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President's Message



Dr. Douglas Yee

Before writing the first President's message of the year 4701, I decided to research the history of this organization. I believe that before you decide where you're going, you should look back to see where you've been. To get that history, I contacted our legal counsel and charter member Jerry Chong who was there at the inception of the Chinese American Council of Sacramento. As expected, Jerry was forth coming with all the information I needed.

CACS was the brainchild of Mr. Frank Fat. He felt that there should be an organization that would speak as one political voice for the Chinese in Sacramento. In 1986, he formed an ad hoc steering committee that included Dolly Louie, Kim Lum, Dorine Chan, Baron Lowe, Lonnie Wong, Jerry Fat, Roger Fong, Ray Chan, Ron Tom, Ed Wong, Tom Chin, Jerry Chong, and was chaired by Roy Wong. After several organizational meetings and much hard work, the Chinese American Council of Sacramento was formed in 1987. Prior to that, no organization of this kind existed in our community.

The new mission statement was hotly debated by this committee. The final draft was the following: *The Chinese American Council of Sacramento is an organization committed to building a stronger Chinese American presence through leadership in advocacy, civic, and cultural activities.* The genius is in the simplicity of this statement.

Seventeen years ago, CACS was one of the first of a new generation of Chinese American organizations. Today there are many. CACS has been proud to share that leadership role with these organizations.

Currently CACS is providing leadership in many venues. Some of the areas where CACS is involved are the Locke restoration project, the Ping Yuen Senior Housing project, the Multicultural Committee of the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau, Pacific Rim Street Fair, the Gold Rush Days event in Old Sacramento, the author/lecture din-

Locke restoration project, the Ping Yuen Senior Housing project, the Multicultural Committee of the Sacramento Convention and Visitors Bureau, Pacific Rim Street Fair, the Gold Rush Days event in Old Sacramento, the author/lecture dinners, scholarships, U.S. Federal Courthouse historical display, and historical fieldtrips. We are also in the process of writing a book on the history of the Chinese in Sacramento, hopefully to be published in the near future. If you would like to become involved in any of these activities, please feel free to contact me (Yee911@aol.com). We are very proud of the fact that CACS has been the avenue which many of our current leaders have begun their community service careers.

In the year 4701, Year of the Monkey, I am optimistic about the future of CACS. Our board and advisory committee are filled with experienced and outstanding citizens of our community. With their help I am confident that CACS will continue to further the goals set forth by Mr. Frank Fat. We thank you for being a part of this future.

Coming CACS Events

**May 1st. Bus trip to tour Oroville Temple and Museum
With stop-over at Feather Falls Casino for lunch**

**July 30th. Annual Author/Lecture Dinner featuring
Professor Judy Yung of U.C. Santa Cruz, author of
Unbound Voices.**

**May 23rd. Annual Pacific Rim Street Festival in Old
Town Sacramento**

**September 3rd.-6th (Labor Day Weekend) Sacramento
Gold Rush Days in Old Sacramento**

**November 6th. Annual Frank Fat Founder Award Event
Honoring County Supervisor Illa Collin**

CACS Establishes Email Address

To promote communication among CACS members and friends a new email address has been established

CACSORG@HOTMAIL.COM

CACS Board Members

Officers

Dr. Douglas Yee, President
Joyce Eng, Vice President/Treasurer
Karun Yee, Corresponding Secretary
Shirley Sekeres, Recording Secretary

Committee Chairs

Historical/Cultural, Doug and Karun Yee
Advocacy/Civil Rights, Christina Fa, Derrick Lim, Johnston Lau
Membership/Public Relations, Bree Becker
Newsletter, Charlie Moy
Special Events, Rick Wong, Michael Kim

Directors

Jeanie Lee
Franc Martinez
Penny Redman
Merlayna Y. Chin

Meet Your Board Members

Ruth was born in Taiwan and spent most of her young childhood between Taiwan and Hong Kong. She migrated to the United States in her early teens and became a naturalized citizen. Two years after graduating from college, she moved back to Hong Kong with her husband James and worked throughout Asia for 15 years with various multinational companies. They returned to the U.S. with their two daughters in 1996 to settle in Sacramento. Though a CPA by training, she now owns and operates three health clubs in the Sacramento area called Paradigm Sports Clubs.



Ruth Ku

Ruth has always wanted to be involved in some way to assist the Chinese communities in the areas where she lived. "Being involved with CACS is such a great opportunity to allow me to do that. Many people with Chinese heritage have done well in this country. Ruth said, "There are many more who can use some help to better their lives and I hope CACS can contribute in this regard." Ruth speaks fluent Mandarin and Cantonese and is also a practitioner of classical Chinese Feng Shui.



Penny Redman

Penny Redman was born and raised in Marysville and the Yuba City area. She opened China Town Enterprizes in 1987, renting from the Suey Sing Tong in Marysville's Chinese Quarter.

In 1990, Penny started studying the art of Feng Shui. Her studies include the three main schools of Feng Shui, Form, Compass and Black Hat Sect.. She has recently been recruited by assembly member Leland Yee's

office to sit on a panel to pass a bill to integrate Feng Shui principals into the California building codes. She continues the practice today.

In 1997, Penny moved her business to the Historical Chinatown of Sacramento. Her interest in the Chinese culture and the history of the Chinese in California increases as more information becomes available.

New Ping Yuen Housing, "First Qualified, First Offered"

By Derrick Lim, Member: Ping Yuen Advisory Committee, Chinese American Council of Sacramento

If you wait until Ping Yuen opens again in October 2004, it will be too late to get a unit. It's like arriving late to your favorite Asian market to buy roast duck. Above the din and chaos of weekend shopping you heard the dreaded words even I understand, "Aiya, maai sai lawh!! (sold out, nothing to left to buy). Do you want to arrive late and miss the chance to help your parent or grand parent get a unit?



Derrick Lim

Act now if you want to move into one of the 82 new units of senior housing at the corner of 5th and I Streets near downtown Plaza, Old Sacramento, and the Amtrak Station. Get rental information from A.F. Evans at www.afevans.com. Make sure you get the application and find out what it takes to qualify. Leased space for retail and senior services is also available.

Fill out the application, turn it in, and be among the first to "pre-qualify" for a studio or one bedroom unit. Turn in the application (e.g., name, address, phone, actual income) the minute the door opens in early April at a location to be named.

There are often very long lines for vacant senior housing, which is hard to find. Coming to a family decision about options for senior care takes time, too. Please don't wait.

You may be asked for more information later, but it is very important to get the initial application stamped with a date and time as soon as applications are accepted. This determines your place on the list. Remember, "First Come, First Served" to qualify.

Help us find seniors, families of seniors, and former senior Ping Yuen tenants looking for senior housing downtown next to the Wong Center and Confucius Hall. The Asian American community rallied around Ping Yuen over seven years ago when tenants were relocated due to building safety issues. Since that time the Asian American community remained steadfast in its resolve to see senior housing return to see the vibrancy come back to this vacant corner of historic Chinatown. The time to act is now. Help us fill all 82 units of new senior housing at Ping Yuen.

In appreciation of our Lifetime members, CACS would like to thank you for your continued support to this organization

Ellen Blonder
Doreen T. Chan
Jerry and Carole Chong
Dr. Sonney L. Chong
Joyce and Alex Eng
Jerry Fat
Shareen and J.C Fatt
Lena Fat

Wing Fat
Norman and Stephanie Fong
William Fong
Diana Gin
Dick Hwang
Dean and Cindy Lan
Dolly Louie
Jim Louie

Myra Young & James Mc Ritchie
Sam Ong
Shirley Sekeres
Richard Tsukji
David Volz
Grace Wong
Pearl Wong
Ray Wong

Alan and Helen Yee
Doug and Karun Yee
Merlayna J. Yee
Wesley and Nancy Yee
William and Judy Yee
Councilman Jimmie Yee
Bernice Yew
C.C. and Regina Yin

The Annual Membership Dinner Provides an Entertaining Evening of Events

By Doug and Karun Yee



President Doug Yee welcomes members and friends

The Chinese American Council of Sacramento held its annual membership dinner at the New Canton restaurant on December 6, 2004. The restaurant, under new management, provided us with an exquisite Chinese dinner. This dinner was free to anyone who ever was a member and was well attended.



Justice George Nicholson swears in Board members

The main purposes of our annual membership dinner was three fold. We used this opportunity to outline the past, the present and the future of the organization as presented by President Doug Yee. Second,



Retiring President Johnston Lau receives gift basket of gourmet foods

we wanted to take care of swearing in our new board by Justice George Nicholson. We encouraged people to renew their membership. The board thanked outgoing president Johnston Lau for his two years in office with a gourmet food supply basket.



Doug Yee and retiring president Johnston Lau review notes



Councilman Jimmie Yee with Jeanie Lee and Penny Redman

Membership Dinner Continued...



Charlie Moy receives award from President Doug Yee

Lastly and most importantly, we recognized our 2003 Member of the Year Charles Moy. For the last 6 years, Charlie has been one of the hardest working members of the board. He has taken on numerous tasks like the raffle chair, photographer, historian, Dim Sum

editor, and chief carpenter for Gold Rush Days. Charles and Barbara Moy are originally from the Detroit area. Charlie served in the army during the Korean conflict and was awarded a Purple Heart.



County Supervisors Roger Dickinson and Illa Collin with Doug Yee, present awards to Charlie

The Moys were active members of the Detroit chapter of the OCA where Charlie served as president. When they moved with son Neal to Sacramento, they wanted to get involved in an active Chinese community service organization and found CACS to fit the bill. Charlie spent 34 years in public education and retired as a Junior High principal. He brings his leadership and organizational skills to our board. He has volunteered many hours to produce the informative newsletter for us to enjoy.

To round out the evening's festivities, we had a raffle give away with prizes donated by the board. Our members and friends came away with a happy stomach, happy memories and happy to know that CACS strong leadership continues to serve their community.



Joining Charlie are Johnston Lau, New Canton manager Michael Ng, Doug Yee, Joyce and Alex Eng

In Appreciation

Just a note to express my gratitude for providing my family and I an evening that will always be remembered as a special time in ones life.

Charles R. Moy

I urge those that are not members to join Doug Yee and this team of special people that make our community an interesting and better place for all.

Join CACS!



Joining Charlie are wife Barbara and son Neal with the surprise attendance of the Zimmermans, uncle Bill, aunt Phyllis and cousin Nancy

CACS Supports Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation



CACS board members Shirley Sekeres, Bree Becker and Joyce Eng attend SASF fund raiser

Many CACS members attended the annual Crab Feed at the Elk's Lodge in support of a fund raiser for the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation. With a most generous donation of 1 million dollars by the Wong family of the Bel Air Supermarkets and other cash donations, pledges, land and major in-kind donations, the SASF has amassed over 3 million dollars. Other donations have been targeted for significant gifts, however, the Brick Campaign of

1,000 bricks at \$1,000 each must be completed to reach their goal. Plans are now underway to begin construction at the site on High Tech Court in Laguna West. The construction start date is dependent upon the success of the Brick Campaign. The quest is to have our very own community/recreation facility become a reality. Karen Fong Cotton, SASF President, urges your support by purchasing one or more bricks to help reach their goal. For more information, phone 739-1616 or the web at sasfquest.org or mail to 3009 65th St. Sacramento, CA 95820.

CACS Participates in My Sister's House-Run for Safe Haven

Members and friends of CACS joined with several other Asian Pacific Islander community organizations to support the First Annual 5K Run/Walk for a Safe Haven. There were thousands of men, women and children from all races, color, religion and national origin that attended to help raise awareness of domestic violence. The funds raised are to support the first safe haven for women and children impacted by violence in Sacramento's diverse Asian Pacific Islander community. Alice Wong, Board President of My Sister's House, urges the communities continued support. She reminds us that domestic violence is not a private issue, but a community issue demanding a community response.



Pictured L-R Rosie, Miles Deprato, Bruce Fong, Zoe Sekeres, Brae Becker, Doug Yee and on the leash is Ling Qiao

Sacramento Chinese Cultural Foundation Bus Trip Coming
June 19th bus trip to San Francisco Chinatown's Pacific Heritage Museum. For Reservations phone 771-5168 or 393-3250

Historic Marysville Bok Kai Temple Toured

The Sacramento Chinese Culture Foundation sponsored a trip to Marysville's historic Bok Kai Temple on February 8th. Alfred Yee and Penny Redman co-chaired the private tour of the Taoist Temple, followed by a Chinese village style lunch. Tea was taken afterwards at the Hop Sing Society Tong. CACS President Dr. Douglas Yee and wife Karun and board members Penny Redman and Joyce Eng joined by CACS members Illa Collin and Alex Eng were in attendance to enjoy the tour and support the Sacramento Chinese Cultural Foundation activity.

Pictured (L-R) Dr. and Mrs. Chan, Doug and Karun Yee, Penny Redman and Joyce Eng



CACS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

P.O. Box 22583, Sacramento, CA 95822

____ I am currently a CACS member and I want to renew my membership

(Last Name) _____

(First Name) _____

(Address) _____

____ I would like to become a CACS Member

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

(Day Phone) _____ (Eve. Phone) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ membership (s) for: _____ the year 200__ or _____ Life Membership

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

____ Individual (\$25.) ____ Couple (\$40.) ____ Senior (\$15.) ____ Students (\$10.)

____ Individual Life (\$250.) ____ Couple Life (\$400.) ____ Senior Life (\$200.)