarships to future leaders of our API community.

CACS would like to extend our congratulations to Russell L. Hom who was recently appointed to the Superior Court by Governor Davis. Russell will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Rudolph Loncke. Russell began his legal career as a deputy district attorney in the Sacramento District Attorney's Office in 1981. Since leaving the DA's office in 1984, Hom has devoted his practice to criminal defense and the representation of plaintiffs in personal injury cases. In 1998, he was appointed to the Sacramento Human Rights/Fair Housing. He was elected the chairman in July. Hom is a past President of the Asian/Pacific Bar Association of Sacramento.

These are exciting times for CACS and our community with many new and old challenges. I look forward to working with all of you to make a difference for the future of our ever growing community. Have a safe Fourth of July and a great summer!

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Abercrombie & Fitch's Marketing Fiasco

By Christina Fa, M.D.

In a time when Asian Pacific Americans are more visible than ever in American popular culture, one major corporation recently struck out with its ploy to reap profits – and perhaps publicity – by selling racist anti-Asian T-shirts.

Today, Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) are practically omnipresent. Perhaps not since the glory days of Bruce Lee's stardom in the 1970s has America seen such a plethora of major APA players on the pop culture scene. The Rock, a.k.a. Dwayne Johnson, is hands-down one of America's most wildly popular entertainers. The biracial Samoan and Black "People's Champion" has moved beyond the wrestling arena and onto the big screen (The Scorpion King), and soon may enter politics. Lou Diamond Phillips even has his own television series. (No, the La Bamba star is not Latino, but multiracial Filipino American). Rodgers & Hammerstein's groundbreaking Flower Drum Song – the first musical with an all-APA cast – will be revived on Broadway this fall. Kids throughout the U.S. are hooked on Japanese animè-based cartoons such as Yu-Gi-Oh! And besides baseball greats Ichiro and Shinjo, the expected first draft pick for the NBA this year is 7'5" Yao Ming, of China.

Well, Abercrombie & Fitch must not be tuned in. In April, the preppy clothing retailer had the bright idea to make and market T-shirts with grossly obvious racist caricatures, chopstick lettering, and stereotypical phrases. Perhaps the most offensive was the "Wong Brothers Laundry Service" one, which include the slogan "Two Wongs Can Make It White." Besides the obvious dig at Chinese Americans' "accents" lies a more sinister implication that Chinese Americans want to be White, that the White race is the preferred one.

Another shirt that touched a particularly raw nerve with APAs was the one proclaiming, "Buddha Bash – Get Your Buddha on the Floor." It's highly doubtful that Abercrombie & Fitch (A&F) would have poked fun of Jesus, yet they had no problem ridiculing Buddha. Fourteen-year-old Jeffrey Chong astutely points out, "Buddha Bash" sounds like 'Asian-bashing.' The shirt is

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promoting anti-Asian violence.” Others have read the logo as meaning “get your booty” on the floor, a notion particularly disturbing for its suggestions of sexual violence towards APA women.

After nationwide uproars by APAs over the shirts, A&F apologized, claiming their intent was never to hurt anyone. Spokesperson Hampton Carney claimed, “We poke fun at everybody, from ...flight attendants...to football coaches.” This appallingly superficial retort reflects A&F’s insensitivity. Surely A&F would not have marketed shirts with Little Black Sambo characters, or African tribesmen portrayed as cannibals. Yet they claim to have thought the racist Asian shirts were okay, that even young “Asians would love this T-shirt.”

By April 18, 2002, A&F claimed to have pulled all shirts from store shelves. Yet on April 19, at least two Sacramento-area A&F stores still had the shirts on their shelves, and the shirts were still being worn by employees, including store managers.

CACS joined in the nationwide protest. CACS Advocacy & Civil Rights Chairperson Christina Fa decried the shirts on TV’s FOX 40 news, in the Sacramento Bee (Diana Griego Erwin’s column, 4/23/02), and in the Seattle Times (“Racial Mojo” by Shawn Wong, 5/19/02).

A&F must have a short memory. A month after the Asian T-shirt fiasco, they put out their new line of children’s undergarments – thongs, with sexually suggestive wording such as “Sex Toy” on them. This occurred despite their having been slapped last year by activist groups and state governments for having sexually suggestive advertising.

Mr. Moto

Locally, another racist marketing glitch is threatening to occur. Paraguay Restaurant owners plan to open an Asian-themed restaurant in mid-town Sacramento named “Mr. Moto’s.” They claim the restaurant’s theme revolves around the 1950s wrestling star “Mr. Moto;” and that their defense is that they have the star’s grandson’s blessing to go ahead with the name.

Yet the name “Mr. Moto” would surely conjure images of the original Mr. Moto, a fictional Hollywood character of the 1920s and ‘30s akin to Charlie Chan. Mr. Moto was a racist, prototypically “wise” Japanese man serving up “Confucius say”- style aphorisms, complete with stereotypic features including buckteeth. Adding insult to injury, Mr. Moto was consistently played by White actors such as Peter Lorre in *Yellowface*. (*Yellowface* was an abhorrent practice in which White actors taped their eyes to create epicanthal folds and otherwise made themselves up to appear Asian.)

CACS joins other advocacy groups such as the Sacramento JACL in protesting naming this restaurant “Mr. Moto.” As Erwin pointed out in her column about A&F, some people just don’t get it.

CACS Historical Committee Assists Folsom Museum Display Chinese Artifacts

By Dr. Douglas and Karun Yee



(L-R) Davis Hosley Gen. Mgr. KVIE, Karun and Douglas Yee, with museum curators Tom Gray, Cindy Baker, and Karen Merhing

What a surprise the city of Folsom had when they started to excavate for the Rainbow Bridge project. During the earth moving, Chinese artifacts were found on the site where the old Chinatown was located. Work stopped temporarily until a team could dig up this archeological site. The Folsom Museum now houses many of the findings.



Enjoying the display are (L-R) Derrick Lim, Merlayna Yee, Shirley Sekeresres, Frank Chin, Karun Yee and June Chan

The CACS Historical committee, headed by Douglas and Karun Yee, was asked to display various Chinese artifacts, sets and clothing of the period.

CACS has a collection of items from the Discovery Museum, Pacific

Rim Street Fest and Gold Rush Days in Old Sacramento to show. Doug and Karun have a private collection of antique Chinese robes they have saved over the years.

The grand opening of this exhibit was on February 15, 2002 with a large crowd at the reception. Karen Merhing and Cindy Baker worked with Doug and Karun to bring this project to the Folsom Historical Museum on Sutter street in Old Historical Folsom Town.

In The Spotlight

Hawaii Now Closer To Sacramento

By Christina Fa



Now your vacation to Hawaii is one step easier. For the first time ever, flights will leave directly from Sacramento to Hawaii. Beginning June 7th, Hawaiian Air debuted its daily nonstop service from Sacramento to Honolulu. Hawaiian Air is the nation’s 12th largest airline and consistently receives high ratings and awards for its service.

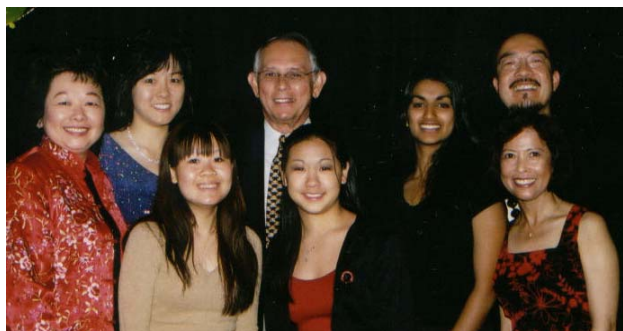
CACS Joins in Awarding Scholarships

On May 10, at the Radisson Hotel, the annual Ronald McDonald House Charities /Asian Pacific Islander Students for Increasing Achievement Asian, awarded \$1000. scholarships to 100 deserving students. Thirty-five community organizations participated in the matching funds program sponsored annually by McDonald House Charities, local McDonald owners/operators and CAPITAL to provide the \$100,000. in scholarships.



Jerry Chong and Ronald McDonald share announcements

CACS presented four \$1000 scholarships to Sarah Kurien, Kenny Lee, Bich Truong, and Kimberly Won. Besides the awarding of scholarships, the evening included dinner, entertainment and comments by program organizers and dignitaries. Congratulations to all scholarship recipients and their parents.



(L-R) Jeanie Lee, Christina Fa, student Bich Truong, Charlie Moy, student Kimberly Won, student, Sarah Kurien, Pearl Chang and Johnston Lau



Sarah Kurien & brother Philip



Kimberly Won & parents Phyllis & Jeffery



**Kenny Lee
Not Pictured**

Friend, Jackie Fermo & Bich Truong

Hypnotist Makes Restitution

By Christina Fa, M.D.

On March 23, 2002, the Council of Asian Pacific Islanders Together for Advocacy & Leadership (CAPITAL) held a fundraiser featuring master hypnotist Terry Stokes. The event was part of a restitution by Stokes for racist acts he performed at the California State Fair during 2000 and 2001.

Stokes performs a popular hypnotist act each summer during the State Fair, in which he hypnotizes random members of the audience. In 2000, Stokes' show included his having his participants "speak" Chinese. The language they spoke, however, was the typical hackneyed, singsong-y, "Chinaman" type language that smacks directly of racism. After CACS brought the offensive act to CAPITAL's attention, CAPITAL leaders Sonney Chong and Jerry Chong asked the Fair administration to intervene. Stokes promised to remove the segment, both at the Fair or elsewhere during his international shows.

However, in 2001, Stokes again included the racist anti-Asian segment in his State Fair act. By this time, CAPITAL Chairperson Sonney Chong had become a member of the Board of Directors of the State Fair. He and Jerry Chong met with Stokes and expressed their concern about his continuing the act. Stokes apologized, both verbally and in written form. As part of his restitution, he agreed to give a performance benefiting CAPITAL.

The event was co-chaired by Sonney Chong and CACS Board Member Rick Wong. Approximately 500 attended the event at Cal Expo, which began with a VIP reception and included a silent auction and raffle. Major sponsors were: Cal Expo, Cramers Bakery, Dave Volz, Yin McDonalds, Mayor Jimmie Yee, and New York Life. Principal volunteers were, Carole Chong, Jerry Chong, Christina Fa, Johnston Lau, and Jeanie Lee.

One of the highlights of the night was when Mayor Jimmie Yee not only volunteered to be hypnotized, but fell into a deep trance, awakened only by Stokes, who had Jimmie belting out Elvis Presley songs and dancing one-on-one with Stokes.

The benefit enjoyed major media attention, with coverage by KXTV-10, the Sacramento Bee, and Clear Channel Communications (KFBK, KSTE, V101, and 92.5).

The proceeds of the benefit went towards CAPITAL's academic scholarship program. CAPITAL plans to make this an annual event.

Research Progressing On Sacramento Chinese Book

By Dr. Douglas and Karun Yee

Doug and Karun met with Phillip and Sara Choy to formulate an outline for their book Sacramento Chinese History. After reviewing all the material gathered, they assessed what else needed to be researched.

A list of names for possible interviews was developed from previous interviews. Articles from the Sacramento Bee and other local papers will be researched at the Central Library microfilm collection. We will be gathering information from the Sacramento Archives Museum and the State Archives Museum. Of particular interest are old photographs which will be used in the pictorial portion of the book.

So far there are 21 audio-video interviews with prominent families in the area. Publication of this book may take several years as the research and organization must be factual, accurate and of interesting detail for readers. We are still open to suggestions. Further exploration of organizations and activities in the region will be made.

We encourage all families to video tape an interview with your parents and grandparents for posterity. You may be pleasantly surprised at what you may find. We also welcome anyone else that may have an interest in Sacramento Chinese History to please contact Doug or Karun to work on this project. Anyone interested in helping with this search, please contact Karun for details.



Karun Yee and Philip Choy learn about The Chinese Benevolent Association from Jim Y. Louie (middle)

CAPITAL Honored

As Outstanding Community Service Organization

By Charlie Moy

The Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce held its ninth annual Installation and Awards Dinner at the Sheraton Grand Hotel on January 31, 2002. The banquet room was filled to capacity with representatives and guests from all levels of the business world. After the introductions, a speech was given by the keynote speaker, Congressman Mike Honda. The highlight of the evening was the recognition of local businesses, from the corporate level to the small businesses, acknowledging their outstanding service and contribution to the community. The top award in the Community Service Organization category was CAPITAL: (Coalition of Asian-Pacific Islanders Together for Advocacy and Leadership).



Accepting the award is Sonney Chong, President of CAPITAL. Looking on are Master of Ceremonies Sharon Ito and Stuart Satow



The Maloof brothers accept the award for their dedication and service to the community



Socializing are (L-R) Jess Delumen, Corey Wong, Jerry Chong, Assemblyman Anthony Peschetti and Grace Kim



Representing CACS are Joyce Eng, Charlie Moy, Rick Wong, Christina Fa and little Zoe.

“Preserving Locke” Event

By Christina Fa, M.D.

“Preserving Locke for the Next Century” was the theme of an event held May 11th, 2002 celebrating the transfer of ownership of Locke from a private developer to Sacramento County.

The event, held during national Asian Pacific American Month, also marked the 50th Anniversary of California’s Alien Land Act being declared unconstitutional. This act prohibited Locke’s original Chinese American residents from owning land.

Hundreds of people from throughout the state flocked to the National Historic Landmark to witness the symbolic passage of a key from Clarence Chu, of Locke Property Development Corporation, to Anne Moore, Executive Director of Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency.

When Locke was founded in 1915, residents were unable to own the land under their homes simply because of their race. Now that the government owns the 10-acre parcel under Locke’s commercial and residential areas, it paves the way for residents to finally be able to own their land. Former town owner Chu says he sold the land to “correct an injustice:” “I sold the town because I wanted to let everyone benefit, to have the land subdivided so there would be no more question about who owned the land.”

In addition, a grant of \$825,000 for a new sewer system was presented to SHRA on behalf of the USDA. Without such funds, the decaying sewer system would render the town uninhabitable.

The program, which was co-emceed by Supervisors Don Notoli and Illa Collin, opened with firecrackers, a lion dance, and music from St. Mary’s Drum & Bell Corps of San Francisco. Speakers included Clarence Chu, Christina Fa, Connie King, Ping Lee, Moore, and Dave Hartwell of USDA’s Rural Development division. The event concluded with more music and marching by the St. Mary’s corps, and a blessing of Main Street stores by the lion dancers.

Also on hand were authors Jeff Gillenkirk and James Motlow, who wrote **Bitter Melon: Inside America’s Last Rural Chinese Town**. The latest edition of their book mentions CACS and quotes CACS Vice President Christina Fa saying Locke is the “most important issue in Asian America today.”

The event garnered national media attention, including articles and photographs by the Associated Press, the New York Times, and the Boston Globe.

We thank the many event sponsors, especially Clarence Chu, without whom the lion dancers, fireworks, and St. Mary’s Corps would not have been possible. We also thank Connie King, who personally baked 2000 almond cookies to give out during the event.

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Locke Continued

The Locke Community Advisory Committee (CAC) continues to meet twice a month. One significant upcoming issue is whether to grant Rights of First Refusal to future land purchasers. CACS is advocating for these Rights to be granted to descendants of original Locke residents. In the past, racist laws prevented Chinese Americans from owning their land. With Rights of First Refusal for Locke descendants, we hope that justice may finally be done—if not for the original residents, at least for their descendants, so they may finally be able to own the homesteads of their ancestors.

We encourage and welcome each of you to attend our meetings! The next meeting is July 9th in Walnut Grove. If you are interested, please contact Christina Fa a (916) 812-2888 for meeting times and directions.

CACS Provides Booth At Pacific Rim Day



The annual Pacific Rim Street Festival was held on Sunday, May 19. CACS had a colorful booth with decorations and mounted pictures of activities and events. The CACS Dim Sum newsletter and brochures were available. Special thanks to Charlie Moy for organizing the booth and for the help given by board members Johnston Lau, Douglas and Karun Yee, Pearl Chang, John Cho, Shirley Sekeres, Christina Fa and Chris Tom Albertson.



Posing in front of the CACS booth are (L-R) Charlie Moy, Doug & Karun Yee, Johnston Lau, Pearl Chang and John Cho



Don Jet Li Lion Dancers greet the crowds



Doug & Karun Yee tend their assigned time in the booth

CACS Honors Georgette Imura
At The Annual Chinese New Year Banquet

By Charlie Moy

The annual Chinese New Year celebration was held on Saturday, February 23, 2002 at the Holiday Villa Restaurant. The crowd of dignitaries and guests enjoyed a multi-course dinner, music, a silent auction, raffle chances, and dancing. The evening began with the traditional firecrackers and the Lion Dance. Proceeds from this gala occasion benefited the CACS student scholarship program.

Stuart Satow, star sports broadcaster from Channel 10, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evenings festivities. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Frank Fat Founder's Award to Georgette Imura for her outstanding dedication and service to the community. The pictures and captions on the following pages capture much of the evening's festivities.



**Wing Fat presents the
Frank Fat Founder's Award to Georgette**



**CACS President Johnston Lau
presents a special gift to Georgette**



**County Supervisor, Illa Collins pre-
sents a resolution from the County
Board of Supervisors**



**(L-R) Susan McKee, and Senator Deborah Ortiz and
Senator Mike Machado honor Georgette**



**Dr. Douglas Yee presents a
resolution from the
Secretary of State's office**



**Dr. Sonny Chong offers
congratulations from Governor
Gray Davis'**



**Councilman Jimmie Yee and Ray
Tretheway present a Resolution
from the Sacramento City Council**



**Comparing program notes are
M.C. Stuart Sato and CACS
President Johnston Lau**



**Sacramento Mayor
Heather Fargo
congratulates Georgette**



**Georgette draws winning raffle tickets
for Stuart Sato and Johnston Lau**



Friends gather and socialize



**Receptionists were Joyce Eng,
Merlayna Yee and Karun Yee**

Chinese New Year Celebration Continues



Grand prize winners in the raffle drawing were Roy Imura, Tom Imura, Sonny Chong and Merlayna Yee



(L-R) Gary & Karen Yamamoto, Elaine Yamamoto, Dorothy Yamamoto, Roy Imura, Georgette Imura, Joe Adkins, Aaron Imura, Todd Imura, Gina Yamamoto, and Jeremy Nishihara



Sharing a table with friends and enjoying conversation



John Cho and Pearl Chang guard the raffle tickets



Enjoying conversation are Jimmie and Mary Yee, Bernadette Chiang and Jeanie Lee

Jeanie Lee Wins Presidential Dinner

By Jeanie Lee

On April 6, CACS board member, Jeanie Lee and her guests, Joyce and Larry Lee and Carole and Jerry Chong enjoyed a fabulously delicious dinner prepared and cooked by CACS President and Master Chef Johnston Lau. The 5 course dinner was donated by Johnston as a silent auction item at the annual Chinese New Year Celebration on February 23. Jeanie's bid easily won the prize. The skill of master chef Lau can be matched to any chef in any fancy restaurants, even down to the genuine Chef uniform. The exceptionally outstanding service garnered a 50% service tip from Jeanie. Jeanie hopes that no one will bid against her next year when the Chef decides to make the dinner donation again.



Master Chef Johnston Lau



Johnston serves dessert to Joyce & Larry Lee



Invited dinner guests were (L) Joyce & Larry Lee and Carole & Jerry Chong



Johnston taking a break to chat with Carole Chong (L) & Host Jeanie Lee

Bok Kai Parade Honors Water God

By Charlie Moy

More than 100 years ago, there was regular flooding of the city of Marysville and surrounding communities.. Some years were worse than others and it became a serious community problem. The then thriving Chinese community decided it was time to build a temple to Bok Kai. Bok Kai, according to Chinese mythology, was the Water God. Bok Kai was originally an engineer who helped save China from great floods and was later elevated to God status. The Marysville community, miners, grocery store owners, laundry workers, farmers, all built the temple near the intersection of the Yuba and Feather rivers. It was dedicated in 1880. Although other areas nearby have since flooded, Yuba City and Marysville have not.

Each year, the Marysville Chinese community and the local civic leaders sponsor a parade to honor Bok Kai, the Water God and open the Temple to traditional offerings and worship. Afterwards the nearby city park is filled with vendors offering hot foods, beverages and souvenirs to the crowd.



Marching bands from local schools were featured



The parade ended with a block long dragon dancing around a huge string of firecrackers hung from a street light



Several lion dance teams scared away evil spirits

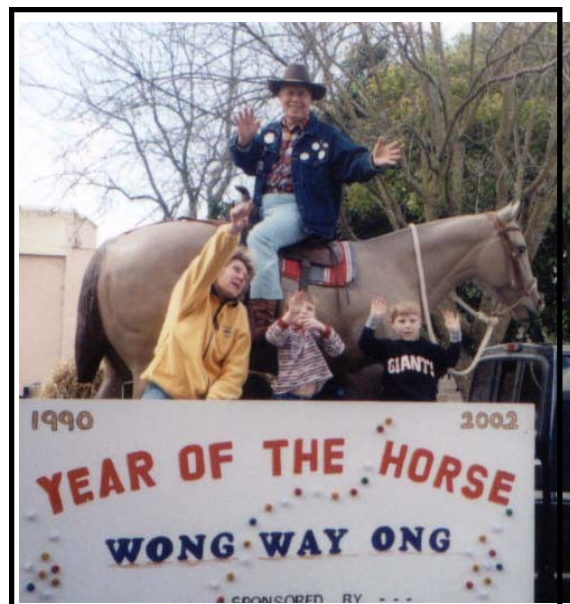


Riding in the sedan chair is Kathleen Lim, known as Katie. She is the oldest living Marysville-born Chinese resident. Katie is well known and an active community member. She is a major organizer for the Marysville annual Bok Kai festivities. Katie's father and two brothers were the first Chinese children to attend public school in Yuba County. Education and speaking English were a priority. Katie has many stories to tell. She is very determined and stubborn by nature as well as her mother and grand mother before her.



Bing Ong receives his diploma at age 79

Bing on was a big hit in the Bok Kai parade as "Wong Way Ong". Bing Ong is a prominent leader in Yuba/Sutter's tight knit Chinese community. He was called to serve in 1943, his junior year in high school. He received his belated High School Diploma along with 53 other veterans who left to serve their country during WW II and the Korean conflict. Bing feels very honored and happy to have received the diploma even at the age of 79 years. The diplomas are legitimate and are earned based on the recipients military record, life experiences, and post war careers and community service.



Meeting Your CACS Board Members



Charles R. Moy

After graduating from high school, Charlie was drafted into the Army and served in Korea as a staff Sergeant and squad leader. He was awarded a Purple Heart. The G.I. Bill subsidized his 4 years at Wayne State University, in Detroit, where he earned a BS in Industrial Education. Charlie gained a MA in Counseling and Guidance at the University of Michigan and went on to advanced graduate studies in Public School Administration. at Michigan State University.

Charlie remained 34 years with the Warren Consolidated Schools, a large suburban school district north of Detroit. He taught in all grades 7-12 and was a high school Counselor, an Assistant Principal, and the last 17 years as a junior high school Principal.

Upon his retirement in 1992, Charlie, Barbara and Neal moved to Folsom, California to be near their daughter, Terri, son-in-law, Steve and grand children, Chelsea and Danielle. Charlie keeps busy working part-time at Cal. State University as a supervisor of student

teachers and occasionally assists his son-in-law, Steve, who is the largest residential painting contractor in the Sacramento area.

In 1978/79, Charlie served as President of the Detroit chapter of OCA, Organization of Chinese Americans, and worked co-operatively with Japanese, Korean, and Filipino activities in the Detroit Area. During this time, the Detroit chapter of OCA assumed the leadership role in protesting the failure of justice in the infamous Vincent Chin murder case.

Coming from a restaurant family, Charlie learned to love cooking and the value of a strong work ethic at an early age. The game of golf continues to be work in progress. Charlie and Barbara enjoy watching their grandchildren's growth and development, meeting new friends and touring the many wonders of California with his family.

Charlie is CACS's Newsletter Chairman and Historian

Christina Fa, M.D. is CACS' Vice President. She chairs two CACS committees: Advocacy & Civil Rights, and Scholarship. She also represents CACS as Chairperson of Sacramento County's Locke Community Advisory Committee.

Christina is a native Californian. She has been active in Asian Pacific American community issues for almost 20 years. She attended Brown University, where she earned the Ivy League's first-ever degree in Asian American Studies. The focus of her Honors thesis was the media's portrayal of Asian Americans. She continues to be active in the Association for Asian American Studies, and recently presented a paper on Locke at the 2002 Meeting in Salt Lake City.



Christina Fa, M.D.

Christina's extensive background in Asian American media includes working in New York and San Francisco in the areas of film production, writing & photography, and film distribution. She worked for filmmakers Peter Wang ([A Great Wall](#)) and Wayne Wang ([The Joy Luck Club](#)), as well as the National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA). During this time, she worked as a film extra and even once had the distinction of Jackie Chan impersonating her during a press conference.

She completed her residency at U.C. Davis Medical Center and is a pediatrician in the Sacramento area.

Christina also owns reportedly the nation's largest collection of Asian Pacific American pop culture ephemera. Christina is glad that Bruce Lee, the Rock, and Ichiro have reached Bobblehead Status, but feels there's a long way to go before we achieve accurate media portrayals of Asian Pacific Americans. Check out her exhibit at this year's State Fair, August 16-31.

CACS Gains a Storage Shed

Rather than paying a monthly rent for a storage unit, the CACS board approved the purchase of a large shed for the storage of many display items. Douglas and Karun Yee generously volunteered to have the shed built on their residential property where there was space and easy access.

The shed was constructed in one day. Painter's Plus Inc. volunteered to caulk, prime and paint the shed at no cost as a community service.



Newsflash—Asian American Wins Top Award



Christina Fa's Asian Pacific American pop culture exhibit "Asian Americana" won First Prize in a recent contest held by the Western State Fairs Association. The prize was given to New Exhibitions, Non-Competition. The association reviews exhibits from county and state fairs throughout the entire west coast, including Hawaii. The exhibit was the public premiere of Fa's exhibit, which is reportedly the nation's largest collection of Asian American Pop culture.

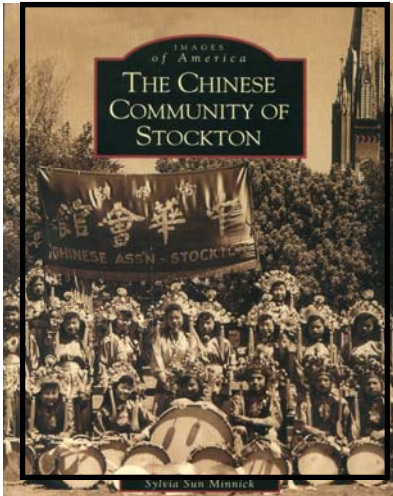
Watch for a new exhibit of Dr. Fa's Asian Pacific American pop culture at this year's California State Fair, to be held every day August 16 - 31, in the County Exhibits Building A.

Good News Wanted

**We
Want Your
Picture Here !**

Wonderful things are happening among our Membership that should be shared with everyone. How about a new promotion, accomplishment, award, marriage, births, graduation, invention or other successes that are news worthy. Your good news will be published as a feature article in this newsletter. Just send your article and picture to **CACS, P.O. Box 22088, Sacramento, CA 95822**. Your picture will be returned. Lets hear your good news.

**Author Sylvia Sun Minnick
Publishes New Book**



Sylvia Sun Minnick, author, publisher, historian, educator and civic leader has published a new book titled "The Chinese Community of Stockton." Sylvia has been a previous guest speaker at CACS' Author/Lecture annual dinners. Her critically acclaimed book, SAMSOW: The San Joaquin Chinese Legacy relates a history of SAMFOW the third most important city to the Chinese in California. Sylvia's new book features stories of families, businesses, organizations, education and the people of Stockton.



CACS Contributes to KVIE Production

Recently, KVIE, Channel 6 TV has shown *Bittersweet Roots* one of it's newest productions. The documentary relates how immigrants from China transformed swamp-land in California's heartland into one of the richest agricultural regions on earth despite hardship and discrimination.

The program was scheduled for May 31, however it will be repeated frequently. Watch for it in your TV guide. CACS is listed in the program credits as one of the organizations that contributed in funding this worthy project.

Remember Coming Soon

Author/Dinner/Lecture

Date: Friday, July 12, 2002

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: New Canton Restaurant
2523 Broadway,
Sacramento

Price: \$18 CACS and SCCF members
\$20 non members
\$180 prepaid table

of 10

RSVP: by July 5, 2002



Checks Payable

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Author: Editor Susy Ling
Book: Bridging the Centuries
History of Chinese Americans
in Southern California
Publisher: Chinese Historical Society of
Southern California

This is a fascinating compilation of stories about the various activities the Southern California Chinese engaged in and what actually happened to individuals and families growing up in the area. It takes a look at all the Chinese American settlements from Santa Barbara to San Diego, from downtown Los Angeles to rural Riverside. It also looks at today's pioneers making great strides in our country.

A limited number of books will be available for sale and signing. Proceeds will go to the CACS Historical fund.