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Quarterly Newsletter of the Chinese American Council of Sacramento

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May 2006

President's Message

The last two months have been busy for our board of directors with CACS Annual Membership Dinner held on March 23rd at King's Restaurant in West Sacramento. Eighty (80) of our members enjoyed a delicious meal and watched a wonderful slide presentation highlighting CACS events and support of the API community events over the last two years. I want to personally thank Charlie Moy, our historian and newsletter chair for putting together the slide show for all our members. In addition, we had an overwhelming response to our Annual Dinner Author Lecture on April 6th featuring Lisa See, author of "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" and "On Gold Mountain". Over 280 people attended this event and I want to especially thank our Historical Chairs, Dr. Douglas Yee and his wife Karun Yee for making this such a successful event.

Our Special Project Chairs, Dr. Wesley Yee and Rick Wong are planning a special trip sometime in the later part of June or early July for our members – stay tune for more to come!

Other Events that CACS will be sponsoring are the Pacific Rim Street Fest on Sunday, May 21st – look for our booth! On Saturday, June 3rd CACS will have a booth to celebrate California's Cultural Diversity Day at the Sacramento Zoo. This day features entertainment, music, dance and information from the rich cultural diversity that defines California. Your support and commitment to the API Community is important to us. Please join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Dr Douglas Yee earns KVIE "Hero Award"** see pg 3
- **New cost saving membership plan** see pg. 4
- **Gold Rush Days coming September 1,2,3,4**
- **Volunteers needed– 4-hour shifts each day (10-2 & 2-6)**
Contact Doug or Karun Yee just phone 481-9247
- **CACS donates \$500 to the Fiddletown Restoration Fund to aide in the preservation of an original California Herb Shop of the Gold Rush era**
- **Welcome new CACS Members** see pg. 3



CACS President
Joyce Eng

Renown Author, Lisa See speaks at the annual Author/Lecture Dinner

By Karun Yee



CACS Vice President
Jeanie Lee welcomes guests

I was privileged to escort Lisa from the airport and around town. She was exhausted from seven weeks of grueling book tour traveling from as far away as Paris. Her book is now being translated into 28 different languages. I was im-

In a joint effort with CACS and the Sacramento Chinese Culture Foundation, April 6, 2006 was an extraordinary evening with an extraordinary author resulting in one of the most successful Author/Lecture Dinners ever. We were thrilled to have Lisa See, a nationally know author, visit us as part of her nationwide book tour.

pressed by her engaging personality and quick wit.

As the evening drew near, the reservations poured in and as a result there was an audience of 280 at the Holiday Villa restaurant. The audience was treated to a scrump-



Dollie Louie, President of
SCCF, joined in welcoming
Lisa See and guests

tious 9 course dinner. After dinner Lisa was introduced and she mesmerized the audience with her tales of her family and the provocative story dealing with the life-long friendship of two Chinese women and the Nu hu" (secret language). Lisa's meticulous research and visits to China, this talented writer and articulate speaker was able to stir the imagination of the audience.



Karun Yee introduces
guest author Lisa See



Lisa See delivers
mesmerizing stories

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CACS Board Members

Officers

Joyce Eng, President
Jeanie Lee, Vice President
Karun Yee, Corresponding Secretary
Geofry Fong, Treasurer

Committee Chairs

Historical/Cultural, Doug and Karun Yee
Advocacy/Civil Rights, Christina Fa
Special Events, Rick Wong, Wesley Yee
Newsletter and Publications, Charles R. Moy
Membership, Brenda Fong, Donna Scotti

Board Members

Dara Lee
Robert Nishi
David Young
Grace Wong

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Merlayna Yee-Chin
Franc Martinez

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Lisa See Continued..

Lisa remained afterward to autograph her books, of "On Gold Mountain," "Dragon Bones", and "Sunflower and the secret Fan". With the cooperation of Border's Book Stores, nearly 200 books were sold.



Lisa See autographs her books



As a token of appreciation, Doug Yee presented Lisa See with a gold fan pin and an antique Chinese photograph

It was an end to a most fantastic and enjoyable evening. Special thanks to all the CACS and SCCF board members and volunteers that made this event a huge success.



Retiring County Supervisor Illa Collin and candidate Jimmy Yee share mutual concern



Donna Scotti and Robert Nishi share the registration desk



Brenda Fong and Donna Scotti present a raffle prize to Helen Yee



Sonney Chong presents the great minds of Toso Himel & Tim Fong

CACS Attends OCA Dragon Boat Festival

CACS joined the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) at their annual Dragon Boat Festival held on Saturday, May 6th at the Double Tree Hotel. None other than Sacramento County Supervisor, Illa Collin was honored that evening with over 380 guests joining in the festivities. Joyce Eng, President of CACS and former President, Alex Eng had the honor of introducing Illa Collin. Also joining in honoring



Linda Ng, OCA President & CACS President, Joyce Eng present award to County Supervisor Illa Collin

Illia were Assemblyman Dave Jones, County Supervisor Roger Dickinson, Vice Mayor Rob Fong, Smud Board Member Genevieve Shiroma and Pam Cheuh, representing the API Legislative Caucus. There was wine tasting, dinner, entertainment, dancing and singing throughout the evening.



(L-R) OCA National President Dorothy Wong, Alison Woo, Intern Jon Barnato, V.P. of OCP and Linda Ng, President of OCA



Representing CACS was Front (L-R) Lina Pranata, Robert Nishi, Brenda Fong, David Young. (Back) Alex Eng, Karun Yee, Joyce Eng, Doug Yee and Erick Wenzel

CACS Contributes to APSEA Student Scholarship

CACS sponsors a \$1,000 Scholarship and Table at APSEA (Asian Pacific Islander State Employees Association) 31st Annual Scholarship Dinner. The Master of Ceremony was none other than Vice Mayor, Robert Fong, a long-time supporter and member of CACS. In addition, Genevieve Shiroma, Board Member of the Agricultural Labor Relations Board, received the APSEA President's Award and Raynor Tsuneyoshi, Director, Boating and Waterways received the APSEA Member's Award. CACS Scholarship recipient is Hoaha Ly.



President Joyce Eng announces CACS' Scholarship winner



Joyce Eng poses with Hoaha and her parents

Hoanha attends Foothill High School in Sacramento and graduates with a 4.27 GPA. She was born in Vietnam and immigrated to the United States at the age of six. Being an immigrant, she experienced first hand what true hardship was and set high goals for herself. Now 18, she is heading off to UC Davis, majoring in biochemistry and ready to make a difference in the world.

Congratulations Hoanha!



CACS and APSEA members socialize



Annual Membership Dinner Held at King's Restaurant

The Membership Dinner held on March 23rd provided members and guests with an evening of great food, recognitions, socializing with a spirit of camaraderie, laughs and a video presentation of CACS events and activities of the past year. The highlight of the evening was the honoring of retiring CACS President, Doug Yee.



Retiring President, Doug Yee receives a plaque from President Joyce Eng, recognizing his tireless leadership, dedication and contributions to CACS and the community.

Officers were sworn in and members were encouraged to take advantage of the new 1-year or 3-year membership plan. The following pictures define the evening better than words can.



The CACS Board is sworn in by his Honorable George Nicholson



(L-R) Wesley Yee and David Young register guests



Swapping tales among old friends



Enjoying a seven course dinner



There was plenty of food and smiles among the guests



Joyce Eng thanks Ben Wong Owner of King's Restaurant

CACS Welcomes New Memberships

Jennifer Choy, Marghe Covino, Alice Fong, Hu Hu, Linda Ng, Daniel Quincy and Shirley Su

ARE YOUR DUES CURRENT? Your mailing label shows your last renewal.



The CACS 2006 Board Members are (front) Rick Wong, Jeanie Lee, Dara Lee, Donna Scotti, Karun Yee. (back) Joyce Eng, David Young, Wesley Yee, Doug Yee and Charlie Moy. Geoffry Fong, Robert Nishi, and Grace Wong,

Dr. Douglas Yee Earns KVIE 2006 Hero Award



KVIE President and General Manager, David Hosley, welcomes guests and honorees

On May 2, 2006, KVIE and the Union Bank of California honored five outstanding members of the Asian community with the Annual Hero Award in recognition of their dedicated service to the community. These awards coincide with KVIE's programming of Asian Pacific American Heritage month.



George Tanaka of the Union Bank, presents Dr. Yee with his Award

Beside Dr. Yee, the others presented with the Hero Award were Jasbir Kang, M.D. of the Yuba-Sutter area, Mele Leger of the Tongan Pacific community, Steve Ly, Director of Asian Resources, and Wayne Maeda, the nations foremost scholar of Japanese history.

Dr. Douglas Yee's tireless and dedicated efforts to promote interest in the history of the Asian community in Sacramento have truly made an impact in our community. He is a role model that inspires others and whose limitless energy makes him the outstanding leader that he is. **Congratulation Dr. Douglas Yee**



Dr. Yee's family members attending are (L-R) Darren Yee, son Karun & Doug Yee, Inez & Herbert Yee and Robert Yee

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
Chee Fat

Geoffry Fong
Norman & Stephanie
Fong
Roger & Florence Fong
William Fong
Diana Gin
Erv & Cat Gon
Dick Hwang
Dean & Cindy Lan
Jeanie Lee

Edmund & Linda Lee
Dolly Louie
Jim Louie
Joseph & Margaret
Masters
Sylvia Sun Minnick
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
Dr. Herbert & Inez Yee
Merlayna J. Yee
Dr. Wesley & Nancy Yee
William & Judy Yee
Councilman Jimmie &
Mary Yee
Bernice Yew
C.C. & Regina Yin

President Tours Japanese Internment Camp

CACS President, Joyce Eng and former President, Alex Eng joined Florin – JACL (Japanese American Citizens League) on a Pilgrimage to Manzanar. You hear stories and you read about the incarceration of Japanese American in concentration camps, but you really never experience it until you take that trip to Manzanar and hear the stories shared by the internees that were behind the barbed wired fence during 1942 – 1944.



Joyce and Alex Eng at the Cemetery of those that died at this camp

Joyce and Alex heard the camp songs and the stories shared by those Japanese Americans that were incarcerated for over two years. "You never forget" were the common words that bind them together. They heard and felt their pain of the injustices and the way they were stripped of their civil rights as Japanese Americans. It was a very moving and emotional experi-



Remaining Internment Barracks



Hundreds of Pictures to View



The layout of 100's of internment-barracks is being described



Visitors Viewing the wall of 120,000 names that were interned

ence for Joyce and Alex, but they were glad they went. They had such a diverse group of people, including Muslims, Jewish and Chinese on their bus, even the bus driver was Hungarian. No one was lost for words and everyone had a wonderful time.

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CACS Welcomes New Board members

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Donna Scotti

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CACS Offers New Membership Fee Plan

CACS is now offering a 3-year membership fee savings plan. See the new fee structure on the form below and the 3-year savings option

Chinese American Council of Sacramento P.O. Box 22583 Sacramento, CA 95822

CACS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Day Phone _____

Night Phone _____ Cell _____ Email Address _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (Please make checks payable to the CACS and mail to address above)

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|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Indv. 1-yr. \$25. | <input type="checkbox"/> Indv. 3-yr. \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> Indv. Life \$250. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple 1-yr. \$40. | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple 3-yr. \$100. | <input type="checkbox"/> Couple Life \$400. | <input type="checkbox"/> Student 1-yr. \$15. | <input type="checkbox"/> Student 3-yr. \$40. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indv. Senior 1-yr. \$15. | <input type="checkbox"/> Indv. Senior 3-yr. \$40. | <input type="checkbox"/> Indv. Senior Life \$150. | (Senior Membership-60 plus) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Couple 1-yr. \$30. | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Couple 3-yr. \$70. | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Couple Life \$250. | (Rev. 4/06) | |

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