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Quarterly Newsletter of the Chinese American Council of Sacramento

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Fall 2005

President's Message CACS Provide School Supplies



Dr. Douglas Yee

used to purchase school supplies and sports equipment for two schools in the Lemon Hill area.. In December, CACS will purchase Christmas presents for many families who are clients of the Sacramento Chinese Community Ser-

Over the years, CACS has donated thousands of dollars to charities and scholarships. However, we knew we could do more for the community. The CACS Board has decided to create an entirely new program designed specifically to aid underprivileged children. This be appropriately titled "CACCS Cares for Kids". We have earmarked a major portion of our budget for this program. This month, funds are being



CACS Board members Merlayna Yee, Jeanie Lee & Karun Yee deliver school supplies to Pacific Elementary School officials



School supplies were also delivered to Will C. Woods Middle School. The program was coordinated by Jeanie Lee & donations and purchases were by Merlayna Yee, Karun Yee & Jeanie Lee

vice Center. We like to call this "Operation Santa Claus". Frankly, the shoppers on our board get a great deal of gratification buying the Christmas gifts and dinners for these kids.

It is through your generous support that CACS is able to pro-

CACS Donates to Katrina Relief Fund

The CACS Board voted to send \$500. to the Red Cross Katrina Relief Fund

ANNUAL GOLD MOUNTAIN CELEBRATION COMING SAVE SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2005 See Enclosed Flyer for Details

You are part of the effort when you join CACS or volunteer for Gold Rush Days or attend our Gold Mountain Celebration.

I invite you all to attend the Gold Mountain Celebration on October 22 at the Discovery Museum in Old Sacramento. Lots of food, fun, wine, and short speeches. This year CACS honors Dolly Louie with the "Frank Fat Founders Award". Dolly has been one of our premier community activists for many years. She also worked with Mr. Frank Fat to create CACS almost 20 years ago. Thank you for supporting the Chinese American Council of Sacramento.

Let the Fun Begin at Gold Rush Days 2005

By Karun Yee

The Chinese American Council of Sacramento's Chinese ethnic village magically appeared for the 5th time in Old Sacramento over the Labor Day weekend for Gold Rush Days.



Merlayna Yee with Karen and her mother Katherine Jung greet guests in 1850's Chinese dress



Brenda Fong explains a Chinese tea basket

Our outstanding volunteers produced the exhibition displaying activities of life during the 1850's. This included our **herb store** and **supply shop** (center of communication, banking, mail, medication and socialization), our **demonstration tent** (showing leisure activities such as music, brush painting, gambling, calligraphy, fortune telling, palm reading, tai chi, lei making and a tattoo parlor) and **gold mining encampment**. (Continued page 2.)

Jeanie Lee recognized as Distinguished Community Leader
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CACS Board Members

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Special Events, Rick Wong
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Gold Rush Days Continue

A set-up crew consisting of Franc Martinez, Rick Wong, Derrick Lim, David Young, Erick Wonson, Frank & Merlayna Yee Chin, and Doug & Karun Yee worked miracles in record time. Adapting to the new location presented new challenges but the end result was terrific. Friday morning found the Chinese village



Friends of Charlie Chan's Majong group Demonstrate this popular Chinese game

ready for the expected 5000 school children.



Dressed in period costumes Franc Martinez, Pearl Cho & Dolly Louie explain offerings to the lion dancers

live in a strange new land. Even though life was hard in those early years, they managed to carry on some traditions and adapt to others.

Our entertainers: the Ngai Sing Chinese band, Lee Jet Don Lion Dancers, Unified Chinese Martial Arts, Hawaiian Dancers, Hula Me Ke Aloha, and Chinese brush painting class by Lillian Seto, were a delightful treat to watch throughout the four days.

A rare opportunity to see an actual working replica of a Chinese shrimp fishing boat; the Grace Quan presented itself this year



John Muir docks the Grace Quan at the Walnut Grove Marina for viewing



Crowds view the Grace Quan at the dock during Gold Rush Days

on the Old Sacramento docks. Sailing up from the San Francisco Historical Maritime Museum, the Grace Quan's crew was able to show people how the Chinese fished in San Pablo Bay from China Camp, now a historical state park, located in San Rafael. Our "villagers and Lion Dancers" greeted this boat each morning...

at 11:00am. with a small presentation. Thousands of pounds of dried shrimp was exported to China each year until the changed ecosystem of the bay depleted the shrimp industry.

The Chinese American Council of Sacramento would like to express our appreciation to all the wonderful volunteers who made this living history program and exhibit possible. It's though your enthusiasm and hard work that we can be proud of the job well done.



Students from Lillian Seto's Chinese brush painting class offer a demonstrations and samples to visitors

Thank you; Merlayna Yee, Frank Chin, Jordon Yee, Mark Martin, Joyce & Alex Eng, Wai Moy, Bob Chan, Jeanie Lee, Elizabeth Wong, Franc Martinez, Wes Yee, Shirley Su, Susan Wong, Cecilia & James Lew, Goeff Fong, Joyce Lee, Brenda Fong, June & Ashley Wong, Linda Ng, Mike, Kristi, Jayne Head, Lina Fat, Shu Hung Yeh, Shu Wei Yeh, Cheng Yu Chung, Wayne Hoang, Hon Moy, Timothy Lee, Lisa Chang, Pearl & John Cho, Ruth & Martin Chan, Dolly Louie, Diana Gin, Katherine & Karen Jang, Judy Murphy, Winnie Fong, Erick Wonson, David Young, Alex Quan, Stephen Tse, Joan Hirose, Helen Yee, Eve Nyren, and Doug & Karun Yee. Thanks to Tom's Printing for providing paper for the calligraphers and brush painters.

Please forgive me if I left anyone out or misspelled your name.

We are looking forward to an exciting fun filled Labor Day weekend in the Chinese Ethnic Village with all of you next year!

Glancing back at the past enhances a brighter future

A Historical Glimpse of Past CACS Presidents

The names of past and present CACS Presidents are listed here as a reminder of their dedicated service to the community and to CACS. Their efforts have truly benefited the greater Sacramento area. The leadership of each is to be commended.

1989—Roy Wong
1990—Baron Lowe
1991—Lonnie Wong
1992—Kim Lum
1993—Dean Lan
1994—William Yee
1995—Sonney Chong
1996—Sonney Chong
1997—Sonney Chong

1998—Alex Eng
1999—Alex Eng
2000—Alex Eng
2001—Johnston Lau
2002—Johnston Lau
2003—Johnston Lau
2004—Douglas Yee
2005—Douglas Yee

REMEMBER TO SAVE OCTOBER 22, 2005 FOR THE ANNUAL GOLD MOUNTAIN CELEBRATION

SCCSC Celebrates its 27th Anniversary

By Merlayna Yee-Chin

On Thursday, August 18, the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center (SCCSC) celebrated its 27th Anniversary at the Annual August Moon event. This year the event was a reception held at the KVIE Studios in Sacramento.

This year three awards were presented to the SCCSC staff member of the year, the Center's volunteer of the year, and the Corporate Honoree (Sutter Medical Center of Sacramento).

The Distinguished Community Leader award was given to our very own CACS Board Member, Ms. Jeanie Lee. Henry Kloczkowski and Jerry Chong did an excellent co-introduction by commenting about Jeanie's commitment to the community, her volunteer efforts going above and beyond, and "her style" of accomplishment in "getting things done."



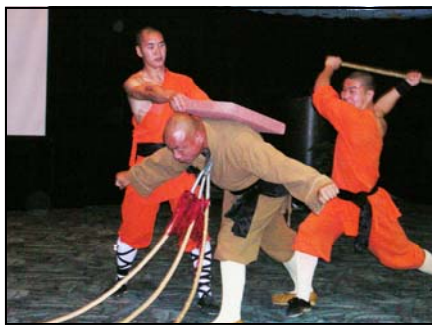
Jeanie Lee (middle) receives award from Executive Director Henry Kloczkowski and Ge Moua, President of SCCSC



Jeanie's brother, Peter Lai and mother, Ling Lai, proudly pose with Jeanie

her "heart" into everything she does...and it shows the "Jeanie" touch of perfection. ***Congratulations, Jeanie on a well deserved award and recognition***

The evening of entertainment was provided by the Shaolin Martial Arts Monks. The crowd was amazed by the twirling, swinging and acrobatic movements of this group, being hit with any objects. .



This is just one of the 13 exciting performances by the Shaolin Monks

Shaolin Monks Continued

The tables were moved back twice because guests were wary of the flying swords and poles, however, the Monks were very precise with their movements and guests did not need to worry about being hit with any objects. If you ever have the chance to see them, take advantage of the opportunity.

CACS Board Members Shop, Saunter and Shrimp

By Derrick Lim

A group of hearty shoppers went to San Francisco to shop for clothing for Gold Rush Days ethnic village. Their objective was completed with resounding success in spite of the company of three males who were the weakest link. The women in sharp contrast clearly demonstrated their superior focus and stamina.



(L-R) Philip & Sara Choy, Christina Fa, Aron Wong, Sara Choy, Erick Wonzon, Jeanie Lee, Brenda Fong, Karun Yee, Doug Yee, Merlayna Yee and Derrick Lim

The other part of the trip was to visit the Chinese American Museum. Noted Chinese American historian Philip Choy and his wife Sarah generously gave of their time and knowledge as we sauntered through the museum exhibits. Their personal anecdotes gave everyone a deeper appreciation of the museum.

The trifecta of the trip was visiting the Chinese shrimp village at China Camp State Park. We dallied about the village enjoying the beautiful weather and interpretive displays. Then we went inside the weathered snack bar to chat with 80 year old "haah maai" icon Bill Quan. The Grace Quan shrimp boat coming to Sacramento for Gold Rush Days is named after his mother. Thanks to the chauffeur named Doug, the group had a wonderful trip to the Bay Area.



CACS Board members visit with Bill Quan at the old weathered snack bar

CACS Welcomes New Memberships

Alice Liu	Brian Tom	Dr. Peter Wu
Albert Yee	David Young	Nancy Zimmerman

In appreciation of our Lifetime Memberships, CACS thanks you for your support

Jack & Valerie Bass
Ellen Blonder
Doreen Chan
Jerry & Carole Chong
Dr. Sonney L. Chong
Joyce & Alex Eng
Jerry & Pearl Fat
Shareen & J.C. Fat

Lina & Dr. Kenneth Fat
Chee Fat
Geofry Fong
Norman & Stephanie Fong
William Fong
Diana Gin
Dick Hwang

Dean & Cindy Lan
Dolly Louie
Jim Louie
David & Cheryl Meegan
Mary Janis Mitchell
Sam Ong
Myra Young & James Ritchie

Shirley Sekeres
Richard Tsukji
David Volz
Ed & Dora Wong
Grace Wong
Pearl Wong
Ray Wong
Alan & Helen Yee

Dr. Douglas & Karun Yee
Merlayna J. Yee
Dr. Wesley & Nancy Yee
William & Judy Yee
Councilman Jimmie & Mary Yee
Bernice Yew
C.C. & Regina Yin

Facts of the Chinese Immigrant Workers Building the Transcontinental Railroad Presented at the Annual CACS Author/Lecture Dinner

By Charles Moy

Guests filled the banquet room at the Ming Garden restaurant to capacity to hear Mr. William F. Chew, a retired electrical engineer, relate his findings after dedicated years of research into involvement of Chinese labor in the construction of the transcontinental railroad. Chew discovered how labor gangs were formed, payroll records were found and the many tasks laborers were ordered to perform in carving out the railroad line through dangerous Terrain and mountain passes and tunnels.

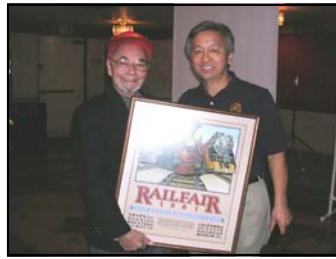


William F. Chew addresses Capacity crowd

Prior to the lecture, guests feasted at the all you can eat delicious Chinese buffet. No one left hungry. CACS thanks William Chew for an evening of exciting stories and extraordinary facts of the Chinese and the transcontinental railroad.



Books purchased were autographed by Mr. Chew



Douglas Yee presents an antique railroad poster to Mr. Chew



Dr. Christina Fa

Updated Locke News

Recently, Dr. Christina Fa, of CACS, addressed the San Jose Asian American group to share news of Locke and for volunteers for the Digital Historical Archives. Work has begun on a new park in Locke and State Parks will purchase the old boarding house for a future museum.

The Locke Management Association is looking for a Locke Town Property Manager/Administrator, Part Time \$22,000. per year, Administration skills required, send resumes to P.O. Box 1085, Walnut Grove, CA 95690 or phone 1-916-424-1311

CACS Reaches Out to Other Organizations

By Charles Moy

CACS supports and attends other organizations that provide services and activities that benefit the community. Such joint effort promote camaraderie, sharing assets, and establish lasting friendships. The goal is to provide maximum benefit to the community.



Karun & Doug Yee of CACS are sharing a booth at the Pacific Rim Street Festival with Peter Lai & Sac Chin of the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center



CACS Board members, Charlie Moy, Eric Wonzen, Brenda Fong, Doug Yee, Joyce Eng & Rick Wong, attend the Sacramento Chinese Cultural Foundation Author/Lecture Dinner

Kristin Wonzen, Dolly Louie, Eric Wonzen, Joyce Eng, Charlie Moy, James Lew, Dara Lee, Karun & Doug Yee attend the Organization of Chinese Americans Dragon Boat Dinner.



Eric Wonzen, Joyce Eng, Janie Lee, Grace Wong, Charlie Moy, Rick Wong & Alex Eng, join the celebration of CAPITAL's 10th Anniversary Gala.

CACS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION P.O. Box 22583, Sacramento, CA 95822

_____ CACS membership renewal Last Name _____ First Name _____

_____ I want to become a new member Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Enclosed is my check in the sum of Phone# _____ Cell _____ Email _____

\$ _____ for membership as _____ Individual (\$25.) _____ Couple (\$40.) _____ Senior or Student (\$15.)
(please check one item)

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