



# Dim Sum

Quarterly Newsletter of the Chinese American Council of Sacramento

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## New CACS President Comments

It's been a wonderful 2005 year with the leadership of Dr. Douglas Yee. It will be hard to follow in his footsteps, but I hope to do as good as a job as he has done over the past two years. Dr. Yee plans to be the Historical/Cultural chair along with his lovely wife Karun Yee.



President Joyce Eng

The Board of Directors are very excited as we plan for 2006 with our upcoming Membership Dinner, our annual Dinner/Author Lecture, a planned field trip for all our members, Care for Kids Project and many other upcoming activities.

We've added two new board members this year, Dr. Wesley Yee and Dr. David Young (Pharmacist) and possibly two other potential board members may be joining us in February.

The success of any non-profit organization is through our membership, volunteers, and sponsors. I hope you will get involved with CACS this year and join us on March 23, 2006 at King's Restaurant in West Sacramento. I look forward to meeting you and to encourage you to be more active with CACS.

## CACS Supported Tolerance Curriculum in Schools

AB1056 is aimed to ensure that schools are responding to the increase of bias-motivated incidents that occur in California schools. Hate and bias messages must be countered by our public education system before they manifest into unsafe learning environments. The bill passed Appropriation Committee 13-5.

### Coming Events

**Annual CACS Membership Dinner March 23, 2006**

**At King's Restaurant, Members Free, Guests \$12.**

**R.S.V.P. Jeanie Lee at (916) 3917383**

**CACS Annual Author/Lecture Dinner April 6, 2006**

**Featuring Lisa See author of "Snow Flower & the Secret Fan" (flyer coming soon or phone 481-9247)**

**OCA Dragon Boat Festival Banquet May 6, 2006**

**At Double Tree Hotel 6:30 P.M.**

**CAPITAL Gala Radisson Hotel June 24, 2006**

**Jeanie Lee Chair (916) 391-7383**

## CACS Operation Santa Claus Sponsors 24 Families

By Jeanie Lee

After a whirlwind shopping spree, gift wrapping frenzy, the CACS Santa's helpers delivered carloads of presents to the 24 needy families with 120 children adopted by the Chinese American Council of Sacramento for this holiday season. On Tuesday, December 20, Board President Joyce Eng, board members Karun Yee, Brenda Fong and Jeanie Lee



shared a few light moments with the children and their families gathered at Will C. Wood Middle School over cookies and punch and

Christmas songs. Among the 24 families, about ten were new Hmong families who had arrived in the United States less than six months before.

For many of these children, this was the first time they celebrated Christmas

with the help of CACS. In addition to the presents for the kids, a \$50 gift certificate from the local grocery store was also provided for each of the 24 families for their Christmas dinners. See page 2



## CACS Board Members

### Officers

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

### Committee Chairs

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

### Board Members

Dara Lee  
Jeanie Lee  
Grace Wong  
Dr. Wesley Yee  
David Young

### Advisors

Merlayna Yee-Chin  
Franc Martinez

### Christmas for Kids Continues



**Volunteers Gather for a Thank You Breakfast**

lowing volunteers; Bill and Joyce Tom, Kim and Pete Rabbon, Helen and Mike Fong, Janet and Doug Louie and family, Susan Lee and Joan Hirose. Without their help this project would not have been possible. **Thank you !**

### CACS Represented at the 2005 Chinese American Studies Conference in San Francisco



**By Karun Yee**

the CHSA honored Philip Choy and Him Mark Lai with a birthday party at the Empress of China restaurant. Banquet guest speaker was Gary Locke, former Governor of Washington State. The conference had an exhibition hall featuring books and various organizations focusing on their local activities. Speaker's forums were focused on many Chinese topics, issues and concerns.

Doug and I attended the three day conference in October in San Francisco. We were very impressed by the spirit of cooperation among the participants. We commend the Chinese Historical Society of America for hosting such a well run event.

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evening the CHSA honored Philip Choy and Him Mark Lai with a birthday party at the Empress of China restaurant. Banquet guest speaker was Gary Locke, former Governor of Washington State. The conference had an exhibition hall featuring books and various organizations focusing on their local activities. Speaker's forums were focused on many Chinese topics, issues and concerns.



**L-R is Sue Lee, CHSA Executive Director, Doug Yee and Philip Choy**

People came from Australia, Canada, New York, Boston, and Washington. They all wanted to share what they were doing to preserve their Chinese heritage in their own communities. Doug talked about our CACS activities. Friends like Judy Jung, Ruthann Lum McKuen, Phil Choy, Bill Chan, whom CACS have hosted at our author dinner lectures were present. This was an important and worthwhile coming together of Chinese American historians.

### CACS Join in the My Sister's House Fun Run

Cathy Smith, Franc Martinez, Jeanie Lee, Doug and Karun Yee with son Darren, joined other organizations and friends in the CAPITAL group to help raise funds for My Sister's House.



A big thank you to the CACS board members Joyce Eng, Brenda Fong and Jeanie Lee, Doug and Karun Yee, Merlayna Yee and David Young. A special

thanks to the fol-

### Joyce Eng Enters Retirement with Birthday party

Joyce Eng, incoming President of the Chinese American Council of Sacramento, just celebrated her Retirement after 33 years with the State of California. She has worked in the health and welfare arena because of her concern for the care of the elderly and medically indigent children and adults. She has worked for the Department of Aging, Health and Welfare Agency, Department of Benefit Payments, Department of Social Services and finally Department of Health Services.



**Helping celebrate Joyce' birthday are (L-R) Karun Yee, Charlie Moy, Joyce Eng, Doug Yee and Jeanie Lee**

Although she will miss working with the people she has grown very fond of, she is moving on to the next chapter in her life. Joyce will have more time to devote to the various organizations she belongs to such as CACS, Organization of Chinese Americans, Greater Sacramento Chapter, and CAPITAL. She plans to do some traveling, visiting her 3 grandchildren, downsizing, remodeling, but most of all doing things she's never had time to do. After all she worked almost half of her life and we think she finally deserves a break to smell the roses and enjoy life to the fullest.

**Congratulations Joyce.**

### Retiring President's Parting Message

CACS has just wrapped up the year 2005 and it's been a banner year. We hosted a very well attended Author /Lecture Dinner featuring Mr. William Chew and his book "Nameless Builders of the Transcontinental", we had a fascinating field trip to China Camp State Park, we participated for the fifth time in "Gold Rush Days", and we honored Ms. Dolly Louie with the "Frank Fat Founder Award" at our annual Gold Mountain Celebration. All these events helped raise funds for our CACS Cares For Kids Projects. This year alone the Chinese American Council of Sacramento donated over **\$9000** to worthy children in Sacramento through our scholarships, school supply programs, and Operation Santa Claus. Additionally, we have contributed **\$500** each to the Tsunami Relief and Hurricane Katrina Relief Funds. CACS is also a major supporter of CAPITAL, SCCSC, My Sister's House, and many other deserving organizations.



**Dr. Douglas Yee**

How is it that we can take on so many ambitious programs? We owe much of our success to our **generous sponsors, hardworking volunteers, and loyal members**. These people are the life blood of an organization like CACS. I'm asking you to support our work in this community by first renewing your membership. Then get involved by volunteering in some of these events. We are so privileged to live in this wonderfully diverse city. We really are obligated to give something back. I encourage everyone to make a New Year's resolution to volunteer in some way to make Sacramento an even better place to live. **If you are interested in helping, just phone Joyce Eng at (916) 424- 1374.**

## Gold Mountain Celebration Held

By Joyce Eng...Photos by JohnCho

Another successful celebration at the Discovery Museum! Thanks to all our supporters throughout the past year. This is one of CACS' Signature Event raising over \$13,000 to go towards Operation Santa Claus, Care for Kids Project, Scholarship Program, Preservation of Locke, Historical Projects and many, many more.

This year we drew a crowd of nearly 300 people honoring Ms. Dolly Louie as 2005 Frank Fat Founder's Award Recipient and inducting Ms. Connie King and Fong Po Yue to CACS Hall of Fame. The evening was enjoyed by all with things to see throughout the Discovery Museum such as the Chinese Doll Collection and the Gold Miners Exhibit, plenty of food and wine to enjoy throughout the evening.

Dr Christina Fa presents the CACS Hall of Fame plaque to honoree Ms. Connie King for her outstanding years of service to the town of Locke. The second inductee to the Hall of Fame was Fong Po Yue, an immigrant from China



L-R Dolly Louie, Franks Fat Founder's Award recipient with Jerry and Perla Fat



A youthful poster of Dolly Louie brings smiles for Doug Yee and Charlie Moy

### CACS Civil Rights & Advocacy Action is Effective

CACS wrote a letter of support for Detective Lai Lai Bui's confirmation to the Commission On Peace Officer Standards & Training in spite of opposition from the Peace Officers Research Assoc. Of California. Because of the many letters sent to the Senate Rules Committee from API organizations Detective Lai Lai Bui was confirmed.



CACS President Douglas Yee welcomes honorees and guests

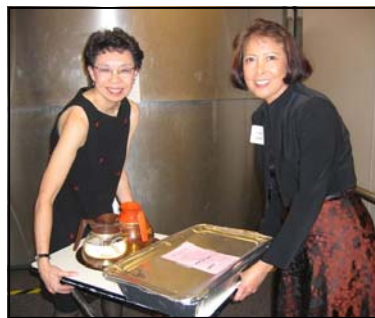


who became a successful businessman and the driving force in Sacramento's Chinatown by being the President of every Chinese organization. He founded the Sun Yat Sen Memorial and was instrumental in the building of the Confucius Temple.



Connie King Posses with her Honoree Plaque

A special thanks to Joyce Eng, who chaired and coordinated this signature CACS event and to all the volunteers who provided the energy in setting up, and serving all the food.



Brenda Fong and Pearl Chan bring trays of food for the guests



Martin Chan provided palm reading while Ruth Chan applied numerology to entertain guest

### **We especially want to thank the following Food and Wine Sponsors:**

Ming Garden – Kimberly Cheng, Manager, Wilson Winery – Mark and Sandra Wilson, Jewels Fine Wines – Rod Moniz, Carvolvlo Winery and Michael & David Vineyards.

**We are also most grateful for the support from our sponsors;** Wells Fargo, Morgan Stanley, Bank of the West, H & R Block, Councilman Rob Fong, Dr. & Mrs. Douglas Yee, Sacramento Commercial Bank, U.S. Bank, Washington Mutual Bank, Comcast, Capital Periodontal Group, Sacramento Convention/Visitors Bureau, Cache Creek Casino and California Bank & Trust.

**Again, the success of this event rested upon the shoulders of our wonderful volunteers.** CACS is grateful for the help from Joan Hirose, Jean & James Chew, Stephen Yun, Denise Yun, Kim Yee, Betty Lee, Dave Young, Derrick Lim, Franc Martinez, Diana Gin, Johnston Lau, Margaret Robinson, Liza & Vic Clavecilla, Bill Tom, Frank Chin, Honey Lum and Tizzy Wu.

Pictured (L-R) Are volunteers Jean Chew, Franc Martinez, Vic Clavecilla, Frank Chin and Merlayna Yee-Chin



Incoming president, Joyce Eng, presents opening remarks and the evening program



Volunteer Kim Yee serves guests



Pictured here are the program MC, Lonnie Wong with County Supervisor Illa Collin



David Young

## New CACS Board Members Introduced

David works as a pharmacist for Target. He is interested in computers and the internet and enjoys working on his house, jogging and skiing. David moved to Sacramento from the East Bay area and had resided in Elk Grove for the past two years.

I was born and raised in Sacramento in 1954 and married to my wonderful wife, Nancy for 20 years. We are blessed with two beautiful children, Juliana 17 and Kevin 15. I attended UC San Francisco Dental School and was the youngest graduate of my class.



Dr. Wesley Yee

Since returning to Sacramento, I've been involved in numerous historical, dental and community activities. I was President of the Sacramento Chinese community Service Center, founder of the August Moon Night, and co-founder of the Chinese Historical Society, which became part of CACS in 1985. I also chaired the Return to Gold Mountain in Coloma and the Legacy of Gold Mountain (The History of Chinese in Sacramento) in 1994. I've acted as a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Sacramento. I was directly involved in major fund raisers for the Boys and Girls Club and the Challenger Center at the Discovery Museum. Recently, I chaired the Bids for Kids Fundraiser, which netted \$120,000 of which \$100,000 went to the Smiles for Kids Foundation. This program provides needed dental care for the underprivileged children of Sacramento.

In 2005 I was selected as the Asian Dentist of the Year in Sacramento and was recently elected to be President of the Rotary Club of Sacramento in 2007-2008. I look forward to serving the Chinese American Council in whatever role deemed suitable.

## CACS Salutes Volunteers



Pictured here are but a few of the many faces of CACS volunteers. Their gracious donation of time and energy are the ingredients that help CACS activities succeed. You are greatly appreciated



Best wishes from all of us  
at Morgan Stanley.

David T. Nakamura, CIMA  
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Sacramento, CA 95864  
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Morgan Stanley



### Our Error

The Morgan Stanley sponsorship ad was unfortunately omitted from the Gold Mountain Celebration Program.

Welcome new CACS member  
Elaine Zorbas

### New 3-Year Dues Plan Offered To membership

The membership application form below reflects a new discount 3-year membership plan. Submit your choice and mail to CACS P.O. Box 22583, Sacramento 95822

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

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### CACS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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☐ CACS membership renewal  
☐ I want to become a new member  
Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_  
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and Mail to the address above)

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(Ind.) \$25 for 1-yr. or \$60 for 3-yrs. (Couple) \$40 for 1-yr. or \$100 for 3-yrs. (Senior or Students) \$15 for 1-yr. or \$40 for 3-yrs

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(Couple Life) \$400

(Ind. Senior Life) \$150

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