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President's Message

Dear CACS Members and Friends –

Happy New Year and may you all have a wonderful and prosperous 2007!

CACS has accomplished many things this last year. We've donated \$1,500 to the Locke Foundation for the restoration and preservation of the Town of Locke. Raised over \$15,000 for our very own Cares for Kids Project and Operations Santa Claus, and donated a \$1,000 Scholarship to the Asian Pacific Islanders State Employee's Foundation Scholarship Program. We actively support and have made donations to CAPITAL and their Prism Project, My Sister's House, Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center, Sacramento Chinese Cultural Foundation, Organization of Chinese Americans – Greater Sacramento Chapter. In addition, our Annual Author/Lecture Dinner featuring Lisa See, author of Snow Flower and the Secret Fan and Gold Mountain, received an overwhelming response. Our 3rd Annual Gold Mountain Celebration honoring Dr. Herbert Yee as the recipient of 2006 Frank Fat's Founder Award drew over 325 guests. Dr. Douglas and Karun Yee have been working with Dr. Phillip Choy over the past three years on CACS's first historical book featuring the lives of people in the Sacramento and Delta area, to be released the later part of 2007 or 2008.

Next year, CACS plans to celebrate our 20th Anniversary by honoring all our past presidents who have carried out Frank Fat's mission and commitment to building a stronger Chinese American presence through leadership in advocacy, civic and cultural activities.

Lastly, I would like to thank all my board of directors for doing such a wonderful job throughout the year. Also, we are thankful to the many volunteers whose time, energy and helping hands were invaluable. Without their support, commitment and enthusiasm, I could not have done it without them. Thank you.

We really want to hear from our members, please feel free to e-mail me at jeng916@sbcglobal.net and let us know what we can do to encourage more active participation in our organization.



Joyce Eng

CACS Operation Santa Claus Greeted 60 Families and 250 Children

By Jeanie Lee

Representatives of the Chinese American Council of Sacramento (CACS), Brenda Fong, Jeanie Lee, Karun Yee and Merlayna Yee, delivered Christmas presents to a room packed with excited and expectant kids at Maple Elementary School on Thursday, December 14, 2006. CACS

launched the annual Operation Santa Claus last year and sponsored about 25 families. This year CACS provided food certificates to almost 60

families and gifts to about 250 kids, more than double the number of last year. The holiday spirit is also contagious. Upon hearing about CACS' Operation Santa Claus program, Dr. Sonney Chong representing the Dental Resource and Support, offered to



Waiting for Santa's arrival

sponsor one of the families and provided gifts and a food certificate to the family with four children. Many of the families and youngsters were new immigrants to America and have never celebrated Christmas. With the aide of CACS, these families were able to enjoy the spirit of the holidays and experience the tradition of their new country for the first time! To show their appreciation, the kids led the crowd with a rousing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and shared cookies and punch provided by the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center (SCCSC).



Family and children receiving gifts

**Have you renewed your membership?
Check the mailing label for your expiration date**

CACS Board Members

Officers

Joyce Eng, President
Jeanie Lee, Vice President/Treasurer
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Alex Eng
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Franc Martinez

Operation Santa Claus Continues



Children eagerly wait for their gifts

A big thank you for the help of the volunteer Santa's helpers: Joyce Eng, Brenda Fong, Helen & Mike Fong, Jeanie Lee, Susan Lee, Franc Martinez, Kim & Pete Rappon, Donna Scotti, Bill and Joyce Tom, Karun Yee, Merlayna Yee and David Young. With-

out their help shopping for the families and children would have been a huge undertaking.

We would also like to show our appreciation to the staff of the SCCSC for their help in organizing the party on Thursday, especially Anne Luong for her coordination of our entire CACS Cares for Kids Program each year.



On Santa's committee are (L-R) Merlayna Yee-Chin, Jeanie Lee, Karun Yee, Daniel Fong and Brenda Fong



On behalf of the CACS Board of Directors, we wish you and your family a very happy and prosperous new year..!

CACS Website Up and Running

By Rick Wong

Would you like to see current as well as historical activities of CACS? Just log on to the new CACS website www.cacsweb.org. for your update. This website provides all CACS newsletters, activities, pictures and announcements at the touch of your keyboard. Log on and see pictures of the Gold Mountain Celebration held at the Discovery Museum and the Gold Rush Days in Old Sacramento. See the latest inductee into the CACS Hall of Fame and the Frank Fat Founder's Award recipient. Try it; just click on.



Rick Wong

CACS holds the 3rd Annual Gold Mountain Celebration

By Dr. Douglas Yee

Photos by John Cho, Charlie Moy & Arnold Eilers

On October 21st, the Chinese American Council of Sacramento held its **3rd annual Gold Mountain Celebration**. As usual, the venue was the beautiful Sacramento Discovery Museum in Old Sacramento. This year's event was attended by well over 340 people as we stretched the museum's capacity. Everyone enjoyed the fine wines, great food, and stimulating conversation. Aside from all the wonderful attractions in the museum, we had special entertainment provided by our palm readers Master Martin Chan and his wife Ruth, our portrait artist Darrell Fleener, and our Fiddletown author Elaine Zorba. Our primary goal that evening is to see that all our



CACS President Joyce Eng & MC Lonnie Wong welcome guest



Corrine Yee Joe, daughter of Honorees Joseph & Rose Yee accepts award from Brenda Fong

was accepted by their daughter Corrine Yee Joe. Many members of the Yee family were in attendance.

The Frank Fat Founders Award is our most prestigious honor. It is given to someone for life time achievement. This year's honoree is Dr. Herbert Yee.

He has spent over 50 years serving our community providing leadership in public service, business, and dentistry. Even at 82, Dr. Yee still is actively serving on many service organizations. He is a well known figure who has inspired many to follow his foot steps. He was most gratified to be receiving the award from his good friend Dr. Kenneth fat.



Dr. Herbert Yee accepts award from CACS President Joyce Eng and Dr. Kenneth Fat

Gold Mountain Celebration Continued...

We would like to thank our members, supporters, volunteers and sponsors who made this event such a huge success. The funds raised from this event will go primarily to our **CACS Cares For Kids** programs. CACS is committed to helping the underprivileged youth of Sacramento.



Dr. Herbert Yee, Frank Fat Founder Award recipient, shares a moment with good friends Connie King and Dr. Franklin Yee



Volunteers Tizzy Lu, Joan Hing & Jean Chew serving guests

Activities such as this are successful with the major contributions of helping hands of the following volunteers; Jean & James Chew, Stephan Yun, Sandra Chan, Joan Hing, Kim Yee, Joan Hirose, Jon Cho, Pearl Chang, Liza & Vic Clavecilla, Bill Tom. Shirley Sekeres, Honey Lum, Tizzy Wu, Judy Murphy, Kevin Yee, Darren Yee, Jerry Huang, Mike Dong and Julie Lin.



Martin and Ruth Chan entertained guests with their palm reading and numerology skills

Guests were treated to trays filled with a variety of delicious food catered by the **Plum Blossom Chinese Restaurant** owner Perry Yuen (center) and staff.



CACS is thankful for the continuing support of the Michael and David Vineyard and the Wilson Vineyard for providing the wine refreshments



The evening was a friendly social event for all ages



CACS is grateful to the following sponsors that helped to make this event possible; The Teichert Foundation, Frank Fat Foundation, Bank of Sacramento, East Lawn Cemetery, The Sacramento Bee, Morgan Stanley, Comcast, Councilman Rob Fong, The Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau, County Supervisor Jimmy & Mary Yee, Bank of America, General Produce, The Exchange Bank, U.S. Bank, Dr. Douglas & Karun Yee, Dr. Wesley & Nancy Yee, Robert Nishi, The Capital Periodontal Group, and SMUD.

Organization sponsors were: CAPITAL, Asian Pacific American Public Affairs Assn., Sacramento Area Formosan Assn., Asian Pacific Islander State Employee Assn. and the Organization of Chinese Americans.

CACS Welcomes New Members

**New Life Memberships are Connie King, Brittany Chiang and Don Lee
Jack and Bernice Woo are New Members**

Coming Soon

- **Annual Author/Lecture Dinner coming in March**
- **CACS 20th Anniversary Dinner**

Watch for announcements in future newsletters and flyers

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

Jack & Valerie Bass
Ellen Blonder
Doreen Chan
Dr. Gaing & Lily Chan
Brittany Chiang
Jerry & Carole Chong
Dr. Sonney L. Chong
Joyce & Alex Eng
Jerry & Pearl Fat
Dr. Shareen & Dr. J.C. Fat
Dr. Kenneth & Lina Fat

Chee Fat
Geofry Fong
Dr. Paul & Judith Fong
Norman & Stephanie Fong
Roger & Stephanie Fong
William Fong
Diana Gin
Erv & Cat Gon
Dr. Dick Huang
Connie King
Dean & Cindy Lau

Johnston Lau
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Myra Young & James Ritchie
Shirley Sekeres
Richard Tsukiji
David Volz
Ed & Dora Wong
Grace Wong
Pearl Wong
Ray Wong
Dr. Alan & Helen Yee
Dr. Douglas & Karun Yee
Dr. Herbert & Inez Yee

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

Locke Projects Under Way

By Alex Eng

The town of Locke is managed by the Locke Management Association (LMA). Basically, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors created the LMA to maintain the economic well being of Locke while dealing with the day to day issues, and to



Alex Eng & Ping Lee display plans for a memorial in the newly planned park

preserve the Towne's Chinese culture and historical integrity.

The Locke Foundation (LF) was formed to preserve the history and interpretation of Locke by educating the public through tours and various activities. In keeping with Locke's

history the LF also provided guidance regarding architectural standards and to raise funds to support historical and cultural projects. The LF is a non-profit organization with a 501(c)3 classification.



Townspeople and officials are breaking ground for the new park on Locke's main street

Both the LMA and the LF are staffed with the same 13 member board of directors which is comprised of business and property owners, and representatives of Sacramento County, the Department of Parks and Recreation and Chinese American.....

...organizations. Board members are ratified by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

The LMA and LF hold jointly meetings that are open to the public. It meets every second Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Locke's Joe Sun Chinese School. To date the LMA meetings have focused primarily on the day to day operations of the Town, which include common area maintenance and issues of health, safety and comfort of its residents business owners and visitors.

In addition to addressing the every day issues, there is a need to have more focus on the mission of the Locke Foundation. A recent achievement is the completion of the Locke Community Park located on the site of a former building on Main Street. The park is dedicated to the Chinese pioneers and residents who lived and worked in the Delta area and founded Locke.

Preliminary ideas for future projects include the renovation of the Dai Loy Museum, which now houses a Chinese gambling exhibit, and possible sites recreating a typical Chinese residence and common garden area. A list of former Locke residents is currently being established to develop a historical archive.

At this point the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has purchased the Boarding House on the north end of town and is in the process of renovating it to house offices and a visitor's center. Key to the project is stabilizing the building while maintaining the buildings historical integrity. At the December 12, 2006 meeting an update on the progress of the Boarding House project was given by DPR Superintendent Bill Salata. The report was made available to the LMA board.

Because the entire town of Locke is a living historical entity, it is continually changing: dealing with the historical and cultural interpretation of Locke will be a major challenge for the LMA and LF. Individuals who are either related to past residents or who have past history or knowledge specifically to Locke and/or the Delta area are encouraged to share memories and memorabilia with the Locke Foundation.

If you are interested in being on the Locke Interested Party list, please forward your name, mailing address, phone number and email address (if available) to:

Locke Management Assn., P.O. Box 196, Walnut Grove CA 95660, or email to xeng916@sbcglobal.net

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

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____ ☐ New Member

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Day Phone _____ ☐ Renewal

Night Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email Address _____

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

INDIVIDUAL

- ☐ 1-yr. \$25
☐ 3-yrs. \$60
☐ Life \$250

COUPLES

- ☐ 1-yr. \$40
☐ 3 yrs. \$100
☐ Life \$400

SENIORS

- ☐ 1-yr. \$15
☐ 3-yrs. \$40
☐ Life \$150

SENIOR COUPLES

- ☐ 1-yr. \$30
☐ 3-yrs. \$70
☐ Life \$250

STUDENTS

- ☐ 1-yr. \$15
☐ 3-yrs. \$40

(Seniors are 60 Plus)

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